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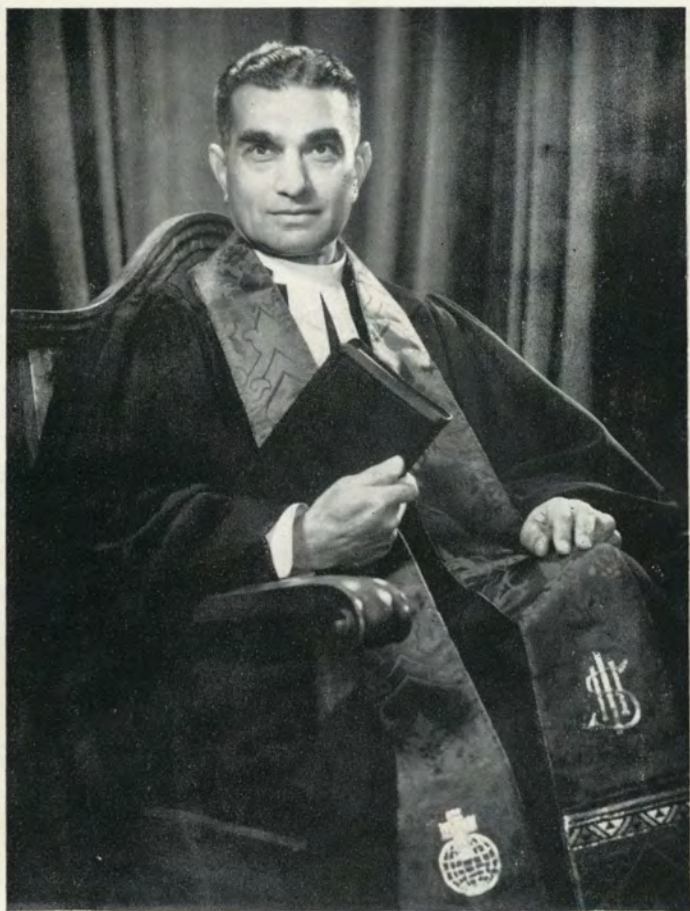
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Organised Methodism in Australasia, as a part of the Foreign Missions under the direction of the British Conference, dates from the appointment of the Rev. Samuel Leigh to New South Wales in 1815.—(Mins. Brit. Conf., 1814).

"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.

THE FIRST CONFERENCE

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LECTIONARY : 1957-58

(ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE FOR OPTIONAL USE BY PREACHERS)

MAY, 1957		MORNING	EVENING
2nd after Easter	5	Psalm 19	2 Kings : 22 8-20
(Bible Sunday)		2 Tim. 3 : 14-4 : 8	2 Cor. 3 : 1-11
3rd after Easter	12	Deut. 8 : 11-20	<i>Magnificat</i>
(Mothers' Day		2 Tim. 1 : 1-14	Ephs. 5 : 22-6 : 4
or Home and Family Sunday)			
4th after Easter	19	Isaiah 51 : 1-6	Isaiah 40 : 1-11; 27-31
(Aldersgate		Romans 5 : 1-11	John 3 : 1-16
Sunday)			
5th after Easter	26	<i>God the Creator</i>	<i>Lazarus Raised</i>
(Rogation		Psalm 145	Psalm 30
Sunday)		Luke 8 : 4-15	Luke 8 : 40-56
JUNE			
Sunday after		<i>The Ethiopian</i>	<i>Salvation by Faith</i>
Ascension	2	1 Kings 20 : 25-43	Exodus 3 : 1-12
		Acts 5 : 25-40	Ephs. 2 : 1-10
Whit Sunday	9	<i>The Holy Spirit</i>	<i>The Comforter Promised</i>
		Joel 2 : 21-32	Judges 2 : 1-5
		Acts 2 : 1-13	John 16 : 7-24
Trinity Sunday	16	<i>Father, Son and Spirit</i>	<i>The Trinity</i>
		Exodus 6 : 2-9	Isaiah 58
		John 14 : 1-24	1 John 4 : 7-21
1st after Trinity	23	<i>The Good Samaritan</i>	<i>Pure Religion</i>
		Genesis 45 : 1-15	Genesis 4 : 1-15
		Luke 10 : 25-37	James 1 : 12-27
2nd after Trinity	30	<i>The Great Feast</i>	<i>Christ's Transforming</i>
		Daniel 5 : 1-12	Neh. 5 : 1-13 <i>Power</i>
		Luke 14 : 12-24	2 Cor. 5 : 11-19
JULY			
3rd after Trinity	7	<i>The Sign Refused</i>	<i>Rejoicing in the Lord</i>
		Exodus 14 : 1-14	Deut. 4 : 1-10
		Matthew 16 : 1-12	Phil. 3 : 1-16
4th after Trinity	14	<i>The Shepherd and</i>	<i>The Cross of Christ</i>
		Psalm 23 <i>the Lost</i>	Numbers 21 : 4-9
		Luke 15 : 1-10	1 Cor. 1 : 18-31
5th after Trinity	21	<i>The Call of Youth</i>	<i>The Heritage of Youth</i>
(Youth Day)		1 Samuel 3 : 1-10	1 Chronicles 28 : 1-10
		Mark 10 : 35-45	Ephes. 4 : 1-16
6th after Trinity	28	<i>The Rich Fool</i>	<i>Thanks to the Father</i>
		Daniel 5 : 13-31	Ezek. 36 : 22-38
		Luke 12 : 13-21	Colossians 1 : 3-23

AUGUST		MORNING	EVENING
7th after Trinity	4	<i>The Talents</i> Exodus 4 : 1-17 Matthew 25 : 14-30	<i>The Sanctification</i> 1 Chron. 16 : 23-36 1 Thess. 5 : 12-28
8th after Trinity	11	<i>The Two Debtors</i> Genesis 43 : 16-34 Luke 7 : 36-50	<i>The Life of the</i> Hosea 14 <i>Christian</i> Romans 8 : 1-11
(Local Preachers Sunday)			
9th after Trinity	18	<i>The Patience of God</i> 1 Sam. 4 : 1-11 Mark 12 : 1-12	<i>Father of Mercies</i> Isaiah 64 2 Cor. 1 : 1-14
10th after Trinity	25	<i>The Unjust Steward</i> Joshua 2 : 1-21 Luke 16 : 1-12	<i>Debtor to All</i> Daniel 3 : 19-30 Romans 1 : 1-17
SEPTEMBER			
11th after Trinity	1	<i>The Coming Judgment</i> Judges 12 : 1-6 Matthew 25 : 1-13	<i>Hope and Adoption</i> Hosea 2 : 14-23 Romans 8 : 12-30
12th after Trinity	8	<i>The Witness of the Spirit</i> Ezek. 39 : 21-29 1 John 5 : 1-12	<i>Zacchaeus</i> 2 Sam. 9 : 1-11 Luke 19 : 1-10
13th aft. Trinity	15	<i>Self Control</i> Proverbs 20 : 1-12 Ephes. 6 : 10-20	<i>The Lure of Temptation</i> Isaiah 1 : 10-20 Matthew 6 : 1-15
(Temperance Sunday)			
14th aft. Trinity	22	<i>The Ressurrection</i> Job 14 1 Cor. 15 : 12-28	<i>Legion</i> Isaiah 40 : 18-31 Luke 8 : 26-39
15th aft. Trinity	29	<i>Love your Neighbour</i> 2 Chron. 15 : 1-15 James 2 : 1-13	<i>The Sick of the Palsy</i> Isaiah 61 Mark 2 : 1-12
OCTOBER			
16th aft. Trinity	6	<i>The Necessity of Giving</i> Isaiah 40 : 1-17 1 Cor. 16 : 1-9	<i>The Widow of Nain</i> Psalm 146 Luke 7 : 11-17
(World Communion)			
17th aft. Trinity	13	<i>The Living Sacrifice</i> Malachi 1 : 6-14 Romans 12	<i>The Disciples</i> 2 Kings 4 : 38-44 Luke 5 : 1-11
18th aft. Trinity	20	<i>Control of the Tongue</i> Numbers 23 : 17-30 James 3 : 1-12	<i>The Paralytic</i> Numbers 24 : 15-25 John 5 : 1-15
19th aft. Trinity	27	<i>The Beginning and the End</i> Genesis 1 : 1-19 Rev. 21 : 1-8	<i>Gideon and Nicodemus</i> Judges 6 : 1-18 John 3 : 1-21
(Industrial Sunday)			

NOVEMBER		MORNING	EVENING
20th aft. Trinity	3	<i>Salt and Light</i> Psalm 1 Matthew 5 : 13-26	<i>Lazarus</i> 2 Kings 8 : 1-6 John 11 : 1-11
21st aft. Trinity (Remembrance Day)	10	<i>Remembrance Day</i> Passage No. 73 (Hymnal) John 17 : 4-21	<i>The Brave</i> Passage No. 74 (Hymnal) Hebrews 11 : 32- 12 : 2
22nd aft. Trinity	17	<i>The Judgment</i> Nehemiah 7 : 1-14 Luke 12 : 35-48	<i>Paul's Example</i> Joshua 1 : 1-9 Acts 27 : 9-26
23rd aft. Trinity (Next before Advent)	24	<i>The Return in Judgment</i> Joel 2 : 1-14 2 Thess. 1 : 3-12	<i>The Witness</i> Isaiah 40 : 1-11 John 1 : 15-34
DECEMBER			
1st in Advent	1	<i>Unpreparedness</i> Isaiah 1 : 1-20 Matthew 25 : 1-13	<i>The Promise to Zacharias</i> Zephaniah 3 : 8-17 Luke 1 : 5-23
2nd in Advent	8	<i>The Use of the Bible</i> Isaiah 5 : 1-7 Luke 4 : 16-30	<i>The Promised One</i> Malachi 3 : 1-12 Luke 1 : 26-38
3rd in Advent	15	<i>The Second Advent</i> Isaiah 26 : 1-9 1 Thess. 4 : 13- 5 : 11	<i>Mary's Thanksgiving</i> Micah 4 : 1-17 Luke 1 : 39-56
4th in Advent	22	<i>The Coming God</i> Isaiah 35 : 1-10 Titus 2 : 11- 3 : 7	<i>Zacharias' Thanksgiving</i> Micah 5 : 2-4 Luke 1 : 67-80
1st after Christmas	29	<i>The Word of God</i> Isaiah 41 : 1-20 John 1 : 1-14	<i>The Servant of God</i> Isaiah 43 : 1-13 Phil. 2 : 1-11
JANUARY, 1958			
2nd after Christmas	5	<i>The New Name</i> Genesis 32 : 22-32 Matthew 16 : 13-20	<i>Offering Ourselves</i> Micah 6 : 1-8 Romans 6 : 1-14
1st after Epiphany	12	<i>Light of the Gentiles</i> Exodus 13 : 17-22 Luke 2 : 25-40	<i>The Epiphany</i> Isaiah 60 : 1-14 Matthew 2 : 1-12
2nd after Epiphany	19	<i>A Father's Thanksgiving</i> Genesis 22 : 1-19 Luke 1 : 67-80	<i>A Mother's Gratitude</i> 1 Sam. 2 : 1-11 Luke 1 : 46-56
3rd after Epiphany	26	<i>The Centurion's Servant</i> Ezra 7 : 11-28 Matthew 8 : 5-17	<i>Love that reaches All</i> Jonah 3 Acts 10 : 24-45

FEBRUARY		MORNING	EVENING
Septuagesima	2	<i>The Last First</i> Nehemiah 9 : 9-25 Matthew 20 : 1-16	<i>Transformed by Prayer</i> Job 42 : 7-17 Mark 9 : 14-29
Sexagesima	9	<i>A Vision and a Parable</i> Isaiah 6 : 1-13 Matthew 13 : 1-2, 18-23	<i>Comforted in Anxiety</i> 2 Chron. 30 : 13-22 2 Cor. 7 : 5-16
Quinquagesima	16	<i>Sight to the Blind</i> Job 42 : 1-6 Luke 18 : 31-43	<i>Fishers of Men</i> Judges 7 : 1-14 Matthew 4 : 12-22
1st in Lent	23	<i>Call to Repentance</i> Ruth 1 : 15-22 Matthew 11 : 20-30	<i>The Excellent Way</i> Proverbs 10 : 1-12 1 Cor. 13 : 1-14 : 1
MARCH			
2nd in Lent	2	<i>The High Priest</i> Psalm 95 Hebrews 4	<i>The Temptation</i> 2 Kings 5 : 20-27 Matthew 4 : 1-11
3rd in Lent	9	<i>Children of Light</i> Ruth 2 : 8-23 Ephes. 5 : 1-14	<i>Faith that wins</i> Daniel 3 : 8-18 Matthew 15 : 21-28
4th in Lent	16	<i>Refreshment</i> 1 Kings 19 : 1-18 John 6 : 1-14	<i>For or Against</i> Neh. 4 : 1-6, 21-23 Luke 11 : 14-26
5th in Lent (Passion Sunday)	23	<i>Gethsemane</i> 1 Kings 1 : 41-53 Matthew 26 : 36-46	<i>The Blood of Christ</i> 2 Kings 6 : 8-23 Hebrews 9 : 11-32
6th in Lent (Palm Sunday)	30	<i>Endurance</i> Jer. 29 : 1-14 Matthew 24 : 1-14	<i>Entry into Jerusalem</i> Zech. 9 : 9-17 Matthew 21 : 1-11
APRIL			
Easter Day	6	<i>The Risen Lord</i> Psalm 16 John 20 : 1-10	<i>Emmaus</i> Isaiah 60 : 15-22 Luke 24 : 13-35
1st after Easter	13	<i>Deliverance from Prison</i> Joel 3 : 14-21 Acts 12 : 1-19	<i>The Man Born Blind</i> Job 29 : 1-16 John 9 : 1-34
2nd after Easter	20	<i>Apostolic Healing</i> Deut. 18 : 15-19 Acts 3 : 1-10	<i>Stilling the Tempest</i> Exodus 14 : 15-31 Mark 4 : 35-41
3rd after Easter	27	<i>Power to the Lame</i> Psalm 2 : Acts 4 : 13-33	<i>The Unclean Spirit</i> Psalm 103 Mark 1 : 21-28

NOTES (a) The **Titles** arise in most cases from the N.T. Lesson.

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	MORNING	EVENING
Covenant Sunday	Genesis 17 : 1-9 Matthew 3	2 Chron. 15 : 1-15 2 Peter 1 : 1-11
Palm Sunday	Nehemiah 8 : 9-18 John 12 : 1-19	
Good Friday	Genesis 22 : 1-14 John 19 : 1-22	
Easter Day	Isaiah 62 Matthew 28 : 1-15	Isaiah 52 1 Corin. 15 : 1-20
Ascension Day	2 Kings 2 : 1-15 Acts 1 : 1-14	
Whit Sunday	Deut. 31 : 1-13 Acts 2 : 22-47	Ezekiel 36 : 22-38 2 Corin. 3 : 12-18
Aldersgate Sunday (Except when it falls on Whit Sunday)	Isaiah 51 : 1-6 Romans 5 : 1-11	Isaiah 40 : 1-11; 27-31 John 3 : 1-16
Spring or Flower Service	Psalm 65 , Psalm 126 , Matthew 13 : 1-9	Genesis 1 Matthew 13 : 24-30
Harvest	Genesis 8 : 15-22, Deut. 16 : 9-17, 26 : 1-10, 16-19, Leviticus 26 : 1-13, Ruth 2 : 1-17, Nehemiah 10 : 32-39, Isaiah 55 , Matthew 13 : 24-34, Mark 4 : 1-12, Luke 8 : 4-10, John 4 : 27-38	
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Church Anniversary	1 Kings 8 : 22-30, 1 Chronicles 22 Haggai 2 : 1-9, Matthew 16 : 13-28, Colossians 1 : 1-23, 1 John 5 .	
Youth Day	Isaiah 11 : 1-9, Luke 18 : 18-30 Acts 26 : 1-23	
Local Preachers' Sunday	Exodus 20 : 1-17, Isaiah 55 , Psalm 111 Luke 10 : 1-20, John 1 : 35-51, Romans 10 1-15	
A Dedication Service	Numbers 7 : 1-11 Romans 12	1 Chronicles 28 Matthew 10 : 1-23
Temperance Sunday	Amos 8 Romans 13	
Christmas Day	Isaiah 9 : 2-7 Luke 2 : 1-20	Isaiah 7 : 10-16 Matthew 1 : 18-25
Watchnight or End of the Year	Psalm 90 , Exodus 12 : 21-36, Ecclesiastes 3 : 1-15 Matthew 24 : 32-51, Luke 21 : 25-36	
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Sister Rita Snowden was elected Vice-President, and was welcomed to that office.

The Secretary, the Rev. Gordon R. H. Peterson took up his duties.

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Waimea
Motueka
Murchison
Blenheim
"Reefton
Westport
Greymouth
Hokitika

A. F. Thomas
R. C. A. Marshall
E. S. Wratt
Mrs D. Nelson
F. H. Southgate
C. G. Parker

Miss M. Gillingham

North-Canterbury District.

Durham Street
"Christchurch Central Mission
Christchurch East
"
"
Cambridge Terrace
Woolston-Lyttelton
"
"
Sydenham
Addington
Riccarton
St. Albans
"
Papanui
Springston
Leeston
Kaiapoi
Rangiora
Greendale
Oxford

Mrs J. R. Maddren
N. P. Alcorn
S. W. Ayers
H. J. S. Harrington
C. H. Harrington
J. H. Yarr
Mrs V. R. Jamieson
Mrs H. G. Brown
Mrs J. Huston
R. S. Moore

A. Southey
G. Hill
P. A. Le Brun
W. G. K. Lill

Miss Robinson

Mrs H. Clifford
C. S. Ayers

South Canterbury District.

Banks St. (Timaru)
Woodlands St. (Timaru)
Timaru South
Waimate
Temuka
Geraldine
Ashburton
Willowby
Oamaru

S. K. Withell
M. E. Hayman
W. G. Corbett

N. W. Corbett
Mrs O. T. Woodfield

Otago-Southland District.

Central Church & Mission
Dundas Street
Dunedin North
Dunedin South
"

A. H. Johnson
H. Giggins

E. James
Mrs E. James

St. Kilda
 Morningside
 Roslyn
 Port Chalmers
 Milton
 Roxburgh
 Invercargill Central
 St. Peter's (Invercargill)
 Gore
 Western Southland
 Mosgiel
 Edendale
 Bluff
 Cromwell-Alexandra
 Balclutha

E. J. Iles
 Mrs J. Lyth
 Mrs E. W. Pearce
 H. C. Mackenzie
 Mrs E. R. Eastwood

(3) Representatives of Departments, Committees and Funds—

Theological College
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 Home Mission Department
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 Home Missionaries' Representatives
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 Foreign Mission Department
 Youth Department
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 " "
 Connexional Secretaryship Committee
 Supernumerary Fund
 Contingent Fund
 Church Building & Loan Fund
 Fire Insurance Fund
 Children's Fund
 Wesley College
 Removal Expenses Fund
 Deaconess Board
 Methodist Women's Missionary Union
 Local Preachers' Association
 Methodist Men's Fellowship
 Rangiatea College
 Women's Guild Fellowship
 Deaconess Order
 " "
 Maori Missions
 " "
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W. F. Winstone
 K. J. Rosser

Dr M. Winiata
 J. S. Bayes
 H. M. Patrick
 R. G. Laking
 F. D. Peterson
 C. E. Roke
 G. S. Gapper
 A. Olsson
 J. Gray
 Miss E. Hall

A. H. Winstone
 H. de R. Fleisher

S. Caughey

Mrs P. A. Le Brun
 Mrs S. Carter
 H. A. Penny
 W. E. Roberts

Mrs W. A. Mullan
 Sister Rita F. Snowden
 Sister Nicholls
 Mrs H. Faithful
 H. Kapa
 G. Kahui
 Tame Ponui

District Secretaries of Church Property.

Auckland
 South Auckland
 Taranaki
 Hawke's Bay
 Wellington
 Nelson
 North Canterbury
 South Canterbury
 Otago-Southland

S. E. Chappell
 W. B. L. Williams

S. N. Roberts
 H. Oldham

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

Noel D. Billinghamurst
 Hughan M. Craig
 Arthur W. Dickie
 Eric R. Eastwood
 John Grundy, M.A.
 Ernest Heppelthwaite

Alan H. V. Newton
 Percy P. Rushton
 Te Awha W. Tahere
 David L. Trebilco
 Alexander C. Watson

Who have travelled three years.

