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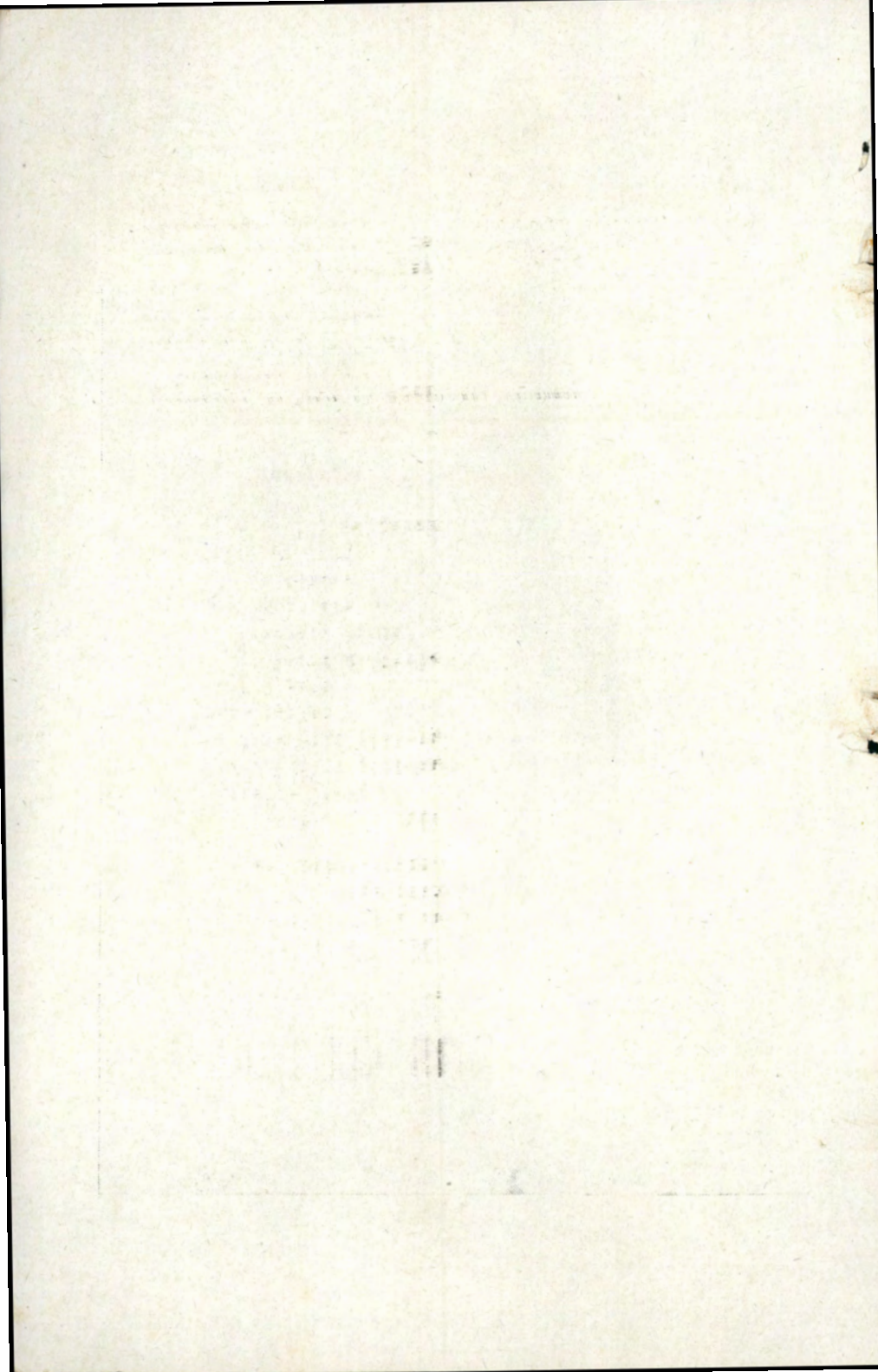
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Organised Methodism in Australasia, as a part of the Foreign Missions under the direction of the British Conference, dates from the appointment of the Rev. Samuel Leigh to New South Wales in 1815.—(Mins. Brit. Conf., 1814).

"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).

The 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

of the Australasian Wesleyan Methodist Church was held in 1874.

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

of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand was held in 1903.

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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Mr John B. Beeche was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office.

The Secretary, the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., took up his duties.

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(The names of those not attending are marked with an asterisk).

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*Francis J. Handy
Charles E. Dickens
*Leonard C. Horwood
Arthur T. Kent
*Walter Parker
J. Montgomery Blight
Joseph C. Draper
E. Clarence Leadley
Matthew A. McDowell
*Wesley Parker, M.A.
Thomas H. Carr
W. E. Allon Carr
Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D.,
F.R.E.S.
William W. H. Greenslade
William E. Moore
*Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D.
Herbert W. Payne
David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.
Reginald Day
D. J. Donald Hickman
V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E.
William C. Jenkin
Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A.
J. Ainsley Daglish
*John L. Mitchell
A. Everil Orr
Ralph E. Patchett
*Alfred E. Waite
George H. Goodman
Andrew J. Johnston
Howard C. Matthews, B.A.
*Clifford L. Duder
L. Gordon Hanna
Clarence T. J. Luxton
*William A. Mills
Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.
Arthur R. Witheford, B.A.
H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A.
James S. Willoughby
William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
*Leslie T. Norwell
*Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
Ernest S. Hoddinott
William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A.
John Silvester, M.A.
Harris Whitfield
Herbert A. Cochrane
Reginald Grice
*Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Sc. (Agric.)
*Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th.
Charles B. Oldfield
*Frederick O. Prosser
*J. Stanley Waite, B.A.
*John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.
*John B. Dawson, B.A.
*Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.
Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.
*Lawrence Greenslade
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Harold K. Brown
Harold A. Darvill
Gordon V. Thomas, B.A.
J. Henry Woolford, M.A.
Robert F. Clement, B.A.
*Alan F. Collins
Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.
John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D.
*William J. Morrison, B.A.
George R. Thompson
Leonard V. Willing
J. C. Aldwyn Williams
Clifford G. Brown
George W. Cramond
*W. Selwyn Dawson, B.A.
Wilfred E. Falkingham
Edmund D. Grounds
Albert Jolly
*Robert H. Allen, B.A.
*R. Graham Bell, M.A.
*Leslie F. Bycroft
*Wesley A. Chambers, B.A.
A. Peter Dorrian
Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip Ed.
Harry Moore
Donald G. Sherson, B.A.
Leslie C. Clements
William M. Garner
Warren Green
*William H. Gregory
D. I. Alister McDonald
Norman W. Olds
Francis H. Parker
Benjamin H. Riseley
Leonard Shapcott
*Trevor Shepherd
A. Francis Attwood
W. Lloyd Divers
*Allen H. Hall, B.A.
Donald Haylock
Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A.
Kenneth A. Robinson
Maori Ministers—
Eruera Te Tuhi
*Rakena P. Rakena
*Matarae Tauroa
*Ngatete Kerei Kukutai
*Ranginohoorua Rogers

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"	A. E. Freeman
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Otahuhu	
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Pukekohe	
Waiuku	Mrs. E. A. McEwen
Mahurangi	
Paparoa	
Dargaville	
Ruawai	
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Whangaroa	
Port Albert	H. Neal
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Hokianga	E. D. Jones

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Hauraki Plains	
Paeroa	
Waihi	J. B. Beeche
Te Aroha	J. Keightley
Morrinsville	Forbes West
Cambridge	W. T. Beer
Hamilton	F. Gardner Brown
"	Mrs. F. Gardner Brown
Raglan	
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Huntly	
Matamata	N. W. Oliver
Putaruru	
Rotorua	Alec Mills
Tauranga	F. N. Christian
Whakatane	A. F. Barwell
Opotiki	
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Otorohanga	W. F. Walters
Te Kuiti	D. Payne
Taumarunui	

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Waitara	Mrs. W. Crow
Stratford	H. Clemow
Eltham	P. V. H. Harding
Hawera	Mrs. G. H. Tozer
Manaia	....	....	....	....	H. J. Berry
Opunake	....	....	....	....
Wanganui	W. Howells
Wanganui North	*....	J. Whitlock
Gonville	E. L. F. Buxton
Taihape	C. E. Darvill

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Napier	L. A. Davis
Hastings	J. P. Boyd
Gisborne	G. Skuse
Wairoa	Mrs. B. L. Stone
Dannevirke	
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Palmerston North (Cuba Street)	A. H. Fisher
Ashhurst	J. G. Bleakley
Feilding	H. Smithers
Sanson-Rongotea	E. C. Print

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Wellington Central	C. A. Russell
"	H. J. Steptoe
Wellington West	S. Roberts
"	N. Marris
Wellington South	H. W. Smith
Wellington East	J. C. Riddell
"	T. Lewis
Johnsonville	J. Belton
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Hutt	Miss A. Johnston
"	Mrs. I. R. Russell
Upper Hutt	Alan J. Purser
Petone	
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Eketahuna	R. Farrow
Levin	Mrs. H. S. Kings
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Nelson	
Richmond	E. C. Gamble
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Blenheim	F. H. Southgate
"	
Reefton	
Westport	Mrs. R. E. Green
Greymouth	
Hokitika	

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"	H. Thompson
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"	H. J. S. Harrington
"	J. H. Yarr
"	H. Harrington
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"	H. L. Newton
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Addington	
Riccarton	H. B. Moore
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"	E. A. Woodfield
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Lyttelton	Mrs. W. Huston
Springston	D. Butcher
Leeston	J. H. Skinner
Kaiapoi	J. Tull
Ohoka	F. A. Sheat
Rangiora	C. R. Thwaites
Woodend-Sefton	
Greendale	F. G. Early
Oxford	Mrs. S. J. Comyns

South Canterbury District.

Banks St. (Timaru)	....	....	....
Woodlands St. (Timaru)	....	....	....	C. W. Keinan
Timaru South	....	....	....
Waimate	....	....	....
Temuka	....	....	....	W. G. Corbett
Geraldine	E. D. B. Logan
Ashburton	E. B. F. Hight
Willowby	G. H. B. Lill
Oamaru	Thos. Brown

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Dunedin Central Mission	Mrs. H. H. Johnson
"	H. C. Vince
Dunedin North	A. L. Stanton
Cargill Road	....	....	....	R. Scott
St. Kilda	....	....	....	J. J. Kernohan
Caversham	....	....	....	P. Nixon
Mornington	....	....	....
Roslyn	....	....	....
Port Chalmers	....	....	....
Milton	....	....	....
Roxburgh	....	....	....
Invercargill Central	....	....	....	Miss H. Christie
St. Peters (Invercargill)	
Gore	
Western Southland	E. W. Pearce
Edendale	A. Sheat

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" " "	R. G. Laking
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" " "	C. Robinson
" " "	W. J. Bryant
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" " "	Miss P. Yearbury
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South Canterbury	
Otago-Southland	

Maori Missions.

Sister Heeni Wharemaru
Paahi Moke
Waaka S. Rewa
Tawai Te Riri Kawiti

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

A. Francis Attwood
W. Lloyd Divers
Allen H. Hall, B.A.
Donald Haylock
Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A.
Kenneth A. Robinson

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

Edmond S. Stewart
Who has travelled three years.
Wilf G. Eisner
Basil J. Hilder
Who have travelled two years.

Edward Baker
 T. Ralph Benny
 H. David Besant (see Question 5)
 H. Maurice Brasell
 Douglas H. Burt
 Gordon A. R. Cornwell
 David W. Edmonds (see Question 6)
 Ronald Elsom (see Question 6)
 Wilfred F. Ford
 Clifford J. Keightley
 A. Roger G. Nuttall, B.A.
 J. Stanley Olds
 R. H. Pratt, B.A.
 Charles H. Raynor (see Question 5)
 Harry W. Toothill (see Question 5)
 George R. Trebilco (see Question 6)
 Owen T. Woodfield (see Question 5)
 Who have travelled one year.

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

Colin D. Clark
 D. Bruce Gordon
 Archibald W. McKay
 Phillip D. Ramsay
 Leonard P. Schroeder
 Frank H. Woodfield

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

George G. Armstrong
 Amos W. Burrough
 Ivan J. Clucas
 Geoffrey T. Gilbert
 Robert C. Groves
 Peter A. Stead
 Owen T. Woodfield (see Question 3)
 Who are continued for a third year.
 H. David Besant (see Question 3)
 Ronald L. George
 Loyal J. Gibson
 Allan J. Handyside (Non-Resident)
 Lionel C. Izod, B.A.
 Arthur W. R. Mead
 John A. Penman
 Charles H. Raynor (see Question 3)
 Ian W. Reid
 Harry I. Shaw
 Sidney J. Spindler
 Harry W. Toothill (Non-Resident) (see Question 3)
 Who are continued for a second year.

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

Frederick J. K. Baker
 Hughan M. Craig
 David W. Edmonds (see Question 3)
 Ronald Elsom (see Question 3)
 Alan Newman

John H. Osborne
Rakana D. Rakana
David G. Stubbs
George R. Trebilco (see Question 3)

QUESTION VII.—Who are now admitted as Native Ministers?
None.

QUESTION VIII.—Who remain as Native Ministers on Probation?
None.

QUESTION IX.—Who are now received as Native Preachers on Probation?
None.

QUESTION X.—Who are now received as Native Students for the Ministry?
None.

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

Fourth Year:

O. L. Christian

Third Year:

D. Armstrong

W. A. Bridge

F. J. Climo

Second Year:

J. R. Hall

F. D. Peterson

H. Prowse

I. J. Ruck

First Year:

E. R. Eastwood

F. A. Fitzsimons

K. G. Fowler

O. M. Olds

A. E. Tardif

E. G. P. Turner

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

Samuel Bailey

Clarence Eaton

SAMUEL BAILEY

Samuel Bailey, born in 1872 in the Cannock District, Staffordshire, England, was converted at 17 years of age and soon became a local preacher. Entering the ministry of the Primitive Methodist Church, he came to New Zealand in 1901 and for 41 years exercised a ministry which was remarkable for its evangelistic emphasis. In many Circuits he will long be remembered for his graciousness, his pastoral efficiency and his genuine interest in community organizations. Becoming a supernumerary in 1942, he continued to preach the Gospel as long as he was physically able, and was always ready to encourage his brethren. Christ had the pre-eminence in the life of Samuel Bailey, and our Church has been greatly enriched by his consecrated service. He passed to his reward on October 27th, 1949, rich in the esteem and love of all his friends.

CLARENCE EATON

Clarence Eaton passed suddenly to Higher Service on 26th August, 1949. He was born in Auckland in 1878 and was the son of Albert Eaton, who with his father, had arrived in 1860 from Newfoundland in the barque "George Henderson," which had been built in the family's own shipyards in Nova Scotia.

At an early age he came under the influence of Thomas Cook, who was conducting an Evangelistic Mission in Auckland, and soon after his conversion commenced preaching. Not long afterwards he was accepted as a Candidate and, after Theological training, entered the ministry in 1901, labouring successively in many of our largest circuits.

He became a supernumerary in 1945 but continued in Supply work almost up to the time of his death.

Clarence Eaton was a man with a deep Christian experience and richly endowed with gifts. With his command of language, and choice diction, he was one of the outstanding preachers and orators of New Zealand Methodism.

As a Pastor he possessed the shepherdlike heart that burned for his people. His richly-stored mind, his social gifts, and endless fund of good humour stamped him as a strong personality.

Possessing exceptional qualities of statesmanship, Clarence Eaton served his Church on numerous Connexional Committees and laboured for many years as Chairman of several Districts. In 1934 he was elected President of the Conference.

The Church is grateful for his long and fruitful ministry, in which he ever had the capable and devoted co-operation of Mrs. Eaton, who with her husband has given a lifetime of consecrated service.

QUESTION XIII.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

Arthur Mitchell
Charles, H. Laws, B.A., D.D.
Henry L. Blamires
Jacob Featherston
William Grigg
John Olphert
William A. Sinclair
Thomas W. Vealie
Fred Greenwood
Arthur Hopper
Edward Drake
T. Arthur Pybus
William Wills
Walter J. Oxbrow
Arthur J. Seamer
William H. Speer
G. Knowles Smith
R. Purcell Keall
Jonathan H. Haslam
George P. Hunt
Frank E. Leadley
Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Benjamin J. James
Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.
Albert H. Fowles
E. Percy Blamires
Henry Ryan
J. Frederick Martin
Thomas Coatsworth
Ernest D. Patchett

Basil Metson
Moses Ayrton
Charles M. Roberts
William Walker
Ernest O. Blamires
William W. Avery
John R. Nelson
Fred Copeland
Charles Blair
Charles B. Jordan, M.A., B.D.
(hons.), F.R.E.S.
Harold A. Sharp
Edwin S. Harkness
William Gatman
Hector C. Orchard
Albert Blakemore
Hedley White
Walter J. Enticott
H. Leslie Richards
Herbert Ford
Frederick O. Prosser
Harry Cottom
George B. Hinton
Frederick B. Lawrence
John D. McArthur
William Rowe
Herbert Spencer
Robert B. Tinsley
Frank Bateup

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

Arthur A. Bensley
James W. Parker

ARTHUR A. BENSLEY

Arthur A. Bensley was born at Sydenham, Christchurch, in 1884. In 1911 he was received as a Candidate for the Ministry. While on Probation during World War I, he enlisted for active service overseas, serving with the Medical Corps. On his return in 1919 he was appointed to Inglewood. In 1921 he was accepted for work in the Solomons, where for 14 years he rendered conspicuous service as superintendent of the Vella Lavella Circuit. It was in the Solomons that he met his future partner, Sister Constance Olds, the first N.Z. Sister appointed to the Solomons after our N.Z. Church assumed responsibility for that field, and who through the years has co-operated most capably in all the activities of the Church.

Since his return to circuit work in N.Z., his interest in the work in the Solomon Islands has never abated, and for the past six years he has been editor of the "Lotu."

To his whole ministry Mr. Bensley brought a deep and earnest spirituality and an unflagging zeal. He now retires from the active work rich in the gratitude of the Church, and in the warm esteem and deep affection of his brother ministers.

JAMES W. PARKER

James W. Parker entered Home Mission work at Hokianga in 1909, subsequently being received into the Ministry of our Church. In all his circuits he has exercised a forceful and fruitful ministry. Typical of his work was his traversing by launch the tortuous waterways of the Hokianga, ministering to the many scattered communities thereon.

He has ever been a strong, evangelical preacher and a sturdy reformer. His pulpit ministrations and his pastoral work have both been richly blessed of God. Mrs. Parker has been a loyal and faithful helper in every good work. Not the least of the rewards that will be theirs, is that they have given two sons to the Ministry of the Church they love and for which they have spent their strength.

We wish for Mr. and Mrs. Parker many years of health and happiness in their retirement.

QUESTION XV.—What Supernumeraries return to Regular Work?

None.

QUESTION XVI.—What Home Missionaries are to be—

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

J. Belshaw	S. Keen
A. L. Witheford	T. W. Featherstone
J. Common	W. H. Wilson
H. Ashworth	H. J. Malcolm
J. W. Bayliss	W. E. Sleep
W. Sussex	

(b) Placed on Retired List?

None.

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

Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Agr.Sc.
Reginald Day
Matarae Tauroa

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

Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.)
Haddon & Dixon, M.A., B.D. (who is permitted to act as
S.C.M. Chaplain in Auckland University College)
William A. Mills
Walter Parker

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

Frank H. Woodfield

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?

Harold W. Burley, M.M.
Who has voluntarily resigned.
Robert W. Mayson, B.A.
Who has voluntarily resigned.

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

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2nd year: Rev. R. Dudley, M.A., D.D.
3rd year: Rev. W. Parker, M.A.
English Bible (O.T.)—1st year: Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E.
2nd year: Rev. N. P. Larsen.
3rd year: Rev. W. Rowe.
English Bible (N.T.)—1st year: Rev. B. Metson.
2nd year: Rev. R. E. Patchett.
3rd year: Rev. A. H. Fowles.
Theology—1st cycle: Rev. J. D. Grocott, B.A.
2nd cycle: Rev. R. Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.
3rd cycle: Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D.

Wesley's Sermons—Rev. E. E. Sage.
 Methodism—Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore, B.A.
 Religious Education—Rev. J. B. Dawson, B.A.
 Religion and Psychology—Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.
 Social Ethics—Rev. O. Burnet.
 Comparative Religion—Rev. L. B. Neale, B.A.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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1st Cycle	Rev. H. C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.
2nd Cycle	Rev. C. H. Bell, B.A.
3rd Cycle	Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

Tutors in Greek.

1950	....	....	....	....	Rev. A. K. Petch, B.A.
1951	....	....	....	....	Rev. J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D.
1952	....	....	....	....	Rev. H. E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.

(B) Examiners for Students.

Theology—					
(a) God, Man, Sin	....	....	....	....	Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A.
(b) Person and Work of Christ	....	....	....	....	Rev. J. Silvester, M.A.
(c) Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry and Sacraments, Last Things	....	....	....	....	Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A.
Pastoral Theology—					
(a) Homiletics	....	....	....	....	Rev. L. C. Horwood
(b) Pastoral Practice	....	....	....	....	Rev. W. E. Allon Carr
(c) Religious Education	Rev. M. A. McDowell
(d) Church Worship and Organisation	Rev. W. Walker
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Elocution and Public Speaking	Messrs. F. Penn, C. K. Wigglesworth and Rev. F. J. Handy

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Bible Knowledge II	Rev. F. J. Handy
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English and Greek	Rev. A. R. Witheford, B.A.
Geography and History	Rev. H. J. Odell
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(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

English	Rev. H. C. Matthews, B.A.
Theology	Rev. J. H. Bailey
Bible Knowledge	....	....	....	....	Rev. C. E. Dickens
Church History	....	....	....	....	Rev. A. R. Penn
Homiletics	....	....	....	....	Rev. H. G. Brown

(E) Examiner for Native Probationers.

Rev. A. O. Harris.

(F) Examiners for Local Preachers.

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

(G) Examiners for Deaconesses.

Theology	....	....	....	....	Rev. J. M. Blight
Church History	....	....	....	....	Rev. H. W. Payne
Old Testament	....	....	....	....	Rev. L. G. Hanna
New Testament	....	....	....	....	Rev. J. H. Woolford, M.A.,
English	....	....	....	....	Rev. D. G. Sherson, B.A.
Psychology	....	....	....	....	Rev. R. G. Bell, M.A.
Homiletics	....	....	....	....	Rev. A. T. Kent

(1) COURSE OF STUDY FOR PROBATIONERS.

1. Either—A. Hebrew Old Testament.
 1st year, as for N.Z. B.D. Stage I, Paper A, but including only the first of the two set passages and no unseen translation.
 2nd year, as B.D. Stage I, Paper A, but no unseen translation.
 3rd year, as B.D. Stage II, Paper A, but no unseen translation.
 OR—B. English Old Testament.
 1st year: Deuteronomy (Cambridge Bible) and I. and II Samuel (Century Bible).
 2nd year: Isaiah—(2 vols.) (Cambridge Bible).
 3rd year: Ezekiel (Cambridge Bible).
2. Either—A. Greek New Testament. Section for 1950—Luke, Chapters 3-24 (inclusive).
 1st year: As for N.Z. B.D. Stage I, Paper A, first set passage only, but no unseens and no re-translation.
 2nd year: As B.D. Stage I, Paper A, but no unseens.
 3rd year: As B.D. Stage I, Paper A, but no unseens but a greater emphasis on exegesis.
 OR—B. English New Testament.
 1st year: St. John's Gospel (Reith 2 vols.), and/or Wm. Temple's "Readings in St. John."
 2nd year: Romans. C. H. Dodd (Moffatt Comm.).
 3rd year: Hebrews. Peake (Century Bible).
3. THEOLOGY. A. For 1950—"The Person and Work of Christ." As for B.D. Stage II, Paper A, with the addition of the word "systematic"—viz., "A branch of Biblical, Historical, and Systematic Theology"; with reading as follows:—
 1st cycle: God, Man, Sin. "The Christian Idea of God"—H. M. Hughes (Duckworth); "Christian Doctrine of Man," H. Wheeler Robinson; "Christian Estimate of Man," Cave (Duckworth); "God and the World," Farmer (Nisbit); "Christian Doctrine," J. S. Whale. (Use relevant parts for each series.)
 2nd cycle: The Person and Work of Christ. "The Person of Jesus Christ"—Mackintosh, Books 1 and 3 only; "Doctrine of Work of Christ"—Cave (London Theol. Lib.); "The Person of Christ"—Cave (Duckworth); "Jesus and His Sacrifice"—V. Taylor (Macmillan).
 3rd Cycle: The Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry and Sacraments, Last Things.
 "The Holy Spirit in the N.T."—Swete; "Christian Experience of the Holy Spirit"—Wheeler Robinson; "Jesus and His Church"—W. N. Flew; "The Evangelical Church Catholic"—P. C. Simpson; "The Christian Sacraments"—O. C. Quick; "World to Come and Final Destiny"—Leckie; "The Life Everlasting"—J. Baillie.

B. WESLEY'S SERMONS (with Lawson's Notes). Each cycle to be co-ordinated with A. above.

1st cycle: Salvation by Faith.

The Almost Christian.

Scriptural Christianity.

Justification by Faith.

The Righteousness of Faith.

The Way to the Kingdom.

The First-Fruits of the Spirit.

2nd cycle: The Spirit of Bondage and of Adoption.

The Witness of the Spirit.

The Witness of our own Spirit.

The Means of Grace.

The Marks of the New Birth.

The Great Privilege of those that are Born of God.

Sermon on the Mount (III).

The Original Nature, Property, and Use of the Law.

3rd cycle: The Nature of Enthusiasm.

A Caution Against Bigotry.

Catholic Spirit.

Christian Perfection.

Original Sin.

The New Birth.

Self-Denial.

The Use of Money.

4. GENERAL.

1st year: Methodism. "Wesley and his Century"—Fitchett;
"The Evangelical Revival and Christian Reunion"—A. W. Harrison; "England, Before and After Wesley"—Bready.

2nd year: One of the following:—

- (1) Religion and Psychology, as for B.D. (N.Z.) Theology I, Stage I, A and B, (one paper only), "Introduction to Psychology of Religion," Thouless; "The New Psychology and Religious Experience"—T. H. Hughes.
- (2) Social Ethics, "Christian Ideal for Human Society"—Garvie, "The Relevance of Christianity," Barry.
- (3) Comparative Religion (as for B.D. Theology II, paper b), "Comparative Religion"—Bouquet (Penguin); "The Dawn of Religion"—E. S. Waterhouse.
- (4) Religious Education, "Church, Community and State in relation to Education" (Oxford Conference—Allen & Unwin); "Religion and the Growing Mind" (Yeaxlee).
- (5) Maori Language (for 2 years).

3rd year: One of the subjects for the second year not already taken, or taken to a further stage.

THESIS :

Ministers shall be encouraged to produce and present a thesis of not less than 10,000 words, within two years after their reception into Full Connexion, on some subject of theological or religious character, approved by the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, who shall, on its completion, submit it to a panel of judges. A system of honours for those producing such theses will be followed, and a precis of suitable theses will be published in the "Methodist Times".

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). Greek and 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 February 1 and June 1 respectively. 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 October 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 third year.
8. Examinations in the subjects 2, (Greek or English New Testament) and 4 (General) shall be conducted in May and in the subjects 1 (Hebrew or English Old Testament) and 3 (Theology) be conducted in September.
9. Book List. Every Probationer shall forward to his Chairman, not later than August 15th, a Book List as specified for 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.

I.—Old Testament.

Elementary Hebrew (Selected Students only) 1 hour weekly (Further stages to be taken at University College).

General Introduction—

To include, besides questions of authorship, date, canon etc., a knowledge of the contents in English, and some appreciation of their significance for Biblical Theology.

3 year cycle—

1. Historical Books and General.
2. Psalms and Wisdom Books.
3. Prophetic Literature.

II.—New Testament.

N.T. Greek.

Junior Year—Grammar.

Intermediate—Grammar and Translation of selected passages.

Senior—Translation with Exegesis of passages taken from syllabus for N.Z.B.D. Stage I.

N.T. Introduction—

3 year cycle :

1. Synoptic Gospels.
2. Paul and the Pauline Epistles.
3. Johannine Literature and other Epistles.

N.T. Exegesis in English of passages taken from Books dealt with in Introduction (Senior Greek Class excused).

N.T. Theology—3 year cycle as above.

III.—Historical and Systematic Theology :

3 year cycle :

1. God, Man, Sin.
2. Person and work of Christ—Christian Ethics.
3. Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry, Sacraments, Last Things.

IV.—Church History :

3 year cycle :

1. History of Christian Church to 500.
2. 500 to 1600.
3. 1600 to present day, with special reference to Wesley and Methodism

V.—Pastoral Theology :

Junior Year :—Pastoral I including elementary Homiletics and Religious Education.

Second and Third Years —Homiletics and Pastoral Practice, alternately. Also every other year a class is held in Worship, Conduct of Special Services, Church Organization etc.

In addition, each man will attend a weekly Criticism Service followed by a Criticism class, and a class is held weekly in Voice Production and Speech Training.

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 Primer (N.T) and "Preparation for Christ in the O.T" (Welch).
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.—The Elements of New Testament Greek (Nunn), p.p. 1-50: (Exercises—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. Book-keeping—Whitcombe's Practical Book-keeping, Chaps. 1-11.

Matriculated Candidates take Section A only, and Book-keeping unless a pass has been secured in a bona fide examination in that subject. Non-matriculated candidates take sections A and B including Book-keeping unless a Pass has already been secured. Greek is optional for all candidates, but is strongly recommended to be taken at the Candidates' stage.

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—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 1, Chs. 1-6.
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 (W. T. Blight, B.A. B.D.)

SECOND YEAR.

1. English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 1, Chs. 7-12.
2. Theology.—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why." (First half to p. 152).
3. Bible Knowledge.—J. S. Stewart's "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." (First half to p. 105).
4. Homiletics—A Primer of Homiletics (Edwards) (1951 change of Text books)
5. Church History.—Cowan's "Landmarks of Church History." (Guild Text Books).

THIRD YEAR.

1. English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 2, Chs. 1-6.
2. Theology.—Hunter's "What a Christian Believes, and Why." (Second half (p. 153 to end).
3. Bible Knowledge.—J. S. Stewart's "The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." (second half, p. 106 to end).
4. Homiletics.—Local Preachers' Course (Whittome), Chaps. 1-10.

FOURTH YEAR.

1. English—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part 2 Chs. 7-11.
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. Bible Knowledge.—The New Testament, its Writers and their Messages. (C. F. Hunter), Chap. 9-14.
4. Homiletics.—Whittome's "Local Preachers' Efficiency Course." Chap. 11-20
5. Church History.—Workman's "Methodism" (Cambridge Manuals).

VII.—COURSE OF STUDIES—DEACONESSSES.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

Theology—"The Faith," F. A. Farley—with the New Catechism.

Bible Knowledge—2 papers.

(a) General Knowledge of the Old Testament with detailed knowledge of 1 and 2 Kings, Amos and Hosea.

(b) General Knowledge of the New Testament with detailed knowledge of Matthew and The Acts of the Apostles.

English—Caddick's English Course for Junior and Middle Forms; a set book, "A Tale of Two Cities"; an essay on a selected subject.

STUDENTS. FIRST YEAR.

Theology—"What a Christian Believes, and Why" (Hunter), pp. 1-152.

Church History—"A First Church History" (Vera Walker), S.C.M., pp. 1-136.

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—"English for Pleasure" (Strong); "Short History of English Literature" (Evans); Lectures and Selected Works.
 Elocution and Voice Production—"Speak Out" (Watson), and Lectures.
 Psychology—"Basic Psychology" (J. S. Ross).

SECOND YEAR.

Theology—"What a Christian Believes, and Why" (Hunter), pp. 153-309.
 Church History—"A First Church History" (Vera Walker), S.C.M., pp. 137-264.
 Old Testament—"The Old Testament Writers and their Messages" (Healing). The Second Half.
 New Testament—"The New Testament Writers and their Messages" (Hunter). pp. 111-303.
 English—"English for Pleasure" (Strong); "Short History of English Literature" (Evans); Lectures and Selected Works.
 Homiletics—Edwards "Primer of Homiletics"; Lectures.
 Psychology—"Basic Psychology" (J. S. Ross).

VIII.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

(Two Hour Papers)

1. General Bible Knowledge. Text Books. Old Testament. Welsh's "Preparation for Christ in the O.T."
 New Testament: Maclear's Primer.
2. Theology—"What a Christian Believes and Why"—Hunter.
3. Homiletics—"A Primer of Homiletics"—Edwards.

NOTE: From 1951 onwards, the Homiletics examination will be on the subject, with the following text-books for guidance:—

- (a) "Art of Sermon Construction"—Sangster.
- (b) "Heralds of God"—Stewart.

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS

Examinations for 1950 shall commence on the following dates:—
 Probationers: Tuesday, May 2nd and Tuesday, September 12th.

Tutorials Commence: Greek—Feb. 1st; Theology—June 1st.

Candidates for the Ministry: Tuesday, August 1st.

Home Missionary Probationers: Tuesday, September 12th.

Deaconess Entrance: Tuesday, August 15th.

Local Preachers:

- (1) The first weeks of June and of December.
- (2) Circuit Superintendents nominating Local Preachers shall notify the Chairman on or before May 1st or November 1st as the case may be.
- (3) The Examination may be taken in sections provided that the full course be completed within two years.

N.B.—In addition to the Written Examinations, a Local Preacher must conduct a Trial Service and be orally examined before the Preachers' or Quarterly Meetings before he is granted status.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the President send a letter to every Minister stressing the need of additional Candidates for the Ministry.

2. That the Home Mission Department prepare a brochure stating the need of additional Candidates for the Ministry, and circulate this to the whole Church.

3. Dickinson College Bursaries. That the name of Rev. R. Dudley, M.A., D.D., be added to the Committee.

4. That the Oral Examiner for 1950 be Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.

5. That Rev. G. R. Harris be thanked for his services as Secretary, and be reappointed.

6. That Rev. H. C. Matthews, B.A., be thanked for his services as Assistant-Secretary, and be re-appointed.

7. That an appeal be made to the Y.M.B.C. Camps at Easter regarding the need of young men for the Ministry, and that the President make suitable arrangements.

8. That in future a small Committee conduct a private examination in books on the submitted list.

9. Deacons (ref. Executive Committee Minutes, page 17, para 1 (c)): That the matter be considered by the following Committee and reported to Synods 1950.

The members of the Board of Studies, together with Revs. G. I. Laurenson, H. C. Dixon and E. D. Patchett, with the President and Secretary of Conference, the Secretary of the Board of Examiners, Revs. W. A. Burley, Dr. Slade, J. Silvester, W. R. Laws, J. D. Grocott, J. S. Willoughby, and H. C. Matthews as corresponding Members. Convener: Rev. J. J. Lewis.

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

AUCKLAND: I. Northland; Separate District.

a. That, contingent upon the appointment of a larger proportion of ordained ministers and a substantial increase of membership in the area, Conference approve the principle of creating a separate District in Northland.

b. That the matter be reviewed at Synod, 1951.

c. That on the nomination of the Chairman of the Auckland District a Deputy Chairman for Northland be appointed by Conference each year until Northland becomes a separate District.

II. Auckland Central Circuit: That Auckland Central Circuit be divided as follows:—

a. Auckland Central, to consist of Pitt Street, Kingsland, Eden Terrace, Great North Road, Point Chevalier, Richmond Avenue, and Western Springs Churches.

b. Auckland South, to consist of Dominion Road, Mount Roskill, and Sandringham Churches, and the Three Kings Wesley Estate.

c. Auckland West, to consist of St. John's (Ponsonby) and Bayfield Churches.

NELSON: Westport-Granity. That the Granity Home Mission Station be amalgamated with the Westport Circuit, the staffing to be a Minister and a Home Missionary (Granity).

NORTH CANTERBURY. Springston-Tai Tapu: That the Tai Tapu Home Mission Station be amalgamated with the Springston Circuit, the staffing to be a Minister and a Home Missionary, with a suitable grant.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: (a) That Conference approve the proposal that a Union Church be established at Waimataitai and that our present Church in that area be merged in same. (b) That the Constitution be as that approved by Conference for Union Churches. (c) That a Probationer be appointed, with a suitable grant.

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

AUCKLAND:

1. **Auckland Central:** That the staffing be two Ministers and two Probationers.

2. **Auckland South:** That the staffing be two Ministers and a Probationer.

3. **Auckland West:** That the staffing be a Minister and a Deaconess.

4. **Kawa Kawa-Kaikohe:** That the staffing be a Minister (Kaikohe) and a Home Missionary (Kawa Kawa, with oversight of Russell).

5. **Bombay-Tuakau:** That the Bombay-Tuakau Home Mission Station consider rising in status to a circuit and report to Synod 1950.

NELSON:

Murchison: That the Murchison Home Mission Station be constituted a Circuit, and that a Probationer be appointed, with a suitable grant.

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

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

Tokoroa: That an additional agent be appointed to the Putaruru Circuit and stationed at Tokoroa.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

Timaru: That a Probationer be appointed to the Waimataitai Union Church.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Corstorphine: That a Probationer be appointed to the Corstorphine Union Church.

Roxburgh: That it be recommended to the Roxburgh Quarterly Meeting that a joint Committee representing the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches be set up to deal with the matter of staffing in the area.

QUESTION XXV.—(b) From what Circuits are Preachers to be withdrawn?

None.

QUESTION XXVI.—What New Stations are now Constituted?

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

Tokoroa: That the District Chairman approach the Waikato Presbytery and the Congregational Union with a view to joint action in the matter of acquiring a site at Tokoroa and the establishment of a Union Church.

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

Auckland Avondale (3rd) is due and is prepared to fulfil its obligation when a house is available.

Huntly is due, but is relieved for an eighteenth year.

Morrinsville (2nd) is due, and will take a Married Probationer.

Hauraki Plains is due, and is taking a Married Probationer.

Putaruru is due, and is taking a Married Probationer.

Taihape is due, but is relieved for a fifteenth year.
 Gonville is due, and will fulfil its obligation.
 Wairoa (H.B.) is due, but is relieved for a twenty-first year.
 Greytown-Featherston is due, but is relieved for an eighth year.
 Wellington East (3rd) is due, but is relieved for a third year.
 Johnsonville-Ngaio (3rd) is due, but is relieved for a fifth year.
 Timaru South is due, but is relieved for a fifteenth year.

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

LIST OF STATIONS

OF THE

Methodist Church of New Zealand

President: REV. HENRY J. ODELL
 Vice-President: MR. JOHN B. BEECHE
 Secretary: REV. HERBERT L. FIEBIG, B.A.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1950

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 134 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 Superintendent 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, during the current connexional year, 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.)

1.—AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

1. **Auckland Central**—Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip., Soc.Sc., John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D. (Kingsland) One Wanted (Richmond Avenue) One Wanted (Pt. Chevalier), John Olphert (Sup.)
The Foreign Mission Department—Arthur H. Scrivin (Gen. Secy.).
The Home Mission Department—George I. Laurenson (Gen. Supt.); Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A., (Asst. Supt.); Harold A. Darvill, (Maori Missionary).
- Youth Department**—Youth Director (see Question 29).
2. **Auckland Central Mission**—A. Everil Orr; Arthur J. Seamer (Sup.); One Wanted; Two Deaconesses.
3. **Auckland South**—Francis J. Handy; Wilfred F. Ford (Roskill) One Wanted (Sandringham); George P. Hunt (Sup.)
4. **Auckland West**—Harris Whitfield; A Deaconess.
5. **Auckland East**—Joseph C. Draper; Alfred E. Jefferson; Wesley Parker, M.A.; Leslie F. Bycroft; Gordon Parker, M.A. Ph.D, (without Pastoral Charge); Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D. (Foundation Fellow of Trinity College) (Sup.); William A. Sinclair (Sup.); William Walker (Sup.); John R. Nelson (Sup.); Edwin S. Harkness (Sup.); Ernest D. Patchett (Sup.); Walter Parker (Without Pastoral Charge).
 Epsom Orphanage; Chaplain, Joseph C. Draper.
 Wesley Preparatory School: Chaplain, Wesley Parker, M.A.
 Trinity Theological College; Principal, Eric W. Hames, M.A.; Resident Tutor: David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.

6. **Auckland (Avondale)**—George E. Brown; One Wanted (Glen Eden); Edmond S. Stewart (Avondale); Arthur Mitchell (Sup.); Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D (Fellow of Trinity Coll.) (Sup.); Fred Copeland (Sup.); Phillip D. Ramsay (C.F.); Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D., (Without Pastoral Charge).
Mt. Albert Orphanage: Chaplain, George E. Brown.
7. **Auckland (Devonport)**—William Green; E. Percy Blamires (Sup.); William A. Mills (without Pastoral Charge).
8. **Auckland (Takapuna)**—Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.; James W. Parker (Sup.); William Wills (Sup.); William Gatman (Sup.); Albert Blakemore (Sup.); Reginald Day (Resting).
9. **Auckland (Birkenhead)**—Gordon R. H. Peterson; A Home Missionary.
10. **Onehunga**—E. Clarence Leadley; Frank E. Leadley (Sup.); A Home Missionary.
11. **Otahuhu**—Thomas Skuse; Norman W. Olds.
12. **Papakura**—Francis H. Parker; Robert B. Tinsley (Sup.).
13. **Pukekohe**—James H. Hall (who shall supervise the Bombay-Tuakau H.M. Station); Wesley Training College, Paerata; Principal: Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip., Ed.
14. **Waiuku**—George W. Cramond.
15. **Mahurangi**—One Wanted.
16. **Paparoa**—One Wanted.
17. **Dargaville**—Percy I. Cooke. A Home Missionary (Te Kopuru).
18. **Ruawai**—John Dennis.
19. **Whangarei**—J. Henry Allen (who shall supervise Hikurangi Circuit).
20. **Hikurangi**—One Wanted.
21. **Whangaroa**—Leonard Shapcott (Kaeo).
22. **Port Albert**—Robert E. Fordyce; A Home Missionary.
23. **Kawakawa-Kaikohe**—J. Stanley Olds. A Home Missionary (Kawa Kawa).
24. **Mangonui**—Edmund D. Grounds.
25. **Hokianga**—Archibald W. McKay.

Maori Mission—Home Mission Dept.: Eruera Te Tuhi (Senior Maori Supt.).

[1] **Auckland**—

Circuit Superintendent (One Wanted); Matarae Tauroa (Resting); Ranginohora Rogers (Waima); 13 Home Missionaries; 6 Deaconesses.

BOMBAY-TUAKAU—A Home Missionary.

NORTH WAITEMATA—Two Home Missionaries.

ALBANY—A Home Missionary.

BAY OF ISLANDS—A Home Missionary.

NORTH HOKIANGA—A Home Missionary.

COLPORTEUR WORK—A Home Missionary.

ERIC W. HAMES, M.A.,

Chairman of the District.

WILLIAM GREEN, Deputy Chairman

J. HENRY ALLEN, Chairman's Deputy
for North Auckland

L. R. M. GILMORE, B.A., Financial Secretary

II SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

26. **Thames**—Gordon V. Thomas (who shall supervise the Hauraki Plains Circuit and the Coromandel H.M. Station).
27. **Hauraki Plains**—One Wanted.
28. **Paeroa**—J. Ainsley Daglish; Walter J. Enticott (Sup.);
29. **Waihi**—A. Francis Attwood.
30. **Te Aroha**—Athol R. Penn.

31. **Morrinsville**—George R. Thompson ; One Wanted.
32. **Cambridge**—Charles H. Olds, B.A.
33. **Hamilton**—Howard C. Matthews, B.A. ; Samuel J. Werren (who shall supervise the Huntly Circuit and Ngaruawahia H.M. Station) ; One Wanted ;
(Raglan Union Church).
34. **Hamilton East**—John H. Bailey.
35. **Huntly**—Douglas H. Burt.
36. **Matamata**—J. Montgomery Blight (who shall supervise the Putaruru Circuit).
37. **Putaruru**—T. Ralph Benny ; A Home Missionary.
38. **Rotorua**—John Silvester, M.A., Walter J. Oxbrow (Sup.) ; William H. Speer (Sup.).
39. **Tauranga**—Arthur T. Kent ; One Wanted, Arthur A. Bensley (Sup.).
40. **Whakatane**—William C. Jenkin (who shall supervise the Opotiki Circuit).
41. **Opotiki**—One Wanted.
42. **Te Awamutu**—Albert Jolly (who shall supervise the Kawhia H.M. Station)
43. **Otorohanga**—Clifford G. Brown.
44. **Te Kūiti**—J. Henry Woolford, M.A.
45. **Taumarunui**—Donald Haylock (who shall supervise the Ohura H.M. Station).
- [2] **Waikato**—One Wanted (Ngaruawahia) ; 10 Home Missionaries ; 4 Deaconesses.
- [3] **Maniapoto**—Ngatete K. Kukutai ; 12 Home Missionaries ; 3 Deaconesses.
NGARUAWAHIA—A Home Missionary.
KAWHIA—A Home Missionary.
COROMANDEL—A Home Missionary.
OHURA—A Home Missionary.

SAMUEL J. WERREN, Chairman of the District
HOWARD C. MATTHEWS, B.A., Financial Secretary

III TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT

46. **New Plymouth**—E. Thomas Olds ; Ivo M. Raynor ; One Wanted ; Charles M. Roberts (Sup.)
47. **Waitara**—Harry V. Utting.
48. **Stratford**—Harry Moore.
49. **Eltham-Kaponga**—John Churchill ; A Home Missionary.
50. **Hawera**—L. Gordon Hanna (who shall supervise the Patea H.M. Station)
51. **Manaia**—Henry Benny.
52. **Opunake**—Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th. ; A. Home Missionary.
53. **Wanganui**—Frederick J. Parker (who shall supervise the Raetihi-Ohakune Home Mission Station) ; H. Spencer (Sup.)
54. **Wanganui North**—H. Kilford Brown (who shall supervise the Taihape Circuit ; One Wanted.
55. **Gonville**—Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A., J. Frederick Martin (Sup.)
56. **Taihape**—One Wanted.
- [4] **Taranaki-Waimarino**—Rakena P. Rakena (Hawera) ; 12 Home Missionaries ; 3 Deaconesses.
INGLEWOOD—A Home Missionary.
MARTON—A Home Missionary.
RAETIHI-OHAKUNE—A Home Missionary.
PATEA—A Home Missionary
DOUGLAS—A Home Missionary.

E. THOMAS OLDS, Chairman of the District.

IV—HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

57. **Napier**—William R. Francis, B.A., B.D. (who shall supervise Wairoa Circuit ; H. Maurice Brasell (Greenmeadows) ; Henry Ryan (Sup.)
58. **Hastings**—Thomas H. Carr ; Arthur Hopper (Sup.)
59. **Gisborne**—Ernest B. Chambers ; One Wanted.
60. **Wairoa**—One Wanted
61. **Dannevirke**—Charles E. Dickens.
62. **Woodville**—Charles B. Oldfield.
63. **Pahiatua**—Leslie C. Clements.
64. **Palmerston North**—(St. Paul's)—J. Francis Jack.
65. **Palmerston North (Cuba St.)**—Leslie A. G. Brooks (who shall supervise the Foxton-Shannon H.M. Station) ; Thomas Coatsworth (Sup.)
66. **Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe**—Robert McGregor.
67. **Feilding**—Charlie O. Hailwood (who shall supervise Apiti H.M. Station) ; A Home Missionary.
68. **Sanson-Rongotea**—Benjamin H. Riseley.

WAIPAWA-WAIPUKURAU—Two Home Missionaries.

FOXTON-SHANNON—A Home Missionary.

APITI—A Home Missionary.

NORSEWOOD—A Home Missionary..

J. FRANCIS JACK, Chairman of the District.

V—WELLINGTON DISTRICT

69. **Wellington Central**—William W. H. Greenslade, William J. Morrison, B.A. (Brooklyn) ; One Wanted ; A Deaconess ; Fred Greenwood (Sup.) ; Ernest O. Blamires (Sup.)
Youth Department—W. E. Allon Carr (Senior Youth Director).
70. **Wellington West**—John D. Grocott, B.A. ; Robert H. Allen, B.A. (Thorn-don) ; Moses Ayrton (Sup.)
71. **Wellington South**—William M. Garner ; William Rowe (Sup.)
72. **Wellington East**—George H. Goodman ; Leonard V. Willing ; Basil J. Hilder ; A Home Missionary (Island Bay).
73. **Johnsonville-Ngaio**—William A. Burley, M.A. ; W. Selwyn Dawson, B.A. ; (Porirua) ; R. Hori Pratt, B.A. (Ngaio).
74. **Hutt**—John L. Mitchell (who shall supervise Upper Hutt Circuit) ; Robert F. Clement, B.A. ; A. Roger Nuttall, B.A. ; Thomas W. Vealie (Sup.) ; R. Purcell Keall (Sup.)
75. **Upper Hutt**—Leonard P. Schroeder.
76. **Petone**—Herbert W. Payne.
77. **Greytown-Featherston**—Colin D. Clark ; G. Knowles Smith (Sup.) ; Hedley White (Sup.)
78. **Carterton**—Ernest E. Sage (who shall supervise the Greytown-Featherston Circuit).
79. **Masterton**—William G. Slade, M.A., D.D. ; One Wanted.
Masterton Children's Home : Chaplain, William G. Slade, M.A., D.D.
80. **Eketahuna**—One Wanted.
81. **Levin**—Harry S. Kings.
82. **Otaki**—Reginald Grice ; Frank Bateup (Sup.)

PARAPARAUMU—Two Home Missionaries.

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

VI—NELSON DISTRICT

83. **Nelson**—Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A. ; One Wanted ; Charles Blair (Sup.) ; Charles B. Jordon, M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., (Sup.).
84. **Richmond**—Charles E. Bell, B.A. ; One Wanted ; Frederick B. Lawrence (Sup.)

85. **Motueka**—Hubert G. Brown.
86. **Murchison**—One Wanted.
87. **Blenheim**—Alan O. Jones; Clarence T. J. Luxton (Picton); One Wanted; John D. McArthur (Sup.)
88. **Reefton**—Edward Baker.
89. **Westport**—Warren Green; A Home Missionary.
90. **Greymouth**—A. Peter Dorrian (who shall supervise Reefton Circuit).
91. **Hokitika**—William E. Moore.

HUBERT G. BROWN, Chairman of the District.

VII—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

92. **Christchurch** (Durham Street)—Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S.; Alan F. Collins; William Grigg (Sup.); Henry L. Blamires (Sup.)
Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A. (Sup.); Benjamin J. James (Sup.).
CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—
Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A. (Secretary of the Conference)
- YOUTH DIRECTOR—John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.
93. **Christchurch East**—V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E.; Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.; J. Stanley Waite, B.A.; Ralph E. Patchett; Jacob Featherston (Sup.); Albert H. Fowles (Sup.)
94. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace)—Archer O. Harris.
95. **Christchurch** (Woolston)—Herbert A. Cochrane (who shall supervise the Lyttelton Circuit); W. Lloyd Divers (Opawa); One Wanted (Sumner); Frederick O. Prosser (Sup.)
96. **Christchurch** (Sydenham)—Andrew J. Johnston; One Wanted
97. **Christchurch** (Addington)—Leonard C. Horwood; One Wanted.
98. **Christchurch** (Riccarton)—G. Raymond Harris; One Wanted.
99. **Christchurch** (St. Albans)—Henry J. Odell; Ernest S. Hoddinott
D. Bruce Gordon; Edward Drake (Sup.); Harold A. Sharp (Sup.)
100. **Christchurch** (Papanui)—Alfred E. Waite.
SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE—Chaplain: Alfred E. Waite.
101. **Lyttelton**—One Wanted.
102. **Springston**—D. I. Alister McDonald; A Home Missionary; Harry Cottom (Sup.)
103. **Leeston**—Alfred M. Costain, Dip.Soc.Sc.; H. L. Richards (Sup.)
104. **Kaiapoi**—Oswald Burnet; George B. Hinton (Sup.)
105. **Ohoka**—One Wanted.
106. **Rangiora**—James Richards; Basil Metson (Sup.)
107. **Woodend-Sefton**—Wesley A. Chambers, B.A. (who shall supervise Hawarden H.M. Station).
108. **Greendale**—John B. Dawson, B.A.
109. **Oxford**—Leslie T. Norwell.

HAWARDEN—A Home Missionary.

HENRY J. ODELL, President of the Conference,
Chairman of the District.

A. M. COSTAIN, Financial Secretary.

VIII—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

110. **Timaru**—Banks Street—Donald G. Sherson, B.A., (who shall supervise the Timaru South Circuit); William W. Avery (Sup.); Hector C. Orchard (Sup.)
111. **Timaru** (Woodlands Street)—Matthew A. McDowell; One Wanted.
112. **Timaru South**—One Wanted.
113. **Waimate**—William H. Gregory; Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Agr., Sc., (Resting); Jonathan H. Haslam (Sup.)

114. **Temuka**—One Wanted ; H. Ford, (Sup.)
115. **Geraldine**—One Wanted.
116. **Ashburton**—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Connexional Editor); Clifford J. Keightley.
117. **Willowby**—J. C. Aldwyn Williams.
118. **Oamaru**—Cecil R. Taylor.

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

IX—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

119. **Dunedin Central**—Lawrence Greenslade (who shall supervise the Wai-kouaiti H.M. Station); Wallace S. Neal.
120. **Dunedin Central Mission**—Leslie B. Neale, M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S.; Wilfred E. Falkingham; One Wanted; Two Deaconesses.
121. **Dunedin North**—H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A.
122. **Dunedin** (Cargill Road)—James S. Willoughby; Wilf G. Eisner; T. Arthur Pybus (Sup.)
123. **Dunedin** (St.Kilda)—D. J. Donald Hickman.
124. **Dunedin** (Caversham)—Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com. (who shall supervise the Mosgiel Home Mission Station); One Wanted (Corstorphine.)
125. **Dunedin** (Morningside)—Norman P. Larsen
126. **Dunedin** (Roslyn)—One Wanted.
127. **Port Chalmers**—Charles H. Kendon.
128. **Milton**—One Wanted.
129. **Roxburgh**—Clifford L. Duder (who shall supervise the Cromwell H.M. Station).
130. **Invercargill** (Central)—Arthur R. Witherford, B.A.; A Deaconess.
131. **Invercargill** (St. Peter's)—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (who shall supervise the Bluff Home Mission Station).
132. **Gore**—R. Graham Bell, M.A. (who shall supervise the Edendale Circuit)
133. **Western Southland**—Kenneth A. Robinson; A Home Missionary.
134. **Edendale**—One Wanted.

WAIKOUAITI—A Home Missionary.

BLUFF—A Home Missionary.

MOSGIEL—A Home Missionary.

BALCLUTHA—A Home Missionary.

LAWRENCE—A Home Missionary.

CROMWELL—A Home Missionary.

D. J. DONALD HICKMAN, Chairman of the District.

ARTHUR H. IVORY, LL.B., B.Com., Financial Sec.

X.—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT.

- [5] **Roviana Circuit**—John F. Goldie; Allen H. Hall, B.A.; Frank H. Woodfield; One Missionary Sister (Teacher); One Missionary Sister (Teacher) Wanted; Paul Havea (Marovo); Nathan Kera under the direction of the Chairman; Timothy Piani under the direction of the Chairman; 8 Native Catechists; 49 Native Teachers; 3 Native Medical Assistants.
District Training College: John F. Goldie (Principal); Allen H. Hall, B.A. (Vice-Principal).
- [6] **Vella Lavella Circuit**—A. W. E. Silvester, M.M., U.S.A.; One Missionary Sister (Nurse); One Missionary Sister (Teacher); Three Native Catechists; 33 Native Teachers.
- [7] **Choisuel Circuit**—John R. Metcalfe; One Missionary Sister (Nurse); One Missionary Sister (Maternity Nurse); One Missionary Sister (Teacher) Wanted; Five Native Catechists; 38 Native Teachers; One Native Medical Assistant.

[8] **Bougainville and Buka Circuit**—A. Harry Voyce (Buin); Trevor Shepherd (Teop); Gordon A. R. Cornwell (Buka); One Lay Missionary (Education Liaison Officer)—Buin; One Lay Missionary (Technical Instructor) Buin; One Missionary Sister (Teacher) Buin Wanted; One Missionary Sister (Nurse)—Buka Wanted; One Missionary Sister (Teacher)—Buka Wanted; One Missionary Sister (Nurse)—Teop; One Missionary Sister (Teacher)—Teop Wanted; Usaia Sotutu (Buka); John Taufu (Kieta); Daniel Palavi (Siwai); One Native Minister Wanted (Tearaka); 2 Native Catechists; 167 Native Teachers; 7 Native Medical Assistants.

Helena Goldie Hospital (Roviana)—Dr G. E. Hout; One Missionary Sister (Nurse); One Missionary Sister (Nurse) Wanted.

JOHN F. GOLDIE, Chairman of the District

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

NOTES

Ministers are expected to arrive in their New Circuits between the first and second Sundays in February.

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?

Auckland District—

Youth Director.—One Wanted

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

(Richmond Avenue). Supply. (H. W. Toothill,
Non-resident Student.)

Pt. Chevalier.—Supply, (R. Elsom, Non-resident
Student).

Auckland South (Sandringham)—One Wanted.

Auckland East—J. W. Bayliss (retired).

Auckland, Avondale (Glen Eden)—(Supply). A. J. Handyside, Non-
resident student. J. Belshaw (retired).

Auckland, Takapuna.—W. Sussex and W. H. Wilson (retired).

Auckland, Birkenhead—(Northcote) One Wanted.

Onehunga (Waitangi Road)—One Wanted.

Bombay-Tuakau—R. T. Alexander.

North Waitemata.—R. Coombridge (Silverdale) F. D. Peterson.
(Kaukapakapa).

North Hokianga (Kohukohu)—One Wanted.

Albany.—One Wanted

Dargaville (Te Kopuru).—One Wanted.

Port Albert (Wellsford).—One Wanted.

Paparoa.—One Wanted.

Bay of Islands.—G. R. Rotherham (Supply).

Hikurangi.—One Wanted.

Mahurangi.—J. H. Thompson.

Kawa-Kawa.—One Wanted.

Home Mission Department.—

Colporteur Work: Sister Rita F. Snowden (Supply)

Maori Mission.—

Matauri Bay—Supply.
Batley.—Supply.
Kawakawa (Waionio).—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti.
Paihia.—Supply.
Punakitere.—Te Hira Ratete.
Waimate North.—Supply.
Orowau.—Rameka Eru.
Kaikohe.—Paikea H. Toka.
Whananaki.—Nehana Pu.
Rewiti.—Supply.
Dargaville.—Wiremu Paki Ihaka.
Poutu (Kaipara Heads).—Paraire Paraone Kena.
Rangitane (Poutu).—Henare Kapa.
Pokere (Bay of Islands).—Piripi Livingstone.
Pakiri.—John Harris.
Mangamuka.—Paoa Rakena.
Auckland.—Waaka Simon Rewa.
Whirinaki.—Heemi Winiata.
Te Kohanga.—Waaka Kukutai.

South Auckland District—

Hamilton.—One Wanted (Frankton) ; A. L. Witheford (retired).
Ngaruawahia—Supply (T. Walker).
Tauranga (Te Puke)—Supply (Rev. A. A. Bensley).
Coromandel.—O. L. Christian.
Kawhia.—C. E. Roke.
Ohura.—E. G. P. Turner.
Morrinsville (Waitoa).—One Wanted.
Hauraki Plains—A. Currie.
Opotiki.—F. J. Climo.
Putaruru (Tokoroa)—One Wanted.

Maori Mission.

Waikato Circuit Superintendent Supply (Rev. A. J. Seamer.)
Te Kuiti.—John Nicholls.
Kawhia—Supply.
Frankton—Te Urunga Wetere.
Raglan—Tuteao Manihera.
Mokau.—Supply.
Ngaruawahia—Heemi Rihimona and Roi. Moke.
Waimiha—Tame Ponui.
Aramiro—Enoka Marumaru.
Rakaunui.—Wene Herangi.
Waitomo.—Supply.
Otorohanga.—Paki Manga.
Whatawhata—Poo Kingi and Te Aho-o-te Rangi Pihama.
Hangatiki.—Wetini Hotu.
Taharoa.—Supply.
Huntly.—Supply.
Waikaretu.—Mu Maihi.
Hauraki Plains.—Supply.
Maketu Pa (Kawhia)—Waiwera Rangawhenua.
Te Kopua (Te Awamutu).—Supply.
Marokopa—Wiremu Kamana and Nguru Winikerei.
Ngutunui.—Rangi Katipa.
Makomako—Tumu Te Huia
Aotearoa.—Wiremu Tonga (Hamilton).

Taranaki-Wanganui District—

New Plymouth.—E. R. Eastwood (St. Aubyns) ; T. W. Featherstone (retired). H. Ashworth (retired).
Opunake (Okato).—W. G. Peate.
Eltham.—One Wanted (Kaponga).
Patea.—Supply (G. H. Cule).
Raetihi-Ohakune.—Supply (W. E. Sleep) (retired).
Wanganui North.—One Wanted (Wanganui East).
Douglas.—Vacant (under Stratford Superintendent).
Inglewood.—One Wanted.
Marton.—H. Prowse.
Taihape.—One Wanted.

Maori Mission :

New Plymouth.—Paahi Moke.
Rahotu.—Whatarau Ira Wharehoka.
Nukumarū.—Supply.
Urenui.—Supply.
Pariroa Pa.—Supply.
Whenuakura.—Supply.
Kai Iwi.—Supply.
Wanganui.—Supply.
Rangitikei.—Supply.
Raetihi.—Supply.
Wanganui River.—Supply.

Hawke's Bay-Manawatu District—

Feilding.—H. R. Wright (Halcombe).
Foxton-Shannon.—J. C. R. Ashworth.
Apiti.—F. A. Fitzsimons.
Norsewood.—Under Dannevirke Superintendent (Vacant).
Waipawa-Waipukurau.—W. J. Bryant ; One Wanted (Waipukurau)
Gisborne.—One Wanted (Mangapapa.)

Wellington District—

Youth Director.—E. Jean Hartley, B.A. (Employed by Youth Department).
Paraparaumu.—C. Robinson ; One Wanted (Paekakariki).
Masterton.—One Wanted (Kuripuni).
Levin.—J. Common (retired).
Otaki.—S. Keen (retired).
Wellington East.—N. R. Hooper (Island Bay.)
Eketahuna.—W. J. Henderson.

Nelson District—

Nelson South.—One Wanted.
Blenheim (Third).—One Wanted.
Murchison.—K. G. Fowler.
Westport (Granity).—One Wanted.
Richmond (Wakefield-Dovedale). Rev. C. Blair (Supply).

North Canterbury District—

Christchurch (Woolston).—One Wanted (Sumner).
Christchurch (Addington).—One Wanted (Lincoln Road).
Christchurch (Papanui).—H. J. Malcolm (retired).
Christchurch (Riccarton).—One Wanted (Sockburn).
Springston (Tai Tapu).—One Wanted.
Hawarden.—Vacant (Under Woodend Superintendent).
Ohoka.—J. M. Daley, B.A.
Lyttelton.—Supply (F. E. Trim).

South Canterbury District—

Geraldine.—I. J. Ruck.
Timaru South—One Wanted.
Temuka—Supply (Rev. H. Ford).
Waimataitai Union Church—One Wanted.

Otago-Southland District—

Dunedin Central Mission (3rd).—One Wanted.
Mosgiel.—E. J. Carter.
Lawrence—Vacant (Assoc. with Milton Circuit).
Balclutha.—T. Steele.
Cromwell—W. A. Bridge.
Western Southland (Ohai)—One Wanted.
Bluff.—J. R. Hall.
Milton—O. M. Olds.
Waikouaiti (Palmerston)—One Wanted.
Roslyn.—A. E. Tardif.
Edendale.—L. E. G. Sharp.
Corstorphine Union Church—One Wanted.

DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS, 1950

I.—Home Work.

1928—Sister Rita Snowden, Home Mission Dept., Auckland.
1928—Sister Ivy Jones, Orphanage Board, Auckland
1945—Sister May Viney.
1947—Sister Margaret Taylor, Central Mission, Dunedin.
1948—Sister Rona Collins, South Island Children's Home and Orphanage, Christchurch.
1948—Sister Noeline Wilson, St. John's Church, Auckland West.
1949—Sister Frances Smith, Invercargill Central.
1950—Probationer Elsmé Dixon, Wellington Central.
1950—Probationer Fiona Summerell, Central Mission, Auckland.

II.—Maori Work.

1921—Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.
1921—Sister Nicholls, Te Kuiti. Central King Country
1929—Sister Airini Hobbs, South and West King Country
1933—Sister Olive Bott, Hokianga (leave of absence).
1935—Sister Madeline Holland, Kurahuna School
1936—Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Hamilton and Central Waikato.
1939—Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea School, New Plymouth.

1939—Sister Dorothy Pointon, Hokianga.
1943—Sister Nance Davidson, Auckland.
1943—Sister Anne Wilson, Hawera.
1944—Sister Ruth Hilder, Bay of Islands.
1945—Sister Jean Miller, Auckland Outer Districts.
1947—Sister Mavis Dickie, Opunake.
1947—Sister Daphne Lye, Auckland Central.
1948—Sister Grace Clement, Northern King Country
1949—Sister Rona Keightley, Upper Waikato
1949—Sister June Wincombe, Dargaville.
1949—Sister Betty Yearbury, Rangiatea College.
1950—Probationer Te Ao Eru, Western Waikato.

III.—Foreign Work,

1927—Sister Grace McDonald, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.
1937—Sister Effie Harkness, Methodist Mission, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands.

- 1945—Sister Winifred Poole, Methodist Mission, Buka Passage, Terr. of New Guinea.
- 1946—Sister Merle Carter, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British, Solomon Islands.
- 1947—Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.
- 1948—Sister Eva Saunders, Roviana, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands.
- 1949—Sister Joyce McDonald Methodist Mission, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands.

IV.—Retired for Special Service.

- 1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, c/o. Bible Society, Otago.

V.—Retired or Resting.

- 1907—Sister Mabel Morley, retired.
- 1913—Mrs W. J. Williams, retired.
- 1913—Sister May Barnett, retired.
- 1914—Sister Ethel McMillan, retired.
- 1914—Sister Annie Tocker, retired.
- 1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont, retired.
- 1919—Sister May Ralph, retired.
- 1920—Sister Mildred West, retired.
- 1923—Sister Lily White, retired.
- 1924—Sister Lina Jones, retired.
- 1927—Sister Netta Gittos, retired.
- 1928—Sister Olive Coleman, retired.
- 1934—Sister Ada Lee, Retired.
- 1935—Sister Vera Cannon, retired.
- 1936—Sister Edna White, retired.
- 1938—Sister Merle Farland, retired.

VI.—Students in Training.

Second Year—

- Miss Cecilia Te Atakohu Fitzpatrick.
- Miss Marcia J. Powell.
- Miss Evelyn J. Taylor.

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

1. CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS.

Auckland—Eric W. Hames, M.A.
South Auckland—Samuel J. Werren.
Taranaki-Wanganui—E. Thomas Olds.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—J. Francis Jack.
Wellington—William A. Burley, M.A.
Nelson—Hubert G. Brown.
North Canterbury—Henry J. Odell (President of the Conference).
South Canterbury—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
Otago-Southland—Donald D. J. Hickman.
Solomon Islands—J. F. Goldie.

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES.

General Statistical Secretary—William C. Jenkin.
Auckland—Gordon R. H. Peterson.
South Auckland—Athol R. Penn.
Taranaki-Wanganui—L. Gordon Hanna.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Leslie A. G. Brooks.
Wellington—John L. Mitchell.
Nelson—Warren Green.
North Canterbury—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
South Canterbury—William H. Gregory.
Otago-Southland—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

QUESTION XXXI.—Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the year 1950?

President: Eric W. Hames, M.A.
Secretary: Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.

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

REPORT, 1949.

General.

The Returns for this Conference cover a period of 21 months, from 1st October 1947 to the 30th June 1949.

The failure of Superintendent ministers in some instances to observe care in the compilation of their returns, makes it impossible to present to Conference a true perspective as should be revealed in such returns. This is most noticeable in the question of "Travelling Allowances" where, in some instances, the rate per mile has been given instead of the total sum expended. Also in regard to "Trust Account Totals" the returns of four districts were incomplete; the defaulters include some of the more important Trusts.

Membership returns also show the necessity of more care being exercised.

Membership.

Six Districts show an increased membership, while three reveal decreases. For the whole Dominion the figures returned show an increase of 352. As was the case when the last returns were made, there is a serious loss in members being transferred from one Circuit to another, this period of 21 months showing no less than 102. It is to be hoped that the Transfer Acknowledgments which are now in the hands of all ministers will eliminate altogether this serious loss of membership.

Four hundred and six members have "ceased to attend"! This fact should constitute a challenge to ministers and people alike.

Four hundred and thirty-one members have died during the past 21 months.

Preaching Places.

Again there is a decrease of one Church. But the more serious aspect is a revelation of having 23 "other preaching places" less than as at 30/9/47. Five Districts reveal a smaller number of Preaching Places: Auckland, 2; South Auckland, 13; Taranaki, 7; North Canterbury, 4; and South Canterbury, 5. Three Districts show increases: Hawkes Bay, 2; Wellington, 5; and Nelson, 1. Otago-Southland remains the same.

Staffing.

There are 8 more Ministers and Probationers, and 1 more Deaconess, while there is a decrease of 3 Home Missionaries.

Five Districts show a decrease in "Local Preachers" (North Canterbury and South Canterbury each recording a decrease of 10).

Four District show an increase, but the returns reveal a net decrease of 19, which more than offsets the last returns increase of 15.

Finances.

Circuit finances again show an improvement of nearly £1,400, credits having been increased and debits decreased.

Trust finances are still very incomplete. It is therefore impossible to make comparisons in these accounts.

Travelling.

There are 29 "Circuit" cars as compared with 108 owned by ministers. The cost to the Connexion here is also difficult to ascertain because of incomplete information.

Youth Returns.

To date two Districts have failed to furnish me with their returns and I cannot therefore make comparisons on a Dominion basis.

The returns to hand reveal encouraging features and the Church Young People's Roll shows signs of being adopted in almost all Circuits.

Maori Returns.

Our Maori work shows 19 Churches and 230 "other Preaching Places." There are 7 Parsonages.

The staffing shows 5 Ordained Ministers, 31 Home Missionaries, 17 Deaconesses, and 70 Local Preachers.

Membership returns reveal 3,966 Senior members and 4,881 Infant and Junior, a total of 8,847.

In comparison with the returns published in the Minutes of Conference, 1948, page 139, as in 1945 there is 1 new Church, but 22 less Preaching Places.

Membership, Senior and Junior, reveals an increase of 1,251 since 1945.

Sunday Schools number 116. Sunday School scholars, 4,694, while there are 41 teachers. Returns show 13 Bible Classes with a membership of 142.

Conclusion.

I desire to acknowledge the co-operation of the District Statistical Secretaries, and my thanks are due to them for their help.

It is necessary, however, to urge all Superintendents when making returns to exercise care in same, thus saving unnecessary delays and ensuring inclusion in the Conference Agenda.

WM. C. JENKIN,

General Statistical Secretary.

23/9/49.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Youth Returns.

Sunday Schools: These show a decrease of 6. Scholars in Sunday Schools reveal a net increase of 598, while teachers increased by 70 (19 women and 51 men). Cradle Rolls have an increased membership of 585, the total now being 7043.

Bible Classes: There is a decrease in Leadership of 18 (15 women and 3 men). While the increase in Junior Bible Classes stands at 119, a serious loss is still evident in the Senior Bible Classes, the numbers being 112 young women and 64 young men, a total of 176.

Other Organisations: These show an increase of 36 with a subsequent increased membership of 928.

C.Y.M.: Pledged membership stands at 956. The number of new members to the C.Y.M. was 478, an increase of 353 over the previous period.

Church Y.P. Roll: Comparisons here are impossible. It is pleasing to note that most circuits show evidence of having completed their Y.P. Rolls. While the S.S. and B.C. rolls stand at 32,294, the Church Y.P. Rolls reveal a membership of 31,777. Comparisons in the future should now be possible.

WM. C. JENKIN,

General Statistical Secretary.

31/10/49.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That strong senior Bible Classes being essential to the full development of youth work, Conference urges the Youth Department to bring this matter before local churches and give every possible assistance in this work.
3. That the Statistical Secretary, in consultation with the Connexional Secretary, issue a statement giving guidance to Ministers and Home Missionaries in the compilation of records.
4. That the Rev. W. C. Jenkin be thanked for his services as General Statistical Secretary and be re-appointed.

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

(A) Welfare of Church Committee

REPORT FOR 1949.

The Committee has concentrated on the questions submitted to it by the Conference of 1948.

1. Checking Circuit Records (1948 Minutes, Page 56, Res. 1a).

A great amount of time has been given to this question and the methods outlined in the 1948 Minutes were thoroughly discussed, but the committee feels that both methods—(a) A certificate to be given by the District Chairman and (b) bringing the Circuit books to the District Synod—are quite impracticable.

In view of this, other suggestions were made and the committee feels that it would not be out of place to request the Circuit Stewards to examine the Circuit Records and see that they are in order.

The Committee also suggests that more definite training may be given in Trinity Theological College in respect to the keeping of all Circuit records.

2. Circuit Visitation (1948 Minutes, page 56, Res. 1b).

This matter is bristling with difficulties and how best to give regular visitation to Circuits and Home Mission Stations for inspirational and other purposes raises many questions. The suggestion made in the 1945 minutes, page 56, Res. 10, is by "a small commission appointed by Conference or Synod." The triennial visitation of parishes by Presbyterian Church Officials is reflected here.

Looking at it from a practical point of view the committee fails to see how any commission can be spared from Circuit and business life to adequately meet the need. The obvious person to meet the officials and people of our church is the District Chairman, and until a Chairman is relieved from Circuit responsibility, either partially or wholly, it is impossible for him to meet the need. The committee therefore make some suggestions which may help to this end.

3. Ministerial Invitations and Stationing.

(a) **Invitations.** Further information has been sought from the United States of America to compare with that already received from England and Australia. There is very little in any of this information which is of assistance to us, for we believe that the system in operation in our New Zealand Church is superior to any overseas.

England and Australia have similar invitation systems to ours, but in the American Church the Bishops appoint after consultation with the District Superintendents.

The committee also has further studied the Auckland and South Auckland Synods' recommendations (1947 Minutes, page 59, Res. 8), but after due consideration it believes that the suggestions would raise more difficulties than they seem to solve.

Having found no alternative to the present system the committee has no recommendation to make.

(b) **Stationing.** In consultation with the Law Revision Committee we believe that a satisfactory resolution has been framed. This resolution does not preclude a change if absolutely necessary before the expiry date of three years, but seeks to give a settled pastorate for at least that period.

4. Nomination of District Chairman.

The committee after full discussion is strongly of the opinion that Synods should in some way nominate the Chairman of their own Synod, and believes that the resolution presented will meet the opposition voiced at the last Conference.

The present law (Law Book, page 28, paragraph 108), does not include the words "without nomination". The committee suggests that the present law stand, subject of course to the necessary change of dates, but that additional paragraphs be added recommending Synod to make a nomination for the guidance only of Conference.

D. J. D. HICKMAN, Chairman and Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.

2. **Checking Circuit Records:** That the Law Revision Committee draft regulations permitting the Chairman of the District to have such access to the books and records of any Circuit as he desires on his Circuit visitation.

3. **Circuit Visitation:** That the Resolution, Minutes of Conference, 1940, page 181, re Annual Visitation of Circuits by District Chairmen, be made effective as far as possible. (b) That each District Executive or Regional Spiritual Advance Committee give earnest consideration to a practical policy of visitation for inspirational purposes in its area.