Lane M. Tauroa, B.A., who has travelled two years.

H. Rabey Falla, who has travelled one year.

John W. Reddihough

QUESTION III.—What Preachers remain on Probation?

(a)

Trevor L. Bennett
 Edward J. Boyd
 Wilfred J. Cable
 Cuthbert F. Peart

Frank S. Rigg
 Neville Thornicroft
 Ronald H. Wood

Who have travelled two years

(b)

William K. Abbott
 Robert S. Andrews
 George L. Bennett
 James F. Cropp (see Q.V.)
 Ian D. Grant
 Henry W. Kitchingman

Owen Kitchingman
 John C. F. Mabon (see Q.V.)
 Trevor L. Nicholls (see Q. IV)
 Bruce Scammell
 Brian M. Watson, M.Sc.

Who have travelled one year

John A. Ziesler, B.A., B.D. (overseas), (see Q. IV)

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

G. Basil W. Bell
 Gordon D. Brough, B.A.
 Maurice H. Downer
 Irwin J. Fowler
 Phyllis M. Guthardt
 Trevor L. Nicholls (see Q. III.)

Andrew G. Reid (see Q. VI)
 Kenneth H. Russell
 Geoffrey E. Scarr
 Philip F. Taylor
 John A. Ziesler, B.A., B.D.
 (Overseas) (see Q. III)

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

(a)

Bryan A. Walker, M.A. (Overseas)

(b)

James F. Cropp (see Q. III.)
 Wilfred S. Gilbert
 Frank G. Glen
 Richard J. Hamlin

Henry W. Kitchingman (see Q. III)
 Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc.
 John C. F. Mabon (see Q. III.)

Who are continued for a third year.

(c)

Peter S. Barker
 Lewis A. Bowen
 Mervyn L. Dine
 Roger M. Gibson
 Stanley J. Goudge, B.A.

Keith C. Griffith
 John S. Hosking, B.A.
 David L. Kitchingman
 William Morrison
 Robert W. Widdup

Who are continued for a second year.

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

Graham Brazendale
Albert A. Grundy, B.A.
Warwick Gust
E. Francis I. Hanson
Maxwell A. Hornblow
C. Seton Horrill

Dorothea M. Jones, B.A.
Ian H. McKenzie, M.Sc.
Lewis H. Major
David S. Mullan
Andrew G. Reid (see Q. IV)
Brian J. Woodd

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

QUESTION VIII.—Who remain as Native Ministers on Probation?
John Veo Bitibule, Ahofitu Maka.

QUESTION IX.—Who are now received as Native Preachers on Probation?
Samson Pataaku and Joeli Zio.

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

QUESTION XI.—(1) What Deaconesses are dedicated at this Conference?
Sisters Lorraine Flower, Joyce Foster and June Peters.

- (2) **What Deaconesses are placed on Probation?**
Miss Mary Sealey, Miss Beverley Taylor
- (3) **What Candidates are received for Deaconess Training?**
None.
- (4) **What Students are continued for Training?**
Miss Ann Saunders

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

Fourth year:	First Year:
A. G. Reid	G. K. Greening
	L. H. Major
	G. H. J. Yearbury

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

J. Henry Allen	Walter J. Oxbrow
Fred Greenwood	Rakena P. Rakena
Robert McGregor	Harold A. Sharp

JAMES HENRY ALLEN

J. Henry Allen was born at Normanby, Taranaki, in 1891. Although early associations were with the Church of England, he heard the call to become a Methodist preacher in the Hawera Circuit, was accepted as a Home Missionary in 1917 and stationed at the Bay of Islands and Hikurangi adjacent to the last Circuit of his ministry.

He was a Candidate for the Ministry at the Centennial Conference 1922, and was ordained in 1926. Subsequently he exercised fruitful ministries in six circuits. While stationed in Christchurch he became Chairman of the District and also served in that capacity in the Taranaki-Wanganui and Auckland districts and was at the time of his death Deputy Chairman of Auckland.

He had the qualities of an able leader which gained recognition by the Church which called him to the Presidency in 1952. Mr Allen unreservedly consecrated his gifts and abilities as an eloquent, thoughtful preacher, an able administrator and an excellent pastor, to Christ and

His Church. His passion for sincerity, honesty, friendship and service endeared him to a wide circle of friends. He was twice married and had a family of four children, one of whom Rev. R. H. Allen was Youth Director for four years. The present Mrs Allen was Miss Allnut of Dunedin Both ladies have rendered conspicuous service to the Church and the ministry of Mr Allen was enriched by their choice personalities and gifts.

After a grave illness "Harry" Allen passed away on December 6th, 1955. The Church is the poorer for his going. We thank God for his sincere, devoted, effective life and ministry dominated by the spirit of His Lord.

To Mrs Allen, the Rev. R. H. Allen, and the other members of the family, the Church extends its sympathy as it pays tribute to a choice personality and great Churchman.

FRED GREENWOOD

The death of the Rev. Fred. Greenwood in Lower Hutt on 18th October, 1956, at the age of 88 brought to its early close a long life and fruitful ministry. As a young man he trained as an engineer and also served with the Grenadier Guards. He joined the Wesleyan Church and began to preach when 18 years of age. In 1880 he journeyed to Australia and later served in Mission work among the Kanakas. He was accepted as a candidate for the Ministry at the Rockhampton Synod in 1897 and was placed on probation. After three years, he trained for a year at Queen's College, Melbourne. During World War I he went to England, serving as a Wesleyan Chaplain in the Dover Patrol. In 1918 he returned to Australia and on the advice of the Rev. J. H. Simmonds transferred to the New Zealand Conference. He maintained a devoted ministry of faithful service in this country. He possessed an evangelistic fervour which led people to Christ and he was active in relieving human distress. Fred. Greenwood had a wide vision of the Christian Church and ably served for some years as convener of the Ecumenical Committee. He retired from the active Ministry in 1934 and settled in Wellington where he preached regularly with great acceptance. He has left behind him a fragrant memory.

ROBERT MCGREGOR

Robert McGregor was born in Dunedin in 1887 and in his early years attended the Cargill Road Church. He commenced studies in Law, but the early death of his father closed that avenue of occupation.

He was keenly interested in Youth Work and his gifts in this direction led to his appointment as General Secretary of the Dunedin Y.M.C.A. His interest in the Young Men's Bible Class Movement, then in its infancy, gave opportunity for important Otago District forward work and he became one of the early Secretaries of the Dominion Executive.

At the outbreak of the First World War he enlisted in the Medical Corps and served overseas. He was on the ill-fated hospital ship, "Marquette," torpedoed in the Mediterranean.

In 1932 he married Miss Davison, daughter of Mr J. W. Davison, of Cargill Road, offered for Home Mission work, and was appointed to Cromwell.

Accepted as a candidate for the Ministry he served his Probation in the Bluff Circuit and subsequently served in five circuits—in one of which (Greendale) he ministered for fourteen years.

Robert McGregor was a most brotherly and saintly Minister, keenly interested in people. In turn he enjoyed the love and esteem of his congregations. He excelled as a pastor and he will long be remembered

with gratitude and affection by a wide circle of people. He passed away in the active work after 34 years' service.

Robert McGregor's ministry was greatly enriched by the loyal comradeship and co-operation of Mrs McGregor, whose gracious personality and ability won the affection of all their congregations.

WALTER JOHN OXBROW

Walter John Oxbrow was born in Ballarat, Victoria, in 1873, and came to New Zealand with a view to entering the ministry.

He was accepted as a Candidate and entered Prince Albert College in 1900. After one year he was sent out to Circuit work. In the early years of his ministry he was appointed to a succession of Circuits in the South Island. In all his Circuits he laboured with zeal and devotion and was greatly loved by many.

Conference recognised his gifts by calling him to be Chairman of the Taranaki-Wanganui and the South Auckland Districts. He was an original thinker and preacher, and held a high place in the esteem and affection of his brethren.

Throughout all the years of his active ministry Mrs Oxbrow, who predeceased him, was his loyal and faithful helper and support.

Mr Oxbrow passed peacefully away on June 29th, 1956.

RAKENA P. RAKENA

Rakena Piripi Rakena was born at Mangamuka, Northland, in 1890, and died at Hawera in February, 1956, after an illness of some months.

Mr Rakena, who had ancestral connections with Ngapuhi and Taranaki, was a son of the late Rev. Piripi Rakena. He responded early to the Christian influences that surrounded him, and received his education and training for the ministry at Three Kings College. He entered the ministry in 1908 and was ordained in 1914. He served in the South Island, King Country, Hokianga and Taranaki.

He possessed preaching gifts above the average and by his quiet integrity won the confidence of his people. Right to the end he maintained a deep interest in the training of young people in Christian discipleship and was their faithful guide and counsellor.

Mr Rakena married Miss May Couch of Rapaki, Lyttelton. He is survived by his widow, who through all the years has stood faithfully by her husband. One of the sons is in the ministry, making the third generation which has given a son to the work.

In traditional manner the people paid their tribute at Kanihi Pa, Taranaki, before the body was taken to Rapaki for burial.

To Mrs Rakena and the family the Church extends hands of loving sympathy and expresses gratitude for a long and devoted ministry.

HAROLD ANGUS SHARP

Harold Sharp was born in Christchurch on April 7th, 1885. He was brought up in the Battersea Street Primitive Methodist Church and was converted in a mission held by Dr Grattan Guinness. He became a Sunday School teacher and a local preacher, preaching his first sermon when only 16. When 22 he was accepted as a Home Missionary and then received on Probation in 1910, and ordained in 1914. His 32 years of subsequent ministry were served in seven circuits. Ill-health compelled superannuation in 1947. His last years were marked by continued ill-health, but through them all he maintained his faith in God and loved the fellowship of his brethren and of his many friends. He was among our strongest preachers and was a valued pastor.

As a Chaplain in both World Wars, as a member of the Board of Examiners and as a member of several Connexional Committees he served honourably through the years.

In 1914 he married Miss Elsie Dobbs of Christchurch and she stood loyally by him and the Church. To her and to the family the Conference conveys its appreciation of an effective ministry and its sympathy in a great loss.

QUESTION XIV.—What Ministers continue to be Supernumeraries?

Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D.
 Henry L. Blamires
 Arthur Hopper
 T. Arthur Pybus
 Arthur J. Seamer
 R. Purcell Keall
 Jonathan H. Haslam
 George P. Hunt
 Frank E. Leadley
 Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D.
 Albert H. Fowles
 E. Percy Blamires
 Henry Ryan
 Ernest D. Patchett
 Charles M. Roberts
 William Walker
 Ernest O. Blamires
 Fred Copeland
 Charles Blair
 Edwin S. Harkness
 William Gatman
 Hector C. Orchard
 Albert Blakemore
 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
 Arthur A. Bensley
 James W. Parker
 William A. Burley, M.A.
 Archer O. Harris
 Charles H. Olds, B.A.
 James Richards
 Percy I. Cooke
 Leslie B. Neale, M.B.E.
 B.A., F.R.G.S., E.D.
 Frederick J. Parker
 Arthur H. Scrivin
 Henry J. Odell
 Wallace S. Neal
 Henry Benny
 Oswald Burnet
 John Dennis
 Alfred E. Jefferson
 Charles H. Kendon
 Ngatete K. Kukutai
 Eruera Te Tuhi
Matarae Tauroa
 Alfred M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc.
 Ernest E. Sage
 Cecil R. Taylor
 John H. Bailey
 George E. Brown
 Ernest B. Chambers
 J. Francis Jack
 Harry S. Kings
 Thomas Skuse
 Samuel J. Werren

QUESTION XV.—What Ministers now become Supernumeraries?

Robert E. Fordyce

E. Thomas Olds

ROBERT EBENEZER FORDYCE, A.A. (Oxon.)

The Rev. Robert Ebenezer Fordyce was born in London in 1894. With the intention of becoming a schoolteacher he won a Scholarship and later became an Associate in Arts of Oxford University.

He was converted at 14 years of age and travelled to New Zealand three years later. He served for three years as a pupil teacher after which he became a Home Missionary.

He entered "Dunholme" College in 1915, was received on probation in 1916, and was ordained in Wellington in 1921.

Two years later he married Miss Elizabeth Margaret Bunn, and was greatly blessed in the woman who became his wife and who has shared wholeheartedly in the work of his ministry.

Mr Fordyce was for six and a half years Children's Editor (under the name of "Uncle Ben") of the New Zealand Methodist Times; he has served in District Synods as Journal Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Press Reporter; and in Conference on the Daily Record Committee.

He has served in seventeen circuits. In all of them he has been concerned with property matters.

In the community he has given good service as Scouter and Group Scouter, as an active member of the St John Ambulance Brigade, as a past Grand Master of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd-fellows, and has served on school committees and Parent-Teacher Associations.

A passion for social righteousness has marked his life and ministry. He has always been a fearless crusader for what he believes to be right, although this has not always made him a popular figure.

Mr Fordyce has been a "good and faithful servant" of his Church and his God. People have been converted to Christ and some have entered full time service of the Church under his ministry. He has served his course with energy and selfless devotion and retires from the active ministry with the respect of those who have known him.

EDWIN THOMAS OLDS

The retirement of Edwin Thomas Olds removes from the active work one whose ministry has brought spiritual enrichment to the whole church. His forthright and fearless preaching of the Gospel won many decisions for Christ and His Church.

Throughout the 42 years of his ministry he has been equally effective on the public platform where he courageously espoused National Prohibition; better housing conditions; Bible in State Schools; and other moral movements of the day.

For over a quarter of a century his voice has been familiar on the radio where he confidently offered Christ as the supreme hope of men. In and through all his messages there has been the note of certainty which has carried conviction to many lives.

Mr Olds owes a great debt to his home training. From that home Methodism has been greatly served by Christian workers in many fields.

On the nomination of Dr C. H. Laws in 1912, Mr Olds was accepted as a candidate for the ministry. After a year on the "List of Reserve" he entered "Dunholme". In consequence of the War, College was closed early in 1915, and the next three years were spent overseas.

In his active ministry he served in seven circuits (in one, Auckland Central, for 15 years) and for three years he was Assistant Superintendent of the Home Mission Department and Chairman of Districts for fourteen years.

It has been his lot to be associated with Church extensions and new building projects. In 1948 the Church accorded its honour by electing him President of Conference. His period of office was unique in that, owing to the altered time of Conference, it continued for a year and nine months.

In all his appointments he has rendered faithful and devoted service.

In 1919 he married Miss Kathleen Daisy Calvert of Wellington, without whose support, love and care, his ministry would not have been the success it has.

A poignant sorrow befell them when David, their only son, whilst on loan from the Fleet Air Arm to the R.A.F. prior to D-Day, was killed on Active Service in August, 1944. This too was woven into their lives. Into their retirement they carry the love and affection of the Church.

QUESTION XVI.—What Supernumeraries return to Regular Work?
None.

QUESTION XVII.—What Home Missionaries are to be—

(a) Retained on the Retired List?

A. L. Witheford

H. Ashworth

J. W. Bayliss

W. Sussex

T. W. Featherstone

W. H. Wilson

W. E. Sleep

R. T. Alexander

Roy Coombridge

Cyril Robinson

W. J. Bryant

(b) Placed on Retired List?

None

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

Leslie C. Clements (with permission to serve as Senior Chaplain of the Justice Department.)

QUESTION XIX.—What Ministers are "left without Pastoral Charge"?

A. Francis Attwood

Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D.

H. Rabey Falla

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

No.

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

Kemueli Pita to Fiji (New South Wales Conference).

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

William H. Gregory who has voluntarily resigned.

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

BOARD OF EXAMINERS

Secretary and Convener: Rev. H. C. Matthews, B.A.

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(A) Examiners for Probationers

Hebrew : Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A.

Greek, N.T.—1st year: Rev. H. E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.

2nd year: Rev. L. P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D.

3rd year : Rev. H. E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.

English Bible (O.T.)—Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A., B.D.

English Bible (N.T.)—1st year: Rev. A. K. Petch, B.A.

2nd year: Rev. R. E. Patchett.

3rd year: Rev. L. Greenslade.

Theology : 1st cycle : Rev. J. D. Grocott, B.A.

2nd cycle : Rev. R. Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc.

3rd cycle: Rev. J. Silvester, M.A.

Wesley's Sermons—Rev. R. F. Clement, M.A.

Methodism—Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore, B.A.

Religious Education—Rev. W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A.

Religion and Psychology—Rev. Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D.

Social Ethics—Rev. W. W. H. Greenslade.

Comparative Religion—Rev. R. F. Clement, M.A.

Maori 1 and 2—Rev. Ranginohora Rogers.

Pre-Collegiate Course—

N.T.: Rev. A. K. Petch, B.A.

O.T. and Homiletics: Rev. W. A. Chambers, M.A.

Theology (Clarke's Outline)—Rev. V. R. Jamieson, M.B.E.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Tutors in Theology.

1st Cycle	....	....	....	Rev. R. G. Bell, M.A., B.D.
2nd Cycle	....	....	....	Rev. G. V. Thomas, B.A.
3rd Cycle	....	....	....	Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

Tutors in Greek.

1956	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. L. P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D.
1957	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. O. T. Woodfield
1958	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. H. D. Besant, B.A.

(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., B.D.

Pastoral Theology—

(a) Homiletics Rev. L. C. Horwood

(b) Pastoral Practice Rev. W. E. Allon Carr

(c) Religious Education Rev. M. A. McDowell

O.T. Theology Rev. W. R. Francis, B.A.,
B.D.

N.T. Theology Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D.

(C) Examiners for Candidates.

Bible Knowledge I Rev. J. C. Draper

Bible Knowledge II Rev. F. J. Handy

Theology Rev. L. F. Bycroft

(D) Examiners for Home Missionaries.

English Rev. R. H. Allen, B.A.

Theology Rev. J. H. Bailey

Bible Knowledge Rev. H. A. Darvill

Church History Rev. A. R. Penn

Homiletics Rev. A. J. Johnston

Tutors in Bible Knowledge.

1st Year	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. H. I. K. Hopper, B.A.
2nd Year	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. B. H. Riseley
3rd Year	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. L. T. Norwell
4th Year	.....	.....	.....	.....	Rev. A. H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com.

(E) Examiner for Native Probationers.

Rev. A. O. Harris.

(F) Examiners for Local Preachers.

Bible Knowledge	.....	.....	.....	Rev. H. K. Brown
Theology	.....	.....	.....	Rev. C. H. Bell, B.A.
Homiletics	.....	.....	.....	Rev. A. T. Kent

(G) Examiners for Deaconesses.

Theology	.....	.....	.....	Rev. R. G. Bell, M.A., B.D.
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. J. B. Dawson, B.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 and Hosea.
 - 2nd year: Ezekiel.
 - 3rd year: Job and Psalms (Selection).
- Study and Reading to be directed by Examiner.

2. A. GREEK NEW TESTAMENT. Section for 1957 (from N.Z. B.D. Course Stage I).

- 1st year: Matthew 12-13, 16, 19, 24 and Colossians 1.
- 2nd year: Matthew 11-13, 16, 19, 24. Acts 26 and Colossians 1-2.
- 3rd year: Matthew 11-13, 16, 19, 24, Act. 26-28 and Colossians 1-3.
- 1st year: Translation, Grammar and Exegesis.
- 2nd year: As above with retranslation.
- 3rd year: As for second year with greater emphasis on exegesis.

OR—B. English New Testament.

- 1st year: St. John's Gospel (Moffatt Commentary), and Wm. Temple's "Readings in St. John".
- 2nd year: Romans. C. H. Dodd (Moffatt Comm.).
- 3rd year: Hebrews. Peake (Century Bible), and Pastoral Epistles (Moffatt Commentary).

3. THEOLOGY A. For 1957—3rd Cycle: "The Holy Spirit, Church, Ministry and Sacraments, Last Things."

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); "The World and God", Farmer (Nesbit); "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 and 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 Christian Sacraments"—O. C. Quick; "World to Come and Final Destiny"—Leckie; "And the Life Everlasting"—J. Baillie.

B. WESLEY'S SERMONS (with Lawson's Notes). Each cycle to be co-ordinated with A. above. For 1957—3rd Cycle (a two-hour paper.)

1st cycle : Salvation by Faith.

Justification by Faith.

Scriptural Christianity.

The Almost Christian.

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. A general survey of the Evangelical Revival of the Eighteenth Century in its widest aspects; a detailed knowledge of the Wesleys and their closer associates; the origin and development of Methodism in England and America 1738-1800; the social impact of Methodism; Thomas Coke and the beginnings of Methodist Missions; outlines of New Zealand Methodism.

RECOMMENDED READING:

"The Life of Wesley," by Telford (or any standard "Life").

"The Methodist Heritage," by Henry Carter.

"John Wesley and the Eighteenth Century," by Maldwyn Edwards.

"Centenary Sketches of N.Z. Methodism," by W. J. Williams.

2nd Year:

ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

(1) Religious Education. "An Approach to Christian Education," by Rupert Davies, published by Epworth Press. "Religion and the Growing Mind," by Yeaxlee.

- (2) Social Ethics, "Christian Ideal for Human Society"—Garvie, "The Relevance of Christianity," Barry; "The Christian Way" (S. Cave, D.D.). "The Problem of Right Conduct" (Peter Green).
- (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).

1st year: Principles of Maori Grammar, conversation, dictation and pronunciation. Translations — Maori into English, and English into Maori. Translation of unseen passages.

Text Books:—

"Teach yourself Maori" by Harawira. Special attention to graded lessons at the back of the book.

"First Lessons in Maori," by Williams.

The Bible (Authorised Version); Maori Bible ("Paipera Tapu"); Maori Service Book ("Nga Ihoi me nga Himene")

"He Konae Aranui" by Kohere.

Scriptural passages:—Psalms 1, 8, 23, 24, 95, 100 and 121.

Matthew 5/1-16; 13/1-12; Luke 14/1-11; 15/1-24.

2nd year: Maori Language; History; Culture; Comparison with other Polynesian areas.

Text Books:—

St. John's Gospel, Psalms, Acts of the Apostles, Maori . . . for reading and translation at sight.

Grey's Mythology (Polynesian) Nga mahi a nga Tupuna, for reading and translation at sight.

Buck: "The coming of the Maori," especially Book 3.

Keesing: "The changing Maori."

Norman Smith: "The Maori People and Us."

J. G. Laughton's paper "Maoritanga" (issued on request of R. Rogers).

Beaglehole: "Some Modern Maoris."

Piddington: "Introduction to Social Anthropology" (Chapts. 1-4; X and XI).

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

N.B.—Probationers on F.M. Field take in this section, "Methodism" and "Comparative Religion".

THESIS :

Ministers are required 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 Rev. L. Gordon Hanna, 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 may 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. Tutorial papers shall be done, marks being assessed as follows: Correspondence work, 40; Examination, 60. Each Tutor appointed shall send out study papers for four consecutive months beginning in mid-January and mid-May 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. N.B. Tutorials are required from all probationers by the due dates.
(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. Examination results shall be reported immediately to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners.
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, including all Text Books read. A small committee, appointed by the March District Ministerial Committee, shall conduct a private examination in books on the submitted list and report to the Ministerial Committee of Synod.

When University work is taken by a Probationer he shall report to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners the results as soon as they are known.

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 Sacraments" (first half).

SECOND YEAR.

1. Bible : St. Luke (Guild T. Books).
2. McLeod's "Church, Ministry and Sacraments" (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.

1.—Old Testament.

- (a) Elementary Hebrew (selected students only) 1 period weekly
Further stages at University College.
- (b) Old Testament Introduction and Exegesis. Combined class,
1 period weekly.
1st year—Historical Books and General.
2nd year—Psalms and Wisdom Literature.
3rd year—Prophetic Literature.
Detailed exegesis of selected passages.
- (c) Old Testament Teaching. Combined class, 1 period weekly.
1st year—General Outline of Old Testament Teaching.
2nd year—Psalms and Wisdom Literature.
3rd year—Teaching of the Prophets.

2.—New Testament.

- (a) New Testament Greek.
Junior Year—Grammar. 2 periods weekly.
Intermediate—Grammar and Syntax, Easy Translation.
2 periods weekly.
Senior—Translation with exegesis of passages selected from
books dealt with in Introduction, 3 periods weekly.
- (b) Introduction, including authorship, date, place of origin,
literary characteristics, contents in English, canon; combined
class, 1 period weekly.
1st year—Synoptic Gospels.
2nd year—Paul and the Pauline Epistles.
3rd year—Johannine Literature and other Epistles.
- (c) New Testament Exegesis in English.
1st and 2nd years together—Passages selected from books
dealt with in Introduction, 1 period weekly.
- (d) New Testament Theology. Combined class, 1 period weekly.
A three-year course, material divided as in Introduction.

3.—Theology.

- (a) Systematic Theology. Combined class, 2 periods weekly.

1st year—God, Man, Sin.

Define religion and theology. Branches of theology.

Authority; Church, Bible and Experience.

Our Knowledge of God, through direct apprehension, through faith, through reason, through revelation.

General and Special Revelation. Progressive.

God and the world. Natural and supernatural.

Miracles, Prayer and Providence. Problem of Evil. Doctrine of the Trinity.

Christian Doctrine of Man, created and "fallen." His nature and constitution. Freewill and Predestination. Humanism.

Sin. Inadequate explanations. "Original Sin" and "Total Depravity". Guilt. Origin and effects of sin.

Nature and persistence of evil.

2nd year—Person of Christ. The Synoptic portrait. A "proper" man. The Messiah. Inaugurates the Kingdom. Son of Man, Son of God; Authority; Sinlessness; Miracles; Virgin Birth; Resurrection. Johannine Christology. Outline of historical Christology. Modern theories (1) Classical, (2) Built on kinship between God and man, (3) Kenotic theories. Summary.

Work of Christ—Atonement in world contemporary with N.T. Need for (1) Deliverance (2) Reconciliation with God. Brief sketch of atonement doctrines. The Greek Fathers, Anselm and the "Latin" theory, Abelard, Reformation developments, Grotius. Types of modern doctrine (1) Penal and Substitutionary (2) Moral Influence theories (3) Classical (4) Representative. Summary. A short course on modern cults.

3rd year—The Holy Spirit. Brief sketch of N.T. doctrine and Fathers. The Spirit and the Trinity. Evidence of the Living God; Agent in Conversion, Regeneration and Sanctification; Inspiration of the Scriptures, Personal Agent in Sacramental grace. Doctrines of Grace. Repentance, Saving Faith, Regeneration, Conversion Forgiveness, Justification, Sonship and Adoption, Salvation, personal and social. Election and Predestination. Perseverance, Sanctification, Christian Perfection.

The Church. Marks of the Church. Types of Church Polity. Methodist Churchmanship. Doctrine of the Ministry. Nature of a Sacrament. The Christian Sacraments. Baptism. Infant Baptism today. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, historically considered and in modern Methodist practice.

The Last Things. Primitive ideas of life after death. Old Testament. Between the Testaments. The mind of Our Lord in Synoptics and 4th Gospel. Paul. Eschatology in the Early Church. Chiliasm. The modern reaction. The Parousia. Is there a life after death? Where or what are Heaven and Hell? "Resurrection of the Body." Judgment. Leckie's "Optimist, Pessimist and Mediating theories," Universalism, Eternal Punishment and Conditional Immortality.

- (b) Christian Ethics—Combined class, 2nd and 3rd years together, in alternate years, 1 period weekly.

Ethics as a branch of philosophy, and relation to Christian Ethics. The reality and growth of moral judgments. Survey of Types of Ethical Theory. The Natural Law. Conflict of Duties. Distinctive contribution made by Jesus Christ. Our Duty to God. Formalism and Rigorism. Our Duty to Ourselves. Our Duty to Our Neighbour. Some problems of personal and social ethics in the light of Christian teaching and experience.

4.—Church History.

Combined class, 1 period weekly.

1st year—To 1500 A.D.

2nd year—1500 A.D. to present time. Ecumenism.

3rd year—Methodism, origins and world development.

5.—Pastoral Theology.

(a) Pastoral Theology I. First year students, 1 period weekly. Elementary Homiletics.

Religious education. The nature of man. Heredity and Environment.

Main learning processes, automatic, emotional and insightful.

Application to religious education. The Family Church.

Evangelism and Youth.

Pastoral Theology II. Combined class, 2nd and 3rd years, alternate with Theology III, 1 period weekly.

What to preach. Needs of this age. The main emphases of Scripture applied to contemporary needs. Methods of Propaganda. The Sermon.

Pastoral Theology III. 2nd and 3rd years together, as above, 1 period weekly.

The prime importance of the pastoral task. Visiting. Methods and aims and hints. Abnormal psychology as related to pastoral practice.

Pastoral Theology IV. 2nd and 3rd years, alternates with Christian Ethics class, 1 period weekly.

Christian Worship, Principles and brief history of worship.

Methodist worship. The Order of Worship considered in detail.

Special Services. Sacraments, Weddings, Funerals, etc.

Methodist Law and Polity. Connexionalism. How Methodism Works. Conduct of meetings.

(b) Criticism Service, 1 period weekly.

(c) Sermon Criticism Class, 1 period weekly.

This includes some attention to radio technique.

(d) Voice Production, 1 period weekly.

IV.—COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

1. OLD TESTAMENT.

Text Book: "Study Notes on the Old Testament" by Fred A. Farley, M.A., B.D. (Epworth Press).

A general knowledge of the text of the O.T. particularly the sections dealt with in Farley.

2. NEW TESTAMENT.

Text Book: "The Approach to the New Testament" by Greville P. Lewis, B.A., B.D. (Epworth Press).

A general knowledge of the text of the N.T., particularly the sections dealt with in Lewis.

3. THEOLOGY.

Text Book: "Christian Foundations" by Maldwyn Hughes (Epworth Press); Methodist Catechism (without Hunter); and selected passages from "Wesley's Notes on the N.T."

(At least one question on the passages and Wesley's Notes thereon will be compulsory).

SELECTED PASSAGES:

Matthew chapters 5-7.

Luke chapters 14-16

John chapters 14-17

Romans chapters 5, 8, 12, 14

Galatians chapter 5

Ephesians chapters 2 and 4

Hebrews chapter 11

I John chapters 3 and 4.

(Attention is drawn to "Selections from John Wesley's Notes on the New Testament" by John Lawson).

N.B.—In addition, Candidates are required by Conference to read carefully John Wesley's Forty-Four Sermons, and the N.Z. Methodist "Book of Laws".

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

(Three Hour Papers)

FIRST YEAR

1. English.—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part I, Chs. 1-6.
2. Theology.—"What a Christian believes and Why?" Hunter. (Whole book).
3. Bible Knowledge.—"The Preparation for Christ in the Old Testament." Adam Welch.
4. Homiletics.—"Manual for Preachers." W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D. "The Craft of Sermon Construction." Sangster.

SECOND YEAR

1. English.—"A First Modern English Course" (J. Stanley Jones). Part I, Chs. 7-12.
2. Theology.—"An Outline of Christian Theology." W. N. Clarke. Pp. 1-181.
3. Bible Knowledge.—"The Life and Teaching of Jesus Christ." J. S. Stewart.

4. Church History.—“The Story of the Church.” Church of Scotland Series.
5. Homiletics.—“Heralds of God.” J. S. Stewart. “The Craft of Sermon Illustration.” Sangster.

THIRD YEAR

1. English.—“A First Modern English Course” (J. Stanley Jones). Part II, Chs. 1-6.
2. Theology.—“An Outline of Christian Theology.” W. N. Clarke. Pp. 182-368.
3. Bible Knowledge.—“The Religious Ideas of the Old Testament.” Wheeler Robinson.
4. Homiletics.—“A Preacher’s Handbook.” Lewis. Book 1. (Epworth Press.)

FOURTH YEAR

1. English.—“A First Modern English Course” (J. Stanley Jones). Part II, Chs. 7-11.
2. Theology.—“An Outline of Christian Theology.” W. N. Clarke. Pp. 369-427. “Christian Doctrine.” J. S. Whale.
3. Bible Knowledge.—“Introducing the New Testament.” A. M. Hunter. (S.C.M. Press.)
4. Homiletics.—“A Preacher’s Handbook.” Book 2. Lewis. (Epworth Press.)
5. Church History.—“Our Methodist Heritage.” Henry Carter.

Bible Knowledge shall be taken under Correspondence Tutors, marks being assessed as follows: Correspondence work 50; Examination 50. Each tutor appointed shall send out study papers for five consecutive months beginning in mid-March. He shall mark the work sent in and return the corrected work with suitable guidance. (Maximum marks for each study paper, 10.) Each tutor shall keep full records of each individual case, and on or before 1st September shall forward a complete report to the Assistant-Secretary of the Board of Examiners.

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), chapters 1-6.

Church History.—“A First Church History” (Vera Walker), S.C.M., pp. 1-202.

Old Testament.—“The Old Testament Writers and their Messages” (Healing), chapters 1-11.

New Testament.—“Introducing the New Testament” (A. M. Hunter); “Understandest Thou” (Fraser).

English.—“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), chapters 7-12.
Church History.—“A First Church History” (Vera Walker), S.C.M., pp. 203-264; “A Charge to Keep” (Frank Baker), parts 1-4.
Old Testament.—“The Old Testament Writers and their Messages” (Healing), chapters 12-18.
New Testament.—“St. Mark” (A. M. Hunter); and “Epistle to the Galatians” (J. A. Allan). (Both in Torch Commentaries.)
English.—“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.

1. General Bible Knowledge. Text Book: “The Book Supreme”—J. I. Brice (Epworth Press). (Two-hour Paper.)
2. Theology: “What a Christian Believes and Why” (Hunter). (Two-hour Paper.)
3. Homiletics.—
 - (a) “The Craft of Sermon Construction”—Sangster.
 - (b) “Heralds of God”—Stewart.
 - (c) “The Conduct of Worship”. (Study notes available from Assistant-Secretary Board of Examiners. Price 1/-.) (Three-hour Paper.)

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 Meeting before he is granted status.

DATES OF EXAMINATIONS.

Examinations for 1957 shall commence on the following dates:

Probationers.—Tuesday, May 14th and Tuesday, September 10th.

Tutorials for Probationers.—Greek, February 1st. Theology, June 1st.

Candidates for Ministry.—Tuesday, July 16th.

Home Missionary Probationers.—Tuesday, September 10th.

Bible Knowledge Tutorials for H.M. Probationers.—Tuesday, March 12th.

Deaconess Entrance.—Tuesday, August 6th.

Local Preachers:

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

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Oral Examiner for 1957 be Rev. W. R. Laws, M.A., B.D.
2. That Conference congratulate Rev. J. A. Ziesler, B.A., on passing the London B.D. with first class honours; Rev. J. A. Penman and Mr S. J. Goudge (Student) on securing the B.A. degree, and that permission be granted for these to be printed in the Minutes of Conference.

3. That Conference congratulate the Ex-President, the Rev. M. A. McDowell on his being honoured with the Doctor of Divinity degree by the American Church and that his degree be printed in the Minutes.

4. That Conference approve the proposals for co-operation in Theological teaching between the Congregational College and Trinity College and authorise the Board of Studies to make necessary arrangements which are to be reported to the Conference annually, by the Principal.

5. That the Secretary of the Board of Examiners refer the suggested new course of study for Local Preachers to the Board of Studies after consultation with the Local Preachers Association, and that the Board report to Conference 1957 with recommendations.

6. That the Secretary, Rev. H. C. Matthews, B.A., be thanked for his services and be reappointed.

7. That the Assistant-Secretary, Rev. A. R. Witheford, B.A., be thanked for his services, and be reappointed.

8. That Rev. L. Gordon Hanna be appointed as Assistant Secretary, with the supervision of Thesis studies.

QUESTION XXV.—(a) Do we sanction the alteration or division of any District, Circuit, or Home Mission Station?

AUCKLAND:

That *Trinity College* and the *Collegiate Church* be included within the boundaries of the *Auckland Central Circuit*, and that the relationship between the Students and Staff of the College and the Circuit be governed by the same conditions as prevail at present between the Auckland East Circuit and the College and the Collegiate Church.

WHANGAROA-KAIKOHE-KAWA KAWA-BAY OF ISLANDS:

That Whangaroa, Kaikohe, Kawa Kawa Circuits, and the Bay of Islands Home Mission Station be amalgamated to be known as the Bay of Islands Circuit, the staffing to be two Ordained Ministers and a Probationer.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

FEILDING: That the Feilding Circuit include the Feilding, Makeno, Colyton and Halcombe areas, staffing to be one Ordained Minister and a Deaconess.

APITI: That the Apiti Circuit include the Waituna West, Cheltenham and Beaconsfield areas, the staffing to be an Ordained Minister.

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

AUCKLAND:

DARGAVILLE: That the staffing be One Ordained Minister and a Probationer.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

RAETIHI: That Raetihi Home Mission station be constituted a Circuit, the staffing to be a Probationer.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

WAIROA: That the staffing be an Ordained Minister.

WELLINGTON:

HUTT: That the name be changed to "*Lower Hutt*".

WELLINGTON SOUTH: That the staffing be One Ordained Minister and a Probationer.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

CROMWELL-ALEXANDRA: That the staffing be an Ordained Minister.

QUESTION XXVI.—(a) To what Circuits are additional Preachers to be appointed?

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

ROTORUA: That the staffing be One Ordained Minister and a Probationer.

WELLINGTON:

UPPER HUTT: That the staffing be One Ordained Minister and a Probationer.

LOWER HUTT: That the staffing be three Ordained Ministers and a Probationer.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

CHRISTCHURCH EAST: That the staffing be Four Ordained Ministers and a Probationer.

QUESTION XXVI.—(b) From what Circuits are Preachers to be Withdrawn?
None.

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

QUESTION XXVIII.—What Circuits are due to provide a parsonage for an Ordained Minister?

AUCKLAND EAST (5th) is due, and is relieved for one year.

HAMILTON (3rd) is due and is relieved for another year.

MORRINSVILLE (2nd) is due, and is relieved for another year.

HAURAKI PLAINS is due, and is relieved for another year.

TAIHAPE is due, and is relieved for another year.

WAIROA (H.B.) is due, and is able to fulfil its obligations.

LOWER HUTT (3rd) is due, and is able to fulfil its obligations.

NELSON (2nd) is due, and is relieved for another year.

RICCARTON (2nd) is due, and is relieved for another year.

TIMARU SOUTH is due, and is relieved for another year.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL (2nd) is due, and is relieved for one year

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

STATIONS OF MINISTERS, 1957.

President—REV. RAYMOND DUDLEY, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S.

Vice-President—SISTER RITA F. SNOWDEN.

Secretary—REV. GORDON R. H. PETERSON.

(N.B.—Each of the places mentioned in these Stations and numbered consecutively 1 to 146 and [1] to [10] 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.)

I—AUCKLAND DISTRICT

1. **Auckland Central**—R. Frederick Clement, M.A., Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D. (Kingsland), Ian D. Grant (St. Jude's, Richmond Road), Haddon C. Dixon, M.A., B.D. (without pastoral charge), A Deaconess.

The Home Mission Department—George I. Laurenson (Gen. Supt.), Bernard M. Chrystall, B.A. (Asst. Supt.), Harold A. Darvill (Maori Missionary—residing at Hawera), Eruera Te Tuhi, O.B.E. (Sup.), Acting-Senior Maori Superintendent.

The Foreign Mission Department—Stanley G. Andrews, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Gen. Sec.).

Trinity Theological College—Eric W. Hames, M.A., Tutor in Systematic Theology and Church History, Principal; David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D., Tutor in Pastoral Theology and Resident Tutor; John J. Lewis, M.A., B.D., Tutor in Biblical Languages, Literature and Teaching.

Youth Department—Youth Director (see Question 30).