4. **Ministerial Invitations:** That no invitation shall be extended to any minister or be accepted by him until the June Quarterly meeting in the third year of his term in any Circuit.

5. **Nomination of District Chairman:** That the present law (page 28, par. 108), be amended by adding the following:—

(a) That each District Synod shall send a nomination of its own Chairman for the guidance of Conference.

(b) That when the Chairman of the District, or the person nominated by the Synod, is transferred at the ensuing Conference, the representatives of the District who are present at Conference shall make a nomination of a chairman, after the Station Sheet has been finalised, for the guidance of Conference.

6. That immediately after the June Quarterly Meeting, Circuits and Ministers intending to change appointments advise the District Chairman, who shall send the information to the Secretary of Conference, who shall inform all Chairmen of Districts of these proposed changes.

7. That the Church Welfare Committee consider the whole question of prison visitation, the appointment of prison chaplains and the possibility of challenging young folk and other church members to consider full-time prison and mental hospital work as a vocation.

8. **Committee for 1950:** Revs. D. J. D. Hickman, N. P. Larsen, J. S. Willoughby, L. Greenslade, W. E. Falkingham and two others. Mesdames E. W. Ashby, H. J. Rigby, Misses E. Purdie, M. Guthrie, Sister Ruth Fawcett. Messrs. J. McIndoe, P. Nixon, H. H. Johnson, G. R. Galbreath, R. McArthur and two to be appointed. Convener: To be appointed.

(B) Spiritual Advance Committee

REPORT, 1949.

The Committee continues to meet regularly at Palmerston North and while members attend from as far as Wellington, Masterton, and Wanganui, the importance and responsibility of the work now in progress keeps attendance and interest at a high level.

Because the time at the disposal of the Committee has been necessarily devoted to the work and organisation of the Crusade the more general work has been reduced to a minimum. Nevertheless certain important matters have received attention.

Bible Reading Cards.

These will again be available from the Epworth Bookroom, Auckland, in good time for 1950. The Rev. W. R. Laws assisted the Presbyterian representative in preparing the section headings for the card. Orders should be placed early in December so that our people can begin the New Year with the card.

The Upper Room.

The Committee has been successful in securing a licence to import this fine devotional booklet published bi-monthly by the Methodist Board of Evangelism, America. This is a very suitable daily devotional guide for everyone, used individually, or for family devotions. While shipping makes real the problem of receiving this on time for

each period we hope to secure regular supplies in the future. This also will be handled by our Bookroom. We earnestly commend this devotional aid to our people.

Communion Cards.

The Committee has available through the Convener, and at a small cost, a supply of these Cards which can be used as a reminder to members of the next Communion. On the back of the card is a space on which to write the date of the next service. One card will last for twenty services.

Visit of the Rev. Alan Walker, M.A., of N.S.W., Australia.

The Rev. Alan Walker was invited to N.Z. by the Executive Committee of Conference, the Spiritual Advance Committee to make arrangements for his itinerary. It was not possible for Mr. Walker to come this year; but consideration is being given to the possibility of a visit next year.

Report on Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom.

The major interest and work of the Committee during the past nine months has been that of furthering the organisation and the inauguration of the Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom. Following the unanimous approval of the special report presented to the Synods in November, 1948, the Committee has received widespread support in carrying through the programme set down for this year.

Area Organisers' Conference.

This was held in Wellington during February of this year and was attended by the Chairmen of Districts, the organisers nominated by the Synods, and members of the Spiritual Advance Committee. The value of the conference was undoubted both for the organisers and the Committee. Many valuable suggestions and helpful criticisms were given and received, the result of which will become increasingly evident with the progress of the Crusade.

The Organisers.

The Committee desires to pay a tribute to the fine work done by the organisers who without exception are Circuit Ministers and therefore busy men. They have given of their time and gifts, as well as travelling throughout their respective areas to be present at Regional Meetings, Leaders' Meetings, etc. The Rev. J. B. Dawson of Christchurch, was not able to act on medical grounds so the Rev. L. C. Horwood was appointed in his place. Additional men appointed to ease the burden of organisers are: South Auckland—Revs. G. V. Thomas, C. G. Brown, and T. H. Carr. Taranaki-Wanganui—Rev. H. K. Brown.

Ministerial Committees of Synod.

From reports received it is evident that all Committees gave the programme and work of the Crusade a prominent and even the major place in the discussions. The result has been a growing appreciation of the vision and the challenge that is ours in the tasks ahead.

Regional Meetings.

Wherever these meetings have been held the results have more than justified the efforts required for their arrangements. In some districts strong committees have been appointed to give inspiration and guidance to local churches, and in some areas further regional meetings are to be held. It is believed that by the end of this year there will be very few churches where they do not have first hand knowledge and understanding of the general purpose and pattern of the Crusade. Increasing action must result where the local leadership is inspiring and constructive.

Crusade Publications.

While the publication of the Handbook has been later than was planned the Committee is confident that it will receive a favourable reception and prove its worth in the life of the Church for many years to come.

A leaflet for general distribution to members and adherents will be issued following the launching of the Crusade at the Conference. This will give an outline of the general aims of the Crusade emphasising the importance of the local church and the individual member, and also the necessity of supporting the Crusade for its successful outworking.

Suitable poster publicity will also be made available.

At the urgent request of one regional committee an interim publication on "Visitation Evangelism" was authorised in order to assist those churches where visitation campaigns were being planned for this year. A further booklet, dealing mainly with the subject, will be available later this year.

The matter of printing or recommending suitable literature for "Home and Church Year" is receiving immediate attention and helpful material will be available in good time.

Launching the Crusade.

The Committee has received every possible consideration from the President-Elect in preparing for the launching of the Crusade at Conference. It is neither desirable nor intended that this should be a spectacular or sensational event launched from the public platform. At the same time, with careful and prayerful preparation, it is hoped that this will be the most searching and significant occasion in the life and work of the Conference. Its significance for ministers, laymen, and every local church, will depend on how much prayer and effort each one has put into this year of organisation.

Finance.

Appreciation is expressed to those persons and churches who responded to the appeal from the Committee for financial assistance. Their help, together with a further gift of £200 from the Caughey-Smith-Preston Fund, has made the organising and publication work possible for this year. It must be emphasised however that further generous financial assistance is essential to the carrying through of the Crusade.

The Future.

The support given to the Crusade during this year of organisation has been such that the Committee faces the future with confidence. The planning and programme to date has many imperfections and because of the frailty of the human element other points of weakness will, no doubt, be evident in the future. The Committee is of one mind in affirming its conviction that the Crusade has been born of God's Spirit in the life of our Church, and because of this we dare not fail to give our utmost support to it.

J. F. JACK, Chairman.

C. B. OLDFIELD, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £25 each be made from the Home Mission Fund and the Contingent Fund for the work of the Committee.
3. That Conference express its appreciation of the excellent Crusade handbook.

4. (a) That Conference believes that the ultimate success of the Crusade for Christ will depend on the sustained zeal of the Circuit Ministers, and that this will be fostered by making the best use of the Ministerial Synods. Conference therefore draws the attention of all Chairmen of Districts to the primary inspirational purpose of the Ministerial Synods, and requests them to safeguard such purpose by reducing business sessions to the barest minimum. Conference also requests all Chairmen of Districts to plan their respective forthcoming March Synods carefully so that four group discussions may be held on the general theme, "Christian Crusading in N.Z.", with selected leaders.

(b) That the Spiritual Advance Committee be authorised to prepare a series of four studies for use in such group discussions.

5. That Conference empowers the Spiritual Advance Committee in consultation with the President to make a financial appeal in 1950.

6. That the Area Organisers be thanked for their services and be reappointed for a further year, and where an organiser is moving from his Circuit, the Spiritual Advance Committee be empowered in consultation with the District Chairmen to appoint a succeeding organiser.

7. That the first Sunday of March, 1950, be the day when throughout our Church, our people be called to an Act of Dedication in the inauguration of "Home and Church Year."

8. That Conference express its sincere appreciation to the Caughey-Smith-Preston Evangelisation Fund for the further gift of £200 towards the expenses of the Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom.

9. That Conference requests the Spiritual Advance Committee in consultation with the Home and Maori Mission Department and the Foreign Mission Department, to consider the possibility of including the Church in the Solomon Islands and the Maori Church in the Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom.

10. That the Committee for 1950 be: Revs. J. F. Jack, L. A. Brooks, C. O. Hailwood, H. S. Kings, R. Grice, G. H. Goodman, L. V. Willing, W. G. Slade, L. C. Clements, H. K. Brown, B. H. Riseley, W. E. A. Carr, G. I. Laurensen, B. M. Chrystall, Messrs. T. Taylor, F. H. Hudson, L. G. Potts, G. Greathead, J. Whitlock, W. S. Thrush, E. L. F. Buxton, T. Henson, V. Rotherham, Jnr., Mrs. W. A. Boniface, Miss L. Hodder, with power to add. Convener: Rev. C. B. Oldfield.

(C) N.Z. Local Preachers' Association

ANNUAL REPORT, 1949.

In submitting this Annual Report, which covers a period of 18 months on account of the alteration in the opening date of Conference, we desire to extend good wishes and hearty Christian greetings from the Dominion Executive to all Local Preachers, Ministers, Church members, and friends of the Methodist Church in New Zealand.

Obituary.

We regret to have to announce that during the past 18 months the following Brethren have been called to higher service:—

Bros. H. Crump, R. Fergusson, V. E. Jacobson, G. Kilvington, E. J. King, W. T. Lindsay, E. Marshall, J. Pomeroy, J. W. Shackelford, M. Souster, J. H. Trounson, J. F. Vosper, W. A. Watson.

There may be others, too, who have been called away, of whose deaths we have not been notified. Most of these men not only spent long years in preaching the Gospel, but also played a prominent part in the civic life of the Dominion. Bro. H. Crump (94 years) was

probably the oldest Local Preacher in New Zealand; Bro. J. W. Shackelford was 91, and Bro. J. H. Trounson 85. To all sorrowing wives, relatives, and friends, we extend our deepest sympathy.

Examination Passes.

The following candidates passed their examinations and tests during the past 18 months, and became fully accredited Local Preachers:—

G. H. Braithwaite, G. G. Carter, M.A., E. Cumberpatch, A. W. Dickie, E. Eastwood, K. Fowler, F. C. Fraser, L. Gibson, G. R. Greening, G. Green, D. Hill, Miss M. Infield, A. J. Ingle, L. Izod, F. Janson, A. H. Jollyman, H. Kelly, F. W. Long, R. Martin, J. McCoskrie, J. Penman, P. Rakena, I. Reid, R. P. Rushton, Miss N. Scott, H. Shaw, S. Spindler, D. G. Stubbs, W. J. Taylor, E. Turner, G. Harris, T. E. Heselton, C. Norton, J. Osborne, A. R. Palmer, T. F. Whimster, J. A. Zeisler.

A total of 37 men and women.

Food Parcels.

Up to June 30th, 1949, we sent away to England, 150 seven-pound parcels at a cost of £102/0/3. We were fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. S. Jones, General Secretary of the Mutual Aid Association, London, in distributing these parcels to necessitous Local Preachers or to their widows. Many touching letters have been received from the grateful recipients. The sum of £7/0/2 is in hand towards sending a further consignment of parcels for Christmas.

Centenary Celebrations.

Bro. P. Rushton of Morrinsville, who was spending a holiday in England, was appointed to represent our Association at the Centenary celebrations in June, in connection with the Mutual Aid Association. He received a very warm welcome, and has sent us a most interesting letter.

The Branches.

Most of the Branches of our Association are alive and vigorous and show much activity. In addition to their routine duties, most of them have been able to plan to hold meetings, rallies, retreats, etc. By this means, they have not only maintained the spiritual glow in their own hearts, but have been able to pass it on to their various congregations.

Long Service Diplomas.

The Long Service Diploma is still prized and still sought after. The following received Diplomas during the past 18 months:—

Bro. W. Jewell (47 years), Bro. F. Johnson (52 years), Bro. G. H. B. Lill (32 years), Bro. A. Painter (45 years), Bro. H. Smith (25 years), Bro. A. Swift (51 years), Miss P. Thomas (37 years), Bro. T. Wakelin (41 years), Bro. A. G. Williams (41 years), Bro. H. C. B. Withell (41 years), Bro. P. Dellow (40 years).

The Executive is still located in Auckland. Its personnel, at present, is as follows:—

President, Bro. R. Thomas; Secretary, Bro. J. F. Roberts; Treasurer, Bro. S. E. Chappell; Vice-Presidents, Bros. H. P. Mourant and G. Wilson; Members of Executive, Bros. T. L. Hames, J. W. Cocks, T. W. Hemer, W. E. Archer, F. C. Day.

The Executive is of the opinion that Local Preacher affairs are in a healthy condition throughout the Dominion. Many young men and women are coming forward to sit the examinations, and there is little doubt that we are getting some of the very finest of our young people. What becomes of them all? Many of them enter Trinity College to train for the Ministry. Others are sent off to the country

districts to become Home Missionaries. A few have even gone to the Foreign Mission Field, while the remainder fill the depleted ranks of the Local Preachers in New Zealand.

We thank God for the response that young men and women of Methodism are making to the call to preach.

For the Dominion Executive,

R. THOMAS, President.

J. F. ROBERTS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That Rule 20 of the Constitution be amended: "The financial year of the Association shall end on June 30th."

3. That Local Preachers' Sunday be observed on the second Sunday in August.

4. That in all cases where Deaconesses have fulfilled the requirements for full status as a Local Preacher and have not been publicly received, the superintendent Minister of the Circuits in which they are stationed, arrange for a Reception Service.

5. That hearty appreciation be expressed of the service rendered by our Local Preachers.

(D) Methodist Men's Fellowship

DOMINION EXECUTIVE.

REPORT TO SYNOD, 1949.

The Auckland District Executive has acted as the Dominion Executive for another year in accord with Conference resolution. During the year an active campaign has been launched to consolidate the Fellowship Movement throughout the Connexion. We are pleased to report that good progress has resulted, and prospects for the future are very bright.

In view of this extensive planning and labour involved, it was considered advisable that the office of President and Secretary of the Dominion Executive be separated from the Auckland District Executive. Mr. L. T. Hayman was elected as President and Mr. W. E. Roberts as Secretary.

Register.

This has been compiled and shows that definite contact has been made with 67 Groups; though all of them are not known as a Men's Fellowship, several being called Methodist Clubs. A pleasing feature is the keen interest being taken in the suggestions forwarded by the Dominion Executive for the strengthening of the Fellowship Movement.

Executive Committees are now set up in the following Synodal Districts:—Auckland, South Auckland, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu, Taranaki, North Canterbury, South Canterbury, Otago-Southland.

South Island.

Deputy Dominion Executive.

The North Canterbury District Executive have willingly undertaken to act as the South Island Deputy of the Dominion Executive. This will ensure that much closer contact will be made with the

Southern Branches. We look forward to increased interest in the South Island among circuits where no branches at present are established.

New Constitution.

Conference of 1948 directed that the Executive prepare a new Constitution for submission to the Conference in November next. A provisional draft was drawn up and forwarded to all branches for consideration and suggestions. Several replies were received with suggested amendments. These were considered by the Executive and the amended draft was finally adopted and printed in booklet form.

New Booklet.

In response to numerous enquiries from various circuits seeking information on the objects and aims of the Fellowship Movement, and how to form a Branch, a booklet was compiled. This has been printed and copies with covering letter have been posted to all ministers in active Circuit work commending it to their earnest attention, and asking for their co-operation in bringing the movement before the laymen of their churches. Already enquiries are being received asking for assistance from the Executive in forming branches.

Solomon Islands Tool Fund.

The Executive, feeling it definitely a "Man's" Job, launched an appeal for funds to supply tools urgently needed to assist Mr. Bruce Cole, our lay craftsman in the Solomon Islands, in the tremendous task of rehabilitation. A very generous offer has been made from an ex-N.Z. Methodist boy, Mr. H. Kilham, Hardware Merchant of Sydney, to supply the required tools at cost plus small charge for packing and shipping from Sydney to the Islands. The Executive accepted this generous offer and already a supply asked for by Mr. Cole has been dispatched. The target aimed at is £500, and the amount received to July 31st is £163/12/-.

We desire to stress the great value of the Men's Fellowship to the Church, opening as it does a wide field of effective service to our laymen.

"Strength through Fellowship," Man-power effectively harnessed, means Christianity in action.

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.						£	s.	d.
Solomon Islands Tool Fund	....	....	....	....	....	163	12	0
Membership Levies	....	....	....	....	....	11	17	9
Bank Interest General Account	....	....	....	....	....	2	18	8
						178	8	5
Debit Balance	....	....	....	....	....	0	9	9
						£178	18	2

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Lodged with Foreign Mission Board against Accounts			
from Sydney for Tools Forwarded	77	0	0
Banked	80	19	2
Printing, Stationery, Postages, Sundry	20	19	0
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	£178	18	2

Auckland Savings Bank, Mackay Memorial Fund 110 13 8

LEONARD T. HAYMAN, President.

W. E. ROBERTS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Dominion Executive report to next Conference concerning the Constitution for the Fellowship.

(E) 1. LADIES' GUILD FELLOWSHIP.

The North Canterbury Fellowship was requested to draft a Constitution suitable for the N.Z. Fellowship. This has been done, having received the approval of five out of the six existing District Fellowships. The Constitution is now being submitted to Conference for approval through the Law Revision Committee.

E. E. WITHEFORD, President.

L. W. FIRTH, Secretary.

2. METHODIST WOMEN'S GUILD FELLOWSHIP CONSTITUTION.

Women's Guilds.

1. A Women's Guild shall be formed where practicable in each Church. Its object shall be to promote the spiritual and social welfare of its members and of the Church, to assist in the furnishing of the parsonage, and to help in trust and Circuit enterprises.

2. Membership shall be open to all women of the Church.

3. The officers of the Guild shall be the President, the Vice-Presidents, and Secretary and the Treasurer.

4. Each officer shall be a member of the Church and shall hold office until the ensuing Annual Meeting or until a successor is appointed.

5. (a) Regular monthly meetings shall be held when practicable.

(b) The May meeting in each year shall be the Annual Meeting for the reception of reports and financial statements and the election of officers. The Minister of the Church shall have the right to preside.

District Guild Fellowship.

6. A District Guild Fellowship shall be formed in each District. Its objects shall be to co-ordinate the work of the Guilds in the District and to gather isolated Guild Women into fellowship.

7. The District Fellowship shall consist of representatives of the Women's Guilds in the District. Such representatives shall be the President of each Guild with one other person to be elected by the Guild. All such representatives must be members of the Church. In the event of any representative being unable to attend, a substitute may be appointed by the President of the local Guild.

8. The officers of the District Fellowship shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as may be decided upon by the Fellowship. There shall be an Executive Committee and such other Committee as may be appointed.

9. Meetings shall be held at least once in three months. The July meeting in each year shall be the annual meeting for the reception of report and financial statements and the election of officers and representatives to the New Zealand Fellowship.

New Zealand Guild Fellowship.

10. The New Zealand Guild Fellowship shall meet at least once a year. Its object shall be to receive annual reports of all District Fellowships, to transact such business as arises therefrom, and to give information and guidance to all District Fellowships and Guilds.

11. The New Zealand Guild Fellowship shall consist of representatives from District Fellowships on the basis of one representative for each ten or fraction of ten guilds in the District, together with the Executive Committee of the Fellowship holding office at the time of meeting.

12. The officers of the New Zealand Guild Fellowship shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be found necessary. The term of office shall be for three years. Such officers shall be ex officio members of the Executive Committee in the District in which they reside.

13. There shall be an Executive Committee and such other Committees as the Fellowship decides to appoint. The Executive Committee shall be stationed in a District for three years.

14. The New Zealand Guild Fellowship may amend its constitution by a three-fifths vote at any regular meeting, provided three months' written notice of its intention so to do has been given to all District Guild Fellowships. Any Amendment must, before coming into force, receive the approval of the Conference.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Constitution be approved.

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

Youth Department

ANNUAL REPORT, 1949.

With the retirement of all the Youth Directors who were associated with the commencement of the Co-ordination Policy of the Youth Department, a significant stage was reached in the Youth work of the Church.

Three new appointments have been made and from the point of view of these directors the past two years have been, of necessity, transition years. Under the general policy of the Board, the directors have developed their work along lines best suited to their particular interests and abilities.

Despite the fact that the poliomyelitis epidemic brought most of the work to a temporary halt, marked improvement, development and consolidation of Sunday School, Bible Class and other youth activities have taken place.

The special emphasis upon the place of the C.Y.M.M. within the life of the Church and the consequent interest in the practical implications of this Movement have revealed an encouraging vitality and have demonstrated the solid foundations on which the work has been built.

In our endeavour to win youth "for Christ, His Church, and His Kingdom" the outstanding problem is that of trained leadership, and this, in a specialised world, must be faced by the Church as a whole. Thus the co-ordination of all leadership training activity under one committee marks a significant step forward.

Staff.

Since the last Conference the Rev. C. T. Symons, M.A., B.D., formerly Senior Youth Director, has returned to Australia after having completed nine years of outstanding service to the Church and the Department. A fitting farewell was arranged and tendered to Mr. Symons and his family. The Department is very conscious of the debt it owes to him.

The Rev. W. E. A. Carr who was appointed in his place has taken up his duties, and the work of the Department is progressing steadily and well.

Though the Conference agreed to the appointment of a fourth Youth Director, the Board has not been able to secure a suitable person for the position. The matter is being kept constantly in mind as the need for such an appointment is increasingly necessary.

Work of the Directors.

The Directors have visited churches, Sunday Schools, and Bible Classes throughout their respective areas. Following the Board's decisions and in response to requests the Directors have stayed longer in particular places, thus concentrating on the work over a period. However, the necessity for making contact with the whole area puts a limit to the time spent in any one place. Attempts to acquaint the whole Church with the policy of the Department have been made by visits to Quarterly Meetings, Leaders' Meetings, and by confronting the congregations with the challenge of the task among youth today. Assistance with Preaching Missions, Teacher Training Programmes, Summer and Winter Schools, Rallies and Retreats and visits to Local Youth Councils have kept the directors fully occupied.

Graded Lessons.

The Rev. A. T. McNaughton, M.A., B.D., one of the Joint Managers of the Joint Board of Graded Lessons of Australia and New Zealand, toured New Zealand in March, 1948, seeking information regarding the use of lesson materials and their adequacy for N.Z. Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. This was most successful and the contacts made with the Board and with leaders were most helpful. The work of the Joint Board is growing steadily and the enterprise is now well established, supplying needs as far afield as South Africa. This year the Senior Youth Director represented the Department at the Triennial Conference of the Lessons Committee in Melbourne. A matter of interest here is that now both partners in New Zealand and Australia are using in their Bible Classes a common syllabus for seniors and juniors, entitled "Highway" and "Unto the Hills".

Youth Board.

The Youth Board has functioned regularly dealing with a large volume of work from month to month. The following members have retired this year from the Board, Rev. J. D. McArthur, Mrs. E. Masters, Messrs. C. R. Edmond and J. Maret, and appreciation is expressed for the contribution each has made to the development and extension of our work.

C.Y.M.M.

The chief aim of the Movement is evangelistic—to win youth to full allegiance to Christ, His Church and His Kingdom. Record numbers of young people have taken the pledge this year in camps and elsewhere thereby registering their decision for Christ. The Methodist Youth Conference, taking the C.Y.M.M. as its theme, gave full attention to all aspects of the Movement's life and work. This led to a new understanding of the C.Y.M.M. and to requests to the Youth Board to undertake a policy of education this year. This was achieved by the preparation of a special study of the Movement for Bible Classes, instructive talks at Easter Camps, and consideration at Ministerial Synods. A booklet on Pledged Membership is in the process of preparation, as are statements on the Order of St. Stephen and the constitution of youth clubs.

Youth Conference—"Woodburne, '48-49."

Epidemic precautions unfortunately prevented the holding of the 1947-48 Conference. However, this year over 200 young people from all parts of N.Z. attended the second Youth Conference held at Woodbourne Aerodrome, Blenheim, for ten days at the New Year period. "The C.Y.M.M.—its place in the life of the Church" was the general theme of the Conference and open forum discussions. Convention also considered the Movement in full. A frank discussion of the Movement has opened the way for a re-affirmation of all that it stands for, and has created a desire to see it become firmly established as an integral part of the life of the Church. It was the unanimous decision of the Conference delegates that a further Conference should be held in 1949-50 and plans are under way for this.

Convention.

An annual Convention is part of the C.Y.M.M. and at the Youth Conference all members present were constituted the Convention. This experiment proved valuable, but it was agreed to refer the whole matter of the constitution and function of the Convention to the Board and to Districts for full consideration.

Fellowships.

In North Canterbury the Y.M.'s and Y.W.'s Fellowships continue to meet and plan for social and spiritual activities among the youth of the district. In Otago the combined fellowship meets regularly for the same purpose. Wellington is forming a combined fellowship and this is in an experimental stage at present. The Combined Fellowship in Auckland has now become a feature in the life of Auckland Methodism. Its success lies in the fact that it is a fellowship without administrative powers organised and run by the young people themselves.

Choir and Drama.

Choir and Drama Festivals organised through the fellowships have been held in both North and South Islands and have proved outstanding successes. Some are now well established units of the district life.

Easter Camps.

Small attendances at Easter Camps in 1948 were due to epidemic precautions. Twenty-eight camps were held this year in the Dominion, thirteen of which were mixed camps, and four of these in turn were combined Presbyterian-Methodist camps. Over 2,500 young people attended the camps, more than 400 decided for Christ in terms of the C.Y.M.M. Pledge, 430 first-time decisions were made,

and approximately 2,000 attended the Communion Service in camp. Reports indicate that camps still maintain the high standard of previous years.

Camp Sites.

During the year there has been much activity in the development of camp sites in North Canterbury and Otago. At Leigh Camp work was undertaken so that it could be used by the girls at Easter. In Otago a group has been active in building a large hall and cook-house. Other districts are exploring possible permanent camp sites. Camp Wesley and Omana in the Auckland district are developing rapidly, the former being used constantly for Rallies, Retreats and Schools.

National Committees.

Leadership Training: The Leader and Teacher Training Committee has continued its work, 57 students having been enrolled since the last report was made, 33 passes in examinations being secured. During the year this Committee was enlarged to include the work of the National Schools Committee under the title of Leadership Training.

1. Leadership Training—arranging and operating the Course in a revised form.
2. Leadership Schools—preparing studies, programmes, tutorials, receiving reports, guiding District Youth Councils.

Such co-ordination will make for more efficiency in all Leadership Training activity. Committees for Leadership Training in the Auckland and South Auckland districts act as organising bodies for the National Leadership Committee in Christchurch and have been considering development of effective leadership in their respective areas. This they hope to achieve in part by organising rallies, schools, lectures; by promoting "Christian Education"; and by working in conjunction with the Department of Internal Affairs in arranging 30-hour courses in Recreational Leadership.

National Committee on Recreation and Leisure: This Committee provides recreation programmes for clubs, picnics, hikes, retreats, socials and has plays for drama groups, pageants and concerts. Numerous requests are received throughout the year and much help given.

Correspondence Sunday School.

This work is now centralised in Wellington under the direction of Mrs. C. P. S. Boyer. There are now 103 children in the Correspondence School. The Church is greatly indebted to Mrs. W. A. Smith of Hamilton who has retired after many years of faithful service as Superintendent, and to Mrs. F. E. Gallas who prepares the extra expression work for the Junior section. The need for teachers still exists in spite of the number of offers from young people at the Woodbourne Conference. A Maori Correspondence School is also in operation under the supervision of Miss D. Johnston and has 75 children enrolled.

Youth Activities.

Successful Winter and Summer Schools have been held and are a most valuable part of the work this year, laying special emphasis on teacher training. Beach missions, Vacation schools, weekend retreats, are now recognised and established and details of working are available. Leader and fellowship rallies, sports clubs and the development of local Brigade, Scout and Guide groups have received attention.

Publications.

"Christian Education." This quarterly magazine continues to maintain a high standard with the Rev. R. H. Allen, B.A., as editor. It is filling a real need in the life of the Church but requires and merits better support. 690 Methodists subscribe but these together with the Presbyterian subscribers only just maintain the paper.

Attractive Wall Cradle Rolls and Cradle Roll Certificates have been produced by the Department during the past year and are filling a long-felt need in this section of our youth work.

National Movements.

Y.C.N.C.C.: The Annual Meeting took place at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, in January, 1949. Four representatives of the Youth Board were present including the Senior Youth Director. The Standing Committee of the Y.C.N.C.C. continues to meet in Christchurch, the Rev. R. W. Mayson, B.A., being elected Chairman this year.

Christian Youth Conference: The first Ecumenical Youth Conference to be held in N.Z. took place at Woodbourne, Blenheim, last August. This marked a most important step in the ecumenical life of the New Zealand churches and had special significance for the youth. 41 Methodist young people were present, including the three directors.

Advanced Recreational Leadership Course: Programmes in recreation are beginning to play an important part in the life of the Church. This course, arranged by the Y.C.N.C.C. in conjunction with the Physical Welfare Branch of the Department of Internal Affairs, marks an important step forward in this aspect of our work. Eight Methodists, including two youth directors, were in attendance at the Course which began at Marton in January and was completed in Christchurch in May. This Course is a most effective Leadership Training scheme, and is recommended to the Church as a whole.

Home and Family: Home and Family Weeks have been organised by the National Council of Churches in several centres and have proved most useful experiments. The Rev. J. K. Watson has attended a number in the South Island and Miss J. Hartley was in attendance at the week held in New Plymouth.

Ecumenical Affairs Committee.

This Committee has been formed during the year as a sub-committee of the Board to co-operate with the Y.C.N.C.C. This involves receiving all the news, implementing their requests both in N.Z. and overseas, with dissemination of the news and information received.

Missions.

Because of the home-coming of Sister Ada Lee, the Youth Board has arranged with the Foreign Mission Board to be responsible for maintaining the Rev. Trevor Shepherd and Sister Jane Bond on the field. This year the Youth Office has arranged for the cyclostyling of 1,000 copies of the Catechism in the Roviana language. In connection with the Home Mission Department support is given to three agents, viz. the Rev. H. A. Darvill, and Sisters Dorothy Pointon and Ruth Hilder.

Conference Matters.

Master Roll: Master Rolls are available from the Connexional Office and it is the responsibility of all ministers and Home Missionaries to secure and use these. The birthday cards replacing the tickets of membership are available in age groups from the same source. The Board considers this is an important matter. Local Youth Secretaries are expected to keep duplicate copies of the Roll which is held by the Minister or Home Missionary.

Trinity College.

An annual meeting with the students is arranged permitting the Senior Director to speak on the constitution and work of the Youth Department.

Film Library.

Coloured slides from U.S.A. have been added to our library over the past year. No new film strips have been made but the use of the Library by youth groups, teachers' training fellowships and others has been encouraging. Many schools have purchased their own still film projectors and are finding them a valuable aid in teaching and general activities.

Temperance Education.

Leaflets were distributed on Temperance Sunday to every child of the Junior and Intermediate age in our Sunday Schools.

Youth Office—Trading Section.

The Office of the Department has operated successfully this year. Books are available from the Trading section and have been supplied to camps, schools and to leaders and teachers. Pictures and teaching aids have been well patronised during the year. A booklet, outlining the Department supplies entitled "The Youth Dept. Offers You" has been prepared and sent to all churches.

Statistics.

Statistical Returns will be available for Conference.

Spiritual Advance—Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom.

The programme of the Spiritual Advance Committee sanctioned by the Church will be fully supported by the Department. The policy will be worked out during the next four years to give all possible help in carrying forward the aims and objects of the Crusade. The Directors will endeavour in the field work to co-operate in all aspects of the campaign as it affects the youth work.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

H. A. PENNY, Secretary.

W. E. A. CARR, Senior Youth Director.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the statistical returns be received and adopted.
3. That the financial statements be received and adopted.
4. That in view of the fact that Conference has approved the C.Y.M.M. as an integral part of the Church, all Ministers, Home Missionaries, and other Church workers are urged to give whole-hearted support to the Movement.
5. That the week prior to Youth Sunday be used for the purpose of Youth Week throughout the Church, and that outlines of programmes be sent out to the Churches by the Board.
6. That the Board continue issuing printed Orders of Service to all Churches as in the past and that these be prepared earlier in the year, so that those Churches who so desire may obtain advance copies.
7. That the Youth Board be asked to harmonise statistical forms and that as a number of Circuits have not yet instituted the Master Roll system, all Ministers and Officials be urged to do so.
8. That Conference stresses the value and urges the use of the Catechism in all our Sunday Schools.
9. That Northland Sub-District statistical forms be sent direct to the Northland D.Y.C. Secretary, and that they compile their own District returns.

10. That the arrangement entered into for two years in respect to the representatives from Local Youth Councils to the District Youth Council be now written into the Law.

11. That the functions of Office Secretary and Board Secretary be united under the title of Board Secretary, and that the law be amended as follows:—

Par. 518 (g): "Youth Office Secretary"—altered to "Secretary of the Board."

Par. 523 (d): "Appoint from its members an Hon. Secretary and an Hon. Treasurer"—alter to "appoint from its members an Hon. Treasurer."

Par. 523 (d A): add—"Appoint a secretary to the Board and determine terms, conditions and duties of employment."

Par. 528: Alter to read—"The Secretary of the Board shall be responsible for the recording of Minutes of meetings, shall conduct the correspondence of the Board, and the business of the Youth Office, and shall generally attend to all clerical duties in connection with the business of the Board, except such as are within the scope of the duties of the Senior Youth Director. He shall keep the Senior Youth Director informed of all business relating to the Department."

12. That the North Auckland Sub-Council be designated the Northland Sub-District Youth Council.

13. That the Youth Board Consider the desirability of re-defining the whole task of the Youth Director in the light of new developments and the needs of our Church.

14. That Conference draw the attention of the Church to the co-ordination of Leadership Courses and Schools in one committee, and the consequent revision of the programme and commends the important matter of leader and teacher training to the whole Church.

15. That in order to give helpful and practical guidance to Methodist young men as to the nature and application of their obligations in the matter of compulsory military training, a leaflet dealing with the questions involved be prepared and that the matter be referred to the Public Questions Committee for suitable action.

YOUTH BOARD FOR 1950.

Chairman: The Chairman of the Wellington District. Ministerial Representatives: The Revs. J. D. Grocott, W. H. Greenslade, G. H. Goodman and R. F. Clement. Lay Representatives: Messrs. H. A. Penny, D. Cole, S. Fellows and G. Brown. Y.M.B.C. Representatives: Messrs. E. G. Heggie, A. G. Worboys, C. Couch, and the Rev. W. J. Morrison. Y.W.B.C. Representatives: Mrs. E. Pain, Misses M. Bucknall, P. Tobin and B. Stewart. Sunday School Representatives: Mr. G. F. Briggs and one other, Mrs. A. Dellow and Miss J. Young. Youth Directors and Youth Office Secretary.

DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCILS, 1950.

AUCKLAND.—S.S.: Sister D. Lye, Miss J. Herbert, Mr. Gordon Michie. Y.W.B.C.: Misses L. Fulton, E. Rennie, M. Thomas. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. F. Paine, N. Strack, J. Scrivin. Lay Reps.: Miss L. Hendra, Mr. W. Patterson, Mr. J. Steel. Ministers: Revs. L. Bycroft, H. Dixon, E. C. Leadley. D.Y.C. Secretary and Synod Rep.: Miss L. Fulton.

Northland Sub-Council.—Sub District Deputy Chairman, Revs. J. S. Olds, P. I. Cooke, and the Hikurangi Minister, Misses Audrey Little, Glenys Birch, Messrs. S. Neale, H. Lendrum, R. Pearce, Misses Ada Hills, Olive Warth, Messrs. R. Salmon, L. Bennett, M. Warth, and J. S. Hills.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Chairman, Chairman of the District; Ministers, Revs. S. J. Werren, H. C. Matthews and A. Jolly; Laymen, Misses L. Ewan, H. Frear and Mr R. F. Lindsey; Sunday Schools, Mrs. H. G. Cook, Miss S. Fisher and Mr. N. King; Y.W.B.C., Misses R. Blakeley, P. Dare and W. Blacklock; Y.M.B.C., Rev. D. Burt, Messrs. A. H. Clement and David Kemsley; Secretary, Miss L. Ewan.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The Chairman of the District. Ministers: Revs. H. V. Utting, C. P. Lucas and Stratford Minister. Lay Reps.: Mrs. A. N. McGaughey, Miss D. Bennett, Mr. L. Haycock. S.S. Reps.: Mrs. W. Oliver, Messrs. T. P. Hughson and D. Bennett. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. L. G. Hanna, Misses P. Ranford and R. Tozer. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. A. J. Heatherley, A. Sears, R. Sorenson. One representative from each L.Y.C. in the District. Secretary: Rev. H. V. Utting. Synod Representative: Miss P. Ranford.

Wanganui Sub-Council.—Chairman: Rev. F. J. Parker. Ministers: Revs. H. K. Brown, I. C. E. Ramage and H. M. Prowse. Lay Reps.: Messrs. E. L. F. Buxton, J. Thompson, and Mrs. Fulton. S.S. Reps.: Messrs. S. Laurenson, Howells and N. Barlow. Y.W.B.C.: Misses A. Good, J. Tulloch, M. Infield. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. C. Penberthy, J. Bewen, C. Seddon. One representative from each L.Y.C. in the District. Secretary: Mr. A. Scott.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—Manawatu: District Chairman. Ministers: Revs. L. A. Brooks, C. O. Hailwood, C. B. Oldfield. Lay Reps.: Messrs. J. Fabrin, H. Richards, R. Martin. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. J. Fabrin, Misses M. Brewin and M. Cumberbeach. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. G. R. Woodfield, R. S. Bray. S.S. Reps.: Miss D. Collins, Messrs. E. Lock and M. Simpson. Hawkes Bay:—Ministers: Ministers of Napier and Hastings Circuits. Lay Reps.: Mrs. J. Doherty, two to be appointed. S.S.: Miss A. Sproule, Messrs. F. Yates and J. Doherty. Y.W.B.C.: Misses B. Symes, E. Cody and one other. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. L. Bowen, E. Downe, and D. Low

WELLINGTON.—Ministers: District Chairman, Revs. G. H. Goodman, R. H. Allen, and W. A. Bridge. Lay Reps.: Messrs. G. Shakes, H. Hargreaves, Miss M. Heggie. S.S.: Messrs. J. Phillips, R. E. Sullivan and Miss G. Giblin. Y.W.B.C.: Sister N. Wilson, L. Crisp and P. Patrick. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. R. Dixon, J. Gray, and A. Angel. District Youth Secretary: Mr. R. E. Sullivan.

Wairarapa Sub-District Youth Council.—Ministers: Rev. Dr. W. G. Slade, Ministers of Carterton, Eketahuna and Greytown-Featherston. S.S.: Messrs. G. J. Dearnley, M. Greathead, D. Davey. Y.W.B.C.: Mrs. J. Hessel, Misses U. Payne, K. Willis. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. O. Pragnell, D. A. Griggs, T. F. Mannell. Lay Reps.: Mrs. A. Ross, Misses E. Willis, D. Jamieson. Sub-District Youth Secretary: Miss D. Jamieson.

NELSON.—Ministers: Chairman of the District, Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, and Blenheim Circuits. Lay Reps.: Messrs. A. Wratt, A. Thomas, R. C. A. Marshall. Y.W.B.C.: Misses P. Guthardt, G. Holdaway, J. Gribble. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. G. B. Trathen, I. Holdaway, B. Young. S.S.: Messrs. D. W. Silvester, N. Cozens, L. Palmer. Secretary: Mr. D. W. Silvester.

West Coast Sub-Council.—Westport: Miss I. Tregurtha, Mrs. O. Allott, Mr. J. Tregurtha. Hokitika: Mr. W. Moore, Mr. R. Parker, Miss C. Ross. Greymouth: Miss C. Smith, Miss M. E. Nordstrom, Mr. E. W. Cock. Reefton: Miss J. Watson, Miss J. Lawry, Mr. R. Honey. Secretary: Miss C. Smith.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers: The Chairman of the District, Rev. E. S. Hoddinott, and two others to be appointed. Lay Reps.: Messrs. E. H. Smith, H. F. K. Hayman, K. James. Y.W.B.C.: Misses Mollie Sharp, Shirley Nankivell, Audrey Bell. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. A. A. Dingwall, L. Ayers, B. Colechin. S.S.: Messrs. W. F. Stock, W. J. Burnell, T. Battersby, and one Representative from each L.Y.C. in the District. Secretary: Mr. Brant Robinson.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Ministers: Ministers of Timaru Circuits. Y.W.B.C.: Misses L. Duggan H. McCone, Mrs. G. Thin. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. N. Hawkey, D. Millar, R. Ellis. S.S.: Messrs. W. Hawkey, K. Millar, Miss E. Hodson. Lay Reps.: Misses M. Beswarick, E. Blakemore, D. Millar.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Ministers: District Chairman, Revs. L. Greenslade, W. Eisner, J. S. Willoughby. Lay Reps.: Messrs. H. Wilson, J. Heatherington, C. Chirnside. Y.W.B.C.: Misses T. Muir, J. Hewitt, N. Pinfold. Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. D. Reisterer, A. Dickie, W. Cable. S.S.: Misses L. Hetherington, H. Kane, J. Maxwell, with L.Y.C. Representatives. Secretary: C. Chirnside.

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

(A) Public Questions Committee

The Public Questions Committee has had a considerable amount of work during the past year.

Gaming.

A much greater amount of attention was given to the question of Gaming during the past year than is usual. Preparations for the Referendum involved members of the Committee in considerable work. Besides writing for papers, attendance to correspondence, committee work, and raising funds, the committee circularised the Church on three occasions and provided literature for many circuits. The issues involved in the Referendum were given the widest publicity and while the result was disappointing to the Church it did reveal in no uncertain way the mind of the country. The Committee worked in close co-operation with the Associated Churches Committee and took its share of responsibility.

The financial commitment has caused the Committee some embarrassment. We assured the Associated Committee that we would contribute £300 to the Budget. At present the total is only £245/2/7. The Districts contributed as follows:—

Auckland	£42	12	7	Nelson	£11	5	0
Sth. Auckland	36	4	6	Nth. Canterbury	25	19	0
Taranaki-Wanganui	30	14	0	Sth. Canterbury	12	15	6
Hawkes Bay,				Otago-Southland	6	0	0
Manawatu	15	18	0	Anonymous	2	0	0
Wellington	61	14	0				
					£245	2	7

It is reported that Otago-Southland also contributed to an associated Churches' effort.

Obviously the costs have not been spread evenly through the country. The balance of the amount must still be met.

Food Relief to England and Europe.

The Food situation overseas is not now as acute as formerly and it has not been necessary to organise food relief activities, but the appeal that is now made is for the contribution of cash for immediate necessities for destitute persons and for the construction of Churches and Church Schools.

Immigration.

A great deal of attention has been given to immigration of (a) Displaced persons and (b) assisted immigrants from Great Britain. The Committee co-operated in the appointment of the Ven. Archdeacon Young as Chaplain at the Displaced Persons Camp at Pahiatua where the displaced persons are being cared for. The Methodist Minister at Pahiatua, Rev. L. C. Clements, is taking an active interest in the full welfare of those in the Camp.

In future immigration ships a Chaplain will travel with the immigrants and will give, on request, a report of their denominational affiliations on arrival in New Zealand. He will also be responsible for pastoral care during the trip out. When opportunity offers a Methodist Minister will be appointed as Chaplain.

Group immigration is not favoured by the authorities; the emphasis is placed on the family as a unit.

Marriage and Divorce.

The Committee believes that it is not able at the present time to secure Conference approval of a statement on the whole question of Marriage and Divorce. There are certain fundamental principles on which it is possible to secure unanimity but the whole question requires a statement which would be too voluminous for inclusion in a report such as this. There are theological considerations which are not readily applied to sociological conditions today and the whole matter requires very careful study. If Conference desires such a statement it will be necessary to appoint a Commission to report, after adequate examination, on the whole question of the Church's attitude to marriage and divorce. The statement referred back to the Committee was a statement on "Marriage of Divorced persons."

Marriage of Divorced Persons.

The life-long union of one man and one woman is founded in God's Order of Creation. In the Gospels of St. Mark and St. Luke, Christ's teaching is that marriage is indissoluble. The exception of fornication in St. Matthew's Gospel is not regarded by leading scholars as the authentic words of Christ.

The state or order of marriage is something which arises out of the very necessity of our being. It exists as part of the nature of men and women. It is something "given" by God.

But Christ did not approach the sins of man with legal solutions. The great Commandment is that men shall meet one another in the spirit of responsible love. The implications of that Commandment must be applied to every situation.

The Committee considered the attitude of the Church towards the marriage of divorced persons and realised the immense difficulty of relating the teaching of the New Testament to the habits of modern society. The Committee recognises that the duty of the

Church is to minister to the people under pastoral care, realising that we are living in a sinful world.

The teaching of our Lord is that marriage is indissoluble (Mark 10, 2-12, Luke 16, 18). In Matthew 5, 32; 19, 3-9, it is dissoluble only on the grounds of adultery and fornication. In view of the growing indifference to the sanctity of the marriage bond, Ministers are requested not to conduct the marriage of divorced persons without evidence that the person concerned is penitent for his or her part in the failure of a previous marriage and is resolved to turn to a new way of life. The breaking of marriage is always the result of sin and the Church recognises that she has responsibility for pastoral care of all her people, including those divorced.

A minister asked to marry a divorced person should make sure that the person is truly sorry for the breakdown in the previous marriage and penitent for any fault in themselves which contributed to the divorce. The fundamental belief that marriage is for life should be accepted and the recognition that where it is otherwise it is an acknowledgment of sin.

If the minister is not assured that anyone wishing to be married is penitent of a former failure or intending to make the union life-long, then it is his clear duty to refuse to conduct the marriage.

If the Minister also learns that the failure in a previous marriage is the grievous fault of a person who seeks marriage and sees no evidence of amendment of life then the Minister's duty plainly is to refuse to conduct the marriage.

The grounds for marrying a divorced person are the reality of penitence and amendment of life, with also genuine evidence that the restoration of the previous marriage is no longer possible.

There are wide variations in individual situations and any minister faced with a pastoral problem of extreme complexity must rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in his own experience and through the counsel of his Church Courts. We therefore include a recommendation to this effect.

Social Creed of the Church.

The sub-committee report on the Social Creed was delayed until the Amsterdam report became available. It is now being examined and a statement will be made during the coming year. A request from North Canterbury to examine the "lack of mutual understanding between the Church and commercial groups and workers movements" was referred to this sub-committee.

Taxation and State Subsidies.

After investigation, the Committee reports that there are no state subsidies to denominational schools for capital expenditure or salaries. Private schools receive the health services available to State schools and secure the State facilities for woodwork, cooking and sewing instruction to primary and intermediate level. Text books and school journals are supplied as to State schools and facilities for transport where they are entitled to under the regulations as for State schools, i.e., under 10, transport for two miles or more; over 10, transport for three miles or more to the nearest school. If a Church is pioneering in an isolated area where the State is not operating, there may be assistance given. All schools are subject to State inspection and required to maintain a standard.

Marriage Guidance Council.

The Committee has examined the development of Marriage Guidance Councils throughout the Dominion and warmly commends them to the Church. Home and Family Weeks have greatly stimulated the interest of people in the work of the Council and given a most encouraging initial impetus in several places. The enthusiasm of the Rev. E. P. Blamires has been the directing and stimulating dynamic in the commencement of many Councils. We recommend every Local Council to affiliate with the New Zealand Council. A Dominion Conference is to be held in November.

Mrs. A. B. Cochran addressed a combined meeting of the Methodist and Presbyterian Public Question Committees on the Marriage Guidance Council in Great Britain.

Annual Report.

Because of the detailed nature of the work of this Committee a request is made that the procedure of the presentation of the Report to Conference be examined by the Law Book Revision Committee. It is important that those who have spent a great deal of time in preparing a statement should have greater facilities to interpret directly on the floor of Conference what they have reported. Only by so doing can we secure the wholehearted co-operation of those who serve on the Committee.

General.

The Committee also discussed matters relative to the repeal of War Regulations, Art Unions, Film Censorship, Relationship with Australian Methodism, Booklet on "Careers" by the Government Departments, and Compulsory Military Service.

The Public Questions Committee is represented on the following committees and reports as follows:—

Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs: A growing confidence between the Government and the Council has marked the year's work. On two occasions the Government invited the Council to meet Ministers for consultation prior to action being taken by the former on which the Council's approval was sought. In the case of the removal of meat rationing, the Prime Minister put the Government's case before the Council and awaited its deliberated decision before dispensing with the rationing of this commodity.

Immigration—Displaced Persons: This problem was another case in point in which the Minister enlisted the Council's advice. Convinced that New Zealand's duty lay along the line of inviting its due quota of such persons from Europe to make their homes here, the Council sent a deputation to the Minister of Finance. The Hon. Walter Nash received the deputation with his usual courtesy and discussed his difficulties, but undertook to place the whole matter once again before Cabinet. The Council's request was for the admission of 2,500 but the final figure fixed by the Government was 1,000 as a first instalment. The question of accommodation raised in the first instance was submitted to constituent Churches which in all cases approved of the Council's action.

World Political Situation: In view of the need of citizens for some guide to clear thinking on matters that divide the world into political camps, a committee was set up to draw a draft statement designed for publication for submission to the whole Council. A number of lengthy meetings of the Committee resulted in a draft to which, after study by representatives of Constituent Churches and by the Council itself, amendments were made and the final statement circulated through the Press Association for publication.

The statement was also forwarded to the Church papers of the Dominion.

Wives of Chinese: The hardship inflicted upon the Chinese male community through long separation from their wives who remained in China exercised the mind of the Council. Of 2,000 men, it was reported, 400 only had their wives with them, and due to the operation of the law comparatively few wives could enter New Zealand in any one year. The Hon. W. Nash expressed his complete sympathy with these people and assured the Council's deputation that waited on him, that everything possible was being done to relieve the situation, but, Mr. Nash pointed out, full advantage of the quota allowed was not being taken. The Rev. Cheung Wing Nguk indicated that certain difficulties arose when husbands tried to arrange for their wives to travel to New Zealand. The Council referred these difficulties to Dr. G. H. McNeur, a former Presbyterian Missionary in China, for his attention and action.

Other matters dealt with include priority passages for Ministers, New Settlers' Welfare Committee, Sunday Cinema, Repeal of War Regulations, Hospital Chapels.

The Rev. W. A. Burley is Chairman of the Council.

The New Zealand Council for Christian Education and the continuation committee of the Bible-in-Schools League.

On the 23rd March of this year the long anticipated establishment of the Council for Christian Education took place.

On the morning of that day the Dominion Council of the Bible-in-Schools League met and with the full approval of constituent bodies approved the establishment of the new organisation. To preserve continuity and to assure the free transference of responsibilities and assets of the League, it was decided to preserve the organisation of the League for another year. The two organisations will run parallel and gradually the Council for Christian Education will assume all the functions of the League. This proposal had full approval from the League and the new organisation.

Those present were recognised as the representatives of the constituent bodies and in the afternoon the new organisation was formally instituted. The Archbishop of the Province of New Zealand conducted a service of Worship and Dedication and in the meeting that followed a Constitution, with certain legal amendments, was adopted.

Already there is evidence that the Council will have a very far-reaching influence in Christian Education in this country. The Constitution will be available for examination at Conference.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

J. D. GROCOTT, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. **Gaming:** That the Auckland, Hawkes Bay, South Canterbury and Otago Southland Districts be requested to contribute towards the balance of the amount due by the Methodist Church for the Associated Churches' Committee Gaming Referendum Extensions.
3. **Food Relief to England and Europe:** That the Conference urge Members and adherents to support the appeal by the N.C.C. in N.Z. for money and goods for distressed people in Europe and Asia.

4. Immigration: (a) That Conference commend to congregations the Christian duty of welcoming immigrants, especially displaced persons who have undergone years of hardship, and urges that they be assisted to take a real place in community life.

(b) That Conference commends the Government for its leadership to other nations in arranging our immigration drafts of displaced persons on a family basis, inclusive of the old and young, rather than selecting only those who have a direct economic and labour value.

(c) That the Committee investigate the possibility of assisting Methodist immigrants from Britain with a view to ascertaining the requirements of potential new settlers.

(d) That the Inter-Church Council be commended for its efforts to secure drafts of new settlers into New Zealand, and be urged to continue its efforts.

(e) That Conference finds itself in sympathy with what the Inter-Church Council has done concerning the immigration of the wives of Chinese resident in New Zealand and recommends that action be taken as opportunity offers. It further urges that the Committee co-operate with other Churches and the National Council of Women where necessary in making representations to the Government on behalf of wives of Chinese and all Asians in New Zealand.

5. Marriage and Divorce and the Marriage of Divorced Persons: That the whole question of marriage and divorce and remarriage of divorced persons be referred to a commission consisting of the Public Questions Standing Committee in Wellington with the following Corresponding Members: President of Conference, Secretary of Conference, Revs. E. W. Hames, Dr. D. O. Williams, W. R. Laws, Dr. R. Dudley, J. Silvester, R. Thornley, A. K. Petch, Mrs. K. Griffin, Mr. H. de R. Flesher, and Vice-President of the Conference, with power to add.

6. Marriage Guidance Council: (a) That Conference commend the work of the newly formed Guidance Councils and recommend their extension in New Zealand and trusts that such Councils will be affiliated with the National Marriage Guidance Council when such is formed.

(b) That Ministers' Fraternals be asked to give attention to the matter of pre-marital counselling.

7. Taxation and State Subsidies: That Conference places on record its strong opposition to any extension of state aid to private schools.

8. Annual Report: That the Law Revision Committee investigate the relationship of Standing Committees to Conference Committees of Detail in respect to the presentation of reports to Conference.

9. Sunday Observance: (a) That the question of the increasing secularisation of Sunday be referred to the Public Questions Committee for investigation and report.

(b) That the Public Questions Committee consider the question of providing some form of recreation or gathering for such people of our cities and larger towns who have no Church affiliations.

10. Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs: That the representatives of the Inter-Church Council be the Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., and J. D. Grocott, B.A., and Mr. A. E. Hurley.

11. World Political Situation: That this Conference deplores the fact that the important statement on the World Political Situation issued by the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs and forwarded through the Press Association for publication, was only fully published in one instance. It recommends that the Inter-Church Council be asked to interview the N.Z. Newspapers' Assn., with a view to obtaining greater co-operation in such matters as publicity for official and other important moral and religious pronouncements.

12. N.Z. Council for Christian Education: (a) That Conference warmly commends the Council for Christian Education to our Churches; that Ministers in Church Courts or pulpits explain the reasons for the establishment of the Council and that the usual contributions be made by all Churches.

(b) That the representatives on the Council be the Revs. W. A. Burley, M.A., and J. D. Grocott, B.A., Mrs. A. B. Cochran, and Mr. N. R. Seddon.

Alternates: Rev. H. G. Goodman and Mr. G. Briggs.

13. Disenfranchised Objectors: That Conference requests the Inter-Church Council of Public Affairs to take up with the Government the position of those men, some of whom are members of our Church, who are still disenfranchised because of their conscientious objection during the war, with a view to the removal of this injustice.

14. Referendum on Military Training: That Conference views with concern certain aspects of the conduct of the recent Referendum on Compulsory Military Training, such as the expenditure of public money in the presentation of one side of the issue, and the unfair allocation of broadcasting facilities. Conference believes that it is the Government's task to facilitate the fair presentation of all points of view when a national referendum is to be taken, rather than to adopt an openly partisan attitude, and expresses the hope that the time-honoured values and methods of impartial democratic procedure will be jealously safeguarded on any similar future occasion.

15. Public Questions on Moral and Social Welfare: (a) That Conference recommends to District Executives the appointment in each Synodal District of a District Public Questions Committee to handle the matters within the province of the Connexional Public Questions and Temperance Committees, the membership of such committees to be recorded in the Minutes of Conference.

(b) That Conference notes with concern the present tendency of Parliament to make questions of moral welfare party matters, so that discussion in the House of Representatives is stifled and important decisions are taken in caucus rather than on the floor of the House. As evidence of this practice Conference instances the manner in which the Licensing Amendment Act, 1948, was passed: important recommendations of the Royal Commission on Licensing which would enable stricter control of the liquor traffic, and which were also supported by the Churches and Temperance Groups, could not be introduced into the House because no member was able to bring forward amendments as the Bill had been declared a party measure.

(c) Conference seeks from the leaders of both political parties an assurance that in future all such matters will be dealt with on non-party lines.

16. Church and Communism: (a) That the Declaration of the Otago-Southland District on the Church and Communism be referred to the Public Questions Committee to be considered in the light of

the relevant statements of the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches and other relevant declarations.

(b) That the National Council of Churches be asked to examine such statements from Church Courts with a view to preparing a fuller declaration for constituent Churches.

17. **Military Training:** That Conference pledges its support to all Methodists who on the grounds of conscience are led to appeal against military training, but considers that such bona fide objectors should be willing to render some form of alternative service.

18. **Capital Punishment:** That the question of capital punishment be referred to the Public Questions Committee for research, consideration and report at the forthcoming Synods and Conference.

19. That a Grant of £20 be made to the Committee.

20. That the Committee for 1950 be: Revs. W. A. Burley, W. H. Greenslade, J. D. Grocott, G. H. Goodman, R. F. Clement, W. J. Morrison, W. S. Dawson, W. M. Garner, R. H. Allen, Mesdames C. Chapman, C. P. S. Boyer, A. B. Cochran, Miss A. Johnson, Messrs. D. Hay, C. R. Edmond, A. E. Hurley, P. E. Patrick, W. Kelly, M. Jones, G. Briggs, N. R. Seddon. Convener: J. D. Grocott.

(B) Connexional Temperance Committee

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Of vital concern to Temperance organisations during the year was the passing of the Licensing Bill. In this connection the Committee submitted written objections to certain Clauses in the Bill, and allied itself whole-heartedly with the New Zealand Alliance in its protests against retrograde proposals. Submissions were made before the Select Committee on behalf of the Church by the Rev. G. H. Goodman. That the Bill in its final form is a concession to the Liquor Trade, gives a clear indication to Temperance advocates that at the present time they can expect little assistance from legislative enactment. Public sentiment against the Trade must be strengthened by judicious and universal Temperance education, with particular reference to the harmful effects which the evils and mischiefs of the Trade produce in human personality. A new approach, appropriate to our present social situation, must be devised with a view to encouraging men and women to exercise a realistic and rational judgment on this social evil. To this end, the Committee intends to concentrate upon its analysis of the social situation (in consultation with the Presbyterian Temperance Committee, New Zealand Alliance, and other Temperance organisations) to determine the educational programme which will meet the existing need.

In this connection the results of the Committee's Questionnaire will be of incalculable value. This Questionnaire was circulated by the direction of Conference, and the Committee regrets to report that many official Courts of the Church failed to honour this direction. As pointed out in the preamble to the Questionnaire, certain questions applied more directly to some groups than to others, whilst of necessity, other questions were of a technical or factual nature. Nevertheless, it was within the scope of every Group to which the Questionnaire was circulated, to give reliable answers to some of the questions. That some failed to do so has robbed the Committee of the opinions of men who hold high executive and administrative office in the life of the country—considered opinions which might have been of great

assistance to the Committee. All other considerations aside, the Questionnaire gave the whole Church the opportunity to treat matters seriously. That many groups failed to use this opportunity is a matter for serious reflection on the Church's attitude to this question.

We present the following report on the Questionnaire.

The Questionnaire was dealt with by the following groups:—

		Persons.
Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings, etc.	42	627
Youth Groups	39	346
Women's Groups	33	410
Men's Groups	9	111
Individuals	9	9
	132	1,503

(For the purposes of computation the individual replies have been incorporated in the appropriate groups above).

Most groups gave only partial replies to the Questionnaire, but these were sufficiently representative to give at least the general trend of the thought of our people on these issues.

Some Circuits declined to answer the Questionnaire on the ground that they doubted its usefulness and practicality. Surely this is a matter for the Committee to decide. Other groups called special Meetings for the purpose of considering the questions in detail. If our people are Temperance advocates it is to be expected that they inform themselves on the social situation of the day. If they have failed to do this, the inference must be that they have little real interest in this vital issue. The fact therefore emerges that there is an urgent need for information and education both for our adult Membership and the Youth of the Church. This is probably the most significant result of the Questionnaire—our people are uninformed on current Licensing issues.

Question 1.

(a) Agreement with National Prohibition.

	For.	Against.	Neutral.
Official Courts	546	44	32
Youth Groups	169	107	50
Women's Groups	357	32	12
Men's Groups	75	29	8
	1,147	212	102

(b) Prohibition as a live issue.

Official Courts	538	23	28
Youth Groups	343	43	23
Women's Groups	355	3	14
Men's Groups	92	4	4
	1,328	73	69

(c) Extension of time between Polls.

Official Courts	51	502	26
Youth Groups	49	348	23
Women's Groups	50	316	13
Men's Groups	1	93	3
	151	1,259	65

Question 2. Restoration of Local Option.

Official Courts	....	523	56	29
Youth Groups	....	358	33	16
Women's Groups	....	285	67	28
Men's Groups	....	81	22	8
		<hr/> 1,247	<hr/> 178	<hr/> 81

Question 3. Advocacy of Trust Control.

		For.	Against.	Neutral.
Official Courts	....	265	188	58
Youth Groups	....	274	70	76
Women's Groups	....	172	111	55
Men's Groups	....	81	21	9
		<hr/> 792	<hr/> 390	<hr/> 198

Question 4. Disposal of Trust profits. (Replies shown in order of preference).

(a) Offsetting the cost to the State.

(b) Subsidy of Temperance Education.

(b) Grants for cultural and recreational purposes.

		(a)	(b)	(c)
Official Courts	....	21	10	6
Youth Groups	....	13	2	10
Women's Groups	....	8	12	3
Men's Groups	....	3	3	3
		<hr/> 45	<hr/> 27	<hr/> 22

21 Groups failed to vote on this question, while another 15 groups voted against the apportionment of Trust profits (on the ground that they did not agree with Trust Control). Two Groups suggested the payment of profits to the Consolidated Fund.

Question 5. Effect of Grants from Trusts for cultural and recreational purposes.

(a) Tend to increase drinking.

		For.	Against.	Neutral.
Official Courts	....	200	148	34
Youth Groups	....	125	173	58
Women's Groups	....	125	151	24
Men's Groups	....	29	32	4
		<hr/> 479	<hr/> 504	<hr/> 120

(b) Encourage profit making.

Official Courts	....	321	154	48
Youth Groups	....	220	160	70
Women's Groups	....	113	124	17
Men's Groups	....	24	21	9
		<hr/> 678	<hr/> 459	<hr/> 144

(c) Commend Liquor Sales.

Official Courts	....	256	116	72
Youth Groups	....	158	107	81
Women's Groups	....	162	61	30
Men's Groups	....	36	10	8
		<hr/> 612	<hr/> 294	<hr/> 191

Question 6. Establishment of Public Corporation.

Official Courts	....	91	480	33
Youth Groups	....	68	276	59
Women's Groups	....	55	265	11
Men's Groups	....	13	75	7
		227	1,096	110

Question 7. Attitude to Referendum re above.

Official Courts	....	129	309	40
Youth Groups	....	120	190	66
Women's Groups	....	31	212	12
Men's Groups	....	22	44	21
		302	755	139

Question 8. Six o'clock closing.

Official Courts	....	401	29	13
Youth Groups	....	323	78	28
Women's Groups	....	351	3	9
Men's Groups	....	67	41	3
		1,142	151	53

Question 9. Local Bodies as liquor traders.

Official Courts	....	19	554	12
Youth Groups	....	17	329	39
Women's Groups	....	19	384	10
Men's Groups	....	0	94	5
		55	1,351	66

One Youth Group of 20 was unanimously in favour of the State becoming traders in liquor if Prohibition is unobtainable.

Question 10. Restaurants and Drinking.

Official Courts	....	32	534	18
Youth Groups	....	43	371	20
Women's Groups	....	43	371	20
Men's Groups	....	16	93	2
		134	1,342	56

Question 11. Discouraging the use of liquor at social functions.

Official Courts	....	506	46	14
Youth Groups	....	328	64	42
Women's Groups	....	305	82	22
Men's Groups	....	65	13	18
		1,204	205	96

Question 12. Temperance Teaching in Schools.

87 per cent of the replies stated that no Temperance Teaching was given. The remaining 13 per cent knew of some teaching but considered it, generally, to be ineffective. (See also Question 14).

Question 13. True Temperance—Total Abstinence or Moderation?

		T.A.	Mod.	Neutral.
Official Courts	....	415	44	33
Youth Groups	....	141	62	33
Women's Groups	....	271	38	18
Men's Groups	....	56	34	6
		883	178	90

Question 14. Temperance Education.

The replies indicated that there is a large body of opinion (80%) in favour of Temperance education being done through existing channels. 15% were in favour of a special organisation, working through existing Youth organisations, and 5% were in favour of the work being placed entirely in the hands of a specialising organisation. Some expressed the need for an intensification of Temperance education in existing organisations, with fuller information provided for teachers and leaders. Others suggested that more importance should be attached to the subject in Teacher's Training colleges and public schools. The Education Department issued a new syllabus of health education in August, 1945, in which provision is made for the discussion of the following topics: (a) The food value of alcohol; (b) The effect of alcohol on the human body; and (c) Alcohol in the light of modern research. One Youth Group reply suggested that teachers write up the subject in their Scheme of Work, but rarely carry it out.

Question 15.

(a) Are young people sufficiently informed of the dangers of Alcohol?

Of the groups competent to answer this question, 85 answered 'No', and 33 'Yes'. Those answering 'No' were, on the whole very emphatic.

(b) Is your Church active in giving this information?

55 say 'No', 49 'Yes', 6 neutral, and 22 gave no answer. In the large majority of cases 'Yes' means through the observance of Temperance Sunday, and annual lessons in Bible Class and Sunday School, thus answering the next question: "In what ways." The inference is that very few Churches follow a specialised programme of Temperance education.

Question 16.

(a) Observance of Temperance Sunday.

68 say 'Yes', of whom 14 add 'only occasionally'. 7 say in Sunday School and Bible Class only. 32 say 'No', and 25 returned no answer. One group adds that Conference should insist on the observance of this day—a sentiment with which the Temperance Committee is in entire agreement.

(b and c) Use of Temperance Lessons in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

The replies indicate that these Lessons are extensively used, with the exception of 8 Bible Classes and 2 Sunday Schools.

Question 17.

(a) Policy of the New Zealand Alliance.

47% of the replies indicated that the groups approved the general policy. 43% indicated that they were uninformed on the Alliance policy, and 10% were in disagreement on the grounds of the Alliances 'negative approach to the Prohibition issue', as indicated by the falling Prohibition figures in recent Polls.

(b and c) Support of the Alliance and other Temperance Organisations.

The paucity of support given to the Alliance is a shocking reproach to the Methodist Church. Monetary support is given by a few individuals, the main contributions coming by grants from Quarterly Meetings or special offerings. Other Temperance organisations supported are the W.C.T.U., Band of Hope, Local Temperance Leagues, Good Templars, Rechabites and the 'Y' Section of the

W.C.T.U., but the information received is not sufficient to determine the measure of this support. It is, on a general survey of the replies, very meagre.

Question 18.

(a) Pledge Signing.

	For.	Against.	Neutral.
Official Courts	308	96	67
Youth Groups	167	146	32
Women's Groups	215	124	30
Men's Groups	28	68	9
	718	434	138

The majority of those voting in favour of Pledge signing stipulate an age limit—in most cases over 15 years of age.

(b) Use of Youth Department's Pledge Cards.

Eight groups report that these cards are in use. One group uses N.Z. Alliance Pledge cards. Here reference should be made to the Life Brigade Movement which incorporates the Temperance Pledge in its Promise.

Question 19.

(a and b) Other Temperance Youth Organisations supported.

3 Local Temperance Leagues, 6 Bands of Hope, 2 Junior Rechabite Lodges, and 2 'Y' section of the W.C.T.U. are reported. To these our young people give only fair support.

The Methodist Questionnaire was similar in many respects to that issued by the Presbyterian Temperance Committee and the answers to the two are comparable with two exception—Question 15

(a) Are your young people sufficiently informed of the dangers of Alcohol? and question 18 (a) regarding Pledge signing. The comparison is as follows:—

	Yes.	No.	Yes.	No.
	Question 15 (a).		Question 18 (a).	
Presbyterian	55½%	44½%	49%	51%
Methodist	38½%	61½%	62½%	37½%

The replies indicate strong support of National Prohibition and the will to retain this as a live issue, the restoration of the Local Option Poll, the establishment of Trust Control and early closing. Little support is given to proposals such as the establishment of a Public Corporation to control breweries, etc. Local Bodies becoming traders in liquor and drinking in restaurants. Strong support is given for the reduction of drinking at social functions.

It is interesting to note that in the main, the reaction of Youth Groups to the issues raised in the Questionnaire is in line with the opinions expressed by the adult groups.

In view of the results of the Questionnaires of the Methodist and Presbyterian Temperance Committees, which reveal a unanimity on the major issues, the way is now open for effective co-operation in analysing the social situation and determining the principles to be followed in formulating a programme of Temperance Education which will adequately meet the present need. Legislative means of reforming the Liquor Trade (in view of the recent Licensing Bill) are unlikely to be effective, and it is in the field of character training and Temperance education that our main efforts should be employed. For there are deep-rooted psychological reasons why men take refuge in

strong drink. In many cases it is a form of 'escapism'. By employing a better technique, the Churches (and the New Zealand Alliance) could do much to help men and women to build strong and resilient personalities. The solution to the liquor problem will not be found through legislation, but in creative human personality.

The question of Temperance Education in Schools is one which might well be taken up with the Education Department, if only to ensure that teachers give this the definite place in the curriculum which the Department requires. The Royal Commission stated in its Report (Par. 1983): "We recommend also that it should be the business of some person or group of persons in the Education Department, to ascertain from time to time, and at not too infrequent intervals, that temperance teaching in relation to alcoholic liquor is being carried out in the primary, secondary, and Native schools."

New Zealand Alliance.

The effectiveness of the N.Z. Alliance is seriously questioned by several groups, and its policy is criticised and in some cases condemned. On the other hand there is considerable ignorance regarding its policy, and in a few cases, groups replied that they did not know of its existence! Certainly, many of our people do not know of the relationship between the Methodist Church and the Alliance, and this may well be the main cause for lack of support of the Alliance.

Temperance Sunday.

That this day should be observed each year in all Circuits and Home Mission Stations has been the direction of Conference for many years. Yet reports indicate that the day has *never* been observed in some Circuits, and many others give it only passing reference. This laxness in observing this important day should no longer be tolerated, and measures should be taken to ensure that it is universally observed in the Church. The preacher who remains silent on the liquor question is condoning one of the major social evils and ignoring a strong enemy of the Kingdom of God.

D. J. D. HICKMAN, Chairman.

A. P. DORRIAN, Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Committee has made overtures to The Presbyterian Temperance Committee with regard to a conference of representatives of both Committees, to discuss matters relating to the social situation and our future Temperance educational policy. It was hoped that this conference would be held on November 18th, but owing to the possibility of the personnel and location of the Presbyterian Committee being changed at the General Assembly this year, it has become necessary to postpone this proposed conference until next year. The Committee now requests Conference to authorise the Temperance Committee to proceed with arrangements for the holding of this conference, possibly in March 1950.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. **World Temperance Sunday:** (a) That as World Temperance Sunday, the first Sunday in September, is unsuitable to the New Zealand Church calendar, Temperance Sunday be observed in future (in conjunction with the Presbyterian Church) on the third Sunday in September, with exchange of pulpits where desirable.

(b) That all Circuits and Home Mission Stations be advised that it is the direction of the Conference that Temperance Sunday be observed.

3. Believing that more road casualties are caused through the so-called moderate drinking of alcohol than by drunkenness, this Conference draws attention to the warning of the Transport Department and the relevant clause in the New Zealand Road Code.

4. In the view of this Conference, the prospects of a successful marriage are not promoted by the taking of alcohol at wedding breakfasts, and we urge all our ministers and church people to give publicity to the fact that toasts at weddings may be adequately or more fittingly honoured with non-alcoholic drinks.

5. This Conference heartily commends the Maori electors in the King Country for their adherence to the King Country Pact in the recent Licensing Poll, in which they also demonstrated their pride of race and their concern for the well-being of their people. Conference trusts that the Maori people will continue to ally themselves with the best interests of Pakeha community and social life, and that all citizens of good-will will make every effort to maintain the historical no-license position in the King Country. Further, Conference urges all Methodists of both races to oppose the degrading and destructive operations of the Liquor Traffic, and trusts that they will declare their strong opposition to the Trade at the forthcoming Prohibition Poll.

6. Conference expresses its appreciation of the work of the N.Z. Alliance and calls upon people to recognise their responsibilities in providing greater support, including financial aid, for its activities.

7. This Conference authorises the Temperance Committee to proceed with its arrangements with the Presbyterian Temperance Committee for the holding of a joint conference, the costs involved on behalf of the Methodist personnel of the Committee to be a charge on the Contingent Fund.

8. This Conference deplores the alarming increase of drinking in all sections of the community, especially among children and youth, and endorses the action of the Temperance Committee planning in conjunction with the Temperance Committee of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, a long range policy of temperance education, and that this be referred to next Conference.

9. This Conference commends the Prime Minister on his action in excluding from the Military Training Bill provision for wet canteens in camps for young men called up under the Compulsory Training Scheme.

10. That a grant of £20 from the Contingent Fund be made to the Connexional Temperance Committee.

11. That the Rev. A. P. Dorrian be thanked for his services as Convener of the Temperance Committee.

12. That the Temperance Committee be requested to prepare in conjunction with the Law Revision Committee a question to be asked at the June Quarterly Meeting whether adequate arrangements have been made to observe Temperance Sunday.

13. That Conference congratulates the Maori Temperance Committee, the Deaconesses and other Maori workers, and expresses its deep appreciation of the sterling work done in the printing and distribution of literature, together with the personal canvass prior to the recent referendum and since that time.

14. That the Committee for 1950 be:—Revs. D. J. D. Hickman, A. H. Ivory, E. J. Carter, and two others; Mesdames W. Coulter, J. H. Shilcock, F. Ganderton, W. Dickinson, Miss T. Muir; Messrs. E. J. Iles, A. L. Stanton, A. S. Hancock, E. H. James, C. Chirnside, J. Heatherington, M. R. McIndoe, A. W. Barnes, J. V. Burton. Corresponding Members—Revs. W. E. A. Carr, H. A. Darvill, J. B. Dawson, H. C. Dixon, A. P. Dorrian, R. Dudley, G. H. Goodman, E. Te Tuhi, Mr. F. Pace. Convener—Rev. A. H. Ivory.

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

A.—GENERAL REPORT ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

Since last reported to Conference the following transactions have been completed:—

1.—Properties Acquired.

Swanson—32 per. and Church. £250.
 Dominion Road—23.3 per. and house. £1275 (plus alterations).
 Point Chevalier—34.1 per. and house. £2084.
 Mission Bay (Kohimarama)—Parsonage section (Lease).
 Waby—2 rds. (Gift).
 Russell—24 per. £100.
 Kaikohe—1 rd. 24 per. and house. £910.
 Ngatea—37.4 per. (Gift).
 Te Uku—2 rds. 32.5 per. (Gift).
 Hillcrest—1 rd. 7.46 per. £205.
 Waikanae Beach—34.1 per. £195.
 Foxton Beach—1 rd. (Lease).
 Rata Street, Hutt—24 per. £250.
 Nelson South—2 rds. £800.
 N.C. Camp Site—13 ac. 3 rds. £150.
 Sockburn—24.6 per. £100.
 Dunedin Central Mission—130 ac. £3640.