2. **Auckland Central Mission**—A. Everil Orr, M.B.E., One Wanted, Arthur J. Seamer, C.M.G. (Sup.), Leslie B. Neale, M.B.E., B.A. (Sup.), Two Deaconesses.
3. **Auckland South**—W. E. Allon Carr, Geoffrey T. Gilbert (Roskill), Walter Parker (Sandringham), John A. Ziesler, B.A., B.D. (overseas), George P. Hunt (Sup.). Children's Home: Chaplain, Geoffrey T. Gilbert.
4. **Auckland West**—Harris Whitfield, One Wanted.
5. **Auckland East**—L. Gordon Hanna, Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A., Joseph C. Draper, Leonard P. Schroeder, B.A., B.D., Edward P. Boyd, One Wanted, Charles H. Laws, B.A., D.D. (Foundation Fellow of Trinity College) (Sup.), William Walker, E.D. (Sup.), Edwin S. Harkness (Sup.), Ernest D. Patchett (Sup.),

James W. Parker (Sup.), Frederick J. Parker (Sup.), Arthur H. Scrivin (Sup.), E. Thomas Olds (Sup.).

6. **Auckland (Avondale)**—Athol R. Penn, One Wanted (Avondale), Frank E. Leadley (Sup.), Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt.D. (Fellow of Trinity College) (Sup.), Fred Copeland (Sup.), Ernest E. Sage (Sup.), George E. Brown (Sup.).
7. **Auckland (Henderson)**—Donald G. Sherson, B.A., One Wanted, Percy I. Cooke (Sup.), Ernest B. Chambers (Sup.), Thomas Skuse (Sup.).
8. **Auckland (Devonport)**—G. Raymond Harris, E. Percy Blamires (Sup.).
9. **Auckland (Takapuna)**—W. Selwyn Dawson, M.A., One Wanted, William Gatman (Sup.), Albert Blakemore (Sup.), John Dennis (Sup.), J. Francis Jack (Sup.).
10. **Auckland (Birkenhead)**—Robert H. Allen, B.A., One Wanted.
11. **Onehunga**—Albert Jolly, One Wanted, Alfred E. Jefferson (Sup.).
12. **Otahuhu**—Francis J. Handy.
13. **Papatoetoe**—John Silvester, M.A.
14. **Papakura**—Herbert W. Payne, Percy P. Rushton.
15. **Pukekohe**—W. Lloyd Divers (who shall supervise the Bombay-Tuakau Circuit), Wesley Training College, Paerata: Principal, Edward M. Marshall, B.A., Dip.Ed.
16. **Bombay-Tuakau**—Philip F. Taylor.
17. **Waiuku**—Clarence T. J. Luxton.
18. **North Waitemata**—Ivan J. Clucas (C.F. for duty in C.M.T. Camp), Bruce Scammell.
19. **Mahurangi**—George R. Trebilco, John H. Bailey (Sup.).
20. **Paparoa**—Frederick J. K. Baker.
21. **Dargaville**—Norman W. Olds, One Wanted.
22. **Ruawai**—Douglas H. Burt.
23. **Whangarei**—Arthur T. Kent (who shall supervise Hikurangi Circuit), One Wanted.
24. **Hikurangi**—Geoffrey E. Scarr.
25. **Bay of Islands**—A. Wharton E. Silvester (Medal of Merit, U.S.A.) (Kaikohe), R. Hori Pratt, B.A. (Kaeo), One Wanted (Kerikeri).
26. **Port Albert**—David G. Stubbs, One Wanted (Wellsford).
27. **Mangonui**—Harry W. Toothill.
28. **Hokianga**—H. David Besant, B.A.
29. **North Hokianga**—One Wanted.

MAORI MISSION—

[1] Auckland—

Ranginohora Rogers, Ruawai D. Rakena (Waima), Matarae Tauroa (Sup.), Ngatete K. Kukutai (Sup.), 13 Home Missionaries, 6 Deaconesses.

COLPORTEUR WORK—A Home Missionary.

ERIC W. HAMES, M.A., Chairman of the District.

A. WHARTON E. SILVESTER, Deputy-Chairman (Northland).

CLARENCE T. J. LUXTON, Deputy-Chairman (Franklin).

G. RAYMOND HARRIS, Financial Secretary.

II—SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

30. **Thames**—William M. Garner, Frank Bateup (Sup.).
31. **Hauraki Plains**—Andrew G. Reid.

32. **Paeroa**—One Wanted, A. Francis Attwood (without pastoral charge), Walter J. Enticott (Sup.).
 33. **Waihi**—Archibald W. McKay.
 34. **Te Aroha**—John Churchill.
 35. **Morrinsville**—Harold K. Brown, One Wanted.
 36. **Cambridge**—Reginald Grice, Charles H. Olds, B.A. (Sup.).
 37. **Hamilton**—William R. Francis, B.A., B.D., Ian C. E. Ramage, M.A., One Wanted, William J. Morrison, M.A. (overseas), Robert B. Tinsley (Sup.), Samuel J. Werren (Sup.).
 - 37a. **Raglan Union Parish**—Cong. Appointment.
 38. **Hamilton East**—Charles B. Oldfield, One Wanted.
 38. **Huntly**—Ronald H. Wood.
 40. **Matamata**—Charles H. Bell, B.A.
 41. **Putaruru**—Ian W. Reid, Cuthbert F. Peart.
 42. **Rotorua**—Gordon V. Thomas, B.A., One Wanted.
 43. **Tauranga**—J. Henry Woolford (who shall supervise Opotiki Circuit), Noel D. Billingham (Te Puke), One Wanted (Mount Maunganui), Henry L. Blamirés (Sup.), Arthur A. Bensley (Sup.).
 44. **Whakatane**—Arthur W. Dickie.
 45. **Opotiki**—One Wanted.
 46. **Te Awamutu**—Leslie A. G. Brooks (who shall supervise the Kawhia H.M. Station).
 47. **Otorohanga**—J. Ainsley Daglish (who shall assist with at least one service a quarter in Kawhia H.M. Station).
 48. **Te Kuiti**—Alan H. V. Newton, A Home Missionary.
 49. **Taumarunui**—Hughan M. Craig.
 50. **Ohura**—George L. Bennett.
 51. **Kawerau**—One Wanted.
 - [2] **Waikato**—One Wanted (Ngaruawahia), 10 Home Missionaries, 4 Deaconesses.
 - [13] **Maniapoto**—Lane M. Tauroa, B.A., 12 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.
- NGARUAWAHIA—A Home Missionary.
 KAWHIA—A Home Missionary.
 COROMANDEL—A Home Missionary.
 WILLIAM R. FRANCIS, B.A., B.D., Chairman of the District.
 HAROLD K. BROWN, Financial Secretary.

III—TARANAKI—WANGANUI DISTRICT

52. **New Plymouth**—William W. H. Greenslade, James H. Hall, Frank H. Woodfield, Charles M. Roberts (Sup.), Henry Benny (Sup.), Robert E. Fordyce (Sup.).
53. **Waitara**—John H. Osborne, A Home Missionary.
54. **Stratford**—J. Montgomery Blight.
55. **Eltham**—(Kaponga)—E. Raymond Le Couteur. A Home Missionary.
56. **Hawera**—Ralph E. Patchett. A Home Missionary (Patea).
57. **Manaia**—Idris J. Ruck.
58. **Opunake**—Clifford G. Brown, One Wanted.
59. **Wanganui Central**—George R. Thompson, Herbert Spencer, (Sup.).

- 60. **Wanganui North**—Edmund D. Grounds (who shall supervise the Taihape and Raetihi-Ohakune Circuits), One Wanted.
- 61. **Wanganui West**—John H. Thompson.
- 62. **Taihape**—Robert S. Andrews.
- 63. **Raetihi-Ohakune**—One Wanted.
- 64. **Marton**—Trevor L. Bennett.
- [4] **Taranaki-Waimarino**—Harold A. Darvill (Hawera, Acting-Circuit Superintendent), Te Awha W. Tahere (New Plymouth), 12 Home Missionaries, 3 Deaconesses.

INGLEWOOD—A Home Missionary.

RALPH E. PATCHETT, Chairman of the District.

EDMUND D. GROUNDS, Financial Secretary.

IV—HAWKE'S BAY—MANAWATU DISTRICT

- 65. **Napier**—Howard C. Matthews, B.A., Edmond S. Stewart (Greenmeadows), Henry Ryan (Sup.), Charles H. Kendon (Sup.).
- 66. **Hastings**—Leonard C. Horwood, One Wanted, Arthur Hopper (Sup.).
- 67. **Gisborne**—E. Clarence Leadley, One Wanted.
- 68. **Wairoa**—David L. Trebilco.
- 69. **Dannevirke**—Sydney J. Spindler.
- 70. **Woodville**—One Wanted.
- 71. **Pahiatua**—A. Roger Nuttall, B.A.
- 72. **Palmerston North** (St. Paul's)—William R. Laws, M.A., B.D. (who shall supervise Woodville Circuit). One Wanted.
- 73. **Palmerston North**—(Trinity)—George H. Goodman (who shall supervise the Foxton-Shannon H.M. Station), A Deaconess.
- 74. **Ashurst-Bunnythorpe**—Charles H. Raynor,
- 75. **Feilding**—R. Graham Bell, M.A., B.D. (who shall supervise the Apiti Circuit). A Deaconess.
- 76. **Sanson-Rongotea**—John K. Watson, M.C., B.A.
- 77. **Apiti**—Irwin J. Fowler.

WAIPAWA—WAIPUKURAU—Two Home Missionaries.

FOXTON—SHANNON—A Home Missionary, William A. Burley, M.A. (Sup.).

NORSEWOOD—A Home Missionary.

E. CLARENCE LEADLEY, Chairman of the District.

WILLIAM R. LAWS, M.A., B.D., Deputy-Chairman.

V—WELLINGTON DISTRICT

- 78. **Wellington Central**—Robert Thornley, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc., Owen Kitchingman, One Wanted, A Deaconess, Ernest O. Blamires (Sup.), Henry J. Odell (Sup.).
Youth Department—Senior Youth Director, Wilfred F. Ford, B.A.
- 79. **Wellington West**—Ernest S. Hoddinott, R. Leslie George.
- 80. **Wellington South**—Andrew J. Johnston, One Wanted.
- 81. **Wellington East**—Lawrence Greenslade, Arthur H. Ivory, LL.B., B.Com., Clifford L. Duder (who shall assist in Wellington South Circuit), William Rowe (Sup.), Leslie C. Clements (Resting).
- 82. **Wellington North**—Ivo M. Raynor, Leslie A. D. Hayman, B.Agr.-Sc.
- 83. **Porirua**—Wilf G. Eisner, B.A., One Wanted.

84. **Lower Hutt**—M. Alexander McDowell, D. D., Leslie T. Norwell (who shall supervise the Probationer appointed to Wainui-o-Mata Parish), Maurice H. Downer, One Wanted, R. Purcell Keall (Sup.).
- 84a. **Taita Union Parish**—(Presbyterian Appointment).
85. **Upper Hutt**—Francis H. Parker, One Wanted.
86. **Petone**—Harry I. Shaw.
- 86a. **Wainui-o-Mata Union Parish**—Brian M. Watson, M.Sc.
87. **Greytown**—Featherston—One Wanted.
88. **Carterton**—Reginald Day.
89. **Masterton**—John B. Dawson, B.A., William K. Abbott. Masterton Children's Home: Chaplain, John B. Dawson, B.A.
90. **Eketahuna**—One Wanted.
91. **Levin**—Campbell P. Lucas, L.Th. (Chaplain to Levin Farm), Harry S. Kings (Sup.).
92. **Otaki**—Ormond E. Burton M.A. (who shall supervise Paraparaumu Circuit).
93. **Paraparaumu**—Trevor L. Nicholls, A Home Missionary.
- M. ALEXANDER McDOWELL, D.D., Chairman of the District.
- ANDREW J. JOHNSTON, Deputy-Chairman.

VI—NELSON DISTRICT

94. **Nelson**—Charlie O. Hailwood, Gordon D. Brough, B. A. Charles Blair (Sup.).
95. **Waimea**—Harry Moore, John Grundy, M.A. Frederick, B. Lawrence (Sup.).
96. **Motueka**—Neville Thornicroft.
97. **Murchison**—One Wanted.
98. **Blenheim**—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D., David W. Edmonds (Picton), One Wanted, Phillip D. Ramsay (C.F.), John D. McArthur (Sup.), Alfred M. Costain, Dip. Soc. Sc. (Sup.).
99. **Reefton**—One Wanted.
100. **Westport**—Alan Newman (C.F. for duty in C.M.T. camp).
101. **Greymouth**—D. Bruce Gordon, M.A. (who shall supervise the Hokitika Circuit), One Wanted.
102. **Hokitika**—Kenneth H. Russell.
- CHARLIE O. HAILWOOD, Chairman of the District.
- D. BRUCE GORDON, M.A., Deputy Chairman.

VII—NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

103. **Christchurch** (Durham Street)—Ashleigh K. Petch, B.A., John A. Penman, B.A., Herbert Ford (Sup.), Archer O. Harris (Sup.).
 CONNEXIONAL SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE—Herbert L. Flebig, B.A.
 YOUTH DIRECTOR—One Wanted.
104. **Christchurch Central Mission**—Wilfred E. Falkingham, A Deaconess.
105. **Christchurch East**—V. Roy Jamieson, M.B.E., E.D., J. C. Aldwyn Williams, Leonard V. Willing, Edward Baker, One Wanted, Albert H. Fowles (Sup.), James Richards (Sup.), Wallace S. Neal (Sup.), Oswald Burnet (Sup.).
106. **Christchurch** (Cambridge Terrace)—Hubert G. Brown.
107. **Christchurch** (Woolston - Lyttelton)—Wesley A. Chambers, M.A., Harry Utting (Opawa), William E. Moore (Lyttelton), Frederick O. Prosser (Sup.).

108. **Christchurch** (Sydenham)—Colin D. Clark, B.A., One Wanted.
109. **Christchurch** (Addington)—Thomas H. Carr (Chaplain to Sunnyside Hospital).
110. **Christchurch** (Riccarton)—John D. Grocott, B.A., Phyllis M. Guthardt.
111. **Christchurch** (St Albans)—William G. Slade, M.A., D.D., Peter A. Stead, B.A., Norman P. Larsen, George B. Hinton (Sup.), Cecil R. Taylor (Sup.).
112. **Christchurch** (Papanui)—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D. (Connexional Editor).
South Island Orphanage—Chaplain, William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
113. **Springston**—William C. Jenkin, One Wanted (Islington), H. Rabey Falla (Without Pastoral Charge), Harry Cottom (Sup.).
114. **Leeston**—H. Ian K. Hopper, B.A., Horace L. Richards (Sup.).
115. **Kaiapoi**—Benjamin H. Riseley.
116. **Rangiora**—Charles E. Dickens. One Wanted.
117. **Greendale**—Loyal J. Gibson.
118. **Oxford**—Basil J. Hilder.

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

JOHN A. PENMAN, Financial Secretary.

VIII—SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

119. **Timaru** (Banks Street)—Alan O. Jones, Hector C. Orchard (Sup.).
120. **Timaru** (Woodlands Street)—Leslie F. Bycroft.
- 120a. **Marchwiell Union Parish**—(Presbyterian Appointment).
121. **Timaru South**—One Wanted.
122. **Waimate**—A. Peter Dorrian, Jonathan H. Haslam (Sup.).
123. **Temuka**—One Wanted.
124. **Geraldine**—John R. Hall (who shall superintend Temuka Circuit).
125. **Ashburton**—Arthur R. Witheford, B.A. One Wanted.
126. **Willowby**—Owen T. Woodfield.
127. **Oamaru**—Alan F. Collins.

ALAN O. JONES, Chairman of the District.

IX—OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

128. **Central Church and Mission** (Dunedin)—Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S. (President of the Conference), Frank S. Rigg, One Wanted, A Deaconess.
129. **Dunedin** (Dundas Street)—Allan J. Handyside.
130. **Dunedin North**—John W. Reddihough.
131. **Dunedin South**—Gordon Parker, M.A., Ph.D., Leonard Shapcott, One Wanted (Abbotsford).
- 131a. **Corstorphine Union Parish**—(Presbyterian Appointment).
132. **Dunedin** (St. Kilda)—Gordon R. H. Peterson (Secretary of the Conference, who shall supervise Port Chalmers Circuit), One Wanted, T. Arthur Pybus (Sup.).
133. **Dunedin** (Mornington)—Herbert A. Cochrane (who shall supervise Waikouaiti-Palmerston Home Mission Station, and who shall give at least two services a quarter to Dunedin South Circuit).
134. **Dunedin** (Roslyn)—O. McLennan Olds (who shall give at least one service a quarter to Dunedin North Circuit).
135. **Port Chalmers**—One Wanted.
136. **Milton**—George W. Cramond.
137. **Roxburgh**—Amos W. Burrough.

138. **Invercargill Central**—D. J. Donald Hickman (who shall supervise the Bluff and Edendale Circuits), Wilfred J. Cable.
 139. **Invercargill** (St. Peter's)—J. Stanley Olds.
 140. **Gore**—T. Ralph Benny.
 141. **Western Southland**—Eric R. Eastwood, One Wanted.
 142. **Edendale**—One Wanted.
 143. **Mosgiel**—One Wanted.
 144. **Bluff**—G. Basil W. Bell.
 145. **Cromwell-Alexandra**—Ernest Heppelthwaite.
 146. **Balclutha**—Warren Green.
- WAIKOUAITI — PALMERSTON — A Home Missionary.
LAWRENCE — A Home Missionary.
- RAYMOND DUDLEY, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S. (President of the Conference), Chairman of the District.
GORDON R. H. PETERSON, Deputy-Chairman.
ALAN J. HANDYSIDE, Financial Secretary.

X—SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT

[5] **Roviana Circuit**—

John R. Metcalfe (Chairman Kokengolo), Allen H. Hall, M.A. (D.T.I. Banga), Alexander C. Watson (Kokengolo), Aisake Vula (Honiara), Ahofitu Maka (Marovo), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Teacher) (Wanted), One Missionary Sister (Nurse) (Wanted), One Missionary Sister (Secretary), One Lay Missionary (Technician), 7 Native Catechists, 45 Native Teachers, 6 Native Medical Assistants.

District Training Institution—

Chairman of the District (Principal), Allen H. Hall, M.A. (Vice-Principal), 4 Native Teachers.

[6] **Vella Lavella Circuit**—

Trevor Shepherd (Bilua), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Nurse) (Wanted), 3 Native Catechists, 36 Native Teachers, 7 Native Medical Assistants.

[7] **Choiseul Circuit**—

D. I. Alister McDonald (Sasamunga), Timothy Piani (Senga), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), One Missionary Sister (Nurse) (Wanted), One Missionary Sister, 5 Native Catechists, 42 Native Teachers, 1 Native Medical Assistant.

[8] **Buin Circuit**—

A. Harry Voyce (Kihili), John Taufa (Kieta), One Native Minister (Wanted) (Tonu); One Missionary Sister (Teacher), District Girls' School, Kihili; One Missionary Sister (Teacher) Wanted, District Girls' School, Kihili; One Missionary Sister (Teacher, Tonu); One Missionary Sister (Nurse, Tonu); 9 Native Catechists, 75 Native Teachers, 5 Native Medical Assistants.

[9] **Teop Circuit**—

George G. Carter, M.A., Dip.Ed. (Kekesu), Daniel Palavi (Tea-raka), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), 4 Native Catechists, 36 Native Teachers, 1 Native Medical Assistant.

[10] **Buka Circuit**—

Gordon A. R. Cornwell (Skotolan), John A. Bitibule (Hamahou), One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Teacher), 4 Native Catechists, 40 Native Teachers, 7 Native Medical Assistants.

Helena Goldie Hospital—

Gerald E. Hoult, M.B., Ch.B., B.D.S., D.T.M. & H., One Missionary Sister (Nurse), One Missionary Sister (Nurse).

N.B.—(1) Joeli Zio and Samson Pataaku serve under the direction of the Chairman of the District.

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

XI—PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS MISSION

(Ministers of the New Zealand Conference appointed to the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission shall serve under the general direction of the Methodist Foreign Missionary Society of New Zealand and, for purposes of ministerial training, status, discipline and membership of funds, continue their connection with the New Zealand Conference). (Minutes of Conference 1953, page 124).

Mendi—

Gordon H. Young, one lay missionary, three missionary sisters.

Tari—

Roland L. Barnes, L.Th., Clifford J. Keightley, one lay missionary, one carpenter, three missionary sisters.

N.B.—Gordon H. Young and Roland L. Barnes are ministers of the New South Wales Conference.

QUESTION XXX—How are the Home Missionaries employed by the Conference stationed for the ensuing year?**AUCKLAND DISTRICT—**

Youth Director—One Wanted.

Auckland Methodist Central Mission (2nd)—One Wanted.

Auckland East (6th)—Supply (Mrs F. M. Robertson), W. E. Sleep (Retired).

Auckland West (2nd)—One Wanted.

Auckland (Avondale) (2nd)—One Wanted.

Auckland (Takapuna) (2nd)—Supply (Rev J. Dennis), W. Sussex and W. H. Wilson (Retired).

Auckland (Birkenhead) (2nd)—Supply (D. I. Robertson).

Onehunga (2nd)—Supply (Rev. A. E. Jefferson).

North Waitemata—R. Coombridge (Retired).

Henderson (2nd)—Non-resident Student Supply (Evan R.

Lewis, M.Sc.); J. W. Bayliss (Retired).

North Hokianga—(Kohukohu)—F. L. Johnson.

Dargaville—(Te Kopuru)—One Wanted.

Whangarei (2nd)—One Wanted.

Port Albert—(Wellsford)—One Wanted.

Bay of Islands (Kerikeri)—One Wanted.

Maori Mission—

Matauri Bay—Supply.

Batley—Supply.

Kawakawa (Waiomio)—Tawai Te Riri Kawiti

Paihia—Supply.

Punakitere—Te Hira Ratete.

Waimate North—Supply.

Orowau—Rameka Eru.

Kaikohe—Hotai Mita Hohepa.

Whananaki—Nehana Pu.

Rewiti—Supply.

Dargaville—Wiremu Paki Ihaka.

Pouto—(Kaipara Heads)—Supply.

Hikurangi—Hohepa Hemara.

Rangitane (Pouto)—Henare Kapa.

Pokere (Bay of Islands)—Piripi Livingstone.

Pakiri—John Harris.

Mangamuka—Supply.
Auckland—Huru Wiperi and Paikea H. Toka.
Whirinaki—Supply.
Te Kohanga—Waaka Kukutai.
Tuakau—Ngaweke Tuhimata.
Mangere—Maharaia Winiata, M.A., Ph.D., Dip.Ed.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT—

Hamilton (3rd)—Supply (Rev. S. J. Werren), A. L. Witheford (Retired).
Ngaruawahia—C. E. Roke.
Tauranga (3rd) (Mount Maunganui)—One Wanted.
Coromandel—Supply (Thomas Walker).
Morrinsville (Waitoa)—One Wanted.
Opotiki—Supply (Rev. Wm. M. Isitt).
Te Kuiti (2nd)—One Wanted.
Hamilton East (2nd)—One Wanted.
Kawhia—One Wanted.
Kawerau—One Wanted (To be worked from Whakatane).

Maori Mission—

Waikato and Maniapoto Circuits, Superintendent (Supply Rev. A. J. Seamer).
Kawhia—Paahi Moke.
Frankton Junction—J. Hatoitoi Pihama.
Aotea Harbour—Roi Moke.
Raglan—Tuteao Manihera.
Mokau—Supply.
Ngaruawahia—Heemi Rihimona and Tutu Keepa.
Waimihi—Tame Ponui.
Aramiro—Enoka Marumaru.
Rakaunui—Supply.
Whatawhata—Ngerungeru Tame Pihama.
Waitomo—Supply.
Otorohanga—Paki Manga.
Rangiriri—Matene Hori De Thierry.
Hangatiki—Supply.
Taharoa—Supply.
Huntly—Supply.
Waikaretu—Mu Maihi.
Hamilton—Te Akonga Pihama.
Hauraki Plains—Supply.
Maketu Pa (Kawhia)—Waiwera Rangawhenua.
Te Kopua (Te Awamutu)—Supply.
Marokopa—Nguru Winikerei.
Ngutunui—Rangi Katipa.
Makomako—Tumu Te Huia.
Aotearoa—Wairemu Tonga and Pukerau Rangitutia.
Atawa—Te Urunga Wetere.
Mourea—Te Iwikau Waaka.
Ngaruawahia Rural—Graham Kahui.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT—

New Plymouth—T. W. Featherstone and H. Ashworth (Retired).
Opunake (Okato)—H. R. Wright.
Eltham (Kaponga)—One Wanted.
Hawera (Patea)—One Wanted.
Raetihi-Ohakune—One Wanted.
Wanganui North (Wanganui East)—One Wanted.
Inglewood—O. L. Christian.
Waitara (Uruti)—One Wanted.

Maori Mission—

Rahotu—Whaterau 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—

Gisborne (2nd)—One Wanted.
Hastings (2nd)—One Wanted.
Foxton-Shannon—F. D. Peterson.
Norsewood—Vacant (under Dannevirke Superintendent).
Waipawa-Waipukurau—Supply (Rev. A. G. Woodnutt), One
Wanted (Waipukurau), W. J. Bryant (Retired).
Palmerston North (St. Paul's) (2nd)—Deaconess Supply
(Sister Lorraine Flowers).
Napier—C. Robinson (Retired).
Woodville—F. E. Trim.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT—

Wellington Central (3rd)—One Wanted.
Paraparaumu (2nd)—One Wanted (Paraparaumu).
Porirua (2nd)—One Wanted.
Eketahuna—H. Prowse.
Greytown-Featherston—F. J. Climo.
Wellington South—One Wanted (Island Bay).

NELSON DISTRICT—

Blenheim (3rd)—One Wanted.
Murchison—One Wanted.
Greymouth—(Runanga)—One Wanted.
Reefton—T. Steele.
Motueka—R. T. Alexander (Retired).

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Youth Director—One Wanted.
Springston (2nd) (Islington)—Rev. H. R. Falla (Supply).
Rangiora (2nd)—G. K. Greening (Woodend).
Sydenham (Beckenham)—One Wanted.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT—

Ashburton (2nd)—G. H. J. Yearbury.
Temuka—One Wanted (Supplied from Geraldine).
Timaru South—One Wanted.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT—

Central Methodist Church and Mission (3rd)—One Wanted.
St. Kilda (2nd)—One Wanted.
Lawrence—(Under Milton Superintendent) Vacant.
Western Southland (Ohai)—One Wanted.
Waikouaiti-Palmerston—Supply (E. Downer).
Edendale—One Wanted.
Dunedin South (Abbotsford)—One Wanted.
Mosgiel—W. J. Henderson (who shall give at least one
service a quarter to Dunedin South Circuit).
Port Chalmers—Supply (A. E. Tardif).

Alfred G. Woodnutt is a superannuated Minister of the British
Methodist Conference residing in New Zealand.

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.

QUESTION XXXI—How are the Deaconesses employed by the Conference stationed for the ensuing year?

I.—Home Work.

Sister Dorothy Pointon, Central Church and Mission, Dunedin.
Sister Rita Snowden (Vice-President of Conference), Home Mission Department, Auckland.
Sister Ivy Jones, Orphanage Board, Auckland.
Sister Rona Collins, South Island Children's Home and Orphanage, Christchurch.
Sister Evelyn J. Taylor, Auckland (leave of absence).
Sister Joyce Gribble, Auckland Central.
Sister Doreen Bulford, Christchurch Central Mission.
Sister Gwenda Kennedy, Auckland Central Mission.
Sister Lorraine Flowers, Palmerston North (St. Pauls).
Probationer Beverley Taylor, Feilding.

II.—Maori Work—

Sister Eleanor Dobby, South Island.
Sister Nicholls, Maori Centre, Auckland.
Sister Airini Hobbs, Waikato.
Sister Olive Bott, Bay of Islands.
Sister Madeline Holland, "Kurahuna" School Hostel.
Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Hamilton and Central Waikato.
Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel, New Plymouth.
Sister Anne Wilson, Hawera.
Sister Ruth Hilder, "Seamer House," Auckland.
Sister Jean Miller, Auckland.
Sister Mavis Dickie, Northern King Country.
Sister Grace Clement, Central King Country.
Sister Frances Smith, Hamilton.
Sister Betty Yearbury, Opunake.
Sister Winnifred Bennett, Waikato.
Sister Kathleen Rogers, Outer Auckland South.
Sister June Peters, Hamilton.
Sister Joyce Foster, Outer Auckland.
Probationer Mary Sealey, Dargaville.
Probationer Hana Hauraki, Hokianga.

III.—Solomon Islands—

Sister Lucy Money, Choiseul.

IV.—Retired—(a) Deaconesses

Sister Ruth Fawcett
Mrs W. J. Williams
Sister May Barnett
Sister Annie Tocker
Sister Winifred Beaumont
Sister May Ralph

Sister Mildred West
Sister Lily White
Mrs C. B. Jones
Sister Olive Coleman
Mrs H. Breed
Mrs R. Venis

(b) Missionary Sisters

Sister Lina Jones
Sister Grace McDonald

Sister Edna White
Sister Merle Farland

V.—In Training—

Second Year—Miss Anne Saunders.

VI.—Solomon Islands—Missionary Sisters—

Sister Ada Lee, Buin, Bougainville.
Sister Effie Harkness, Roviana.
Sister Merle Carter, Tonu, South Bougainville.
Sister Davinia Clark, Bilua.
Sister Jessie Grant, Choiseul.
Sister Myra Fraser, Bilua.
Sister Pamela Beaumont, Tonu, South Bougainville.
Sister Nancy Ball, Choiseul.
Sister Thelma Duthie, Kekesu, Bougainville.
Sister June Hilder, Kekesu, Bougainville.
Sister Rewa Williamson, Roviana.
Sister Norma Graves, Buka.
Sister Olive Money, Roviana.
Sister Edith James, Papua-New Guinea Highlands.
Sister Joy Thompson, Vella Lavella.
Sister Norma Neutze, Roviana.
Sister Mary Addison, Roviana.
Sister Audrey Grice, Roviana.

QUESTION XXXII—(a) Authority to Administer the Sacraments.

(1)—What Probationers are Now Authorised to Administer the Sacraments?

William K. Abbott
Robert S. Andrews
G. Basil W. Bell
George L. Bennett
Trevor L. Bennett
Edward P. Boyd
Gordon D. Brough
Wilfred J. Cable
Maurice H. Downer
Irwin J. Fowler
Ian D. Grant
Phyllis M. Guthardt

Owen Kitchingman
Trevor L. Nicholls
Cuthbert F. Peart
Andrew G. Reid
Frank S. Rigg
Kenneth H. Russell
Geoffrey E. Scarr
Bruce Scammell
Philip F. Taylor
Neville Thornicroft
Brian M. Watson
Ronald H. Wood

(2)—What Home Missionaries, Deaconesses, and Laymen are Now Authorised to Administer the Sacraments?

E. Downer
G. K. Greening
F. L. Johnson
E. L. Lewis
F. D. Peterson
H. Prowse

F. May Robertson
D. I. Robertson
A. E. Tardif
F. E. Trim
T. Walker
G. H. J. Yearbury

QUESTION XXXII—(b) 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—William R. Francis, B.A., B.D.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Ralph E. Patchett.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—E. Clarence Leadley
Wellington—M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.
Nelson—Charlie O. Hailwood
North Canterbury—William T. Blight, B.A., B.D.
South Canterbury—Alan O. Jones
Otago-Southland—Raymond Dudley, M.A.D.D. (President of Conference).
Solomon Islands—John R. Metcalfe

2. DISTRICT AND STATISTICAL SECRETARIES:

General Statistical Secretary William C. Jenkin.
Auckland—Leslie R. M. Gilmore, B.A.
South Auckland—Harold K. Brown.
Taranaki-Wanganui—Edmund D. Grounds.
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu—Charles H. Raynor.
Wellington—Lawrence Greenslade.
Nelson—Howard E. Harkness, M.A., B.D.
North Canterbury—Norman P. Larsen.
South Canterbury—Allan F. Collins.
Otago-Southland—Herbert A. Cochrane.

QUESTION XXXIII.—(1) Who are Elected as President and Secretary of the Conference, 1957?

President—David O. Williams, M.A., Litt.D.
Secretary: Gordon R. H. Peterson.

(2) Have adequate arrangements been made for President's supply? No.

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

Report of the Statistical Secretary

General:

The added column 'No. of members on roll at 30th June last year' has already proved its worth because all the District Returns were to hand by the 10th of September and in nearly every case correct, showing that when the responsibility is placed on the Circuit level, results justify the experiment.

This is the first occasion for the last seven years that the Statistical Returns have been completed early enough for inclusion in the Conference Agenda and I would like to record my appreciation to the District Secretaries for their work in this connection.

Enquiries at the end of last month to the Government Statistical Department re the Religious affiliations of the population according to the Census taken in April this year show that it will be about another year before this information is made available.

The questions on the statistical Forms have been simplified and yet there are circuits that refuse to answer the questions that Conference requests. For example, Circuits still return in answer to the question 'Traveling or Car Allowance'—"All exes. Paid" . . . "Conference Scale" . . . "Mileage" . . . Such answers are useless and the unfortunate part is that we can form no comparison between the costs of Travelling in Circuit or Minister's cars. It is to be hoped that Circuits return the amounts paid according to the Quarterly Statements and thus help to give a more correct answer to this question.

The new forms as approved by Conference last year were used this year and in some instances comparisons will not be possible until next year's returns come to hand.

Buildings:

Churches show a net increase of two bringing the total as at the 30th June to 448. Schoolrooms and Parsonages remain at the same figures, namely 276 Schoolrooms and 205 Parsonages.

Other Preaching Places:

Eight Districts report a decrease in the number of other Preaching places totalling 27 in all. The remaining district reported an increase of 3 making a net decrease of 24 the total now standing at 299.

Since 1951 when the total of Other Preaching Places was returned at 346 we have to-day 47 less preaching Places. After allowing for an increase of 16 Churches in that period some of which are new communities altogether the fact remains that our Methodist witness has been withdrawn from over 30 places since 1951. This fact should not be taken lightly. No doubt Synods are appraised of the situations as they concern their Districts.

Staffing :

An increase of 3 brings the total of Ministers and Probationers to 241. Home Missionaries show a decrease of 5 bringing their total to 30. Deaconesses number 12, the same as last year. It is pleasing to note that the Local Preachers again show an increase, this year of 13 and their number now stands at 701.

Membership:

One circuit last year did not return 'inactive members'. This position has now been rectified but it means that last year's figure has had to be adjusted to arrive at the correct comparison this year.

New Members are now returned under two headings, under 20 years 822; and over 20 years 757 giving a total of 1579 New Members for the year. In addition to this figure 20 Circuits in 8 Districts reported 102 members on Probation. There still appears to be a leakage as far as Transfers are concerned. 207 members were transferred from Circuits and not received by other Circuits. After allowing for transfers in the mail, etc., the number is still far too many, showing that greater care must be exercised in this matter. Where it is possible the transfer should be in the hands of the new Circuit before the folk concerned have an opportunity to be interested in other activities.

"Members ceased to Attend" again calls for serious comment. 479 people have been returned under this heading this year.

During the last 10 years no less than 3986 people have been returned as having ceased to attend giving an average loss of 398.6 per year. This should give us cause for serious thought. We first recorded "members ceased to attend" in 1945, and since that time our total stands at 5,017—an average of approximately 418 per year.

There appears to be no end to this situation and we are well above the average again this year. It is high time that some enquiry was made into this question of lapsed membership and some efforts should be made to stop this very serious loss in Church membership.

381 members have died during the year under review.

It is pleasing to note in spite of the serious position outlined above that we have a net increase this year of 512 members bringing our total membership to 28,215.

Communicants are returned at 24,505 an increase of 1199 on last year.

Youth Returns:

This is the first time that I have been able to make any comment on the Youth Returns for some years as there has always been delay in the returns arriving on time.

Our Sunday School Returns show 2932 Baptisms an increase of 10 on last year. The number of children on the cradle Roll stands at 7275 an increase of 231 on last year's figures. Children in the Beginners and Primary show a decrease of 1,038 the number being 11,025 as at the 30th June.

Increases of 582 in the Junior and 696 in the Intermediate Departments bring these figures to 8,780 and 6,234 respectively.

The number of Sunday School Teachers stands at 2,849 and this represents a loss of 171 teachers in our Sunday Schools during the year under review. The Bible Class section records increases in every department, there being 86 in the Junior, 329 in the intermediate and 158 in the Senior

sections. Bible Class Leadership has increased by 41 men and 23 women, being a total increase of 64 Leaders for the past year, and the numbers now stand at 410 men and 288 women making a total of 698 Bible Class Leaders.

Allowing for the increases in Bible Class Leadership the returns disclose the disquieting fact that we have over 100 Youth Leaders less this year than last year. No doubt this will claim the attention of the Youth Dept.

Pastoral Care:

This information should include everyone who is on the pastoral lists of our church; not merely the families of our Sunday School Scholars.

It will be some little while before we shall have anything approaching accuracy in this matter but we are at least on the road to some interesting information as to our effective contact of census declared Methodists. The 1951 Census returned 156,077 Methodists. This year our returns show 116,828 Methodists on our Pastoral Rolls. The last Maori Returns to hand was in 1954 when the number stood at 9979. This would indicate that as a Church we are contacting 127,000 Methodists, European and Maori; and there are approximately 29,000 Methodists who are out of touch with the Church altogether.

When we receive this year's Census figures and the figures for the "Pastoral Care" are a little more accurate we should be able to ascertain where more pastoral visitation is necessary and circuits will be able to plan accordingly.

Finances:

Travelling allowances show an increase of £2,468 7s 10d on last year though there are still a few circuits who refuse to state how much the travelling has cost the circuit.

Circuit Credits stand at £12,494 5s 11d a decrease of £46 0s 1d, while Circuit Debits have decreased by £143 3s 2d the total now being £1774 1s 4d.

Trust Accounts show an increase in the Credits of £6,417 14s 10d and a decrease of £506 5s 3d, the totals being—Credits £53,746 5s 2d and Debits £31,915 2s 3d.

Cars owned by Circuits show an increase of 1 to the total now being 25, while cars owned by Ministers show an increase of 6, the total being 162.

Maori Mission and Solomon Islands District Returns are not yet to hand. No doubt they will form a report for the Supplementary Agenda.

Conclusion:

The special Report as requested by last Conference was cyclostyled and sufficient copies were forwarded to District Secretaries in time for distribution at the Ministerial Synods in March. Each Minister should therefore have received his copy in ample time for the March Quarterly Meeting.

My thanks are extended to Ministers on Circuit and District levels for their co-operation this year in the matter of statistics.

Solomon Islands District Report

An increase of 18 Churches reported this year brings the total of Churches to 248. Against this increase there are eight less Other Preaching Places the number being 30 as at the 30th June. This means that there are ten new places where services are being held.

Eight European ministers and one doctor are reported for the year there being one additional minister as at 30th June.

17 Sisters are reported serving in the District and the number is the same as last year.

1 Lay Missionary, 6 Lay Workers, 7 Native Ministers, 1 Native Agriculturist remain at the same level as last year.

1 Additional Catechist brings the total to 31 as at the 30th June.

An increase of 11 Native Teachers this year brings the total to 274.

27 Native Medical Assistants are reported for the year, an increase of 2 for the year the new appointments being at Roviana and Vella Lavella.

The number of Local Preachers show a slight decrease of 3 the total now being 227. Class Leaders total 142.

Membership returns show increases in every department: European Membership stands at 39, an increase of 3, while the Youth Roll stands at 20 with an increase of 5 and an increase of 1 Adherent brings the total to 21.

Native Membership show increases of 470 Senior, 239 Youth and 161 Adherents the totals at the 30th June being 7,815 Senior, 6775 Youth, and 5001 Adherents.

Sunday Schools show an increase of 16, the number as at the 30th June being 144; while the Number of Sunday School Scholars at 4,803 show an increase of 898 for the year.

14 Additional Day Schools brings the total to 239 and 37 additional Teachers making a total of 383 are in charge of 6,516 Day School Scholars an increase of 231 for the year.

Members and Adherents now number 19,670 showing a net increase of 880 for the year under review.

Wm. C. JENKIN, General Statistical Secretary.

MAORI MISSION RETURNS

The returns of the Maori Mission Department are incomplete and therefore it is impossible at this stage to make a report for Conference.