2.—Erections and Additions.

Dominion Road—Alterations to Parsonage.
 Kawakawa—Amenities. £11/13/2.
 Opotiki—Additions to Parsonage. £904/14/8.
 Hamilton—Additions to Parsonage. £125.
 Aramoho—Additions to Parsonage. £319/4/1.
 Foxton—Additions to Hall. £600.
 Miramar—Additions to Church. £615/6/10.
 Eketahuna—Additions to Parsonage. £116/8/6.
 Clarkville—New Church. £586/14/2.
 New Brighton—Additions to Hall. £713/8/7.
 Edgeware Road—New Organ. £425.

3.—Sales.

Mt. Wellington (Wesley College Board)—77 ac. 2 rds. £9300.
 Landscape Road (Wesley College Board)—10 ac. 2 rds. £1500.
 Tuakau—3 rds. £100.
 Feilding—(a) 1 rd. 3.10 per. £175. (b) 2 rds. 28.84 per. £75.
 Carterton—Parsonage. £1270.
 Canvastown—Church (only). £180.
 Millerton—Church (only). £75.
 Southbridge—Church. £395.
 Prebbleton—Church (only). £157.
 Nightcaps—1 rd. £40.

Coal Creek—1 rd. £5.
Bannockburn—1 rd. £5.

4.—Extended Leases.

Featherston—1 Section. 21 years. £7/10/- p.a.

5.—Circuit Accounts.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Credit Balance from last Year—General Account	30,414	2	1
Balance from last year held for Special Purposes	183,379	10	2
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	2,550	0	0
Loans from other Sources	606	9	1
All other Receipts	87,923	16	5½
Total Receipts	304,873	17	9½
Debit Balances	5,109	10	5
TOTAL	£309,983	8	2½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Debit Balance from last year	6,475	12	11
Loan Fund Instalments	3,502	14	6
Other Loans repaid	5,903	10	3
Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft	2,331	11	10
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	17,603	16	2
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting Repairs, etc.	48,001	15	0
Total Expenditure	83,819	0	8
Credit Balance	32,262	11	6½
Balances held for Special Purposes	193,901	16	0
TOTAL	£309,983	8	2½

6—Total of Fire Insurances £1,274,484 16 1

7.—Statement of Debt.

	£	s.	d.
Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	82,625	2	0
Add New Loans received during year	3,956	9	1
TOTAL	£86,581	11	1
Deduct Loans repaid during year	9,958	17	4
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of Year	£76,622	13	9

8.—General.

The following table of comparative figures with returns presented to the 1948 Conference, will reveal general trends.

	Increase.	Decrease.
Credit Balances	1,779	
Debit Balances		1,675
Money held for Special Purposes	22,179	
Total Receipts (excluding Loans)		19,729
Total Expenditure (excluding Loans)		14,996
Mortgage Debts		4,221
Fire Insurance Cover	162,276	

H. L. FIEBIG,

General Secretary of Church Property.

Christchurch,

20th September, 1949.

9.—District Secretaries for Church Property.

Auckland—Mr. S. E. Chappell, 27 Balmoral Rd., Epsom, Auckland.

South Auckland—Mr. W. B. L. Williams, 60 River Road, Hamilton.

Taranaki-Wanganui—Mr. J. Drake, 20 Muir St., Gonville, Wanganui.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu—Mr. Gordon E. Bisson, Box 40, Napier.

Wellington—Mr. N. R. Seddon, 51 Argentine Av., Miramar, Wellington, E.5.

Nelson—Mr. H. Oldham, 24 Leitrim Street, Blenheim.

North Canterbury—Mr. J. W. Hillary, Box 552, Christchurch.

South Canterbury—Mr. P. J. Woodnorth, c/o. Public Trust Office, Timaru.

Otago-Southland—Mr. J. McIndoe, 17 James Street, Dunedin.

The service rendered by all District Secretaries has been of very great value to the Church. Their painstaking work and informative reports have been most helpful to the Connexional Secretary. The above-named are nominated for appointment for the ensuing year.

H. L. FIEBIG,

General Secretary of Church Property.

Christchurch,

20th September, 1949.

B.—COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

The Committee appointed by last Conference (Mins., page 82) to examine into the form in which financial statements are presented to Conference, is continuing its investigations and will be communicating with Boards and Committees as required. It is recommended that the Committee be re-appointed to continue its work.

H. L. FIEBIG, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be adopted.

2. (a) That thanks be tendered to the District Secretaries for their services and that the appointments for 1950 be as named in the Report.

(b) That Conference convey to Mr. C. E. Taylor its deep appreciation of his devoted and valued services as District Property Secretary for the Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District during the last 21 years. It records with gratitude the fact that to this task he has always brought his wide professional experience, his intimate knowledge of the District, and especially his deep love for the Church. He lays down this task having earned the grateful thanks of the Church which he has served so faithfully and effectively.

3. That the Committee on financial statements be re-appointed.

4. 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.

5. That all moneys held in Trust for special purposes be invested only in those securities authorised by the "Trustees Act, 1908" or its amendments. (See Minutes, 1940, page 90.)

C.—CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND COMMITTEE.

Annual Report, 1949.

Financial Statement. This will be presented as usual to Conference

Loans Current amount to £17,959/6/7. advanced to 55 Trusts. This represents an increase of £316/15/9. on the amount reported to last Conference. A detailed statement has been supplied to each Synod showing loans current therein.

Loans Promised but not called up at date amount to £6,000.

New Loans advanced since October, 1947, (date of last report) amounting to £7,000 are as follows :—

Pitt Street (£1,000), Pt. Chevalier (£1,000), Devonport (£1,000), Kaikohe (£450), Kaitaia (£150), Opotiki (£500), Whitely (£300), Greenmeadows (£300), Cuba Street (£300), Karori (£500), Miramar (£300), Shirley-Richmond (£1,000), Otatara (£200).

Arrears. Details for each district have been supplied to Synods. There is no case that calls for comment.

Sites Fund. Grants amounting to £400 have been made during the period under review as follows :—

Kaikohe (£50), Hutt—Rata Street (£100), Waikanae Beach (£100), Russell (£50), Wayby (Port Albert) (£50), Hillcrest, Hamilton (£50).

Capital Account. Gifts towards the Capital Fund are gratefully acknowledged as follows :—Rev. and Mrs J. Olphert (£100), Anonymous (£100), Mr and Mrs L. Philpott (£10).

Regulations. Conference has instructed the Committee to report any case of non-observance of its regulations in respect to buildings or property.

A new parsonage at Ngatea was erected on a plan not approved by the Committee. The Committee was cognizant of difficulties being faced, and asked for a plan which would allow for additions to be made at a future date when necessary. This was not done. Explanations of the position have since been made to the Committee.

Constitution for Union Churches. A sub-committee met representatives of the Presbyterian Church and with them finalised a draft constitution to be submitted to the Higher Courts of each Church.

District Advisory Committees consisting of the District Chairman, the District Secretary of Church Property together with at least one other minister and one layman are to be nominated by each Synod.

General Committee. The Committee places on record its sense of loss in the transfer from Christchurch of Mr S. Sayers who has rendered most valuable service as a member of the Building Sub-Committee. The following Committee is nominated for 1950 :—Connexional Secretary, District Chairman, Revs. E. Drake, R. Dudley, A. M. Costain, A. O. Harris, V. R. Jamieson, Messrs. H. de R. Flesher (Lay Treasurer), H. J. S. Harrington, S. H. Maddren, W. Melville Lawry, R. A. Marsh, W. F. Stock, A. G. Harris, J. R. Murray.

General. The following summary will reveal general trends in our work, projects having been approved by the Committee.

- a. In 8 instances land useless for our purposes and 4 Churches which have outlived their usefulness are being disposed of.
- b. Negotiations have been finalised or are in progress for the purchase of 14 new sites for various purposes.
- c. Work is in hand at various stages for the erection of 4 Parsonages, 3 Churches and 5 Sunday Schools.
- d. Additions and alterations are being made to 12 Sunday School Halls.
- e. 1 Hostel has been acquired and 3 Maori Centres and 1 Deaconess Cottage are being prepared for.

Full details of the above will be reported in due course in the General Report on Church Property.

Sales

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties. If not acted upon by the 31st January, 1951, the sanction will lapse.

Auckland District. Dominion Road. Parsonage—£1,450. Proceeds for new Parsonage.

Kawakawa : 13 per. (Gift for amenities).

Kohukohu : 4½ acres. £100. In trust by General Purposes Trust Board for developmental work.

South Auckland. Pirongia. Exchange of Sites.

Pirongia West : 2 rds. 16 per. £15. Proceeds for new Church.

Te Kuiti (Maori Mission) : 12 ac. (rear area). £10.

Ngauwawahia (Maori Mission) : 1 rd. £25.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu. Feilding Parsonage sites (3) Approx. 1 ac. 1 rd. 9 per. £485. Proceeds for new Parsonage.

Wellington. Carterton Parsonage £1,270. Proceeds for new Parsonage.

Nelson. Millerton Church (Building). £75 Held by General Purposes Trust Board for developmental work.

Canvastown Church (Building) : £180. Proceeds for renovation of Church at Havelock.

North Canterbury. Prebbleton Church (Building). £150. Proceeds in trust by General Purposes Trust Board for developmental work in Tai Tapu Circuit.

Southbridge Church : £350. Proceeds in trust by General Purposes Trust Board for new S.S. at Leeston.

Addington (a) House and Shop. £1,500. Proceeds for new Church.

(b) Corner, Street Dedication.

Otago-Southland. Mornington. 0.31 per. (dedication). Roxburgh (Old Church). £500. Proceeds for new Parsonage.

Otatara : 3 rds. 31.5 per. £40. Proceeds for Church removal and renovations.

Nightcaps : Pars. section. ¼ ac. £40. Proceeds in trust by General Purposes Trust Board for new Parsonage at Ohai.

Coal Creek : Pt. section £5.

Leases			
Papakura	2 sections	21 years	30/- per. week
Weymouth	1 section	10 years	£5 per annum
Featherston	1 section	21 years	£10 per annum

Mortgages

NIL

Land Purchases

The following land purchases have been approved :—

Auckland District

Pt. Chevalier, Parsonage section. 34.1 per.
Mission Bay Parsonage. (Land Lease).
Russell Parsonage. 24 per. £100.
Kawakawa Maori Centre. £360.
Dargaville Maori Centre. 16.2 per. (Gift).
Kawakawa Deac. Cottage. $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. £30.
Wayby $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. (Gift).
Kaikohe (addit. section). 32 per. £80.
Kaikohe. Parsonage section. 32 per.
Swanson. Church section. 32 per.

South Auckland

Hillcrest. 2 rds. 15 per. £405.
Pirongia. $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. (Exchange).
Ngatea. 37.4 per. (Gift).

Taranaki-Wanganui

Taihape. 38.5 per. (Gift. Approx. value £50).

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu

Foxton Beach. $\frac{1}{4}$ ac. (Lease).

Wellington

Hutt (Rata Street). 24 per. £250.
Waikanae Beach. 34 per. £220.

Nelson

Nelson South. $\frac{1}{2}$ ac. £800.

North Canterbury

Sockburn (addit.). 24 per. £100.
D.Y.C. Camp Site, Loburn. 13 ac. 3 rds. £150.

Otago-Southland

Dunedin Hostel Section. 34.45 per.

Purchases, Erections, Alterations

Approval has been given to the following Purchases, Erections or Alterations of Buildings. Where work is incomplete estimated costs only are given :—

Auckland District

Pt. Chevalier Parsonage, (P) £2,084. Mission Bay Parsonage, (E) £4,000. Kaikohe, (P) £830. Swanson Church, (P) £250. Birkenhead S.S., (A) £162. Takapuna S.S., (A) £2,500. Mangere S.S., (E) £200. Walmsley Rd. S.S., (A) £125. Campbells Bay S.S., (E) £1,000. Dargaville Maori Centre, Kawakawa Deac. Cottage, £1,000. St. John's (Ponsonby S.S. (A)).

South Auckland

Tauranga Parsonage, (A) £400. Tauranga S.S., (A) £1,000. Opotiki Parsonage, (A) £1,000. Matamata S.S., (E) £500. Ngatea Parsonage, (E) £1,900.

Taranaki-Wanganui

Aramoho S.S., (A) £1,000. Hawera S.S., (E) £6,750. Hawera Maori Centre (A).

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu

Foxton S.S., (A) £500.

Wellington

Carterton Parsonage, (E) £2,450. Miramar S.S., (A) £800.

Nelson

Wakefield Church (A).

North Canterbury

Rangiera Church, (E) £4,000. Somerfield Street Church, (A) £250. Bryndwr S.S. (E) £4,000. Clarkville Church, (E) £650. Sydenham S.S. £6,000.

South Canterbury

Allenton S.S. (Ashburton), (A) £1,000.

Otago-Southland

Dunedin Hostel, (P) £2,000. D.Y.C. Camp Site Buildings, (E) £1,500. Roslyn S.S., (A) £450.

H. J. Odell, Chairman.

H. L. Fiebig, Secretary.

Christchurch, 30/6/49.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

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

3. That the District Property Advisory Committees be as named, together with the District Property Secretaries and the Chairmen of Districts as members ex-officio. Convener in each case—District Chairman.

4. That a Sub-district Property Advisory Committee be appointed for Northland.

AUCKLAND: Revs. J. C. Draper, A. E. Jefferson, Messrs. J. Tyler and H. M. Patrick.

Northland Sub-district: Rev. J. H. Allen (chairman), Messrs. C. V. Marshall, A. H. M. Farrell, A. D. S. Cameron, S. Oldcorn, W. J. Court (secretary).

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Superintendent Ministers of Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits, Messrs. H. C. R. Blackwood, W. A. Smith, and W. B. Young.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Messrs. M. S. Hughson and L. M. Moss.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU: Rev. L. A. Brooks and Messrs. A. H. Fisher, Snr., and C. V. Woodfield.

WELLINGTON: Rev. W. M. Garner, Messrs. C. H. Hain and T. M. Pacey.

NELSON: Revs. A. O. Jones and C. T. J. Luxton, Messrs. J. S. White and F. Southgate.

NORTH CANTERBURY: None.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Rev. W. W. Avery, Mr. H. C. B. Withell.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Revs. L. B. Neale and A. R. Witheford, Messrs. A. S. Froggatt and R. Sando.

5. That in view of the lack of any standard in Church architecture and furnishing in the Connexion, the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be asked to prepare a statement on modern Methodist practice in these matters.

6. That, realising the great value of the Fund to the Church, Conference authorise the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to pursue ways and means of securing the necessary increase in capital required to meet the present and future demands on the Fund.

7. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be requested to investigate the possibility of the establishment by the Conference of a Central Finance Board, properly incorporated, to receive deposits from Boards, Committees, or individuals, and to lend within the Church at low interest rates for approved Church enterprises.

8. That the matter of the use of proceeds of the sale of property at Thames be referred to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for favourable consideration.

9. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for 1950 be as named in the Report.

(D) REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF DEEDS—1949.

1. **New Trusts.** Since last reported, 8 new Trusts have been registered as under:—

Auckland District : Waby, Swanson.
South Auckland : Hillcrest.
Wellington : D.Y. Council, Northland Parsonage, Waikanae Beach.
Nelson : Nelson South
North Canterbury : D.Y. Council.

2. **Deeds :** Deeds have been received for property in connection with the following Trusts :—

Auckland District : Fairbairns, Birkenhead, Onehunga, Dominion Road, Pt. Chevalier, Kaikohe.
South Auckland : Otorohanga, Taumarunui, Putaruru, Ngatea.
Hawkes Bay—Manawatu : St. Paul's, P.N., Foxton, Feilding, Gisborne.
Wellington : Miramar, Eketahuna, Raumati, Waikanae Beach.
Otago—Southland : St. Kilda, Otatara.

3. **Trustees :** Changes in the personnel of Trusts have been registered as follows :—

District	Trusts	Removals	Registrations
Auckland	50	122	134
South Auckland	22	64	78
Taranaki—Wanganui	18	24	40
Hawkes Bay—Manawatu	10	11	25
Wellington	23	55	78
Nelson	7	12	25
North Canterbury	27	72	84
South Canterbury	7	14	45
Otago—Southland	21	50	41
Totals	185	424	550

H. L. Fiebig,

Custodian of Deeds and Authorised Representative.

Christchurch, 30/6/49.

RESOLUTIONS

(1) That the Report be received and adopted.

(2) That in accordance with "The Methodist Church Property Act, 1887," the Rev. Herbert Leslie Fiebig be appointed Authorised Representative for the year 1950.

(3) That the Rev. H. L. Fiebig be appointed Custodian of Deeds for the ensuing Connexional 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 June 30th, 1949.

The Board has pleasure in reporting upon a satisfactory year. The income slightly increased and was £5,758 for the year, while the repairs and renovations were lower at £862. We are now faced with a somewhat heavy expenditure to provide additional exits to the Queen Street property to comply with the new Means of Egress City By-laws.

The Board decided to reduce the mortgage a further £2,000 and contribute £400 to the Trinity College in the coming year.

The members of the Board are Revs. E. W. Hames, J. C. Draper, and Dr. H. Ranston, Mr. Justice Stanton, Messrs. E. A. Astley, J. H. Blackwell, S. C. Burton, P. Dellow, T. L. Hames, W. E. Lewisham, J. Tyler, and F. M. Winstone.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

F. M. W. IZZARD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

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

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

Report of Trustees for the Year Ending 30th June, 1949.

The general affairs of the Trust have been maintained regularly and effectively.

The rents of the buildings have been collected regularly, the tenancies being satisfactory and showing few changes.

Maintenance is still difficult, through scarcity of materials, but is being effected as much as possible. Major repairs will have to be undertaken as soon as materials permit, which, when completed, will make these buildings an exceedingly valuable asset.

From the income received, a grant of £200 was made to Trinity Theological College, and a further sum of £2,500 was paid in reduction of the mortgage to the Bank of New Zealand. A total of £6,000 has now been paid off the original mortgage, leaving a capital sum of £14,000 still owing.

We regret to report the death of the following members of the Trust: Messrs. J. W. Shackelford, L. E. Rhodes and G. A. White. These had all given fine service to the Trust, special comment being that Mr. J. W. Shackelford had acted as Secretary to the Board for 40 years. Arrangements are in hand for the appointment of other members to fill these vacancies.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

P. DELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

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

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

Report for 1949.

During the period covered by the accounts, November 1st 1947, to 30th June 1949, the sum of £447/8/4 has been distributed according to the regulations governing the Trust. The value of the Inscribed Stock is £11,400.

Owing to the absence of Miss A. E. Rogers from New Zealand, the position of Secretary to the Board became vacant, the Rev. F. Copeland being appointed to the office. The Board places on record its sincere appreciation of the long and faithful service given by Miss Rogers in the administration of the Trust.

Attention is drawn to the fact that under the express terms of the Trounson bequest the Board is not able to make grants to Ministers in active work, or who are "without pastoral charge," or "resting."

H. RANSTON, Chairman.
F. COPELAND, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

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

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

Annual Report for Year Ended 31st December, 1948.

We have pleasure in presenting the annual report and accounts of the Board for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

The Board being incorporated under special Act of Parliament, it would not be possible, without going through the somewhat onerous procedure of having the Act amended, to change the end of the financial year to bring it more in line with the changed date of the Conference. The Board does not recommend such action, but suggests that, in future it should report briefly on the year's working and operations up to 31st December, and should supplement such report with a further report made up to a date nearer to that of the Conference.

This report accordingly refers only to the financial operations of the Board.

The gross revenue of the Board amounted to £1,492/2/6, and is likely to remain in the vicinity of this amount for a further three years, the main source of income being from rental of properties leased in perpetuity subject to revaluation every 21 years, and the next revaluation being due on 1st January, 1953. General expenses, rates, land tax, insurance, office expenses and salary amounted to £223/4/1, leaving a surplus of general revenue of £1,268/18/5.

The usual annual grant of £600 has been paid to the Rangiatea College, and provision made for depreciation of £150 on the Masterton Home, leaving a surplus revenue of £518/18/5 which has been transferred to Capital Account, bringing the balance to £43,603/10/11.

Special renovations to the Masterton Home were completed during the year, and the additional cost of £328/13/5 has been charged against the accumulated revenue of the Home.

Interest collected on investments of the Masterton Home capital account amounted to £475/2/11 and of this amount £419/5/- was forwarded to the Masterton Committee for the maintenance of the Home, and the balance of £55/17/11 transferred to Accumulated Revenue Account. The Capital and Accumulated Revenue of the Home now stand at £10,153/13/5.

On behalf of the Board,

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Supplementary Report, for Period Ended 12th September, 1949.

As stated in our report for the year ended 31st December, 1948, the end of our financial year is fixed by statute, and we accordingly furnish this supplementary report.

Masterton Children's Home.

Once again we are pleased to report a successful year at the Home under the capable guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Bateup and their assistants, Misses Potter and Fell.

The Masterton Home Management Committee has reported direct to the Conference, and the Wellington Board endorses the recommendations contained in the Committee's report. The Board also wishes to place on record its sincere appreciation of the untiring work of all members of the Masterton Committee for their untiring work for the benefit of the children under their care.

Rangiatea Maori College.

Close contact with the work of the College is maintained through our three representatives on the College Board of Governors, Messrs. A. E. Hurley, T. M. Pacey and N. R. Seddon. We feel, however, that the present facilities are totally inadequate to cope with the needs of the situation. The delay which has been experienced in the establishment of the College on a permanent foundation has been a source of bitter disappointment to those who conceived the scheme, and we do sincerely trust that our Church will take an early opportunity to provide ways and means of dealing adequately with the educational requirements of the young women of our Maori race.

Finance.

Ordinary income and expenditure remains steady as compared with last year. The annual grant of £600 has been paid to the Rangiatea College. Since 1st January the Masterton Committee has had to draw on us for only £200, which is more than covered by interest on the investments of the Home Capital, but it is usually during the last four months of the year when the Home is receiving little income from Circuits, that their requirements are heaviest.

Obituary.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of our senior member, Mr. E. W. A. Kellow, and we desire to place on record our appreciation of his loyal, devoted and able service to the Board over a period of 45 years. His keen interest in the Masterton Children's Home reflected his real affection for the children. His humour, his kindness and his good fellowship won him a special place in the esteem of a large circle of friends in every walk of life.

We also record with the deepest regret the death of another very old member of the Board in the person of Mr. W. W. Moxham, who had also given many years of faithful service. Mr. Moxham served his Church in many capacities, and was always particularly interested in work amongst the young people, and maintained a keen interest in the work of the Masterton Home, although failing health had prevented his taking an active part in the Board's work during the last few years.

General.

Two further vacancies have occurred on the Board through the permanent residence overseas of Mr. W. C. Hemery and Dr. I. V. Newman. We record our appreciation of the services which they have rendered to the Board and to the children in the Masterton Home.

The Board unanimously recommends that the Conference re-appoint the Rev. W. A. Burley as its Chairman, and will, at a later date, forward to the Conference nominations for the four vacancies which have occurred in the membership.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That Messrs. T. H. Crosbie, D. M. Hay, A. D. Priestley, and D. Tayler be appointed members of the Board.

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

RESOLUTION.

That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

QUESTION XXXVIII.—What is the Report of the Board of Connexional Insurance?

CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND BOARD.

Annual Report, 1949.

The audited Financial Statements for the twelve months period ending 31st May, 1949, are presented to Conference with this report.

Accumulated Funds remain at £32,500. This figure has remained stationary for some years. For the working period of a partial year, 1st Nov. 1947 to 31st May 1948, and a full year, 1st June 1948 to 31st May 1949, grants have been made as for two normal years' operations. Losses for these periods have been unusually low. In view of these facts therefore, the Board considers that the time is opportune to add the sum of £1,000 to the Accumulated Funds, making a total of £33,500. It is fitting that this should be done in the year which marks the Jubilee of the Fund, to which reference is made later in this report.

The Fire Loss Reserve Account, after making the usual annual provision of £1,000, stands at £8,115.

The Investment Contingency Reserve Account amounts to £1,136/8/5, including £100 provision for the current year.

Income: The earned income from all sources for the current year, less provision for re-insurance, amounted to £3,592/4/4, an increase of £601/12/3 on the amount for the previous twelve months working period reported to Conference. The amount transferred to Profit and Loss Appropriation A/c. was £2,951/9/1 as being excess of income over expenditure.

Claims amounting to £475/2/6 have been met but were all covered by re-insurance. Our fire losses for the year thus were nil.

In 1948, in respect to a partial year's working from 1st November 1947 to 31st May 1948, grants totalling £1,067 were made to Church institutions.

Early in 1949 the Treasurers of the Children's Fund made an appeal for assistance and an advance was made pro tem of £150.

Additional Insurance written up for the twelve months period under review amounted to £65,457, representing increased cover effected for 92 Trusts. The Board has pursued a steady policy in respect to this matter with satisfactory results on the whole. We must record, however, the fact that there are still a number of properties under-insured and the urgent attention of Trustees is called to this matter in order that appropriate action may be taken.

The number of Church properties not insured with the Fund has been further decreased during the current year by four. Mortgage obligations account for most of the small number that now remain under this category.

Grants: From the distributable surplus, grants are recommended as follows:—

	£
Home Acquirement Fund	324
Methodist Times	150
Foreign Mission Fund	100
Home Mission Fund	100
Church Sites Fund	100
Church Building and Loan Fund	100
Natural Calamities Fund	100
Trinity College	100
Deaconess House	85
Youth Department	50
Supernumerary Benevolent Fund	25
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	£1,234

Board for 1950: The following are nominated as the Board for 1950:—Connexional Secretary; Revs. E. Drake, R. Dudley, H. J. Odell, Messrs. E. R. Caygill (Lay Treasurer), C. H. Perkins, A. A. Dingwall, W. H. Price, P. Le Brun, and W. A. Bascand.

Fifty Years in Operation: This year marks the fact that the Fund has been in operation for 50 years. After several earlier attempts to inaugurate such a scheme, the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund was established by the Conference of 1898 and the Fund began to function on May 1st, 1899. From small beginnings it has so grown through that period of years that today the total insurances effected through the Fund amount to £1,297,047. Total assets amount to £44,649. In addition to creating such assets and performing the service of providing protection for Trustees, surplus profits have been distributed to various Church organisations amounting to £34,457. In many ways the Fund is now a vital and integral part of the life and work of the whole Church.

EDWARD DRAKE, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

Christchurch,
30th June, 1949.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the Report and Financial Statements be adopted.
- (2) That Conference expresses gratification at the notable record of service of the Fund during its first fifty years of operation, as evidenced in the report presented to Conference.
- (3) That Conference urges upon all Trusts that have not done so the need of taking immediate steps to see that all properties under their care are adequately covered for fire and earthquake risk.

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

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE.

Report, 1949.

The work of the Connexional Office carried through in respect of its five main departments has proceeded satisfactorily during the year past. Continually rising costs have meant an inevitable increase in administrative costs which, however, on a percentage basis must be considered very reasonable. Returns for each department indicate a steady increase in the volume of work under review which is what should be expected. This is reflected in the various departmental reports presented to Conference.

The Committee asks for the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

Supernumerary and Allied Funds	....	....	£650
Fire Insurance Fund	....	....	£550
Church Building and Loan Fund	....	....	£350
Contingent Fund	....	....	£250
Methodist Times	....	....	£250
			£2,050

The following Committee is nominated for 1950:—District Chairman, Superintendent Ministers of Durham Street, St. Albans, and Cambridge Terrace Circuits, Connexional Secretary, Lay Treasurers of the Supernumerary Fund Board, Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, Fire Insurance Fund Board, Methodist Times Committee, Contingent Fund, and Mr. J. E. Purchase (Lay Treasurer).

J. E. PURCHASE, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

A.—PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

The College is enjoying a full and busy year, with twenty-three full-time students (including one Congregationalist), and three student-pastors taking a modified course. The health of the men has been good and under the leadership of the Senior Student, Mr. Clark, and the other members of a conscientious and capable senior year, they have given themselves to the life of the College without stint. The men vary in capacity of course, but they are alike in

zeal and devotion, and the Staff have confidence in their growing fitness for the ministry of our Lord. Almost all the men have some University teaching during their course, and the majority should complete their degree a little later. The Hostel continues to serve a useful purpose and could be filled several times over. It is not easy to run a Hostel under present conditions, and the Resident Tutor in particular has many anxious moments (not to speak of weary hours), but the work is important. The Hostel gives preference to young Methodists if they will pencil their names in early, if possible a year ahead.

Last year the Principal and the Tutor shared all the teaching work between them, but the recent appointment of Rev. J. J. Lewis to Auckland has enabled us to secure expert assistance in N.T. Greek and Exegesis. This has freed the Principal to give further attention to the teaching of Hebrew, which had almost lapsed during the war year, and the Conference will be glad to know that he has been appointed to teach this subject at the Auckland University College, beginning in 1950. It is not intended that Hebrew shall be compulsory, like N.T. Greek; but the subject is essential to thorough Old Testament study and a proportion of our men find it a useful B.A. subject.

The Principal has taught Systematic Theology (God, Man, Sin), New Testament Theology (Johannine Books, Hebrews, I Peter), Church History (Origin and History of Methodism), Intermediate N.T. Greek, Hebrew I and Elementary Hebrew, Pastoral Theology III (Worship, Special Services, Circuit Organization, etc.). The Resident Tutor has taught Old Testament Introduction (Prophets), New Testament Introduction (Johannine Literature, General Epistles, etc.), Junior N.T. Greek, Pastoral Theology I (Religious Education), Pastoral II (Pastoral Practice). He has also conducted the weekly Sermon Criticism Class and a class in Voice Production and Speech Training. Mr. Lewis took over the Senior Greek Class from the Principal in April, and has also taught N.T. Exegesis. Visiting Lecturers were Dr. Ranston, Rev. W. E. Allon Carr, and Rev. B. M. Chrystall, to whom we are grateful.

Since the last Conference the photos of Don Alley and John Gilkison have been placed in the Library, suitably inscribed, and the Missionary Memorial Library has been commenced with the seven volumes of Latourette's History of the Expansion of Christianity, presented by the Trinity Old Boys' Association. A few other volumes have been presented also.

Trinity College is in the twentieth year of its service, and it has already fully justified the vision of its founders. Well over half the working ministry of today has been through the College since 1929. The healthy growth of the Church as revealed by the last census figures is due in some measure we believe to the part the College is playing. This is one of the most encouraging aspects of the life of our Church, and we appeal to all our folk to take an intelligent and practical interest in the Institution, and especially to Ministers and Lay Preachers and Bible Class Leaders, that they will be ever watchful to encourage young men whose minds may be turning towards the Ministry as a calling. We hope that every congregation may become proud of its part in Trinity College, and ambitious to see one of its sons in training for the Ministry there. The Church is suffering from a serious shortage of ministers, owing to the war; but the position is very much more promising than it was

in the early 1920's, and candidates are coming forward in numbers sufficient to meet our needs over a period of years. In the long run nothing will do more for the Church than a well-trained Ministry, and it is worth waiting for, if necessary.

E. W. HAMES, Principal.

B.—REPORT OF COLLEGE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1949.

The Council has pleasure in presenting another encouraging report on the work and progress of the College. There have been important items of development since the last report in 1947.

The Students.

There are 26 divinity students in training, of whom 22 are in residence (including one Congregationalist); one a married man on rehabilitation allowance; two student-pastors taking a modified course and one on the President's List of Reserve because of illness. The Hostel is full again this year. The spirit and diligence of the divinity men and the co-operation of all the students are greatly appreciated by the Council.

Additional Tutor.

With the appointment of the Rev. J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., to Auckland, the College has been able to secure the help of a New Testament expert for three hours weekly in Senior Greek and N.T. Exegesis.

Hebrew Lectureship.

The Council congratulates the Principal on his appointment as Lecturer in Hebrew at the Auckland University College. His duties commence in 1950.

Brakenrig Memorial Lecture.

The Fourth Lecture was given on June 16th by Mr. Ronald Dellow, assisted by the Trinity College Students' Choir and the Pitt Street Church Quartette.

College Heating.

Recently, the Council was able to fulfil its long-standing intention of heating the college. Space-heating has been installed in the Library, in the two class rooms, and in the staff-room. It is highly satisfactory.

Also, a new hot water heating system has been installed owing to the collapse of the old one. As the Treasurer's report will show, these improvements have practically exhausted the Rehabilitation Fund, costing nearly £1,700 between them.

Friends of Trinity.

An attempt has been made by circulars to ministers and Quarterly Meetings to stimulate interest in this method of strengthening the College finances. Given an enrolment of 1,000 "Friends" who undertake to donate not less than 10/- a year the Council would be able to plan its budget with greater confidence.

Property Purchase.

A house and section adjoining Trinity College property have been purchased from the Wesley College Trust. This will provide accommodation for a third member of the staff later, as well as give better access to the central portion of the College property. This purchase has been financed by a loan from the Investment Finance Board of the Home Mission Department.

Staff Visits to Circuits [Minutes 1948—page 97 (5)].

The Council recognises that visits to the Circuits by the staff would deepen interest in the College and stimulate recruiting for the Ministry, but would deprecate any pressure upon the teaching staff to do more than they are doing, except in a voluntary way, until the staff is increased.

Late Council Members.

Death has taken from our fellowship four valued and loyal members of the Council in the persons of Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, Messrs. J. Hargreaves, L. E. Rhodes and G. A. White.

Thanks.

The Church is very well served by the College staff who hold a strategic position in the Church's life. The continued able leadership and influence of the Principal merit the hearty appreciation of the Council and of the whole Church. The Resident Tutor, Dr. D. O. Williams, has contributed much to the value of the College course. The Council thanks both Dr. and Mrs. Williams for their efficient supervision of College domestic affairs, made particularly difficult by staffing uncertainties and high costs.

W. WALKER, Chairman.

J. STUART CAUGHEY, Vice-Chairman.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Secretary.

C.—TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Year Ended 30th June, 1949.

1. In presenting to Conference the Annual Accounts of the Trinity Methodist Theological College, I have pleasure in reporting that the year closed with a credit balance of £194/17/1. This was due to payments received from the Contingent Fund, completing allocations which had not been received in the previous year.

2. The grateful thanks of the College are due to the Friends of Trinity College for contributing the sum of £285/0/2, and especially do we thank Mr. W. E. Burley for his personal work in this connection. The College Council have estimated receiving £500 from this source in the Budget now before Conference, and we urge that some interested person be appointed in every Circuit to enrol "Friends" and further the interests of the College.

3. The Rehabilitation Fund is now practically exhausted but the wisdom of providing this money for heavy capital expenses to the College property has been fully proved. Installation has been made of new water heating arrangements and space heating provided on the ground floor. In a property of this nature, with extensive buildings, heavy special expenditure will be incurred from time to time. The Council hopes that larger sums will become available by gift or legacy over a period of years so that the Institution may be adequately financed to accomplish the full purpose for which it was established.

4. We wish to again place on record our thanks and appreciation to the various Trust Boards and Connexional Funds for the continuance of their financial assistance so kindly given to the College.

5. Our thanks are due to the Principal, Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., for his valued assistance at all times, and to the Rev. D. O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., for his careful oversight of the house expenditure.

6. After twenty-five years' service as honorary treasurer to the College I feel it necessary for health reasons to retire from the

Treasurership. My associations with the members of the Council and Principals, Dr. Laws, Dr. Ranston and Rev. E. W. Hames, have been most cordial, and it has always given me great pleasure to co-operate with them for the welfare of the College.

7. The College Council recommends to Conference the adoption of the Budget attached to the Annual Accounts.

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

D.—BUDGET.

For the Year Ended 30th June, 1950.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Credit Balance, 30th June, 1949	194	0	0
Probert Trust Board	400	0	0
Emsly Trust	85	0	0
Contingent Fund	940	0	0
Connexional Fire Insurance Fund	100	0	0
Home Mission Fund	150	0	0
Foreign Mission Fund	75	0	0
College Sunday and Friends of Trinity College	500	0	0
Collegiate Church	60	0	0
Congregational Church	90	0	0
Students' Contributions	60	0	0
Hostel Fees	2,600	0	0
Pitt Street Trust	100	0	0
Prince Albert College Trust	200	0	0
Estimated Deficiency	303	0	0
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	£5,857	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
House and Service	3,200	0	0
Stipends and Allowances	1,050	0	0
Tutors' Fees	60	0	0
Connexional Charges	130	0	0
Bursaries	216	0	0
Rates	215	0	0
Insurance	80	0	0
Telephones	33	0	0
University Fees	200	0	0
Furnishings	200	0	0
Repairs	350	0	0
Printing, Postages and Stationery	50	0	0
Advertising Church Services	8	0	0
Rent Board Room	15	0	0
Sundries	50	0	0
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	£5,857	0	0

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report of the Principal and of the Council be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That the Principal be congratulated on his appointment as Lecturer in Hebrew at Auckland University College.

4. That in view of the necessity for widespread and sympathetic support of the College and in order to bring the claims of the Ministry as a calling before our young people, Conference urges Ministers and Circuit Officials to arrange for the annual observance of College Sunday in every Circuit.

5. That to assist in meeting the rising cost of ministerial training, due especially to the larger number of candidates received, the Conference commends the "Friends of Trinity College" scheme to the liberality of our people, and recommends the appointment where possible of local agents to enrol "Friends" and collect subscriptions.

6. That Conference express appreciation of the devoted service of the Principal and Mrs. Hames, of Dr. and Mrs. Williams, and of the Officers and Members of the College Council, and conveys its thanks to Mr. W. E. Burley for his service in connection with the "Friends of Trinity College."

7. **Mr. Frank Winstone:** For 26 years Mr. Frank M. Winstone has been a member of the Theological College Council, and for 25 years its treasurer. With deep regret we are now compelled to accept his resignation on account of ill-health. During these many years the Council has congratulated itself upon having an officer not only devoted to its interests, but also one who with able foresight has guided its finances along sound and acceptable channels. His persistence in keeping the needs of the College before both institutions and individuals has often been thankfully noted in the Council's meetings. In his posts he has been a treasurer of exceptional ability. But it is probably those who have come most closely into contact with him—Principals and Tutors—who have best appreciated his value. His unflinching courtesy, readiness to help with sound business counsel, sane optimism in those years when College finances were very meagre and budgeting was difficult, and his encouraging commonsense will never be forgotten by those who have been fortunate to have him as their treasurer. He lays down his office with both the Council and the staff very thankful that under God such a man for so long has served the Council so well. May his life be preserved for many years to come!

8. That the Financial Statements of various College Funds, Library, Prize, etc., be adopted, and that the Treasurers, Rev. E. W. Hames and Mr. Frank Sutherland, be re-appointed.

9. That the Conference place on record its appreciation of the generous gift by an anonymous friend of Trinity College of money to provide a prize or prizes in Pastoral Theology.

10. **College Council for 1950:**—Revs. E. W. Hames, M. A. (Principal), Dr. D. O. Williams, M.A. (Resident Tutor), Dr. H. Ranston, M.A. (Fellow of Trinity College), W. Walker, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, E. D. Patchett, G. R. H. Peterson, J. C. Draper, F. J. Handy, Wesley Parker, M.A., A. E. Orr, J. J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., R. Thornley, M.A., G. E. Brown; Messrs. J. Tyler, F. E. Sutherland, T. L. Hames, J. S. Caughey, L. W. Peak, C. K. Wigglesworth, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Burley, B.A., W. Robson, W. F. Winstone, C. W. Firth, K. J. Rosser, G. S. Gapper, H. Halstead, and S. Sayers.

Officers of Council for 1950: Chairman: Mr. L. W. Peak. Vice-Chairman: Rev. A. H. Scrivin. Secretary: Rev. G. R. H. Peterson. Treasurer: Mr. W. F. Winstone.

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

Wesley Training College

A.—Report of Board, 1949.

In presenting this report for 1949 covering the operations for the year ended 31st December, 1948, the Board has to report a year of difficult operating conditions which have resulted in a loss of £773 as compared with a profit of £1,166 in 1947. Factors contributing to this unfavourable result were the rising cost of conducting the Schools, particularly as regards salaries and wages, a reduction in the total College Fees received consequent upon the Polio epidemic, and a falling off in the income from Wellington Park farm, principally from scoria royalties and timber sales.

The loss on the College was £3,272, of which Beneficiary Work accounted for £570. In spite of a full roll College Fees were less by £636 than in 1947. This reduction was accounted for by rebates made in respect of the period during which the College was closed for health reasons. The increase in Wages and Salaries amounted to £444, and this figure, together with the reduction in Fees, accounts for most of the increase in the College loss.

The income from Rents and Interest, and from the Paerata Farm, was more than maintained as compared with 1947, while General Expenses were also approximately the same. There was, however, a substantial fall in the income from Wellington Park Farm, the Net Profit being only £75 as against £1,127 in 1947. This was accounted for by the falling off in receipts referred to earlier added to the increased cost of operation in wages and repairs.

It is pleasing to be able to report that the authority of the Price Tribunal has been obtained to an increase in the College and Preparatory School Fees from £75 to £84 per annum to take effect from the beginning of the current year. This, together with the fact that the College Roll has increased by approximately 20 boys, will result in a substantial increase in College Fees for 1949, and this should be reflected in a more favourable result for the current year.

During the year under review the Board made substantial capital profits, mainly from the sale of suburban properties at figures above book values, and this has augmented the Board's Capital Account by over £10,000 the Board's surplus of Assets over Liabilities at the 31st December last being £143,063. During 1948 the Board sold for £1,500 an area of approximately 10½ acres in Landscape Road. This area was the remainder of the Board's Three Kings Property, most of which had been previously sold to the State Housing Department. The Board's suburban properties have now been reduced to three, the Grafton Road and Waikowhai Properties, both of which are leased in their entirety and bring in a substantial income from rents, and the Mt. Wellington Property on which the Preparatory School and Wellington Park Farm are situated, and which also brings in a considerable revenue from rents.

In June, 1948, Mr. Joseph Stanton, who had then been a member of the Board for 35½ years, for the last 17 years of which he had been Chairman, was appointed to the office of Judge of the Supreme Court. At that month's meeting the Board expressed its deep appreciation of the high honour conferred on Mr. Stanton, and it resolved that a record of his outstanding service to the College be placed in

the Board's Minutes. Mr. Stanton felt compelled to tender his resignation as Chairman of the Board, and Mr. James Tyler was appointed Chairman in his stead.

Subject to the confirmation of Conference, two new members have been appointed to fill vacancies on the Board. These are Mr. C. Darby of Bombay, and Mr. R. D. Miller of Patumahoe.

The year 1949 has seen the completion of the most ambitious building programme undertaken by the Board for many years. This has been the erection of new classroom and science blocks at a total cost, including Architects' fees, of approximately £22,500. The rooms and equipment in these buildings are essentially modern in character.

In addition to the main contract a considerable amount of work is involved in laying out and surfacing assembly grounds and connecting the buildings with adequate pathways. All this work is being proceeded with and the added cost will be in the vicinity of £1,000.

These buildings have relieved the serious overcrowding which has been experienced at the College during recent years, and have made possible a substantial increase in the number of pupils on the Roll.

That the College has been admirably conducted during the past eighteen months is evidenced by the report of the inspectors of the Education Department who recently made a survey of all school activities. The closing paragraph of their comprehensive report reads:—

"The Inspectors were particularly impressed with the fine personal bearing of the boys and with the happy way in which they went about their work. Throughout the school the working spirit was good and response in class bright and ready. The attitude of the older boys to the younger pupils was very pleasant, almost fatherly, and no doubt contributed to the general happy atmosphere. Discipline was good and the whole work and management of the school proceeded with a quiet, smooth efficiency which speaks well for its future."

The reports of the Principals of the College and the Preparatory School are attached hereto.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

L. KNIGHT, General Secretary.

WESLEY COLLEGE, PAERATA.

B.—Principal's Report, 1949.

The period under review has covered numerous changes in the College. The Roll number has increased from a former maximum of 110 to 128 and with the occupation of the seven new class-rooms, the students have entered—in fact have initiated—a new era in Methodist education in this country.

Details of the organisation of the College may be listed as follows:—

Roll.

At present 128, consisting of 87 Europeans, 23 Maoris, and 18 Islanders.

Staffs.

Teaching, farm, and domestics, number approximately 30: there are nine residences. On the whole, adequate staffing (except in domestics) has been maintained.

Farm.

Mr. Alexander resigned as Farm Manager in order to take up land, and has been followed by Mr. J. Barber, late of Fielding Agricultural High School. The area of 400 acres has been found to be adequate for production and training purposes. The fact that the farm is being used for the training of young farmers must not be overlooked, in that it makes considerable demands on staff and money. In spite of extra overhead, the farm has done exceptionally well over the last two years; and it is believed that the agricultural course offered at the College (endorsed as it is by the Education Department to the full) is second to none in New Zealand.

Courses.

Those offered to all boys are (after the first year on "Core Subjects") Academic, Commercial, and Agricultural. This year it is possible to open a full Woodwork course under a fully trained instructor, with extension later to Trade Drawing and Elementary Engineering. The Divinity Course which worked successfully in 1948, will be recommenced in 1950 when some senior boys will be ready to study for the Local Preachers' Examination and prepare for the full ministry of the Church. Three of last year's boys are now at Trinity College preparing for their Candidates' Examination. As the Divinity Course is available only for boys in their fourth year at College, there will be some years when it will be in recess; but a Preachers' Class is held for any boys who wish to attend, and from this class will come the Divinity Course students.

Examinations.

Six boys were presented for the University Entrance Examination in 1948; and all six passed; 4 Maoris and 2 Europeans. Of these 3 are doing full-time University work, 2 are at Teachers' Training College; and 1 is specialising at another College.

There were 7 passes in School Certificate; and in the Local Preachers' Examination, three partial passes and one complete pass.

Sports and Clubs.

The College has done well in both Football and Cricket in all grades. As many as six teams are sometimes fielded on a Saturday, most matches being inter-School. Table Tennis and Tennis, Swimming in season, are popular.

Through the enthusiasm of members of the staff there is a strong Scout troop, a Rover Crew, and an Ambulance Division; a Young Farmers' Club, a Maori Club, Aero and Radio Clubs. These all make considerable demands on the time of Masters, who have ungrudgingly assisted in all activities. The acquisition of the new rooms has made it possible for us to carry on with hobby groups, art work, and specialist activity in a way not allowed before. In consequence, discipline and tone have reached a higher level; and the general health of the boys has been excellent. In paying a warm tribute to all who have so willingly and ably helped in these out-of-school activities which mean so much in a Boarding School, special mention must be made of the Senior Matron, Miss Cliff, to whom has fallen the responsibility of the boys' health, the care of their clothing and feeding, and the control of domestic staffing.

General.

We believe that the College has an important part to play in

the education of the youth of New Zealand. It is our aim to link all our activities together through worship; and the Chapel is central in our life.

The Trust Board are well aware of this and have shown their determination to have the best possible for the College by erecting the new classrooms and providing the necessary accessories. It is becoming increasingly difficult for Private Schools to meet the heavy maintenance and running costs involved in their running, especially when fees are low and an attempt is made to pay the State scale of salaries. Thanks to the magnificent gifts made in former years, we have been able to provide facilities for worship, establish Scholarships, and give amenities of which any school might be proud. The Old Boys' Association have recently voted £250 to assist with a College Library; the Board has recently allowed an Organ Fund to be opened for the provision of a Pipe Organ for the Chapel. With the interest and help of the whole Church, there is every reason to believe that the College will continue to grow and to be able to exercise such an influence for good that many in days to come will be grateful for having learnt there "the things which make for their peace."

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

C.—WESLEY PREPARATORY SCHOOL. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1949.

The Preparatory School Roll has remained steady this year at 31, the highest yet reached, indications being that next year, there will be a waiting list for admission, enquiries being received from as far afield as Uganda and India. The present roll consists of 27 Europeans, 2 Maoris, and 2 Islanders, one from Raratonga and one from the Friendly Group.

Particular attention is being given to formal ground-work, and even already it is noticeable that the general standard of the School in basic subjects is superior to that of the State schools from which our boys come. The School secured two places in the recent essay competition organised by the Auckland Sunday School Union, as well as a special award for the uniformly high quality of the School's entries.

Seven boys have gone on to Wesley College, this number again being the highest number yet recorded.

Staff troubles continue to be the most serious problem affecting the ordinary running of the School. In this connection, perhaps the most grave aspect is the lack of good staff accommodation which the erection of a modern staff block would do much to ease. Mr. A. B. Carter, assistant master, completes his B.A. degree this year. The Chaplain, Rev. Wesley Parker, M.A., visits the School weekly, his calls being welcomed by the children who also are very enthusiastic about their trips to St. Paul's Sunday School, Remuera, on the Sabbath.

Health and general welfare of the children has been good, the School Medical Officer, Dr. Andrew Paterson, visiting the School at least once each week to ensure that this is maintained on its present high level.

Classroom accommodation remains inadequate. Some thought must be given to the construction of a new two-roomed classroom block suitably designed, so that upon the School attaining its optimum size it is capable of easy and economical conversion into matron's flat and Sick Bay.

During the past 18 months much has been done to overtake all arrears of repairs and maintenance. The present hostel block has been completely redecorated, and the dormitories refurnished more in keeping with modern trends. The Recreation Room will be completed by July 30th, thus providing the boys with adequate playing and recreational space, especially in wet weather. It is hoped that this will eventually be equipped as a gymnasium. Work is proceeding rapidly with the formation of playing fields. An area of approximately 4 acres is being developed, providing football field, cricket ground and softball diamonds, the only cost to the Board being that of the actual labour of sowing the seed. It is hoped that this will be completed by October 7th.

A good start has now been made in equipping the School with the facilities it needs to carry out its functions, and in laying out the grounds; but some further capital expenditure will be required before we can consider the school sufficiently advanced to cater efficiently and well for its present roll.

It is hoped that within the next two years Wesley Preparatory School will be properly and soundly fitted to take its place in a parade of progress since the pioneer days.

W. E. V. LOWE, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That Conference notes with gratification the continued development of the College and School, and appreciates the fine leadership of the principals and teaching staffs. It expresses its confidence in the College Board in its management of the College and its property endowments.

3. **Mr. Justice Stanton:** That Conference tenders to Mr. Justice Stanton its congratulations upon his appointment as Judge of the Supreme Court. Upon his resignation as Chairman of Wesley College Board it tenders to him its warm thanks for his valuable leadership, and services, during the 17 years he occupied this office; and the 37 years he has served as a member of the Board. In matters of policy, in the affairs of business, in the concerns of education, in the planning for future activities, Mr. Stanton's work has been of the highest quality. It rejoices to know that as a member of the Board his services will continue to be available.

4. That Conference draw the urgent attention of our people to the need of providing practical support for the Funds of Wesley Training College Board by means of gifts and legacies.

5. **Board for 1950:** Mr. J. Tyler (Chairman). Revs. Dr. H. Ranson, W. Walker, A. H. Scrivin, E. Te Tuhi, E. W. Hames, G. I. Laurenson, Messrs. J. T. Bryant, Stuart Caughey, P. Rushton, A. C. A. Sexton, J. Stanton, A. W. Wesney, K. J. Dellow, E. P. Salmon, W. E. Burley, C. N. Nicholls, C. Darby, and R. D. Miller.

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

1.—SUPERNUMERARY FUND BOARD.

Report 1949.

Annuitants: The number of annuitants at date, with a comparison in brackets with the number previously reported, is 57 (52) supernumeraries and 44 (40) widows. The number of contributing ministers is 164 (161).

Annuities: The amount paid out in annuities and grants during the twelve months under review was £10,145/11/- (£10,010/10/11).

Our rules now allow ministers to retire at 65 years of age irrespective of whether or not they have served 40 years as was previously required. Also of recent years there have been several ministers who through ill-health have had to retire before completing the recognised 40 years' term of service.

Arrears of Subscriptions: Arrears of subscriptions and interest are summarised as for Districts:—

Auckland	....	£310	15	4	South Auckland	....	£35	13	7
Taranaki-Wanganui		£10	5	5	H.B.-Manawatu	....	£8	12	4
Wellington	....	£12	12	11	Nelson	....	£5	4	7
North Canterbury		£97	4	0	South Canterbury		£10	7	9
Otago-Southland		£38	6	9					
					TOTAL		£529	2	8

Commutation: The Conference of 1948 adopted legislation enabling ministers or widows to commute part of their annuity under certain conditions. During the year seven ministers and one widow exercised this option.

Financial Statements: The audited financial statements reveal the following facts:—

Accumulated Funds amount to £139,160/3/8. The decrease is accounted for by the following factors—Commutation, and a Mortgage loss written off. It should be noted in respect to commutation that there is a compensating decrease in the amount of annuities over a period of years. In estimating what amount may be paid to each applicant the actuary allows for this paying out of a capital sum together with the loss of interest created thereby. In this way the balance of the Fund is not disturbed.

The Board has written off this year the loss in respect to one poor rural investment which has been held for some years and which has constituted the one asset which has caused concern. Opportunity was taken to realise at the best figure possible. The loss involved has been made a charge each on the Investment Contingency Reserve and the current year's working, as indicated in the financial statements.

Investments are represented in the following:—

- Mortgages and property in possession, £70,076/5/1.
- Government Stock and Local Body Debentures, £61,904/10/3. (This includes £38,153/5/1 held on behalf of Allied funds.)
- Epworth Chambers, £40,962/8/5, after allowing £7,750 for depreciation. The net earnings herein show a considerable increase owing to the more satisfactory rental position which has been arrived at in the last two years.

Earnings: The gross earnings of the Fund have been £8,117/6/-, representing an average earning on investments of 4½%. After making deductions for depreciation and loss written off referred to above, the net average for this year is £3/10/4% on the actuarial formula.

Maori Ministers: The question of some form of superannuation for Maori Ministers has been under review by the Board in collaboration with the Home Mission Board. Hitherto the Home Mission Board itself has paid a Retiring Allowance of £1 per week to each ordained Maori Minister on retirement. In view of the small number of men involved (5) and the position relating to their years of service, it is

considered by both Boards that the simplest and most effective thing to do will be to continue the scheme at present in operation in the Home Mission Department with any extensions that might be deemed advisable by the same. This is being reported on to Conference by the Home Mission Board.

Bonuses for Home Missionaries and Deaconesses: In accordance with our regulations making provision for a bonus under certain conditions, payments have been made to contributors who qualified for the same. In the case of those who have retired since the last bonus declaration, retrospective payments have been made. Mention should be made of the fact that the scale of bonus for Deaconesses which is considerably larger than that for Home Missionaries is made possible by the generous contribution to the Deaconess Retiring Fund by the M.W.M.U. which makes an annual grant specifically for this purpose.

Board for 1950: The following are nominated as the Board for 1950:—The Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, R. Dudley, H. J. Odell, A. O. Harris, V. R. Jamieson, Messrs. G. S. Salter (Lay Treasurer), L. G. K. Steven, S. H. Maddren, W. Charles Francis, R. G. Pearce, and W. A. Hadlee.

W. CHAS. FRANCIS, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

Christchurch, 12/7/49.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the Board consider the regulation concerning a penal rate of interest on arrears.

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

A.—General.

The Board now administers seventy-five Trusts.

During the period under review the following deposits have been made for various special purposes:—Sydenham Rebuilding Fund; Norsewood Parsonage Fund; Hikurangi New S.S. Fund; Watkin Memorial Fund (Waikouaiti); E. E. White Memorial Fund (Grey-mouth); Kaponga District Fund; Leeston New S.S. Fund (sale of Southbridge Church); Allan Wise Memorial Fund (Lower Moutere); Tai Tapu Circuit (sale of Prebbleton Church), Somerfield New Church Fund.

The finances of the Board are represented in an aggregate of assets amounting to £41,325/5/10.

B.—Winstone Memorial Trust Fund.

Since last reported to Conference this Fund has been of assistance to 40 Ministers, Probationers and Home Missionaries, 19 in 1948 and 21 in 1949. Grants are made in those instances where the minister concerned has not received from his circuit the minimum stipend.

W. CHAS. FRANCIS, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

3.—METHODIST CHILDREN'S FUND. TREASURERS' REPORT.

In presenting the Financial Statement of the Children's Fund for the years 1948 and 1949, we have to report that, throughout both years, the payment per child has been maintained at £8, 221½ children's allowances being paid during the year 1948 and 252½ for the year 1949, the District allocations being as under—

	1948	1949
Auckland	47½	64½
South Auckland	26½	27½
Taranaki-Wanganui	14½	21½
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	12½	15½
Wellington	30	27
Nelson	24½	23
North Canterbury	38	42
South Canterbury	8	16
Otago-Southland	20½	16½
	<hr/> 221½	<hr/> 252½

The total number of children provided for in 1947 was 214½, while in 1939 it was only 173. During the interval, there has been a steady increase, thus reflecting the increase in the birth-rate throughout the Dominion during the past decade. This has strained the resources of the Fund, as the following figures will show:—

	1948	1949
Levies on District	£1,797	£1,800
Payments under Warrants	£1,770	£2,020

The position during the past year has, to some extent, been influenced by the number of children of married Ordinands who have had to be provided for.

In order to meet the commitments for the past year it was necessary to obtain assistance from the Fire Insurance Fund, which provided a sum of £150, of which £50 was by way of grant and £100 as an advance. The assistance of the Fire Insurance Fund is gratefully acknowledged.

It will be necessary for Conference to make provision for the situation which will arise in respect of the year 1950. At the close of the present year there will be an amount of only £15/8/4 in the Children's Fund. District Levies for 1950 will amount to £1,800, while, based on the number of children registered to date and without making any provision for additional births between now and the end of the year or for any children of married Probationers who are being ordained at the coming Conference, a sum of £1,974 will be required, in addition to which there is the advance of £100 from the Fire Insurance Fund to be repaid.

To meet this position and to provide for further registrations between now and the end of the year, it is necessary to ask Conference to provide a further £350 over and above the amount of £1,800 which will be provided by District Levies. This can be achieved by any of the following methods:—

- (a) A reduction in the present grant of £8 per child.
- (b) A further levy on Districts.
- (c) Grant from other Church Funds.

In view of the continued increase in the cost of living, and because we feel that Ministers' Stipends have not kept pace with increases in salaries and wages in other sections of the community, we do not recommend a reduction of the present Grant of £8 per child, but urge that provision be made out of other Church Funds if possible, or, failing this, that the Levies on District be increased.

It should be noted that the position outlined above will be a continuing one, the indications being that the total Levies on Districts, amounting to £1,800, will be insufficient for the future needs of the Fund.

W. A. BURLEY,
T. M. PACEY, Treasurers.

Wellington, N.Z.,
5th October, 1949.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That for the balance of the five year period the amount payable in respect of each child be determined annually and in proportion to the amount available in the Fund.

3. That the Treasurers (Rev. W. A. Burley and Mr. T. M. Pacey) be thanked for their services and be re-appointed.

4.—CONTINGENT FUND.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That the Annual Grant of £420 to the Conference travelling Equalisation Fund be confirmed.

3. That the following grants be authorised for the year July 1st 1949 to June 30th 1950: Theological College £940, Connexional Secretary Department £250, Deaconess Committee £125, University Fees £50, Calamity Fund £25, Methodist Times £75, Methodist Times Editorial £55, Overseas Travel Fund £50, National Council of Churches £34, N.Z. National Council of Churches £6, Committee Spiritual Advance £25, Public Questions £20, Temperance £20, Ecumenical Committee £5, Special—Amsterdam Alternate representative (Mrs. Cochran) £15, Publications Board £100. Total £1,795.

4. That the estimated budget for the coming year as submitted by the treasurers be approved.

5. That the Rev. V. R. Jamieson and Mr. H. de R. Flesher be appointed an advisory committee to assist the Secretary of the Conference in effecting all possible printing economy.

6. That the consultative committee be the Chairman of the Auckland District, the Connexional Secretary, Messrs. J. Tyler, F. E. Sutherland, and J. H. Blackwell.

7. That the Hon. Auditor, Mr. I. J. Wilson, F.I.A.N.Z., B.Com., be heartily thanked for his services during the past 25 years, and a special letter of appreciation be forwarded to him.

8. That the Treasurers for 1950 be:—Rev. W. Walker and Mr. Alan R. Winstone.

9. That the appointment of an auditor to the fund be left in the hands of the consultative committee.

10. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Mr. J. H. Blackwell in recognition of the services rendered to the Church as Lay Treasurer of the Contingent Fund. During the 25 years he has occupied this office, he has faithfully, efficiently, and with marked benefit served the whole Church. Conference is deeply conscious of the large amount of work involved, and expresses its deep appreciation of the same.

5.—REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND COMMITTEE. REPORT FOR 18 MONTHS—JUNE 30, 1949.

At the date of framing this report, all removals had been finalised.

The number of removals has not been as great as in previous years; the total cost for each of the periods under review has been £1,219/2/8, for year ending 31/12/48, and £1,160/12/4, for half year ending 30/6/49. The average cost per removal for the first period was £32/1/4, and for the second period, £26/19/10.

The financial position of the fund is satisfactory, due to the small number of removals, as compared with previous years. The Cash in Hand at the 30th June, 1949, is £781/1/11, which with Levies due for the next half year of £1,000, will give a balance in hand at the end of the year of approximately £1,781.

It must be pointed out, however, that if removals are to take place in the same numbers as in previous years, there cannot be any reduction in connexional levies. Removal costs like all other charges, have been increased in the last few years and many of the removals have cost more than the limits allowed by the regulations. With recent wage increases and increases in freights, the committee must ask for the same levy as last year.

After a perusal of past records, it would appear that consideration should be given to some scheme whereby ministers should not be moved long distances, if this is possible. In view of the high costs involved in removals, the committee has no alternative but to ask that the levy be £2,200, and to request the Stationing Committee to give earnest consideration to avoiding long distance removals in future.

It is hoped that the utilisation of Rail-air services has met with the satisfaction of those ministers whose goods were removed by this means. In all quotes given by the Railways Department, both Rail-air and Rail-sea are submitted, and in most cases the difference is not more than £3. In these cases the goods were sent Rail-air and this meant much saving in time and less inconvenience to the ministers concerned.

Committee's Comments.

Consideration has been given to alternative means of transport and after careful study, it is of the opinion that the arrangement with the Railways Department is the best, in view of the concessions in charges and other considerations given by that Department. In only a few cases is road transport cheaper than railways.

The committee is satisfied that the present arrangements are the best and have proved more satisfactory over a period.

H. J. ODELL, Chairman.

L. C. HORWOOD,

C. H. ELMSLY, Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the levy for the ensuing year be £2,200.
3. That the committee for 1950 be: The Chairman of the District, the Connexional Secretary, the Revs. R. Dudley, V. R. Jamieson and L. C. Horwood, Messrs. H. Chapman, M. Hosking, S. H. Maddren, B. A. Undrill, and C. H. Elmsly.
4. That the Treasurers (Rev. L. C. Horwood and Mr. C. H. Elmsly) be thanked for their services and be re-appointed.

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

FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1949.

While drawing attention to the considerable difficulties still to be overcome, the Reports from the Field, almost without exception, strike a high note of real achievement. They express thankfulness to God for what the Chairman describes as a distinct lift in the spiritual life of the District and for many striking instances of loyalty to Christ and His Church. Extracts from these Reports will be published later and will provide inspiration and challenge for the Home Church. As mentioned later, during the period of nine months under review there has been an increase of approximately two hundred members and two hundred scholars in both day and Sunday schools. The other statistical returns vary little from those of last year.

Native Church.

The 1949 Islands Synod reports 11,242 members—senior and junior; 7,328 scholars in our day schools; 17,444 adherents—an increase for the year of 198 members, 216 scholars and 35 adherents. The spiritual leadership, school teaching, child welfare, etc., etc., for such a large and constantly growing flock is the big task in which 6 native ministers and 306 catechists and teachers are engaged. They are all too few for the task by reason of the war years when the college and schools were destroyed and the present lack of facilities, which preents, for the time being, our training more than one-third of those offering. Fortunately the work does not cease in a village where a teacher is not available. The deputation from the Board was in one such village recently—a large and important one—where the services and class meetings were being conducted by the stewards and local preachers, and the school by the senior scholars.

The people of the Western Solomons have real initiative and capacity, these qualities being found to a marked degree among the chiefs and teachers. Sometimes the chief is also the pastor-teacher. The potentiality of these people when won for Christ and trained for Christian leadership is truly great and should be constantly in the thought and prayer of the Home Church.

Staff.

Word is to hand from the Rev. J. F. Goldie that he will apply for superannuation at the 1950 Conference. He will then have been Chairman of the Solomon Islands District for more than 48 years and in the active ministry for 53 years. He is requesting that he be permitted next year to concentrate on preparing the translation of the

New Testament, recently completed by Sister Lina Jones, for printing and publication. When the time of his retirement comes it will be difficult to express adequate appreciation of the great service rendered by him to the Kingdom of God in the Solomons.

It is with deep regret we report the retirement from the Field, on medical advice, of the Rev. C. T. J. Luxton, a year earlier than had been anticipated. He has rendered fine service since his appointment to the Field in 1939, very ably assisted by Mrs. Luxton. They will be greatly missed by the people they have loved and served so well.

Another heavy loss to the District would be involved in the return to the Home work of the Rev. A. W. E. Silvester, as previously announced, but the District Synod has submitted a proposal to the Board which may enable these devoted workers to continue on the Field for a further term.

Sister Lina Jones is also bidding farewell to the work and people she has served with such ability and devotion for twenty-six years. She has crowned this long term by completing the translation of the New Testament into Roviana, and the revision of the hymn book and catechism.

The loss of so many valuable and experienced workers is serious, but there is cause for gratitude in yet further response to the Divine call for more reapers in the harvest field of the Solomons. The appointment of Dr. G. E. Hault, Nurse Eva Saunders, and Messrs. G. G. Carter and C. D. R. Palmer was reported last year, but it is during this year that they have taken up their appointments on the Field, where they have been warmly welcomed. The Rev. Gordon Cornwell was appointed to Buka by the Conference Executive Committee last February, and with Mrs. Cornwell, who is a triple certificate nurse, was inducted to his charge at a very impressive service at Buka during the visit of the Deputation and the Chairman of the District. In July, Miss Joyce McDonald, a daughter of the Parsonage, was appointed by the Board as a teaching Sister, and left for the Field in August with Sister Grace McDonald, who, in view of the urgent need, has generously agreed to return for a further two years. It is hoped that Nurses Davinia Clark, Joan Brooking and Jessie Grant, who have been accepted by the Board, will be ready to sail early in 1950, and that two teachers who are under a sense of God's call will also soon be ready for the Field. Other enquiries have been received regarding work in the Solomons which encourages us to believe that the call of the Native Church "Come over and help us," is not falling on deaf ears.

Education.

An important Education Conference was held at Honiara in March preparatory to the drafting by the Government of Regulations governing education in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate. Our Society was represented by the Chairman of the District, who does not seem very happy about the subsequent draft proposals. The Conference was between representatives of the Government and the missionary societies operating in the Protectorate. It was recognised that Missions had been entirely responsible for education hitherto, and that the Government could not attempt to found primary schools or even secondary schools at present, but they may establish a technical school for vocational training for Government service. The Government also proposes to send selected students to its teacher-training college at Suva. The representatives of the missionary societies operating in the Protectorate are alive to the vital importance of

retaining control of their schools in order to safeguard the spiritual development of the scholars—the most important phase of true education, but largely, if not entirely, neglected in Government-controlled schools.

The Papua-New Guinea Administration has continued its policy of close collaboration with our staff on Bougainville and Buka and has made substantial grants. The reports from this Circuit, while rejoicing in definite progress, emphasise that adequate qualified staff is essential for the maintenance and extension of such vitally important work. More trained teachers, both European and Native, are urgently needed.

Resolutions of the Islands Synod covering Village Schools, Circuit Institutions and the District Institution, express profound gratitude to God for continued and extending usefulness of these centres of learning, for the eagerness of scholars and students both to learn and to serve, and for the fact that this section of the work, in spite of serious disabilities of inadequate buildings and equipment, has been substantially rehabilitated.

Medical.

The period under review has been a very broken one for Dr. G. E. Hault, owing to a long delay in Sydney and a subsequent return to New Zealand for urgent family reasons. He has, however, visited the whole district and is fully alive to the bigness and urgency of the task to which he has been called. He writes enthusiastically about the suitability of the "Cicely II" and is very proud of the boat and grateful to those who gave her. He is also grateful to the Lepers' Trust Board for the new dispensaries and its substantial financial assistance. He stressed the immediate need for suitable hospital buildings and more nurses.

Severe epidemics in several parts of the District have thrown additional strain on the Nurses and their Native staff. The almost astronomical figures of patients and treatments are evidence of the work accomplished. As always these devoted workers have responded nobly, but not without sacrifice to themselves, several of them having been on the sick list. Mrs. Cornwell has done almost full-time nursing work, and the wives of all the other missionaries have rendered great service.

Rehabilitation.

The main purpose of the deputation was to confer with the workers on the Field regarding the rehabilitation programme. So big is this undertaking that the £100,000 already raised for the purpose will not be sufficient. Some measure of compensation has been expected from the British Government for war damage in the Solomons. It was therefore with deep concern the Board read in the Press the notification of the Western Pacific High Commission that on the recommendation of the High Commissioner, His Majesty's Government had agreed that there should be no war damage compensation scheme in respect of the Solomons. Representations regarding this matter have been made to His Excellency the High Commissioner, and it may be necessary later to take further action. The Board is grateful, however, to have sufficient in hand to proceed with the major part of the work. Already the mission fleet has been restored to approximately pre-war strength, and considerable stocks purchased from the War Assets Realisation Board are in hand. Three large Quonset huts and several stores have been erected. These, with the maternity ward at Choiseul—a special gift from the M.W.M.U.—

constitute a small beginning in permanent re-building. The considerable labour and not inconsiderable expense of erecting and maintaining temporary buildings in the meantime must not be forgotten.

At a Conference of the missionaries and the deputation, important decisions were reached regarding sites and order of priority, etc., in connection with the re-building programme. The recommendations of this conference have been approved by the Board, which has set up a special committee to confer with an architect and others with a view to putting the work in hand at the earliest possible moment. Shortage of materials, however, is still a major problem.

Together with a further generous grant of £1,500, there has come from the Lepers' Trust Board the request that we make the utmost endeavour to erect and equip several dispensaries in the immediate future from funds allocated by it. We have been fortunate in securing materials, permits and transport at short notice for three such buildings, and plaques are to be affixed indicating they are the gift of the Lepers' Trust Board. Since 1942 we have received £7,250 from this fine organisation which is doing so much to ameliorate suffering and cleanse the lepers of the South Pacific.

A further interesting item in connection with the re-building programme is that certain special objectives are provided for by funds held in trust as follows:—

District Girls' School—£4,073 from M.W.M.U.

Schools, etc., Vella Lavella—£546 from Occupation Forces during the War.

Sisters' Home, Kokesu (Teop)—£930 from M.W.M.U.

Rev. Don Alley Memorial Hospital—£1,500.

Rev. Don Alley Memorial School—£1,500.

Sister Eliz. Common Memorial Hospital—£1,700.

Mr. Geo. Yearbury, whose offer of service as a builder was accepted by the Board in 1948, is expected to leave for the Field next month. The District is appealing for more builders in the near future.

Transport.

Shipping to the British Solomons is only occasional and while a fairly regular service to Rabaul is now maintained, the connection between the latter place and our northern stations is very uncertain. Air service, however, has definitely improved.

As mentioned earlier, the Mission Fleet has been restored to approximately pre-war strength. The highlight of the year in our shipping circles has been the building of a new boat for the medical work. This fine effort was sponsored by the M.W.M.U., which made the boat its "Special Objective," and the fund was given a wonderful start by a generous gift of £1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. John Astley of Auckland. The M.W.M.U. special effort realised the remarkable total of £2,886, and with the £1,000 mentioned and some smaller gifts covered, with the exception of £60, the entire cost of the boat, including transport to the Field.

Revealed some months later, there was a beautiful sequel to the launching of the "Cicely II." Among those present was one whose heart was strangely warmed by the ceremony and who began to wonder what he also could do for the Solomons. His first impulse was to offer himself and his professional services, but an adverse medical report precluded that. He then thought of the powerful launch just built for his own use, and offered that for the work of God in the Solomons. The Board has gratefully accepted this very

generous offer. The launch is to be named "Vecta" and will be a valuable addition to the Mission Fleet.

Another very generous gesture has been that of Mr. Geo. Winstone who helped us out of a very serious difficulty by the gift of a strongly built dinghy urgently needed for the "Roviana." This was followed up by the transfer to us at a nominal figure, of a large life-boat which will prove of great value in conveying material during the re-building programme. The Board is indeed grateful to the generous donor.

Home Base.

No Missionary from the Field has been available for deputation work during 1949, and the General Secretary, who covers a great deal of New Zealand most years, has been fully occupied with administrative and rehabilitation work and in visiting the Field. This has thrown an added responsibility upon the District and Circuit Foreign Mission Secretaries and the Ministers. To all these the Board extends its sincere thanks, and urges all members and adherents in every circuit to rally the more eagerly to the support of the Church's great task overseas.

The Board's thanks and appreciation are extended to the Rev. A. Blakemore who acted so ably for the General Secretary during the Latter's absence from New Zealand—a task the more onerous by reason of the Lay Treasurer and Accountant (Mr. G. S. Gapper) being the other member of the deputation to the Solomons.

M.W.M.U.

With the Missionary Women of New Zealand there is no looking back. Every year marks progress for which the Native Church and the Mission Board are profoundly thankful. Support of the Sisters on the Field and of much of their work has been generously maintained, and outstanding service rendered by the Union's Box Organiser—Sister Edna White.

Under the head "Transport" reference has been made to the M.W.M.U. "Special Effort" for 1949, which took the shape of a new boat for the Doctor and Nurses. It is doubtful whether any similar effort has ever captured the imagination and sympathy of the Union as this beautiful gift, for which the Board once again extends its grateful thanks to the M.W.M.U. and Mr. and Mrs. John Astley.

As Mrs. M. E. Virtue and her Executive hand over the reins of Dominion Office, the Board desires to congratulate them upon a splendid term of service for the Kingdom, and to thank them for their very loyal and able co-operation during the past three years. They have worthily maintained the high tradition of the Office and will have the joy and satisfaction of knowing that their work has been abundantly blessed of God. To Mrs. Hallam and her Christchurch Executive the Board extends hearty congratulations upon their appointment to the highest office of their Union and looks forward to close and happy fellowship with them.

Youth Department.

The 7,000 day-school scholars of our Methodist schools in the Solomons and the thousands of Youth beyond school age are linked with the Methodist Youth of New Zealand in a fine fellowship. This sense of kinship is more highly developed in some circuits than in others, and it is the Board's earnest desire that in every Youth Council, every Bible Class and every Sunday School a yet stronger link with the Solomons may be forged.

The Board extends its sincere thanks to the Youth Directors and all associated with them in keeping the missionary vision and challenge before the young life of the Church.

"Open Door" and "Lotu."

The circulation of these missionary magazines of the Church continues to grow and now stands at 6,600 and 8,800 respectively. In continuing to sell these magazines at pre-war prices the Board, while involved in some loss each year, is pursuing a policy of getting missionary information into as many homes as possible, and seeks the help of every member and adherent of the Church to increase the circulation still further.

General Secretaryship.

The Special Committee set up by the Board has pursued its quest for a successor to the present General Secretary, who expects to retire in January 1951, and with great confidence recommends to the Board for nomination the name of the Rev. H. K. Bartlett, L.Th., of South Australia.

Financial.

That overseas costs continue to rise even more rapidly than at home is painfully obvious. Islands freight is more than three times pre-war, and other charges assume such serious proportions as to cause the Board grave concern. Once again our people are urged to relate, as far as possible, their missionary contributions to these increased costs and the urgent needs on the Field. That the Native Church is making a real effort is made apparent by its generous contribution this year of £3,824, to which is added £4,187 in Government grants.

Conclusion.

This report is closed on a note of thanksgiving to Almighty God for His grace and guidance and for granting us, as a Board, the privilege of sharing the joyous task of bringing in His Kingdom Overseas. To Him be the praise and the glory.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

A. H. SCRIVIN, General Secretary.

**METHODIST FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT.
TREASURERS' REPORT.**

For the Eight Months Ending 31st August, 1949.

The changed date of the Annual Conference has made it necessary to end the financial year on the 31st August. Consequently the Balance Sheet here presented is for a period of eight months only. This makes difficult comparison with previous years as to Income and Expenditure.

£5,098/1/5 has been received from the Circuits, which compares more than favourably with the amount received for the corresponding period of last year.

£3,824 has been contributed by the Church in the Islands—a very worthy sum indeed. £4,187/3/4 has been received by way of Government Grants for Educational and Medical purposes.

An outstanding feature is the amount of £2,886/15/4 contributed by the M.W.M.U. towards the cost of the Doctor's boat. This, together with £1,000 from Mr. and Mrs. John Astley, and several other donations totally £188/5/9, has covered the entire cost of the "Cicely II."

We acknowledge with gratitude the continued help of the M.W.M.U. in maintaining the work in the Solomons.

The generous help of the Lepers' Trust Board has again been extended to the Mission Work of our Church in the gift of £1,500.

Legacies to the total of £336/0/4 have been received during the period.

Rising costs make it imperative that the financial support from the Circuits be maintained. We feel sure that if the appeal is carefully organised in each Circuit we shall not only maintain, but increase, the Circuit income.

G. S. GAPPER,

A. BLAKEMORE, General Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report be received and adopted.

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

3. **Sympathy: Rev. W. A. Sinclair.**—The Conference extends affectionate sympathy to the Rev. W. A. Sinclair and his sons in their great sorrow. The sudden death of Mrs. Sinclair has brought sadness and a deep sense of loss to us all. She was greatly beloved and her loyalty and devotion during the 14 years her husband was General Secretary will not soon be forgotten. We pray that the comfort and sufficient grace of God may sustain Mr. Sinclair in these lonely days.

4. **Greetings to Missionaries and the Native Church:** The Conference rejoices that the recent Deputation was able to convey its affectionate greetings, and those of the President, to the Native Church and the Missionaries, and to bring back encouraging word, as outlined in its Report, of real progress in the work throughout the District. We assure you all of our continued prayer and utmost effort as you hold and extend the frontiers of the Kingdom.

5. **Rev. C. T. J. Luxton:** With very deep regret the Conference grants approval to Mr. Luxton's immediate return to the Home work—regret not only because of his ill-health but also because of the great loss to the work occasioned by his retirement from the Field. Appointed in 1939, Mr. Luxton has rendered very valuable service to Buka where our work has developed considerably under his leadership. High commendation from Government officials has been given on a number of occasions recently in respect to school and other work at Skotolan and Petats.

With the exception of Mr. Goldie, Mr. Luxton was the first man back on the Field after the War, and did splendid work in preparing the way for other members of the Staff by the erecting of temporary houses, hospitals, etc. His station on Buka was the first in the District to get back to more or less normal pre-war conditions. When the "Daphne" was the only open-sea boat in commission she was under Mr. Luxton's care and rendered remarkable service to the District.

Owing to the claims of five young children, Mrs. Luxton was unable to accompany her husband when he returned from furlough in October, 1948, but until then she had nobly supported him in all his arduous work. The grave of their little daughter, Moyna, and the love of the Buka people, will keep their hearts very much in the work to which they have given ten of the best years of their lives.

6. **Sister Lina Jones:** Upon her retirement from the Field after 26 years of very able and devoted service, the Conference extends to Sister Lina Jones its deep appreciation and sincere thanks, and warmly congratulates her upon the outstanding success of her work. Her contribution to the educational side of the work has been unequalled in the history of the Mission, and her gifts of organisation and spiritual leadership have been of a high order. She has also rendered great service as a translator and her final achievement of completing the translation of the New Testament into the Roviana language is probably her greatest contribution of all. She has recently received the corrected proofs of "The Stories of Jesus and the Apostles," has prepared a further edition of the Roviana Hymn Book, and has revised the Roviana Dictionary. Her retirement constitutes a grave loss to the District, but we rejoice in the knowledge that the large number of native teachers she has helped to train and the thousands of scholars she has taught will continue as living witnesses of the love of God she has proclaimed in all her service.

7. **General Secretaryship:** (a) That the Rev. H. K. Bartlett, L.Th., of South Australia, be designated for appointment by the 1950 Conference as General Secretary of Foreign Missions. (b) That the Secretary of Conference take the necessary steps for his transfer in due course.

8. **Golden Jubilee—Solomon Islands District:** The Conference learns with pleasure that the Islands Synod has the matter of the Golden Jubilee of the Mission in hand, and assures the District of the fullest possible co-operation.

9. **M.W.M.U.—Thanks and Appreciation:** The Conference places on record its high appreciation of the loyal co-operation and generous help of the M.W.M.U. during the past year. Every succeeding year of this fine movement marks progress which is very encouraging and enables the Board to plan the future with confidence.

In addition to maintaining its generous support of the work of the Sisters, there has been a Special Objective that has made history in the building and despatch to the Field of the "Cicely II." £2,886 is the total to date of this remarkable effort, which, with Mr. and Mrs. John Astley's fine gift of £1,000, and some smaller amounts including anonymous gifts of £100 and £65, has covered the entire cost of the new medical boat, for which the Conference is deeply grateful.

As Mrs. M. E. Virtue and her Executive hand over the reins of Dominion Office, the Conference desires to congratulate them upon a splendid term of service for the Kingdom, and to thank them for their very loyal and able co-operation during the past three years. They have worthily maintained the high tradition of the Office and will have the joy and satisfaction of knowing that their work has been abundantly blessed of God.

10. **National Missionary Council Representatives:** Revs. A. H. Scriven, W. A. Burley, M.A., W. M. Garner, Mrs. E. M. Riddell.

11. **Youth Department—Thanks and Appreciation:** The Conference places on record its thanks and appreciation of the work of the Youth Department, the Youth Directors and all associated with them in fostering missionary interest among the children and youth of the Church. It is particularly grateful for the help rendered in producing a further edition of the Catechism in Biluan, and trusts that the bond between the youth of the Solomons and New Zealand will become yet deeper and stronger.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

That the Board for 1950 be as follows:—

The Rev. H. J. Odell (President of the Conference), Rev. A. H. Scrivin (General Secretary), the Chairman of the Solomon Islands District, Rev. A. Blakemore and Mr. G. S. Gapper (General Treasurers), the Chairman of the Auckland District, Revs. Dr. H. Rantson, F. Copeland, W. Walker, G. I. Laurenson, W. Green, E. C. Leadley, J. C. Draper, A. E. Jefferson, A. E. Orr, L. R. Gilmore, W. W. Avery, A. A. Bensley, R. Dudley, C. T. J. Luxton, H. C. Dixon, Messrs. J. Tyler, R. Thomas, L. W. Peak, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Burley, R. T. Garlick, W. Elliot, H. Denton, Miss E. M. Rishworth, Messrs. C. E. Taylor, W. C. Francis, P. E. Patrick, H. Oldham, President M.W.M.U. (Mrs. T. Hallam), President M.W.M.U. Auckland District (Mrs. A. H. Scrivin), Mrs. H. Nicolson, Mrs. B. O. Stokes, Sister Edna White, Mrs. M. E. Virtue, Miss E. Purdie, Northern Youth Director (Miss Jean Hartley).

District Foreign Mission Committees, 1950:

AUCKLAND.—Superintendent Ministers of Auckland City and Suburban Churches, President Auckland District M.W.M.U., Mrs. H. Nicolson, Miss E. Rishworth, Messrs. A. B. Whitehead, W. E. Burley (Convener), R. G. Laking, and R. Thomas; President of Waitemata District M.W.M.U.

Committee for Northland.—The Northland sub-district Executive.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Ministers of Te Aroha, Hamilton and Hamilton East Circuits; Messrs. P. Rushton, W. A. Clark, E. P. Baty; Presidents of Morrinsville, Hamilton and Hamilton East Women's Missionary Auxiliaries; two youth representatives to be appointed by Morrinsville and Te Aroha. Convener: Rev. G. R. Thompson.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—Chairman of District, Ministers and Circuit F.M. Secretaries of New Plymouth and Waitara Circuits.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—Hawkes Bay: Ministers of Napier, Hastings, and Gisborne Circuits; Messrs. J. H. Oldham and A. Tunncliffe. Convener: Mr. J. H. Oldham.

Manawatu Sub-Committee: Ministers of Palmerston North and Feilding Circuits. Convener to be appointed.

WELLINGTON.—Revs. W. E. A. Carr, H. W. Payne, W. J. Morrison and W. M. Garner; Mrs. Smith, Messrs. C. J. Lovatt, V. Smith, T. H. Galbraith and S. Fellows. Convener: Rev. W. M. Garner.

NELSON.—Ministers of Nelson, Richmond, and Motueka Circuits; Messrs. S. S. Collier, H. J. Savage, E. S. Wratt, and E. C. Gamble. Convener: Rev. A. K. Petch.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Committee and Secretary to be appointed by the District Executive.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Revs. D. G. Sherson, M. A. McDowell, W. W. Avery; Mrs. R. McAlister, Messrs. S. Smith, T. Simmons, A. Dale. Convener: Rev. D. G. Sherson.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—To be appointed by the District Executive. Convener: Rev. N. P. Larsen.

34th ANNUAL REPORT OF M.W.M.U. (1948).

We present the 34th Annual Report of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union of N.Z., as presented to our Conference in October, 1948.

Membership.

Is 4,894, an increase for the year of 229. Additional Auxiliaries have been formed in Otago (3), South Canterbury (1), and Wanganui Districts (2), making a total of 190 Auxiliaries.

District Councils.

The Dominion Executive is indebted to these for their earnest supervision of Auxiliary working, Quarterly progress reports keeping the Executive in touch with the work in general.

Finance.

Income for the year is £8,302/6/9, an increase on previous year of £506/6/9. All previous records were eclipsed in the amount of £1,118/14/3 received for sale of used stamps. Other funds have maintained steady progress.

Kurahuna School Hostel reports a further year of progress. In residence are 14 girls, of whom excellent reports are received in connection with school, church and social activities.

Smethurst Rest Home has been in occupation on occasions by Sisters seeking rest and relaxation.

Sisters supported by the Union and working under the Home Mission Board number eight. Our contribution to the Board for salaries is £1,665. To these Sisters, Auxiliaries sent forward 293 sacks of used clothing.

The return of Sister Joy Whitehouse to New Zealand leaves six Sisters engaged in work in the Solomons. The regular supply to them of medical requirements and articles in demand for work on the various stations is supervised by our Dominion Box Organiser, Sister Edna White of Auckland. Our contribution to the Overseas Mission Board is £1,595.

Gratefully acknowledging Divine guidance in a year of happy achievement, we enter on a further year of earnest endeavour.

M. E. VIRTUE, President.
G. M. ROWE, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the report be received and adopted.

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

Home Mission & Church Extension Department

A.—ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1949.

Introduction.

We present this annual report to Synods and Conference recognising that we have been upheld and guided through difficult months by the hand of our Heavenly Father. The work is full of challenge. Many opportunities for advancement stand at our door, and the only limitation to our powers at present comes from the shortage of staff and still inadequate funds. Yet we are encouraged to proceed with our work in the sure knowledge that we are engaged "on the King's business".

The Board.

Several changes have come in our Board membership since last we reported to Conference. Death has claimed Mr. A. Williams. Stationing changes caused the withdrawal of Revs. E. B. Chambers, H. A. Cochrane, and G. V. Thomas. Messrs. C. A. French, C. K. Wigglesworth and B. O. Stokes felt that pressure of other work necessitated their withdrawing from this piece of special service. Rev. John Olphert reluctantly resigned through advancing age. We have gladly welcomed Messrs. G. S. Gapper, R. G. Laking, Revs. R. Coombridge, W. F. Ford, J. J. Lewis and G. R. H. Peterson as new members.

Staff.

Obituary: Well-known and honoured figures in the Home Mission Ranks who have been called to Higher Service are Revs. C. W. Brown, C. Aker and R. C. Patchett.

Resignation has taken from the ranks Messrs. J. McMorran and J. F. Amos.

New Members.

We have welcomed on to our staff the following men, who have commenced their service with zeal and effectiveness: J. R. Hall, E. K. Ordish, I. J. Ruck, F. D. Peterson, F. A. Fitzsimons, A. E. Tardif, D. G. Stubbs, K. G. Fowler, E. G. P. Turner, O. M. Olds

We pay tribute to the splendid services being given throughout the Dominion by our team of Home Mission Agents who are doing much to maintain the effectiveness of our Church's witness.

Status of Home Missionaries, and Representation of Home Mission Stations at Conference.

We append a series of recommendations bearing on these important questions and carrying the strong endorsement of the Board.

Finance.

We feel that it is still very urgent to draw the attention of our Church to the need for more solid and uniform support of our Fund. The targets sent to the Circuits have been based on minimum requirements, to meet the programme of work authorised by Conference. Some of our Circuits and Home Mission Stations have taken the challenge of the Targets seriously, and have shown that we are not asking too large a figure as an over-all objective. We ask each District to arrange that before the financial year is closed and the appeal finalised, every effort should be made to achieve the Target figure at least. By an encouraging lead from the Synod, we are sure that some special effort could be made where the figure has not yet been attained, and as a result the Fund be stabilised for aggressive work.

Literature and Colporteur Work.

A separate report is enclosed.

Maori Mission.

A separate report is enclosed.

Annual Reports.

Lists of Subscriptions and method of acknowledgment. A report will be submitted direct to the Conference Home Mission Committee.

Honour to Rev. A. J. Seamer, C.M.G.

The Board learned with great pleasure of the great honour conferred upon our ex-General Superintendent, and wishes him well in his continued helpfulness to the work that he has served for so long.

Conclusion.

We look to our Church to continue the growing evidence of confidence in our work, as shown in the increasing support of our Funds. We urge that much prayer be made for the needs of the Church in the matter of staffing. Let each Church ask what has been contributed by their particular fellowship through the years of its existence, in the way of young men and women for full time Christian service. Place this alongside the years of service rendered by men and women who have been sent by the Conference to labour there, and see how the balance stands in years of service. There would be a great discipline in such an investigation, and the results would possibly challenge the Church to greater concern for the work of the Church at large. Through this Department are offered avenues of service by means of sacrificial giving of lives and possessions. The work deserves the best that any person can offer. We commend it to our people.

E. T. OLDS, President of Conference, Chairman of the Board.
J. C. DRAPER, Secretary.
GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

B.—METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1949.

It is with gratitude to God that we report a year of success and progress in the business of our Bookroom. We offer our hearty thanks to the Manager, Mr. H. J. Beavis and his staff, for efficient services rendered.

It is pleasing to be able to report that for a period of nine months, sales this year have increased as compared with the same period last year by £695. During the year, additional licenses have been secured to the extent of £400. (Australian £300, American £100.) Stocks are being well maintained to the limit of licenses, and selection has improved. Text books and Sunday School materials are still in short supply, but gradual improvement is expected from 1950.

To facilitate the keeping of detailed records for accurate filing and reference, it was decided to initiate a Card Index system. To assist the Bookroom staff in this matter, the temporary appointment of a qualified person was agreed to.

It is very disappointing to the Committee that in the meantime, there is no possibility of securing the new shop, as the tenant is not prepared to relinquish tenancy. This will necessitate the continuance of the disadvantage of lack of space to adequately display the stock.

We are grateful for a successful year, and we look forward with confidence to still greater progress.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman of Board.
H. M. PATRICK, Chairman.
A. E. JEFFERSON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the reports of the Home Mission and Church Extension Department and of the Literature and Colporteur Committee be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1950 be received and adopted.

4. Rev. A. J. Seamer, C.M.G.: That Conference conveys its hearty congratulations to the Rev. A. J. Seamer in the honour conferred upon him by His Majesty the King in appointing him a member of the Order of Companion of St. Michael and St. George. It recognises his worthiness for this distinctive honour in the many years of faithful, devoted and efficient services to the religious, and social welfare of the Maori people. It rejoices to learn that he is still able, under God, to continue this work so dear to his heart, and prays for him many years of continued service.

5. Home Mission Stations and Representation in Conference:

(a) That contiguous circuits consider the possibility of an amalgamation of Home Mission Stations with their Circuit area (as is done in Feilding and Opunake) if necessary with financial separation, and that Conference Representatives be chosen from the total lay membership in the Quarterly Meeting.

(b) That well-established Home Mission Stations make every effort to be raised to Circuit status.

(c) To facilitate either of the above lines of action, Conference directs District Executives and District Home Mission Committees, to review each case in their area, and to recommend suitable action to the Quarterly Meetings concerned.

(d) That the Law Revision Committee investigate and report upon the steps which would be necessary to allow for (a) Home Missionaries in full status to be members of the Conference, and (b) for Home Mission Stations to have lay representation at Conference.

6. Status of Home Missionaries and nature of Home Mission Service: That the Law Book Revision Committee amend Book of Laws, Page 128, Section 24, Para. 3, to incorporate the following provision: "An effective Home Missionary who has given ten years' continuous service, may on the recommendation of the Home Mission Board, be given by Conference a reasonable assurance of continuity of appointment as a Senior Home Missionary, subject to such enquiries as to character and effectiveness as are applied to ministers."

7. That the question of possible ordination of Senior Home Missionaries as Deacons, be referred to the special Committee of Conference as recommended by the Board of Studies.

8. That with the question of possible ordination of Senior Home Missionaries, a clearer definition be made of the functions of junior Home Missionaries or Home Missionary Probationers in the matter of conducting the Sacraments.

9. That we draw the attention of the whole Church to the fact that Home Missionaries being on the lower level income group, inevitably carry any measure of hardship caused by rising costs and stationary income. We urge that, in these cases especially, attention be given to payment of full stipend, at least at Conference minimum standards, and full travelling allowances at Conference scale to cover all travelling and expenses incurred in Circuit work.

10. That a question be asked at Synods, "What stipends and travelling allowances are being paid to the Home Missionaries and Home Missionary Probationers in the District?"

11. That the Home Mission Board review the title for workers in Home Mission Service, and make recommendations to next Synods and Conference.

12. That the Law Revision Committee investigate the Law covering the Status of Retired Home Missionaries, as to the possibility of being eligible to represent the Circuits in which they reside as lay representatives at Conference, and the issues involved.

13. That Conference direct Districts to observe paragraph 7, page 129, of the Law Book (Reception Service for Home Missionaries, etc.).

14. (a) That District Executives keep the Home Mission Board informed of Church Extension Schemes within the District. (b) That District Executives be constituted where not already in existence.

15. That the Home Mission Department investigate the matter of boundaries in the Marton, Bulls area.

16. That the Deaconess Committee investigate the method of appointment of Deaconesses, in consultation with the Connexional Secretary, the General Superintendent for Home and Maori Missions, and the General Secretary for Foreign Missions, and report to next Synods and Conference.

17. **Methodist Contribution to the Budget of the National Council of Churches:** That Conference approves of the Home Mission Board using its funds to meet the obligations of the Church in connection with the Budget of the National Council of Churches, it being understood that the Districts through the Executives and under the guidance of the Ecumenical Committee accept the responsibility of raising the District allocations, and repaying the Home Mission Fund through the Ecumenical Committee.

18. That the present method of printing lists of subscribers be continued.

19. That the special thanks of the Conference be expressed to the M.W.M.U. for its increased support of the Home Mission Department by (a) increasing its financial support of Deaconesses in Maori work by an extra £400 for the current year, (b) accepting as a Special Objective for the year the launching of a campaign to raise funds for Deaconess Transport.

20. That the Treasurers, Rev. B. M. Chrystall and Mr. F. Penn, be thanked for their services and be re-appointed.

21. That the Auditors, Mr. P. Dellow and Mr. J. L. Crawford, be re-appointed.

22. That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to Home Mission Secretaries and collectors, to District Secretaries and Committees, and all who have given their continued support of the work of the Department.

23. That the following be the Home Mission Board for 1950:—Chairman of the District, Revs. G. I. Laurenson, B. M. Chrystall, H. A. Darvill, E. Te Tuhi, A. H. Scrivin, W. Green, E. D. Patchett, L. R. M. Gilmore, G. R. H. Peterson, A. E. Orr, H. Whitfield, F. J. Handy, A. E. Jefferson, J. C. Draper, W. Walker, A. Blakemore, J. J. Lewis, W. F. Ford, R. Thornley, G. E. Brown, R. Coombridge, Messdames T. Hallam, H. Nicolson, Misses E. Rishworth, E. M. Pearce, Messrs. F. Penn, L. T. Hayman, J. H. Blackwell, H. M. Patrick, H. S. Crowe, S. E. Chappell, J. C. Tietjens, P. Dellow, T. W. Hemer, G. S. Gapper, R. G. Laking, J. S. Bayes, G. E. Spooner, W. A. Woodwood, and S. Sayers. Corresponding Member: H. L. Fiebig. Life Members: A. J. Seamer, Dr. H. Ranston. Secretary: Rev. J. C. Draper.

RELIGIOUS FILM SOCIETY.

1. That the Report be received and included in the Minutes.
2. That the Revs. G. I. Laurenson, J. J. Lewis, W. F. Ford, and Mr. M. Barker be our representatives on the Society.
3. That the following constitute a Visual Education Advisory Committee:—Revs. G. I. Laurenson, J. J. Lewis, W. F. Ford, B. H. Riseley, Mr. M. Barker and Miss E. J. Hartley.

DISTRICT HOME MISSION COMMITTEES FOR 1950.

AUCKLAND.—The Chairman of the District, Revs. E. T. Olds, J. C. Draper, E. C. Leadley, G. R. H. Peterson, L. R. M. Gilmore, H. Whitfield, W. Green, T. Skuse, R. Coombridge, Messrs. J. C. Tietjens, S. E. Chappell, F. E. Blakey, H. M. Patrick, F. Penn. Convener: Rev. H. Whitfield.

Committee for Northland.—The Sub-District Executive.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Chairman of the District, Ministers of the Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Te Aroha, Matamata and Morrinsville Circuits; Messrs. H. H. Fow, W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, A. W. Bettany, P. Rushton, E. J. Easter, W. A. Clark, J. T. Johnson, J. R. Cullen, G. Simpson, G. R. Lawry, W. F. Walters. Convener: Rev. H. C. Matthews.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—The District Chairman, the Ministers of New Plymouth and Opunake Circuits, the Home Missionary at Okato; Messrs. T. P. Hughson, A. K. Surrey, T. J. Hurrell, and W. H. Climo. Convener to be appointed.

Wanganui Sub-Committee.—Ministers of Wanganui Circuits, Messrs. E. L. F. Buxton, F. Whitlock, W. H. S. Newsome. Convener: Rev. H. K. Brown.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—**Manawatu:** Chairman of District, Ministers of Palmerston North, Feilding, Ashhurst and Sanson Circuits, Rev. H. R. Wright; Mrs. H. Richards, Messrs. L. H. Bycroft and O. Greathead. Convener: Rev. B. H. Riseley.

Hawkes Bay Sub-Committee: Ministers of Napier and Hasting Circuits; Mrs. J. Wilson and Mr. G. C. Laws. Convener: Rev. G. R. Harris.

WELLINGTON.—The Revs. W. A. Burley, J. D. Grocott, W. W. H. Greenslade, J. L. Mitchell, G. H. Goodman, R. H. Allen, the second Minister of Wellington East Circuit, and C. Robinson; Misses Roughton, A. Johnston, and Messrs. R. Wentworth, S. W. Roberts, G. J. Shakes. Convener: Second Minister Wellington East Circuit.

NELSON.—District Chairman, Ministers of Blenheim Circuit; Messrs. H. Oldham, W. S. Harris, H. J. Savage and E. C. Gamble. Convener: Rev. A. O. Jones.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—Revs. H. J. Odell, E. Drake, F. O. Prosser, E. S. Hoddinott, H. A. Cochran and A. J. Johnston; Messrs. T. Holland, F. J. Vinicombe, C. R. M. Manhire, W. F. Stock, F. Baird and H. W. Beaumont. Convener: Rev. A. J. Johnston.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—Superintendent Ministers of Ashburton, Willowby and Geraldine Circuits, Miss A. Clucas, Messrs. W. B. Elwood, A. H. S. Barker. Convener: Rev. J. C. A. Williams.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—District Chairman, Ministers of Caversham, Dundas Street, Dunedin North, Roslyn, and Port Chalmers Circuits; Misses F. McCrone, E. Hetherington, R. Hancock, Messrs. P. Nixon, E. A. Bennett, and a lay representative each from the Central Mission and Roslyn Circuits. Convener to be appointed.

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

Maori Mission Report, 1949

Year by year our work proceeds in this great field of opportunity and challenge. There is much to discourage, but much also to cheer. Since last reporting to Synods, several matters have come before us that deserve special mention. In all things we acknowledge that we have been sustained by the Grace and Power of God. To Him we owe any measure of success that has attended our labours.

Rev. A. J. Seamer, C.M.G.

We feel that it is under the heading of this report that special mention should be made of the great honour that has come to our revered Kaumatua Rev. A. J. Seamer. It is in recognition largely of his special services to New Zealand through his work among the Maori people that this honour has come to him. The whole Mission has been delighted and encouraged by this recognition of the worth of such leadership to our country. We trust that Mr. Seamer will live to enjoy many more years of fruitful service.

Our Staff.

There has been much sickness among our staff, and some of our leaders have been laid aside for parts of the year. In spite of this, much loyal and faithful work has been carried on. Among the Deaconesses there have been several changes. Sister Madeline Holland was appointed as Matron at Kurahuna. Sister Jean Simpkin resigned to go to the Solomons as Mrs. Chris. Palmer. Sister May Viney transferred to City Mission work. New members are Sisters Rona Keightley, June Winchcombe, Betty Yearbury and Grace Clement. We welcome Mr. Nguru Winikerei as an Hon. Home Missionary. Mr. Poihipi Tokoroa has resigned to live beyond our Mission Area.

Education.

Wesley College has, since our last report, sent out for special training, three young Maori men who are now preparing themselves for entrance to Trinity College for training for the ministry. This has greatly encouraged the whole Church. Rev. Maharaia Winiata has resigned from the staff to take up special adult education work under the Auckland University. We trust that ways will be found for him to work in close collaboration with our Mission workers, thus rendering greatly needed assistance to the work of the Mission.

Rangiatea and Kurahuna continue their good work in providing Hostel accommodation for Maori girls attending schools nearby. We are eagerly awaiting the developments in connection with Rangiatea College.

Te Rahui at Hamilton is growing in its effectiveness as a Maori Workers' Centre and Girls' Hostel.

Financial Help.

We greatly value the splendid assistance given by the M.W.M.U. and again record our thanks to all those who have shown such practical interest in our work. We also note with pleasure the growing

support coming to our work through Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.

The King Country.

The recent Licensing Poll had special significance for the King Country. The vote of the Maori people held the area as a no-License one in spite of a great landslide in Pakeha opinion. The Poll demonstrated the extent to which Maori consciousness and a sense of Racial responsibility remain among the Maori people. The deputation that visited the Prime Minister in Wellington following the Poll, gained their objective in having the existence and status of the Sacred Pact publicly acknowledged. We urge our people, Maori and Pakeha to preserve this precious safeguard of the area.

Licensing Laws.

The removal of the protective legislation covering Maoris and liquor, came as a great shock to many people in this country. The protective restrictions had never been imposed from without against the will of the people. Rather they were imposed at the special and repeated request of Maori leaders in the first place. After the Second World War a campaign for equality, led chiefly by a number of young men, was brought to bear especially on this question. As a result there went to the Government from groups of Maori people recommendations on which the legislation in the recent Act was framed. When the leaders of the Maori people heard of the proposal, they held many meetings of influential leaders who almost without exception, urged the retention of these protective laws. However, the decision has been made. Time alone will tell the result; but the evidence already shows that the new liberties are placing a grave responsibility upon the Maori people. As would be expected, many are facing their new responsibilities with great credit to themselves and their Race, but others are showing the lack of preparedness of many to face the heavy tests. The present situation calls for a greater emphasis than ever on Christian teaching. Our work was never more urgent.

The State of the Race.

It is a very difficult thing at present to sort out the true facts in the public discussions that have taken place regarding Maori delinquency. Extreme statements have been made both for and against by friends and opponents of the Maori Race. Political influences have played a big part in the discussions and calm judgment is not always evidenced. We urge our Church people to be patient during this difficult time, and to show all possible encouragement to the workers and to all those Maoris who are facing this new day with good standards. The bad example and influence of many pakehas is one of the most potent factors in the downfall of many young Maori people. Much can be done by example and by natural friendliness, that cannot be done by criticism. As a Mission we are on the side of progress and good Christian living. Strengthen our hands for the task.

Ordained Maori Ministers' Superannuation Fund.

We bring to the Synods and Conference for their urgent and sympathetic consideration, the appended report on this burning question, and trust that along the lines recommended justice will be done to the group of Maori ordained ministers who have in some cases, served for upwards of forty years without any provision for their old age.

We are sure that the Church will see that a worthy response is made. Again we commend our work to the prayerful support of the Church.

E. T. OLDS,

President of the Conference and Chairman of the Board.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

J. C. DRAPER, Secretary of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. (1) That a Home Acquirement Fund be established for Maori Ministers and Probationers in Native Status.
 - (2) That the Fund be administered by the Home Mission Board.
 - (3) That in the records an account be opened in the name of each Maori Minister.
 - (4) Sources of Regular Income.
 - (a) **Personal.** A contribution of £8 per annum from each Maori Minister and Probationer in Native status.
 - (b) **Department.** A subsidy of £12 per annum from the Home Mission Department.
 - (c) Interest from earnings of the Fund.
 - (d) That the Fire Insurance Fund Committee subsidise these contributions as for the European ministers.
 - (5) **Special.** That the Board shall seek to raise a sufficient sum of money to credit to the personal account of the five men now in the work in recognition of the fact that no superannuation provision has hitherto been credited for their years of service.

Suggested means are:

- (a) Grants from time to time from disbursable funds from legacies, etc.
- (b) For the forthcoming year a special offering to be sought by gift envelope from every preaching place in the Dominion, European and Maori.

Funds from the above sources will be credited to the accounts of the men in the Maori Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund by the Home Mission Board, in proportion to the number of years of service rendered by the men.

(6) That the Board shall continue its custom of paying an annuity to Retired ordained Maori Ministers of £52 per annum through the Maori Mission Fund.

(7) That the Home Mission Board be authorised to draw up rules and regulations covering benefits from the Fund.

3. (1) That a Conference of Superintendents of Circuits adjacent to Maori Settlements in which the Methodist Church has been operative for some time, together with Sister Eleanor Dobby and the General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions, be convened to review the condition of the Methodist Maori work in the South Island, for the purpose of attempting to make a more positive approach to the work. Convener: Rev. W. A. Chambers, in consultation with the General Superintendent of Home and Maori Missions.

(2) That the matter of area committees be referred to the above conference.

4. That in future reports on the Maori Mission work, greater emphasis be placed on the state of the spiritual work being done by our Church among the Maori people.

5. That the Rev. H. A. Darvill be designated by Conference for appointment by the 1950 Conference for a further term of three years as European Missionary in Maori Work.

B.—RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST.

Report for Conference, 1949.

The Fifth Annual Conference of the Board of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust was held in New Plymouth on Saturday, 18th September, 1948, when eleven members of the Board were present.

Mr. A. Eaton Hurly was elected Chairman of the Board.

The New Plymouth members of the Board reported upon the use and care of the College property situated at Spotswood, and stated that the trees in the various shelter belts were making splendid growth. Replacement of trees, where necessary, had been done.

A variety of fruit trees had been planted in a gully close to the site of the proposed College buildings. The land was leased on attractive terms, and the old dwelling had been renovated and let.

The Board approved the actions of the local Committee and congratulated them upon the arrangements made for keeping the property revenue producing and in good order.

The Chairman outlined the steps taken to have the existing School registered. The Education Department had investigated the matter and had advised that registration as a private school should be postponed until the policy of the Board with regard to the buildings, courses, and staffing, is more definite, and that at present the small number in the various classes, inadequate playing areas, and facilities for physical education, and the fact that there is no permanent certificated teacher on the staff, did not warrant registration.

The Chairman informed the meeting that as no response had been obtained from advertisements for a certificated teacher, it had been decided to provide hostel accommodation only, enabling the girls attending the hostel to take up their tuition at the public primary and post-primary schools in New Plymouth. The Committee attending to the requirements of the existing school was urged to continue to advertise with a view to installing a suitable teacher as soon as possible. The former certificated teacher had resigned in October last, and a relieving teacher had been appointed for the remainder of the school year. The present staff comprised Sister E. B. Marriott; a Deaconess doing part-time work at the school; and a Maori girl, who in addition to helping on the staff, was studying for the Deaconess entrance examination.

The Financial Statement of the Board revealed an excess of Income over Expenditure for the year of £696/12/9. Accumulated funds amounted to £19,926, while the cash and investments totalled £14,706/6/3.

As the future policy of the Board is controlled entirely by the financial means to be placed at the Board's disposal, considerable time was devoted to a discussion on the financial position.

Rev. G. I. Laurenson informed the Board that a sum estimated at between £4,000 and £5,000 would pass into the hands of the Home Mission Board from the "Trewin Bequest." He had suggested to the Home Mission Board that this money should become the capital of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust. It was resolved that application be made to the Home Mission Board for this money. Mr. N. R. Seddon reported having made preliminary investigations concerning a statement attributed to a Minister of the Crown that substantial Government assistance would be made available for the establishment of

private schools and the education of Maori girls, and Mr. Seddon advised that the matter be fully explored. The Wellington members of the Board were requested to do this as soon as possible.

A revision of the financial resources, after having counted upon receiving capital from the "Trewin Bequest," and substantial Government aid, revealed that the annual deficit in the working costs of the new College could be narrowed down to a sum between £1,000 and £1,200.

It was decided to request the Board's architect to proceed with the preparation of working plans for "double units" providing accommodation for 60 girls.

General Matters.

The Committee appointed to deal with Badge, Colours, etc., for use in connection with the College, submitted recommendations and designs. The Committee suggested that the words "Nga Kakano O Rangiatea," which interpreted means "The Seeds of Rangiatea," or "What they learn here to implant among their people," should be worked on the Badge. The Chairman promised to have the rough designs submitted to the meeting properly prepared in colour and proportion for presentation to the next meeting of the Board.

The resignation of Miss Lilian Burton as a member of the Board was received with regret, and it was resolved that appreciation of Miss Burton's services be placed upon record in the Minutes, and that she be asked if she would consider acting in a consultative way if the Board so desired.

A. EATON HURLEY, Chairman.

5th July, 1949.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Annual Meeting of the Board met in New Plymouth on the 27th August, 1949.

Centennial Thanksgiving Fund.

The Board has received advice that the final instalment of the Centennial Thanksgiving Fund has now been paid. The total now amounts to £12,273/13/2 in cash and £129/10/8 in securities. The total therefore the Board has received against the estimate of £20,000 originally set as the target is £12,403/3/10. This is well below even the minimum that was considered necessary prior to the Second World War.

The Board is, however, appreciative of the action taken by the Home Mission Department in making available to it the residue of the Trewin bequest, amounting to approximately £5,090. This will be a most welcome addition to the capital funds of the Board.

Hostel Accommodation.

The Board, in the light of the actual finances available to it, which now stand at £20,400/16/11, apart from the Trewin bequest, has decided to modify its immediate scheme and to limit that to the provision of two dwelling units housing each twenty-four girls and supervising staff, a principal's residence and a general purposes room and laundry. As far as the hostel accommodation is concerned, the Minister of Education has promised to recommend to Cabinet for favourable consideration a grant of one-third towards the cost, and if desired by the Board, a further one-third loan on the ordinary State Advances Corporation rates.

The Board has instructed the architect to prepare working plans for these buildings, and will proceed to call tenders for the work. The

girls, up to forty-eight in number, who could be accommodated, would be conveyed by suitable transport to the New Plymouth schools, and their academic education would be supplemented by some tuition and general training within the hostel units themselves.

The Board does not feel that this is the objective to which it should ultimately aim, but it does feel the necessity of doing some constructive work with the funds at its disposal which are inadequate at the present time for the major project of a Maori Girls' School.

The approval of Conference to this reduced proposal is desired.

Dated at Wellington this 7th day of September, 1949.

A. EATON HURLEY, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS.

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

2. That paragraph II, sub-section (e), of the constitution be amended by substituting the words "30th day of June" for the words "31st day of August," so as to provide for the alteration in the ending of the financial year.

3. That the Board for 1950 be:—Revs. E. T. Olds (Chairman), G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi, R. P. Rakena, F. J. Parker, Messrs. A. Eaton Hurley, N. R. Seddon, T. M. Pacey, Frank Penn, M. S. Hughson, W. P. Griffith, H. T. Awarua, Mrs. W. H. Aburn, Misses L. Hodder and E. M. Cannell.

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

(A) Auckland Central Mission

ANNUAL REPORT, FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1949.

The Board of Management has pleasure in presenting its report of the year's activities.

From the recent suggestions and plans for the Civic Centre there can be no doubt that the present site is one of strategic importance. Although hampered by inadequate premises, the Mission pursues its progressive work of cultured evangelism, constructive Social Services, and educational guidance. The problems arising from the shortage of houses, inadequate domestic assistance, the needs of elderly people, and the lack of trained leadership have made severe demands upon our time. As life becomes more complex there is need for a larger trained staff in order adequately to represent the Church in a varied programme of spiritual and social enterprise.

Sunday Services.

The services are orderly, but not stereotyped. Slides and films are used extensively and there is ample opportunity for fellowship. The winning of men for the Master is always our main objective, and we are gratified to report a further consolidation in membership. Largely through Fellowship Groups, a Theology class, and prayer circles, the spiritual life of the Mission has deepened in quality.

Youth Work.

The expansion of the City and the subsequent moving out to new housing areas, means transferring many families to the local Churches. We have two good Sunday Schools, three Bible Classes, Combined Club, Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs and other groups with good memberships. The retreats for adolescents at Campbell's Bay Camp continue to build up Christian citizenship.

Astley House.

The extensions are nearing completion and it is hoped officially to open the new portion well before Christmas. Of the £18,000 required for extensions and furnishings, we need another £5,000 in order that the House may be opened free of debt. There is provision for a large number of single rooms with hot and cold water and central heating installed. The House will then accommodate 30 ladies as well as the staff. As Matron for 7 years Miss B. Cutforth has made a unique contribution. Mrs. E. L. Robinson has also generously co-operated.

Wesley Convalescent Hospital.

On account of the urgent need among the sick and infirmed elderly people, the Mission Board of Management has had in mind the provision of some place where these good folk may receive nursing care. For this purpose the Board of Trustees has purchased the property of the late Dr. Bull, 227 Mt. Eden Road, for £9,509, and it will be in use as soon as practicable. Arrangements are in hand for financing this undertaking.

Health Camp.

In conjunction with the N.Z. Federation of Health Camps the Campbell's Bay Health Camp has pioneered the permanent Health Camp movement in Auckland. Two groups of 56 children benefited for a month during the summer, and subsequently groups of 36 children (C.3) have made steady progress. The new school block was officially opened last November by His Worship the Mayor, Mr. J. A. C. Allum, O.B.E. On June 18th we were privileged to entertain the Dominion Board of the Federation of Health Camps for a Dominion Meeting. Further improvements have been made to the grounds and a boiler house and drying room have been erected. A tennis court and volley Board were generously given by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Camp now measures up to all necessary requirements as an all the year round Camp. A further £1,478/16/2 has been spent on improvements. Our grateful thanks are extended to the Auckland Central Council, to the Ladies' Committee, and to the Matron and staff for their generous co-operation.

The New Building.

The acute shortage of houses makes it impossible to go forward at present with our new Mission block. In the meantime the fund is steadily increasing. The total sum to date is £44,014/13/10, and promises are gradually being fulfilled. Much more imagination and further planning are required. The high cost of construction and the abnormal times make it difficult for the Board of Trustees to execute its designs.

Deaconess Work.

We welcomed Sister May Viney in February, and she has proved a willing and consecrated helper. Her time is spent in the Freeman's Bay area, sick visitation, the elderly people's Fellowship and in our general work.

Goodwill Industries and Social Services.

This department ministers to those who desire "Not charity, but a Chance." Mrs. N. Gallavin who has been in charge of the store for over 7 years exercises a helpful service. Mr. W. J. Anderson on our Social Service staff is a tower of strength. The Superintendent represents the Church on the Immigration Committee; the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society; the Society for the Protection of Women and Children; the Honouring Age Committee and other community welfare

organisations. Many long hours have been spent in seeking homes for the homeless and sorting out all kinds of personal and domestic problems. The total amount spent on Social Services for the year was £7,855.

Congratulations.

We offer our sincere congratulations to the Rev. A. J. Seamer, C.M.G., on his well-merited recognition by the King and record our appreciation of his continued interest and wise counsel.

Franklin Road Branch.

A loyal band of folk attend worship each Sunday. There is a Sunday School of over 30 scholars, with Sister May Viney and Mr. Warren Mee as teachers. The Ladies' Guild continues to make a valuable contribution.

Property Matters and Legacies.

Further necessary repairs are being made to the Sunday School Hall and the Church, and cafeteria facilities have been installed. All the other properties are in good order. The New Parsonage Fund now stands at £658/9/10. There are no debts on the Church or institutional work.

£500 has been received from the Estate of the late Mrs. Percy Winstone for Astley House.

General.

The Ladies' Guild ministers to our needs. Visits are regularly made to the Mount Eden Prison and services conducted. Mrs. A. Davis, as a visitor of the sick and a teacher of religious education in the schools makes a worthy contribution. To Miss E. Holst as Secretary; the Office Bearers; Youth Workers; Choir Master (Rev. Arthur Mitchell); Choir and Organists (Miss M. Cater and Mrs. F. M. Souster); and Ministers and laymen, the Board of Management expresses its sincere appreciation.

Our work has been made possible by the providence of Almighty God, the Health Camp and Astley House Ladies' Committees, and a large band of voluntary workers, as well as those individuals and business firms of goodwill.

We trust that the present policy of extending our work with prudence will commend itself to people of goodwill, and inspire gifts which will enable us to maintain and extend the Master's work.

A. EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.

WALTER WOOD, F. M. SOUSTER, Circuit Stewards.

JAS. TYLER, Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board of Management for 1950 be:—Superintendent of Central Mission (Chairman), Superintendent Home Mission Department, Chairman of the District, Revs. Dr. H. Ranston, Wesley Parker, L. Gilmore, G. E. Brown, and A. Mitchell; Mesdames T. Clark, M. Spurge, and Miss E. Booth, Messrs. J. Tyler, J. Trenwith, L. J. Moor, F. Penn, D. Astley, C. K. Wigglesworth, R. Garlick, J. S. Caughey, L. Simpson, L. T. Hayman, together with the Circuit Officials and Trustees of the Mission properties.
3. That Conference expresses appreciation of the service rendered by the Rev. A. Everil Orr.

(B) Dunedin Central Mission

59th ANNUAL REPORT.

Throughout the year the Mission has continued its specific work. The present era of civilisation is a crisis-period and City Missions, like all Churches are facing peculiar difficulties. There has been nothing spectacular about the work this year. The staff has been busy dealing with problems of leadership, organisation, finance and has been occupied superintending instructional and recreational clubs, personal interviews, preaching and pastoral work.

Past superintendents have interpreted the Gospel as revealed to them by the Spirit of God. Looking back over the years it is clear that each superintendent has strengthened and extended the social and spiritual ministry of the Mission. During recent years the problems of the ageing and the aged, housing shortage, accommodation for students, psychological clinic, creche, youth work, have called for the thought and action of the staff. Much foundation work has been achieved. It has been a busy and exacting period.

Co-ordination.

The major departments of Methodism have progressed mainly on a basis of co-ordinated effort supported by the Connexion. Their strength and success are due to centralised control, co-ordinated effort and Connexional support. It seems a weakness within the Dominion church that City Missions are left to their own resources and initiative. It is true Conference has sanctioned appeals outside their geographical boundaries, but surely City Mission enterprises should be the responsibility of the whole Church. It is obvious that the success and extent of the Presbyterian Social Service is due to centralisation and support accorded by its numerous branches throughout the Dominion, whereas our own Methodist social service work is left to ministers and people prepared to do it. Today the work is too extensive to be left to individual Trusts and ministers. We need a Methodist Social Service Association incorporating appeals governing Orphanages, Hostels, City Missions and Deaconess work.

Inter-State Conference.

A suggestion that the Methodist City Missioners of New Zealand should meet in conference triennially with the Australian Methodist City Missioners merits serious consideration. The Executive Boards of the Dunedin Mission recognise the desirability of such **Conferences** and **desire** Conference to declare its mind on the proposal.

Modern Problems.

The provision of transport operating from strategic centres to bring children to Sunday School and old people to Church must sooner or later be faced. As also the appointment of qualified leaders, to staff cafeteria, creches and lead youth activities. The attachment of young married couples to the Church constitutes a problem. During the superintendent's ministry over a thousand couples have been married, many of whom have passed through Sunday School and Bible Class and yet today they seldom or ever attend Church. Distance, motherhood and other factors militate against attendance at Church. The establishment of a Creche or appointment of a Church nurse, seems desirable. In the meantime a Fireside Club for young married women is stimulating fellowship and interest in Christian work.

Staff.

Sister Margaret Taylor and the Rev. W. E. Falkingham have done excellent work in their respective spheres. Both are gifted preachers possessing initiative and enthusiasm. Sister Margaret Frampton, matron of the Eventide Homes, has had a particularly difficult year owing to shortage of staff. At one stage the Committee actually considered discharging fifty patients. The position is still serious. We need six registered nurses, eight nurse-aids, five domestics and a cook. The appeal to our own Methodist girls and women to share in this urgent Christian service to the aged and sick has met with very poor response.

Superintendents and officials are respectfully urged to represent the claims of the Eventide Settlement to the young women of their Churches.

Farm.

The purchase of 130 acres of land adjoining the Mission property has been completed. The sale was sanctioned by the Land Sales at £28 per acre. Though neglected for some years the property has potential productive capacity and at present is carrying 23 cows, 6 calves and 4 horses. It is intended to stock sheep. The Trustees have erected modern cow-byres, pig-styes, henhouses, stables and implement shed. Roads have been formed, fences erected and shelter belts planted. All this has incurred heavy expenditure, which should be justified by results.

Eventide Homes.

The most disturbing feature has been, and still is the distressing shortage of nurses, aids and domestics. The institution provides for the needs of 100 mentally and physically frail women of all ages. A Nurses' Home, built of bricks, tiles and copper containing nineteen bedrooms, rest room, dining room and kitchen was opened in November at a cost of £25,000.

The grounds have been beautified with shrubs, trees and annuals. In the main building fire-fighting apparatus has been installed; all buildings inside and out have been painted and new furnishings provided. On an expenditure of £200,000 there is a debt of £5,000 reducible annually by income accruing from Social Security grants, bequests and subscriptions. The devoted service given by all branches of the staff is worthy of highest appreciation, as also the interest and service of the Women's Guilds, Local Preachers and city bands.

Evangelism.

The most urgent task of the Church is to stress the relevance of Christianity to life and to challenge individuals to personal discipleship. Throughout the year in pulpit, factories, in discussion groups, by means of open forums, panel discussions and personal interviews the Mission has been challenging people to ask questions concerning religion and life. As opportunity has permitted the staff has brought home to many a sense of personal responsibility to Jesus Christ and the Church. The Revs. W. E. Falkingham and L. Greenslade have had weekly meetings at the Hillside Workshops. These representatives have won the respect and confidence of the men. There has been a weekly attendance of between 300 and 400 men.

Clinical Work.

Although no psychiatrist clinic has been founded by the Central Mission the staff is constantly diagnosing and treating cases of neurosis which become the origin of moral problems and mental sepsis. Disharmonised personalities increasingly seek spiritual comfort and

guidance. Many individuals have recovered mental poise and physical health by making confessions to the superintendent and his colleague and experiencing their friendship and prayers. This form of personal evangelism and service absorbs much time, but is definitely rewarding to all concerned. In this connection the ministers of the Mission enjoy the confidence and guidance of the psychiatric physician of the Public Hospital.

Youth Work.

Typical of all youth work throughout the Dominion we are facing problems of leadership and the attachment of youth to the Church. Some of the M.C.M. youth organisations are exceedingly encouraging numerically and spiritually, while others give cause for concern. In an effort to create unity, church consciousness and personal decision, an M.C.M. Young People's Fellowship has been inaugurated with an encouraging attendance. The Senior Bible Classes are not strong but the Junior section in vitality and numerical strength augurs well for the future.

Club life is strong and interesting, and the Sunday School under the capable leadership of Rev. W. E. Falkingham and his staff is gradually extending its influence. Every effort is being made to minister to young life by the existence of Girls' Brigade, Cadets, Life Boys, Boys' Brigade, Table Tennis and Fellowship Groups.

Guild.

The Women's Guild, under the presidency of Mrs. H. H. Johnson, provides a medium of friendship and service. It is a solid and helpful organisation.

Finance.

The financial position of the Mission is automatically governed by stages of development. For some time a programme of extensive constructional work has been in operation involving heavy expenditure. The Balance Sheets reveal a satisfactory position. Considering the assets, the Board of Trustees is highly satisfied. Total income all departments for last 9 months, £41,000. Expenditure, £35,000. Total debt on all properties, £7,000. Assets, £450,000.

Building Programme.

For some years it has been impossible to provide facilities for Clubs and groups because of old buildings and lack of finance. Preliminary steps have been taken to provide a block of buildings to replace the old structure on the Octagon site. The M.C.M. architect—Mr. McDowell Smith—has prepared tentative plans for submission to the Board which in due time will be sent to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee. When erected, provision will be made for every branch of Mission activity. The new block will contain four large halls—in one of which the Mission services will be held—and will provide for the needs of young and old. A Gymnasium, cafeteria, creche, Sunday School and Bible Class rooms, distributing depot, Committee rooms, Rest Rooms and Mission offices will be provided. The building will be nine to ten storeys high finishing with a Church spire, 160ft., similar in design to that of the Chicago Methodist Temple. The estimated cost is £500,000. Here is a major project to engage the labour and energy of those in charge for a considerable number of years. The Trustees recently decided to ask the Superintendent to make a canvass overseas for this purpose.

New Superintendent.

The special Committee set up by the officials of the Mission to consider a successor to the Superintendent has met periodically throughout the year but as yet has made no decision. The nomination will be made at the 1950 Conference.

Radio Church of the Helping Hand.

There are now 1,200 members of the Radio Church scattered throughout the Dominion, the majority being residents in Otago-Southland districts. The offering for the last nine months amounted to £833/19/5. The Trustees record their appreciation of the generous donations of Radio Members some of whom have been associated with the movement since its inception fifteen years ago. In this connection they also acknowledge their indebtedness to the ministers of the Mission for their broadcast addresses, to the director, Mr. D. G. Mitchell, and the Committee of the Otago Radio Association.

General.

This report gives but a brief summary of City Mission work in Southern Maoriland. It should increasingly commend itself to those benevolently minded and merits the loyalty and backing of the Church. To all individuals, Trusts, and Committees who have supported the work by their gifts, prayer and service, we give thanks to God.

L. B. NEALE,

W. E. FALKINGHAM, Ministers.

H. H. JOHNSON,

W. G. H. EDWARDS, Circuit Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference congratulates Revs. L. B. Neale and W. E. Falkingham, the Deaconesses and officials of the Dunedin Central Mission on another year of splendid service.

C.—WESLEY CHURCH, TARANAKI STREET, WELLINGTON.

Wesley Church (Wellington) Social Services Trust (Incorp.).

Policy: Over the past two years the officers and trustees have given earnest consideration to the future policy of the central Church. "Wesley," the 110-year-old centre of Methodism in the capital city, established its present unit in a day when family life abounded on the surrounding Te Aro flat. Wesley S.S. had a roll of above 800. Today, the whole area is heavily industrialised. Wesley Junior Church roll now stands at 30, and the number of Church-member-families with children of S.S. age is less than 12. Geographically Wellington differs from other centres. Self-contained suburban communities are separated from the centre by high hills and in many instances by great distances. These factors, along with the establishment of our many suburban churches, made it advisable for Wesley to abandon any policy of centralization. Her day as a family Church is over. Hereafter, her ministry must be directed to the shifting population within the city area; students, cadets, business executives, etc., who, in the main, sojourn for about three years. With an ever-contracting circle of rooted members the problem of sustained leadership is most real, and the need for the laying down of a long term policy accounted to regear the church to meet the challenge of this age is pressing.

Down the years, Wesley Trust has given valued assistance to new and needy Methodist causes. Over the past 10 years some £8,000 has

been so paid in subsidies. City planning makes it necessary to provide now for the rebuilding of the Trust's one revenue-producing asset. The sum involved will be such that only by husbanding all resources could this ever be done.

The question of the future site of the central Church must be determined. A Church comparable in size and amenities will never again be built by any one generation. Effort must now be steadily directed toward progressively rebuilding either on the existing site or elsewhere.

After searching and prayerful consideration of the whole position, the Trust determined to provide for:—

- (a) The re-establishment of the asset referred to;
- (b) The progressive rebuilding of the central Church unit on the existing site;
- (c) The enterprising of social services beginning at the points of greatest need:—Youth Hostel, Eventide Homes Settlement.

Realising the Connexional importance of such decisions, the Executive Committee of Conference 1949, at the request of Wesley Trust, appointed a committee to confer with the Trust regarding the first two matters mentioned above.

Social Services.

Youth Hostel: Endeavours made to gain occupation of our old Wesley parsonage property, Taranaki Street, for possible use as a Student Hostel, have proved ineffective. The matter is being pursued.

Eventide Homes: Following the decision of the Trust and Leaders to enterprise Social Services, a gift of some 150 acres of land for the specific purpose of establishing an Eventide Homes Settlement was made by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Strand. The Executive Conference Committee approved of the proposals, and recommended Conference 1949, that—"Wesley Church as a City central cause be granted such rights as are accorded to Central Missions." "That an area in the centre of the Dominion, consisting of the Taranaki-Wanganui, Manawatu-Hawkes Bay, and Wellington Synodal Districts, be regarded as territory wherein public support for the project may be solicited. It is also suggested that consideration be given to the inclusion of the provinces of Marlborough and Nelson in such territory." (M. of E.C., 1949, Page 36.)

The foundational work in the development of the settlement is under way. Land, engineering and architectural surveys and plans are now completed, and lay-out and tree-planting will commence this Spring. A brochure has been published, and will be used in soliciting financial support. Three homes have already been provided for and other gifts have been promised. Because of the magnitude of the scheme, and the heavy commitments of Wesley Trust, this project will move forward on a developmental basis, the rate of progress being determined by the measure of support accorded. A Trust, to be incorporated and registered under the provisions of "The Religious Charitable and Educational Trusts Act, 1908," to be known as "Wesley Church (Wellington) Social Services Trust (Incorp.)," has been formed to administer all social services undertaken by Wesley Church. Conference authorization for the registration of this Trust is now sought.

Centre Proposals: First steps have been taken in establishing a community centre at Taranaki Street. Facilities are being provided for a student reading and rest room, cafeteria, and shoppers' rest, etc., to be organised by Sister Noeline Wilson.

General: The foregoing indicates that without seeking to be designated a "Central Mission," the policy is now being directed progressively toward making actual in Wellington Central, what has been the expressed recommendation of successive Conferences over the past 20 years.

W. H. GREENSLADE.
T. M. PACEY.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference approves of the Incorporation of the Wesley Church (Wellington) Social Services Trust under the Religious Charitable and Educational Trust Act 1908, and refers the constitution to the Law Book Revision Committee.
3. That Conference approves the proposals of Wesley Church Trust for the establishment of an Eventide Homes Settlement and of the acceptance of transfer of land from Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Strand.
4. That to implement the Eventide Homes Project, Conference (a) accords Wesley Church, Wellington, as a City Central Church, engaging in social services, such rights as were accorded to city central missions. (b) Authorizes the solicitation of financial support from an area consisting of the Taranaki-Wanganui, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu, Wellington Synodal Districts, and the provinces of Nelson and Marlborough.
5. That Conference authorizes the transfer of land now held by Wesley Church Trust for the Eventide Homes Projects to the Wesley Church (Wellington) Social Services Trust as soon as it is incorporated.
6. That Conference wholeheartedly approves the proposals for the future development of the work of Wesley Church, Taranaki St., including the establishment of Eventide Homes in the Hutt Valley, and congratulates the minister and officials of Wesley Church Trust and the Wellington Central Circuit on this forward move.
7. That Conference records its appreciation of the generous foundation gifts to Wesley Trust by Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Strand, of land for the site of the project.

D.—CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL MISSION.

1. Whereas a request has been received from the Christchurch Central Mission to be incorporated in the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Conference resolves that it is prepared to accede to such request when the Christchurch Central Mission is in a position so to do.
2. Conference authorises the North Canterbury District Executive, when it is satisfied that everything is in order, to take such steps as may be necessary to effect such incorporation.
3. Pending such incorporation Conference authorises the Christchurch East Quarterly Meeting to continue the existing arrangement whereby it is at present assisting the Mission.

METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION.

That the matter of the Methodist Social Service Association be referred to the Church Welfare Committee, and that the Revs. A. E. Orr, W. H. Greenslade, G. I. Laurensen, V. R. Jamieson, Harris Whitfield, be corresponding members for this purpose.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the Training of Deaconesses?

Deaconess House Committee

REPORT 1949.

Students in Training.

Very favourable reports have been received of the work of the seven young women in training, both from the Circuits where practical work is done, and from the Board of Studies. The Committee desires to express its thanks to the Lecturers for their services—the Revs. A. H. Fowles, J. B. Dawson, B.A., H. E. Harkness, M.A., B.D., A. R. Witheford, B.A., J. S. Waite, B.A., and W. A. Chambers, B.A. During the year ill-health led to the retirement of the Rev. J. B. Dawson, B.A., whose valuable work as a lecturer the Committee desires to acknowledge.

Examiners.

The new arrangement providing for External Examinations has proved very satisfactory, and the thanks of the Committee are due to those who have served in this capacity.

Students on Probation.

This year four young women commenced their probation year, Miss Frances Smith entering Circuit work, and Misses Margaret Keightley, June Winchcombe and Betty Yearbury engaging in Maori Mission work.

House Committee.

The Committee wishes to thank the members of the House Committee who have carried out their duties in an efficient manner.

During the year we were glad to welcome back Dr. and Mrs. R. Dudley, and to receive suggestions based on their observations of Deaconess work overseas.

Staff.

The Staff at Deaconess House has done good work during the year. We regret to report the illness of the Superintendent, Mrs. E. A. Linyard, M.A., and wish for her a speedy recovery.

Sister Mabel Morley.

During the year it was the pleasure of the Committee to present to Sister Mabel Morley an illuminated address in recognition of her long and valued service as a Deaconess and as a member of the Deaconess Committee.

Committee for 1950.

This will be nominated to Conference, to which also will be presented in the usual way the audited financial statements and the Budget for the ensuing year.

V. R. JAMIESON, Chairman.

J. M. BLIGHT, Secretary.

BUDGET 1950.

INCOME.

									£
Hostel Fees	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,725
Rent	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	130

Donations	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	75
Grants—Home Mission Board	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	150
Foreign Mission Board	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25
Fire Insurance	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	85
Contingent Fund	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	125
Estimated Deficit	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	11
								<hr/> £2,326 <hr/>

EXPENDITURE.

								£
Wages	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	750
House	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	1,200
Renewals and Repairs	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	100
Rates	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	65
Telephone, Stationery, etc.	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20
Interest	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	16
Insurance	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	25
Uniforms and Tuition	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	50
Depreciation	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	100
								<hr/> £2,326 <hr/>

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Financial Statement, and Budget be received and adopted.
2. That the Deaconess Committee consider the status and training of Deaconesses and report to next Conference.
3. That candidates for Deaconess training must be at least 21 years of age at the date of entry into Deaconess House, except in exceptional circumstances.
4. That when Committees are set up to interview prospective applicants for training at Deaconess House, such Committees be supplied by the Minister and Sunday School Superintendent of each applicant with data regarding character and Church affiliation.
5. That Question 47 be amended to read "What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the Training of Deaconesses and of the work of the Deaconess Order?"
6. Realising the immediate need for trained Deaconesses for Circuits, City Missions, Foreign Missions, Home and Maori Missions, and Institutional work, Conference recommends that the claims of the whole Church for consecrated women workers should be presented to our congregations, women's groups and youth departments.
7. **Board for 1950:** The Chairman of the North Canterbury District, the Connexional Secretary, the Superintendent Ministers of the Durham Street, Cambridge Terrace, and Christchurch East Circuits, Rev. H. E. Harkness, Messrs. A. A. Harrow, H. W. Beaumont, R. G. Pearce, A. G. Harris, F. G. Turnpenny, Mesdames W. M. Dudley, P. A. Le Brun, C. Colechin, H. W. Beaumont, W. McHarg, F. Crespín, and a nominee of the M.W.M.U.

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Orphanages?

A.—MOUNT ALBERT AND EPSOM. ANNUAL REPORT, 1949.

In this 36th Annual Report, we review the year's work with thankfulness to God for the opportunity of service in providing for little

children and for the increased interest that is being taken in this important work.

Obituary.

It is with regret that we record the passing of Mr. Joel Hargreaves, who was a faithful member of the Board.

Staffing.

At present both Homes are fully staffed; but through the year we have had to face the problem of seeking for suitable people. There is a real and urgent need for Christian women to recognise the Children's Homes as a definite sphere of service, and there is the necessity for adequately trained women. The need of these children should challenge many young women who love children to offer their services in any capacity, that these little ones may be cared for by Christian people.

The Family.

At the end of the year 1948 we had 60 children in the two Homes. During the year the numbers have varied with 17 withdrawals and 19 admissions. At the close of this year there are 62 children under our care. Several of our older girls are studying music and are interested in Life Brigade, attend the Epsom Church, and enjoy the companionship of other girls at Sunday School, Bible Class and Youth Retreats. The boys take a live interest in the St. John Ambulance and have a soccer team in the Inter-Church Association. The smaller boys attend the Cub Pack at the Mt. Albert Church, while 15 of our older boys have joined the Y.M.I. at Pitt Street, where they receive gymnasium instruction and enjoy the Christian fellowship of other young men.

Hostel.

There are only five girls now in residence. During the year Eunice was happily married; Mavis, our eldest, celebrated her 21st birthday, and Elsie announced her engagement. They have been with us since very small children and the Hostel is home to them.

Health.

The health of the children has been very good. A few had measles and two boys had the misfortune to break an arm. This speaks volumes for the care and oversight given by our Matrons, Miss Grove at "Wesley" and Miss Archer at Epsom. Good meals, happy homes, and the love and care given to the children work wonders to the most neglected. We are fortunate in having two Methodist Christian women as Matrons. Our thanks are also due to our Medical Advisers, Drs. J. Rule and Stuart Colbeck.

Holiday Time.

All our children were able to go away for the Christmas holidays, with the exception of one rather too young to place. Who can express what these holidays mean to children who know no other home but an Institution! We are most grateful to our Church people who gave such splendid holidays to the children. Nine of the younger boys went to our Campbells Bay Health Camp and enjoyed themselves immensely at the beach. The older boys had country holidays on farms, and must have made themselves useful, evidenced by the "pay" they proudly brought home.

Property.

Our "Wesley" Boys' Home was opened in 1913 and Epsom Girls' Home in 1925. Not new buildings then, they have stood many alterations and additions and are expensive to keep in repair. For years the Board has been concerned about erecting a new Home on the Mt.

Roskill property, but for reasons beyond our control, delays have occurred. However, now that restrictions are easing, application is being made for permission to build, though the Board will have to face the problem of greatly increased prices.

Alterations and Equipment.

During this financial year we have had installed a Refrigerator and "Robot" Foodmaster in each Home, and a new washing machine at "Wesley." A tennis court has been provided at Epsom and the back yard asphalted. A good Gymnasium and Club Room has been built outside for the older boys at "Wesley," and the Board has subsidised the £6 raised by the boys to house their pets.

Finance.

During the year £1,064/16/6 has been received from Circuits and Sundry Donations. Maintenance received of £2,880 is quite inadequate for the food and clothing of the children, for quite a number of whom we receive only the Family Benefit of 10/- weekly, and the increased support of our Methodist people is needed.

Bequests.

During the year we have received a total of £2,102. A cheque for £500 has been received from the family of the late Mrs. Percy Winstone and £100 from the estate of the late Mr. F. Leach, nearly £700 from the estate of the late Mrs. Annie L. Simmonds, and a further £375 from the estate of the late Mr. Henry Wilson. We record our gratitude to all those who, in the past, have left provision for this worthy cause, and trust that others will continue to remember the children.

United Orphanage Council and Street Appeal.

The work of this Council has considerably eased the burden of finance. This year we received £1044 as our share. This appeal reaches many who would never give in the ordinary way.

Collectors.

Through ill-health Mr. J. H. Whitburn has found it impossible to carry on this work. For some years he has been most zealous in procuring donations and goods. Truly he is a real friend to the children. A new appointment has not yet been made; but there is urgent need for someone to come forward and offer their services. Miss E. Mason, who retired because of advancing years, still continues to interest her contacts and collects many donations.

Ladies' Committee.

This report would not be complete without reference to the outstanding service rendered by Mrs. A. L. Caughey, who has retired after ten years as President of the Ladies' Committee. Miss Wagstaff has been Secretary for eleven years and during this period she has worked faithfully and enthusiastically among the women of the Church. Mrs. C. J. Burton, who is a past Secretary, has consented to fill the position of President.

Grounds Committee.

The Epsom Committee, under the leadership of Mr. F. C. Matthews, is most faithful in giving oversight to all outside work. Unfortunately "Wesley" is without a Committee; but the Board is grateful to Mr. G. W. Turley, who gives many hours of advice and time to the oversight of the buildings and grounds.

Thanks and Appreciation.

Again we would express our sincerest thanks to all who have in any way assisted our work during the past year—to Uncle

Tom and the Friendly Road for providing Christmas trees and gifts, The Women's Institute and the Auckland Police for enjoyable picnics, the Farmers' Trading Company for treat and presents, the Junior Chamber of Commerce for a Harbour Trip to Oneroa, the Ladies' Committee who provided a present for every child, as well as the yearly treat of Strawberries and Ice-cream; Mrs. Hall, Miss Jones, Mr. Platt and Miss Braithwaite for supplies of fruit; Miss Harbutt who gave a prize for the best all round boy at "Wesley," the Travel Club for making clothing, the several Churches who gave their Harvest Festival offerings, to the many individuals and organisations for their generosity and hard work in planning to give the children joy and entertainment.

We need the prayers and practical interest of our Church membership if we are to provide and maintain adequately our Children's Homes. Surely God has set His seal upon this work. Did not the Master say, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven"?

The Board of Management for 1950:—

Life Member: Mrs. W. R. Emerson, Chairman: Rev. E. W. Hames. Secretary-Treasurer: Sister Ivy H. Jones. Lay Treasurer: Mr. P. Dellow. Revs. W. Walker, Walter Parker, A. E. Orr, F. J. Handy, J. C. Draper, Wesley Parker, Mesdames A. H. White, A. L. Caughey, C. J. Burton, C. K. Wigglesworth, K. J. Rosser, W. H. Faulkner, Misses C. E. Wagstaff and D. Harbutt, Messrs. F. Penn, A. L. Caughey, J. Tyler, R. T. Garlick, W. H. Faulkner, C. K. Wigglesworth, C. E. Goode, W. E. Burley, F. C. Matthews, and the Chairman and Secretary of the South Auckland District.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

IVY H. JONES, Secretary.

B.—MASTERTON CHILDREN'S HOME. REPORT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

This year's report covers a period of nine months ending 30th June, 1949, to bring our Annual Balance into line with other Church organisations as requested by Conference.

Children.

At the commencement of the period under review we had 32 children under our care. One boy and one girl have been admitted and we have also three Samoan boys living in the Home who have recently come to New Zealand under a Government Education scheme. These boys were admitted to help the Islands Affairs Department out of a difficulty in placing them and they will in due course be sent on to a secondary school hostel.

One girl was admitted to hospital and has not yet returned, and two boys have gone back to their parents, leaving us with a roll of 34 (25 boys and 9 girls).

In all fields of activity our children have given a good account of themselves. Two senior brothers have been appointed prefects at College, good results have been obtained in school and Sunday School examinations and the children have been engaged in the usual sporting and social activities. They have also entered fully into the life and work of the local Church and its Youth Departments. Several of the older ones and some who have left the Home have become Church members.

Visits from old boys and girls and in some cases of their families have been welcome. We are glad to know that their association with the Home has been renewed from time to time in this way.

Staff.

Our loyal staff have made the home life and cared for the needs of their large family with love and devotion. The quality of their work and influence on the children's lives is far reaching in results and they are to be congratulated on the good spirit and atmosphere which is evident in the Home.

Committee.

The Committee has functioned without change in personnel. A spirit of co-operation and friendship has pervaded its monthly meetings and the brief time spent in social intercourse with the staff at the close has been most enjoyable.

Bequests.

The sum of £727/1/8 has been received by way of benefit under wills and has been added to the Capital funds held by the Wellington Board. Over £700 of this amount was received from the estate of the late J. L. Martin of New Plymouth.

Finance.

We are very grateful to all supporters of the Home throughout the district from whom the sum of £568 was received by way of Circuit Collections.

The Committee is endeavouring to arrange for a deputation to visit some of the circuits each year in order to give our people a closer insight into the life and work of the Home and to stimulate the interest and support necessary to enable us to bridge the gap between normal income and expenditure which amounts to something over £330 for the period and would be considerably higher if the accounts covered a full year's working.

Swimming Pool.

As reported last year the Committee held approximately £84 for the provision of additional amenities at the Home. It has now been decided to create a fund for the construction of a Swimming Pool and this amount has been set aside accordingly. It is hoped that this fund will grow steadily and that to-day's vision may soon become a reality.

Farm.

The farm continues to fill an important place in the management of the Home, the value of farm produce consumed being estimated at not less than £180 per annum. The value of live stock is considerably understated in the balance sheet as some of the stock, including the pedigree "Tararua Butterfly" have been gifts to the Home. "Butterfly" was placed first in the production list for New Zealand junior 2 year old Friesians. Her calf is listed in the Friesian stud stock book as "Celdan N.F. Butterqueen".

The Committee extends sincere thanks to all who have rendered assistance in any way in the running of the Home. The children have benefited through financial support, gifts of food and clothing, holidays spent away from the Home and in numerous other ways.

Our grateful thanks is also extended to the Wellington Board for ready co-operation and assistance at all times.

We look forward to a further year in the service of the Master and His children.

Committee for 1950:—

Mr. A. K. Hodder (Chairman), Mr. D. E. Lyttle (Vice-Chairman), Mr. W. R. Nicol (Secretary-Manager), Mr. J. F. Cody (Assistant

Secretary), Dr. N. H. Prior, Rev. Dr. W. G. Slade, Mesdames J. H. Conly, C. D. Shoosmith, A. K. Hodder, D. E. Lyttle, and W. G. Slade, Misses M. Burton and L. Cocker, Messrs. F. E. Wells, A. H. Daniell, D. A. Barns, C. D. Shoosmith, H. C. Wood, and J. H. Conly.

For the Committee,

J. H. CONLY, Chairman.

C—S.I. METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME. ANNUAL REPORT, 1948-49

It is with a deep sense of thankfulness to God for many blessings that we present the 35th Annual Report of the work in our Home. The past year has been a particularly busy one, with many admissions and with a comparatively large number of children who have been discharged, some to relatives now able to care for them, and others to make their own way in the world.

Eighty-four boys and girls have been under our care during the past twelve months, and at the present time there are 54 living in the Home. In addition to this we have nine young folk who are working and who still remain under our jurisdiction.

In common with many other Church Homes throughout the Dominion staffing difficulties have caused us much anxiety for some time, and as a result a number of most deserving cases have had to be turned away through lack of adequate help. We are indebted to the Child Welfare Department for their generous co-operation on many occasions when we have been in difficulties. It is a matter of gratification that we are now able to report a marked improvement in the Staff position, several new members having joined us within the past few weeks. Miss Barclay continues to exercise a wise control over all the complex details surrounding the life of our large family, and the Board gratefully acknowledges their debt to her and all her helpers who so cheerfully and efficiently carry out their many duties. Special mention should be made of the splendid service given by Miss Doris King, who left us recently to be married. Miss King made a most valuable contribution as Senior Assistant and later Sub-Matron over a period of eight years, and her influence for good among the children has been most marked. At a special function held before she left, the Ladies' House Committee and the Board joined with the young people and Staff in making several presentations to Miss King as tokens of their love and esteem.

As a result of good food and a well-balanced life, the general health of the children has been exceptionally good over the months that have passed, but minor ailments and sometimes accidents come our way, and the generous help of Doctor S. C. Peddie calls for special mention. His co-operation has been of a very high order at all times, and we are most appreciative of all that he has done for us.

The influence of school life is, of course, of great importance in the life of any child, particularly of those educationally retarded. The Board gratefully acknowledges the splendid help that has been so freely given by the Headmasters and Teachers of the four schools attended by our children—Papanui Technical College, Waimairi, Heaton Street, and Normal.

Thanks to many kind friends the recreational life of the Home is well catered for, and various types of Sports and Club activities play an important part in the lives of the children. Mention should be made of the fine work done by the District Youth Council and

many friends in our Papanui Church. The older boys and girls take a vigorous part in the activities of the recently formed Circuit Tennis Club, and a number belong to other Sports bodies. The interest evinced in the Home by the Christchurch Rotary Club demands special acknowledgment. Playground equipment, generously given by members, will shortly be installed. In addition to this, a monthly Cinema Show is put on in the Home, much to the delight of the youthful audience. The Annual Picnic at Waikuku, organised so splendidly by the Canterbury Automobile Association, still claims pride of place for sheer joy in the minds of many of the boys and girls. This one day of the year is looked forward to for months.

Mention must also be made of the most effective hospitality scheme inaugurated some time ago. Members of our various City and Suburban Churches take the older boys into their own homes on one Sunday in each month, and the friendships thus forged prove in many cases to be of lasting value. Once again we rejoice that all our children were able to spend their summer holidays in the homes of kind friends. Hospitality was given in places as far apart as Otautau, Southland, and Palmerston North, and in widely scattered districts between. No thanks that could be given would do justice to the value of such an experience in the life of a child, and we are most sincerely grateful.

Financial responsibilities have been heavy during the year. Costs continue to increase, but we are thankful to our many friends for their generous help. The Combined Orphanages' Appeal held annually in Christchurch goes on from strength to strength. This last year saw the extension of its boundaries to include Ashburton and Rangiora, and we are under a great debt of gratitude to a host of helpers in the many Bible Classes and Churches, and also in the various business communities concerned. We also appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who help our work with gifts of produce and clothing. Many such items are sent in during the course of the year and prove to be of great value.

Many of those who made possible the establishment of our work have passed to their reward. They have left to us the continuance of a task that is, perhaps, second to none in importance in the sight of God. The difficulties that we face are considerable, not the least among them being the inevitable reflection in the lives of the children of the break-down that has taken place in so many homes. May we, in the Name of the One who called Little Children to Him, realise more fully, through our love for others, the full portent of John Oxenham's inspired words:

"Here, or hereafter we shall see it ended,
This glorious work to which our hands are set,
If from beyond, then with the Vision Splendid,
We shall smile back and never know regret."