RESOLUTIONS

1 That the Reports be received and adopted.

2 That to avoid discrepancies in Circuit returns arising from differing interpretations of terms, the General Secretary supply an explanatory form each year regarding the definition of terms on the Statistical Form viz., Churches, Other Preaching Places, Schoolrooms, Parsonages, etc.

3 (a) That Synod Standing Committees give careful consideration to the question of lapsed membership and efforts to reduce this serious loss.

(b) That with a view to assisting pastoral oversight of members and adherents of our church in scattered areas of the Dominion, particularly those living in rural areas and removed from a worshipping centre, the Synod Standing Committees (1) institute a roll of Methodists within the District, a copy to be sent to the nearest Circuit Minister; (2) distribute Methodist literature, including "Methodist Times", nearest Circuit magazine, missionary literature, Reports and also an annual letter summarizing Dominion and District news; (3) invite financial contributions towards the work of the Methodist Church.

4 That Rev. W. C. Jenkin be thanked for his services and be re-appointed General Statistical Secretary.

QUESTION XXXV.—What are the resolutions of the Conference on the Welfare of the Church?

A—Welfare of the Church Committee

REPORT FOR 1956

Lectionary:

The Lectionary for 1957-58 has been prepared, based on that issued by the British Conference, with the necessary adjustments to meet New Zealand conditions. The Committee again recommends the booklet pro-

viding for each of the selected passages a concise introduction, to be read by preachers as a preface to the prescribed Lessons. The Booklet is available from the Epworth Bookrooms (Price 1/6).

Wider Use of Laymen:

Two Resolutions of Conference were considered by the Committee. On the second of these, the proposal to create a new office named "The Circuit Lay Statistical Secretary" the Committee has no recommendation to make. After careful consideration the Committee concluded that the proposal is impracticable.

On the other proposal to consider the wider use of full-time lay employees to handle legal, accounting and administrative work within the Connexion and various Departments of the Church, we make the following report:

The Committee believes it is highly desirable to release Ministers from accounting, legal and administrative work, when and where this can be handled by suitable laymen, in order that such Ministers devote themselves to the Ministerial and Pastoral Office. This is consistent with the implications of Ordination and faithful to the Minister's sense of Call to the Preaching and Pastoral Office. The Church should stand guard over the true function of the Ministry.

It is necessary to stress that laymen be offered positions of responsibility wherein their executive abilities could be utilised. Holding in mind also the renewed emphasis upon the Lay-Apostolate there should be ample scope for spiritual work.

Positions that Laymen might occupy in full or in part:

1. The Connexional Secretaryship.
2. City Missions. Collecting of finance and much of the administrative work.
3. Home and Overseas Missions. By combining our Missionary work under one Ministerial head, much of the administrative work could be taken over by laymen.
4. Editor-Manager of the "Methodist Times" and ultimately of the whole field of publications.
5. The Youth Department. Laymen may offer as Youth Directors and should be encouraged to do so.
6. It should be noted that in some countries there are Theological Tutors who are Laymen.

Membership Cards:

The Committee having been asked to prepare a new and more worthy design for Membership Cards, submits designs for the consideration of Synods and Conference.

Welfare of the Ministry:

Over the past five years the Committee has consistently stated the opinion that a Welfare of the Ministry Committee is not necessary to the life of our Church, and reasons for this were given in our report for 1955. Conference has requested that the question be reconsidered. In order to test the mind of Conference the Committee recommends that the name of the present Stipend Committee be changed to that of the Welfare of the Ministry Committee, and that its functions be widened to include matters pertaining to the Welfare and efficiency of the Ministry. Questions for the immediate consideration of such a committee could include (1) An enquiry into the continuing shortage of Ministers from the standpoint of their welfare, and that of their families, and the serious frustration to ministerial and pastoral efficiency owing to existing claims upon a Minister's time. (2) The establishment of a Book Fund to provide Ministers with at least £10 worth of books per year for at least the first 20 years of their ministry. (3) That owing to the effect upon the health of Ministers resulting

from over strain, Quarterly Meetings encourage Ministers wherever practicable to take a week's holiday from Circuit work, including one Sunday, in the spring. (4) That Parsonage furnishings be brought under the oversight of a District Committee.

Conference Session "Conversation on the Work of God":

In consultation with the Law Revision Committee, thought has been given to the title of this Session of the Conference, with a view to retaining the historic associations of the Session and to create a title that adequately expresses the meaning and purpose of the Session concerned. The Committee recommends that the title be "*SESSION OF INSPIRATION AND DEDICATION.*"

Organised Life of the Church:

(Minutes Page 65 Rec. 6).

Any research into the organised life of the Church with a view to its effectiveness must make its starting point in the conception of the Church as a Redeemed and a Redeeming Community. Due to the growing indifference on the part of the community and a hesitancy within the Church itself, this task has been increasingly difficult to realise, and this has tended to make the Church compensate by turning in on its own life in an endeavour to preserve the status quo, thus producing a Ministry and Laity busy on committees and in organisations which have little direct bearing on her real task.

Again the spiritual effectiveness is being impeded by an organisation that is top heavy for its present strength. The effective Church Membership has remained static over the past thirty years in comparison with an expanding community and the consequent increasing demands of this expansion. The following suggestions are being considered by the Committee:

1. *Modification of existing organisation:* We intend to look at the whole question of our Circuit system and local Church organisation with a view to some modification that will increase our efficiency and effectiveness.

2. *Working within the existing organisation:* How to overcome the fragmentation which occurs in the organisations within the Church, resulting in an inadequate understanding by the separate organisations of the needs of the whole Church.

3. *Church Finance:* Consideration of the budget system and the elimination of unrelated appeals. The relation of the budget system to the envelope system and the establishment of a tithing core in every Church. (This is being dealt with fully by a special Conference Committee).

Church Membership:

By direction of last Conference a study on Church Membership with reference to objective tests, was prepared for the Committee by Rev W. J. Morrison, M.A., and was forwarded to March Ministerial Synods. We record our thanks to Rev W. J. Morrison for his work in preparing the study.

Candidates for the Ministry, Deaconess Order and Other Avenues of Christian Service:

- (1) The Committee has looked into the question of the inadequate number of Candidates offering for the Ministry, the Deaconess Order and other avenues of Christian service, and finds that indications seem to declare:

- (a) That there is an inadequate number of Ministers today.

- (b) That there is a more adequate number of Candidates offering at present.

- (c) That the position is likely to be more satisfactory within a few years.

- (2) The Committee believes that an investigation should be made into the status, function and training of Deaconesses.

(3) Enquiring into the reasons for the inadequate number of Candidates for the various avenues of Church service, the Committee submits the following:

(a) A lack of a sense of stewardship of gifts and life.

(b) Modern life allows little time for quiet thought and meditation, consequently so often God's Call is unheard and unheeded. This may be a reason why so many of the Candidates come from country Circuits.

(c) There is often insufficient emphasis in preaching on life-dedication and self-commitment.

A remedy is suggested in each of the causes named, as well as in the substance of Resolution 3 page 109 of Minutes of Conference 1955.

Recording the Number of Communicants:

The Committee gave this question careful thought and considers the present method of recording the number of Communicants to be satisfactory, and further believes that Ministers should be sufficiently in touch with their Rolls and statistical records as to be able to return correctly the number of people who attend at least one Communion service a year. The Committee therefore has no recommendation to make.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Chairman.

H. A. COCHRANE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1 That the Report be received and adopted with the exception of the section on "Welfare of the Ministry".

2 That the Lectionary prepared by the Committee be adopted for optional use and printed in the Minutes of Conference.

3 **WIDER USE OF LAYMEN** (a) That wherever practicable Laymen be employed as full time employees to handle legal, accounting, and administrative work within the Connexion and various departments of the Church, with a view to releasing Ministers for the fulfilment of the preaching and pastoral office, and so as to give greater scope for Laymen to serve the Church.

(b) That the Welfare of the Church Committee in consultation with other Departments make definite suggestions for the application of the principle of Lay-Service to Connexional and Circuit work.

4 **MEMBERSHIP CARDS.** That the designs be referred back to the Welfare of the Church Committee for further consideration in conjunction with the Faith and Order Committee.

5 WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY.

(a) That, Conference concerned at the changing nature of the relationship between the ministry and the circuits and at the increasing demands made on the ministry to attend a great number of committees within the church and as members of a community, appoint a Committee of Ministers and laymen in Christchurch to examine the effect of this on the ministerial function of the ministry.

(b) That the Committee examine the questions under the following sections: —

1 The essential characteristics of the ministry and essential functions that must be preserved.

2 The particular demands of modern community life on the ministry.

3 The well-being of the ministry, in order that it may fulfil its duties in relation to:

(a) Economic pressure, e.g., Parsonage and its furnishings; Superannuation; Travelling costs.

(b) Pastoral efficiency; Ministerial functions; Secretarial duties; Circuit system.

(c) City ministry and rural ministry.

(d) Candidates for the ministry—Qualifications in the close of 20th and beginning of 21st century; Training in the new situation.

(e) The organisation of the future church and its implications for the ministry.

(c) That a Christchurch Committee appointed by the Synod Standing Committee consider the whole matter in consultation with other churches at home and overseas.

6 Conference Session "*Conversation on the Work of God*". That the present title be retained.

7 ORGANISED LIFE OF THE CHURCH. That the Committee be given permission to continue consideration of this matter during 1957.

8 SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. That every third year the March Ministerial Committee take the form of a school of Theology.

9 That the COMMITTEE FOR 1957 be as printed on page 13 herein.

B—Spiritual Advance Committee

REPORT FOR 1956

The Committee has met in Palmerston North every two months and the meetings have been well attended.

Literature:

The Lenten Leaflet was written by the Rev. W. E. A. Carr and was extensively used throughout the Connexion. A new publication was the Advent Leaflet which was written by the Rev. R. B. Tinsley. The Board of Publications is seeking information from the circuits with regard to the use made and the general acceptance of these leaflets. A leaflet for general household distribution was written by the Rev. W. S. Dawson and the committee considers this to be one of the finest of this type of leaflet available. In co-operation with the Board of Publications the Prayer Calendar was issued.

Community Year

A very comprehensive study was prepared for the March Ministerial Synods. Various writers treated the different aspects of evangelism as applied to present day needs and conditions. The Synods were asked to plan on a district scale and to choose areas for concentrated attention. District conveners were appointed by the synods and it is hoped that in the future these conveners will be able to bring the work of spiritual advance more prominently before district and other meetings and generally draw attention to the emphases of the year. Circuits were circularised and given programmes and suggestions for action. We have been glad to hear of some experiments in outdoor evangelism and are encouraged because of an increasing number of missions being conducted in our Churches. Our Committee has available a list of names of those willing to lead missions. We would be glad to receive more offers from men prepared to do this work.

Overseas Visitor:

The visit of the Rev. Dr Donald O. Soper was the first occasion on which our Church has brought a visitor from England to serve the New Zealand Church only. We are sure that our people were stirred and greatly challenged by the visit. Our regret is that such visits are too short to gain all the benefits which outstanding leaders can bring us. We are sure that the doubling of the time spent in New Zealand would have won the sympathetic interest and conviction of great numbers of people. Our committee has thanked Dr. Soper for his outstanding service. We wish to draw attention to the necessity for districts and visited areas to meet the sum allocated for expenses. If, as in the case of the last visit, some areas are able to do this we feel that others

should be able to do so. Until the Church has devised some other and more adequate way of financing the visits of overseas people our committee will be embarrassed when deficits result.

Future Visitors:

The President-General of the Methodist Church of Australasia, is expected for a period of two or three weeks from the second week in March.

The Rev. Dr. Maldwyn Edwards hopes to arrive in New Zealand during the first week in June. He returns in mid-July.

A team of American ministers is expected for a two or three week visit during August-September. The intention is that working in pairs these American ministers will conduct four missions of one week's duration in carefully chosen places. Schools for instruction in visitation evangelism will be held in the mornings. The afternoons will be spent in visiting homes in the area with mission services and meetings in the evenings. It is hoped that all ministers and interested lay workers will be able to study and work under the guidance of these visitors.

A visit from Professor Cecil Pawson is likely.

Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom

The Crusade will end this year and our committee feels that some word should be said in summing up.

It is impossible to evaluate the influence of the Crusade on the life and work of the Church by producing facts and figures. We are confident that good has come of our efforts and that many of the emphases made will continue and grow as they are accepted and worked out in the normal activity of churches and circuits. Among the signs which promise well for the future we have noted: The increasing desire to engage in the work of evangelism and some very worthwhile efforts in this direction: The increasing worthy observance of the great festivals of the Church and the use of literature which assists in this: A more worthy attitude to membership and a higher standard of preparation for membership: an increase in the number of Leaders Meetings held and in the number of fellowship groups. Where visitation evangelism was engaged in there has been a response not only in the lives of those visited but also in the spiritual experience of those visiting. Our committee feels that the most successful year was that in which Teaching and Evangelistic Missions were held. The readiness of our people to accept instruction in the faith was something which was heartening and is a guide for future planning. In the opinion of our committee lessons to be learned from the Crusade are as follows. While we feel that the emphases made were well conceived and set out, stewardship could have been given a more prominent place and the Crusade linked with the extension work of the Church. It is felt that there is need for a much greater loyalty to plans and programmes approved by Conference and to which the whole Church ought to feel committed. Our committee feels the need for a stronger sense of responsibility in this regard. It is our belief that the successful carrying through of a campaign such as "The Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom" necessitates the appointment of a director who is able to give full time to the work. We are certain that the emphases of the crusade, membership, leadership, stewardship and visitation evangelism must be continued and urge ministers and circuits to take all possible steps to see that stress is placed on these.

At the conclusion of the Crusade we wish to place on record our thanks to all who have assisted the committee in writing material for studies and printed publications. The assistance of those who have given their time in organisation is fully appreciated. Special mention should be made of the Rev G. I. Laurenson who has been Field Representative throughout.

Future Work of The Spiritual Advance Committee:

With the close of the Crusade the work of the committee will change. After giving this matter some thought we feel that the Church can best be served by our committee emphasising some aspect of Church life or spiritual culture in each year. During 1957 our emphasis will be on the prayer life of our Church and people.

W. R. LAWS, Chairman.

L. GREENSLADE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. (a) That Circuits be asked to make contributions towards the expenses of the Spiritual Advance Committee.
(b) That a grant of £25 each be made by the Home Mission Department and the Contingent Fund for the work of the Spiritual Advance Committee.
3. That the position regarding the financing of tours by overseas visitors be examined by the Central Finance Committee.
4. That the Conference commends the use of the I.B.R.A. Notes in their various grades.
5. That the Spiritual Advance Committee give special emphasis each year to one aspect of Church life and that in 1957 the emphasis be on prayer.
6. (a) That appreciation be expressed of the fine work of the Spiritual Advance Committee in connection with the Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom.
(b) That the thanks of the Church be accorded Rev. L. Greenslade for his services as Convener of the Committee for five years.
(c) That thanks be accorded to Rev. G. I. Laurenson for his work as Crusade Field Representative.
- 7 That the Committee be as printed on page 12 herein.

C—Church Council

ANNUAL REPORT 1956

The Church Council reports on matters considered at its sessions at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, on 8th and 9th May.

1. Synod Standing Committee. Constitution and Membership:

(Minutes of Conference, 1955, page 69, Res. 4[b])

It was noted, as in discussion the previous year, that the present constitution is wide enough to cover all that the committee could reasonably do. There is ample power for it to work effectively. The present constitution has not been proved inadequate.

However, membership of the Committee should be not fewer than three and not more than fifteen ministers and an equal number of laymen.

It was felt that there should be a question added to the Agenda of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting asking for consideration of matters referred from the Synod Standing Committee.

Consideration could well be given to the preparation of a triennial questionnaire to Circuits from the Synod Standing Committee. This is to receive further investigation.

A question regarding the travelling expenses of members of the Synod Standing Committees or Area Sub-committees was raised, especially of those members travelling distances by car. This matter is covered by Law Book, Para. 510 (8) (c), page 129, re 'Incidental expenses of Synods.'

2. Size of Stationing Committee:

(Minutes of Conference, 1955, pages 70f)

There is no universal Methodist system or practice regarding the

Stationing Committee. Any committee must be fully representative of the ministers and laymen; must be an impartial committee; must be a committee that knows the men and the circuits.

Weaknesses of the present system appear to be (a) The use of an unduly large committee of forty members to station about forty ministers; (b) Confidential matters are dealt with by the committee and the fewer who know these matters the better.

Advantages of a smaller committee would be (a) That the committee would have more experienced members and would do its work more expeditiously than a larger committee; (b) Confidential matters would be known to fewer members.

Disadvantages of the smaller committee would seem to be (a) The loss of a certain element of confidence placed in a larger committee; (b) Certain men would be deprived of the privilege of membership of the committee.

The Voting of the Circuits indicated a desire for a change in the present size of the Committee. The majority of the Synods voted against any change.

After a full discussion the Council feels that the present size of the Stationing Committee should be retained, believing this is the mind of the Church as expressed through the Synods. The Council has no recommendation to make.

3. Time of Determining Ministerial Appointments:

(Minutes of Conference, 1955, pages 67f and 70 (8a).

The Council is of the opinion there is merit in the scheme outlined in the Minutes of Conference, but after consideration refers the whole matter to the special Committee on the Business of Conference.

4. Bringing forward Sessions of Conference by One Day:

(Minutes of Conference, 1955, page 70 (7e).

The Council refers this matter to the Special Committee on the Business of Conference.

5. Commencing Date of Minister's Appointment:

(Minutes of Conference, 1955, page 70 (8c).

There are many disadvantages in changing the date to the first Sunday in February. It should be observed that the Law must have been framed in its present form for some good reason. Inductions would be more difficult to arrange at the end of January or so early in February. Also, it would mean that ministers would be moving in one of the busiest travel weeks of the year. The Council therefore has no *Recommendation* to make.

6. Annual Appeal for Capital and Extension Work:

(Minutes of Conference, 1955, page 99, Res. 4).

A memorandum before the Council showed that enormous community developments can be expected in this country during the remaining part of this century. The whole Church must be asked for a continuance of a united simultaneous effort for extension work. Our people will have to be challenged with the support of a family gift of New Zealand Methodism for new causes. We are likely to lose ground if we change the basis or the name of our special fund or appeal. After considerable discussion it was decided by the Council to recommend that the Advance Methodism appeal be continued and that each year two-thirds of the amount raised be for some special objective and that one-third be for Church Extension allocated as at present for Loans and Gifts. The special objective for 1957 would be for Hostels. A special appeal for substantial gifts apart from those received from Circuits would be organised by the N.Z.M.S.S.A. The organisation and publicity for next year to be undertaken by the present Advance Methodism Appeal committees in conjunction with the N.Z.M.S.S.A.

7. Ministers and Honoraria Paid from State and Other Sources:

(Minutes of Conference, 1955, page 62, Res. 3 of 'Institutional Chaplains')

It was shown that the Church accepts and sets apart men as ministers for the full time work of the Church. A minister must not accept any outside employment for which payment is made without the consent of both his Quarterly Meeting and the President of Conference. (See Law Book, page 20, para. 123).

The COUNCIL presents the following statement regarding the question:

Conference in appointing ministers to Circuits, Departments or Institutions, pays stipends and allowances in recognition of the principle that the minister is in full time service with the Church. Where Conference also appoints a minister to serve part time, as for example as an institutional chaplain or military chaplain, in respect of which an emolument is paid from other than Church Funds, an adjustment should be made with the Circuit in relation to the amount paid by it. In the event of no agreement being arrived at the matter should be referred to the Chairman of the District.

The Council also draws the attention of the Church to Law Book, para. 123, page 20, regarding the consent of ministers 'to nomination for any Parliamentary, Civic, Public Office or for any outside employment for which payment is to be received or which will involve such a measure of service as to interfere with his ministerial duties' within the Circuit. In respect to remuneration received from such employment, the above principle shall apply.

8. Preachers and Conscience:

(Minutes of Conference, 1955, pages 71ff).

The whole matter, together with the Synod Resolutions, was referred to the Council by Conference. It was felt that the question had received thorough consideration by Synods and that the recommendations of the Auckland Synod met the position. The Council therefore recommends the statement for adoption by Conference. Also the request from Otago-Southland Synod for clarification of Law Book, para. 207, is referred to the Law Revision Committee.