The following Board of Management is nominated for 1950:—
Chairman of the District, Connexional Secretary, Superintendent
Ministers of Durham Street, Christchurch East, Cambridge Terrace,
St. Albans, Woolston and Papanui Circuits, Rev. A. N. Scotter,
Messrs. H. de R. Flesher, F. A. Sheat, H. J. S. Harrington, W. S. Worner, L. J. Dale, A. A. Harrow, C. J. Palmer, Mesdames M. A. Pratt, F. C. Thornton, H. Queree, R. A. Marsh, J. Black and Miss D. Horrell.

H. J. ODELL, Chairman.
G. H. COLEY, Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference direct that the services on Orphanage Sunday emphasise the claims for financial support of the Orphanages.
3. That Conference places on record its grateful appreciation of the long and faithful service rendered to our Church by Miss Barclay during the past ten years as Matron of our South Island Children's Home. Her personal interest in the children under her care and her readiness at all times to place their interests before her own, won for her a warm place in their affections, and the high esteem of members of the Board.
4. That the Orphanage Boards be asked to consider the possibility of producing coloured films for publicity purposes.
5. That Conference expresses its appreciation to the staffs of the Children's Homes of their devoted service.
6. That Conference refers to the District Executives the possibility of recruiting leaders from the personnel of the Homes for the training of departmental leaders for our Church activities.

QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

A.—METHODIST TIMES COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT—1949

Circulation. It is encouraging to be able to report that our circulation continues to increase. The figure now stands at 4242, an advance of 268 for the current year. This increase is spread fairly evenly throughout our nine Synodal districts and evidences a steady interest in our Church paper and what it stands for.

Editorial. We again express our appreciation of the work of our Editor, the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., and of his associate, the Rev. H. S. Kings. Their task is an arduous one but they have filled their office with ability and rendered conspicuous service to our Church through their work for our Church journal.

Policy Different people have differing ideas as to what should form the content of a church journal. Our consistent aim has been to provide a paper which does the greatest amount of good for the greatest number of people. To meet the varied interests and outlook of our entire Church membership is not easy. It is therefore desirable that the paper should be balanced in respect to its material as well as being interesting, informative and uplifting. To satisfy everyone is impossible; but our increasing circulation would seem to indicate that the policy being followed has general approval and meets the needs of a large cross-section of our people.

Format. During the year under review, the paper has been reduced from newspaper size to magazine size and the number of pages increased from sixteen to thirty-two. District Synods had previously been asked to express their opinion on this matter. Their decisions were overwhelmingly in favour of the proposal which has now been put into operation.

Costs. Printing costs, like all others, are mounting steadily. The committee has foreseen this and sought steadily to anticipate inevitable effects. Although costs have risen our people have not been asked to pay more for their paper nor has the Contingent Fund been asked for a larger grant which would have to borne by our people. We could provide a more expensive paper if our people desire it and if they are willing to pay for it.

We could also devote more space to advertising thus increasing revenue somewhat; but such increase in income would be offset in other ways in the paper.

General. We express our appreciation of the work of those who have contributed regularly to our columns—Sister Rita Snowden, Revs. C. B. Jordan M.A., B.D., H. A. Cochrane, C. B. Oldfield, A. H. Scrivin, R. E. Fordyce, and W. E. Allon Carr. During the year the Rev. J. Silvester M.A. succeeded the Rev. C. B. Jordan as Editor of our Question and Answer Column, and the Rev. G. V. Thomas, B.A. now prepares the notes on the Prescribed Daily Readings, in succession to the Rev. C. B. Oldfield. To these retiring contributors we desire to convey our special thanks. They have served the Church faithfully and effectively and made a vital contribution to the spiritual life of our people.

The audited Financial Statement which will be presented to Conference in the usual way reveal an excess of income over expenditure of £47/13/11.

Committee. The following Committee is nominated for 1950: Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, R. Dudley, A. O. Harris, L. C. Horwood and A. J. Johnston. Messrs. E. H. Andrews, H. de R. Flesher, D. McHarg and H. W. Beaumont, (Corresponding members—Chairman and Convener of the Publications Board.

E. H. Andrews, Chairman.

H. L. Fiebig, Business Manager

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That thanks be expressed to the Editor, the Rev. W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., his associate the Rev. H. S. Kings, Circuit Agents and regular contributors for their service to our Church and people, and that appreciation be expressed for the improvement in the paper.
3. (a) That the Editor, Rev. W. T. Blight, B. A., B.D., be re-appointed for a period of three years.
(b) That the Rev. H. S. Kings be re-appointed as Associate Editor.
4. That the Chairman and Convener of the Publications Board be corresponding members of the Methodist Times Committee, and the Editor and Business Manager of the Methodist Times be corresponding members of the Publications Board.
5. That until an Editor-manager has been appointed by Conference or for at least three years or whichever period is the greater, the Methodist Times Committee continue to function as at present and report direct to Synods and Conference.

B.—BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS. REPORT FOR 1949.

The Board has met several times in full session since the last Conference, and the Standing Committees have discussed various matters in detail.

Advertising for Editor-Manager.

The Board has advertised for an Editor-Manager throughout New Zealand and Australia as directed by Conference. It received many applications, but those that appeared acceptable were withdrawn when the salary and the conditions of employment were made known to them.

Some applications received from New Zealand and one from England were of a high standard but, in the opinion of the Board, lacked either the particular experience or the local knowledge. The Board did not feel that it could confidently commend any of them to the Conference for acceptance.

General Publications.

The Board has been seriously handicapped in carrying out its policy of publications through lack of funds. It has, however, through the generosity of a prominent member of the Church, produced two outstanding booklets entitled: "Is Prayer Any Use," and "Why Protestants Go To Church." These booklets may be secured from the convener or from Rev. W. F. Ford. They are well presented, well written, and worthy of the widest distribution.

Finance.

The appeal for £750 did not produce the response the Board felt it had a right to expect from the various Boards and Trusts that were approached. A small number realized the importance of the policy and contributed according to their resources, but this money had to be used to meet the unexpected heavy expenditure of advertising for an Editor-Manager. The coverage of these advertisements was large and thorough and was considered to be fully justified. It is felt that as the Board has acted on the authority and with the confidence of Conference, this cost should be carried either by the "Methodist Times Committee" or by the Contingent Fund.

D. E. PARTON, Chairman.
F. J. HANDY, Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

In the view of the Board it is most undesirable that two authorities should be reporting direct to Conference on the Connexional Paper and its policy. It feels, therefore, that the Methodist Times Committee should report to Conference through this Board. In this way a measure of co-ordination between the Board and the Committee could be achieved.

The Board has carefully considered the resolution of the Auckland Synod stating that in order to attract the best possible man for the position of Director of Publications a much higher salary should be offered. On the basis of the last budget to Conference it is confident that it can now offer a salary of £750.

From the beginning the Board has been prevented from carrying out its policy of publications through lack of funds. It is still convinced of the need for a vigorous and intensive policy of publications, and it therefore appeals to Conference to support its request for an appeal for £5,000 during 1950.

L. T. HAYMAN, Acting Chairman.
F. J. HANDY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted and that the Supplementary Report be received.
2. That the Board be permitted to continue its investigations respecting the appointment of a Director of Publications.
3. That the Board of Publications investigate the desirability of linking up with a reputable publishing firm in order to effect economy and efficiency.

4. That the Booklets published by the Board of Publications be commended to Synods, and that a bookrack or literature table in churches be commended to Circuits.

5. That the Board be permitted to appeal to the Church in 1950 for the sum of £5,000.

6. That the Board for 1950 be:—

The Chairman of the Auckland District, The Connexional Secretary, the General Superintendent of H.M., the General Secretary of F.M., the Principal of the Theological College, the Senior Youth Director, Ministerial or Lay Treasurer, the Revs. G. R. H. Peterson, F. J. Handy, Dr. D. O. Williams, B. M. Chrystall, L. R. M. Gilmore, W. F. Ford, Sister Rita Snowden, Miss Lena Hendra, Messrs. L. T. Hayman, F. Penn, H. J. Beavis, E. P. Salmon, W. Haythorn-Thwaite, H. M. Patrick, and B. Burton. Corresponding Members, Editor and Business Manager of The Methodist Times.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military and Naval Chaplaincy Affairs?

CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE.

Since the cessation of hostilities there have been few demands for Chaplains' services.

Navy.

Honorary Officiating Chaplains have been appointed to Naval Bases and Ports.

Army.

With the return of "J" Force, the Rev. W. S. Dawson, B.A., has been demobilised and has taken up his appointment at Porirua. Independent reports eulogise the excellent service rendered by him in Japan.

The expansion of the Defence Services appears inevitable. The adequate defence of the country is the duty of the Government. The moral and spiritual welfare of the Forces is the duty of the Church. Our Church must be prepared to share in this responsibility, providing men and equipment. We may expect more demands for Chaplains' services in the near future. Territorial Chaplains will be expected to go into Camp and attend Parades.

During the year the List of Appointments has been carefully revised and promotions have been published in the Gazette. At present we have 12 Chaplains on the Active List—4 in each Military District.

Air Force.

The Rev. A. F. Collins has notified his intention to return to Circuit work in 1950. He has rendered extremely efficient service and is everywhere spoken of most highly.

There are three full-time Chaplains in the Air Force, Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist. It will be necessary to appoint a successor to the Rev. Collins. The Committee is unanimously of the opinion that it would be unwise for the Church to allow this appointment to go by default.

The Air Force has applied for the appointment of both Territorial and Officiating Chaplains. The former will be required to attend evening Parades and enter Camp for a short period each year; the latter will be on call and act in a civilian capacity, conducting services in Camps where there is no full-time Chaplain stationed. The Methodist Church has been asked to appoint an Officiating Chaplain to Wigram.

Finance.

During the past few years, the Chaplain's Committee has been carefully conserving the financial help received from the Circuits. The policy of the Committee is to ensure adequate equipment for Chaplains on Service. Because of the anticipated increased expenditure from the Chaplaincy Fund, the Committee asks for the support of the Church in this respect.

Conclusion.

The Committee urges younger Ministers to accept Commissions as Chaplains, believing that there is a field of opportunity within the Services, which should not be neglected.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

V. R. JAMIESON, Senior Chaplain.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Since the Synod Report was printed there has been a meeting in Wellington of the CDAC and the AG. At this meeting the Compulsory Military Training scheme was discussed, therefore further information is available for Conference.

Training Camps will be established at Papakura, Linton and Burnham; the first drafts will enter Camp in May 1950. It has been tentatively agreed that two non-Roman Catholic Chaplains should be appointed to each Camp and will be on duty for a period of sixteen weeks. All personnel will be required to attend four Church Parades during that period; one at the beginning of the training period; one at the close, and two others during the training period. Voluntary services will be conducted on those Sundays when there is no compulsory parade. It is expected that there will be 50 per cent. leave each weekend. Therefore the allocation of compulsory parades means that the Chaplain will conduct six parade services, if all personnel are to attend at least four such services.

The Committee has asked for the opportunity to conduct Morning Prayers of from three to five minutes duration. This request has received favourable consideration. In the Training Syllabus, provision has been made for Padres' Hours. These will be compulsory parades taken in small groups.

There will be two Training periods in 1950 necessitating the calling up of six Chaplains for each period. The allocation of Chaplains will be as follows:—1st period: 3 Anglican, 2 Presbyterian, 1 Methodist. 2nd period: 3 Anglican, 2 Presbyterian, 1 Other Protestant Denomination. These appointments are worked out on a percentage basis of population, viz., Anglican 37.5; Presbyterian 23.4; Roman Catholic 13; Methodist 8.1; Baptist 1.7; Salvation Army .8; Church of Christ .7; Congregational .4; no Affiliation or minor groups 14.4.

W A. BURLEY, Chairman.

V. R. JAMIESON, Senior Chaplain.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That appreciation be expressed of the services rendered by the Rev. W. S. Dawson, B.A. (Army) in Japan, and the Rev. A. F. Collins (Air Force), N.Z.

3. That a Chaplain be appointed to succeed the Rev. A. F. Collins.
4. That thanks be accorded Messrs. P. E. Pattrick and A. J. Johnston, for their services as Treasurers to the Chaplaincy Fund, and that they be re-appointed.

5. That the Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E., be thanked for his services and be re-appointed Senior Chaplain.

6. That in view of anticipated increased expenditure from the Chaplaincy Fund, Conference requests that contributions to the Fund be raised by an allocation suggested by the Senior Chaplain or by a grant from Quarterly Meetings.

7. That the question of the appointment of Naval Chaplains be referred to the Central District Chaplains Advisory Committee for investigation.

8. That where Chaplains are required for military service, the Circuits concerned facilitate their release.

9. That the District Advisory Committees be:—

NORTHERN MILITARY DISTRICT:—Revs. J. C. Draper, Wesley Parker, B. M. Chrystall, W. Walker, H. Whitfield, Messrs. C. K. Wigglesworth, W. H. Elliott, R. Garlick, L. A. Scrivin. Convener: J. C. Draper.

CENTRAL MILITARY DISTRICT:—Revs. W. A. Burley, W. W. H. Greenslade, V. R. Jamieson (Senior Chaplain), H. S. Kings, J. L. Mitchell, R. F. Clement, W. S. Dawson, and Messrs. T. M. Pacey, R. Hardie Boys, A. J. Johnston, P. E. Pattrick, S. Roberts, and H. J. Steptoe. (Convener: Rev. R. F. Clement.)

SOUTHERN MILITARY DISTRICT:—Revs. V. R. Jamieson, L. C. Horwood, J. K. Watson, Messrs. A. A. Dingwall, L. Burton, H. Smith, F. Colechin, T. Woodfield. (Convener: Rev. V. R. Jamieson.)

Question 51. What is the Report of the Custodian of Early Church Records, Libraries and Museums?

A.—CONNEXIONAL OFFICE

Since last reported the following lodgments have been made and acknowledged:—

North Shore, Baptismal Register	Rev. Wm. Green
Woodville Trust Declaration	Mr. A. Olson
Sydney Street Church—Photograph	Rev. C. E. Dickens
Maori Bible: Centenary of Wesleyan	
Methodism (1839): Photographs	Mrs. H. J. Steptoe
Lower Hutt: Early Papers	Mr. D. H. Payne
Lyttelton: Rolls, Registers: Minute Books	Rev. R. G. Bell
Linwood: Minute Books	Mr. W. C. Francis
Horrelville: Minute Books: Early History	Mr. F. A. Sheat
Deaconess House: Minute & Letter Books	Rev. J. M. Blight
Woodend-Sefton: Minute Books	Rev. W. A. Chambers
Addington: S. S. Centenary 1880	Rev. L. C. Horwood
Durham St., Early Photograph	Mrs. E. J. McEachan
Methodist Magazines	Mr. R. G. Pearce
Otago Circuit, 1864. Memorandum	Rev. D. J. D. Hickman
Early Wesleyan Hymn Book	Miss Parker
Methodist Magazines & Ecumenical Conf. Minutes	Rev. A. H. Ivory
Cargill Road, First marriage Bible	Mr. Grimmett

H. L. Fiebig,
Custodian.

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted.

B.—TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM.

Since last reporting the library has received a number of gifts of books and other items of interest, of which the following call for special mention:—From Trustees of Whiteley Memorial Church, per Rev. J. H. Allen, "Plan for a Wesleyan Seminary at Auckland," by W. Lawry, and letters from Lawry, Buddle and Ironside. From Rev. G. I. Laurenson, cannon ball reputed to have come from the Boyd, Whangaroa. From Pitt St. Trustees, Early Mission documents, including two de Thierry letters. From Mrs. Hodder, Palmerston North, valuable gifts of books for library and students, and facsimile of first Methodist Hymn Book (Charleston 1736) and first Foundery Tune Book (1742).

Also members of the Reed family have very generously founded the Alexander J. Reed Memorial Library. A sum of money has been set aside, the revenue from which is to be devoted to building up a collection of books relating to New Zealand, consisting in the main of new titles as published (complementary to the Baumber Library, which contains early N.Z. literature). With these will be associated the Old Bibles, etc. earlier presented by Mr. A. H. Reed, which form a notable part of our present collection, a portrait of Alexander Reed, and a book of his poems in manuscript. This gift has been very gratefully received by the Council.

E. W. HAMES, Custodian.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That donors to the Trinity College Library and Museum be thanked.

C.—WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (N.Z. BRANCH).

Report for Conference.

At June 30th 1949, the Society had a financial membership of 155. Even with this small membership a good flow of publications has been maintained. The following have been published up to June 30th :—

- "Methodism in Otago"—(Hickman)
- "Leigh at Whangarei"—(Reed)
- "Instructions to Early Missionaries"
(Re-print from Methodist Times.)
- "Woodend 90th Anniversary booklet"—(Chambers)
- "Primitive Methodism in Auckland"—(Olphert)
- "Some letters of Baron de Thierry."

Numerous future publications are in course of preparation, and more finance is needed to enable us to keep abreast of the material offering. The Society will gladly assist Churches who are writing up their local history, by making available any information in its possession. We would also welcome copies of any such booklets published, for our records.

During 1948-1949, three public gatherings were organised in Auckland. A lecture on "John Hobbs" by Mr. T. G. M. Spooner, M.A.: a lecture on "John Whiteley," by Mr. G. G. Carter, M.A.: and the Auckland Primitive Methodist Centennial Gathering, where Rev. Harold Sharp was the Guest Preacher.

Membership of the Society is open to all ministers and laymen who are interested in the history of N.Z. Methodism. (Sub. 5/- per annum). An official Constitution is in course of preparation.

E. W. Hames, President.
L. R. M. Gilmore, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference urges all Churches preparing historical booklets, to submit same to the Standing Committee of the Wesley Historical Society for checking before publication.
3. That Conference urges that at least two copies of all such publications be sent to the Society for preservation in its archives at Trinity College, and to the Connexional Office.
4. That attention be drawn to the regulation which requires that two copies of all Church magazines and papers be sent to the General Assembly, Wellington.

QUESTION LII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods for Committees to Report?

(1) Church Union Committee

(A) REPORT TO SYNODS, 1948.

As no meeting of the Committee has been held, apart from the result of the vote by members and officials there is little to report.

The vote as directed by the Conference was taken in June of this year. The result indicated that the ordinary member does not yet appreciate the privilege and responsibility of membership. Of 25,587 on the roll, only 14,211 exercised the right of voting, about 55.5%. The ratio differed in different Districts and Circuits.

The Quarterly Meeting vote was a heavy one compared with that of 1942. The comparative figures are, 1942, 2,793; 1948, 3,271. Of the Circuits and Home Mission Stations, in 109 Quarterly Meetings majorities were recorded in favour and 45 against while 4 tied. In the members' voting 110 Circuits gave majorities in favour and 47 against.

The percentage of valid votes in favour in Quarterly Meetings was 61.01 and against 38.99. The members' voting showed 59.97 per cent for and 40.03 against.

Details of voting are indicated on a separate table provided.

Totals are as follows:—

Members: For, 8491: Against 5668: Informal 52.

Q.M. Members: For, 1986: Against 1269: Informal 16.

As Conference does not meet until November, 1949, the Committee will not meet until next year.

Various Circuits sent on remits and recommendations but until the Committee has considered these nothing can be reported.

Results of Voting on Proposed Basis of Union 1948.

Summary for Dominion

District	Members			Quarterly Meetings		
	For	Against	Inform.	For	Against	Inform.
Auckland	1714	1302	15	426	320	8
South Auckland	910	622	4	234	147	
Taranaki-Wanganui	511	522	1	122	126	1
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	540	743	11	113	162	
Wellington	1382	472	7	303	74	1
Nelson	410	369	3	107	77	1
North Canterbury	1260	835	3	280	203	2
South Canterbury	809	176	1	164	22	3
Otago-Southland	955	627	7	237	138	

Totals 8491 5668 52 1986 1269 16

Percentages:—Members: For 60.14, Against 38.86. Q.M.'s: For 61.1, Against 38.9.

Circuit Majorities For Or Against

	For	Against	For	Against	Ties
Auckland	19	7	18	9	
South Auckland	19	6	17	5	2
Taranaki-Wanganui	8	6	9	6	
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	3	13	3	13	
Wellington	15		15		
Nelson	7	3	6	4	
North Canterbury	16	4	16	3	1
South Canterbury	9		9		
Otago-Southland	14	8	16	5	1
Dominion Totals	110	47	109	45	4

Percentages :—Members: For 71.1, Against 28.9. Q.M.'s: For 68.8, Against 28.7, Ties 2.5.

N.B.—(1) Bay of Islands and Raetihi-Ohakune, having no agents, did not take a vote of members. (2) Raglan Union Church—A vote of officials was not practicable in this church.

(B) REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1949

The Committee met in almost full strength immediately prior to the meetings of the Conference Executive in February. Consideration was given to the results of the voting of June, 1948. These had been reported to Synods 1948, the recommendations of which were before the Committee and also the resolutions of the Presbyterian Assembly of November, 1948. It was decided to send forward the following recommendations to the Conference. These are also reported to the Annual Synods in order that the Conference may know their mind on them.

Conference was recommended to print the circuit totals (as well as the District results of the voting) in the Minutes.

Various remits were received from circuit Quarterly Meetings but the Committee considers that all of these are covered by the recommendations hereunder.

E. T. OLDS,
President of the Conference,
Chairman.
W. A. BURLEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That Conference receive the result of the vote on the Proposed Basis of Union and while expressing gratification at the increased official vote as compared with the 1942 vote, regrets that only 55.5% of our Church Members exercised the privilege of voting on such an important issue.
3. That Conference interprets the vote of 59.97% of Members voting and 61.01% of Quarterly Meeting Members in favour of the Proposed Basis of Union, as indicating that the tide of conviction of our Members has definitely set in favour of Church Union.
4. That Conference send to the Presbyterian Assembly and to the Congregational Union a letter of greeting stating that the voting on the Proposed Basis of Union has disclosed that a substantial majority of those voting favoured the Basis, and that the Officials cast a strong vote in favour. Nevertheless, it regrets that the majority is not sufficient to enable us at the present time to proceed to unite with the other Churches. Conference is still of the opinion expressed by it in 1940 "that it is the will of God for His Church in this age that she should seek to express her inner unity in Christ Jesus in terms unmis-takeable to the world and that she should use her resources in a manner that will transcend all denominational rivalry and best promote the interests of the Kingdom of God."

5. That Conference reciprocates the desire of the Presbyterian Assembly "That the increased measure of mutual understanding and practical co-operation which the negotiations have fostered may be preserved" and (we would add) continued and extended.
6. That a new Church Union Committee be set up which shall consult with similar Committees in the other two Churches and which shall explore the possibilities of the formation wherever desirable of Union Churches similar to those at Raglan, Corstorphine and Taita with a constitution agreed upon by the Supreme Courts of the three Churches.
7. That special attention be given to places where it is possible to have a measure of union at the present time and where there is only one denomination at work the members of the others to be encouraged to associate themselves wholeheartedly with that Branch of the Church which is in their District while retaining Membership in their own denominations.
8. That a campaign of education in the progress and principles of Church Union be undertaken by the Committee.
9. That the Committee approach the other two negotiating Churches with a view to closer co-operation in Maori Mission work, Ministerial training, Youth Work, the establishment of a School for Christian Workers and along such other avenues as may be desirable and practicable, in consultation with the Committees and Boards concerned.
10. That Conference approves of the principle of establishing Union Churches wherever desirable.
11. That Conference expresses its thanks to the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., as Convener of the Church Union Committee for the past ten years. It places on record its appreciation of his outstanding contribution to the cause of Church Union with the hope that the ideals so diligently and fondly served will speedily find rich realisation.
12. That the Church Union Committee for 1950 be :—

Church Union Committee:

The President and the Secretary of Conference, Revs. W. G. Slade, W. T. Blight, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, J. D. Grocott, C. O. Hailwood, R. Dudley, W. E. A. Carr, G. H. Goodman, R. F. Clement, W. J. Morrison, W. S. Dawson, A. K. Petch (Convener), the Vice-President of Conference, Messrs. N. R. Seddon, T. M. Pacey, J. H. Phillippis, H. de R. Flesher, S. N. Roberts, M. S. Hughson, E. L. F. Buxton, E. M. Hodder, Mrs. A. B. Cochran, and Miss L. Hodder. Corresponding Members: Revs. E. W. Hames, A. T. Kent, H. C. Matthews, R. Thornley, W. R. Francis, W. R. Laws, H. C. Dixon, and D. G. Sherson, Messrs. W. J. Court, L. G. White, L. A. Davis, P. Woodnorth, and A. L. Stanton.

C.—MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR UNION CHURCHES.

The Conference of 1946 instructed the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to enter into discussions with representatives of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches with a view to drawing up a Constitution suitable for Union Churches. This has been done and a Constitution agreed upon by a joint committee is now submitted to Conference for approval. It is understood that local conditions may call for slight variations in some respects; but the broad outline contained in this draft constitution should be applicable to all proposed Union Churches.

H. J. ODELL, Chairman.
H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

MODEL CONSTITUTION OF UNION CHURCHES.

A.—PROPERTY.

1. The property shall be vested in the Trustees for the whole Dominion of one of the co-operating Churches to be held by them upon the trusts embodied in this Constitution.

2. Contributions from the funds of the co-operating Churches for the erection of buildings on the property received by the Church in whose Trustees the land is vested shall be carefully recorded and shall be regarded in the nature of interest-free loans repayable on dissolution of the Union Church.

3. In the event of such dissolution taking place in the circumstances hereinafter provided, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, the Conference of the Methodist Church, or the Congregational Union, as the case may be, shall guarantee repayment of such loans and subject to such repayments the Trustees shall hold the property and all improvements in all respects as a Presbyterian, Methodist, or Congregational Church, as the case may be, and freed from the Trusts set out in this Constitution.

4. Contributions from the funds of the Co-operating Churches for the purchase of land, erection of buildings, and for stipend, shall be proportionate to the Denominational figures appearing in the last Government Census, or such other proportions as may be agreed upon from time to time by the Supreme Courts of the Co-operating Churches.

B.—POLITY.

1. The membership of the Union Church shall be embodied in a single Roll of Communicants, and a Roll of Adherents. The denominational affiliations of members shall be indicated on the rolls and all irrespective of denominational affiliations shall have the same privileges and responsibilities in the life of the Church.

The internal polity of the Church shall be based on the relevant parts of the "Basis of Union" as approved by the Supreme Courts of the Co-operating Churches, save as hereinafter provided.

2. There shall be a Session, a Board of Managers, and a Parish Council:

(a) The Session shall consist of the Minister of the parish and such members in full communion as have been duly elected by Communicant members and ordained as Elders by the Session—in case of the first Elders by an Interim Session appointed by the governing bodies in the district or Presbytery of the co-operating Churches, namely, the Presbyterian, the Methodist, and the Congregational. Ordination of Elders is for life, but election to any Session may be for a stated period or for life. Re-ordination does not take place on appointment for a new term. No limit shall be placed on the number of Elders in the congregation except that imposed by (a) the requirements of the parish, and (b) the number of suitable persons available for election. Eldership in Union Churches shall not be transferable into the Methodist or Congregational Churches nor into the Presbyterian Church in the case of women. Nominations for election to the Eldership shall be made by the Session, or by any Communicant member. The Session exercises rule in spiritual matters within the parish and represents the parish in the higher courts of the co-operating Churches.

(b) The Board of Management 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 in his absence by a member of the Board elected by it.

(c) The Parish Council, which shall meet at least quarterly, shall consist of the Minister, the Elders, the Senior Sunday School Superintendent, representatives of the Board of Management, the Youth Work, Women's organisations, Men's organisations, and a stated number of representatives elected annually by the Congregation. Ordinarily the Minister shall preside.

3. **Committee of Oversight:** The general life and work of the Union Church shall be supervised by a Committee representative of the Congregation and of the appropriate Church Courts of the three co-operating Churches. It shall be known as the Union Church Committee of Oversight.

4. **Representation in Higher Courts:** Until such time as the Co-operating Churches specifically provide for representation of Union Churches in their Church Courts, the Committee of Oversight shall be the liaison between the Union Church and such Church Courts.

5. **Appointment of Minister:** All appointments of Ministers shall be made by agreement between the Home Ministry Committee of the Presbyterian Church, the Conference of the Methodist Church, and the appropriate authority of the Congregational Church, after consultation with each other, and the Committee of Oversight. The appointments shall be made irrespective of the denominational affiliation, within the co-operating group, of the appointee.

6. The Minister shall be regarded as being in full standing in his own denomination as though the Union Church were a Church of that denomination. He shall have a seat in the Church Courts and be subject to their discipline, and in particular to the right of such Courts to dissolve the pastoral tie in the same manner as though the Union Church were a church of that denomination.

7. **Wider Work of the Church:** The Committee of Oversight shall keep before the Union Church the responsibilities for the wider work of the co-operating Churches, and shall devise the best means of doing this, with due regard to Budget or Connexional requirements and local conditions.

8. **Dissolution:** In the event of it becoming manifest to the Committee of Oversight that the Union is not working satisfactorily, the Committee may by resolution decide upon dissolution of the said Union Church, but such resolution shall not be deemed to be effective until it has been confirmed by a subsequent meeting of the Committee to be held not sooner than two calendar months and not later than three calendar months from the date of the first meeting. The terms of the said resolution shall within seven (7) days of the date of the first meeting be communicated by the Committee to each of the three district governing bodies of the Co-operating Churches, and to a special general meeting of the Congregation convened for that purpose. In the event of the said resolution being confirmed, the Union Church and its organisations shall thereupon be deemed to be dissolved, but the Committee of Oversight shall remain in existence and be responsible for the winding-up of the affairs of the said Church.

9. **Review of Constitution:** This Constitution is regarded as the normal method of working, but is subject to review and alteration:

in such manner and form as may be agreed upon by each of the Supreme Courts of the Co-operating Churches.

10. This Constitution shall be read in the light of any relevant provisions in the respective Constitutions of the Co-operating Churches.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report be adopted and the Constitution be approved.

2.—WOMEN AND THE MINISTRY.

The 1948 Conference declared its readiness to accept women into the Ordained Ministry, the standard of acceptance to be equal to that of Candidates for the Ministry. It also declared that the normal training be at Trinity College, to include the basic curriculum; and that the main avenue of approach to the Ordained Ministry should be through the Deaconess Order. The Committee was asked to investigate the practical issues which would be involved if a woman were accepted, such as avenues of service, the effect of marriage, and other relevant questions.

The Committee has given consideration to these questions and has come to the following conclusions:

The most favourable avenues of service to a woman minister would be as colleague in a large Church or in a Circuit with two or more ministers. This would afford her the full right and opportunity to exercise a normal Pulpit Ministry and Pastorate, giving special attention to women's activities and the more intimate aspects of the Pastoral Office to women.

The Committee visualises a special field of service on the staff of City Missions for women with specialist training and high qualifications. It is probable that those offering would be women of outstanding capacity in some special field; and a field of service should be found corresponding to these special gifts.

The question of marriage is receiving the closest investigation in other Churches, and the Committee recommends that we await their decisions. Other relevant issues would arise at the time of a woman's actual candidature.

The Committee recommends that the question of Ordination to special fields of service, together with the possible Ordination of Deaconesses, be carefully considered by the Committee proposed to investigate the question of the Ordination of Probationers to the Diaconate.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

WESLEY PARKER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee be re-appointed. Convener, Rev. Wesley Parker.

(3) Peace Thanksgiving Fund

REPORT, 1949.

Conference, 1948, authorized the extension of the Appeal to the 30th June, 1948, to enable Circuits who had delayed presentation of the Appeal to complete the canvass of their membership, and also

requested that all Circuits present and complete the Appeal by that date.

That Conference was wise in extending the period of the Appeal is illustrated by the increase in donations received over that reported to Conference.

To date the following totals have been received in cash from the various Districts:—

	Amount Received.			Target.
Auckland	£5,732	17	2	£11,156
South Auckland	3,569	6	9	6,125
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	936	15	10	5,200
Taranaki-Wanganui	1,194	17	4	4,700
Wellington	2,652	7	3	6,225
Nelson	1,169	13	6	3,025
North Canterbury	4,035	11	3	8,300
South Canterbury	1,088	5	0	3,225
Otago-Southland	1,320	7	9	5,400
	£21,700	1	10	£53,356

The audited Financial Statement will be presented to Conference.

There are still promises recorded which have not yet been honoured; but it is unlikely that any substantial amount therefrom will subsequently be received by the Treasurer. The Committee has followed up all such outstanding promises to the fullest extent possible.

Taking into account the interest earnings of the Fund, and some response from outstanding promises, the Committee should have nearly £20,000 to distribute, in addition to the two grants made to date—one to the Corstorphine Union Church of £500, and a similar amount to the Taita Union Church.

The Committee circulated all Chairmen of Districts requesting information concerning claims for assistance in the various areas, and is at present investigating the urgency of these claims.

Further information will be necessary before a final decision can be made, and recommendations forwarded to the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and the Home Mission Board.

The Committee would like to record appreciation of the generous action of donors listed subsequent to the last report to Conference.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

R. G. PEARCE, Secretary.

PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND COMMITTEE. REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1949.

Subsequent to the report forwarded to Synods, the Committee has been conducting extensive investigations into the correspondence relating to the claims received. Several meetings have been necessary to arrive at a fair allocation of the funds available. The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and the Home Mission Board have been consulted in arriving at the tentative proposed allocations.

These tentative proposals are being placed before District Executives before the Committee reconsiders its proposals in the light of further information which is being sought relating to:—

1. Details of the proposed use of the proposed allocation including the prospective date of such use becoming effective.
2. Estimated cost of each project.
3. The amount raised by the local circuits(s) towards such project.
4. Any outside grants or loans received or promised.
5. The legal situation of the proposed property.

The tentative proposals provide for the following grants, inclusive of those already made, to Districts:—

Auckland District	....	....	....	....	£5,950
South Auckland District	....	....	....	....	£2,200
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District	....	....	....	....	£1,300
Taranaki-Wanganui District	....	....	....	....	£ 800
Wellington District	....	....	....	....	£6,100
Nelson District	....	....	....	....	£ 500
North Canterbury District	....	....	....	....	£2,075
South Canterbury District	....	....	....	....	£ 800
Otago-Southland District	....	....	....	....	£1,800

£21,525

The Committee proposes to finalise its proposals on receipt of the replies from District Executives in order that those projects already in hand may be immediately assisted in accordance with the purposes of the Fund.

It is also proposed to attach the following conditions to grants:—

1. Grants to be paid at time of need with no accrual of interest.
2. After final allocation is made, grants to be paid for those projects being immediately undertaken. The Committee would then hand the balance of its funds, as allocated to projects, to the General Purposes Trust Board, with a direction that any interest accruals over and above the final allocation be paid to the Sites Fund of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for the purchase of sites in new housing areas.

3. If any grant be not called up before 1st January, 1954, such grant should revert and the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and the Home Mission Board be empowered to re-allocate same if it is unlikely that the project for which the grant was originally made will attain early fulfilment. Any such re-allocated grant must be in accord with the objectives of the Peace Thanksgiving Fund and may be directed to any District.

4. If sections purchased by grants from the Fund are subsequently sold the funds realised should, to the extent of the grant, be reverted to the Sites Fund for the purchase of sections in other new housing areas.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

R. G. PEARCE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That Messrs. A. A. Dingwall, R. G. Pearce, and F. S. Allott be thanked for their service to the Church in the Peace Thanksgiving Fund Appeal.

3. That Conference empower the Committee in conjunction with the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee and the Home Mission Board, to finalise the distribution.

4. That the Committee for 1950 be:—Revs. H. J. Odell, H. L. Fiebig, R. Dudley, A. J. Johnston, E. S. Hoddinott, Messrs. A. A. Dingwall, J. D. Gray, F. S. Allott, F. G. Colechin, B. A. Caygill, H. de R. Flesher, W. C. Francis, L. G. K. Steven, W. F. Stock, and R. G. Pearce (Secretary).

4.—CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A.—Report, 1949.

No appeals by Circuits in respect of their circuit allocations have been made since the 1947 report. It is evident that District Finance Committees are doing their work well.

The only meetings of the Committee have been to consider the matter of Connexional appeals, in respect of which a separate report is submitted.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

B.—Report on Connexional Appeals.

In 1948 the Conference (Minutes, 1948, page 173) directed that the Central Finance Committee prepare a scheme to co-ordinate all Connexional appeals in each year in order that the multiplicity of appeals be avoided.

The Conference referred to the Committee the following:—

- (1) That no financial appeal be allowed throughout the Connexion except within a Circuit, unless it is co-ordinated in the National Fund, except in a matter of extreme urgency under the authority of the President.
- (2) That the Home and Maori and the Foreign Mission Departments co-ordinate deputations so that there is only one Mission Deputation to Circuits in one year.

During each Church year appeals are usually made on behalf of the following:—Foreign Missions, Home and Maori Missions, Youth Work, Orphanages, Trinity College, Chaplaincy Fund, National Council of Churches, Educational Committee of N.C.C. (Bible-in-Schools), N.Z. Alliance, Hospital Chaplaincy, University Chaplains.

With the exception of the two Mission Funds the usual method of raising the money required is by retiring collection, and seldom is there any real organisation. Certainly, the Quarterly Meeting approves of the date and the Minister draws attention to the appeal. Sometimes the amount asked for is raised, more often it is not. Few members of the congregation know the result.

The Committee is of the opinion that the only really satisfactory way by which all appeals could be co-ordinated is to adopt the budget system. Under such a system the various Church organisations and committees requiring funds would inform a central committee of their requirements. Such committee would allocate to each district or circuit the amount it is expected to raise. The local unit would then set about raising its quota. As our present methods have been followed for many years, the Committee does not advocate so great a change at this stage.

Our Mission appeals are now well organised. Therefore it does not seem wise to alter their procedure. The Committee is of the opinion that there is no need for a deputation from each Mission

Department each year. The Departments already have had an arrangement whereby their appeals are held in different half years in various circuits. This is working quite satisfactorily. Mission Committees are appointed in each circuit. Such Committees with material supplied by the Mission Boards, should be able to organise the local appeal every other year without the help of a Deputation. There will certainly be a saving in expenditure, but more important (and this applies particularly in the case of the Home Mission Fund) deputationists will be freer to concentrate on the administration and more general work of the Department. If there is to be only one deputation a year to a circuit, the Departments will have no difficulty in planning the itineraries of these deputations. This Committee therefore recommends that there be no alteration in present procedure with the Mission appeals except that there be only one deputation on behalf of Missions to a circuit each year.

The Committee urges strongly that there should be no retiring collections. The offertory should be an act of worship. It should be received and dedicated. This is not possible with retiring collections. If considered desirable other ways of receiving special gifts could be devised. For example, small tables could be placed just inside the entrances on which gifts could be left. Such gifts could be dedicated during the service. Also more use could be made of special envelopes. For example, in connection with the Youth appeal, envelopes could be distributed by Bible Class members prior to the day appointed for the collection. All offertories should be part of the service and properly dedicated. Therefore the Committee recommends that there should be no retiring collections in connexional appeals.

As the Christmas period is such an appropriate time for all appeals for the Children's Homes, the Committee recommends that the appeals should be made as before. They should be better organised and incorporated with the Sunday service as mentioned above.

With regard to the other Connexional appeals, i.e., the appeals for Youth work, Trinity College, Chaplaincy Fund, National Council of Churches, Bible-in-Schools, N.Z. Alliance, University and Hospital Chaplaincy, the Committee recommends that these be dealt with under a modified budget system. A Central Committee could submit to Conference estimates of the amounts required to be raised for such funds and organisations and after receiving Conference's approval of same the Committee could allocate such estimates amongst the districts, say on a membership basis. It is suggested that one of the existing standing committees could easily deal with this. District Committees could be set up to allocate District quotas amongst circuits. One Sunday could be set apart on which collections would be taken to meet the circuit's quota. The Minister and local officials should see that the members and adherents are fully informed of the special appeal by means of a special circular, and the services should be well planned. The Circuit's quota would be sent through the District Chairman to a central Committee which would disburse the total amounts collected on behalf of the Church. Such Committee would report to Conference each year.

The Committee is of the opinion that no other appeals should be made throughout the year except with the express permission of the President and the Central Committee. If in cases of urgency a special appeal had to be made then the Central Committee, once it approved of it, would specify the period of the appeal and the area in which it could be made. Thus any overlapping of appeals would be avoided.

There is no doubt that Church members are becoming tired of too many appeals. It is recognised that appeals will always be necessary but it is submitted that more money will be raised if all appeals are co-ordinated and properly planned. The Committee is of the opinion that if the number of appeals is reduced and a day of giving is properly and carefully organised more money will be collected.

H. de R. FLESHER, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Reports and Synodal recommendations be referred back to the Central Finance Committee for consideration during the year in consultation with the Departments concerned, and report to next Synods and Conference.

2. That the Central Finance Committee and District Committees be as named.

3. That permission be granted the Lyttelton Circuit to launch a Centennial Appeal throughout Canterbury for funds to assist in reconditioning the Lyttelton Church.

4. That permission be granted to the Otago-Southland District Executive to appeal for funds for the Youth Hostel within its own district, and that the matter of extending the appeal outside the district be considered by a subsequent Conference.

CENTRAL FINANCE COMMITTEES.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—District Chairman, Connexional Secretary, Rev. R. Dudley, Messrs. H. Chapman, W. C. Francis, L. G. K. Steven, and H. de R. Flesher (Convener).

District Committees:

AUCKLAND.—District Chairman and Financial Secretary (Convener); Messrs. A. Turner, H. P. Mourant, H. M. Patrick, and W. J. Court.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Chairman of the District, Revs. H. C. Matthews, A. R. Penn, Messrs. W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, W. F. Walters, P. Rushton. Convener: Rev. H. C. Matthews.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—District Chairman (Convener); one to be appointed; Messrs. W. H. C. Clemon, T. P. Hughson, Jr., L. M. Moss.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—Revs. J. F. Jack, L. A. Brooks, and C. O. Hailwood; Messrs. H. Bycroft, A. H. Fisher, Jr., W. H. Brewer.

WELLINGTON.—District Chairman, Rev. G. H. Goodman, Messrs. T. M. Pacey, A. J. Johnston, and N. R. Seddon (Convener).

NELSON.—Chairman of District, Minister of Richmond Circuit, Messrs. H. J. Savage, H. Oldham, and E. S. Wratt.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—District Chairman, Rev. A. M. Costain, Messrs. C. H. Perkins, E. R. Caygill, and M. Hosking.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.—District Chairman, Messrs. E. Hight, H. C. B. Withell, and P. Woodnorth.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—District Chairman, Rev. A. H. Ivory, Messrs. H. H. Johnson, J. McIndoe, and A. L. Stanton.

5.—CENTRAL STIPEND FUND. REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The Committee has pursued its investigations of this matter and has prepared an outline scheme. It, however, desires a further opportunity of developing the details, before presentation to Synods.

and Conference. It therefore seeks permission of Conference to delay the presentation of its Report for a further twelve months.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.
T. M. PACEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee be re-appointed and continue its investigations.

6.—RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIAN METHODISM COMMITTEE

The Committee on the above has continued its investigations into the question of closer relations with Australian Methodism, and is able to report progress.

An analysis of the material collected by the special H.M. Subcommittee has been made and distributed to the members of the Committee.

The various departments and committees of our N.Z. Church have been approached for their suggestions for closer relations between their departments and committees and the similar departments and committees in Australia.

A Closer Relations Committee has been set up in Australia, and the two committees are now in communication. The response from Australia has been most cordial and helpful in every way.

The Committee regrets to report the retirement of Dr. H. Ranston from the chairmanship owing to ill health. It expresses its appreciation of the valuable services of Dr. H. Ranston during the period of the initial investigations. Rev. E. D. Patchett was appointed chairman.

E. D. PATCHETT, Chairman.
F. J. HANDY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Committee continue its investigations.
3. That the committee for 1950 be:—The President of the Conference, Revs. E. D. Patchett (Chairman), H. Ranston, E. W. Hames, A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, W. Walker, W. Green, F. Copeland, E. Te Tuhi, J. C. Draper, B. M. Chrystall, Wesley Parker, D. O. Williams, E. P. Blamires, F. J. Handy (Convener); Auckland Youth Director, Messrs. J. Tyler, T. L. Hames, L. W. Peak, P. Dellow, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Burley, L. T. Hayman, S. E. Chappell, T. W. Hemer, G. S. Gapper, Mrs. H. Nicolson, Miss E. M. Rishworth, Sister Rita Snowden. Corresponding Members: The District Chairmen, the Connexional Secretary, G. E. Brown, H. C. Matthews, J. Dennis, C. O. Hailwood, J. D. McArthur, J. D. Grocott, A. K. Petch, M. A. McDowell, The Senior Youth Director, Messrs. W. J. Court, P. Rush-ton, C. E. Taylor, C. R. Edmonds, H. J. Savage, W. C. Francis, M. Hughson, P. G. Woodnorth, Mrs. M. E. Virtue.

7.—CIRCUIT TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Committee has given careful consideration to all the matters referred to it by the 1948 Conference and presents the following Report as a realistic approach to a general, but very difficult, situation which is likely to continue for some time to come.

Consideration of data made available to the Committee has revealed that a number of Ministers and Home Missionaries are still carrying a heavy financial burden in excess of any allowance made for Circuit transport. At the same time it is also evident that more careful planning and administration of Circuit work and travelling would, in many instances, considerably reduce, if not entirely eliminate, this aspect of the problem. In particular it is evident that, in some Circuits, the unnecessary demands of the people or the convenience of the Minister, are being placed before efficiency in time and travelling. In a lesser degree, it is evident that, in some respects, the same roads are travelled on for considerable distances on two or more occasions each week, when a little better planning, while resulting in some loss of convenience on the part of the people or the Minister, would make for greater efficiency in the work with a reduction in travelling and consequently in running and maintenance costs and in a saving of time.

Country Bible Classes, Bible in Schools and Hospital visitations account for a fair proportion of the total mileage covered each year in a number of country Circuits. More careful organisation of time and work, with an occasional night away from home, would result, in some cases, in less physical and financial strain on the Minister and Circuit, as well as making for greater Pastoral efficiency. Even after allowing for these aspects, however, the problem still remains that a number of Ministers and Home Missionaries are being called upon to carry a financial burden for which, under present day conditions, there is no easy remedy.

The Committee feels, however, that the machinery which Conference has already set up, is not being fully used. The 1945 Conference (Page 162 of Minutes) resolved that the question of Circuit transport was to be reviewed with the Minister each year and that it was to be fully considered at the June Quarterly Meetings and that District Executives were to set up special Committees to assist in overcoming the transport difficulties of the District. Further, the 1948 Conference (Page 176 of Minutes) ordered that urgent and necessitous cases in the matter of transport were to be investigated by the District Executive concerned who, where necessary, were authorised to report to the Home Mission Department.

The Committee urges that these Conference decisions should be more fully implemented.

The data available discloses that many Ministers and Home Missionaries, who use their own cars in Circuit work, are not receiving an allowance sufficient to cover maintenance and depreciation costs. Some are not even receiving sufficient to cover basic costs of petrol, oil and greasing. It is also disclosed that a large number of those concerned do not appear to have any method of keeping records which, over a period of years, would serve as a basis for determining the total amount to be paid by a Circuit for travelling and what proportion of the total mileage had been for each of Circuit and private purposes. Such records, carried over from year to year, would enable the one concerned to determine what proportion of the maintenance and depreciation costs belong to each of Circuit and private running.

While it is self evident that the present high cost of maintenance is almost entirely due to the ageing cars used by Ministers and Home Missionaries today, this is, to some extent, offset by the lower rate of depreciation as compared with that for new cars.

During the year, with the authority of the President, an amended scale of car allowances was recommended to Circuits. This new scale is as under:—

Miles p.a.	Small Car. Up to and including 9.5 h.p.	Medium Car. 9.6 to 14.5 h.p. inclusive.	Large Car 14.6 h.p. and over.
Up to 1,000 miles	5½d	6½d	7d
1,001 to 2,000	5½d	5½d	6½d
2,001 to 3,000	5d	5½d	6½d
3,001 to 4,000	4½d	5½d	6d
4,001 to 5,000	4½d	5d	5½d
5,001 to 6,000	4½d	5d	5½d
6,001 to 7,000	4½d	4½d	5½d
7,001 to 8,000	4½d	4½d	5½d
Over 8,000	4½d	4½d	5½d

The Committee is of the opinion that this scale, rightly applied over a period of years, is adequate to cover all running, maintenance and depreciation costs at the present time and, when only essential Circuit running is taken into account, should not be beyond the financial capacity of the majority of Circuits. Where the full recommended scale is paid, attention is also drawn to the necessity for Ministers and Home Missionaries to regularly set aside a definite proportion of the allowance received as a depreciation fund, in such a way that the money will be readily available when the time comes for replacement of the car.

The situation regarding the availability of new cars has continued to be very difficult. Based on negotiations which are now in train, it is however hoped that, by the time of Conference, it will be possible to report that a limited number of new cars will be available for Ministers and Home Missionaries where the need is the greatest.

The Committee also has under review, and hopes to submit to Conference, a scheme which will enable Ministers, Home Missionaries and Circuits, to finance the purchase of cars under more favourable conditions than at present. In this connection, the Committee is still of the opinion that the most satisfactory arrangement is for the Minister or Home Missionary to own the car for Circuit work, provided an adequate allowance is paid.

The Committee has also given consideration to the suggestion made at the 1948 Conference that a Connexional Travelling Fund be established for the purpose of equalising costs as between town and country Circuits. After careful consideration, the Committee is of the opinion that it is neither desirable nor practicable to establish such a fund and is further of the opinion that the Home Mission Fund is the best means of removing inequalities resulting in hardship as between town and country Circuits.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.
T. M. PACEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the scale of travelling allowances, set out above, be approved and that Circuits be directed to loyally adopt such minimum scale

3. That in each Circuit or Home Mission Station, where a car allowance is paid or a car maintained by the Circuit, a small Transport Committee be appointed:—

- (a) To assess, in consultation with the Minister or Home Missionary, the essential mileage to be covered per annum, making due allowance for contingencies, and to agree upon an adequate allowance to cover same.
- (b) To assist the Minister in planning the most efficient use of the required travelling.
- (c) To consider the possibility of using alternate and cheaper methods of travelling where possible.
- (d) To review Quarterly, all matters relating to the planning and cost of travelling within the Circuit.

4. That Circuits be informed that many Ministers are required at the present time, to meet excessive maintenance costs, due to their inability, financial or otherwise, to secure new or better cars and that the following action be taken:—

- (a) The Circuit Transport Committee to consider ways and means of assisting the Minister to meet any such costs in excess of the annual allowance, having regard to the position over a period of years.
- (b) That where this is beyond the means of the Circuit, the matter be referred to the Home Mission Board for consideration and action.
(N.B.—In all such cases it would be essential that a Car Account and mileage record be kept, setting out the correct position in relation to each of Circuit and private running.)
- (c) That there be appointed in each District a man with the necessary technical qualifications who would be available to advise Ministers, Home Missionaries, and Circuits in the matter of the acquisition of motor cars and their maintenance.

5. That there be an advisory Committee in each Circuit to report to the Quarterly Meeting on transport matters.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Proposals for assisting Ministers, Home Missionaries, and Circuits to finance purchase of Cars for Circuit Work.

1. An incorporated Transport Board to be constituted, and that such Board be empowered to give financial assistance to Ministers, Home Missionaries and Circuits in the acquisition of motor cars for essential Circuit work under conditions set out hereunder.

2. To facilitate the foregoing, provided it cannot make any better arrangement with any other institution, the Board to be authorised to make arrangements for the Bank of New Zealand to accord to the Board, Overdraft facilities to the extent of up to £20,000, interest to be at special rates available to Religious Bodies. It is understood that at the present time these are 3½% (being 1½% over the maximum Fixed Deposit rate) for the first £5,000 and thereafter at 4%.

N.B.: The Bank of New Zealand has indicated its willingness to provide such Overdraft facilities, subject to certain conditions which are incorporated in the following clauses.

3. Out of funds so provided, the Transport Board will make advances to Ministers, Home Missionaries and Circuits to assist in the purchase of motor cars, the Board to take as security a Bill of Sale over the vehicle and would, in addition, hold the relevant Insurance Policy and Registration Certificate. Each Bill of Sale would be assigned by the Board to the Bank as part security for the Overdraft. Except in very special circumstances, any loan made to a Minister or Home Missionary not to exceed 80% of the purchase price of the car acquired. Borrowers would be required to make monthly payments on account of interest and principal: interest to be charged at quarterly rests. The borrower to have the right to repay the whole or part of his loan at any time by a lump sum payment. The Bank has asked that while a maximum period of five years may be necessary in some cases, it expects that where possible loans will be for shorter terms. It also requests that the monthly repayments of principal and interest be made by way of an order on travelling allowance or stipend.

It is to be understood that the foregoing conditions apply primarily to new cars. In the case of second-hand cars the Bank would expect greater margins and shorter terms of repayment.

4. The total Overdraft at any time not to exceed the total of loans then owing to the Board.

5. By way of collateral security, there will be placed with the Bank on Fixed Deposit, a sum which will be not less than 25% of the Overdraft then in use to the end that by the time the maximum Overdraft of £20,000 is reached, there will be a Fixed Deposit of £5,000 held by the Bank. It is proposed that this sum be provided by the Home Missions' Department as an Interest Bearing Special Loan. The Fixed Deposit will carry interest at maximum Fixed Deposit rates which, at the present time, amount to 2%.

6. That included in the Regulations to cover the Board's operations, there will be the following provisions:—

- (a) In each District there will be appointed a competent and qualified person who would advise Ministers and Home Missionaries concerning the purchase of cars, and who would report to the Transport Board in respect of applications for financial assistance.
- (b) That each application for an advance must be accompanied by a Certificate from the Circuit Stewards of the Circuit concerned to the effect that a car is necessary for the work of the Circuit, and that arrangements have been made for the payment to the Minister of an adequate travelling allowance.

7. While it is the intention that finance be provided for Ministers as cheaply as possible, it is proposed that consideration be given to charging an extra 1½% to 2% above the Bank rate by way of interest on advances, to cover the Board's administration expenses and to commence the building up of a permanent fund which would permit of the ultimate release of the Home Missions' Department's deposit.

8. That the Board be empowered to receive grants, loans and personal deposits for the purpose of establishing a Capital Fund.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.
T. M. PACEY, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report (as amended) be received and adopted.
2. That if it be found necessary to incorporate the Board in the form of a Private Limited Liability Company, Conference authorise such step after obtaining the approval of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.
3. That the Board consider any further suggestions as made by the Committee and make its recommendations, if any, to the Synods of 1950, including a method for the depositing with the Board by Ministers of that part of their travelling allowance which represents depreciation.
4. That Conference convey its thanks to the Board for its work during the year and the proposals submitted.
5. That the Board for 1950 be:—Revs. W. A. Burley, J. H. Allen, G. I. Laurenson, B. M. Chrystall, B. H. Riseley, G. H. Goodman, J. D. Grocott, Messrs. C. R. Edmond, A. J. Johnston, S. Roberts, P. E. Patrick, C. A. Russell, N. R. Seddon, E. M. Hodder, D. Tayler, W. J. Court, H. M. Patrick, W. F. Walters, C. V. Woodfield, J. B. Beeche, J. C. Riddell, T. M. Pacey (Convener).

QUESTION LIH.—Who are the Members of the Committee of Privileges?

(See Law Book, pp. 97, 98.)

The President, Vice-President, Secretary of Conference, Revs. W. A. Burley, W. H. Greenslade, J. L. Mitchell and G. H. Goodman, Messrs. N. R. Seddon, S. T. S. Martin, T. M. Pacey, P. E. Patrick, and H. de R. Flesher. Secretary of Conference, Convener.

Committee of Exigency to be the Wellington members of the above Committee.

QUESTION LIV.—Who are the Members of the District Executive Committees?

AUCKLAND.—Revs. E. W. Hames, R. Thornley, J. C. Draper, L. Gilmore, G. R. H. Peterson, A. E. Orr, F. J. Handy, G. E. Brown, Wesley Parker, and Messrs. C. K. Wigglesworth, T. L. Hames, A. E. Freeman, L. T. Hayman, R. Thomas, J. Tyler, S. E. Chappell, W. E. Burley.

SOUTH AUCKLAND.—Chairman of the District, Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Te Aroha, Matamata and Morrinsville Circuits, Messrs. H. H. Fow, W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, A. W. Bettany, P. Rushton, E. J. Easter, W. A. Clark, J. T. Johnson, J. R. Cullen, G. Simpson, G. R. Lawry, W. F. Walters. Convener: Minister of Matamata Circuit.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI.—

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU.—

WELLINGTON.—Revs. W. A. Burley, J. D. Grocott, H. W. Payne, W. H. Greenslade, J. L. Mitchell, G. H. Goodman, W. J. Morrison, W. S. Dawson, R. H. Allen, W. M. Garner, W. E. A. Carr, and Second Minister of Wellington East Circuit, Mesdames J. C. Riddell and H. W. Smith, Miss A. Johnston, and Messrs. G. J. Lovatt, T. H. Galbraith, H. W. Wentworth, S. W. Roberts, S. N. Fellows. Convener: Rev. H. W. Payne.

NELSON.—The Chairman of the District, Superintendent Ministers of Nelson and Richmond Circuits, Mrs. L. White (and one representative from Guild Fellowship), Messrs. H. J. Savage, E. C. Gamble, R. C. A. Marshall, A. Winn, L. White, R. A. Craighead, with Superintendents of Blenheim and Greymouth Circuits as corresponding members.

NORTH CANTERBURY.—The Chairman of the District, Superintendents of City Circuits, Connexional Secretary, Rev. E. Drake, Messrs. W. C. Francis, J. E. Purchase, H. de R. Flesher, C. W. Barrell, H. B. Moore, B. Caygill, F. Turnpenny, J. Diack, S. D. McHarg, and the Secretary of the District Youth Council.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND.—Revs. D. J. D. Hickman, T. A. Pybus, L. B. Neale, N. P. Larsen, J. S. Willoughby, A. H. Ivory, W. E. Falkingham, the Ministers of Dunedin North and Dundas Street Circuits, L. Greenslade (Convener), Misses R. Fawcett and E. C. Purdie, Messrs. H. H. Johnson, J. McIndoe, P. Nixon, A. L. Stanton, A. J. Ganderton, G. R. Galbraith, E. H. James, and one appointed from the District Youth Council.

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 REVISION COMMITTEE.

Report, 1949.

The Committee has considered the Presidential Ruling on the payment of organists (1948 Minutes, page 180) and is of the opinion that no change need be made in connection with the existing Laws in connection therewith.

Various matters remitted to the Committee have been considered, and the Committee's report and recommendations thereon are as follows:—

1.—Invitations and Stationing (1948 Minutes, page 51).

Conference directed the Committee to consider the question of the appointment of a Minister for three years in collaboration with the Welfare of the Church Committee.

Under our Law today the appointment or re-appointment by Conference of a Minister or Probationer to a Circuit is an annual one, commencing on the 1st February in each year. Provided that certain conditions are complied with a Minister may be appointed year by year for any number of years without limit. The reason for the annual appointment is to maintain the principle of itineracy. Our own Book of Laws provides that Conference has no power "to make such changes in the discipline so as to do away with the itineracy of the Minister." Under the Constitution of the British Conference it is specifically provided that the principle of itineracy shall be maintained by the yearly appointment of Ministers. Therefore it is not possible to provide that the first term of appointment of a Minister to an appointment should be more than one year. The Committee considered the problem from the invitation angle and has recommended to the Welfare of the Church Committee that the following new paragraph should be added under the appropriate heading:—

"No invitation shall be extended to any Minister or be accepted by him until the June Quarterly Meeting in the third year of his term in any Circuit."

2.—Ladies' Guild Fellowship and Representation in Conference (1948 Minutes, page 56).

As Conference has not yet approved of the Constitution of the Ladies' Guild Fellowship it is recommended that consideration of the Guild having representation in Conference be postponed until its Constitution has been approved.

3.—Powers of Synods and District Executives (1948 Minutes, page 56)

The Committee has been in consultation with the Home Mission

Department with regard to increasing the powers of Synods and District Executives, but no decision has been arrived at as yet.

4.—Duties of Chairman of District (1948 Minutes, page 56).

The Committee has already provided a Schedule of duties for inclusion in the new Book. This Schedule has been sent to Chairmen and ex-Chairmen for consideration and has received their approval.

5.—Circuit Plans (1948 Minutes, page 127).

The Committee has considered the proposal that copies of the Circuit Plan and Quarterly Financial Statements be sent quarterly to the District Chairmen by each Circuit and Home Mission Station, and is of the opinion that, as this is a matter that can be so easily arranged by the District Chairmen themselves, there ought to be no need to include such a provision in the Law Book, and recommends that no further action be taken.

6.—Constitution of Spiritual Advance Committee (1948 Minutes, page 134).

The Committee considered this matter in consultation with the Spiritual Advance Committee and recommends as follows:—

“The Spiritual Advance Committee shall be appointed at each Conference. It shall give leadership in matters relating to the spiritual life and work of the Church and shall report thereon to Synods and to the Conference.”

7.—City Missions and Connexional Appeals (1948 Minutes, page 147).

The Committee has considered the relationship between City Missions and Connexional Appeals. City Missions are now well established in Auckland and Dunedin. Conference has already directed that City Missions should be established as soon as possible in Wellington and Christchurch. The Committee is of the opinion that the Conference should define areas which each City Mission could cover. Therefore it would be necessary to define a City Mission and also for the Conference to define its area. The Committee had already drafted provisions along these lines and these provisions had already been approved by the existing City Missions. The relative provisions are as follows:—

1. (a) A City Mission, as distinct from a Circuit or a Home Mission Station, comprises an area in which is situated a Church or a number of Churches, a preaching place or a number of preaching places established as such by resolution of Conference and so designated on the Station Sheet of the Conference.
- (b) Any Home Institution or organisation under the control or management of the Board referred to in paragraph ?? shall, for the purposes of administration, be included in such City Mission.
2. Conference may at any time fix the boundary of a City Mission and when so fixed such boundary shall not be altered except in accordance with the procedure referred to in paragraph ????

8.—Status of Local Preachers and Trustees who become Members of Union Churches (1948 Minutes, page 180).

The Committee was directed to consider the status of Local Preachers and Trustees who are members of the Church and who have become members of a Union Church and their relationship to the Quarterly Meeting and their eligibility for membership in Synods and Conference. It feels that it cannot give proper consideration to this until the Constitution of the Union Church has been adopted by the Conference, and recommends that the matter be held over.

9.—Representation of Publications Board in Synod and Conference
(1949 Minutes, page 163).

With regard to Synod representation, the Publications Board is already entitled to be represented at Synod (see Law Book, page 62, paragraph 225 (h)). With regard to representation in Conference the Committee points out that The Methodist Times Committee has never had as of right representation in Conference. The Committee suggests that until the Board of Publications takes over all the work of the Methodist Times Committee no further action should be taken with regard to representation in Conference. Should a Minister in Full Connexion be appointed to the Board, then the Board's Lay Treasurer would be, ex officio, a member of Conference. Whilst a Minister is Convener he is available to represent the Board at Conference. No doubt there would always be other members of the Board who would in some capacity be attending Conference.

10.—Deaconess Representation in Conference.

The Committee has considered this matter and recommends that the following be inserted in the appropriate section in the Law Book:

- (a) The Deaconess Order shall elect two of its number in the active work as members of the Conference in accordance with the provisions of paragraph ???
- (b) The Deaconess Order shall be represented in Conference as provided in paragraph ???? Two Deaconesses who are in the Active Work shall be elected by and from the members of the Deaconess Order whose names appear in the Minutes of Conference. The election shall be by postal ballot to be carried out under the direction of the Chairman and Secretary of the Deaconess House Board.

11.—New Book of Laws.

The Committee is able to report that the text of the Book of Laws is completed except for those sections relating to the Men's Fellowship, Women's Guild Fellowship, Local Preachers' Association, and Women's Missionary Union. With regard to the Women's Guild Fellowship it is understood that this constitution is being submitted to Conference. A new constitution for the Men's Fellowship is in the course of preparation for submission to Conference.

The Committee has decided that there shall be incorporated in the new Book the constitution of all bodies who are entitled to elect representatives to the Conference. In the case of the constitution of the Local Preachers' Association and the Women's Missionary Union, it has been noticed that there is no provision whereby the Conference approves of the constitution or any amendment of same. The Committee is of the opinion that as these two organisations are part of the Methodist Church it is only right and proper that their constitution or any amendment thereof should be approved of by the Conference. These two organisations have been requested to make the necessary alterations to their constitutions.

The Committee submits its revision of the Laws and Regulations of the Church to the Conference and recommends that Conference authorise them to make arrangements for the publication of a new Book of Laws incorporating therein any necessary alterations consequent on amendments and additions made by the Conference.

The Committee also recommends that upon a certificate being forwarded by the Committee to the President that the revision has been completed and that the new Book of Laws is available, the

President shall determine the date at which such revised Laws and Regulations shall come into operation and effect, notice of such determination being given in the Methodist Times.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. The Law Revision Committee having submitted to this Conference its revision of the laws and regulations of the Church, this Conference doth hereby resolve that the revised sheets together with any other changes in the Laws and Regulations made by this Conference shall be published as the Laws and Regulations of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and when signed by the President and the Secretary of Conference and the Convener of the Law Revision Committee, shall be read as part of the Minutes of this Conference.
3. That the Law Revision Committee be authorised to complete the revision and make any necessary alterations therein consequent on the amendments and additions made by this Conference, and that upon a certificate being forwarded by the Committee to the President to the effect that the revision has been completed, the President shall be empowered to authorise the Committee to publish the same.
4. That the President shall determine the date at which the revised Laws and Regulations shall come into operation and effect, notice of such determination to be given in the Methodist Times.
5. That the Law Revision Committee in consultation with the Executive of the Men's Fellowship, be authorised to approve of the new constitution of the Men's Fellowship.
6. That the Women's Methodist Missionary Union and the Methodist Local Preachers' Association, be requested to make provision in their constitutions whereby their constitutions or any amendment thereof be approved by Conference, and Conference hereby authorises the Law Revision Committee to approve of any necessary amendments to give effect to this request.
7. **Social Security:** That the Law Revision Committee report on the relationship between Social Security legislation and regulations in our Law Book concerning sickness payments to ministers.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on other Questions?

1.—ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE. REPORT, 1949.

World Council Assembly.

Since last Conference the Assembly of the World Council of Churches has occupied the greater part of the thought and prayer of the Committee—and of the Church—in New Zealand. The interest of the Church throughout the Dominion and the publicity given by the Connexional paper have been most encouraging to the Ecumenical Committee.

The Conference was represented at Amsterdam by the Rev. Dr. R. Dudley and Mrs. A. B. Cochran, while Mrs. R. Dudley attended as an accredited visitor. Since returning each person has addressed meetings in various parts of New Zealand. Dr. and Mrs. R. Dudley visited many parts of the Dominion as members of the team of National Council of Churches speakers and as members of the team

spoke to 16,000 people. Dr. Dudley has addressed 31 meetings and Mrs. Dudley 30 on "Amsterdam," besides contributing numbers of "Travelogues," and have many addresses yet to be given. Mrs. Cochran has travelled to Auckland and Invercargill to give addresses and has given over 50 addresses, and her audiences have numbered three thousand. Colleges have asked her to speak to the students and a Ministerial Synod made good use of her services at one session. Mrs. Cochran most willingly was the speaker at Foreign Mission meetings in the Wellington District. Excluding the Auckland and Invercargill trip, these addresses involved 1,350 miles of travelling.

Amsterdam Film.

The sound film of Amsterdam and film strips have been widely used and have proved to be an excellent means of acquainting our people with the people and associations of the Assembly.

Commission on Human Rights.

The National Council of Churches forwarded a report on the statement before the World Commission on Human Rights and asked for the recommendations of this Committee. The Committee approved the statement which was forwarded in conjunction with that of other Communions in New Zealand to the Commission.

Report on World Assembly.

The Report of the World Assembly is now available. A small volume costing 3/9 gives a statement of the main reports, and a larger volume at 12/6 gives the official report. Four other volumes at 12/6 each give detailed outlines of the reports of the four Commissions.

Your Committee commends these volumes to the study of every Church.

World Communion Sunday.

The Federal Council of Churches in America has drawn attention to the deepening interest and importance of the World Communion Sunday, and recommends that the observance of this day be planned on a national scale. In previous years churches observed the occasion, but initiative was left to local congregations. A small Committee has been appointed to carry out the wishes of the Federal Council.

Finance.

Up to the present the Methodist Church has paid £26 per year to the N.C.C. as affiliation fees. The N.C.C. has now reduced the affiliation fee in order that Churches may meet their commitments to the World Council. The affiliation fee is now £6 per year.

The affiliated Churches in New Zealand are to contribute £250 per year through the N.C.C. to the World Council, and the Methodist proportion of that amount is £34. Consequently our contribution through the Contingent funds is £34 for World Council and £6 to the National Council—a total of £40 per year.

Because of the change in the date of Conference we are almost a year behind in making this increased charge. We therefore ask Conference for £14 for 1948-49, and £40 for the current year.

National Council Budget.

Conference accepted the annual assessment of £300 towards the National Council. We have not reached that figure at any time, but the past year is slightly better than the previous—£173 this year as against £140 last year. The particulars are:—

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Auckland	14	7	9	Nelson	5	3	10
South Auckland	18	9	0	North Canterbury	24	4	11

Taranaki-Wanganui	19	5	0	South Canterbury	5	2	6
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	12	3	3	Otago	23	8	3
Wellington	41	1	8	Additional	10	0
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We cannot accept that as a satisfactory contribution from the Methodist Church, and we recommend that Conference place the full amount on the Contingent Fund. If that is not practicable we recommend an alternative by which the District assessments are accepted, as Conference agreed, at £1 4s. per 100 members.

Christian Youth Council.

The Committee congratulates the Rev. R. Mayson on being elected, after a most useful term as Secretary, to the Chairmanship of the Youth Council of the N.C.C.

Proposed Visit.

A proposal has been made that the Rev. D. T. Niles of Ceylon be invited to visit New Zealand. Mr. Niles is an outstanding Methodist and has been very closely associated with the Ecumenical Movement and active in the Church Union Movement in Ceylon. Your Committee commends the proposal to the Church.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

The Annual Report of the National Council of Churches, after detailing the work of delegates to Amsterdam in making the Assembly of the World Council and its work known, outlines its activities for the year.

Relationship to the World Council of Churches.

Since the Amsterdam Assembly, communications have been received from the World Council of Churches regarding its relation to the National Council of Churches. While emphasising that member Churches must have constant freedom to deal with the W.C.C. direct, it is recognised that the N.C.C. is in most matters the local agent of the W.C.C. This close and cordial relationship has been confirmed.

Ecumenical Visitors.

New Zealand has been very fortunate in that in 1949 two ecumenical leaders agreed to come to this country. The Very Rev. Dr. J. Hutchison Cockburn, Director of the Reconstruction Department from 1945-48, spent six weeks here and spoke approximately fifty times during his tour. He assisted the Executive on all matters relating to Reconstruction, spread a great deal of information about the Department, and though he was not appealing for money, was instrumental in raising over £500 for reconstruction work.

Secondly, the Right Rev. G. K. A. Bell, Bishop of Chichester, and Mrs. Bell, are planning to be three weeks in New Zealand in October. Bishop Bell is Chairman of the Central Committee of the W.C.C., and the Executive hopes to make the best possible use of his visit. Theological Conferences are planned in three centres, and public meetings in five. Mrs. Bell will also address a number of meetings.

It is understood that Dr. Martin Niemoller is coming to New Zealand during 1949 or 1950, under other auspices.

The Rev. D. T. Niles, Chairman of the Youth Department of the W.C.C., will visit Australia next year, and is being invited to New Zealand by the Youth Committee of the N.C.C.

Reconstruction and Inter-Church Aid.

The Christmas Appeal 1948 realised nearly £6,000. The General Reconstruction Fund (permanently open) has been considerably benefited. The final £1,500 worth of child-feeding material has been sent to Germany. The Y.C.N.C.C. stationery appeal in 1948 produced 90 cases of valuable goods. £408 has been made available for 25 Theological students in Hamburg. £440 has been sent to Geneva as New Zealand's 1 per cent. share of the Reconstruction Department's administrative budget.

Despite the considerable work involved in all these projects, two factors will tend to reduce the work in the future. The first is the securing of an arrangement with CORSO that a proportion of goods contributed in New Zealand should be made available to W.C.C. agencies in Europe. On the basis of this understanding, Church groups are more ready to send their goods through CORSO, thus relieving the N.C.C. of considerable work and expense. The other major distribution agencies of CORSO in Europe are "Save the Children Fund" in Greece, the British Relief Agencies in Central Europe, and in China, Rewi Alley and the International Relief Committee (working mainly through Mission Hospitals).

The second major improvement is that after considerable negotiation the Executive has secured a permit to send £10,000 in cash into European currencies during 1949. This means that the transfer of New Zealand contributions can be made more quickly without the particularly heavy freight costs, and in a form that is more readily available for other aspects of Church Reconstruction than actual feeding programmes.

Theological Commission.

A Theological Commission is to be established and the visit of Bishop Bell should furnish the stimulus for this. In the meantime groups are meeting in at least five centres to discuss Faith and Order. The position of the journal of the N.C.C., "The Church and the Community," gives ground for concern. New proposals are afoot to improve the circulation. Due largely to the efforts of the Rev. E. P. Blamires, Home and Family weeks have been held in various centres. "Displaced Persons," "International Affairs and the Churches," and many other matters have been dealt with by the Executive, which meets regularly once a month. The N.C.C. is conscious that the Ecumenical movement is effective only as it becomes local, and urges all the Churches to co-operate with each other.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

J. D. GROCOTT, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS.

- (1) That the report be received and adopted.
- (2) That the Revs. H. J. Odell, W. A. Burley, H. L. Fiebig, and R. Dudley, be appointed representatives of the Methodist Church on the National Council of Churches Council, with Rev. J. D. Grocott as alternate.
- (3) That a grant of £5 be made to the Ecumenical Committee.
- (4) That £6 affiliation fee to the N.C.C. and £34 to the World Council, and £14 to the World Council for 1948-49, be contributed through the National Council of Churches.

(5) That in order to meet our obligations to the National Council, the Church contribute £300 to the Council Budget by contributing the amount at the rate of £1 4s. per 100 members, thus:

Auckland District	....	£65	10	0	North Canterbury	....	£48	0	0
South Auckland	....	£36	10	0	South Canterbury	....	£17	0	0
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	£25	0	0	Nelson	....	£17	0	0
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	£29	0	0	0	Otago-Southland	....	£29	0	0
Wellington	....	£36	0	0					

(6) That the Ecumenical Committee co-operate with the Youth Council of the N.C.C. in arranging the visit of Rev. D. T. Niles to New Zealand in 1950.

(7) That the Methodist Church throughout the Dominion be called to observe World Communion Sunday with appropriate services, the Ecumenical Committee to arrange adequate publicity.

(8) That the Rev. R. Dudley and Mrs. A. B. Cochran be thanked by Conference for representing the New Zealand Methodist Church so worthily at the Amsterdam Assembly, and with Mrs. Dudley, be thanked for their extensive lecturing itineraries throughout New Zealand since their return.

(9) That the Methodist representatives on the Maori section of the N.C.C. be Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Revs. E. Te Tuhi, H. A. Darvill, and G. I. Laurenson.

(10) That Conference authorises the Inter-Church Committee on New Buildings to receive information from, and make representations to, the Director of Housing Construction on matters relating to Church sites in New Housing areas.

(11) That the Methodist Representatives on the Women's Committee of the National Council of Churches be: Mesdames R. Dudley, R. G. Pearce, W. A. Megson. Corresponding Member: Mrs. A. B. Cochran.