9. Use of Manpower and Amenities:

(Minutes of Conference, 1955, page 69, Res. 3 (1) and (2).

(a) An improvement is noted in the manpower position in our Church, but until all Circuits are adequately staffed some method could be devised whereby fully staffed Circuits could assist understaffed Circuits, preferably by giving a number of preaching appointments each quarter.

(b) Consideration was given to the position of 'married' probationers. An urgent matter is the establishment of parsonages in Circuits requiring probationers so as to give continuity of ministry in such Circuits.

(c) In new housing areas there should be about two miles between Methodist Churches. Circuits should keep in mind the desirability of transferring certain members from established areas to the roll of a Church in a new area. The Council has discussed Res. 2a, b and c, page 69, Minutes of Conference, 1955, and recommends that the matters be considered by Synod Standing Committees.

(d) Thorough investigation should be made into the question of Separated Chairmen of Districts. The Council asks leave to give further consideration to the whole matter.

10. Report on Regional Joint Committees:

(Minutes of Conference, 1955, page 69, Res. 3(3).

Chairmen of Districts reported in accord with the above resolution of Conference. In some districts Regional Joint Committees have not yet been appointed; in one or two cases they have been appointed but have not yet

met; in the other districts Committees are meeting and making a valuable contribution to inter-church understanding.

11. The Status of a Woman Minister who Marries:

There is need of a Conference policy regarding this matter. The Council believes that Conference should put into train inquiries and consideration regarding the question and suggests that a committee located in Christchurch should undertake investigations.

12. Gown for the President of Conference:

It is the opinion of the Council that the time has arrived for the Church to supply to the President on his induction into office a Gown which should be retained by him after his term of office. The General Purposes Committee and the Contingent Fund Treasurers should be asked to consider this matter and also that of an appropriate stole for the Ex-President.

13. Church Budget System:

A representative of the Wells Organisations addressed the Church Council on 'Creative Fund Raising'. It was felt that the immediate effects of the system should be considered by the Special Budget Committee. The nature of the system in any specific case should be referred to and surveyed by the Chairman of the District.

14. Loyal Churchmanship:

The Council intends to consider at its next sessions the question of the loyalty of church members and the nature of churchmanship.

M. A. McDOWELL, President.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Secty. of Conference, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.

2. *Synod Standing Committee:*

(a) That the Law Book para. 351, page 68, be amended to read: 'The Committee shall consist of not fewer than three and not more than fifteen ministers and an equal number of laymen.'

(b) That the Law Revision Committee be asked to draft an additional question to the Agenda of the Circuit Quarterly Meeting similar to the following: 'Is there any matter referred to the Quarterly Meeting from the Synod Standing Committee?'

3. *Annual Appeal for Capital and Extension Work.*

(a) That the Advance Methodism Appeal, having been put to the Church as a two year appeal, be concluded at the end of 1956.

4. That the appeal for 1957 be for hostels only and that further provision for church extension and other objects be referred to the Church Council and Church Finance and Budget Committee for report to Synods and Conference 1957.

5. That the third Sunday in June be set aside for the Special Appeal.

6. That the allocation of the proceeds of the appeal be decided by the N.Z. M.S.S.A.

7. That the offer of the N.Z. M.S.S.A. be accepted and that it be authorised to conduct a special appeal outside the Church for gifts for the Hostel Fund, such gifts to be used for local area objectives.

8. That the Appeal in 1957 be organised and publicised by the present Advance Methodism Appeal Committee in collaboration with N.Z. M.S.S.A.

9. *Ministers and Honoraria from State and Other Sources:*

(a) That the whole matter be considered in the light of Law Book, para. 123, page 20.

(b) That where Conference appoints or allows a Minister to serve part time as an institutional chaplain in respect of which an emolument is paid from other than church funds, an adjustment be made with the Circuit in relation to the amount paid by it.

(c) That in the event of no agreement being arrived at, the matter be referred to the Chairman of the District.

10. *Preachers and Conscience:*

(a) That the Law Revision Committee in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee, be requested to draft a suitable preamble to the Law Book, embodying the salient principles of the finding of Conference on the 'Rights of the Ministry' as set out in the Minutes of Conference, 1946, and the statement on 'The Doctrine of the Ministry', Conference, 1954, in so far as they define and clarify the following principles: 'That the Conference, the ministry and the laity all possess certain powers and privileges within a legal organisation and that in matters of discipline they exercise these powers and privileges at every stage under the judgment of God, and are responsible to Him to see that they seek to interpret His mind in every situation.'

(b) That the request of the Otago-Southland Synod for clarification of Law Book, para. 207, be referred to the Law Revision Committee.

11. *Use of Manpower and Amenities:*

(a) That Conference, advised by the Stationing Committee, direct certain fully staffed circuits to give a specified number of preaching appointments each quarter to certain understaffed circuits.

(b) That Synod Standing Committees note the urgency of the establishment of parsonages in Circuits requiring probationers, in order to maintain a continuity of ministry therein.

(c) That Synod Standing Committees give consideration to Resolution 3 (2) a, b, and c, page 69, Minutes of Conference, 1955.

12. *The Status of a Woman Minister who Marries:*

(a) That Conference appoint a Committee in Christchurch to consider the whole question of a Church policy in regard to women ministers who marry.

(b) That North Canterbury Synod Standing Committee appoint the Committee.

13. *Gown for the President of Conference:*

That a Gown be supplied to each President on his induction into office.

14. *Loyal Churchmanship:*

That the Council be given leave to consider at its next sessions the matter of building and strengthening in our Methodist people attitudes and habits of loyal churchmanship.

15. *Synod Agenda:*

That there be added to the Synod Agenda as Question 47a the following:

'Who is nominated as Lay Representative to the Church Council?'

16. *Conference Agenda:*

That there be added to the Conference Agenda as Question 64a the following:

'When shall the District Synods be held?'

17. *Invitation to Minister:*

That the matter be referred back to the Church Council for further consideration.

18. That the Council consider the form and order of the Opening Session of Conference.

19. That with a view to easing the heavy demands upon the President and Vice-President during their term of office, the Council consider what steps should be taken in order to ensure the best service to the Church with

a decreased amount of travelling, and report to Synods and Conference, 1957.

20. That the following matter be considered by the Council: That the President of Conference, who by reason of his office, incurs considerable personal expense which is not chargeable to any Connexional Fund, be granted an allowance from the Contingent Fund, of one-fifth of the minimum stipend.

21. *Sessions, 1957:*

That the Church Council meet at Wallis House, Lower Hutt, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 7th and 8th May, 1957.

D—Spiritual Healing Committee

REPORT TO SYNODS AND CONFERENCE 1956

The Spiritual Healing Committee held fourteen fortnightly meetings with an average attendance of nine members. The committee undertook studies in the field of spiritual healing, persons known to the committee with specific needs were prayed for, and ministers of the committee took part in Services of Laying-on of Hands.

To give some guidance to the people of our Church on matters related to spiritual healing, to let them share in the studies of the committee, and to enable them to gain some appreciation of the issues involved and the complexities of the subject, the committee has published in the columns of the Methodist Times precis of material studied, brief articles, and assessments of available books and booklets.

The Healing Ministry of the Church:

The committee believes that a healing ministry is a proper function of the Church. Our Master sent forth His Disciples not only to preach the Word, but also to "heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease." It was plainly the practice of the New Testament Church.

Unfortunately, spiritual healing has become for some time the practice of many of the sects, frequently with attendant undesirable features. The committee sees the reawakening, throughout the whole Church of interest in spiritual healing, as the work of the Holy Spirit, and calls upon our Methodist people to seek to fulfil the healing ministry.

Spiritual Healing in the Local Church:

It is through fellowship that God's healing power is made available for those in need. It is a ministry of the whole Church. A minister who undertakes spiritual healing in his pastoral capacity needs the support and fellowship of a group of studying and praying Christians.

Such a group, wisely led, studying together the healing ministry of Christ and present-day manifestations of God's healing grace, could bring before God the needs of men and women who seek prayer for their suffering, and at the same time themselves be given insight into His healing power by the Holy Spirit.

Organisation of Local Groups:

It is not suggested that local groups be organised from this central committee. Rather it is anticipated that small prayer and study fellowships will arise in response to particular local needs. That spontaneity is considered to be important. Any such groups should be integrated with the local Church and guided by the minister. The Spiritual Healing Committee is available for advice and encouragement.

The Laying-on of Hands:

Intercessions at services of worship for sufferers and especially at the Sacrament of Holy Communion, are recommended, and the committee notes with approval that in the proposed revised order for the Sacrament provision is made in the prayer for the Whole Estate of Christ's Church for the naming of persons in need.

But there is also a place for the more intimate ministry to the sick in which such biblical practice as the laying-on of hands can be used.

This service should be entered into with the aim of bringing the sufferer into complete harmony with God.

Prior to all services for the laying-on of hands, or any other form of spiritual healing, the patient should receive instruction as to the nature and purpose of the service. Whether or not physical healing is effected, the patient should be led to expect spiritual strengthening.

Though there may be occasions when it is desirable to hold the service in the Church, and while the minister conducting the service should generally be accompanied by persons from the group which has upheld the patient's needs in prayer, it should never be in any sense a public gathering.

Spiritual Healing and Public Meetings:

The committee considers it unwise for anything in the nature of public meetings to be held for any form of spiritual healing. Such gatherings may easily be attended by dangerous forms of mass hysteria, and while good may result for a few, many may be adversely affected. The disappearance of symptoms under the emotional excitement is often mistaken for cure, and depressing relapses follow. Suggestibility may be mistaken for faith.

Co-operation Between the Ministry and the Medical Profession:

Because the healing power of God is found in medical practice the committee considers as important the meeting together of ministers, laymen, and medical practitioners in vital Christian fellowship, and believes that groups could now be formed in several centres in this country.

This development would help Christian doctors to apply spiritual insights in their practice and would tend to keep the awakening interest in spiritual healing among our people from taking irresponsible and unsound direction.

Such groups could be loosely linked with this committee and could meet for the following purposes:

(a) To study spiritual healing—both Christ's healing ministry, and the work of the Holy Spirit in healing today.

(b) To further co-operation between the ministry and the medical profession.

(c) To pray by name for persons seeking spiritual healing.

(d) To undertake, where requested, the service of Laying-on of Hands.

(e) To give guidance to local fellowship healing groups.

It is in such consecrated fellowship, where there is study and prayer together, that the deepest spiritual resources for healing are realised.

Conclusion:

The committee is aware, from study of work overseas, and from its own experience, that spiritual healing is a very difficult subject and frequently misunderstood. Many important questions await answers. But the members of the committee gratefully acknowledge before God the deepening insights, the challenge to faith, and the experiences of the power of prayer, that have been given in the fellowship of the committee.

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.

P. A. STEAD, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the committee continue to publish in the Methodist Times material related to spiritual healing.
3. That the attention of the Church be drawn to the significance of corporate prayer and group fellowship in the healing ministry of the local Church.
4. That for possible inclusion in the new "Sacramental and Other Services", the Faith and Order Committee be requested, in consultation with the Spiritual Healing Committee, to prepare a suitable Service of Laying-on of Hands.

5. That the Spiritual Healing Committee be authorised to proceed through Synod Standing Committees with the formation in suitable centres of groups of ministers, doctors and laymen, to further co-operation between the medical profession and the ministry and to study spiritual healing.

6. That the Spiritual Healing Committee receive a grant of £10 from the Contingent Fund.

7. That Synod commend the Spiritual Healing committee on its service in this important aspect of the work of the Christian Church.

8. That the Committee for 1957 be as printed on page 12 herein.

E—Local Preachers' Association

REPORT FOR 1956

In presenting the Annual Report of the New Zealand Methodist Local Preachers' Association for the year ended 30th June, 1956, we are mindful of the blessings and opportunities which have attended the work of our brethren during another year. We give thanks to God that we can be used in the Church as we are and to Him we give the glory.

Annual Meeting 1955:

This was well attended and thanks are due to the Otago-Southland Branch for the excellent way in which the tea and meeting were arranged. The pressure and demands of other Conference business make it difficult to give the time and attention which is desired for adequate consideration of business at the Annual Meeting. Despite these limitations it was a satisfactory meeting. With the object of strengthening the work of the Association and making it more effective in the life and witness of the Church, the Executive submitted the following proposals for consideration:

(a) In view of the large number of services conducted by Local Preachers throughout the country, the Association is conscious of the great importance to the Church as a whole of the standard of preaching being maintained at the highest level.

(b) The Local Preachers' Association can do this far more effectively by means of a greater use of newsletters and the distribution of other suitable literature and preaching aids, but present funds are insufficient for the purpose.

(c) That permission be sought from Conference for this responsibility to be shared by the Church as a whole by either: (i) an allocation from the Combined Connexional Appeal or (ii) by the Local Preachers' Association having the benefit of an offering on Local Preachers' Sunday.

(d) That Conference consider the eventual establishment of a Local Preachers' Department under the full or part time supervision of an ordained Minister.

Following the meeting, these proposals were circulated as part of the Minutes to all Local Preachers and Branches with an invitation to comment. There has been little response to date from the rank and file of members, but several Branches have forwarded their views. While these do not contain unanimous support for the Executive's proposals, the comments expressed will be of assistance in reporting and making recommendations to the next Annual Meeting. Whatever changes may eventuate, these will no doubt be gradual. The Executive naturally does not wish to formulate proposals merely for the sake of justifying its office or attracting attention and it recognises that no good purpose will be served by taking action without thorough prior consideration.

Deceased Members:

We pay tribute to those brethren who have been called to Higher Service during the year and give thanks to God for their work and witness. The following are the deaths which have been notified to the Executive, but this is by no means a Dominion coverage:

J. F. Roberts, Auckland; E. Dixon, Hawera; S. G. Silvester, Huntly; C. Raynor, Matamata; R. P. Kilham, Frankton Junction.

To the loved ones of all deceased members, we extend our sympathy and pray for them God's assurance and peace at all times.

L.P. Examinations and Accreditation:

The following table indicates the number of candidates and results of the June and December 1955 Examinations:—

	Entries		Pass		Fail	
	June	Dec.	June	Dec.	June	Dec.
Bible Knowledge	17	33	16	30	1	3
Theology	13	24	10	15	3	9
Homiletics	15	19	13	11	2	8

The number presenting for the Examinations is encouraging, but the rather high proportion of failures in December 1955 prompted the Executive to communicate with the Board of Examiners suggesting that a brief report be obtained from the Examiners in each subject. This has been agreed to. From information supplied by the Board, it is obvious that in some cases candidates do not apply themselves to the course of study as they should or require more assistance from Ministers and experienced Local Preachers. To those who have completed the written examination and complied with all other requirements for the status of fully accredited members, we offer congratulations and welcome them into the fellowship of the Association for service in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Of the 25 members received during the year, it is indeed pleasing to record that 7 were women:—

Peter D. Carter, Napier; Miss E. J. Hall and J. S. Hosking, Christchurch; Mrs M. Pascoe and Miss C. McMillan, Tauranga; C. R. Shoomsmith, Dargaville; R. C. Brown, Willowby; Miss Ann Harris, Pahiatua; Graham Harris, Wellington; Miss Ann Saunders, Napier; Miss E. M. Warren, Port Chalmers; David S. Mullan, Lower Hutt; H. N. McCarthy, Upper Hutt; J. A. Morton, E. J. Overton, J. R. Rolston and D. G. Watson, all of Springston; Mrs Anita Weir, Ponsonby; Brian Jones, Christchurch; L. H. Weston, Mornington; Arnold Hight, Christchurch; Vincent Gust, Rongotea; Edgar Hornblow, Wellington; Albert Grundy, Christchurch; Howard Mauger, Hokitika.

The Association also had much pleasure in issuing Certificates and Presentation Books to two faithful preachers of long standing, who were accepted as Local Preachers by St Peters Invercargill Quarterly Meeting. The brethren are Alex R. Jordan and Hugh M. Thompson.

Book Scheme:

On the recommendation of the last Annual Meeting, the Book Scheme concession has been reduced from 50% to 20% discount. The Executive naturally regrets this step, which was necessary on account of the considerable drain which the Association subsidy was making on our income. Although considerably reduced, the new rate of 20% still offers members a helpful concession on the quota of books they are entitled to purchase each year under the scheme. It is commended to all Local Preachers, accredited or on trial. Book Lists present a problem, in that it is difficult to obtain a list which will give members a reasonably wide choice, in sufficient quantities for general distribution. This is receiving attention and it is hoped it will be possible to provide members with more information than at present.

Long Service Diplomas:

In recognition of long service as Local Preachers, we have had the privilege and pleasure of issuing Long Service Diplomas to two members during the year. They are Bros J. T. Williams of Kaitaia and J. Richardson, J.P., of Kaitangata. Both have given at least 50 years service and we honour them.

Food Parcels Scheme:

Through the Food Parcels Scheme which originated during the years of World War II, Christmas cheer has been shared with many aged and

infirm Local Preachers in England. That these gifts have been of blessing and help wherever received is obvious from the numerous letters of thanks which have come back to New Zealand. With the end of rationing in the United Kingdom it is naturally to be expected that the response to the scheme has lessened over the last 2-3 years and only two donations were received in response to the 1955 Appeal. These contributions, plus a small balance from the previous year made it possible to send £10 to the Methodist Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Association, London. This was distributed in 10/- gifts to twenty of the Association's most needy cases, all of whom have written expressing heartfelt thanks for the assistance. In closing the scheme, at least for the present, it is desired to express thanks to all members and others who have contributed so generously and made it possible to share our blessings with others in need.

Local Branches:

Recognition is recorded of the valuable work which is being carried out by Branches in arranging for preachers to be available where needed; of encouraging youth and others to qualify and serve as local preachers and in ensuring wherever possible that the offering of service which is made Sunday by Sunday is of a high and worthy standard. Although local and inter-Branch Rallies cannot be held as frequently as desired, the majority of Branches recognise the value there is to be gained in meeting as much as possible for inspiration and fellowship. On the question of travelling expenses for local preachers required to travel considerable distances either in their own or neighbouring circuits, a reminder is given that the provision of adequate means of transport and other expenses necessary for the efficient working of the Circuit are recognised by the Church in its laws as a charge against the Circuit Fund. Sec. 287 (f) and (g).

Address Lists and Central Register:

The considerable number of letters containing the Annual Report and Minutes of the Annual Meeting which were returned "Address unknown" serves to illustrate the need for members and Branches to regularly notify changes of address to the Dominion Executive. All will realise the value of correspondence reaching members while it is fresh. During the next few months, it is hoped to compile a Central Card Register from information supplied by Branches.

Financial:

The financial report indicates a somewhat stronger position than last year and there should now be no need, as was once feared, of making inroads into capital funds to meet expenses. A very helpful contribution from one Branch is gratefully acknowledged.

Location of Dominion Executive:

In accordance with the decision of the 1953 Annual Meeting, held at Wellington, the location of the Dominion Executive, at present in Wellington, is due for transfer for a three year period, commencing as from Conference 1957. It is the intention of the present Executive to propose that Dunedin be the new headquarters for that period.

Conclusion:

In concluding this Report, the Executive desires to express appreciation of the assistance and interest it has received during the year from members, ministers and all concerned with its work. In meeting regularly and discussing the wide scope of Association affairs we have endeavoured to regard the organisation as a means of serving the Church we love and glorifying God. May He help us all in this great opportunity.

H. A. PENNY, President.

R. E. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That consideration be given by the Central Finance Committee to a suitable grant being made to the Local Preachers' Association from the General Connexional Appeal.

3. That the Dominion Executive be located in Dunedin for a period of three years as from November 1957.

4. That appreciation be recorded of the devoted service of the Local Preachers.

5. That Conference learns with pleasure that the Local Preachers' Association passed the following resolution:—"At this time of dire spiritual need we, Methodist Local Preachers in Annual Meeting assembled, call upon ourselves and all our members, to wait humbly upon God, in contrition and in faith, seeking His aid, that being revived in our own spiritual lives through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and being possessed by a Divine compassion for the souls of men and women, may be made effectual in commending to them the Lord Jesus Christ as their only Saviour and Hope."