(12) That the Committee for 1950 be:—Revs. W. A. Burley, W. H. Greenslade, J. D. Grocott, W. J. Morrison, W. E. A. Carr, G. H. Goodman, R. H. Allen, F. Greenwood, R. F. Clement, J. L. Mitchell, W. S. Dawson, W. M. Garner, H. W. Payne, L. V. Willing, and B. Hilder, Mrs. A. G. Worboys, Miss P. Yearbury, Messrs. L. Brown and R. Sullivan. Convener: Rev. J. D. Grocott.

(B) REPORT OF SECTION 8 (N.Z.) OF THE ECUMENICAL METHODIST COUNCIL

As appointed by the Conference of 1948 and directed so to do, the Committee has considered the question of the financial resources that will be required to enable our Church to be represented at the next and successive Ecumenical Methodist Conferences. (The next World Conference will be held in 1951 in England). The undermentioned recommendations are now submitted to Conference.

The 1948 Conference also recommended that consideration be given to the matter of making provision for the inclusion of the Methodist Church of Tonga in the constitution of the Ecumenical Methodist Council. Information has been received from the President of the Tongan Conference that this representation is already provided for by reason of its relationship to the General Conference of Australasia.

W. G. SLADE, Chairman.
H. L. FIEBIG, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That a Methodist Ecumenical Conference Travelling Fund be established.
3. That the Contingent Fund contribute thereto at least £50 per annum subsidised with a suitable grant from the Home Mission Fund.
4. That voluntary contributions be solicited from members of the Church.
5. That the President of the Conference for the time being should normally be our official representative at each Ecumenical Conference.
6. That arrangements be made for the President to convey to our Church the message and work of each Ecumenical Conference.
7. That this Council make nominations to Conference of those recommended to attend each Ecumenical Conference, after having made known the general conditions of attendance thereat and having received applications.
8. That the Council for 1950 be:—
 President of Conference—Revs. Dr. W. G. Slade, H. L. Fiebig, W. A. Burley, J. D. Grocott, Mrs M. E. Virtue, Messrs G. S. Gapper, A. B. Cochran.
 Chairman:—Dr. W. G. Slade.
 Convener—Rev. H. L. Fiebig.
 Associate Members—Revs. G. I. Laurenson, A. E. Orr, W. T. Blight, E. W. Hames, W. E. A. Carr, R. Thornley, Miss L. Hodder.

2.—REPORT OF RADIO COMMITTEE, 1949.

The Conference of 1948 requested that special consideration be given to certain important matters connected with Religious Broadcasting. (Minutes of Conference 1948 p. 192). Following consideration of the findings of a sub-Committee appointed to engage in the fullest research possible, we submit the report under two main headings:—

- (1) The aims of religious broadcasting.
 - (2) The problems of technique etc, involved.
1. THE AIMS OF RELIGIOUS BROADCASTING.
 - (a) As an important evangelising medium.

The following extract from a report by the Rev. Francis House, Director of Religious Broadcasting at the B.B.C., conveniently states what we believe to be the position in N.Z.

“Probably the majority of the listeners to our Sunday night programmes are people who have lost all other active contact with the churches. Our most important and urgent job is to discover the best ways of helping those who tend to listen passively to express their Christian faith actively. And quite frankly, we do not think this can be done most effectively if our religious broadcasts consist principally of straightforward reproduction of ordinary church services. Talks, dramas, services specially designed for the microphone . . . every kind of broadcasting skill—must be used so that the Christian Gospel is presented in the most challenging form. Your personal preference may be for broadcasts of the kind of service which you are or were accustomed to attend in your own church; but I hope that you will agree that in cases where a choice has to be made we ought to give first place to broadcasts planned to bring the Gospel of Christ to those listeners whose only contact with the life of the churches is through radio.”

- (b) As a method of restating the Gospel in terms of the experience of this age.

In our country to-day the vast majority of people show complete religious illiteracy. The thought forms and the phrases in which the Gospel has been preached for the past three hundred years have now no meaning at all for most of the community. Such expressions as “the fruits of the Spirit” “the Grace of God”, “Redemption”, are regarded only with embarrassed hostility. If we are to carry on the evangelising of this country, we must use language, which means something to the hearers.

11. THE PROBLEMS OF TECHNIQUE.

There is general agreement that the standard of religious broadcasting at the present time is not high enough. The following are some of the reasons for its failure :—

(a) **The unsuitability of buildings.**

The accoustics of churches in general are not suited to broadcasting. Because a voice will carry easily to the back of a congregation, over the air it is followed by a thin metallic batter of sound. This means that religious broadcasters oftentimes work at a distinct disadvantage as compared with the great proportion of Broadcasters who work from a studio.

(b) **The unsuitability of the normal form of service to Broadcasting.**

This has already been mentioned in I (a). If the service is directed to the Church congregation, it loses its impact on the radio listener. Unless he is an absent church member, who can easily visualise the service, the radio listener feels himself an outsider, not a participator in an act of worship.

(c) **The different technique required in writing or speaking for the radio.**

For the most successful work over the air, it is necessary to learn a new highly specialised technique, both of writing and delivery. We would direct the attention of Radio Preachers to two famous scripts, one by John Hilton, a novelist and an expert of the B.B.C., and the other by Rev. Eric Loveday, an experienced religious broadcaster. These two scripts show very clearly the intimate and conversational style which has been proved to be most effective in radio broadcasting.

III. In the light of the above, the Committee recommends the following :—

- (a) The cultivation of the direct, informal, person-to-person approach in morning devotional periods and in broadcast sermons.
- (b) The use of good music and poetry, well presented as part and parcel of morning devotions, not merely as head and tail-piece.
- (c) Where it is acceptable, the incorporation of either (a) some form of discussion on religious topics, such as Brains Trust, Open Forum or Discussion Group with a leader, (It being understood that all such discussions etc., be first scripted and approved).
or (b) a dramatisation, such as part of Dorothy Sayer's "The Man Born to be King" or one of the B.B.C. series "Men of God" during the Sunday Service. This is to be done either from the Church or from the studio.
- (d) Where this is not acceptable, the adaptation of the usual form of service to make it more suitable for radio, by (a) the use of different voices for reading the lessons. (b) Experimentation with some of the forms mentioned in recommendation 3 (a), or with pulpit discussions, for example, between the minister and a layman. Such discussions would have to be carefully scripted and rehearsed beforehand to achieve a good effect.
- (e) The use of more dramatisation in the children's broadcast services. These could well be written locally, but they must be presented by radio experts.
- (f) Where it would be possible and advantageous, the recording of sermons to be broadcast. If these were recorded in the studio before Sunday and the recorded version used over the air, the difficulty of accoustics and of addressing at the same time two different types of listeners, could be partly overcome.

- (g) The appointment of one man with special ability to conduct the morning devotional sessions; this experiment to be tried for a period of say six months. He should be freed from some other duties to devote extra time to this work.
- (h) A similar experiment, where applicable, with children's broadcasts.
- (i) The recording either of complete services, or at least of the musical parts of the service, for use where necessary over the New Year period when choirs are depleted.
- (j) The collection in each centre of a small library of books and articles on radio technique and religious broadcasting.

IV GENERAL

Professor Shelley has been most interested in religious broadcasting, and has most graciously and eagerly co-operated with the Church's representatives in every endeavour to improve the standard. As he retires from the position of Director of Broadcasting he takes with him the sincere appreciation of the whole Church.

The Committee has supplied "The Methodist Times" with regular lists of Methodist Broadcast services. Again we point out that the responsibility for obtaining this information for publication, rests with the local Committees. During the year we have lost the services of Rev. W. A. Burley as representative on the C.R.A.C., and the Rev. J. D. McArthur as Convener of our Methodist Committee. Both rendered devoted service.

W. A. BURLEY, Chairman.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Rep. on C.R.A.C.

W. J. MORRISON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That thanks be tendered to the Revs. W. A. Burley and J. D. McArthur for excellent services rendered.
3. That the Rev. W. H. Greenslade represent the Church on the N.Z. Central Religious Advisory Committee.
4. That the Committee for 1950 be:—
Revs. W. W. H. Greenslade, J. D. Grocott, W. J. Morrison, Mrs. D. Priestley, Messrs. M. Richards, R. Hill. Convener: Rev. W. J. Morrison.

(3) CHURCH COUNCIL

As instructed by last Conference, the Council met prior to the Sessions of the Executive Committee in February last and considered its order of reference namely, its Constitution, Powers and Future Agenda.

The following recommendations are made:—

(1) PERSONNEL.

(a) **MINISTERS**—That the personnel of the Council be as follows:—President, Ex-President and Secretary of Conference, Connexional Secretary, Superintendent of Home Mission Department, General Secretary of Foreign Mission Department, Principal of Trinity College, Senior Youth Director, Chairmen of Districts.

(b) **LAYMEN**.—The Vice-President, the Legal Adviser, one Representative of each District nominated by Synods, with additional representatives sufficient to balance ministerial members, same to be nominated by the President and Secretary of Conference.

In the event of any member not being able to attend, the President and Secretary shall appoint a substitute, same to be selected where possible from the District of the non-attending member.

(2) That the Council meet annually between Conferences at a time and place to be arranged by the President and Secretary of Conference.

(3) That the business of the Council be conducted under the following questions:—

1. What is recommended concerning —
 - a. Doctrine and Polity?
 - b. Life and Work?
2. What is recommended concerning the Church and the Community?
3. What is recommended concerning Ecumenical affairs?
4. What matters are remitted to the Council by Conference?

Note.—The following matters are recommended to the Conference for consideration by the Council at its next meeting.

- a. Doctrinal Standards.
- b. Staffing trends.

E. T. OLDS, President of Conference,
Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Convener.

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted.

GENERAL.

1. President's Committee of Advice:

That the Committee be:—Revs. E. T. Olds, E. W. Hames, R. Dudley, A. O. Harris, V. R. Jamieson, and H. L. Fiebig; Messrs. J. B. Beeche, H. de R. Flesher, L. G. K. Steven, W. C. Francis, R. A. Marsh, P. A. Le Brun, and A. A. Dingwall. Convener: Rev. H. L. Fiebig.

2. Legal Adviser:

That the Legal Adviser, Mr. H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.

3. Stipends:

(a) That the Standard Minimum Stipend for Ministers, Probationers, Home Missionaries, Deaconesses and Overseas Sisters, be increased by £25 per annum as from the 1st January, 1950.

(b) That the Standard Minimum Stipends be as follows:—

Ordained Ministers	....	....	....	....	....	£350
Married Probationers	....	....	....	....	....	£290
Single Probationers	....	....	....	....	....	£245
Married Home Missionaries	....	....	....	....	....	£300
Married Home Missionary Probationers	....	....	....	....	....	£280
Single Home Missionaries	....	....	....	....	....	£235
Single Home Missionary Probationers	....	....	....	....	....	£210

Deaconesses (dedicated)—£210 with an increment of £5 for every three years of service—rising to £225.

Deaconess Probationers £210

(Note: The question of increment for Deaconesses is still under consideration.)

(c) That a special Committee composed of ordained Ministers, Senior Home Missionaries and laymen, and including representatives from the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Theological College and the Deaconess House Committee, be set up to consider whether the salaries received by various agents in our Church are in proper relationship to one another, and whether any alteration is necessary or desirable.

The Committee is asked to pay special attention to:—

- (a) The duties undertaken by each group and the qualifications, educational and otherwise, possessed by them.

(b) The special privileges, monetary or otherwise, enjoyed by each group.

(c) Whether the three-yearly increase of £5 granted to dedicated Deaconesses should not be so altered that Deaconesses may reach their maximum at an earlier date.

(d) That the Committee be: The Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Auckland District; the Revs. A. H. Scrivin, G. I. Laurenson, G. R. H. Peterson, the Senior Deaconess at Airedale Street; Messrs. G. S. Gapper, F. Penn, W. J. Court, L. T. Hayman, H. M. Patrick; Miss E. Rishworth; the Chairman or Deputy-Chairman to be the convener; and that the findings of the Committee be submitted to Synods of 1950.

House Allowance:

That the allowance for linen replacements, etc., as for the quarter January-March, be paid by the Circuit to which a minister moves.

Overseas Visitors:

(a) That invitations be extended to the President-General (Rev. Dr. H. Secomb), and the Rev. Alan Walker, M.A., of Waverley, N.S.W., to visit N.Z. in 1950.

(b) That the Rev. Dr. Leslie Weatherhead be invited to visit N.Z. in 1951 in conjunction with his proposed visit to Australia.

Conference 1952:

That the invitation of the Nelson Quarterly Meeting to Conference to hold its 1952 Sessions at Nelson be received—that it be given favourable consideration—and that the President and Secretary of Conference report to the next Conference concerning this matter.

Synods 1950:

That all District Synods in 1950 commence with the Ministerial Committee on Tuesday, August 29th.

Thanks:

That thanks be tendered to the President, the Secretary and his Assistants, the Arrangements Committee, the Trustees of Trinity Church, Napier, and Hostesses, for services rendered to the Conference.

QUESTION LVII.—When and Where shall the next Conference be Held?

Trinity Church, Dunedin, on Thursday, November 2nd, 1950, at 7.30 p.m.

H. J. ODELL, President.

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary.

Napier,
November 11th, 1949.

Religious Film Society of N.Z. (Inc.)

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 30th June, 1949.

The Religious Film Society is glad to report a very successful year of operation. The interest of Church groups in audio-visual aids is increasing with remarkable rapidity and large numbers of Churches now have their own sound film projectors. It is interesting to note that during the twelve months under review, July 1948 to June 1949, 1747 reels of film have been hired to Churches and youth organisations throughout the Dominion, (an increase of 1007 reels over those hired during the year 1947-48), (400 feet of film represents one reel, the screening time of which is eleven minutes). We now possess a library of sixty sound films and have a standing order with the J. Arthur Rank Organisation for all its new productions.

This rapidly increasing demand for film often places us in a position where we must either disappoint a would-be hirer or forward a substitute film. Therefore I would suggest that your Committee seriously consider purchasing duplicate and in some cases triplicate copies of the more popular titles. To do this we need to add to our Capital the sum of say two thousand pounds (£2,000-0-0). Here I would make a further suggestion, that we invite all affiliated organisations and denominations to subscribe interest-bearing capital grants. The resulting benefit of such grants will be twofold. (1) Your denomination or organisation will have a larger library of films to choose from and disappointments will be largely obviated. (2) Your denomination or organisation will receive an annual Interest payment.

The Religious Film Society has also materially assisted the Churches by making available for a small hire charge a good selection of film strips and slides both in colour and in black and white. This material has also been extensively used but mainly in country parishes and circuits.

There are now twelve denominations and organisations officially represented upon the Society. The Associate Membership numbers 50.

We are proud to report that although large quantities of film are being despatched to all parts of the North and South Islands in only two or three cases did the film reach the hirer too late to be of use. For this excellent service we must express sincere thanks to the members of our staff. The large numbers of letters received daily inquiring for information and ordering material have been replied to very promptly.

Although we are paying the Auckland School Union for the handling of the films we should express to them our earnest thanks for office space, telephone, use of office equipment etc., facilities which are essential for the smooth working of our organisation.

W. E. ARCHER (Signed)

6th October, 1949.

Hon. Secretary.

APPENDIX

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. Wesney	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.
Christchurch	1943	Charles H. Olds, B.A.	Hedley Oldham	William G. Slade, M.A.
Auckland†	1944	Robert B. Tinsley	Charlie E. Bellringer	William G. Slade, M.A.
Dunedin	1945	Arthur H. Scrivin	William E. Burley, B.A.	William G. Slade, M.A.
Auckland	1946	William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.	James Tyler	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1947	William G. Slade, M.A.	Gordon S. Gapper	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Christchurch	1948	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington §	1949	E. Thomas Olds	Harry H. Johnson	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Napier (Nov.)	1949	Henry J. Odell	John B. Beeche	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.

*William Greenslade, President-Elect, because of illness was unable to assume Office. Died 19th August, 1931.

†For Validating Regulations see 1944 Minutes, page 10. § February, Exec. Comm. of Conference.

A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST

OF THE

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE

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| <p>1887—Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.,
(Toronto) Foundation
Fellow of Trinity College. (Sup.)</p> <p>1888—Grigg, William (Sup.)
„ Olphert, John (Sup.)</p> <p>1890—Mitchell, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p>1891—Sinclair, William A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1892—Smith, G. Knowles (Sup.)</p> <p>1893—Drake, Edward (Sup.)</p> <p>1894—Vealie, Thomas W. (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)</p> <p>1897—Goldie, John Francis
„ Greenwood, Fred. (Sup.)
„ Pybus, T. Arthur, V.D., (Sup.)</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)
„ Wills, William (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy (Sup.)
„ Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)
„ Hunt, George P. (Sup.)
„ Leadley, Frank E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.,
(Sup.)</p> <p>1901—Featherston, Jacob (Sup.)
„ Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
(Fellow of Trinity
College) (Sup.)</p> | <p>1902—Coatsworth, Thomas (Sup.)
„ Oxbrow, Walter J. (Sup.)
„ Patchett, Ernest D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1903—James, Benjamin J. (Sup.)
„ Seamer, Arthur J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O. (Sup.)</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred. (Sup.)
„ Metson, Basil (Sup.)</p> <p>1906—Avery, William W. (Sup.)
„ Roberts, Charles M. (Sup.)
„ Ryan, Henry (Sup.)
„ White, Hedley (Sup.)</p> <p>1907—Blair, Charles (Sup.)</p> <p>1908—Jordan, Chas. B., M.A., B.D.
(Melb.), (Hons.), F.R.E.S. (Sup.)
„ Martin, J. Frederick (Sup.)
„ Speer, William H. (Sup.)
„ Tinsley, Robt. B. (Sup.)</p> <p>1909—Cottom, Harry (Sup.)
McArthur, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1910—Burley, William A., M.A.
„ Harris, Archer, O
„ Olds, Charles H., B.A.
„ Richards, James
„ Sharp, Harold A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1911—Enticott, Walter J. (Sup.)
„ Fowles, Albert H. (Sup.)
„ Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)
„ Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A.,
F.R.G.S.
„ Richards, H. Leslie (Sup.)
„ Rowe, William (Sup.)</p> |
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CHRONOLOGICAL LIST—*continued*

- 1912—Hinton, George B. (Sup.)
 " Lawrence, Frederick B. (Sup.)
 " Scrivin, Arthur H.
 " Walker, William (Sup.) E.D.
- 1913—Bensley, Arthur A. (Sup.)
- 1914—Burnet, Oswald
 " Green, William
 " Werren, Samuel J.
- 1915—Cooke, Percy I.
 " Olds, E. Thomas
 " Odell, Henry J.
 " Slade, William G., M.A., D.D. (Toronto).
- 1916—Brown, George E.
 " Fordyce, Robert E.
 " Harkness, Edwin S. (Sup.)
 " Kendon, Charles H.
 " Metcalfe, John R.
 " Sage, Ernest E.
- 1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D. (Melb.)
 " Chambers, Ernest B.
 " Dennis, John
 " Nelson, John R. (Sup.)
 " Parker, Fredk. J.
- 1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.
 " Neal, Wallace S.
 " Parker, James W. (Sup.)
 " Skuse, Thomas
- 1919—Ford, Herbert (Sup.)
 " Gatman, William (Sup.)
 " Jefferson, Alfred E.
- 1920—Orchard, Hector C. (Sup.)
- 1921—Benny, Henry
- 1922—Allen, J. Henry
 " Brooks, Leslie A. G.
 " Jack, J. Francis
- 1923—Blakemore, Albert (Sup.)
 " Hames, Eric W., M.A.
 " Spencer, Herbert (Sup.)
- 1924—Ayrton, Moses (Sup.)
 " Bailey, John H.
 " Bateup, Frank (Sup.)
 " Brown, Hubert G.
 " Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.
 " Kings, Harry S.
 " McGregor, Robert
 " Taylor, Cecil R.
- 1925—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., B.A.
 " Hailwood, Charlie O.
 " Handy, Francis J.
- 1929—Dickens, Charles E.
 " Horwood, Leonard C.
 " Kent, Arthur T.
 " Parker, Walter
- 1930—Blight, J. Montgomery
 " Draper, Joseph C.
 " Leadley, E. Clarence
 " McDowell, Matthew A.
 " Parker, Wesley, M.A.
- 1931—Carr, Thomas H.
 " Carr, W. E. Allon
 " Dudley, Raymond, M.A. D.D. (Dickenson, (U.S.A.) F.R.E.S.)
 " Greenslade, William W. H.
 " Moore, William E.
 " Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D. (Lond.)
 " Payne, Herbert W.
 " Williams, David O., M.A., LittD
- 1932—Day, Reginald
 " Hickman, D. J. Donald
 " Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E.
 " Jenkin, William C.
- 1933—Chrystall, Bernard, M., B.A.
 " Daglish, J. Ainsley
 " Mitchell, John L.
 " Orr, A. Everil
 " Patchett, Ralph E.
 " Waite, Alfred, E.
- 1934—Goodman, George H.
 " Johnston, Andrew, J.
 " Matthews, Howard C., B.A.

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| 1935—Duder, Clifford L. | Prosser, Frederick O.—(Sup.) |
| " Hanna, L. Gordon | 1944—Allen, Robert H., B.A. |
| " Luxton, Clarence T. J. | " Bell, R. Graham, M.A. |
| " Mills, William A. | " Bycroft, Leslie F. |
| " Thornley, Robert, M.A., Dip. | " Chambers, Wesley A., B.A. |
| " Soc. Sc. | " Dorrian, A. Peter |
| " Witheford, Arthur R., B.A. | " Sherson, Donald G., B.A. |
| 1936—Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A. | 1945—Green, Warren |
| " Willoughby, James S. | " Gregory, William H. |
| 1937—Churchill, John | " Shapcott, Leonard |
| " Francis, William R., B.A., B.D. | 1946—Haylock, Donald |
| " (Lond.) | " McDonald, D. I. Alister |
| " Norwell, Leslie T. | " Moore, Harry |
| 1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A. | " Olds, Norman W. |
| " B.D., (Melb.) | " Shepherd, Trevor |
| " Hoddinott, Ernest S. | 1947—Attwood, A. Francis |
| " Laws, William R., M.A., B.D., | " Clements, Leslie C. |
| " (Melb.) | " Divers, W. Lloyd |
| " Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A. | " Hall, Allen H., B.A. |
| " Silvester, John, M.A. | " Parker, Francis H. |
| " Whitfield, Harris | " Riseley, Benjamin H. |
| 1939—Cochrane, Herbert A. | " Stewart, Edmond S. |
| " Grice, Reginald | " Woodfield, Owen T. |
| " Hayman, Leslie A. D. Agr.Sc | 1948—Besant, Henry D.* |
| " Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th. | " Eisner, Wilf. G. |
| " Oldfield, Charles B. | " Hilder, Basil J. |
| " Waite, J. Stanley, B.A. | " Marshall, Edward M., B.A., |
| " Watson, John K., M.C., B.A. | " Dip., E.D. |
| 1940—Dawson, John B., B.A. | " Raynor, Charles H.* |
| " Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D. | " Robinson, Kenneth A. |
| " Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A. | " Toothill, Harry W.* |
| " Greenslade, Lawrence | 1949—Baker, Edward |
| " Jones, Alan O. | " Benny, T. Ralph |
| 1941—Bell, Charles H., B.A. | " Brasell, H. Maurice |
| " Brown, Harold K. | " Burt, Douglas H. |
| " Darvill, Harold A. | " Cornwell, Gordon A. R. |
| " Thomas, Gordon V., B.A. | " Edmonds, David W.* |
| " Woolford, Henry J., M.A. | " Elsom, Ronald |
| 1942—Clement Robert F., B.A. | " Ford, Wilfred F. |
| " Collins Alan F. | " Garner, William M. |
| " Ivory, Arthur H. LLB., B.Com. | " Keightley, Clifford J. |
| " Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D. | " Nuttall, A. Roger G., B.A. |
| " (Melb.) | " Olds, J. Stanley |
| " Morrison, William J., B.A. | " Pratt, R. Hori B.A. |
| " Willing Leonard V. | " Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A.* |
| " Williams, J. C. Aldwyn | " Trebilco, George R.* |
| 1943—Brown, Clifford G. | 1950—Clark, Colin D. |
| " Cramond, George W. | " Gordon D. Bruce |
| " Dawson, W. Selwyn, B.A. | " McKay, Archibald W. |
| " Falkingham, Wilfred E. | " Ramsay, Philip D. |
| " Grounds, Edmund D. | " Schroeder, Leonard P. |
| " Jolly, Albert | " Woodfield, Frank H. |
| NATIVE MINISTERS. | |
| 1911—Te Tuhi, Eruera | 1931—Havea, Paul |
| 1914—Rakena, Rakena P. | 1933—Sotutu, Uziah |
| 1920—Tauroa, Matarae | 1933—Kera, Nathan |
| 1941—Kukutai, Ngateto K. | 1942—Piani, Timothy |
| 1942—Rogers, Ranginohooora | 1944—Taufa, John |
| | 1944—Palavi, Daniel |

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

in connection with the

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work ; those in the second column the year of Annual Accountment. 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.

M.M.—Maori Missions.

Y.P.—Young People's Dept.

F.M. Foreign Missions.

C.S.—Connexional Secretary.

Th.C.—Theological College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1922	.. 1.	Allen, J. Henry, 149 Kamo Road, Whangarei	.. 46
1944	.. 3.	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 18 Ponsonby Road, Karori, Wellington W.3.,	.. 70
1947	.. 1.	Attwood, A. Francis, Regent Street, Waihi	.. 29
1906	.. S	Avery, William W., 58 Elizabeth St., Timaru (1946)	.. 110
1924	.. S	Ayrton, Moses, 32 Verviers St., Karori, Wellington, W.3. (1945)	.. 70
1924	.. 4.	Bailey, John H., 68 Firth St., Hamilton East	.. 34
1949	.. 2.	Baker, Edward, Shiel St., Reefton	.. 88
1924	.. S	Bateup, Frank, Main Road, Otaki. (1948)	.. 82
1941	.. 1.	Bell, Charles H., B. A., Queen St., Richmond, Nelson	.. 84
1944	.. 3.	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., 5 William St., Gore	.. 132
1921	.. 5.	Benny, Henry, Hassard St., Manaia.	.. 51
1949	.. 2.	Benny, T. Ralph, Marchant St., Putaruru	.. 37
1913	.. S	Bensley, Arthur, A., Te Puna R.D., Tauranga (1950)	.. 39
1907	.. S	Blair, Charles, "Noeldene," Main Road, Stoke, Nelson (1947)	.. 83
1923	.. S	Blakemore, Albert, 23 Prospect Terrace, Milford, N.2., Auckland (1946)	.. 8
1900	.. S	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.1. (1944)	.. 7
1904	.. S	Blamires, Ernest O., 11 Beerehaven Road, Seatoun, Wellington, E.5. (1946)	.. 69
1896	.. S	Blamires, Henry L., 23 Aikman's Rd., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.1. (1930)	.. 92
1930	.. 1.	Blight, J. Montgomery, Tainui Street, Matamata	.. 36
1917	.. 6	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., 75 Havelock St., Ashburton	.. 116
1949	.. 1.	Brasell, H. Maurice, Gloucester Street, Taradale, Napier	.. 57
1922	.. 6	Brooks, Leslie A. G., 111 Wood St., Palmerston North.	.. 65
1943	.. 4	Brown, Clifford G., Otorohanga	.. 43
1916	.. 1.	Brown, George E., 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2.	.. 6

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1941	.. 4	Brown, Harold K., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui .. .. .	.. 54
1924	.. 4	Brown, Hubert G., Pah Rd., Motueka .. .. .	.. 85
1910	.. 3	Burley, William A., M.A., Porirua Rd., Johnsonville, Wellington .. .. .	.. 73
1914	.. 2	Burnet, Oswald, 53 Fuller St., Kaiapoi .. .. .	.. 104
1949	.. 2	Burt, Douglas H., 18 Upland Road, Huntly .. .. .	.. 35
1944	.. 3	Bycroft, Leslie F., 379 Riddell Road, Glendowie, Auckland .. .. .	.. 5
1931	.. 1	Carr, Thomas H., 801E Queen St., Hastings C.F. .. .. .	.. 58
1931	.. 3	Carr, W. E. Allon, 137 Coromandel St., Wellington S.2. .. .. .	.. Y.D.
1917	.. 3	Chambers, Ernest B., Gladstone Road, Gisborne .. .. .	.. 59
1944	.. 3	Chambers, Wesley A., B.A., Woodend, North Canter- bury .. .. .	.. 107
1933	.. 5	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., 28 Mt. Albert Rd. Auckland, S.W.2., C.F. .. .. .	.. H.M.
1937	.. 3	Churchill, John, 8 King Edward St., Eltham, C.F. .. .. .	.. 49
1950	.. 1	Clark, Colin D., Greytown .. .. .	.. 77
1942	.. 5	Clement, Robert F., B.A., 60 Norton Park Avenue, Lower Hutt, C.F. .. .. .	.. 74
1947	.. 2	Clements, Leslie C., 64 Albert St., Pahiatua .. .. .	.. 63
1902	.. S	Coatsworth, Thomas, 47 Collingwood St., Palmerston North (1945) .. .. .	.. 65
1939	.. 3	Cochrane, Herbert A., 46 Radley St., Woolston, Christchurch, S.E.1 .. .. .	.. 95
1942	.. 1	Collins, Alan F., 107 Dyers Pass Road, Cashmere Christchurch (C.F.), .. .. .	.. 92
1915	.. 6	Cooke, Percy I., Normanby St., Dargaville .. .. .	.. 17
1905	.. S	Copeland, Fred, 19 Linwood Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. .. .. .	.. 6
1949	.. 2	Cornwell, Gordon A. R., Methodist Mission, Buka, Bougainville, Terr. 'of New Guinea .. .. .	.. [5]
1918	.. 3	Costain, Alfred M., Selwyn Street, Leeston .. .. .	.. 103
1909	.. S	Cottom, Harry, Springton R.D., Canterbury (1949) .. .. .	.. 102
1943	.. 4	Cramond, George W., Queen St., Waiuku .. .. .	.. 14
1933	.. 4	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Arney St., Paeroa .. .. .	.. 28
1941	.. 6	Darvill, Harold A., Box 400, Hamilton .. .. .	.. H.M.
1940	.. 1	Dawson, John B., B.A., School Road, Greendale North Canterbury C.F... .. .	.. 108
1943	.. 3	Dawson, W. Selwyn, B.A., Huanui St., Porirua, Wellington., C.F. .. .. .	.. 73
1932	.. 1	Day, Reginald, Murray's Bay, Auckland .. .. .	.. 8
1917	.. 1	Dennis, John, Ruawai .. .. .	.. 18
1929	.. 3	Dickens, Charles E., 230 High St., Dannevirke .. .. .	.. 61
1947	.. 1	Divers, W. Lloyd, 19 Ensors Road, Christchurch, S.E.1 .. .. .	.. 95
1940	.. 2	Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D., University College Auckland .. .. .	.. 6
1944	.. 1	Dorrian, A. Peter, Franklin St., Greymouth .. .. .	.. 90
1893	.. S	Drake, Edward, 100 Chapter Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1., (1936). .. .. .	.. 99
1930	.. 5	Draper, Joseph. C. 17 Pukehana Avenue, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3., C.F. .. .. .	.. 5
1935	.. 2	Duder, Clifford L., Roxburgh. .. .. .	.. 129
1931	.. 12	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., 54 Chester Street, W., Christchurch, C.1. .. .. .	.. 92
1948	.. 3	Eisner, Wilf. G., 13 Harbour Terrace, Broad Bay, Dunedin .. .. .	.. 122

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1911	.. S	Enticott, Walter J., Nahum St., Paeroa (1948)	.. 28
1943	.. 4	Falkingham, Wilfred E., 3 Delta St., Roslyn, Dunedin	.. 120
1901	.. S	Featherston, Jacob, 442 Cashel St., Christchurch, E.I. (1931)	.. 93
1924	.. 5	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., P.O. Box 931., Christ- church	.. C.S.
1919	.. S	Ford, Herbert, Birkett St., Temuka (1948)	.. 114
1949	.. 2	Ford, Wilfred F., 27 Cambrai Avenue, Mt. Roskill Auckland, S.2.	.. 3
1916	.. 3	Fordyce, Robert E., Wellsford R.D., Port Albert, North Auckland	.. 22
1911	.. S	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel St., Avonside, Christ- church, N.F.I. (1941)	.. 93
1937	.. 4	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., 8 Madeira Steps, Napier, C.F.	.. 57
1949	.. 2	Garner, William M., 24 Colombo St., Wellington, S.1	.. 71
1919	.. S	Gatman, William, 80 Beach Rd., Castor Bay, Auck- land (1947)	.. 8
1940	.. 4	Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A., 1 Tennyson Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland, N.2.	.. 8
1897	.. 49	Goldie, John F., Roviana, New Georgia, British, Solomon Islands	.. [5]
1934	.. 3	Goodman, George H., 18 Matai Rd., Hataitai, Wel- lington, E.2.	.. 72
1950	.. 1	Gordon, D. Bruce, 3 Repton St., Christchurch, N.W.1.	.. 99
1945	.. 2	Green, Warren, 112 Derby St., Westport	.. 89
1914	.. 3	Green, William, 17 Church St., Devonport Auckland, N.1.	.. 7
1940	.. 5	Greenslade, Lawrence, 149 Tennyson St., Dunedin, C.2.	.. 119
1931	.. 4	Greenslade, William W. H., 38 McFarlane St., Wel- lington, E.1. C.F.	.. 69
1897	.. S	Greenwood, Fred, 37 Charlotte Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1. (1934)	.. 69
1945	.. 2	Gregory, William H., Coronation St., Waimate	.. 113
1939	.. 3	Grice, Reginald, Kirk St., Otaki	.. 82
1888	.. S	Grigg, William, 88 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christ- church, N.1. (1932)	.. 92
1928	.. 6	Grocott, John D., B.A., 235 Karori Rd., Wellington W.3.	.. 70
1943	.. 4	Grounds, Edmund D., Te Reinga St., Kaitaia, North Auckland, C.F.	.. 24
1928	.. 5	Hailwood, Charlie O., 78 West St., Feilding	.. 67
1947	.. 4	Hall, Allen H., B.A., Methodist Mission, Roviana, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands	.. [5]
1926	.. 4	Hall, James H., 22 Wesley St. Pukekohe	.. 13
1923	.. 12	Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Richmond House," Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3.	.. Th.C.
1928	.. 4	Handy, Francis J., 5 Paice Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auck- land, S.1.	.. 3
1935	.. 3	Hanna, L. Gordon, 19 Regent St., Hawera	.. 50
1916	.. S	Harkness, Edwin S., 14 Atanga Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1. (1947)	.. 5
1938	.. 4	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D., 88 Linwood Avenue, Christchurch, E.1.	.. 93
1910	.. 4	Harris, Archer O., 237 Salisbury St., Christchurch, C.1.	.. 94
1926	.. 1	Harris, G. Raymond, 15 Nelson St., Riccarton Christchurch, W.1.	.. 98
1900	.. S	Haslam, Jonathan H., 26 Rhodes St., Waimate (1940)	.. 113

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1946	.. 3	Haylock, Donald, Taitua St., Taumarunui ..	45
1939	.. 6	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agr.Sc., c/o Mr F. Hayman, Willowbridge, Waimate ..	113
1932	.. 5	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 52 Queen's Drive, Mussel- burgh, Dunedin, S.2... ..	123
1948	.. 3	Hilder, Basil J., 21 Freyberg St., Kilbirnie, Wellington E.3.	72
1912	.. 8	Hinton, George B., 65 Fuller St., Kaiapoi (1949)	104
1938	.. 5	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 38 Cranford St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1. ..	99
1911	.. 8	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	58
1936	.. 1	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., 24 Passmore Crescent, Maori Hill, Dunedin, N.E.1. ..	121
1929	.. 5	Horwood, Leonard C., 336 Selwyn St., Addington Christchurch, S.W.1... ..	97
1900	.. 8	Hunt, George P., 116 Peary Rd., Mt. Eden, Auck- land (1940) ..	3
1942	.. 4	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., 95 Fitzroy St., Kew, Dunedin, S.W.1. ..	124
1922	.. 6	Jack, J. Francis, 524 Church St., Palmerston North ..	64
1903	.. 8	James, Benjamin J., 22 Winton Street, St. Albans, Christchurch, N.1. (1940) ..	92
1932	.. 4	Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch, C.1., C.F. ..	93
1919	.. 4	Jefferson, Alfred E., 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1. ..	5
1932	.. 1	Jenkin, William C., Whakatane ..	40
1934	.. 5	Johnston, Andrew J., 67 Brougham St., Sydenham, Christchurch, S.1. ..	96
1943	.. 4	Jolly, Albert, 37 Bank St., Te Awamutu ..	42
1940	.. 4	Jones, Alan O., 45 High St., Blenheim ..	87
1908	.. 8	Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S., Maitland Avenue, Stoke, Nelson (1947): ..	83
1899	.. 8	Keal, R. Purcell, 22 Trinity Avenue, Lower Hutt, (1940)	74
1949	.. 2	Keightley, Clifford J., 31 Wakanui Road, Ashburton	116
1916	.. 1	Kendon, Charles H., 3 Scotia St., Port Chalmers ..	127
1929	.. 1	Kent, Arthur T., Devonport Road, Tauranga C.F. ..	39
1924	.. 5	Kings, Harry S., 112 Cambridge St., Levin, C.F. ..	81
1927	.. 4	Larsen, Norman P., 60 Lawrence St., Morningson, Dunedin, W.1. ..	125
1927	.. 12	Laurenson, Geo. I., Kakariki Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1. ..	HM
1912	.. 8	Lawrence, Frederick B. Sadlier St., Stoke, Nelson (1949) ..	84
1887	.. 8	Laws, Charles, H., B.A., D.D., Foundation Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Tahuri Rd., Epsom, Auck- land, S.E.3. (1931) ..	5
1938	.. 4	Laws, William R., M.A., B.D., 216 Earn St. Inver- cargill ..	131
1930	.. 5	Leadley, E. Clarence, 77 Grey St., East, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5. ..	10
1900	.. 8	Leadley, Frank E., 26 Arthur St., Onehunga, Auck- land, S.E.5. (1940) ..	10
1942	.. 2	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., 10 New Bond St., Kings- land, Auckland ..	1
1939	.. 3	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 12 Domett St., Opunake	52
1935	.. 1	Luxton, Clarence, T. J., Auckland St., Picton ..	87
1950	.. 2	McKay, Archibald W., Rawene ..	25
1908	.. 8	Martin, J. Frederick, 32 Karaka St., Castlecliff, Wanganui, (1944) ..	55

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1948	.. 3	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip.Ed., Wesley College, Paerata, Auckland	13
1934	.. 4	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., 32 London St., Hamilton, C.F.	33
1909	.. S	McArthur, John D., Lakings Road, Blenheim (1949)	87
1946	.. 2	McDonald, D. I. Alister, Springston R.D., Canterbury	102
1930	.. 5	McDowell, Matthew A., 142 North St., Timaru	111
1924	.. 1	McGregor, Robert, Ashhurst	66
1916	.. 31	Metcalfe, John R., Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands	[7]
1905	.. S	Metson, Basil, 27 Ashley St., Rangiora (1945)	106
1935	.. 3	Mills, William A., 16A Bedford St., Parnell, Auckland	7
1890	.. S	Mitchell, Arthur, 40 Mt. Albert Rd., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. (1930)	6
1933	.. 6	Mitchell, John L., 1 Knights Road, Lower Hutt	74
1946	.. 1	Moore, Harry, 179 Regan St., Stratford	48
1931	.. 1	Moore, William E., Tancered St., Hokitika	91
1942	.. 3	Morrison, William J., B.A., 39 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, Wellington, S.W.1.	69
1918	.. 1	Neal, Wallace S., 811 George St., Dunedin, N.1.	119
1911	.. 20	Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S., 56 Royal Terrace, Dunedin, C.2.	120
1917	.. S	Nelson, John R., Putiki Bay, Waiheke Island, Auckland, (1946)	5
1949	.. 2	Nuttall, A. Roger, B.A., 5 Garden Road, Lower Hutt	74
1937	.. 5	Norwell, Leslie T., Oxford	109
1915	.. 4	Odell, Henry J., 3 Repton St., St. Albans, Christchurch, N.W.I.	99
1939	.. 5	Oldfield, Charles B., 77 Grey St., Woodville	62
1910	.. 4	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 43 Queen St., Cambridge	32
1914	.. 1	Olds, E. Thomas, 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	46
1949	.. 2	Olds, J. Stanley, Hillcrest Rd., Kaikohe	23
1946	.. 5	Olds, Norman W., Wintere Road, Papatoetoe, Auckland	11
1888	.. S	Olphert, J., 39 View Rd., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1. (1932)	1
1920	.. S	Orchard, Hector C., 8 Seddon St., Timaru (1947)	110
1933	.. 18	Orr, A. Everil, C.F. Box 104 W Auckland, C.1	2
1902	.. S	Oxbrow, Walter J., 66 Elizabeth St., Rotorua (1938)	38
1947	.. 2	Parker, Francis H., 35 Wood St., Papakura, Auckland	12
1917	.. 6	Parker, Frederick J., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	53
1931	.. 6	Parker, Gordon, M.A., PhD., c/o 14 St. Vincent Avenue, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2	5
1918	.. S	Parker, James W., County Rd., Torbay, Takapuna, Auckland	8
1929	.. 1	Parker, Walter, 443a Manukau Road, Epsom, Auckland S.E.3.	5
1930	.. 6	Parker, Wesley, M.A., 14 St. Vincent Avenue, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2, C.F.	5
1902	.. S	Patchett, Ernest D., 36 Orakau Avenue, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. (1945)	5
1933	.. 1	Patchett, Ralph E., 77 Shirley Road, Christchurch N.E.1	93
1931	.. 4	Payne, Herbert W., 37 Nelson St., Petone	76
1927	.. 5	Penn, Athol R., Church St., Te Aroha	30
1938	.. 4	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 320 Hardy St., Nelson	83

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1925	.. 5	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 107 Glenfield Road, Birkenhead Auckland, N.5.	9
1949	.. 2	Pratt, R. Hori, B.A., 17 Abbott St., Ngaio, Wellington, N.4.	73
1943	.. S	Prosser, Frederick O., 34 Stoke St., Sumner, Christchurch (1948)	95
1897	.. S	Pybus, T. Arthur, V.D., 269 Main Rd., Ravensbourne, Dunedin (1939)	122
1949	.. 2	Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A., 8 Cambridge St., Gonville, Wanganui	55
1950	.. 1	Ramsay, Phillip D., 46 Carlton Gore Road, Auckland C.3.	6
1901	.. S	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow Trinity College 34 Alexis Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. (1941)	6
1927	.. 6	Raynor, Ivo M., 9 Paynter's Avenue, New Plymouth	46
1911	.. S	Richards, H. Leslie, Leeston (1948)	103
1910	.. 3	Richards, James, 162 King St., Rangiora	106
1906	.. S	Roberts, Charles M., 286 South Rd., New Plymouth (1945)	46
1947	.. 2	Riseley, Benjamin, H., Box 34, Sanson, Manawatu	68
1948	.. 3	Robinson, Kenneth A., Otautau, Southland	133
1911	.. S	Rowe, William, 5 Cavendish Sq., Strathmore, Wellington, E.5., (1949)	71
1906	.. S	Ryan, Henry, 8 Burns Rd., Napier (1943)	57
1916	.. 3	Sage, Ernest E., 304 High St., Carterton	78
1950	.. 1	Schroeder, Leonard P., Upper Hutt	75
1900	.. S	Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A., 9 Elmwood Rd., Fendalton, Christchurch, N.W.1. (1940)	92
1912	.. 18	Scriven, Arthur H., Probert Chambers, Queen St., Auckland, C.1., (Private Address, 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, S.E.3)	F.M.
1903	.. S	Seamer, Arthur J., Box 400, Hamilton (1939)	2
1945	.. 4	Shapcott, Leonard, Kaeo, North Auckland	21
1910	.. S	Sharp, Harold A., 36 Ranfurley St., St. Albans, Christchurch, (1947) N.1.	96
1946	.. 4	Shepherd, Trevor, Methodist Mission, Teop, Buka Passage, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	[8]
1944	.. 3	Sherson, Donald, G., B.A., 98 North St., Timaru	110
1927	.. 16	Silvester, A. Wharton E., Vonunu, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands	[6]
1938	.. 1	Silvester, John, M.A., 45 Haupapa St., Rotorua	38
1891	.. S	Sinclair, William A., 16 Empire Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. (1933)	5
1918	.. 3	Skuse, Thomas, 64 Station Rd., Otahuhu, Auckland S.E.7.	11
1915	.. 3	Slade, William G., M.A., D.D., 48 Lincoln Rd., Masterton	79
1892	.. S	Smith, G. Knowles, Main St., Greytown, (1940)	77
1908	.. S	Speer, William H., Whakaue St., Rotorua (1937)	38
1923	.. S	Spencer, Herbert, 24 Hipango Terrace, Ext., Durie Hill, Wanganui (1949)	53
1947	.. 2	Stewart, Edmond S., 1972 Great North Road, Avondale, Auckland	6
1924	.. 1	Taylor, Cecil R., 24 Eden St., Oamaru	118
1941	.. 2	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 38 Sealey St., Thames	26
1946	.. 3	Thompson, George R., 226 Thames St., Morrinsville	31

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1935	1	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 10 Hopetoun St., Auckland, C.3.	1
1908	S	Tinsley, Robert B., Liverpool St., Papakura, Auckland, (1949)	12
1927	5	Utting, Harry, V., Mowatt St., Waitara	47
1894	S	Vealie, Thomas W., 35 Cudby St., Lower Hutt (1934)	74
1926	25	Voyce, Arthur H., Buin Bay, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	[8]
1933	1	Waite, Alfred E., 156 Matson's Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2.	100
1939	3	Waite, J. Stanley, B.A., 22 Union St., New Brighton, Christchurch	93
1912	S	Walker, William, E.D., 54 St. John's Rd., Remuera, Auckland S.E.2. (1945)	5
1939	5	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., 57 Retreat Rd., Christchurch, N.E.1., C.F.	Y.D.
1914	3	Werren, Samuel J., 30 Matai St., Hamilton	33
1906	S	White, Hedley, Main St., North, Greytown (1948)	77
1938	4	Whitfield, Harris, 229A Ponsonby Road, Auckland, W.2., C.F.	4
1931	4	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Leigh House," Trinity College, Grafton Rd., Auckland, C.3.	Th.C.
1943	2	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, Willowby R.D, Ashburton	117
1942	1	Willing, Leonard V., 39 Strathaven St., Miramar, Wellington, E.4.	72
1936	4	Willoughby, James, 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.1, C.F.	122
1899	S	Wills, William, 2 Seacliffe Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland N.2. (1939)	8
1935	1	Wittheford, Arthur R., B.A., "Homewood", Chapman St., Invercargill, C.F.	130
1950	1	Woodfield, Frank H., Methodist Mission, Roviana, British Solomon Islands	[5]
1941	2	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., Tawa St., Te Kuiti	44

NATIVE MINISTERS

1911	14	Te Tuhi, Eruera, 519 Mt. Albert Rd., Auckland, S.1.	[1]
1914	7	Rakena, Rakena P., Waihi Rd., Hawera	[4]
1920	8	Tauroa, Matarae, Tuakau	[1]
1941	10	Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Te Kuiti	[3]
1942	7	Rogers, Ranginohoora, Waima, Hokianga	[1]
1931	19	Havea, Paul, Marovo, Solomon Islands	[5]
1933	17	Kera, Nathan, New Georgia, Solomon Islands	[5]
1933	17	Sotutu, Usaiiah, Buka, Bougainville, Mandated Territory of New Guinea	[8]
1944	4	Taufa, John Bougainville	[8]
1944	3	Palavi, Daniel Bougainville	[8]

YOUTH DIRECTORS

1947—Hartley, E. Jean, B.A., 75 Taranaki St., Wellington	Y.D.
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HOME MISSIONARIES

1907—S. Keen (Retired) Kirk Street, Otaki.	12
1909—T. W. Featherstone (Retired), 2 Roy Ter., New Plymouth	13
1913—J. Common (Retired), Bristol Street, Levin	15
1917—A. L. Wittheford (Retired), 14 Claude Street, Claudelands, Hamilton	16
1919—J. W. Bayliss (Retired), 16 Glendowie Road, St. Heliers, Auckland, N.4.	12

1919—J. Belshaw (Retired), 20 Douglas Avenue, Mt., Albert, Auckland	19
1922—H. Ashworth (Retired), South Road, New Plymouth	14
1922—C. Robinson, Beach Road, Paraparaumu	3
1924—R. T. Alexander, Post Office, Bombay, Auckland	1
1924—W. H. Wilson, (Retired), 19 Rangitoto Terrace, Takapuna .. Auckland, N.2.	12
1925—W. J. Henderson, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	1
1925—H. J. Malcolm (Retired), 31 St. John Street, Christchurch, N.W.2.	10
1926—W. Sussex (Retired), Bayswater, Auckland	12
1928—R. Coombridge, Silverdale, Auckland	5
1930—J. C. R. Ashworth, Robinson Street, Foxton	4
1937—N. R. Hooper, 22 Mersey Street, Island Bay, Wellington ..	1
1939—H. R. Wright—Halcombe	3
1940—W. J. Bryant, Waipawa, Hawkes Bay	4
1941—L. E. G. Sharp, Edendale, Southland	1
1941—T. Steele, Balclutha	8
1941—J. H. Thompson, Bertram Street, Warkworth, North Auckland	4
1943—E. J. Carter, Mosgiel	5
1943—A. Currie, Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	2
1944—C. E. Roke, Kawhia, King Country	3
1945—J. M. Daley, B.A., Ohoka, North Canterbury	4
1946—O. L. Christian, Coromandel	5
1946—W. E. Sleep (Retired), Raetihi (Supply 3rd Year)	5
1947—W. G. Peate, Okato, Taranaki	2
1948—H. Prowse, Wellington Road, Marton	3

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS

1946—W. A. Bridge, Donegal Street, Cromwell, Otago	1
1947—D. Armstrong, (Leave of Absence), Silverdale	1
1947—F. J. Climo, Ford Street, Opotiki	2
1948—J. R. Hall, 28 Elizabeth Street, Bluff	3
1948—F. D. Peterson, Kaukapakapa	3
1948—I. J. Ruck, Geraldine, Canterbury	3
1949—E. R. Eastwood, 368 South Road, New Plymouth	2
1949—F. A. Fitzsimons, P.O. Box 10, Apti, Manawatu	2
1949—K. G. Fowler, Murchison, Nelson	2
1949—O. M. Olds, 137 Johnson Street, Milton, Otago	2
1949—A. E. Tardif, 46 Brighton Street, Roslyn, Dunedin	2
1949—E. G. P. Turner, Ohura, King Country	2

HOME MISSIONARY "SUPPLIES"

R. Elsom, Non-resident Student of Trinity College, 7 Smale Street, Point Chevalier, Auckland, W.3.	
A. J. Handyside, Non-resident Student of Trinity College, West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland.	
G. R. Rotherham, Russell, Bay of Islands.	
H. W. Toothill, Non-resident Student of Trinity College, 19 Schofield Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland, W.2.	
F. E. Trim, 19 Exeter Street, Lyttelton.	
James Walker, Westgate Street, Ngaruawahia, Waikato.	
G. H. Cule, Stafford Street, Patea.	

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

1920—Te Aho-o-te-Rangi Pihama, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	21
1922—Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, North Auckland ..	23
1930—Wetini Hotu, Hangatiki, King Country	21

1930—Paahi Moke, 37 Breakwater Rd., New Plymouth	..	..	7
1932—Rameka Eru, Orowau, Hokianga	..	..	18
1932—Tuteao Manihera, Raglan	..	..	3
1932—Paikea H. Toka, Kaikohe	..	..	3
1934—Huru Wiperi, P.O. Box 23w, Auckland, C.I.	..	..	5
1934—John Nicholls, Te Kuiti	..	..	17
1934—Poo Kingi, Whatawhata, Waikato	..	..	17
1934—Heemi Rihimona, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton	..	..	10
1936—Paoa Rakena, Mangamuka, Hokianga	..	..	15
1936—Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau	..	..	5
1937—Roi Moke, Ngaruawahia	..	..	9
1938—Paraire Paraone Kena, Pouto, Kaipara Heads	..	..	13
1938—Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	..	..	13
1938—Wiremu Paki Ihaka, Waihue, Dargaville	..	..	13
1939—John Harris, Pakiri, North Auckland	..	..	12
1939—Nehana Pu, Whananaki, North Auckland	..	..	12
1940—Wiremu Tonga, Box 400, Hamilton	..	..	11
1941—Wiremu Kamana, Marokopa R.M.D., King Country	..	..	10
1941—Wene Herangi, Te Mania, King Country	..	..	10
1942—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	..	..	9
1943—Heemi Winiata, Whirinaki, Hokianga	..	..	7
1944—Te Urunga Pura Wetere, Box 400, Hamilton	..	..	7
1944—Paki Manga, c/o Dairy Factory, Otorohanga	..	..	7
1944—Rangi Katipa, Ngutunui, Te Awamutu	..	..	7
1945—Tame Ponui, Waimiha, King Country	..	..	2
1946—Waaka Simon Rewa, 28 Kensington St., Auckland, S.2.	..	..	5
1946—Waiwera Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country	..	..	5
1946—Tumu Te Huia, Makomako, via Kawhia	..	..	5
1946—Waka Kukutai, Te Kohanga, Waikato	..	..	5
1946—Henare Kapa, Okahu Rd., Mititai, North Auckland	..	..	5
1947—Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki	..	..	4
1947—Mu Maihi, Waikaretu, Waikato Coast	..	..	4
1948—Nguru Winikerei Marakopa, King Country	..	..	3
1950—Maharaia Winiata, c/o Mrs Clegg, Turama Road, Onehunga	..	..	1
1950—Enoka Marumaru, Aramiro, Waikato	..	..	1

MISSIONARY SISTERS

- Sister Eleanor Dobby, 409 Main Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2.
 Sister Nicholls, Matai Street, Te Kuiti.
 Sister Rita Snowden, 24 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3.
 Sister Airini Hobbs, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton
 Sister Ivy Jones, Box 23W, Auckland, C.I.
 Sister Olive Bott, Taheke, Hokianga.
 Sister Madeline Holland, "Kurahuna", 110 Grey Street, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5.
 Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Box 400, Hamilton.
 Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' School, New Plymouth
 Sister Dorothy Pointon Takeke, Hokianga.
 Sister Nance Davidson, 8 Airedale Street, Auckland, C.I.
 Sister Anne Wilson, c/o. 51 Victoria St., Hawera.
 Sister Ruth Hilder, c/o. Post Office, Kawakawa.
 Sister Jean Miller, 8 Airedale Street, Auckland, C.I.
 Sister May Viney, P.O. Box 23W., Auckland, C.I.
 Sister Mavis Dickie, Opunake.
 Sister Daphne Lye, 8 Airedale St., Auckland, C.I.
 Sister Margaret Taylor, Dunedin Central Mission, 35 The Octagon, Dunedin, C.I.
 Sister Rona Collins, c/o. Methodist Children's Home, Harewood Rd. Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2.

Sister Grace Clement, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton
 Sister Noeline Wilson, 229A Ponsonby Road, Auckland, W.2.
 Sister Roana Keightley, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton
 Sister Betty Yearbury, Rangiatea Maori Girls' School, South Road, New Plymouth.
 Sister June Winchcombe, c/o P.O. Dargaville.
 Sister Francis Smith, c/o Mrs Jensen, 10 Bourke Street, Invercargill.
 Probationer Elsmé Dixon, Wesley Church, 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington C.3.
 Probationer Fiona Summerell, P.O. Box 104W, Auckland, C.1.
 Probationer Te Ao Eru, P.O. Box 400, Hamilton.

FOREIGN WORK

Sister Grace McDonald, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Effie Harkness, Methodist Mission, Roviana, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Winifred Poole, Methodist Mission, Buka Passage, Terr. of New Guinea.
 Sister Merle Carter, Methodist Mission, Choiseul British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Eva Saunders, Methodist Mission, Roviana, New Georgia, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Joyce McDonald, Methodist Mission, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands.

IV.—Retired for Special Service.

1908—Sister Ruth Fawcett, c/o. Bible Society, Otago.

V.—Retired or Resting.

1907—Sister Mabel Morley, retired.
 1913—Mrs W. J. Williams, retired.
 1913—Sister May Barnett, retired.
 1914—Sister Ethel McMillan, retired.
 1914—Sister Annie Tocker, retired.
 1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont, retired.
 1919—Sister May Ralph, retired.
 1920—Sister Mildred West, retired.
 1923—Sister Lily White, retired.
 1924—Sister Lina Jones, retired.
 1927—Sister Netta Gittos, retired.
 1928—Sister Olive Coleman, retired.
 1934—Sister Ada Lee, Retired.
 1935—Sister Vera Cannon, retired.
 1936—Sister Edna White, retired.
 1938—Sister Merle Farland, retired.

VI.—Students in Training.

Second Year—

Miss Cecilia Te Atakohu Fitzpatrick.
 Miss Marcia J. Powell.
 Miss Evelyn J. Taylor.

Methodist Church of New Zealand

In Memoriam

MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS

Who have laboured in New Zealand and were still in the Methodist Ministry at the date of their death.

The following list of our honoured dead has been compiled by direction of the Conference. In some particulars it is incomplete. Information concerning any errors or omissions should be sent to the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, P.O. Box, 931, Christchurch, C.I., New Zealand.

Name of Minister	Birthplace	Year of Birth	Entered the Ministry	Date of Death	Place of Burial
Abbey, William H. E.	Melbourne	1883	1907	8th August, 1944	Wanganui
Abernethy, Christopher	Shetland Islands	1845	1879	29th April, 1927	Christchurch
Aldred, John	Suffolk, England	1818	1839	14th January, 1894	Christchurch
Allen, Alexander	Christchurch, N.Z.	1884	1910	8th May, 1918	France
Alley, Donald C.	Clinton	1906	1932	—June, 1942	Lost at Sea
Armitage, John	Leeds, England	1834	1875	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Ashcroft, Arthur	Lancashire, England	1869	1895	15th December, 1943	Palmerston North
Bailey, Samuel	Staffordshire, England	1871	1901	27th October, 1949	Wellington
Barley, Charles E.	Fincham, England	1851	1874	5th October, 1888	Hawera
Bathey, Percy	Yorkshire, England	1886	1913	12th July, 1923	New Plymouth
Baumber, William	Lincolnshire, England	1852	1876	8th September, 1932	Christchurch
Bavin, Rainsford	Lincolnshire, England	1845	1866	2nd August, 1905	Gore Hill, N.S.W.
Baxter, Matthew				1st May, 1893	
Beck, William Henry	Sussex, England	1837	1869	20th November, 1922	Blenheim
Beecroft, Charles E.	Lowestoft, Suffolk	1844	1870	17th November, 1913	Auckland
Bellhouse, Harold E.	Leeds, Yorkshire England	1869	1894	4th October, 1948	Auckland
Benning, Job	Wednesbury, England	1858	1905	22nd November, 1915	Waikouait
Berry, Joseph	Preston, England	1846	1865	9th July, 1907	Payneham, S. Aust.
Best, Edward	Newry, Ireland	1824	1848	18th November, 1900	Auckland
Binet, Vincent Le C.	Channel Islands	1883	1914	10th January, 1943	Auckland
Blight, Joseph	Clare, South Australia	1858	1887	24th October, 1933	Auckland
Bond, George	Durham, England	1848	1871	6th November, 1931	Auckland
Bowie, William S.	Scarsdale, Victoria	1865	1896	19th December, 1914	Victoria

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Brooke, Thomas G.	Berkshire, England	1849	1880	31st August, 1931	Auckland
Buddle, Thomas	Durham, England	1812	1835	26th June, 1883	Auckland
Bull, Henry	London, England	1843	1868	1st August, 1919	Christchurch
Buller, James	Cornwall, England	1812	1837	6th November, 1884	Christchurch
Bumby, John Hewgill	Thirsk, England	1808	1829	26th June, 1840	Dr'wed, Hauraki Gulf
Bunn, Robert S.	Dublin, Ireland	1835	1860	22nd June, 1907	Sydney, N.S.W.
Buttle, George	Yorkshire, England	1810	1838	10th July, 1874	Auckland
Buttle, Joseph Newman	Waipa, N.Z.	1850	1878	23rd December, 1914	Christchurch
Cannell, William	Manchester, England	1836	1861	8th September, 1921	New Plymouth
Carr, Thomas Goodwill	Eastwood, Notts, England	1846	1871	2nd August, 1935	Auckland
Chappell, Albert B., M.A.	Southsea, England	1872	1896	28th August, 1942	Auckland
Chapman, John G.	London, England	1865	1889	30th December, 1925	Wellington
Clark, James R.	Maysbury, Bucks, England	1854	1906	1st August, 1928	Christchurch
Clement, George	Yorkshire, England	1860	1887	1st October, 1948	Dunedin
Clover, James	Suffolk, England	1850	1874	7th December, 1919	Hamilton
Cocker, James	Derbyshire, England	1862	1890	6th March, 1935	Masterton
Cook, George S.	Braidwood, N.S.W.	1864	1901	23rd February, 1945	Otaki
Cossum, Percy J.	Kent, England	1869	1897	9th September, 1933	Wellington
Creed, Charles	Somerset, England	1812	1837	18th February, 1879	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Crump, John	Kingsland, Herefordshire, Eng.	1828	1857	28th May, 1912	Stoke, Nelson
Daniel, Herbert	London, England	1881	1906	21st February, 1939	Matamata
Dawson, John	Keighly, Yorkshire, England	1859	1888	13th September, 1925	Wellington
Dawson, William	Northumberland, England	1865	1894	24th July, 1906	Christchurch
Dean, William John	Hereford, England	1826	1854	9th September, 1905	Wellington
Dellow, John	Kent, England	1851	1879	21st November, 1897	Woodend
Dewsbury, Henry R.	Alloa, Scotland	1849	1871	8th June, 1926	Auckland
Dudley, Ben	London	1872	1898	1st January, 1948	Christchurch
Dukes, John	St utordshire, England	1845	1880	16th August, 1919	Manurewa, Auckland
Dumbell, John	Isle of Man	1830	1852	28th September, 1923	Wellington
Eaton, Clarence	Auckland	1878	1901	26th August, 1949	Christchurch
Eketone, Hare	Kawhia	1828	1857	1862	Mokau
Elliott, William J.	Waimate	1866	1893	16th August, 1946	Auckland
Ellis, Henry	Bundoran, Ireland	1828	1877	17th June, 1879	Woodend
Emmitt, Ernest S., M.C.	Hull, England	1879	1903	4th June, 1944	Auckland
Evans, Matthew Joseph	Thames, New Zealand	1882	1912	3rd May, 1920	Auckland
Fairclough, Paul W.	South Australia	1852	1874	17th April, 1917	Christchurch

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Fee, Thomas	County Down, Ireland	1850	1876	18th April, 1940	Christchurch
Fellows, Samuel B.	Derbyshire, England	1858	1888	21st October, 1933	Mt. Barker, W. Aust.
Fletcher, Joseph Horner	St. Vincent, West Indies	1823	1847	30th June, 1890	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Fletcher, William, B.A.	Granada, West Indies	1829	1856	20th June, 1881	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Foston, Charles A.	Lincolnshire	1870	1914	4th June, 1944	Levin
Frost, George	Suffolk, England	1866	1893	29th March, 1944	Auckland
Garland, Charles H.	London, England	1857	1881	4th November, 1918	Auckland
Garlick, Samuel J.	Greenwich, England	1848	1876	27th August, 1917	Wellington
Ginger, Barton H.	Watford, England	1861	1885	27th January, 1914	Hutt
Gittos, William	Durham, England	1829	1856	26th May, 1916	Auckland
Gordon, Aldwyn Remington, M.A.	St. Leonards, New Zealand	1890	1915	26th August, 1918	France
Gosnell, Robert B.	Sydney, N.S.W.	1882	1912	20th August, 1944	Ashburton
Gray, Joseph H.	Cornwall, England	1841	1878	3rd January, 1902	Greymouth
Greenslade, William	Nelson, New Zealand	1875	1900	19th August, 1931	Christchurch
Griffin, Cornelius	Oldbury, England	1851	1876	18th June, 1929	Auckland
Griffin, John Wesley	Ireland	1853	1894	6th January, 1932	Auckland
Griffin, Thomas N.	Whitehaven, England	1853	1880	20th August, 1924	Christchurch
Griffith, Samuel	London, England	1859	1882	19th December, 1937	Auckland
Guy, James	Kent, England	1855	1875	6th March, 1934	Christchurch
Haddon, Robert Tahupotiki	Taranaki	1866	1900	5th November, 1936	Normanby
Hammond, Thomas Godfrey	Richmond, Nelson	1846	1874	15th December, 1926	Putaruru
Hana, Piripi	Wellington	..	1856	1857	Auckland
Harding, Arthur	Ludlow, Shropshire	1861	1887	25th November, 1938	Lower Hutt
Harding, Isaac	Wanstron, England	1815	1836	17th July, 1897	Toowong, Queensland
Harper, George S.	Yorkshire, England	1840	1864	24th September, 1911	Palmerston North
Harris, Francis Thomas	Christchurch	1888	1914	19th April, 1933	Christchurch
Harris, John	Cornwall, England	1874	1905	27th August, 1936	Christchurch
Harris, Walter	Warwickshire, England	1848	1872	9th March, 1926	Christchurch
Harrison, Colin C.	Allendale, England	1867	1893	22nd November, 1943	Wellington
Henderson, Samuel	Armagh, Ireland	1865	1894	28th April, 1942	New Plymouth
Heretini, Te Tuhi	Whirinaki	1857	1896	9th October, 1933	
Hobbs, John	Kent, England	1800	1824	24th June, 1883	Auckland

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Hosking, James Alfred	Coromandel, New Zealand	1872	1896	1st October, 1924	Auckland
Hounsell, George	Sussex, England	..	1879	3rd March, 1906	Gisborne, N.Z.
Hudson, Lewis			1879	13th April, 1922	Auckland
Innes, Jonathan	Newcastle-on-Tyne, England	1809	1845	6th May, 1864	Nelson, N.Z.
Ironside, Samuel	Sheffield, England	1814	1837	24th April, 1897	Hobart, Tasmania
Isitt, Frank Whitmore	Bedford, England	1846	1870	11th November, 1916	Dunedin
Jones, Peter W.	Cheshire, England	1846	1876	2nd December, 1929	Feilding
Jones, T. Francis	South Wales	1853	1882	16th May, 1943	Auckland
Jory, John D.	Cornwall, England	1846	1874	16th June, 1935	Auckland
Joughin, Thomas A.	Isle of Man	1863	1887	10th January, 1942	Auckland
Kakuere, Hori	Mangere	1863	1911	21st August, 1938	Pukekohe
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1838	1869	31st August, 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W. H.				1880	Christchurch
Kirk, William	Owston, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1825	1846	19th May, 1915	Wellington
Knight, Percy N., B.A.	Norwook, Australia	1867	1889	16th August, 1944	Auckland
Kuri, Te Hori	Hokianga	1828	1879	6th May, 1891	Hokianga
Law, John	Lancashire, England	1841	1868	1st August, 1908	Auckland
Lawry, Albert Charles	Auckland, New Zealand	1862	1885	21st June, 1940	Christchurch
Lawry, Henry Hassall	New South Wales	1821	1845	8th May, 1906	Auckland
Lawry, Samuel	Cornwall, England	1854	1877	26th July, 1933	Christchurch
Lawry, Walter	Cornwall, England	1793	1817	30th March, 1859	Parramatta, N.S.W.
Laycock, William	Lancashire, England	1858	1884	13th November, 1927	Christchurch
Lee, William	Yorkshire, England	1841	1864	12th November, 1925	Auckland
Leigh, Samuel	Milton, England	1788	1812	2nd May, 1852	Reading, England
Lewis, John James	Abergavenny, Wales	1844	1870	12th June, 1931	Auckland
Liddell, Ralph J.	Ballarat, Australia	1876	1903	21st July, 1948	Auckland
Liversedge, Arthur	Barnsley, England	1874	1898	31st December, 1948	Christchurch
Lochore, John Alexander	Westland, New Zealand	1869	1895	2nd June, 1931	Dunedin
Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1843	24th February, 1892	Auckland
Long, Wesley L.	Onewhero	1902	1938	16th August, 1946	Paeroa
Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, England	1860	1881	22nd November, 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1876	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1810	1836	27th February, 1887	York, England
Macfarlane, Samuel	Liverpool, England	1828	1852	25th June, 1898	Christchurch
Mann, George Henry	Yorkshire, England	1868	1894	26th October, 1918	Gore

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Marshall, George T.	Warwickshire, England	1853	1883	2nd August, 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt
Mather, Joseph John	Leeds, England	1854	1883	8th November, 1921	Auckland
McBean, Angus	Ballarat, Victoria	1876	1904	4th May, 1947	Christchurch
McNicoll, David	Liverpool, England	1843	1868	8th June, 1925	Auckland
Mercer, Victor Stanley	Adelaide, S.A.	1888	1920	7th December, 1923	Bluff
Morley, William, D.D.	Notts, England	1842	1863	24th May, 1926	Kew, Victoria
Murray, Daniel J.	Cambridge, England	1851	1875	27th Sept., 1928	Auckland
Murray, Richard James	London, England	1862	1896	26th March, 1928	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Nielsen, Edward	Norway	1842	1877	12th June, 1894	Palmerston North
Ngaropi, Hamiora	Waikato	1809	1856	1887	Whatawhata
Newbold, Thomas Walter	Auckland	1862	1886	19th October, 1930	Dunedin
Nixon, John	Scotland	1852	1875	2nd March 1947	New Plymouth
Oliver, William C.	Sutherlandshire, Scotland	1842	1867	14th April, 1922	Christchurch
Orchard, John	Devonshire, England	1838	1861	6th January, 1907	Christchurch, N.Z.
Paris, Percy R.	Dunedin, N.Z.	1882	1906	29th March, 1942	Wellington
Parsons, John Ernest	Birmingham, England	1885	1912	8th April, 1932	Palmerston North
Parsonson, William George	Lerwick, Shetland Islands	1854	1881	8th September, 1903	Christchurch
Patene, Wiremu	Waikato	1810	1859	December, 1884	Karakariki
Paul, Hauraki	Orakei		1882	1910	Kaipara
Peat, Harold T.	Thames	1885	1913	24th August, 1948	Auckland
Pendray, John J.	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1845	1870	2nd July, 1914	Taumarunui
Penney, Charles	Camborne, Cornwall, England	1851	1875	17th March, 1917	Reefton
Peryman, Samuel H. D.	Tai Tapu, N.Z.	1867	1892	16th August, 1945	Wellington
Peters, Alfred	Truro, Cornwall, England	1850	1877	8th November, 1939	Christchurch
Pewa, Wiremu Warena	Waima	1852	1879	31st July, 1907	Waikato
Pickering, William B.	Staffordshire, England	1881	1920	1st November, 1948	Rotorua
Pinfold, James Thomas, D.D.	Manchester, England	1855	1881	30th July, 1933	Wellington
Potter, William Smith	London, England	1854	1876	30th January, 1929	Auckland
Pratt, M.A., Rugby	Gisborne	1875	1902	6th March, 1946	Christchurch
Prior, Samuel F.	Bedford, England	1851	1875	1919	Masterton, N.Z.
Purchon, Samuel R.	Leeds, England	1851	1875	24th January, 1878	Motueka
Raine, Robert	Durham, England	1868	1892	17th March, 1942	Wellington
Rakena, Piripi			1882	25th March, 1934	Mangamuka
Rands, Frederick	Methven, New Zealand	1883	1908	14th February, 1919	Germany
Ratou, W. Te Kote Te	Wairarapa	1820	1859	4th May, 1895	Lower Wairarapa
Read, Frederick T.	Sleaford, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1867	1889	29th July, 1937	Christchurch

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Reader, Amos	Northamptonshire, England	1875	1901	20th June, 1926	Dargaville
Ready, William	London, England	1860	1885	7th September, 1927	Auckland
Redstone, Harry B.	Tavistock, Devon, England	1836	1862	20th September, 1914	Wellington
Reed, Alexander John	Middlesex, England	1879	1904	5th May, 1912	Te Aroha
Reid, Alexander	Edinburgh, Scotland	1821	1848	25th August, 1891	Auckland
Richards, Raymond	Mooroopno, Victoria	1879	1905	13th August, 1948	Christchurch
Richards, Thomas R.	Wodunga, Victoria	1867	1895	9th January, 1944	Wellington
Richardson, John B.	Nottingham, England	1840	1864	29th April, 1881	Drowned in <i>Tararua</i>
Rigg, Charles W.			1850	July, 1883	
Rishworth, John S.	Bingley, Yorkshire, England	1835	1864	21st October, 1918	Auckland
Rothwell, Benjamin Francis	Wexford, Ireland	1860	1885	11th September, 1924	Hamilton
Rowse, William	Cornwall, England	1835	1858	15th July, 1899	Greytown
Ryan, Lawrence J.	Island of Jersey		1893	4th January, 1902	Roxburgh
Schnackenberg, Cort Henry	Hanover	1812	1853	10th August, 1880	Auckland
Scott, William Bramwell	Thames, New Zealand	1873	1907	13th March, 1935	Wellington
Serpell, Samuel J.	Victoria, Australia		1884	9th July, 1918	Thames
Sharp, Joseph	Maidstone, Kent, England	1849	1871	15th August, 1916	Auckland
Shaw, Joseph T.	Yorkshire, England	1826	1859	13th February, 1894	Hawthorn, Victoria
Simmonds, Joseph H.	Nelson	1845	1869	30th June, 1936	Auckland
Skevington, John	Nottingham, England	1814	1839	21st September, 1845	Auckland
Slade, William	Staffordshire, England	1859	1881	20th April, 1916	Onehunga
Smalley, Joseph S.	London, England	1845	1868	26th April, 1921	London
Smith, John	Prince Edward Island	1835	1862	19th August, 1926	Auckland
Southern, John	Oldham, England	1874	1899	23rd December, 1933	Christchurch
Spence, George W. J.	Dromore, Ireland	1852	1879	20th May, 1917	Auckland
Standage, Charles Henry	Campbell Town, Tasmania	1847	1875	8th June, 1936	Dunedin
Stannard, George	Yorkshire, England	1803	1844	8th December, 1888	Wanganui
Stockwell, George F.	Leicestershire, England	1876	1904	20th December, 1945	Auckland
Suckling, Joseph B.	Chelmsford, England	1880	1909	7th December, 1918	Nadroga, Fiji
Taylor, Robert	Rochdale, Lancashire, England	1839	1866	28th May, 1918	Auckland
Thomas, James	Hobart, Tasmania	1846	1871	14th May, 1926	Melbourne, Victoria
Thomas, Thomas E., M.A.	Auburn, S.A.	1851	1876	6th March, 1909	Christchurch
Thomas, William George	Milford Haven, South Wales	1843	1868	2nd December, 1909	Auckland

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Tinsley, William	Hertfordshire, England	1848	1869	22nd August, 1913	Levin
Trestrail, Thomas	Penwortham, S.A.	1859	1887	18th March, 1920	Woodville, S. Aust.
Turner, Nathaniel	Wednesbury, England	1793	1821	5th December, 1864	Toowong, Queensland
Turner, Nicholas	Kent, England	1863	1909	19th February, 1930	Christchurch
Waiti, Hoani	Kaipara	1820	1860	1879	Kaipara
Waiti, Karawini	Kaipara	1851	1878	25th May, 1878	Auckland
Waiti, Martini L.	Kaipara	1860	1880	1887	Kaipara
Wallis, James	Blackwell, England	1809	1833	5th July, 1895	Auckland
Wallis, James W.	Waingarua (Raglan)	1842	1864	2nd August, 1877	Auckland
Wallis, T. Jackson	Raglan, N.Z.	1863	1885	25th December, 1943	Christchurch
Ward, Charles Ebenezer	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1846	1870	24th August, 1935	Christchurch
Ward, Josiah	New Plymouth, New Zealand	1848	1872	19th September, 1926	Wellington
Ward, Robert,	Sporle, Norfolk, England	1816	1835	13th October, 1876	Wellington
Warihi, Heteraka	Te Kuiti	1826	1865	10th July, 1898	Blenheim
Warren, John	Norfolk, England	1814	1836	23rd November, 1883	Auckland
Watkin, James	Manchester, England	1805	1830	14th May, 1886	Rookwood, N.S.W.
Watkin, William James	Tonga	1833	1857	28th September, 1909	Auckland
Whewell, John	Hadfield, England	1825	1854	11th December, 1886	Remuera
Whiteley, John	Nottinghamshire, England	1806	1832	13th February, 1869	New Plymouth
Whittaker, J. D.	Lancashire, England	1822	1845	3rd October, 1862	Wellington
Wilcox, Davis Pou	Hokianga		1911	January, 1937	Waikare
Williams, William James	Redruth, Cornwall, England	1847	1870	11th May, 1936	Auckland
Wills, Peter	Staffordshire, England	1853	1879	29th September, 1884	Springston
Woodward, C. William	Auckland	1868	1890	27th September, 1901	At Sea.
Woolloxall, Thomas R. B.	Liverpool, England	1873	1901	29th January, 1946	Auckland
Woon, William	Cornwall, England	1804	1830	22nd September, 1858	Wanganui
Worboys, John Wesley	London, England	1843	1874	10th July, 1908	Wellington
Worker, William	Cornwall, England	1817	1841	2nd February, 1900	Wellsford
Wrigley, James	Yorkshire, England	1857	1887	3rd June, 1937	Auckland

NEW ZEALAND METHODIST LOCAL PREACHERS' ASSOCIATION.
Benevolent Account.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
July 1, 1948—				June 30, 1949—			
Credit Balance	....	168	13 7	Donation	....	10	0 0
Interest on Government Stock	....	38	19 6	Purchase of Government Stock	....	100	0 0
Interest on Savings Bank Accounts	....	4	12 6	Credit Balance	....	102	5 7
		£212	5 7			£212	5 7

Balance Sheet.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
<i>Balances—</i>				<i>Balances—</i>			
General Account	....	632	12 9	In Savings Bank:			
Benevolent Account	....	1,002	5 7	General Account	....	25	10 5
				Benevolent Account	....	75	5 11
				In National Bank:			
				General Account	....	7	2 4
				Benevolent Account	....	26	19 8
				<i>Invested—</i>			
				In Government Stock:			
				General Account	....	600	0 0
				Benevolent Account	....	900	0 0
		£1,634	18 4			£1,634	18 4

S. E. CHAPPELL, Treasurer,

Audited and found correct.
P. DELLOW, 25/6/49.

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Food Parcels Fund.

RECEIPTS.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Food Parcels (150) despatched				102	0	3
„ Bank Charges		0	15	0
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				102	15	3
„ <i>Balance</i> —						
National Bank of N.Z.	6	0	2		
Cash in Hand	1	0	0		
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				7	0	2
				<hr/>		
				£109	15	5

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.
Income and Expenditure Account for the 21 Months Ended 30th June, 1949.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Directors' Salaries	1,711	15	0	By Circuit Contributions	2,804	15	0
„ Directors' House Allowances	540	6	9	„ Connexional Fire Insurance Grant	100	0	0
„ Directors' Connexional Charges	206	6	1	„ Interest, Post Office Savings Bank	21	10	9
„ Directors' Travelling Expenses	404	6	7	„ National Leadership Schools	13	17	8
„ Rev. C. T. Symons Transfer	213	8	0	„ Oslo Expenses	34	18	11
„ District Youth Council Expenses	57	0	0	„ Net Profit Trading	1,369	12	11
„ Grants—				„ Excess Expenditure over Income trans-			
N.C.R.L.	20	0	0	ferred to Accumulated Funds	420	1	7
L.T. Committee	40	0	0				
Ch. Education	30	0	0				
„ Proportion Office Expenses	1,231	0	4				
„ Correspondence S.S. and B.C.	79	1	7				
„ Youth Conference Expenses	6	10	10				
„ Depreciation	214	1	8				
„ "My News"	8	9	6				
„ Projector Repairs	2	10	6				
	£4,764	16	10		£4,764	16	10

(It should be noted that although 21 months' expenses are shown hereon, only one appeal for contributions has been made during this period.)

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND—YOUTH DEPARTMENT.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1949.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	36	7	3	Cash on Hand	1,439	12	1
Sundry Creditors Youth Conference	58	0	1	Sundry Debtors	1,672	15	11
				Less Sales in Advance	955	0	3
			94 7 4				717 15 8
Loan Home Mission Board				Stock			769 14 6
(Secured by Mortgage on Christchurch Property) ..			1,900 0 0	Unused Railway Vouchers			55 12 5
Special Reserves—				Equipment (Cost less Depreciation)			178 0 0
Special Appeal	1,316	9	9	Projectors (Cost less Depreciation)			49 9 2
Temperance Education	23	11	9	Movie Camera (Cost less Depreciation)			2 13 4
Missions	2	13	9	Films (Cost less Depreciation)			100 0 0
Christchurch House Account	75	13	5	Christchurch Property	1,337	13	9
			1,418 8 8	Furniture (Cost less Depn.)	467	2	6
Capital Account—							1,804 16 3
Balance as at 1/10/47	2,476	8	9	Payments in Advance, Australian Supplies			351 9 9
Less Excess Expenditure over Income for 21 months to 30/6/49	420	1	7				
			2,056 7 2				
			£5,469 3 2				£5,469 3 2
ASSETS.							

(Contingent Liability: Account not yet received from R.N.Z.A.F. for use Woodbourne Camp. The amount of £58/0/1 shown under Sundry Creditors Youth Conference is held against this contingency.)

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We report that we have audited the Books and Accounts of the Youth Department of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for the twenty-one months ended 30th June, 1949, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. We have accepted the certificate of Miss Yearbury as to the value of the stock on hand and unused railway vouchers.

In our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Youth Department's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanation given to us and as shown by the books of the Department.

Wellington, 15th September, 1949.

PATRICK, FEIST & JACK, Auditors.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING and LOAN FUND

Revenue Account for year ended 31st May, 1949.

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		Expenditure						Income						
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
Church Sites Fund—								Church Sites Fund—						
Grants for sites—	Kaikohe ..	50	0	0				Donations—	Fire Insce. Fund	25	0	0		
	Rata St.								Home Mission Fd.	50	0	0		
	Lr. Hutt	100	0	0								75	0	0
	Waikanae							Interest on Deposits ..	..			65	4	7
	Beach	100	0	0				Transfer from Sites Fund	..			259	15	5
	Russell ..	50	0	0				Administration—						
	Waby ..	50	0	0				Working Expenses repaid	..	191	0	2		
	Hillcrest ..	50	0	0				Trust Contributions	..	73	15	0		
					400	0	0	Interest on Arrears ..	..	2	10	3		
Administration—								Interest on Deposits	..	97	2	3		
Authorised Appropriation ..	295	0	0					Hymn Book Commission A/c.	..	79	15	0		
Stationery and General Expenses	97	1	5									444	2	8
Reserve Appropriation Account					392	1	5							
					52	1	3							
					£844	2	8					£844	2	8

Loans Account as at 31st May, 1949.

		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To Amount of Loans as at 31st May, 1948		18664	1	8	By Loans repaid	..	3979	2	5
New Loans Advanced	..	3274	7	4	Amount of Loans as at 31st				
					May, 1949	..	17959	6	7
		£21938	9	0			£21938	9	0
To Balance	..	£17959	6	7					

H. L. FIEBIG }
H. de R. FLESHER } Treasurers

Audited and found correct.
H. F. ARNOLD, A.B.A.N.Z. }
R. H. SHERRIS, A.I.L.A., A.C.S.N.Z. } Auditors
16/6/49.

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING and LOAN FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1949.

		Liabilities						Assets					
		£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds ..	..	18900	0	0				Outstanding Loans ..	18892	9	1		
Capital Account								Less Working Expenses	922	0	5		
Thomas Emsly								Less Interest ..	11	2	1		
Bequest	1500	0	0						933	2	6		
H. Herbert Wake											17959	6	7
Bequest	50	0	0					Deposits—					
David Graham								Supernumerary Fund	4400	0	0		
Bequest	50	0	0					P.O. Savings Bank ..	146	19	7		
Wm. H. Duke											4546	19	7
Bequest	100	0	0					Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..			3	13	10
Samuel Lawry								Trust Accounts Invested for Sites					
Bequest	50	0	0					Fund ..	800	0	0		
Geo. Winstone								Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	70	10	6		
Bequest	1000	0	0								870	10	6
Thomas Fee Bequest	50	0	0					Church Sites Fund—					
W. G. Andrews								Nth. Canty. E.P. Board					
Bequest	100	0	0					Debentures ..			800	0	0
Donations—								Deposit P.O. Savings Bank ..	966	19	11		
Mrs E. M. Winstone								Supernumerary Fund ..	83	11	6		
Blackwell	500	0	0								1050	11	5
Anonymous	100	0	0					Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..			92	0	0
Mr and Mrs								Administration—					
L. Philpott	10	0	0					Nth. Canty. E.P. Board					
Rev. J. Olphert	100	0	0					Debentures ..			200	0	0
								Deposit—Supernumerary Fund			82	16	5
								Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..			253	3	3
		3610	0	0				Carried Forward			25859	1	7
					22510	0	0						

Methodist Church Building and Loan Fund—Continued

Trust Accounts (Properties Sold)	870 10 6	Brought forward	25859 1 7
Church Sites Fund			
As at 31st May, 1948	1402 6 10		
Trust Properties for Investment	800 0 0		
	<u>2202 6 10</u>		
Decrease	259 15 5		
	<u>1942 11 5</u>		
Administration—			
Working Expenses Trust A/c.	300 0 0		
Reserve Appropriation A/c.	183 14 2		
Rents received, less rebates paid on Sites	4 3		
	<u>183 18 5</u>		
Plus transfer from Revenue A/c.	52 1 3		
	<u>235 19 8</u>		
	<u>£25859 1 7</u>		
			<u>£25859 1 7</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and attached Revenue Account and have compared them with the books of the above Fund and certify to the correctness of the same. We have had all the securities produced to us except those held by 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 May, 1949.

H. L. FIEBIG }
H. de R. FLESHER } Treasurers

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. }
R. H. SHERRIS, A.I.T.A., A.C.S.N.Z. } Auditors
16/6/49

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

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1949.

ASSETS.				LIABILITIES.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<i>Freehold Properties—</i>				<i>Capital Account—</i>			
Great North Road	55,220	7	3	Balance as at 30th June, 1949	36,565	4	6
Queen Street	24,312	5	0	<i>Income Account—</i>			
			79,532 12 3	Balance as at 30th June, 1949	12,726	18	7
<i>Balance of Purchase—</i>				<i>Auckland Sinking Fund Commrs.—</i>			
Avondale Property		200	0 0	Balance of Loan	31,000	0	0
<i>Post Office Savings Bank—</i>				<i>Emsly Trust Deposit Account—</i>			
Deposit		2,000	0 0	At Call	1,900	0	0
<i>Bank of New Zealand—</i>				<i>Emsly Trust—</i>			
Current Account		492	6 3	Balance as at 10th June, 1949	32	15	5
			£82,224 18 6				
MEMO:							
<i>Liability—</i>							
Rates for Year Ending 31st May, 1950,							
Estimated			£1,022 3 1				£82,224 18 6

We have examined the Books and Accounts of the Probert Trust Board for the year ended 30th June, 1949, 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 30th June, 1949, as shown by the Books.

G. R. MARTIN, F.P.A.N.Z., { Auditors.
L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., {
Auckland, 14th July, 1949.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th June, 1949.

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Examined and found correct.

G. R. MARTIN, F.P.A.N.Z., Auditors.
L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.,
Auckland, 14th July, 1949.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman.

M. IZZARD, Secretary.

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

Expenditure for Year Ended 30th June, 1949.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Repairs, Maintenance and Renovations—</i>									
No. 1 Block	340	16	1						
No. 2 Block	125	19	6						
No. 3 Block	122	16	11						
Cottages	92	19	9						
						682	12	3	
<i>Probert Chambers—</i>									
Caretaker	165	2	0						
Electric Power Board	17	14	7						
Lift Maintenance	34	13	0						
Repairs and Maintenance	145	0	3						
						362	9	10	
<i>Insurance Premiums</i>								1,045	2 1
<i>Rates</i>								200	0 4
<i>Interest—</i>								1,001	19 10
Auckland Sinking Fund									
Commrs.				1,406	5	0			
Emsly Trust				149	12	6			
								1,555	17 6
<i>Sundries—</i>									
Audit Fee					8	8	0		
Land Tax					70	17	0		
Bank Charges					0	10	0		
Sundries and Legal Charges					29	1	1		
Secretary's Salary					50	0	0		
Commission on Rents and In-									
terest Collected					143	19	2		
								302	15 3
								£4,105	15 0

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 30th June, 1949.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1948, June 30th—						
To Balance	292	16	4			
1949, June 30th—						
To Rents Accrued	5,838	1	0			
„ Interest Accrued	27	10	4			
By Rents Received				5,730	14	6
„ Interest Received				27	10	4
„ Balance				400	2	10
	£6,158	7	8	£6,158	7	8

Examined and found correct.

G. R. MARTIN, F.P.A.N.Z., L. KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z., Auditors.

Auckland, 14th July, 1949.

JAS. TYLER, Chairman, M. IZZARD, Secretary.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for 12 Months Ending 30th June, 1949.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance—1st July, 1948	....			Interest on Mortgage	....	645	5 5
Interest—				Rates to 31/5/49	....	777	5 11
Pitt St. Trustees	....	21	16 6	Repairs and Maintenance	....	449	17 0
Auckland Saving Bank (2	....			Salary for Rent Collection	....	80	0 0
years)	....	12	13 6	Land Tax to 31/3/48	....	71	12 8
				Insurance	....	101	16 3
Rent Received	....	4,047	9 4	Sundry Expenses	....	7	10 0
Less Unpaid—							
Chandler	.... £4 0 0					2,133	7 3
Pentecostal				Grant to Trinity College	.... 200 0 0		
Church	105 0 0			Refund of Mortgage	.... 2,500 0 0		
		109	0 0			2,700	0 0
				Balance—			
Pitt St. Trustees—			3,938 9 4	Auckland Savings Bank	.... 263 10 6		
Refund of Loan	....		650 0 0	Bank of New Zealand	.... 92 16 2		
						356	6 8
						£5,189	13 11
						£5,189	13 11

I have examined the books and accounts of the Prince Albert College Trust, and have found them correct. The above statement, I believe, sets out the position as shown by the books of the Trust as at 30th June, 1949.

ALDRED E. LAWRY, Hon. Auditor.

Auckland, 22nd July, 1949.

E. T. OLDS, Chairman.

P. DELLOW, Secretary.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
			£ s. d.
Bank of New Zealand—Mortgage	.... 14,000 0 0	Cash in Bank	.... 356 6 8
		Land—Government Valuation	.... 21,979 0 0
			£22,335 6 8

THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT FUND TRUST BOARD.

Income and Expenditure Account from 1st November, 1947, to 30th June, 1949.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Bank Charges, Stamps, etc.	3	17	2	By Interest Inscribed Stock	492	4	1
„ Office Rent	5	0	0	„ Interest Auckland Savings Bank	16	10	0
„ Secretary's Salary (1948)	25	0	0	„ Estate late Mrs. Bridgeman	20	0	0
„ Grants			33 17 2				
„ Excess Income over Expendi- ture			447 8 4				
			47 8 7				
			<u>£528 14 1</u>				<u>£528 14 1</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1949.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Trust Fund Account	11,400	0	0	N.Z. Govt. Ins. Stock 3½%, 1960	5,755	0	0
Income Account	619	18	9	N.Z. Govt. Ins. Stock 2½%, 1951	5,645	0	0
				Cash Balances at Banks—			
				Auckland Savings Bank	343	5	10
				Bank of New Zealand	276	12	11
			<u>£12,019 18 9</u>			619	18 9
						<u>£12,019 18 9</u>	

Audited and found correct.
E. A. ASTLEY.
13th September, 1949.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

General Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st December, 1948.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Rates and Taxes	83	3	10				By Interest	627	2	10
„ General Expenses	116	1	0				„ Rent	864	19	8
„ Insurances	5	11	0							
„ Travelling Expenses	18	8	3							
				223	4	1				
„ Grant Rangiatea Maori Girls College				600	0	0				
„ Depreciation, Masterton Home				150	0	0				
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure				518	18	5				
				£1,492	2	6				
								£1,492	2	6

Masterton Home Account for Year Ended 31st December, 1948.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Remittances to Masterton	419	5	0	By Interest on Investments	321	5	0
„ Balance transferred to Capital Account	55	17	11	„ J. S. Bennett Estate	97	2	6
				„ J. P. Cooper Estate	56	15	5
	£475	2	11		£475	2	11

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1948.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital Account, 31/12/1947	43,084	12	6	Bank of Australasia		381	0 2
Add Excess Revenue for				Fixed Deposit Account		1,000	0 0
Year	518	18	5	P.O. Savings Bank		151	6 0
Balance, 31/12/1948			43,603 10 11	National Savings Account		1,060	18 0
Masterton Home Capital Account—				N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock		15,648	18 2
Balance, 31/12/1947	10,376	8	3	Masterton Home Property	9,350	0	0
Add Bequests	49	9	1	Less Depreciation	150	0	0
Excess Revenue	55	17	11				
	10,481	15	3	Wellington Property		9,200	0 0
Less Special Renovations	328	1	10	Foxton Property		16,113	6 9
			10,153 13 5	Newcombe Trust Investment		51	5 0
Newcombe Trust Prize Fund	51	5	0	Loans on Mortgage		8,880	0 0
Plus Interest	8	0	0	Purchase Monies on Table Re-			
			59 5 0	payments		555	15 1
Interest Paid in Advance			3 15 0	Rent & Interest Accrued		160	15 2
			£53,820 4 4			£53,820	4 4

I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and have received all the information and explanations I have required. I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Board's affairs, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the said Books at date 31st December, 1948.

G. T. WITHERS, A.R.A.N.Z., Auditor. Wellington, 21st February, 1949.

EMSLY TRUST.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Period Ended 30th June, 1949.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1947, October 31st—				1949, June 30th—			
To Balance	32	15	5	By Theological College	149	12	6
1949, June 30th—				„ Balance	32	15	5
To Interest from Deposit	149	12	6				
	<u>£182</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>£182</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>

Investment Account.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1949, June 30th—				1949, June 30th—			
To Capital	1,900	0	0	By Deposit at call with Probert Trust Board	1,900	0	0
	<u>£1,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£1,900</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Audited and found correct.
T. L. HAMES, Auditor.
Auckland, 19th July, 1949.

JAS. TYLER, Treasurer.
19th July, 1949.

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

Revenue Account for year ending 31st May, 1949

Expenditure						Income		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.		
To Office Expenses—								
Authorised Appropriation ..	480	0	0					
Stationery .. General Expenses	60	15	3					
				540	15	3		
Fire Losses ..	475	2	6					
Less Re-insurance Cover ..	475	2	6					
Investment Contingency Reserve				100	0	0		
Balance to P. & L.								
Appropriation Account				2951	9	1		
				£3592	4	4		
							£3592	4 4

By Levies & Premiums			
less Re-insurance ..	1966	12	4
Mortgage Interest	110	19	0
Mortgage Interest Accrued	10	10	0
Debenture Interest ..	1038	10	4
Debenture Interest Accrued	407	5	1
Deposit Interest ..	58	7	7

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND
PROFIT & LOSS APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT, 31st MAY, 1949

To Appropriations Voted—

Home Aquirement Fund ..	322	0	0
Foreign Mission Fund ..	100	0	0
Home Mission Fund ..	100	0	0
Deaconess House ..	85	0	0
Supernumerary Benevolent Fund ..	10	0	0
Church Sites Fund ..	25	0	0
Youth Department ..	50	0	0
Methodist Times ..	150	0	0
H.M. Removal Expenses ..	25	0	0
Natural Calamities Fund ..	50	0	0
Trinity Theological College	150	0	0

1067 0 0

To Fire Loss Reserve Account

1000 0 0

To Balance

2365 8 7

£4432 8 7

By Balance 31/5/48
 Transfer from Revenue Account

1480 19 6

2951 9 1

£4432 8 7

H. L. FIEBIG }
 E. R. CAYGILL } Treasurers

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. }
 F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S. } Auditors
 Christchurch, 17/6/49

Liabilities				Assets									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
Accumulated Funds ..				32500	0	0	Mortgage Investments ..	3487	7	7			
Fire Loss Reserve Account ..	7115	0	0				Interest Accrued ..	10	10	0			
Plus Further Provision ..	1000	0	0	8115	0	0				3497	17	7	
Investment Contingency Reserve	1080	3	5				Debenture Investments ..	37409	5	5			
Less Debenture Premiums ..	43	15	0				Interest Accrued ..	407	5	1			
	1036	8	5								37816	10	6
Plus Further Provision ..	100	0	0				Deposits—P.O. Savings Bank ..	588	13	5			
				1136	8	5	Supernumerary Fund	2101	13	3			
Profit and Loss Appropriation A/c.				2365	8	7					2690	6	8
Levies Prepaid ..				45	3	0	Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..				77	13	9
Natural Calamities Fund—							Levies in Arrear ..				113	7	2
Balance 31/5/48 ..	375	0	0				Government W.D. and						
Grants—Home Mission Fund	12	10	0				Earthquake Insurance ..				303	14	4
Fire Insurance Fd.	50	0	0				Advance to Children's Fund ..				150	0	0
Contingent Fund	50	0	0										
				112	10	0							
				487	10	0							
				£44649	10	0					£44649	10	0

H. L. FIEBIG } Treasurers
E. R. CAYGILL }

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S. }
Christchurch, 17/6/49

METHODIST CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ending 30th June, 1949.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Appropriations—				By Balance brought forward		10	13 6
Church Building and Loan				„ House Account		175	0 0
Fund	295	0	0	„ Salaries Account		1,546	4 0
Connexional Fire Ins. Fund	480	0	0	„ Connexional Charges		90	0 0
Supernumerary and Allied				„ Office Rent	150	0	0
Funds	617	10	0	Less Lettings	50	2	6
“Methodist Times” Fund	195	0	0			99	17 6
Contingent Fund	220	0	0	„ Telephone and P.O. Box		27	10 0
South Island Orphanage	125	0	0	„ Bank Charges		0	10 0
Deaconess Institution	41	5	0	„ Stationery and General Ex-		56	16 8
				penses		2	13 10
Registrations (per Authorised				„ Balance carried forward			
Representative)							
			1,973 15 0				
			35 10 6				
			<u>£2,009 5 6</u>			<u>£2,009</u>	<u>5 6</u>

H. L. FIEBIG,
J. E. PURCHASE, Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.
E. H. SMITH, Auditor.

Christchurch, 14th July, 1949.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th June, 1949.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Probert Trust	200	0	0
Emsly Trust	149	12	6
Contingent Fund	1,410	0	0
Prince Albert College	200	0	0
Connexional Fire Insurance	150	0	0
Home Mission Department	150	0	0
Foreign Mission Department	75	0	0
Congregational Church	25	0	0
Collegiate Church	81	4	10
College Sunday & Friends of Trinity College	285	0	2
Hostel Fees	2,833	11	2
Garden Rents	15	4	0
Rehabilitation Account	2,047	16	8
Student Contributions	60	0	0
134 Grafton Road—			
Loan Home Missions Invest.			
Loan Fund	2,500	0	0
Rent	106	3	4
	£10,288	12	8

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st July, 1948	267	8	8
House and Service	2,879	18	10
Stipends and Allowances	1,061	14	6
Tutors Fees	15	0	0
Bursaries	156	0	0
Connexional Charges	130	0	0
Rates	190	4	11
Repairs	262	11	11
Furnishings	36	9	11
Telephones	33	17	7
Insurance	73	18	7
Rent, Board Room	13	0	0
University Fees	141	7	9
Bible Class Camp Fees	3	15	0
Youth Conference	2	10	0
Printing, Postage and Stationery	38	13	9
Advertising Church Services	8	0	0
Brackenrigg Lecture	3	18	6
Bank Charges	7	0	3
Sundries	16	13	7
Rehabilitation Expenses	2,047	16	8
134 Grafton Road—House—			
Purchase Price	2,175	0	0
Compensation	400	0	0
Legal Expenses	23	15	3
Repay. Principal	43	13	8
Interest	43	15	0
Rates	14	19	8
Insurance	2	12	5
Balance, 30th June, 1949	194	17	1
	£10,288	12	8

**TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.
REHABILITATION FUND.**

			£	s.	d.
Bank Balances, 1st July, 1948	....	....	2,285	9	2
Add Interest on Deposits	....	....	34	18	11
					<hr/>
			2,320	8	1
Sundry Rehabilitation Expenses	....	....	2,047	16	8
					<hr/>
Bank Balances, 30th June, 1949	....	....	£272	11	5
F. E. SUTHERLAND,	} Hon. Treasurers.				
FRANK M. WINSTONE }					

NEW ORGAN FUND.

			£	s.	d.
Fund as at 1st July, 1948	....	....	552	0	5
Add Bank Interest	....	....	6	10	0
Add Dividends	....	....	22	10	0
					<hr/>
Fund as at 30th June, 1949	....	....	£581	0	5

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1949.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital			56,818 13 8	Freehold Land	8,550	0	0
Rehabilitation Fund			272 11 5	College Buildings	35,000	0	0
New Organ Fund			581 0 5	Collegiate Church and Sunday School	3,000	0	0
General Account			194 17 1	134 Grafton Road	2,575	0	0
Loan—134 Grafton Road	2,500	0	0	Furniture and Fittings	4,950	0	0
Less Repaid	43	13	8	Contents Library and Records Room	4,000	0	0
			2,456 6 4	Church Organ	1,200	0	0
				Bank of New Zealand—Current Account	194	17	1
				Shares—Sth. British Insurance Co. Ltd.	300	0	0
				Deposits—Auckland Savings Bank	553	11	10
			£60,323 8 11		£60,323	8	11

We have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Theological College, and compared same with Bank Statements, and we are of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement as at 30th June, 1949.

FRANK M. WINSTONE, Hon. Treasurer,

G. S. GAPPER, A.R.A.N.Z.,
R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z., } Auditors.

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE
General Expenses Account for the year ended 31st December, 1948.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salary	350	0	0	By Balance transferred to Income	672	3	11
Legal and Collection Expenses ..	79	19	0	and Expenditure Account ..			
Repairs and Maintenance	67	13	5				
Rates	56	9	10				
Office Expenses	31	10	9				
Audit Fees	31	10	0				
Printing and Stationery	29	10	11				
Rent—Board Room	13	0	0				
Circuit Levies	12	19	0				
	£672	3	11		£672	3	11

College Account for year ended 31st December, 1948.

	£	s.	d.				
To Salaries	3029	3	7	By College Fees	7407	4	9
Provisions—Bread	352	2	8	Rent	40	0	0
Dairy Produce	261	1	8	Piano Fees	20	2	6
Groceries	674	15	3	Working Loss transferred to Income			
Meat	619	12	2	and Expenditure Account ..	3272	17	11
Sundry	267	12	6				
	2175	4	3				
Wages	2163	8	4				
Repairs and Maintenance	1144	7	10				
Fuel and Light	627	18	8				
Beneficiary Work European ..	17	0	0				
Maori	553	0	0				
	570	0	0	Carried forward	£10,740	5	2

BOARD OF WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE—Continued.

			£	s.	d.	Brought forward	10,740	5	2
Depreciation			273	0	5				
Sundry Expenses			177	4	9				
Stationery and Books			167	4	2				
Poultry Expenses			112	9	3				
Woodwork and Crafts			91	17	10				
Garden Expenses			68	15	6				
Insurance			67	16	5				
Advertising			34	16	1				
Sports			17	19	9				
Prizes			12	5	9				
Bad Debts			6	12	7				
			£10,740	5	2		£10,740	5	2

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Rent Received for the year ended 31st December, 1948

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance transferred to Income and Expenditure Account ..	2286	18	5	By Rents Received from Waikowhai Property ..	1313	2	2			
				Grafton Road Property ..	973	16	3			
								2286	18	5
	£2,286	18	5					£2,286	18	5

Interest Account for the year ended 31st December, 1948

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BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE
Preparatory School Account for the year ended 31st December, 1948

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Provisions — — —	818	16	11	By School Fees — — —	1928	18	6
Repairs and Maintenance — — —	548	17	7	Canteen — — —	45	6	10
Salaries — — —	448	4	8	Working Loss transferred to Income and Expenditure Account — — —	764	0	6
Wages — — —	421	7	6				
Fuel and Light — — —	129	7	9				
Sundry Expenses — — —	104	13	6				
Stationery — — —	95	10	4				
Depreciation — — —	58	13	10				
Bad Debts — — —	33	0	0				
Transport — — —	28	5	0				
Insurance — — —	23	11	1				
Advertising — — —	13	14	5				
Library — — —	8	15	11				
Prizes — — —	5	7	4				
	£2,738	5	10		£2,738	5	10

Wellington Park Farm Working Account for the year ended 31st December, 1948

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Wages — — —	662	7	3	By Scoria Royalties (half of total received) — — —	769	19	9
Repairs and Maintenance — — —	311	9	9	Rent Received — — —	487	10	10
Motor Expenses — — —	237	11	3	Sale of Timber — — —	199	14	7
Rates — — —	83	10	4	Dairy Receipts — — —	142	2	5
Power and Light — — —	62	5	2	Sale of Produce — — —	26	15	0
Depreciation — — —	61	0	0				
Seeds and Manure — — —	60	5	5				
Insurance — — —	44	1	4				
Sundry — — —	7	19	2				
Poultry Expenses — — —	7	5	8				
Stock Foods — — —	6	19	0				
Loss on Livestock — — —	5	17	4				
Net Profit to Income and Expenditure Account — — —	75	10	11				
	£1,626	2	7		£1,626	2	7

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1948

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors				1193	18	1	Properties		
War Memorial Fund (Maori) ..	361	7	9				Paerata—Land	16760	0 0
Plus Accrued Interest ..	21	18	6				College Bldgs at cost	52386	5 5
				383	6	3	Improvements	7103	14 3
Scholarship Funds								76249	19 8
Marianne Caughey Smith-Preston	2190	0	0				Mt. Wellington—Land	4290	0 0
George Winstone	1080	0	0				Buildings	6300	0 0
Stephen James Ambury ..	1003	12	0					10590	0 0
				4273	12	0	Grafton		19407 19 6
Capital Account							Waikowhai ..	4255	0 0
Balance at 1-1-1948 ..	132961	7	2				Plus Improvements	281	4 1
Plus Capital Profits								4536	4 1
in Sale of Suburban							Otamatea Country		115 0 0
Properties							Hobson Country		10 0 0
Mt. Wellington	8508	9	1					110909	3 3
Grafton Road	915	0	0				Plant and Equipment		
Landscape Road	393	12	3				Farm Machinery		
				9817	1	4	Paerata ..	881	10 0
Motor Vehicles				284	0	0	Wellington Park	225	0 0
Investments				5	5	0		1106	10 0
Scoria Royalties (Half of Total							Less Depreciation	139	10 0
Received)				769	19	9		967	0 0
				143837	13	3	Motor Vehicles		
Less Excess of Expenditure							Paerata ..	1044	2 9
over Income				773	16	8	Wellington Park	80	0 0
				143063	16	7		1124	2 9

BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE—Continued

Brought forward	148,914 12 11	Less Depreciation	248 19 9	875 3 0
		Equipment and Furniture		
		College ..	2743 0 5	
		Preparatory School	793 13 10	
			<u>3536 14 3</u>	
		Less Depreciation	279 4 3	
				<u>3257 10 0</u>
				5099 13 0
Carried forward	<u>£148,914 12 11</u>	Carried Forward	.. ..	<u>116008 16 3</u>

Balance Sheet (continued)

Brought forward £148,914 12 11

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought Forward	..	..	..	116008	16	3			
Stock on Hand									
Live Stock—Paerata	..	3072	15	0					
Live Stock—Mt. Wellington	..	86	5	0					
Produce and Sundry Stocks	..	1382	3	4			4541	3	4

Loans and Investments

Loans

On Mortgage (Plus

interest) .. 8328 2 6

At Call (Plus

interest) .. 4725 0 0

Under Debenture

(Marua Estate Ltd. 343 17 6

13397 0 0

Government Securities

National Savings

Investment Account 1134 0 6

New Zealand Government

Stock

3% 1961-63 3504 7 9

4% 1954-58 2000 0 0

New Zealand Govt.

National Savings

Bonds .. 10 0 0

6648 8 3

Carried forward

£148,914 12 11

Balance Sheet (continued)

		£	s	d	£	s	d
Brought forward	148,914 12 11						
	Shares						
	F.M Winstone						
	(Merchants) Ltd.						
	(1000 Shares of £1						
	each fully paid	1000	0	0			
	New Remuera-Pamure						
	Land Co. Ltd. (600						
	Shares of £1 each						
	paid to 12/6 at						
	Valuation) ..	300	0	0			
	Marua Estates Ltd.						
	(1225 Shares of £1 each						
	paid to 19/3 at						
	Valuation) ..	178	12	11			
	Nukuroa Fruitlands Ltd.						
	(250 Shares of £1 each						
	paid to 17/6 at						
	Valuation) ..	43	15	0			
					1522	7	11
						21567	16 2
Carried forward	148,914 12 11					£142,117	15 9

Balance Sheet (continued)

Brought Forward	148,914 12 11	Brought Forward	142117 15 9
		Sundry Debtors	
		Under Sale and Purchase Agreement (<i>Plus</i>	
		Interest accrued) 2918 7 3	
		For Rent .. 226 16 3	
		For Fees .. 1107 18 3	
		For Sundries 1856 0 5	
			6109 2 2
		Less Reserve for Bad Debts	70 0 0
			6039 2 2
		Payments in Advance	389 9 8
		Balance at Bank of New Zealand	364 2 11
		Cash in Hand	4 2 5
			368 5 4
	<u>£148,914 12 11</u>		<u>£148,914 12 11</u>

We certify that we have audited the above Balance Sheet, together with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and that in our opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Trust at the 31st December, 1948, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs. Peak Kirker & 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 and Mount Wellington, which we have accepted as correct.

LEONARD KNIGHT, F.P.A.N.Z.
General Secretary.

HUTCHISON, ELLIFFE & CAMERON,
Auditors
Auckland, 26th January, 1949

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ending 30th June, 1949.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Annuities	9,470	11	0			
„ Furniture Grants	675	0	0			
				10,145	11	0
„ Office Expenses—						
Authorised Appropriation	332	10	0			
Stationery and General						
Expenses	77	4	9			
Auditors' Fees	18	18	0			
				428	12	9
„ Government Premiums on						
Mortgages				6	19	5
„ Interest on Arrears written off				8	1	2
„ Amount of Funds as at 30/6/1948	140,926	16	6			
, Net Reduction of Funds as at 30/6/1949	1,766	12	10			
				139,160	3	8

£149,749 8 0

INCOME.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Amount of Funds as at								
30/6/1948	....		147,175	12	11			
Less Personal Sub-								
scriptions refunded ..			150	0	0			
			<hr/>					
			147,025	12	11			
Less Annuities Com-								
muted	....	....	6,098	16	5			
			<hr/>			140,926	16	6
„ Personal Subscriptions			1,525	1	7			
„ Circuit Levies		....	2,242	14	3			
			<hr/>			3,767	15	10
„ Interest—Debentures			2,523	16	5			
Mortgages	3,227	14 6						
Less doubtful								
debts pro-								
vision	100	0 0						
	<hr/>							
	3,127	14 6						
Less portion								
of Loss on								
realisation								
of asset	1,461	15 11						
	<hr/>		1,665	18	7			
			4,189	15	0			
Less Interest on De-								
posits	....	....	1,104	15	0			
			<hr/>			3,085	0	0
„ Freehold Revenue, Ep-								
worth Chambers	....		2,365	15	1			
Less Depreciation	....		500	0	0			
			<hr/>			1,865	15	1
„ Fire Insurance Rebates						33	10	5
„ Hymn Book Account	....					70	10	2
			<hr/>			£149,749	8	0

SUPERNUMERARY FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1949.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds as per				Investments—			
Revenue Account	139,160	3	8	Mortgages	67,627	5	1
Deposit Accounts—				Debentures	61,904	10	3
Allied Funds	28,838	12	1		129,531	15	4
Connexional Funds	9,314	13	0	Less Investment Fluctuation			
	38,153	5	1	& Doubtful Debts			
Freeholds—				Reserve	£1,029	15	11
Rates Accrued	170	18	3	Plus further			
General Treasurers, Mel-				Provision	100	0	0
bourne	24	13	9		1,129	15	11
Overdraft, Bank of New				Less Debenture			
Zealand	2,038	6	9	Premiums	130	15	0
Personal Subscriptions—					999	0	11
2nd half 1949	823	0	0	Less portion of			
Less not paid	610	4	0	loss on Realisa-			
	212	16	0	tion of assets	899	0	11
					100	0	0
					129,431	15	4
				Freehold Property—			
				Epworth Chambers	48,712	8	5
				Less Deprecia-			
				tion Reserve	7,250	0	0
				Plus further			
				Reserve	500	0	0
					7,750	0	0
					40,962	8	5
				Post Office Savings Bank	1,602	7	9

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Revenue Account for Year Ending 30th June, 1949.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Authorised Appropriation	5	0	0	By Balance, 30/6/1948	667	12	8
„ Stationery and General Ex- penses	0	16	9	„ Donations—			
				Fire Insurance Fund	10	0	0
			5 16 9	Special	19	16	9
„ Balance, Supernumerary Fund Deposit			759 3 5	„ Interest			29 16 9
							67 10 9
			£765 0 2				£765 0 2

SUPERNUMERARY FUND—BENEVOLENT BRANCH.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1949.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital Account	1,400	0	0	Plampin Bequest—Debentures	1,000	0	0
Balance, Reserve Account	759	3	5	Penrose Bequest—			
				Capital Account—Deposit Supernumerary			
				Fund	300	0	0
				Debentures	100	0	0
				Revenue Account—			
				Deposit Supernumerary Fund	759	3	5
			£2,159 3 5				£2,159 3 5

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1949.

H. L. FIEBIG, }
G. S. SALTER, } Treasurers.

E. R. CAYGILL & CO., F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z., Auditors.
July 12th, 1949.

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1949.
Contributors' Account.

EXPENDITURE				INCOME.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances	....	1,216	17 5	By Balance as at 30/6/1948	....	17,511	3 7
„ Reserve Account	....	9	10 0	„ Personal Contributions	....	695	8 1
„ Balance as at 30/6/1949	....	17,717	11 8	„ Fire Insurance Fund Subsidy	....	321	10 0
				„ Interest to Deposit Accounts	....	415	17 5
		£18,943	19 1			£18,943	19 1

Reserve Account.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts			415	17 5	By Balance as at 30/6/1948		5 16 5
„ Office Expenses—					„ Contributors' Account		9 10 0
Authorised Appropriation	100	0 0			„ Interest Earned		526 19 0
Stationery and General Expenses			11	8 1			
			111	8 1			
„ Balance as at 30/6/1949			14	19 11			
			£542	5 5			£542 5 5

HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND.
Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1949.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Personal Accounts	....	17,717	11 8	Debentures	....	8,000	12 10
Reserve Account	....	14	19 11	Debenture Interest Accrued	....	52	11 1
Subsidy Suspense Account	....	68	10 0	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	....	9,747	17 8
		£17,801	1 7			£17,801	1 7

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1949.

G. S. SALTER,)
H. L. FIEBIG,) Treasurers.

E. R. CAYGILL & CO., F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z., Auditors.
July 12th, 1949.

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1949.

Contributors' Account.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Retiring Allowances	865	17 10	By Balance as at 30/11/1948	5,816	13 3
„ Reserve Account	34	9 3	„ Contributions—		
„ Balance as at 30/6/1949	5,915	11 3	Personal	288	0 0
			Circuit	216	0 0
			Home Mission Board	222	0 0
				726	0 0
			Less Refunds	30	0 0
				696	0 0
			„ Bonus Allocation	130	0 0
			„ Interest	173	5 1
	£6,815	18 4		£6,815	18 4

Reserve Account.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest on Deposit Accounts	173	5 1	By Balance as at 30/11/1948	368	16 5
„ Bonus Distribution	130	0 0	„ Interest	202	3 6
„ Office Expenses—			„ Contributors' Account	34	9 3
Authorised Appropriation ..	40	0 0			
Stationery and General Ex-					
penses	3	18 0			
		43 18 0			
„ Balance as at 30/6/1949	258	6 1			
	£605	9 2		£605	9 2

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1949.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	5,915	11	3	Debentures	3,610	0	0
Reserve Fund	258	6	1	Debenture Interest Accrued	24	4	8
Accumulated Funds brought forward—				Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	2,724	7	8
Centenary Gift	100	0	0				
Inscribed Stock Profit	44	15	0				
Special Donation	40	0	0				
			184 15 0				
	£6,358	12	4		£6,358	12	4

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 June, 1949.

G. S. SALTER, Treasurers.
H. L. FIEBIG,

E. R. CAYGILL & CO., F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z., Auditors.
July 12th, 1949.

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1949.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts				Debentures	2,475	0	0
Capital Account, 30/6/1948	2,809	10	7	Debenture Interest Accrued		21	18 6
Donations—M.W.M.U.	140	10	0	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	7,925	10	9
	2,950	0	7				
Transfer to Reserve A/c.	950	0	0				
	2,000	0	7				
Reserve Fund	469	2	9				
	£10,422	9	3		£10,422	9	3

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 June, 1949.

H. L. FIEBIG, }
G. S. SALTER, } Treasurers.

E. R. CAYGILL & CO., F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z., Auditors.
July 12th, 1949.

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1949.

Contributors' Account.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£ s. d.
To Retiring Allowances	....	1,882	1 1	By Balance as at 30/6/1948	....	7,715	10 2
„ Reserve Account	....	24	16 3	„ Contributions—			
„ Balances as at 30/6/1949	....	7,953	5 11	Personal	....	305	0 0
				Circuit	....	200	0 0
				Home Mission Board	....	232	0 0
				Foreign Mission Board	....	70	0 0
						807	0 0
				„ Bonus Allocation	....	1,105	0 0
				„ Interest	....	232	13 1
		£9,860	3 3			£9,860	3 3

Reserve Account.

		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Interest to Deposit Accounts		232	13 1	By Balance as at 30/6/1948	....	524	5 5
„ Bonus Allocation	....	1,105	0 0	„ Interest	....	360	3 1
„ Debenture Premium	....	6	0 0	„ Contributors' Account	....	24	16 3
„ Office Expenses—				„ Capital Account	....	950	0 0
Authorised Appropriation ..	40 0 0						
Stationery and General Ex-							
penses	....	6	8 11				
„ Balance as at 30/6/1949	....	46	8 11				
		469	2 9				
		£1,859	4 9			£1,859	4 9

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD (INC.).

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1949.

EXPENDITURE.					INCOME.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Interest to Trust Accounts				1,161	15	3	By Commission on Collections	....	1 3 8
„ Authorised Appropriation	100	0	0				„ Interest on Deposits	....	1,396 9 3
„ Stationery and General Expenses	....	....	13 4 2						
				113	4	2			
„ Debenture Premiums	....			3	15	0			
„ Capital Account	....			118	18	6			
				£1,397	12	11			£1,397 12 11

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1949.

LIABILITIES.					ASSETS.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Trust Accounts—									
Connexional Funds (16)	....	12,239	11 8				33,263	15 7	
Church Trusts (56)	....	28,580	15 9				199	3 2	
Personal (2)	....	455	14 8						
				41,276	2 1				
Capital Account—									
Deficit, 30/6/1948	....	69	14 9				7,789	19 11	
Income to 30/6/1949	....	118	18 6				72	7 2	
				49	3 9				
				£41,325	5 10		£41,325	5 10	

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 June, 1949.

H. L. FIEBIG,)
G. S. SALTER,)

Treasurers,

E. R. CAYGILL & CO., F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z., Auditors.
July 12th, 1949,

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 18 Months Ended 30th June, 1949.

EXPENDITURE.

245

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Cost of Christchurch Conference—								
(a) Travelling	....	....	315	0	0			
Official Representatives	....	....	236	10	6			
			<hr/>			551	10	6
(b) Printing—								
Agenda	£187	3 0						
Minutes	277	19 11						
Other	71	13 2						
Stationery, Bibles etc.	39	7 5						
	<hr/>		576	3	6			
			<hr/>			1,247	14	0
„ Cost of Emergency Conference, 1949—								
Travelling	....	....	244	18	9			
Printing, etc.	....	....	163	8	10			
			<hr/>			408	7	7
„ District Expenses, Chairman's Travelling and Others—								
Auckland	....	....	66	6	1			
South Auckland	....	....	148	6	0			
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	....	67	14	5			
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	..	..	46	1	11			
Wellington	....	....	40	19	9			
Nelson	....	....	20	17	2			
North Canterbury	....	....	37	11	1			
South Canterbury	....	....	27	11	6			
Otago-Southland	....	....	106	17	10			
			<hr/>			562	5	9

Contingent Fund Continued

Brought forward

7,197 1 8

„ Synod Expenses—

Auckland	....	78	12	3
South Auckland	....	103	5	10
Taranaki-Wanganui	....	30	5	3
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	..	34	10	0
Wellington	....	38	0	0
Nelson	....	47	17	6
North Canterbury	....	14	4	3
South Canterbury	....	20	7	0
Otago-Southland	....	64	6	2

431 8 3

„ Ministerial Supply—

Auckland	....	4	0	0
South Auckland	....	37	5	4
Wellington	....	21	0	0
North Canterbury	....	7	0	0

69 5 4

„ Connexional Payments—

President's Travelling	....	25	0	0
President's Supply	....	25	0	0
Secy. of Conf. Stamps.	....	25	0	0
Staty, Incidentals	....	25	0	0
Examination Committee	....	42	0	0
Expenses	....	46	0	4
Expenses Committees	....	30	0	0
Spiritual Advance Comm.	....	30	0	0
—Travelling	....	30	0	0
Printing—	....	129	2	6
Church Union Referen-	....	75	0	0
dum	....	40	0	0
Book Services	....	113	12	3
Law Revision	....	27	11	0
Membership Tickets	....	12	0	0
Other	....	12	0	0
Religious Film Society	....	12	0	0

590 6 1

Carried forward

7,197 1 8

Contingent Fund Continued

Brought forward

£7,197 1 8

„ Grants—

Theological College	....	1,410	0	0
Connexional Sec. Dept.	....	330	0	0
Deaconess Fund	....	187	10	0
N.Z. Council of Churches	....	26	0	0
World Council of Churches	....	12	0	0
University Fees	....	33	16	6
Amsterdam Conference—				
Representative	....	25	0	0
Regist.	....	6	0	0
Calamity Fund—2 years	....	50	0	0
“Methodist Times”				
Editorial	....	82	0	9
“Methodist Times”	....	112	10	
Spiritual Adv. Committee	....	25	0	0
Public Questions Comm.	....	20	0	0
Temperance Committee	....	20	0	0
Ecumenical Committee	....	5	0	0
Australian Relations				
Committee	....	5	0	0
Special	....	14	0	0

2,363 17 3

„ Hon. Treasurer—

Bank Exchange, Postages,
Stationery, etc.

18 17 3

Carried forward

£7,197 1 8

Contingent Fund Continued

	<i>„ Balance due by Districts—</i>		
	Auckland	—	—
	South Auckland	77	18 3
	Taranaki-Wanganui	4	14 8
	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	17	5 0
	Wellington	50	0 0
	Nelson	22	13 8
	North Canterbury	40	6 7
	South Canterbury	11	9 2
	Otago-Southland	9	15 10
	<i>„ Total Balances held by or</i>		
	<i>due to Chairmen</i>	234	3 2
	<i>„ Bank of N.Z., Auckland—</i>		
	Current Account	1,390	17 0
			1,625 0 2
£7,197 1 8			£7,197 1 8

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 18 months ended 30th June, 1949.

J. H. BLACKWELL, } Hon. Treasurers.
Wm. WALKER, }

ISAAC J. WILSON, B.Com., F.P.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor,
2nd September, 1949.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND.

Receipts and Payments Account—Half Year, Ending 30th June, 1949.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash in Bank	1,466	13	10	Removal Expenses Paid	1,167	7	2
„ Circuit Levies Received	476	15	0	General Expenses, Postages, etc.	1	14	7
„ Refund Removal Expenses	6	14	10	Cash in Bank	781	1	11
	£1,950	3	8		£1,950	3	8

Revenue Account for Half Year, Ended 30th June, 1949.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Removal Expenses	1,160	12	4	Levies from Circuits	1,000	0	0
General Expenses, Postages, etc.	1	14	7	Trans. Cap. Account	162	6	11
	£1,162	6	11		£1,162	6	11

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1949.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund, 31/12/48	1,496	9	3	Outstanding Levies	553	0	5
Less Trans. Revenue Account	162	6	11	Cash in Bank	781	1	11
	£1,334	2	4		£1,334	2	4

L. C. HORWOOD, }
C. H. ELMSLY, } Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A. (N.Z.), A.C.I.S.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Twelve Months Ended August 31st, 1948.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balances in Bank, 31/8/47—			Home Mission Sisters' Salaries	1,665	0 0
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	1,800	17 6	S.I. Sisters' Salaries	1,595	0 0
Sisters' Salaries Reserve Fund	1,546	1 7	Deaconess Trainees	52	10 0
"Kurahuna" Fund	449	0 6	Travelling Expenses	60	1 9
Legacies	214	18 8	Executive Expenses	44	8 3
Stamp Fund	1,301	13 7	Printing and Stationery	95	13 3
Medical Fund	653	19 8	Sundries	10	14 3
Gleanings	415	10 7			3,523 7 6
Solomon Islands Gift Boxes	606	4 11	"Kurahuna" Funds—		
Nursing Sister for Teop	18	12 6	Maintenance	£856	2 8
Equipment Maori Youth Ext.	132	7 11	Depreciation	23	6 0
Home Sisters' Gift Fund	5	0 0	Repairs and Replacements	49	19 0
Pennies for Children's Work	4	0 0	Debenture Interest	20	3 10
Hamilton Maori Youth Hostel	5	0 0			949 11 6
		7,153 7 5	Equipment Maori Youth Ext.		37 19 6
"Kurahuna" Emergency Fund	2,022	12 1	Pennies for Children's Work		4 0 0
"Kurahuna" Depreciation Fd.	649	8 5	Home Sisters' Gift Fund		10 0 0
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements	18	1 4	Solomon Islands Capital Fund (Palmer Est.)		178 10 9
		2,690 1 10	Home Mission Capital Fund (Palmer Estate)		178 10 9
Receipts—			Nursing Sister for Teop		18 12 6
Affiliation Fees	23	5 0	Hamilton Youth Hostel		5 5 0
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	£3,562	14 6	Home and Maori Mission		10 0 0
Bank Interest	53	16 7	Maori Youth Extension Work		2 10 0
		3,616 11 1	Maori Centres (2)		6 6 0

Sisters' Salaries Reserve Fund	25	0	0	
Bank Interest	32	8	2	
			57	8 2
"Kurahuna" Funds	865	11	9	
"Kurahuna" Deb. Int.	20	3	10	
			885	15 7
Medical Fund			262	3 5
Gleanings			603	1 3
Stamp Fund			1,118	14 3
Special Objective (Hawera Centre)			724	10 11
S.I. Sisters' Rehabilitation			27	0 0
S.I. Girls' School			103	0 6
S.I. Gift Boxes			415	17 9
Leprosarium			22	19 6
Deaconess Retiring Fund			40	10 0
Deaconess House			46	7 6
Legacies			302	2 10
Maori Welfare Centres (2)			6	6 0
Don Alley Memorial			13	0 0
Other Objects			33	13 0
			8,302	6 9
Transfer—				
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements			56	0 0
"Kurahuna" Emergency Bank Int.			42	10 0
"Kurahuna" Depreciation	23	6	0	
Bank Interest	16	5	2	
			39	11 2
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements	49	19	0	
Bank Interest	0	14	7	
			50	13 7
			£18,334	10 9

Maintain Dr. Fund	10	0	0	
Don Alley Memorial	13	0	0	
S.I. Girls' School	103	0	6	
S.I. Sisters' Rehabilitation	27	0	0	
S.I. Gift Boxes	490	2	6	
Deaconess House	46	7	6	
Deaconess Retiring Fund	40	10	0	
Special Objective (Hawera Centre)	724	10	11	
Medical Fund	332	3	2	
Stamp Fund	1,301	13	7	
Leprosarium	22	19	6	
			4,512	13 8
Transfer Repairs and Replacements to N.B.			56	0 0
Credit Balances in Bank—				
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	2,332	16	8	
Sisters' Salaries Reserve	1,603	9	9	
"Kurahuna" Funds	441	4	7	
Smethurst Estate	100	0	0	
Legacies	60	0	0	
Stamp Fund	1,118	14	3	
Medical Fund	583	19	11	
S.I. Gift Boxes	532	0	2	
Gleanings	603	1	3	
Equipment Maori Youth Ext.	94	8	5	
Home Sisters' Gift Fund	5,18	0		
			7,475	13 0
"Kurahuna" Emergency	2,065	2	1	
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements	12	14	11	
"Kurahuna" Depreciation	688	19	7	
			2,766	16 7
			£18,334	10 9

METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND.

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1948.

LIABILITIES. £ s. d.				ASSETS.			
Sisters' Salaries and Executive Fund	2,332	16	8	Credit Balances in Bank, 31/8/48—			
Sisters' Salaries Reserve Fund	1,603	9	9	General Account		7,475	13 0
"Kurahuna" Funds	441	4	7	"Kurahuna" Emergency	2,065	2	1
Legacies	60	0	0	"Kurahuna" Depreciation	688	19	7
Stamp Fund	1,118	14	3	"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements		12	14 11
Medical Fund	583	19	11			2,766	16 7
Gleanings	603	1	3	"Kurahuna" Treas. Cash A/c.	*		236 17 7
Solomon Island Gift Boxes	532	0	2	Deposits General Purposes Trust Board—			
Smethurst Trust	100	0	0	Solomon Island Girls' School	3,249	15	3
Equipment Maori Youth Extn.	94	8	5	"Kurahuna" Capital Fund	1,696	13	2
Home Sisters' Gift Fund	5	18	0	Doctors' Fund Investment A/c	103	0	0
			7,475 13 0			5,049	8 5
"Kurahuna" Emergency	2,065	2	1	Solomon Island Capital Fund	776	17	3
"Kurahuna" Depreciation	688	19	7	Home Mission Capital Fund	484	4	2
"Kurahuna" Repairs and Replacements		12	14 11			1,261	1 5
			2,766 16 7	Drainage Board Debentures at Par			500 0 0
"Kurahuna" Capital Fund		1,696	13 2	"Kurahuna" Maori Girls School Property	1,557	6	0
Solomon Island Girls' School		3,249	15 3	Less Depreciation		23	6 0
Solomon Island Capital Fund		776	17 3			1,534	0 0
Solomon Island Doctor Fund		103	0 0	Furniture	240	0	0
Home Mission Capital Fund		484	4 2			1,774	0 0
"Kurahuna" Treas. Maintenance Account			236 17 7				
Excess of Assets over Liabilities		2,274	0 0				
			£19,063 17 0				£19,063 17 0

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union with the exception of those relating to the Accounts of the "Kurahuna" Maori Girls' School, for which a copy of the audited accounts has been submitted for my inspection.

Certificates relating to all Bank Balances have been produced to me and I 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 Deed of the "Kurahuna" Property and the Drainage Board Debentures.

I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet correctly presents the position of the Union's Funds as shown by its books as at 31st August, 1948. Napier, 21st September, 1948 C. H. BISSON, Hon. Auditor.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST.

Income and Expenditure Account for 10 months ending 30th June, 1949.

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Staff Salaries	£452	19	4			
Add Retiring Fund						
Deductions	11	0	0			
	463	19	4			
Less Subsidy from						
H.M. Board	94	7	4			
				369	12	0
„ Petty Cash—School				50	0	0
„ Sundry Accounts				1	8	9
„ Wood and Coal				16	13	6
„ Laundry				34	10	2
„ Labour—School				28	13	9
„ Repairs and Renewals				46	11	2
„ Bread, Meat and Milk				120	12	1
„ Lighting and Heating				18	15	7
„ Books and Stationery				6	11	2
„ Groceries and Vegetables				142	19	11
„ Deaconess Retiring						
Fund	£27	1	6			
Less Deductions	11	0	0			
				16	1	6
„ Secretary-Treasurer				41	13	4
„ Telephone				7	10	0
„ Audit Fees				3	3	0
„ Rates				5	7	6
„ Labour—Spotswood				11	8	9
„ Repairs to Dwelling				103	0	4
„ Sundries				0	7	6
				1,025	0	0
„ Depreciation written off				30	15	6
				1,055	15	6
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure				417	15	7
				£1,473	11	1

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Grants	850	0	0			
„ Fees from Pupils	239	1	1			
„ Interest on Mortgage	23	15	0			
„ Boarding—Staff	86	6	4			
„ Rent—Dwelling	55	5	0			
„ Rent—Farm	87	10	0			
„ Interest on Debenture	4	5	0			
„ Interest—N.P. Savings Bank	24	5	6			
„ Interest—P.O. Savings Bank	42	10	0			
„ Interest—National Sav. A/c.	60	13	2			
				1,473	11	1
				£1,473	11	1

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST.
(Incorporated under the Religious, Charitable, and Educational Trust Act.)
Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1949.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
<i>Sundry Creditors</i>			<i>Cash and Investments—</i>		
<i>Accumulated Funds—</i>			P.O. Savings Bank	2,143	6 11
Balance as at			N.P. Savings Bank	1,003	6 10
1/9/48 £19,926 0 5			National Savings Account	2,082	13 3
Add Centennial			Fixed Deposit	8,000	0 0
Fd. Balance 20 7 4			Current Account — Bank		
Add Donations			N.S.W.	650	18 1
for Special					
Purposes 36 13 7				13,880	5 1
	19,983	1 4	Bonds and Debenture	107	3 2
Add Excess of Income			Mortgage	500	0 0
over Expenditure	417	15 7	<i>Fixed Assets—</i>		
	20,400	16 11	Land—50a. 3r. 30p. at cost	4,523	15 3
			Development, Tree Planting,		
			etc.	525	3 11
			Furniture, Crockery, Tools,		
			etc., less Depreciation	330	11 11
			Linos, Floor Coverings, less		
			Depreciation	52	4 0
			Sewing Machines, less Depre-		
			ciation	34	0 0
			Piano, less Depreciation	49	10 0
			Radio Set, less Depreciation	12	0 0
			<i>Sundry Debtors—</i>		
			Grants due	450	0 0
	£20,464	13 4		£20,464	13 4

I have audited the books, accounts and vouchers of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust for the 10 months ended 30th June, 1949, and certify that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet sets out a true and correct view of the Trust's affairs, according to the best of my knowledge and the information given to me, and as shown by the records of the Trust.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary-Treasurer.
F. V. MORINE, A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

New Plymouth, 15th August, 1949.

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION
Revenue Account for year ended 31st May, 1949

Expenditure				Income						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To House Accounts	1091	0	0				By Conference Grants (adjusted)—			
Renewals	11	12	1				H.M. Department ..	162	10	0
Repairs to Property	28	8	0				Fire Insurance Fund ..	113	6	8
Salaries and Wages	676	19	8				Contingent Fund ..	83	6	8
Telephone	9	10	0							
Advertising	1	10	0							
Stamps, Stationery and								359	3	4
Bank Charge, accounting ..	68	7	7				F.M. Fund (<i>less</i> adjustment)	8	6	8
Uniforms and Tuition Fees	51	17	1							
Rates	94	8	7							
				2033	13	0				
Insurances Fire and							Rents			350 16 8
Employers' Liability ..							Subscriptions and Donations—			130 0 0
Interest on Mortgage ..							Lady Associates etc .			67 2 1
Trainees' Allowances—H.M. Bd.	108	15	0				Hostel Receipts			1533 5 1
M.W.M.U.	54	7	6				H.M. Board for Trainees'			
Trainees' Cycle Allowances	25	0	0				Allowances			135 0 0
							Deaconess Trainees'			
Allowances Accrued ..							Allowances M.W.M.U. ..			54 7 6
Sundry Expenses							Circuit Contributions for			
Depreciation							Bicycle Allowances ..			40 0 0
							Interest—P.O. Savings Bank			11 8 7
							Deficit			105 2 9

METHODIST DEACONESS INSTITUTION

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1949

	Liabilities			Assets		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mortgage			450 0 0	Property	5000 0 0	
Property Reserve			103 12 1	Less Depreciation	1883 6 8	
Special Refurnishing Fund			145 4 2			3116 13 4
Special Appeal Fund			28 2 7	Furnishings	167 10 0	
Sundry Creditors			82 19 5	Aga Cooker	60 0 0	
Rates Accrued			14 9 7	Plus Additional Furnishings	500 0 0	
Trainees' Emergency Fund			5 5 0			727 10 0
Trainees' Cycle Allowances			15 0 0	P.O. Savings Bank	515 1 8	
H.M. Board for Trainees			26 5 0	Bank of N.Z.	182 12 9	
Profit and Loss Appropriation				Cash in Hand	12 0 0	
A/c. Balance 31/5/48	3412	6	0			709 14 5
Plus Transfer to furnishings	500	0	0	Grants Unpaid		104 3 4
				Circuit Allowances Unpaid		20 0 0
Less Deficit						
	3912	6	0			
	105	2	9			
			3807 3 3			
			£4678 1 1			£4678 1 1

V. R. Jamieson, Chairman
J. M. Blight, Secretary

Audited and found correct.
B. A. CAYGILL, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z.
Christchurch, 22/6/49

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE—MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM.

Treasurers: Sister IVY M. JONES, Mr. P. DELLOW.

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1949.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1949, June 30th				1949, June 30th						
To Wages and Commission	2,708	1	10	By General Subscriptions—						
„ Groceries and Provisions	1,713	12	6	Sundries	184	4	0			
„ Repairs and Renewals	1,205	1	0	Per Collector	12	17	0			
„ Laundry	199	14	3	„ Churches	857	4	3			
„ Drapery and Shoes	736	7	3	„ Sunday Schools and Y.P.						
„ Fuel and Light	315	19	2	Societies	10	11	3			
„ Farm and Garden	173	11	10	„ Auckland Orphanages United						
„ Printing and Stationery	61	8	6	Council	1,044	0	0			
„ Medical and Dental	19	5	2					2,108	16	6
„ Telephones	35	5	0	„ Maintenance				2,855	1	6
„ Travelling Expenses	24	10	2	„ Interest and Dividends				1,467	16	4
„ Motor Repairs	193	16	11	„ Rent				165	7	6
„ Stamps and Petty Cash	95	0	0	„ Capital Account				1,392	2	1
„ Insurance	55	0	8							
„ Rent of Office and Board Room	45	10	0							
„ Rates	119	0	6							
„ Audit Fee	8	8	0							
„ Sundry Expenses	9	6	7							
„ Depreciation—										
Furnishings	198	15	7							
Motor Van	11	9	0							
645 Mt. Albert Road	30	0	0							
647 Mt. Albert Road	30	0	0							
	£7989	3	11					£7,989	3	11

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LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital—as at 1st July, 1948	58,428	12	11	Properties—			
Add Bequests—				Epsom Home—			
W. Astley Est. £631	2	6		Latest Valuation	4,730	0	0
J. H. Hannan				Wesley Home—			
Estate	314	0	3	Latest Valuation	3,935	0	0
A. C. Hook Est.	86	17	4	Wesley Gym.—at cost	491	4	8
Frank Leach Est.	100	0	0	Mt. Roskill—at cost	2,978	15	8
J. C. M. Mallach				645 Mt. Albert Rd.	1,350	0	0
Estate	17	12	11	Less Depreciation	30	0	0
E. A. Nixon Est.	2	12	9				
Enos Stephenson				647 Mt. Albert Rd.	1,350	0	0
Estate	0	15	0	Less Depreciation	30	0	0
Annie L. Simmonds							
Estate	694	8	10				
J. J. B. Veale Est.	2	16	2				
A. J. Walters							
Estate	2	17	10				
H. Wilson Est.	375	0	0				
Donation, the late							
Mrs P. Winstone	500	0	0				
	2,728	3	7				
	61,156	16	6				
Less Revenue Account	1,392	2	1				
	59,764	14	5				
Endowment Legacies—							
Eliza Gilmore Trust							
M. Caughey Preston							
John Rendell							
Sundry Creditors							

<i>Inscribed Stock & Local Body Debentures—</i> (Including Investment of Endowment Legacies)			
N.Z. Govt. Stock—£9,515 at cost	....	9,533	0 0
National Savings Bonds—at cost	....	100	0 0
Auckland City Debentures—£1,000 at cost	....	1,005	0 0
Newmarket Borough Debentures—at cost	....	500	0 0
<i>Furnishings and Plant</i>	....	1,029	16 3
Add New	....	957	19 10
		1,987	16 1
Less Depreciation	....	198	15 7
		1,789	0 6
<i>Motor Van</i>	....	57	7 0
Less Depreciation	....	11	9 0
		45	18 0
<i>Stock on Hand</i>	....	40	0 0
<i>Payments in Advance</i>	....	193	3 0
<i>Bank Balances—</i>			
Auckland Savings Bank	....	6,083	11 0
Post Office Savings Bank	....	4,085	0 0
National Savings Accounts	....	9,628	6 8
Bank of New Zealand	....	4,131	13 0
		£63,256	15 0
Trounson Bequest—		£510	0 0
With General Purposes Trust Board	....	£2,802	3 5
John Sheat Bequest—with Public Trust	....	
£63,256 15 0			

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the books and vouchers relating to the above Revenue Account and Balance Sheet of the Auckland Methodist Children's Home and Orphanage, which I consider are properly drawn up so as to exhibit the true position of the Trust as at 30th June, 1949, as shown by the books of the Trust.

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z., Public Accountant.

30th August, 1949.

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.
Receipts and Payments for 9 Months Ended 30th June, 1949

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 30/9/48	102	9	2			
„ Wellington Board—						
Renovations Grant	328	1	10			
Interest Collected	14	8	9			
				342	10	7
„ Maintenance Fees				774	7	9
„ Circuit Collections				568	2	9
„ Donations				34	3	0
„ Donation, Swimming Pool Fund				1	0	0
„ Farm Produce Sold				2	0	0
„ Legacies				727	1	8
„ Refund, Medical Fees				12	15	0
				£2,564	9	11
To Balance, 30/6/49	£27	9	2			

	£	s.	d.
By Salaries	560	17	7
„ Household Provisions	548	6	6
„ Drapery and Clothing	222	17	11
„ Fuel and Lighting	112	16	2
„ Repairs and Renewals	78	12	11
„ Printing, Stationery, & School Requisites	65	2	3
„ Farm Expenses	58	16	7
„ Telephone Rentals	8	11	11
„ Christmas Party Expenses	20	0	0
„ General Expenses	10	13	5
„ Medical Fees	15	7	6
„ Dental Fees	12	19	8
„ Optician	2	15	0
„ Car Allowance	4	0	0
„ Examination Fees	3	0	0
„ P.O. Savings Bank (Swimming Pool Fund)	85	1	8
„ Wellington Board—Legacies	727	1	8
„ Balance—Bank of New Zealand	27	9	2
	£2,564	9	11

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1949.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors	....	111	11 11	Bank of New Zealand	....	27	9 2
Swimming Pool Fund	....	85	1 8	Post Office Savings Bank	....	85	1 8
Newcombe Trust	....	7	10 6	Sundry Debtors	....	2	12 6
Balance—being excess of Assets over Liabilities	....	390	19 3	Furnishings, etc.	....	493	0 0
				Depreciation	....	49	0 0
							444 0 0
				Live Stock at cost	....	36	0 0
		£595	3 4			£595	3 4

W. R. NICOL, Treasurer.

Masterton, 12th July, 1949.

We certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home and are of the opinion that the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account and Balance Sheet are drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Home's affairs at Masterton on 30th June, 1949.

D. A. BARNES }
F. E. WELLS, } Auditors.

Masterton, 12th July, 1949.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME
Revenue Account for year ended 31st May, 1949.

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.		£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
To Salaries and Wages ..	2824	9	3		By Interest Received ..	29	19	7	
House Supplies ..	1049	3	10		Donations and Collections ..	1691	0	5	
Drapery, Clothing etc. ..	529	6	9		Combined Orphanages Appeal	2023	0	0	
Lighting and Heating ..	297	1	2		Maintenance Fees ..	2333	11	4	
Repairs, Renewals and Maintenance ..	627	14	2		Legacies ..	1436	0	3	
Stationery, Stamps and General Expenses ..	329	3	6						7513 11 7
Insurances ..	28	19	3		A. H. Fletcher Trust ..	..	..	..
Board and Residence Payments	83	14	10		Donations ..	..	..	..	90 0 0
Travelling Expenses ..	127	8	6						
Miscellaneous Expenses ..	206	19	9						
Rates ..	14	19	9						
				6119 0 9					
Depreciation written off ..	..	..	..	461 0 0					
A. H. Fletcher Trust									
Clothing ..	..	..	..	90 0 0					
Balance to Accumulated Funds	..	..	..	933 10 10					
				<u>£7,603 11 7</u>					<u>£7,603 11 7</u>

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME—Continued.

Brought forward	24,363	1	5						
				Purchases, <i>Less</i> Sales	..	20	19	8	
						70	12	8	
				<i>Less</i> Depreciation	.. ..	7	0	0	63 12 8
				Implements and Tools	.. ..	98	10	0	
				<i>Less</i> Depreciation	.. ..	20	0	0	78 10 6
				Harewood Road Bungalow	.. ..	577	0	0	
				<i>Less</i> Depreciation	.. ..	32	0	0	545 0 0
				Deposits :—P.O. Savings Bank		1080	4	4	
				Supernumerary Fund		55	0	5	1135 4 9
				Petty Cash Imprest Account	.. ..		20	0	0
				Balance at Bank of New Zealand	.. ..		87	0	0
	£24,363	1	5						£24,363 1 5

I have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage for the year ended 31st May, 1949, and all my requirements as auditor have been complied with. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet and the attached Revenue Account have been properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Orphanage as shown by the Books.

Christchurch, 1st July, 1949.

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z. Auditor.

Revenue Account for year ended 31st May, 1949

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LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Investment Fluctuation Reserve	414	6	8				Mortgage Investments	2882	5 6
Plus further Provision	50	0	0				Debentures and Govt. Stock	13222	3 6
				464	6	8	Secured Deposit Stock	350	0 0
Capital Account	12622	19	2				N.Z. Farmers		16454 9 0
Plus Legacies and Transfer	2554	13	1						
				15177	12	3	Deposits : Supernumerary Fund	643	9 2

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD—*Continued.*

Income Account	2220 16 3	General Purposes Trust Board	24 3 9	
Less Debenture Premiums	35 5 0	P.O. Savings Bank	1172 3 3	
	<u>2185 11 3</u>			1839 16 2
Plus Income	560 4 2	Balance at Bank of New Zealand	—	93 9 2
	<u>2745 15 5</u>			
	<u>£18,387 14 4</u>			<u>£18,387 14 4</u>

I have audited the Accounts of the above Investment Board for the period ended 31 st May, 1949 and in my opinion the above Balance Sheet and Income Account are properly drawn up to show a true and correct view of the affairs of the Board as shown by the Books. All my requirements as Auditor have been complied with.

Christchurch, July 1st, 1949

E. R. CAYGILL, F.I.A.N.Z., A.P.A.N.Z.
Auditor

METHODIST TIMES
Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 1949

	Liabilities			Assets		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Unexpired Values—						
Advertisements			109 11 4	Subscriptions outstanding ..	101 5 5	
Subscriptions Prepaid			85 9 1	<i>Less</i> Provision for		
Contingent Reserve Account			500 0 0	Agents' Commission ..	6 2 0	
Suspense Account			1 1 6			95 3 5
Grants Prepaid			75 0 0	Advertising Accounts Outstanding		41 19 8
Accumulated Funds	712 18 9			Contingent Fund Treasurers ..		70 12 5
Transfer from Revenue A/c	47 13 11			Deposits—P.O. Savings Bank ..	65 12 7	
			760 12 8	Supernumerary Fund	1191 4 8	
						1256 17 3
				Balance at Bank of N.Z. ..		67 1 10
			£1531 14 7			£1531 14 7

H. L. FIEBIG }
 ERNEST H. ANDREWS } Treasurers

Audited and found correct

E. H. SMITH }
 H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z. } Auditors

13/6/49

METHODIST CHURCH CHAPLAINCY FUND.

Statement of Receipts and Payments from 1st January, 1948, to 30th June, 1949.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Balance as at 1/1/48	....	93	11 11	By Supernumerary Fund Payments for			
„ Circuit Collections and Donations	....	146	16 10	Eighteen months ended 30/6/49	....	31	5 0
				„ Rev. A. F. Collins—Payment on Furniture			
				Grant	....	50	0 0
				„ Rev. V. R. Jamieson—Travelling Expenses	....	7	0 0
				„ Exchange, Postages, etc.	....	2	5 0
				„ Bank Fees and Cheque Books	....	1	3 0
				„ Balance as at 30/6/49	....	148	15 9
						£240	8 9
To Balance as at 30/6/49	....	£240	8 9				
		£148	15 9				

P. E. PATTRICK, Joint Treasurers,
A. J. JOHNSTON

Wellington, 22nd July, 1949.

METHODIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS
For the period 9-12-47 to 30-6-49
METHODIST TIMES ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
NIL			By 2/3 cost advertising for D of P —	77	5 3
To Dr. Bal. 30-6-49	£77	5 3		77	5 3

GENERAL ACCOUNT

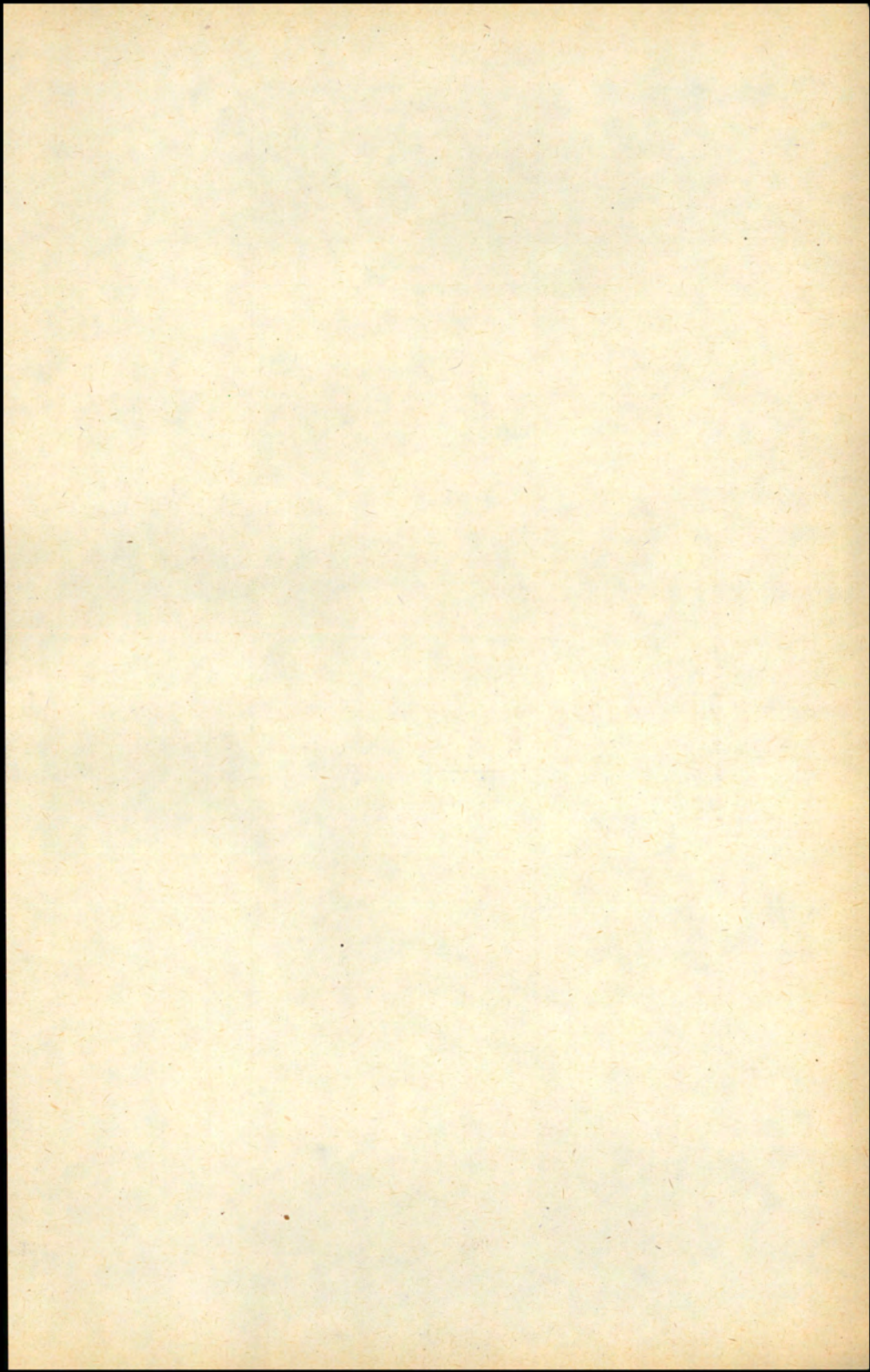
RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance 9-12-47 — — —		4 0 0	Petty Cash — — —	4	0 0
Grants :			1/3 cost adv. D of P — — —	38	12 8
Pitt St. Trust — — —	50	0 0	Cheque Book — — —	4	0 0
Wesley Training College — — —	25	0 0	Bank Charges — — —	15	0 0
Ak. Orphanage Road — — —	15	0 0	Credit Balance — — —	112	18 4
Home Mission Fund — — —	62	10 0			
		152 10 0			
	£156	10 0		£156	10 0

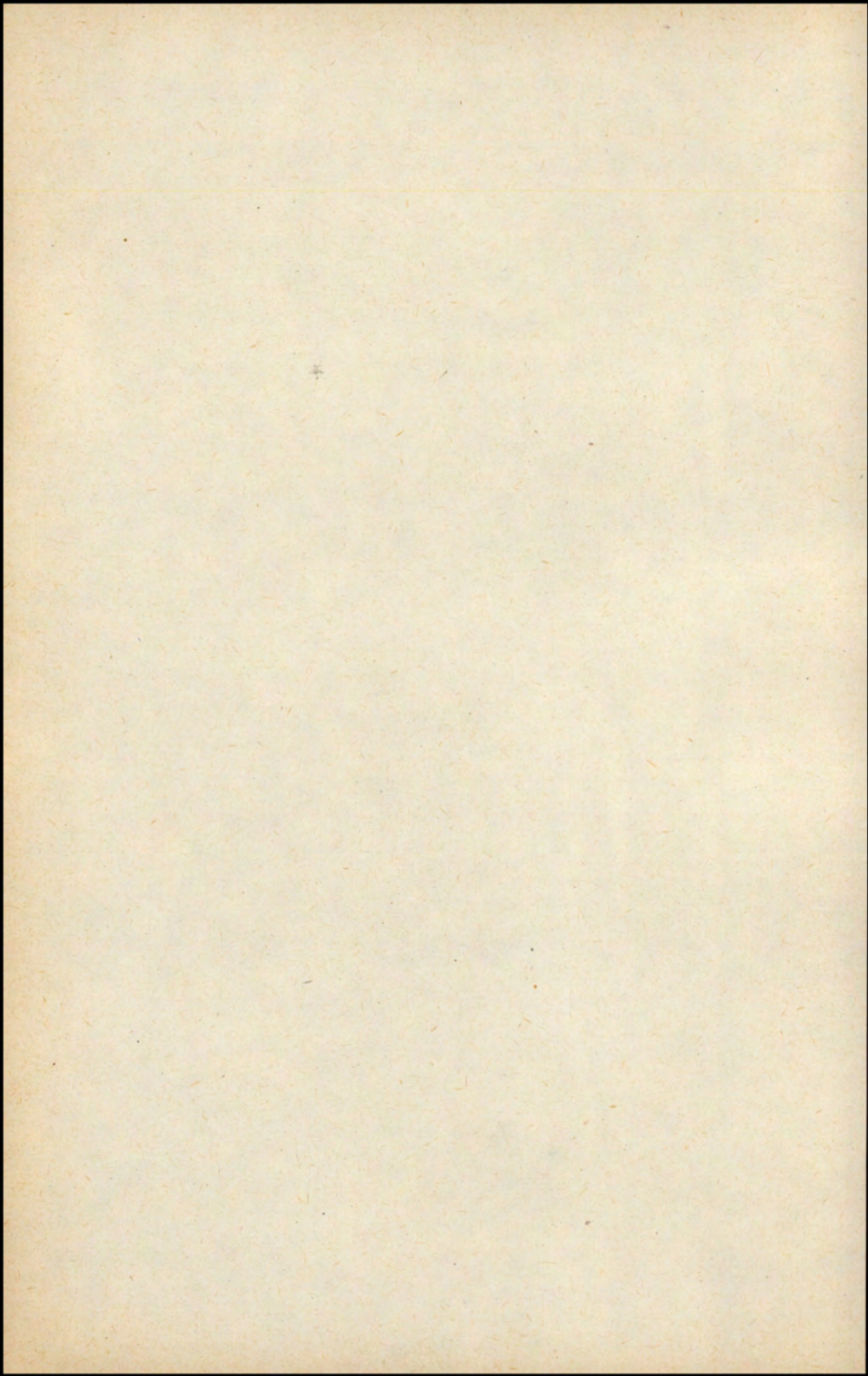
CASH POSITION at 30th June, 1949

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Dr. Balance "METHODIST TIMES" a/c.	£77	5 3	Credit General Account — — —	112	18 4
Cash in N.B.N.Z. Ltd. — — —	35	13 1			
	£112	18 4		£112	18 4

Audited and found correct : G. S. GAPPER, A.R.A.N.Z.

Signed : FRANCIS J. HANDY, Convenor





Summary of GENERAL RETURNS FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30th, 1949

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Church Membership															Stipends, etc.						State of Finances at 30th June										
									Members on Roll as at 30th June	Number Recd. during Year		Number Removed from the Roll			Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	Young People's Roll				No. of Baptisms	Communi-cants	Annual Stipend (if 2 or more Ministers spe-cify separately)	Bonus and/or Allowances (other than travelling) additional to Annual Stipend	Travelling (or Car) Allowance	Ownership of Car.C. Circuit	M. Minister	Circuit		Trust Account Totals									
										New Members	Transfers from other Churches	By Death	Transfer to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend				Cradle Roll	Primary Roll	Junior Roll	Youth Roll								Cr. Balance	Dr. Balance	Total Credit Balances (excluding balances held for special purposes)	Total Debit Balances								
Auckland	98	100	52	38	58	13	1	169	5651	218	215	82	200	57	134	35	..	1612	2250	2364	1690	693	4997	£ 13,986	15 0	£ 2128	1 8	9	24	£ 2098	5 5½	£ 244	3 2	£ 3581	1 5	£ 93	6 5			
South Auckland ..	49	95	26	25	22	7	..	70	3072	220	227	41	228	62	165	49	..	919	1094	1006	646	557	2456	7421	0 0	20 0 0	*1365	2 11	8	15	1051	14 5	67	16 3	1252	8 0½	9363	16 4		
Taranaki-Wanganui ..	47	31	22	18	14	5	2	60	2153	90	100	38	128	27	42	45	..	584	787	881	514	315	1602	4615	0 0	10 0 0	605	0 0	4	9	1035	11 6	95	3 2	*1661	6 2	82	9 10		
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu ..	38	22	19	16	14	6	..	67	2571	178	96	42	118	22	112	32	..	636	778	968	534	333	1978	5369	0 0	25 0 0	923	16 0	7	9	1038	13 5	43	5 8	935	16 2	163	3 2		
Wellington	42	25	25	19	30	3	1	69	3002	177	219	59	234	45	91	33	..	981	1048	1099	949	471	2438	7290	0 0	..	*554	0 0	4	9	836	11 4	156	8 8	3676	17 11	105	0 7		
Nelson	28	28	18	12	14	1	..	51	1503	81	53	20	59	27	54	26	..	445	545	477	256	175	976	3121	15 0	35 0 0	430	12 8	1	6	375	14 4½	51	5 6	1610	3 8½	..	..
North Canterbury ..	63	14	37	29	38	3	2	77	3952	132	136	75	157	81	52	76	..	825	1054	1183	894	404	3309	8045	0 0	63 11 7	935	1 4	..	17	1078	13 11	33	5 9	3533	10 5	252	9 3		
South Canterbury ..	22	11	12	9	9	2	..	28	1514	92	80	32	93	27	35	15	..	368	410	445	368	194	1077	2819	10 0	..	417	0 0	1	6	333	12 2	37	8 7	548	2 11	73	16 1		
Otago-Southland ..	49	16	26	26	18	6	2	49	2521	74	75	42	86	58	40	77	..	706	920	896	747	208	2101	7285	0 0	25 0 0	919	10 6	1	13	667	8 2	243	17 11	2169	15 11	2821	17 2		
TOTALS, 30/6/49 ..	436	342	237	192	217	46	8	640	25939	1262	1201	431	1303	406	725	388	..	7076	8841	9309	6598	3350	19934	59,953	0 0	178 11 7	8278	5 1	33	108	8516	4 9	972	14 8	18,969	2 8	12,955	18 10		
TOTALS, 30/9/47 ..	437	365	231	190	209	49	7	659	25587	1196	1020	335	1201	463	753	514	25	6132	9076	8326	6745	2691	20505	51,746	0 0	306 10 0	..	..	..	..	7306	13 9	1156	9 2	22,582	11 9	21,285	16 6
Increase	6	2	8	..	1	..	352	66	181	96	102	944	983	..	659	8207	0 0	1209	11 0
Decrease	1	23	..	..	..	3	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	57	28	126	25	..	235	147	..	571	..	..	..	127 18 5	..	..	..	..	183	14 6	3613	9 1	8,329	16 6	..	..

* Not Complete

Dominion Statistical Returns SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND BIBLE CLASSES 1949

NAME OF DISTRICT	No. of Sun. Schools	CRADLE ROLL	SUNDAY SCHOOL								B.C. MEMBERSHIP													C.Y.M. (M) Pledged Members		Church Young People's Roll					Membership				
			No. NOW ON ROLL					AV. ATTENDANCE	No. of Teachers and Officers	No. of Bible Classes	Y.W. CLASSES					Y.M. CLASSES					Other Y.P. Organisations		New Pledges	No. now on Roll	No. on Cradle Roll	No. on Primary Roll	No. on Junior Roll	No. on Youth Roll	Total	Youth Received during Year	No. of Youth Roll now Members				
			Recd. during year	No. on Roll	Beginners	Primary	Junior				Intermediate	Total	Junior	Inter.	Senior	Leaders	Total	Junior	Inter.	Senior	Leaders	Total										Av. Attendance	No. of Societies	Total Roll	
Auckland	91	411	1520	1199	1102	1514	1096	4911	3384	396	193	117	369	102	101	45	617	448	267	114	135	61	577	424	145	3106	66	143	1612	2250	2364	1690	7916	104	269
South Auckland	57	280	930	697	572	814	583	2666	1841	206	112	49	109	62	41	14	226	174	86	47	59	24	216	168	44	816	77	177	919	1049	1006	646	3620	67	122
Taranaki-Wanganui	49	152	519	404	400	612	413	1829	1248	154	73	50	113	69	58	21	261	171	76	34	53	31	194	132	28	505	15	20	584	787	881	514	2766	29	79
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	34	133	636	426	403	591	371	1791	1245	144	64	49	119	51	44	20	234	158	118	40	37	23	218	165	36	719	37	45	636	778	968	534	2916	66	125
Wellington	37	284	944	674	440	688	513	2315	1631	196	109	74	136	115	60	24	335	243	113	100	95	44	352	243	62	1351	52	131	981	1048	1099	949	4077	75	159
Nelson	22	127	441	291	269	342	286	1188	825	99	48	30	77	27	32	11	147	97	59	31	35	16	141	93	23	516	38	85	445	545	467	256	1713	11	42
North Canterbury	52	171	973	770	670	972	676	3088	2124	296	135	91	184	103	77	31	395	287	136	84	111	43	374	276	72	1565	97	188	825	1054	1183	894	3956	66	244
South Canterbury	15	133	368	231	182	270	251	934	665	80	36	28	58	30	29	13	130	90	43	42	29	13	127	86	31	566	59	111	368	410	445	368	1591	52	89
Otago-Southland	51	198	712	433	441	613	452	1939	1323	169	81	61	125	88	47	24	284	216	94	64	62	27	247	186	46	819	37	56	706	920	896	747	3269	29	88
Total this year	408	1889	7043	5125	4479	6416	4641	20661	14286	1740	851	549	1290	647	489	203	2629	1884	992	556	616	282	2446	1773	487	9963	478	956	7076	8841	9309	6598	31824	499	1217
„ previous year	414	1961	6458	5069	4744	6022	4228	20063	13724	1721	800	565	1164	654	601	218	2637	1872	999	603	680	285	2567	1806	451	9035	125	543	6132	9076	8326	6745	30279	574	1397
Increase	—	—	585	56	—	394	413	598	562	19	51	—	126	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	928	353	413	944	—	983	—	1545	—	—
Decrease	6	72	—	—	265	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	7	112	15	8	—	7	47	64	3	121	33	—	—	—	—	235	—	147	—	75	180	

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1949

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Church Membership												
									Members on Roll	Number Recd. during Year		Number Removed from the Roll			Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	No. of Baptisms	Communi- cants
										New Members	Transfers from other Churches	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend							
Auckland Central ..	12		9	7	12			26	1046	12	16	11	20		3				189	850	
Central Mission ..	1	2		1	2		1	6	170	9		2	3		4				16	153	
Auckland East ..	9		7	5	13			25	854	37	22	14	20	12	13				43	760	
Avondale ..	8	3	3	3	5	1		12	556		25	14	13	1	3				34	665	
Devonport ..	3		2	1	3			4	184	12	12	3	14		7				41	150	
Takapuna ..	1	3	1	1	4	2		11	260	10	31	6	12	8	15				20	220	
Birkenhead ..	4	1	2		2	1		7	208	11	11	2	12	3	5				11	180	
Onehunga ..	5		3	1	2	1		11	225	12	4	2	11	9	6				41	230	
Otahuhu ..	4		2	1	2			5	338	12	10	4	6		12				30	280	
Papakura ..	3	1	2	1	2				151		9	1			8				5	90	
Pukekohe ..	5	1	1	1	2			6	144	19	8	2	16	2	7				20	130	
Waiuku ..	1	4	1	1	1				89	11		2	1		8				24	62	
Mahurangi ..	2	9	1	1		1		5	77	1	1				2				6	91	
Paparoa ..	4	6	1	1		1		5	88	2	3	2	2		1				10	21	
Dargaville ..	3	8	2	1	1			4	227	7	6				13				24	123	
Ruawai ..	2	2	1	1	1			6	94	4		1	6	4	7				8	100	
Whangarei ..	4	5	2	1	1			13	221	21	21	3	23	6	10				52	189	
Hikurangi ..	1	5				1		3	55	3	3	1	7		2				10	17	
Whangaroa ..	2	7	1	1	1				43	1	6		2	1	4				5	67	
Port Albert ..	6	4	2	1	1			2	112		8		12		4				27	125	
Kawakawa-Kaikohe ..	2	7		1	2			2	62		3	1	2						10	40	
Mangonui ..	4	4	1	1	1			6	65	7	4	3	6		2				16	70	
Hokianga ..	2	5	1	1		1		2	57	2		1			1				7	65	
Bombay-Tuakau ..	3	2		1		1		6	103		2	4	3	2	7				15	85	
North Waitemata ..	3	13	3	2		2		1	113	20	7	3	1		22				22	135	
Bay of Islands ..	1		1						20	2	2		3		1					24	
North Hokianga ..	3	8	2	1		1		1	89	3	1		5	1	2				7	75	
TOTALS ..	98	100	52	38	58	13	1	169	5651	218	215	82	200	57	134	35			693	4997	

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	2	..	1	1	1	..	129	..	9	1	4	..	4	6	75					
Hauraki Plains ..	2	4	..	1	..	1	54	..	..	..	1	..	1	11	10					
Paeroa ..	1	2	1	1	2	..	58	..	4	..	..	3	1	7	45					
Waihi ..	1	3	1	1	1	2	88	3	7	1	6	4	..	28	55					
Te Aroha ..	4	1	3	1	1	..	206	12	4	4	19	2	9	30	200					
Morrinsville ..	3	3	2	2	1	..	255	40	26	3	12	2	49	81	266					
Cambridge ..	3	1	2	1	1	..	156	19	5	3	10	2	9	12	112					
Hamilton ..	4	2	3	2	2	15	516	24	74	16	80	4	2	73	366					
Hamilton East ..	3	3	2	1	1	..	155	2	11	1	15	1	4	50	195					
Huntly ..	1	6	..	..	1	..	77	14	10	1	6	10	7	37	86					
Matamata ..	3	5	1	1	1	..	170	..	4	..	..	2	2	8	50					
Putaruru ..	1	7	1	1	1	..	68	5	10	..	6	4	5	42	70					
Rotorua ..	2	2	2	1	3	..	127	14	10	3	12	17	8	16	80					
Tauranga ..	2	11	2	2	1	..	271	6	8	2	4	4	4	33	250					
Whakatane ..	2	..	1	1	..	1	78	..	..	..	7	..	7	..	..			
Opotiki ..	2	..	2	1	..	1	47	4	6	..	3	1	6	14	25					
Te Awamutu ..	2	4	1	1	1	..	182	21	3	..	3	..	21	32	170					
Otorohanga ..	1	9	..	1	1	..	85	23	..	..	7	6	10	11	107					
Te Kuiti ..	1	4	..	1	1	..	60	3	9	3	8	..	1	19	30					
Taumarunui ..	1	6	..	1	1	..	68	8	3	..	1	..	10	10	50					
Raglan ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	54	18	13	2	2	..	27	6	62					
Ngaruawahia ..	3	1	..	1	..	1	47	1	3	..	..	..	4	8	49					
Kawhia ..	1	7	..	1	..	1	49	..	5	..	9	..	4	12	31					
Coromandel ..	1	8	..	1	..	1	37	2	3	..	..	..	5	4	60					
Ohura ..	3	6	2	..	1	1	35	1	..	1	13	..	13	7	12					
TOTALS ..	49	95	26	25	22	7	70	3072	220	227	41	228	62	165	49	..	..	..	557	2456

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	9	3	3	2	3	1	2	17	575	12	38	13	33	11	7	56	360
Waitara	3	6	2	1	1	..	4	95	13	5	..	10	3	5	..	..	..	32	130
Stratford	7	..	1	2	1	..	1	145	..	3	2	7	4	..	10	..	..	26	147
Eltham-Kaponga ..	2	4	2	1	1	..	6	122	6	10	1	24	2	..	11	..	..	33	96
Hawera	3	..	2	1	1	..	5	213	16	7	2	6	..	15	..	..	..	38	150
Manaia	2	2	1	1	1	..	4	95	5	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	40
Opunake	6	5	3	3	1	1	6	167	3	2	3	6	..	4	..	..	..	27	125
Wanganui	2	..	1	1	2	..	1	222	6	4	2	8	1	..	1	..	..	11	200
Wanganui North ..	3	1	3	2	1	..	7	158	13	11	7	20	2	..	5	..	..	19	116
Gonville	3	..	1	1	2	..	2	94	4	4	2	6	4	..	4	..	..	10	75
Taihape	1	5	1	..	..	..	1	40	9	6	2	4	..	9	..	..	..	18	25
Marton	1	1	1	1	1	..	2	69	..	4	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	12	48
Inglewood	2	2	1	1	..	1	1	86	..	1	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	10	60
Patea	2	2	..	..	..	3	50	3	3	5	3	1	..	4	..	..	..	6	..
Raetihi	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	12	30
Douglas																				
TOTALS ..	47	31	22	18	14	5	2	60	2153	90	100	38	128	27	42	45	315	1602

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier	5	1	3	2	2	1	17	353	22	13	2	12	2	19	..	..	..	..	31	270
Hastings	1	2	2	1	2	..	8	318	21	9	7	27	2	..	6	..	..	..	59	235
Gisborne	3	..	2	1	1	..	4	210	12	4	1	7	..	8	..	..	..	..	9	175
Wairoa	1	3	..	..	..	1	2	51	7	5	..	5	..	7	..	..	..	..	6	43
Dannevirke .. .	1	..	1	1	1	..	1	116	5	5	1	13	2	..	6	..	..	..	16	70
Woodville .. .	1	1	..	1	1	..	3	112	11	2	1	3	2	7	..	..	..	..	27	110
Pahiatua	3	2	1	1	1	..	3	91	..	2	2	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	12	70
P.N., St. Paul's ..	1	1	1	1	1	..	10	239	10	11	5	8	..	8	..	..	..	..	33	196
P.N., Cuba Street ..	2	..	2	1	2	..	4	228	10	15	7	9	2	7	..	..	..	..	38	195
Ashurst-Bunnythorpe	3	..	1	1	1	..	2	133	1	2	4	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	9	100
Feilding	6	3	3	2	1	1	4	320	21	5	7	13	4	2	..	..	..	..	50	184
Sanson-Rongotea ..	3	..	1	1	1	..	2	124	19	8	..	4	3	20	..	..	..	..	10	130
Waipawa-Waipukurau	2	4	..	1	..	1	2	57	4	3	2	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	9	35
Foxton-Shannon ..	2	3	2	1	..	1	5	100	29	10	2	5	2	30	..	..	..	..	13	80
Apiti	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	68	..	2	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	5	50
Norsewood	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	6	..	1	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	6	35
TOTALS	38	22	19	16	14	6	67	2571	178	96	42	118	22	112	24	..	..	..	333	1978

GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1949

NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Church Membership																				
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Members on Roll	Number Recd during Year		Number Removed from the Roll			Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	Junior Members	Infant Members	No. of Baptisms	Communi- cants
										New Members	Transfers from other Churches	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend							
Nelson	1	..	4	1	4	..	..	13	300	32	31	7	23	3	30	..	..	..	..	61	250
Richmond	7	..	4	1	1	..	..	10	224	8	2	1	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	21	170
Motueka	1	4	2	1	2	..	..	6	117	..	2	..	(0	2	..	10	..	..	..	6	65
Blenheim	8	10	4	4	3	..	..	11	390	33	5	4	5	12	17	..	..	..	..	25	220
Reefton	2	1	1	1	1	..	..	3	80	..	3	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	10	30
Westport	2	2	1	1	1	..	..	1	104	6	2	4	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	29	56
Greymouth	2	4	1	1	1	..	..	1	158	..	3	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	85
Hokitika	1	2	1	1	1	..	..	2	74	2	3	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	50
Murchison	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	3	26	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	30
Granity	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	30	..	..	..	..	10	..	10	..	..	..	7	20
TOTALS	28	28	18	12	14	1	..	51	1503	81	53	20	59	27	54	26	..	..	..	175	976

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	2	1	3	2	9	..	..	6	459	19	32	8	38	10	..	5	..	43	525
Christchurch East	6	2	6	4	6	..	..	10	600	29	26	14	23	22	..	4	..	87	500
Cambridge Terrace	3	..	2	2	1	..	..	2	133	..	..	2	2	5	..	9	..	10	110
Woolston	5	..	5	2	3	..	..	6	325	9	26	6	9	4	19	..	..	50	314
Sydenham	2	1	3	2	2	..	..	5	214	10	4	6	9	3	..	4	..	33	160
Addington	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	257	10	..	2	8	5	..	5	..	14	220
Riccarton	3	1	3	1	1	..	..	4	167	2	4	1	1	2	..	..	23	150	
St. Albans	3	..	2	2	3	..	..	7	481	8	20	11	14	1	2	..	37	365	
Papanui	3	..	1	2	1	1	2	3	173	3	12	8	8	3	..	4	..	28	160
Lyttelton	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	56	2	..	..	6	6	..	10	..	6	56
Springston	5	1	2	1	2	..	..	5	106	2	..	2	5	..	5	..	..	80	
Leeston	5	..	1	1	2	..	..	4	222	..	..	4	11	10	..	25	..	9	131
Kaiapoi	2	..	1	1	2	..	..	1	124	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	12	60
Ohoka	4	..	1	1	..	1	..	4	97	3	..	3	14	3	..	17	..	18	82
Rangiora	3	..	1	1	2	..	..	4	167	17	3	3	..	1	16	..	..	18	106
Woodend-Sefton	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	92	5	..	1	3	..	1	..	..	3	100
Greendale	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	6	85	12	3	1	1	4	9	..	..	3	70
Oxford	5	1	2	2	1	..	..	5	114	1	..	1	2	..	2	..	..	9	75
Tai Tapu	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	3	55	..	..	1	3	2	..	6	..	1	25
Hawarden	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
TOTALS	63	14	37	29	38	3	2	77	3952	132	136	75	157	81	52	76	..	404	3309

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Banks Street)	1	2	2	1	3	..	..	4	210	16	30	7	18	1	20	..	..	34	180
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	2	..	2	1	1	..	..	1	261	30	17	3	32	4	8	..	..	69	225
Timaru South	3	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	79	7	1	2	..	3	3	..	..	7	45
Waimate	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	3	156	2	..	4	4	..	6	..	..	7	100
Temuka	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	1	82	2	..	1	4	2	..	5	..	5	47
Geraldine	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	77	5	2	3	1	1	2	..	..	2	55
Ashburton	4	3	2	1	2	..	..	10	368	19	18	7	23	5	2	..	..	49	240
Willowby	6	3	2	2	1	..	..	5	136	2	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	4	85
Oamaru	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	145	9	12	4	11	9	..	3	..	17	100
TOTALS	22	11	12	9	9	2	..	28	1514	92	80	32	93	27	35	15	..	194	1077

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Dunedin Central	3	..	2	2	2	..	..	10	242	..	9	5	5	..	..	1	..	10	160
Dunedin Central Mission	1	1	1	2	2	..	1	3	172	..	..	1	2	..	5	..	..	35	350
Dunedin North	3	..	3	1	1	..	..	3	148	13	13	3	15	3	5	..	..	12	106
Cargill Road	4	1	3	1	3	..	..	4	186	2	8	3	12	33	..	38	..	22	150
St. Kilda	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	140	4	4	4	2	2	..	..	..	5	135
Caversham	2	1	2	1	1	..	..	4	117	2	3	1	..	..	4	..	..	11	75
Mornington	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	4	140	..	13	2	15	..	4	..	..	6	130
Roslyn	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	1	82	11	4	..	4	..	11	..	..	6	75
Port Chalmers	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	59	5	..	4	5	..	4	..	..	14	52
Milton	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	1	51	1	2	2	3	3	..	5	..	4	40
Roxburgh	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	57	..	2	1	3	..	..	2	..	..	58
Invercargill Central	2	2	1	1	1	..	1	2	296	12	6	5	3	4	6	..	..	27	200
Invercargill, St. Peter's	3	..	1	2	1	..	..	2	200	..	9	4	11	3	..	9	..	16	175
Gore	2	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	102	10	..	4	2	..	4	..	..	8	95
Western Southland	7	2	1	1	1	..	..	3	149	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	14	60
Edendale	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	2	63	3	..	..	1	3	..	1	..	1	33
Bluff	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	78	7	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	4	25
Mosgiel	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	53	2	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	40
Balclutha	2	..	2	1	..	1	..	3	90	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	3	40
Lawrence	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	22	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Cromwell	2	2	..	1	..	1	..	2	36	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	4	49
Waikouaiti-Palmerston	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	1	2	3	..	6	..	..	33
TOTALS	49	16	26	26	18	6	2	49	2521	74	75	42	86	58	40	77	..	208	2101

STATISTICAL RETURNS FOR MAORI MISSION

For Year ended 30th June, 1949.

General :	Church Members
Number of Churches	19
Other Preaching Places	230
Parsonages	7
Ordained Ministers	5
Home Missionaries	31
Deaconesses	17
Local Preachers	70
	Senior
	Infant and Junior
	Youth :
	Sunday Schools
	Sunday School Scholars
	Sunday School Teachers
	Bible Classes
	Bible Class Members
	3966
	4881
	116
	4694
	41
	13
	142

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1949
NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	Stipends, etc.					State of Finances at 30th June			
	Annual Stipend (if 2 or more Ministers specify separately)	Bonus and/or Allowances (other than travelling) to additional Annual Stipend	Travelling (or Car) Allowance	Ownership of Car C. Minister M. Minister		Circuit		Trust Account Totals	
						Cr. Balance	Dr. Balance	Total Credit Balance (excluding balances held for special purposes)	Total Debit Balances
	£	£	£			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nelson	350	25	10			34 13 1		104 1 4	
Richmond	325		45	M		24 0 2		229 2 1½	
Wakefield-Dovedale ..	185		26	M		8 5 2			
Motueka	300		8			4 3		35 3 1	
Blenheim	350		59 8 2	C		27 13 10		1041 19 4	
	325		120	M					
Reefton	275	10					11 2 8	4 2 6	
Westport	325		50	M		26 6 11		37 0 11	
Greymouth	325		70	M		59 8 5		76 1 0	
Hokitika	275		40	M			40 2 10	7 13 5	
Murchison	86 15 0		2 4 6			60 19 11			
Granity						142 9 3½		75 0 0	
TOTALS	3121 15 0	35	430 12 8	6M 1C		375 14 8½	51 5 6	1610 3 8½	

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Durham Street	425	25	100	M	92 19 11		17 16 4	
	325		50	M				
Christchurch East ..	350		10	M	27 11 9		378 15 6	95 14 0
	325		10					
	325		10					
Cambridge Terrace ..	325		40	M	19 19 9		126 16 6	
Woolston	325		13		69 0 4		424 19 8	
	325		13					
Sydenham	325		40	M	10 11 7		402 19 8	151 6 4
	200							
Addington	364		8		4 1 6		95 6 4	
Riccarton	325		40	M	39 6 8		370 2 3	
St. Albans	326		46	M	43 15 6		190 12 4	
	326		46	M				
	104		6	M				
Papanui	325					12 10 7	127 13 5	
Lytelton	275				197 19 8		84 9 1	
Springston	325		60	M	34 6 8		59 5 7	1 7 6
Leeston	325		70	M	25 9 8		230 2 3	
Kaipoi	325		20	M	158 9 1		133 1 11	
Ohoka (Home missionary appt.)	250	13 11 7	80	M	46 8 11		279 5 4	2 2 10
Rangiora	325				28 11 1		156 5 7	
Woodend-Sefton	275		80	M	29 9 2		271 14 6	1 18 7
Greendale	275	25	71 11 11	M	117 3 10		68 0 0	
Oxford	325		80	M		20 15 2	16 4 2	
Tai Tapu			10 10 11		83 15 4		100 0 0	
Hawarden			21 0 0		49 12 6			
TOTALS	8045 0 6	63 11 7	935 1 4	17M	1078 13 11	33 5 9	3533 10 5	252 9 3

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

	£	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Timaru (Banks Street)	362		52	M	45 1 8		69 7 1	
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	325		30	M	56 9 2		10 19 7	
Timaru South	185		15		46 10 8		35 12 10	
Waimate	325			C	10 10 11			31 4 5
Temuka	182 10 0					37 8 7		42 11 8
Geraldine	255				53 6 11		4 8 10	
Ashburton	340		60	M	9 1 7		188 10 0	
	220		120	M				
Willowby	325		100	M	102 15 1		135 4 7	
Oamaru	300		40	M	9 16 2		104 0 0	
TOTALS	2819 10 0		417	1C 6M	333 12 2	37 8 7	548 2 11	73 16 1

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

	£	£	£		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Dunedin Central ..	325		12		28 8 4		236 3 6	
	250							
Dunedin Central Mission	400		100	M		27 14 2		2219 7 7
	325		100	M				
	210							
Dunedin North ..	325		64	M		13 15 6	179 7 0	
Cargill Road	325							
	220		18 9 7	C		55 10 4	56 6 8	
St. Kilda	325		4	M		19 11 11	74 13 11	
Caversham	325		12			40 12 2	496 5 2	
Mornington	325		40	M	68 9 9		16 2 3	
Roslyn	275		25		40 0 11		37 3 11	
Port Chalmers	275		27			51 9 9	127 8 11	
Milton	260		13 14 3	M		35 4 1	4 2 9	
Roxburgh	300		33 6 8	M	12 15 2		40 16 5	
Invercargill Central ..	350		80	M	12 11 4		108 12 8	
	210							
Invercargill, St. Peter's	325	25			76 9 1		93 11 4	49 11 10
Gore	325		160	M	28 3 11		23 13 7	552 17 9
Western Southland ..	300		150	M	117 9 6		268 10 9	
Edendale	265				1 0 9		29 12 11	
Bluff	260		8		132 6 1		109 9 1	
Mosgiel	275		10		9 9 8		129 10 5	
Balclutha	235		49	M	33 5 0		66 0 0	
Lawrence			73	M	18 12 11		15 3 6	
Cromwell	275		40	M	24 2 7		3 19 2	
Waikouaiti-Palmerston					64 3 2		53 2 0	
TOTALS	7285	25	919 10 6	1C13M	667 8 2	243 17 11	2169 15 11	2821 17 2

Statements of
Accounts of the
Methodist Home Mission
Department for the
Year ending
31st July, 1949



Treasurers: REV. B. M. CHRYSTALL and MR. F. PENN.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT			
Home Missions Stations			
Coromandel		60	0 0
Coromandel Special			
Legacy Grant		25	0 0
Kawhia		75	0 0
Kawhia Special Legacy Grant		25	0 0
Ngaruawahia		47	10 0
Aided Circuits			
Taumarunui		68	15 0

Statement of Receipts and Payments—(Continued)

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HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments—(Continued)

RECEIPTS

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Do., Stewardship	30	6	6			
Wairoa	14	16	0			
Do., Stewardship	4	12	0			
Dannevirke	37	0	0			
Do., Stewardship	9	11	6			
Woodville	48	13	6			
Do., Stewardship	25	18	11			
Pahiatua	42	7	11			
Do., Stewardship	23	8	3			
Palmerston North: St. Paul's	143	17	7			
Do., Stewardship	50	12	0			
Palmerston North: Cuba St.	137	2	11			
Do., Stewardship	45	12	8			
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	52	3	6			
Do., Stewardship	17	17	6			
Feilding	173	6	9			
Do., Stewardship	98	0	3			
Sanson - Rongotea	55	0	0			
Do., Stewardship	8	9	3			

Home Mission Stations

Waipawa-Waipukurau	37	19	5
Do., Stewardship	15	15	0
Foxton-Shannon	40	10	3
Do., Stewardship	17	9	
Apiti	23	10	1
Norsewood	13	1	3
			1,570 7 0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Circuits

Wellington Central	239	19	6
Do., Stewardship	85	18	3
Wellington West	146	6	3
Do., Stewardship	46	16	0
Wellington South	59	13	6
Do., Stewardship	62	11	0
Wellington East	169	8	8
Do., Stewardship	87	7	3
Johnsonville - Ngaio	65	17	6
Do., Stewardship	35	8	7
Hutt	116	8	0
Do., Stewardship	62	12	10
Upper Hutt	27	0	0
Do., Stewardship	2	3	6
Petone	17	8	0
Do., Stewardship	8	18	9
Greytown-Featherston	29	5	10
Do., Stewardship	16	13	0
Carterton	33	5	0
Do., Stewardship	16	15	6
Masterton	171	4	5
Do., Stewardship	55	12	1
Eketahuna	25	5	8
Do., Stewardship	9	0	0
Levin	82	4	6
Do., Stewardship	45	10	3
Otaki	17	19	1
Do., Stewardship	12	14	6

Home Mission Station

Paraparaumu	18	16	4
Do., Stewardship	10	0	0
			1,778 3 9

NELSON DISTRICT

Circuits

Nelson	1	5	0
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PAYMENTS

Aided Circuits

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Westport	5	0	0			
Reefton	27	10	0			
Hokitika	40	0	0			
Greymouth	50	0	0			
Murchison	20	0	0			
				182	10	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Aided Circuits

Lyttelton	21	5	0
Lyttelton Special Legacy Grant	25	0	0
Springston	15	0	0
Oxford	52	10	0
Sydenham	55	0	0
Woodend-Sefton	23	15	0
			192 10 0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Aided Circuits

Temuka	22	10	0
Temuka (Maori)	3	15	0
Timaru: Woodlands Street	20	0	0
			46 5 0

OTAGO - SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Home Mission Stations

Waikouaiti	63	15	0
Mosgiel	50	0	0
Cromwell	80	0	0
Edendale	65	0	0
Lawrence	20	0	0
Bluff	33	15	0
Balclutha	42	10	0

Aided Circuits

Cargill Road	7	10	0
Milton	37	10	0
Roslyn	18	15	0
Roxburgh	70	0	0
Port Chalmers	48	15	0
Dunedin North	73	15	0
Caversham — E. W. Blackwell Trust	18	15	0
Caversham — Special Legacy Grant	10	0	0

Total Circuit Grants

3,150 6 8

Special Legacy Grants

Kawhia Maori				
Parsonage	50	0	0	
West. Springs Loan	70	0	0	
Taumutu Church				
Repairs	50	0	0	
Office Equipment	25	0	0	
Maori Mission A/c.	208	11	10	
				403 11 10

Miscellaneous

Church Sites Fund	50	0	0
Deaconess House	150	0	0
Literature and			

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Statement of Receipts and Payments—(Continued)

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Richmond	1	0	0	Colporteur Fund	125	0	0
Motueka	77	8	3	Board of Publications	12	10	0
Blenheim	181	19	7	Wesley Circulating			
Do., Stewardship	18	16	0	Library	6	5	0
Reefton	27	12	6	Theological College	150	0	0
Westport	57	18	7	Students	49	5	0
Do., Stewardship	1	18	9	Spiritual Advance	31	5	0
Greymouth	42	7	3	Natural Calamities			
Hokitika	22	11	2	Fund	12	10	0
Do., Stewardship	4	2	5				
Home Mission Stations				Grant U.S.A. Visit			586 15 0
Murchison	28	8	7	Loan A/c.	75	0	0
Do., Stewardship	3	19	0	Grant Office Equip-			
Granity	4	12	2	ment Loan A/c.	75	0	0
			473 19 3	Grant Picture Dept.	75	0	0
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT				Connexional Charges	150	0	0
Circuits				Expenses—King			
Christchurch: Durham				Country Licensing			
St.	294	12	4	Poll	19	0	6
Do., Stewardship	15	0	0	Share of Cost of Lotu	60	10	0
Christchurch East	369	18	5	Home Missionaries'			
Do., Stewardship	25	0	0	Retiring Fund	183	0	0
Cambridge Terrace	44	10	0	Deaconess Retiring			
Do., Stewardship	12	9	0	Fund	254	10	0
Woolston	192	18	5	Removal Expenses			
Sydenham	93	10	6	Fund	67	10	0
Addington	79	8	11	Investment Funds			
Riccarton	43	18	5	Board—Grant for			
St. Albans	172	9	7	Te Rahui	50	16	2
Do., Stewardship	39	7	6				1,010 6 8
Papanui	31	14	6	Office Salaries	366	6	8
Lyttelton	24	9	3	Office Rent	104	0	0
Do., Stewardship	17	0	0	Postages & Telegrams	95	7	4
Springston	20	2	8	Telephones	49	14	0
Leeston	124	15	2	Printing and			
Kaipoi	73	13	11	Stationery	79	11	8
Do., Stewardship	7	13	6	Electric Light			
Ohoka	60	7	11	and Power	7	3	3
Rangiora	1	10	0	Office Repairs and			
Woodend-Sefton	35	19	3	Equipment	7	0	6
Do., Stewardship	12	2	0	Hon. Treasurer's			
Greendale	14	3	6	Expenses	4	0	0
Do., Stewardship	10	18	3	Interest on O/draft	356	10	6
Oxford	54	8	0	Annual Reports			
				(2 years)	437	10	0
Home Mission Station				Deputation Expenses	347	15	1
Tai Tapu	5	19	6	Missionary Exhibition			
			1,861 17 6	(Dunedin)	10	0	0
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT				Life Insurance			
Circuits				Premium	21	17	0
Timaru: Banks Street	91	7	9	Compassionate Grant	41	15	0
Timaru: Woodlands				Rates—Spring Creek	3	7	8
Street	154	11	9	Ministerial Supplies	41	4	10
Do., Stewardship	4	4	0	Sundry Expenses			
Timaru South	45	7	3	General	46	8	8
Waimate	27	0	6				2,019 12 2
Do., Stewardship	9	10	0	General Superintendent:			
Temuka	33	17	8	Stipend	383	6	8
Geraldine	10	0	0	Travelling	164	11	8
Ashburton	160	0	0	I.F. Bd. Rent	150	0	0
Do., Stewardship	31	7	10				697 18 4
Willowby	110	17	3	Assistant Superintendent:			
Do., Stewardship	12	7	9	Stipend	325	0	0
Oamaru	56	0	0	Travelling	164	11	8
Do., Stewardship	5	9	6	I.F. Bd. Rent	150	0	0
			742 11 3				639 11 8
				Maori Missionary:			
				Stipend	325	0	0
				Travelling	183	1	8

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Statement of Receipts and Payments—(Continued)

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
OTAGO - SOUTHLAND DISTRICT				I.F. Bd. Rent	150	0	0
Circuits				Debit Balance			
Dunedin Central	267	15	0	31st July, 1948		10,642	11- 3
Do., Stewardship	68	0	6	Carried Forward	£29,151	11	2
Dunedin Central Mis-							
sion	185	2	6				
Do., Stewardship	5	4	6				
Dunedin North	48	8	6				
Cargill Road	90	3	11				
Do., Stewardship	29	5	0				
St. Kilda	86	12	11				
Do., Stewardship	11	7	0				
Caversham	44	11	2				
Do., Stewardship	6	18	10				
Mornington	70	0	0				
Do., Stewardship	10	0	0				
Roslyn	35	19	10				
Do., Stewardship	9	0	0				
Port Chalmers	41	5	9				
Do., Stewardship	13	17	0				
Milton	21	19	0				
Do., Stewardship	2	7	6				
Roxburgh	45	7	7				
Invercargill Central	119	3	11				
Do., Stewardship	37	4	6				
Invercargill: St. Peter's	82	4	4				
Gore	34	6	3				
Do., Stewardship	25	2	6				
Bluff	21	13	9				
Western Southland	78	9	7				
Do., Stewardship	30	0	0				
Edendale	13	19	5				
Do., Stewardship	10	0					
Home Mission Stations							
Waikouaiti	13	5	7				
Mosgiel	37	11	3				
Do., Stewardship	4	1	0				
Balclutha	48	9	0				
Do., Stewardship	6	9	3				
Lawrence	6	12	2				
Do., Stewardship	2	10	6				
Cromwell	53	16	6				
Do., Stewardship	8	0	0				
			1,716	16	0		
Total from Circuits			14,024	8	10		
Transfer from Edith							
Winstone Blackwell							
Trust for Steward-							
ship Appeal	155	13	4	155	13	4	
Memorandum Only:							
Stewardship Appeal	2,722	12	6				
General Circuit In-							
come	11,457	9	8				
	£14,180	2	2				
			14,180	2	2		
Legacies Received for							
Disbursement			705	2	10		
District Youth Coun-							
cils and B.C.							
Camps—							
Auckland	33	0	0				
South Auckland	3	6	2				
Taranaki-Wanganui	2	3	6				
Wellington	1	17	10				
Nelson	9	6	8				

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND.
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT.**

Statement of Receipts and Payments—(Continued)

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s d	£	s d	£ s d
South Canterbury	2	11 3			
Otago-Southland	10	3 3			
			62	8 8	
M.W.M.U.			1,728	15 0	
Fire Insurance Fund			100	0 0	
Connexional Properties—					
Mission Property					
Trust	300	0 0			
Kai Iwi	150	0 0			
Grey Institute	200	0 0			
			650	0 0	
Investment Funds					
Board—Net Interest					
Transferred			2,439	1 10	
Duplicating			35	4 7	
Sundry Donations & Income—					
X.Y.Z.	150	0 0			
H.	100	0 0			
Anon.	10	0 0			
Rev. S. Dawson	2	10 0			
Sundries	2	17 10			
			265	7 10	
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust—					
Share of Rents Received	444	11 11			
Transferred to Stewardship Appeal	155	13 4			
	288	18 7			
Balance for Circuit Grants			288	18 7	
Memorandum Only:					
Allocated to Special Grants—	288	18 7			
Grants—					
I.F.B. for Te					
Rahui	£50	16 2			
Hutt	37	10 0			
Corstorphine	18	15 0			
			107	1 2	
Balance of Allocation to Hutt and Corstorphine (2 quarters)	112	10 0			
Allocated to Waitangi Road, Onehunga	69	7 5			
	£288	18 7			
			20,455	1 6	
Debit Balance, 31st July, 1949			8,696	9 8	

£29,151 11 2

£29,151 11 2

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Treasurers: REV. B. M. CHRYSTALL and MR. F. PENN.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st JULY, 1949.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s d		£ s d
To Balance, 31st July, 1948—		By Interest Transferred—	
Special Maintenance A/c's.	169 8 10	Direct to Home Mission Fund	2,439 1 10
Kawakawa Maori Centre A/c.	1,224 7 10	Through Mornington	3 10 0
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust A/c.	489 3 8	Through Invercargill Central	8 15 0
Legacy Disbursement Suspense A/c.	279 2 10		2,451 6 10
Capital Awaiting Investment	3,622 15 3	Disbursement Suspense Transfer to	
		Home Mission Fund	705 2 10
.. New Cash on A/c. Capital—		.. Capital Invested—	
Gift—X.Y.Z.	100 0 0	New Special Loans	8,555 5 4
Estate late Gladys M. Chapman	100 0 0	Mortgages	450 0 0
.. " Rose M. McKay	5 0 0	Shares	392 14 0
.. " G. P. Wake	487 10 0	Properties	162 13 6
.. " S. H. Ballantyne	250 0 0	Post Office Savings Bank	5 12 0
.. " Nancy Adams	186 11 3		9,566 4 10
.. " Wm. Astley	392 14 0	.. Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust—Rents	
.. " V. M. Winstone	500 0 0	Disbursed	1,341 15 7
.. " J. W. Gibson	2 0 0	.. Balance at 31st July, 1949—	
.. " G. A. R. Thomas	700 0 0	Special Maintenance A/c's.	207 15 7
.. " Lucy J. Holmes	25 0 0	Kawakawa Maori Centre	1,329 12 10
.. " J. I. B. Veale	18 9	Dargaville Maori Centre	100 12 8
.. " C. A. Douglas	157 10 7	Hawera Maori Centre	777 7 11
	2,907 4 7	Legacy Suspense A/c.	362 10 0
Less Amount Available for Disbursement	788 10 0	Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	69 14 3
		Capital Awaiting Investment	3,873 2 6
Portion of Legacies for Disbursement	788 10 0		6,620 15 9
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust—			
Rents Received for Disbursement	922 6 2		
Repayment of Special Loans	2,635 19 5		
Repayment of Mortgages	455 19 11		
	3,091 19 4		
.. New Capital—			
Sinking Funds	277 16 5		
.. Kawakawa Maori Centre	105 5 0		
.. Dargaville Maori Centre	110 13 2		
.. Hawera Maori Centre	777 0 11		
	1,270 15 6		
.. Repayment of Inscribed Stock	4,218 8 3		
.. Interest and Rents	2,451 6 10		
.. Net Income, Maintenance A/c's.	38 6 9		
	£20,685 5 10		£20,685 5 10

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Treasurers: REV. B. M. CHRYSTALL and MR. F. PENN.

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL AS AT 31st JULY, 1949.

	£	s	d	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
To Capital at 31st July, 1948:							By Loans on Mortgage				7,048	4	8
Legacies and Memorial Gifts	66,034	12	0				.. Debentures				4,900	0	0
Buddle Memorial Gift	90	5	0				.. Inscribed Stock				18,150	0	0
Buttie Memorial Gift	205	0	0				.. National Savings Certificates				154	6	3
Car Replacement A/c.	695	3	2				.. Shares				1,271	14	6
Sinking Funds	3,384	1	4				.. Post Office Savings Bank A/c.				230	17	8
Kawakawa Maori Centre	1,224	7	10				.. Special Loans				24,660	16	5
Legacies Disbursement Suspense a/c	279	2	10				.. Properties				12,010	16	4
Investment Reserve Fund	375	0	0				.. Buddle Memorial Gift				90	5	0
				72,287	12	2	.. Buttie Memorial Gift				230	0	0
.. New Capital During Year:							.. Car Replacement A/c.				695	3	2
Gift X.Y.Z.	100	0	0				.. Balance, Bank New Zealand—						
Estate late Gladys M. Chapman	100	0	0				.. Special Maintenance A/c's.	207	15	7			
.. " Rose M. McKay	5	0	0				Kawakawa Maori Centre	1,329	12	10			
.. " G. P. Wake	487	10	0				Dargaville Maori Centre	100	12	8			
.. " S. H. Ballantyne	250	0	0				Hawera Maori Centre	777	7	11			
.. " Nancy Adams	186	11	3				Legacy Suspense A/c.	362	10	0			
.. " Wm. Astley	392	14	0				Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	69	14	3			
.. " V. M. Winstone	500	0	0				Capital Awaiting Investment	3,773	2	6			
.. " J. W. Gibson	2	0	0								6,620	15	9
.. " G. A. R. Thomas	700	0	0										
.. " Lucy J. Holmes	25	0	0										
.. " J. J. B. Veale	18	9											
.. " C. A. Douglas	157	10	7										
				2,907	4	7							
Less Transfer to Legacies Disbursement													
Suspense a/c.	788	10	0										
				2,118	14	7							
Less Legacies Disbursed	279	2	10										
						1,839	11	9					
.. New Capital—													
Sinking Funds	277	16	5										
Buttie Memorial Gift	25	0	0										
Kawakawa Maori Centre	105	5	0										
Dargaville Maori Centre	110	13	2										
Hawera Maori Centre	777	0	11										
						1,295	15	6					
.. Special Maintenance A/c's.						207	15	7					
.. Legacy Disbursement A/c.						362	10	0					
.. Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust—For													
Disbursement						69	14	3					
				£76,062	19	3					£76,062	19	3

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
SPECIAL LOANS ACCOUNT, JULY 31st, 1949.

	Loans Current 31/7/48	New Loans	Repaid During Year	Current 31/7/49
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
Kohukohu Parsonage	365 17 2	—	16 14 4	349 2 10
Auckland Permanent Youth Camps	990 0 0	—	—	990 0 0
Castlecliff Hall	231 10 9	—	7 12 0	223 18 9
Hamilton Maori Centre	1,128 11 2	—	55 11 2	1,073 0 0
Roskill Sunday School	1,500 0 0	—	66 8 9	1,433 11 3
Kaitoke Church, Wanganui	145 8 6	—	6 4 1	139 4 5
Kohukohu Transport	138 14 1	—	63 13 1	75 1 0
Senior Youth Director's House	1,889 17 6	—	89 16 8	1,800 0 10
Stoke-Richmond	293 9 4	—	11 10 2	281 19 2
Waitangi Road, Onehunga	556 19 0	—	212 15 3	344 3 9
Otago Youth Camp	1,729 14 3	—	509 9 6	1,220 4 9
Chaplain's Transport	266 14 0	—	92 1 8	174 12 4
Maori Missionary Transport	216 17 8	—	68 6 0	148 11 8
Putaruru Transport (now Springston)	165 14 3	—	64 3 8	101 10 7
Balclutha Transport	146 15 9	—	106 10 4	40 5 5
Waikato Maori Transport	254 8 8	—	66 19 5	187 9 3
Pitt Street—Mobile Unit	914 17 6	—	88 2 6	826 15 0
Manly Section	65 0 0	—	—	65 0 0
Runanga	84 17 11	—	25 16 0	59 1 11
Western Springs	1,157 14 0	—	42 15 0	1,114 19 0
Paeroa	228 11 6	—	43 10 6	185 1 0
Youth Director's House, Christchurch (1)	594 16 5	620 5 4	20 1 9	1,900 0 0
Youth Director's House, Christchurch (2)	705 0 0	—	—	—
Grey Institute	3,000 0 0	—	—	3,000 0 0
General Superintendent, Trav. U.S.A.	150 0 0	—	75 0 0	75 0 0
Office Equipment	150 0 0	—	100 0 0	50 0 0
Tauranga Transport	400 0 0	—	78 10 3	321 9 9
Milton Transport	81 7 10	—	81 7 10	—
Hokianga Transport	183 0 0	—	149 8 9	33 11 3
Maori Deaconess' Transport	692 0 0	—	116 15 10	575 4 2
North Waitemata Transport (1)	20 0 0	—	7 15 9	12 4 3
Dublin Street, Wanganui	293 13 3	—	25 15 0	267 18 3
North Waitemata Transport (2)	—	205 0 0	17 12 9	187 7 3
S.C.M. Chaplain Transport	—	220 0 0	11 4 4	208 15 8
Dunedin Central Mission Transport	—	350 0 0	101 17 11	248 2 1
Huntly Transport	—	265 0 0	—	265 0 0
Hutt Transport	—	550 0 0	6 18 10	543 1 2
Kaikohe - Kawakawa Transport	—	250 0 0	113 9 0	136 11 0
Putaruru Transport	—	550 0 0	—	550 0 0
Eketahuna Transport	—	295 0 0	48 7 8	246 12 4
Auckland Central Mission	—	1,000 0 0	—	1,000 0 0
Dominion Road	—	750 0 0	—	750 0 0
Dunedin Hostel	—	1,000 0 0	—	1,000 0 0
Trinity Theological College	—	2,500 0 0	43 13 8	2,456 6 4
	£18,741 10 6	£8,555 5 4	£2,635 19 5	£24,660 16 5

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31st JULY, 1949.

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s d		£	s d
To Repairs to Buildings		57 10 11	By Rents	1,990	11 10
" Surfacing Yard		34 12 6			
" Insurance		168 6 4		£1,990	11 10
" Rates		218 18 7			
" Commission		99 13 8	By Net Revenue brought down	1,111	9 10
" Depreciation Reserve		300 0 0			
" Net Revenue carried down		1,111 9 10			
		<u>1,990 11 10</u>			
To Transfer to Capital		222 6 0			
" Transfer Investment Funds Board for disbursements:					
Russell Parsonage	20	0 0			
Campbell's Bay	20	0 0			
Auckland East Church Extension	60	0 0			
Hauraki Plains Parsonage	20	0 0			
Upper Taita Union Church	25	0 0			
Lower Hutt, Waddington	25	0 0			
Upper Hutt Parsonage	20	0 0			
Johnsonville-Ngalo-Cashmere	20	0 0			
Waikanae	20	0 0			
Bryndwr	20	0 0			
Corstorphine	25	0 0			
Dargaville Maori Centre	34	17 8			
Hawera Maori Centre	20	0 0			
Kawakawa Maori Centre	20	0 0			
Waitangi Road Loan	25	0 0			
Unallocated	69	14 3			
		<u>444 11 11</u>			
To Transfer to Home Mission Fund:					
Stewardship Appeal, 1948	155	13 4			
Te Rahui Maori Girls' Hostel	50	16 2			
Hutt	112	10 0			
Corstorphine	56	5 0			
Waitangi Road	69	7 5			
		<u>444 11 11</u>			
		<u>£1,111 9 10</u>			<u>£1,111 9 10</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1949.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
	£ s d		£ s d
Capital	10,223 19 0	Buildings	10,000 0 0
Depreciation Reserve	301 16 1	Post Office Savings Bank A/c.	525 15 1
	<u>£10,525 15 1</u>		<u>£10,525 15 1</u>

REV. AND MRS. THOMAS BUDDLE CENTENNIAL GIFT

To Balance at 1st August, 1948	£ s d	By Balance, 31st July, 1949, Auckland Savings Bank	£ s d
" Interest	90 5 0		92 10 9
	2 5 9		
	£92 10 9		£92 10 9

REV. AND MRS. BUTTLE CENTENNIAL GIFT

To Balance at 1st August, 1948	£ s d	By Balance, 31st July, 1949—	£ s d
" New Capital	205 0 0	Auckland Savings Bank	235 2 11
" Interest	25 0 0		
	5 2 11		
	£235 2 11		£235 2 11

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 Funds as as July 31st, 1949.

P. DELLOW,
J. L. CRAWFORD,
Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST MISSION PROPERTY TRUSTEES

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st JULY, 1949.

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s d		£ s d
To Balance, Bank of N.Z., 1st Aug., 1948—		By Rates and Insurance	28 15 11
Capital A/c.	38 16 1	" Repairs and Sundries	12 15 9
Revenue A/c.	177 8 0		41 11 8
	216 4 1	" Purchase of Land—	
" Rents—		Kawakawa Deaconess' Cottage	34 0 4
Mt. Wesley, Mangawhare	50 0 2	" Survey Fees, Kaeo	79 16 5
Mt. Wesley, Dargaville, Parsonage		" Payment to Home Mission Fund	300 0 0
Site	71 10 0	" Balance, Bank of New Zealand—	
Kaeo	52 0 0	Capital A/c.	21 10 9
Mangungu	1 0 0	Revenue A/c.	89 13 9
Opononi—Rent & Interest	75 16 2		111 4 5
Raglan	2 0 0		
	252 6 4		
" Repayment A/c.—Opononi	78 2 2		
" Sale of Land—Ngaruawahia	20 0 3		
	£566 12 10		£566 12 10

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st JULY, 1949.

	£	s	d		£	s	d	£	s	d
Accumulated Funds, 31st July, 1949	6,590	12	10	Properties				6,479	8	5
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Audited and found correct. P. DELLOW, J. L. CRAWFORD, Hon. Auditors. </div>				Cash						
				Capital			21	10	9	
				Revenue			89	13	8	
	£6,590	12	10					111	4	5
								£6,590	12	10

PICTURE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st JULY, 1949.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Balance, 31st July, 1948—				By Capital Overdrawn 31st July, 1948	64	17	0
Working A/c.	35	9	2	Expenses, Working A/c.	45	12	6
Transfer Home Mission Fund Working A/c.	75	0	0	Balance—Working A/c., 31st July, 1949	66	16	8
Hire of Plant	2	0	0				
Capital Overdrawn 31st July, 1949	64	17	0				
	£177	6	2		£177	6	2

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1949.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Capital	480	11	5	Equipment	545	8	6
Cash Overdrawn, Capital A/c.	64	17	0	Cash in Bank of New Zealand	66	16	8
Working Account	66	16	8				
	£612	5	2		£612	5	2

HOME MISSIONARIES REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st JULY, 1949.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Balance, 31st July, 1948	379	12	9	By Removal Expenses	88	10	5
" Circuit Levies	124	0	0	Balance, 31st July, 1949	535	12	4
" Home Mission Fund (1½ years)	67	10	0				
" Fire Insurance Fund	25	0	0				
" Refunds	28	0	0				
	£624	2	9		£624	2	9

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Department for the year ending 31st July, 1949, and that in our opinion the above statement correctly sets out the position of the Funds as shown by the books and vouchers produced to us.

P. DELLOW, }
 J. L. CRAWFORD, } Hon. Auditors.

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.
TRADING ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1949.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stock 1/8/48	2432	19	11	By Sales	4641	0	8
Purchases	3032	8	7				
	5465	8	6				
Less Stock 31/7/49	2458	6	0				
COST PRICE OF GOODS SOLD	3007	2	6				
Gross Profit	1633	18	2				
	£4641	0	8		£4641	0	8

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.
FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JULY, 1949.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries	909	11	10	By Gross Profit	1633	18	2
Rent	299	0	0	Interest Received	10	0	0
Freight and Postage	50	7	6	Rent Received	3	12	6
Advertising	16	12	6	H.M. Subsidy of Salaries	7	10	0
Insurance	6	13	1				
Telephone and Tolls	10	10	0				
Lighting and Heating	9	15	6				
Accounting and Audit Fees	23	1	2				
Printing and Stationery	15	9	9				
Legal Expenses	1	0	0				
General Expenses	26	9	9				
Commission	12	1	3				
Depreciation—Furniture and Fittings	37	1	0				
Net Profit	237	7	4				
	£1655	0	8		£1655	0	8

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY.

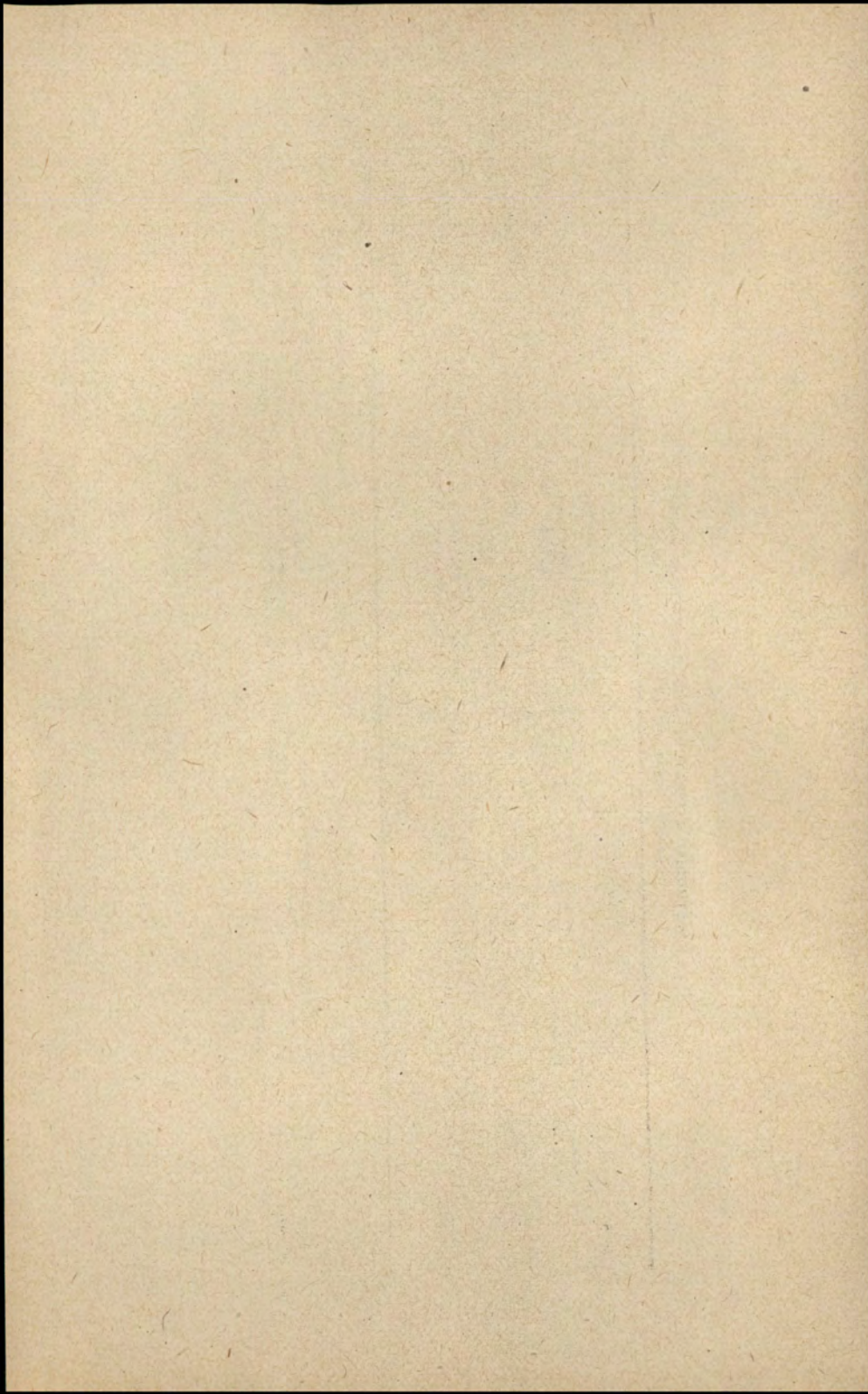
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY, 1949.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sunday Creditors			990 2 2	Petty Cash and Change		11 6 8	
Bills Payable			48 8 0	Cash at Bank		512 19 7	
Van Replacement Reserve	995	8	4	Auckland Savings Bank—			
Plus Transfer from H.M. Subsidy ..	92	10	0	(Van Replacement Reserve)		497 18 10	
			1087 18 4	Sundry Debtors	484	4	9
Capital Account—				Less Bad Debts Reserve	50	0	0
Balance 1/8/48	1959	8	10			434	4
Plus Net Profit 1949-49	237	7	4	Home Mission Department		75	0
			2196 16 2	Stock on hand		2458	6
				Fittings and Equipment	370	9	10
				Less Depreciation 10%	37	1	0
						333	8
						£4323	4
			£4323 4 8				8

LEONARD T. HAYMAN, Treasurer.

I certify that I have audited the above Balance Sheet (and accompanying Trading and Profit & Loss Accounts), together with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and that in my opinion it is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the Society's affairs as at 31st July, 1949. I have accepted the Stock Sheets prepared by the Manager as to quantities of stock on hand.

C. R. HOWELL, A.P.A.N.Z.
Auditor.



Methodist Home Mission Department

ESTIMATES, INCOME and EXPENDITURE FOR 1950

INCOME

1. CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS, AND MAORI CIRCUITS:

(Average of three preceding years of ordinary income).

AUCKLAND DISTRICT	2,379	18	10
SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT	1,323	6	1
TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT	877	1	9
HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT	1,076	8	7
WELLINGTON DISTRICT	1,211	15	11
NELSON DISTRICT	556	5	8
NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT	1,629	0	11
SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT	607	13	10
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT	1,016	17	11
	<hr/> £10,678 9 6		
2. PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS	2,500	0	0
3. SPECIAL FOR MAORI WORK—M.W.M.U. OBJECTIVE	2,150	0	0
4. EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST	250	0	0
5. MISCELLANEOUS	250	0	0
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TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES	£15,828	9	6

EXPENDITURE

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Senior Maori Superintendent—	£	s.	d.
Stipend	300	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Special Travelling	25	0	0
Invest. Fund, Bd.-Rent	80	0	0
Minister—Stipend	275	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Special Travelling	10	0	0
Invest. Fund, Bd.-Rent	52	0	0
Minister—Stipend	265	0	0
Travelling	60	0	0
Invest. Fund, Bd.-Rent	30	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend	52	0	0
Travelling	58	0	0
Rent	26	0	0
Home Missionary—Travelling	104	0	0
Home Missionary—Travelling	52	0	0
Hon. H.M.'s—Grants for Travelling			
and Gen. Cir. Expenses	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	220	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	210	0	0
Auck. Deaconesses—Travelling	45	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	225	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	215	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	215	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	210	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0

3214 0 0

Home Mission Stations.

North Waitemata (2 agents)	125	0	0
North Hokianga (if appointment)	50	0	0

Circuits with Home Missionaries.

Onehunga (Waitangi Rd.), if app't.	80	0	0
Port Alb't (Wellsford) if 2nd agent	50	0	0
Dargaville (Te Kōpuru) if 2nd agent	60	0	0

Aided Circuits.

St. John's and Bayfield	50	0	0
Whangaroa—M.O.M.	65	0	0
Hokianga—M.P.	30	0	0
Mangonui	30	0	0
Kawakawa-Kaikohe — Kaikohe	40	0	0
(If 2 agents)—Kawakawa	25	0	0
Hikurangi—If S.H.M.P.	10	0	0
Otauhu (Papatōetoe)—M.O.M.	60	0	0

£675 0 0

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Waikato Circuit.

Home Missionary—Stipend	180	0	0
Travelling	60	0	0
Home Missionary—Trav. & All'ces	240	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend	205	0	0
Travelling	60	0	0
Grants for Travelling, Hon. Sup't.			
Minister, 6 Hon. Home Missionaries, and General Circuit Expenses, & Special Travelling	393	10	0
Deaconess—Stipend	225	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	210	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0

Probationer Deaconess—Stipend	185	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess Supply—Stipend	185	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Hon. Assist. S.S. Teacher—Travelling	36	0	0
Deaconess Nurse (if appointed)—			
Stipend	225	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Inv. Fds. Bd. Rent (Ngaruawahia)	52	0	0

Maniapoto (Central King Country) Circuit.

Minister—Stipend	215	0	0
Travelling	85	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend	180	0	0
Trav. & Exs.	100	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend	180	0	0
(Kawhia Appoint.)—Travelling	60	0	0
Home Missionary—Trav. & Allow.	153	10	0
Grant for Travel—5 Hon. H.M.'s and General Expenses	260	0	0
Special Circuit Travelling	10	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	112	10	0
Provision for Car	35	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	210	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	225	0	0
Provision for Car	35	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
Inv. Fds. Bd. Rent—Kawhia	60	0	0
Te Kuiti	52	0	0

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Home Mission Stations.

Kawhia	35	0	0
Kawhia—Travelling	30	0	0
Coromandel	50	0	0
Ngaruawahia	30	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Ohura—S.H.M.	40	0	0
Taumarunui—M.O.M.	90	0	0
Hauraki Plains—M.H.M.	35	0	0
Waihi	60	0	0
Te Kuiti—M.O.M.	70	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
Putaruru—Travelling	25	0	0
Opotiki—M.H.M.	40	0	0
Whakatane—M.O.M.	75	0	0

£605 0 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Maori Work.

Minister—Stipend	275	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Special Travelling	20	0	0
Inv. Funds Board Rent	75	0	0
Home Missionary—Stipend	205	0	0
Travelling	60	0	0
Rent & Furn'gs	75	0	0
Hon. Home Missionaries—Grants for Trav. & Gen. Cir. Exs.	120	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	220	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—Stipend	210	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—New Plymouth. Half Cost. Stipend	105	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0

£1605 0 0

Home Mission Stations.

Marton—M.H.M.	20	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Waitara—Travelling	20	0	0
Taihape—If appointment, S.P.	20	0	0
Travelling	5	0	0
Gonville—M.O.M.	90	0	0
	£155	0	0

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT

Home Mission Stations.

Apiti	30	0	0
Foxton-Shannon	30	0	0
Waipawa	35	0	0
Circuits with Home Missionaries.			
Gisborne (If 2nd agent)	70	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Wairoa	35	0	0
	£200	0	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Paraparaumu	50	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Hutt—(E.B.W.)	150	0	0
Upper Hutt—S.P.	40	0	0
Johnsonville—Ngāio (Porirua)	40	0	0
Wellington East	50	0	0
	£330	0	0

NELSON DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Murchison—S.H.M.P.	45	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Richmond (Wakefield-Dovedale)	15	0	0
Westport	10	0	0
Westport—For Granity Travelling	30	0	0
Reefton	35	0	0
Greymouth—Travelling	25	0	0
Hokitika	40	0	0
	£200	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Tai Tapu (If M.H.M. appointed)	50	0	0
Aided Circuits.			
Sydenham (Beckenham)	95	0	0
St. Albans—3rd agent	70	0	0
Lytelton—M.H.M. Supply	30	0	0
Woodend-Sefton (for Hawarden Travelling)	15	0	0
Oxford	40	0	0
	£300	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Temuka (Maori)	5	0	0
Timaru (Waimatititi)—If appointment made to Union Church)	50	0	0
	£55	0	0

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Home Mission Stations.

Mosgiel	45	0	0
Cromwell	80	0	0
Cromwell—Travelling	10	0	0
Bluff	30	0	0
Balclutha	35	0	0
Edendale—M.H.M.	60	0	0

Aided Circuits.

Dunedin North	40	0	0
Dunedin North—Travelling	25	0	0
Western Southland—2nd agent	90	0	0
Roxburgh	80	0	0
Cargill Road (St. Clair)	10	0	0
Waikouaiti-Palmerston—M.H.M.	60	0	0
Port Chambers—M.O.M.	95	0	0
Milton-Lawrence—Travelling	20	0	0
Corstorphine Union Parish—E.W.B.	75	0	0
	£755	0	0

GENERAL EXPENDITURE.

Maori Work.

S.S. Materials	10	0	0
Printing Subsidy—Maori Paper	60	0	0
Special South Island Travelling	70	0	0
Workers' Conference	50	0	0
Students (Deac's and General)	150	0	0
Methodist Times	5	0	0
Deaconess Car A/c. Depreciation	100	0	0
Contingencies	150	0	0
South Island Deaconess—Stipend	52	0	0
Allowances	10	0	0
Maori Furniture	40	0	0
Maori B.C. Camps	40	0	0
National Council of Churches, Maori Sub-section	20	0	0
Maori Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund	60	0	0
	£817	0	0

Miscellaneous.

H.M. Removal Exes. Fund Grant	45	0	0
H.M. Retiring Fund Estimates	200	0	0
Deaconess Retiring Fund Estimates	250	0	0
H.M. Deputation Expenses	150	0	0
Use of Picture Plant	75	0	0
Ministerial Supplies—Estimate	100	0	0
Board of Publications—Grant	50	0	0
Deaconess Institution	150	0	0
Theological College	150	0	0
Interest and Bank Charges	350	0	0
Church Sites Fund	100	0	0
Printing and Stationery	250	0	0
Advertis. Space—Methodist Times	12	10	0
Subsidy—L. & C. Depart.—Special	25	0	0
Circulating Library	5	0	0
Spiritual Advance Committee	25	0	0
Deaconess Students	45	0	0
Natural Calamities Fund	25	0	0
Visual Material for Deput'n Work	50	0	0
Overseas Travel—Gen. Supt.	50	0	0
Ecumenical Confer.—Travel Fund	25	0	0
Contingencies and Sundries	400	0	0
	£2532	10	0

General Superintendent.

Stipend	375	0	0
Travelling	150	0	0
Investment Fund Board Rent	150	0	0
	£675	0	0

Assistant Superintendent.

Stipend	350	0	0
Travelling	150	0	0
Investment Fund Board—Rent ..	150	0	0
	<u>£650</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

General Treasurers.

Bookkeeping	180	0	0
Incidental Expenses	20	0	0
	<u>£200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Missionary in Maori Work.

Stipend	350	0	0
Travelling	125	0	0
Investment Fund Board—Rent ..	150	0	0
	<u>£625</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Connexional Charges	150	0	0

Office Expenses.

Secretarial	230	0	0
Rent and Phones	150	0	0
Light and Heat	10	0	0
Postages, etc.	120	0	0
Office Equipment	50	0	0
	<u>£560</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

SUMMARY OF HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.**INCOME.**

Circuits and H.M. Stations ..	10,678	9	6
Properties and Investments ..	2,500	0	0
M.W.M.U.—for Maori Work ..	2,150	0	0
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust	250	0	0
Miscellaneous	250	0	0
	<u>£15,828</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

Estimated deficit on years' working for 1950			
Connexional Year	3,109	10	6
	<u>£18,938</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Maori Work	10,895	10	0
General	8,042	10	0
	<u>£18,938</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

NOTE Accumulated deficit for Financial Year at 31st July, 1949, £8,696 9 8.

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