F—Methodist Men's Fellowship

ANNUAL REPORT 1956

This year marks the 25th milestone in the life of the Methodist Men's Fellowship, and we bring the greetings of our President, Mr Frank Pace, as a fitting introduction:

"How the years fly by. It certainly does not seem 25 years since our beloved friend William S. MacKay had the vision of the men of the Church banded together into one great fellowship. Looking down through the years, he saw a group of men in each Church working for their Master, and seeking through fellowship to know Him better and to love Him more. He saw these men at work, amidst their colleagues, winning them, too, for Christ. That great dream has not yet become a reality in every respect, much has been accomplished, and a great deal of work done for the Church by the men. Many outside the Church have been brought inside, finding joy and fellowship with the Master and His servants.

Still we are not satisfied, and in this Jubilee year our earnest desire is to see the founder's dream fulfilled. We want to see established in every Church a group of men, working for the Master, and seeking others for Him. I challenge the men of the Church, in the name of our Master, to strengthen their own fellowship, and then to help others into our great movement. The only hope of the world to-day is to be found in Christ Jesus. Let us see the world knows and hears the Gospel message. May God bless you all, and give you much joy in His service."

During the year, steady progress of the movement is recorded, with increased membership and deepened interest. This is shown in the practical attention given to many local Church activities. With the tremendous urge of expansion work in many districts, our members have accepted the challenge and have given much time, thought, and labour in furthering these new causes.

"The Layman", our official paper, continues to render good service, and is a splendid means of maintaining contact with the 107 groups with approximately 2500 members on our mailing list. Good use is made in keeping groups informed of activities in various parts of the Dominion, and stressing the importance of the laity, especially in the future life of our Church.

In co-operation with the Wesley Historical Society, the Men's Fellowship sponsored the erection of a Memorial Baptismal Font in the Leigh Memorial Church at Kaero to the memory of the wives and families of our Pioneer Missionaries. A beautiful font was designed in the workshop of the late Fletcher Wallis, himself the son of a pioneer missionary, and

was presented and dedicated at a special service held in Church last November.

Authority was given to the Overseas Mission Board to use the balance standing to the credit of the Solomon Island Tool Fund to purchase a Thicknesser and joinery tools for the use of the joiner at Roviana in the Solomon Islands. This made a very satisfactory finalising of this account.

The Men's Fellowship desire to place on record their appreciation of the splendid service rendered to our Movement by our Patron, the Vice-President of Conference, Mr Len Davis, during his year in office, and tender him our sincere thanks.

After a long, painful illness in hospital where it was found necessary to amputate one leg, our President is now at home. He still requires medical attention, and we pray that he will be sustained and comforted by the presence of the Master he loves and serves, and that he may be well enough to be with us again in the near future.

Mr Allen McKerras, President of the Auckland District, is acting President during Mr Pace's absence.

We go forward with renewed faith and prayer that our movement under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit will grow from strength to strength.

FRANK C. PACE, President.

ERNIE ROBERTS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

G—New Zealand Women's Guild Fellowship

REPORT FOR 1956

The report presented at the Annual Meeting of the Guild Fellowship in Dunedin prior to the Church Conference, was the third report furnished by the Executive in Auckland. At that Conference, the Executive was transferred to Wellington, the officers being:

President: Mrs W. A. Mullan.

Vice-president: Mrs I. Carlyon.

Treasurer: Miss A. Johnston.

Secretary: Mrs H. C. Blackwood.

The retiring Executive was thanked for its services during the three years.

The number of Guilds affiliated with the Fellowship is 212, the number of members being 4363. It is a matter for some concern that there are a considerable number of guilds outside the Fellowship, and the Executive is to discuss ways and means of awakening or quickening interest.

The amounts expended by the affiliated guilds are as follows:

Circuit Funds	£2573
Trust	£6509
Parsonage	£3548
Parsonage Quarterage	£912
Missions	£437
Orphanages	£440
Other causes	£2157
Total Expenditure	£16576

In the various districts, representatives continue to be appointed to National Council of Women, National Council of Churches, "Corso", British Sailors' Society and similar organisations. In addition, considerable

social service activity is undertaken as well as hostess responsibilities for functions of a varying nature.

Reports from Districts during the year indicate a live interest and guilds are well represented at the District meetings of the Guild Fellowship. Individual guilds are approaching their District Executives asking for assistance. As a result of a request, the New Zealand Executive was asked to prepare a Devotional Guide for the use of those leading Devotions at Guild Meetings, and in particular, for the benefit of newly formed guilds. The possibility of sending a woman, representing women, to overseas conferences, was also to be kept in view.

Travel difficulties militate against full representation at District Meetings. In some districts the meetings are held in various places to spread the travel and the interest. This practice has much to commend it.

Any guild in a district where a Fellowship has not yet been formed, may affiliate direct with the New Zealand Executive and receive the President's letters, etc., as well as help at any time.

At the Annual Meeting the incoming executive was asked to investigate the position of Fireside and other kindred groups and report to the next Annual Meeting.

All guilds give unstinted service to our Methodist Church and we pray that they may always keep before them the Pledge and Prayer of the Women's Guild Fellowship.

NELL MULLAN, President.

JENNIE BLACKWOOD, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. (a) That clause (II) of the Constitution of the Methodist Women's Guild Fellowship be repealed and the following substituted therefore:--
(11) The New Zealand Guild Fellowship shall consist of:—
 - (a) Presidents of all District Guild Fellowships.
 - (b) Representatives from District Guild Fellowships on the basis of one representative for each fifteen or fraction of fifteen guilds in the district.
 - (c) The officers and members of the Executive Committee holding office at the time of meeting.

In the event of a District President being unable to attend, she may appoint a substitute.

(b) Add to Paragraph 13 the following: "and shall comprise the officers as mentioned in the preceeding paragraph and the President for the time being of the District Guild Fellowship of the district in which the Executive Committee is stationed."

3. That the above proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Women's Guild Fellowship be referred to the Law Revision Committee.

4. That thanks be extended to the Women's Guilds and to N.Z. Women's Guild Fellowship for varied and continued services to the Church.

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

A—Youth Department

ANNUAL REPORT 1956

By the Grace of God our Department has spent a busy and useful year. It has been a pleasure for all concerned to share in a glad task. Helping to give our young people a Faith to live by is always exciting, and doubly so when there is an evident response.

As a Board we rejoice in our responsibility, and we gladly share with the whole church her mission towards her young members.

Staff:

During the year both the Rev R. H. Allen and Miss D. M. Jones found it necessary to relinquish their position as Directors. The latter half of the year has therefore placed an added task before the Senior Youth Director and the office staff. Channells have been kept open and we feel that all will be in readiness for the Rev W. F. Ford to begin his duties. With the appointment of Mr Ford, the Rev A. J. Johnston, who has served as Senior Youth Director in a part time capacity for the past four years, retires from office and the Board desires to record its very warm appreciation of the services he has rendered. He has had the unenviable task of acting as Senior Youth Director whilst being Superintendent of the Wellington South Circuit, and he has handled this difficult situation with credit to himself and benefit to the church. He retires with the goodwill and thanks of the Department.

Policy:

It is the policy of the Board to appoint as soon as practicable further directors or workers.

Their appointment will doubtless be affected by the decisions of the Conference relative to recommendations of the Christian Education Committee. Accordingly the Board awaits the outcome of the Conference, and the actual appointment of Mr Ford, before putting into effect its policy with regard to Directors and other major policy.

Publications:

In addition to the production and distribution in co-operation with Australia, of the Graded Lesson material and Bible Class Syllabus, the Department has kept a steady stream of helpful material flowing towards Circuits and L.Y.C.'s. Camp and School Studies, Avenues of Service Leaflets, Orders of Service, Home and Family Literature, Badges, film strips slides and records were constantly in demand.

Christian Education Handbook. The monthly Packet has been found very useful. In response to a steady demand for more copies, and for a regular monthly publication that would give teaching material, departmental helps, and movement news, the Board has issued the new monthly *Christian Education Handbook*. In this we aim to combine the best from the old 'Christian Education' Quarterly and the monthly Packet. This new publication which we commend to all the Church, is a loose-leaf format, and designed to file monthly into a folder, thereby building up a resource book of both the theoretical and practical aspects of Christian Education. It will also serve as a link within the Movement.

Christian Education Conference:

This Committee reports direct to Conference. The Board, has naturally a keen interest in the work of this Committee. A strong representation attended the Conference. The field of Christian Education is extending and the Board supports the church in this move.

Youth Conference and Convention:

We report a most successful Conference and Convention held at John McGlashan College, Dunedin. Over 200 young Methodists attended. A feature of the Conference was the method whereby the Conference in groups prepared its own study from Scripture references and questions provided. Also a feature, was the official visit paid to the Presbyterian Conference at Oamaru, and a return visit by the Presbyterian officials.

A holiday tour (now a feature of all Conferences) followed, through the scenic parts of the South Island. Mr H. W. Beaumont was in charge and reported most enthusiastically of the character of the tourists and the conduct of the tour.

Bookroom:

The year has been a very busy one, and as an early venture, a most successful one. The Connexion is gradually becoming aware of the facilities offered. This reflects itself, not only in an increased turnover, but in a growing correspondence. Also, as interest increases more and more lines are asked for. This, in turn means in the initial stages more work for a proportionate return. The Bookroom has tried to meet the tastes and requirements of the Church as well as limited experience could gauge. It may be said that in an endeavour not to overstock, because of our limited resources and storage space there has been understocking, and some lines have sold out before the demand was met.

Three aspects of the enterprise need close attention at the present time, namely, staffing, advertising and premises.

We feel that the net results of the year's trading amply justify the Conference's decision to set up Epworth Bookroom (Wellington), and there is good reason to believe that not only is the financial position satisfactory, but that a real service is being rendered the Connexion in this area. Everywhere the name of the Bookroom is held in high regard. It is now apparent that there is ample room within the Connexion for two Bookrooms. Each keeps within the limits of its own respective area.

Ecumenical:

The Department carries its full share of responsibility here. A Conference of all Youth Groups within the N.C.C. is planned for Palmerston North this year, and our Annual Convention will be held within the framework of this ecumenical gathering.

Committees:

The Leadership Training Committee located in Christchurch reports a year of full activity. We are well served in this Committee, under the leadership of Rev P. Stead. Our Leadership Schools and Leadership Training programme are still a major part of our work. The standard is being well maintained. The National Committee on Church Home Relationships situated in Auckland is increasing in importance. It works in a field that is being recognised as of paramount importance to the Church. We see for it a future filling a real need in our Church life.

The Home Sunday School and Bible Class under Rev W. A. Burley and Miss N. Tiddy report increased rolls with the highest totals on record—to these people we owe much.

With the facilities provided by the Bookroom, and the general literature now readily available on recreation and leisure, the National Committee on Recreation and Leisure was disbanded during the year and its stock transferred to Epworth Bookroom (Wellington).

The C.Y.M.M.:

With the passing of the years the vision and the wisdom of Rev C. T. Symons and those who worked with him is being increasingly evident. The framework of the C.Y.M.M. serves our New Zealand Church well. It is comprehensive, democratic, regular in pattern and is well suited to the present rising emphasis within the Church upon the unity of the congregation. The Board feels that in any enlargement of the scope of Christian Education the C.Y.M.M. must remain substantially an entity as at present.

Christian Standards:

Last year's Convention received with enthusiasm the Boards proposals for the replacement of 'Pledged Membership' within the C.Y.M.M. by 'Christian Standards'.

The basic difference is that under 'Christian Standards' the total membership are confronted on joining the Bible Class, and on regular subsequent occasions, with the standards and expectations of the Movement. It is proposed, by wall text and personal card to keep these

Christian Standards always before all members, and continually press for a committed life for every member.

Order of St Stephen:

This aspect of our C.Y.M.M. programme continues to attract attention from other denominations, in New Zealand and overseas. Within our church it provides a real avenue of lay service, with a strong challenge to sacrifice. The roll of members continues to grow. Four members are serving during the present year—in Circuit work, in our Maori work and two on our Foreign Mission field.

Personal

Miss P. Yearbury is enjoying a year's leave of absence. She is utilising some of her time in making contacts overseas for the Board. Her place has been ably filled by Miss Elwyn Hall. Miss Isobel Bennett as manager of the Bookroom serves us admirably. The success of our new venture is largely due to her ability, energy and courtesy.

The entire office staff have continued to work most harmoniously and give unstintingly of their time and overtime to the Church.

The office continues to provide a meeting place and amenities for the Connexion. We are always happy to meet Methodists old and young who are passing through Wellington.

Summary of Statistics:

In conclusion we offer our gratitude for the manner in which our assistance is received by the Circuits. We have a task that can only be done together. We rely upon local co-operation and enthusiasm.

M. A. McDOWELL, Chairman.

ANDREW J. JOHNSTON, Senior Youth Director.

ELWYN HALL, Acting Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its continued appreciation of the work of D.Y.C.'s and L.Y.C.'s and their respective officers and thank them for their continued zeal and devotion. The whole Church is indebted to a very large number of young people who on the District and Local level serve with diligence and skill.
3. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of the Rev. W. A. Burley, M.A., and his staff of teachers in connection with the Home Sunday School; and Miss N. Tiddy and her staff of leaders in connection with the Home Bible Class.
4. That Conference express its warm appreciation of the services of the retiring Senior Youth Director, Rev. A. J. Johnston.
5. That the Rev. W. F. Ford, B.A., be appointed Senior Youth Director as from the 1st of February, 1957 for a period of six years.
6. *Financial:*

(a) That the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the Youth Department be received and adopted.

(b) That the Balance Sheet of the Epworth Bookroom (Wellington) be received and adopted.

(c) That the Budget of the Youth Department be received and adopted.

7. That the Youth Board for 1957 be as printed on page 12 herein.

8. That the District Youth Council Secretaries be as follows:—

AUCKLAND:

Mr W. Davison.

NORTHLAND SUB-COUNCIL:

Mrs H. Lendrum.

FRANKIN SUB-COUNCIL:

Mr F. W. Long.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Miss M. Nicholson.

WANGANUI SUB-COUNCIL:

Miss A. B. Good.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

HAWKE'S BAY SUB-COUNCIL:

Miss J. Johnston.

WELLINGTON:

WAIRARAPA SUB-COUNCIL:

Miss E. N. Willis.

NELSON:

Rev. J. Grundy.

WEST COAST SUB-COUNCIL:

Miss M. Price.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

Mr I. Dickinson.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Miss M. Guthrie.

SOUTHLAND SUB-COUNCIL:

Miss N. Smith.

B—Christian Education Committee

REPORT FOR 1956

(MINUTES OF CONFERENCE, 1955, PAGE 82)

This special Committee met at Wallis House on May 9th, 10th and 11th. It began its work on ground well prepared by the preliminary conference on our future policy with regard to Christian Education, held at the same place last year. The report of last year's conference submitted to the Church Conference in 1955, and unanimously endorsed, sets out much of the theoretical aspect of the subject giving aims and objectives and some indication of the requirements of a good curriculum.

Consequently, this year's meeting of the Committee began on the complementary note of the more practical aspects of the subject reviewing the field of operations, assessing our efficiency, and considering practical suggestions whereby we can best meet the needs of the new day.

The Church was well and widely represented, from all sections of Church life responsible for Christian Education. Furthermore there was a marked spirit of goodwill and helpfulness throughout. All the sections of the Church concerned accepted the task as a combined responsibility—Christian Education is the job of the whole Church, all the time. Under the Chairmanship of the President of the Conference and the direction of the Senior Youth Director the committee presents, unanimously, the following report and recommendations.

CONFERENCE FINDINGS

The conference was confronted with facts which revealed:

1. That three out of five attending our Sunday Schools do not become members of the Church.
2. That despite the sacrificial service of many of our teachers and leaders the Church is forced to use many untrained and immature persons.
3. That it is apparent from statistics that even allowing for the increasing pressures of competing loyalties at this age, our educational

processes become increasingly ineffective from the age of eleven to adulthood.

4. That the children who are lost to us, having received only an immature view of Christianity, are in later years among the hardest people to win for Christ and His Church.

5. That there is an all too frequent divorce between the Sunday School and the worshipping Church with the result that the Sunday School is often regarded as an end in itself.

6. That this mistaken view of the Sunday School has encouraged parents to evade their responsibility of transmitting religion to their children.

The experience of the Youth Department and its Directors indicates that this situation cannot be met solely by attempts to improve the efficiency of the existing system, it calls for a new and more comprehensive approach.

This demand will be met only by the inclusion of a system of Adult Christian Education which should help arrest this serious loss, offer effective training for teachers and leaders, encourage and inform parents in assuming their religious responsibilities, and ensure the continuing growth of all in the Christian life.

To this end we recommend:

1. That a Department of Christian Education be established within the Church to include the present Youth Department.

2. That the immediate staffing of the Department be:

(a) A Senior Director who shall be the chief executive officer responsible for the general direction of the work of the Department.

(b) A Director who shall be responsible for the provision of resource material for every aspect of the work.

(c) A Director of Adult Educational activities to implement and develop this phase of the work.

(d) It is envisaged that as the work develops Area Directors will be appointed as required and available.

3. The staff of the department may be either Ministerial or Lay appointments.

4. This Department shall be responsible for:

(a) The work of the Church among young people through public worship, Sunday School, Bible Class, Week-day Activities and home teaching.

(b) The fostering of the C.Y.M.M.

(c) The provision of a programme of adult education.

It is recognized that the full educational work of the Church at the local level cannot be done through the agency of this Department. As at present, aspects of this work will continue to be done through the Home Mission and Foreign Mission Departments, Board of Publications and Spiritual Advance Committee. The training of the ministry is also a very important factor in this regard. In order to secure the highest standard of planning and overall co-operation it is recommended that there be an annual Conference of all sections of the Church working in these fields to plan a Policy and generally recommend action in the total field of Christian Education.

Also because of the enlarged field of operation for which this Department will be responsible a Board fully representative of all sections of the work will be required, including where possible representatives of related Boards and Committees.

It is recommended further that at the local level the necessary oversight would be given of a developing programme of Christian Education

through the Leaders' Meeting working in close co-operation with the L.Y.C.

Immediate objectives appear to be:

1. That the Department quicken the Churches interest in the need for Adult Education particularly emphasising group fellowship as a teaching method.

2. While our Sunday Schools and Bible Classes are at present well served by our Syllabus the Department provide adequate resource material of sound scholarship on the Biblical and Doctrinal aspects of our Faith for Adult Groups.

3. This new approach be fostered within existing Church groups.

Conclusion:

The Committee has every confidence in submitting this report, as it is aware of a growing interest throughout the Church in Christian Education. It senses a deepening conviction that this matter is the concern of us all.

It is emphasised again that this programme is the responsibility of the whole Church. The Minister in his function as Preacher, Pastor and Teacher holds a key position of responsibility, but in all aspects urgent efforts should be made to develop lay leadership.

A. J. JOHNSTON, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That general approval be given to the proposal to establish a Department of Christian Education.

3. That the Committee be reappointed to prepare the necessary constitution and practical details for the development of a Department of Christian Education.

N.B. 1. This Committee will note the opinion of South Auckland on the appointment of a separate Resource Officer.

N.B. 2. This Committee will consider the place of evangelism within the general content of "Christian Education."

4. That the Committee be the President of Conference, Vice-President, Senior Youth Director, Chairman of Wellington District, Revs. A. J. Johnston, G. H. Goodman, R. H. Allen, J. D. Grocott, two representatives each from Trinity College Council, Board of Publications, Spiritual Advance Committee, Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Youth Board, and Mesdames J. Pearce, I. G. Baber, Sister Lina Jones, Messrs A. Coates, H. W. Beaumont, E. A. Crothall.

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

A—Public Questions Committee

REPORT FOR 1956

Monthly meetings have been held. The major items on the agenda are referred to in the report.

The Committee has been very conscious of the loss it sustained with the transfer of the Rev J. D. Grocott who had been Convener for ten years. His long experience and many personal contacts were invaluable.

(1) Penal Reform:

Under the guidance of the Rev L. C. Clements the Committee has examined New Zealand's penal policy. Significant changes, which merit the study and support of Christian people, have been made. The Committee will continue its study of the matter and, later, make recommendations.

(2) Immigration:
(1955 Minutes, p.88.)

The present basic policy on immigration was clearly defined by the Minister on 25th June, 1956. It is to bring in the type of people able to make some contribution to national development and production of essential goods; and to adopt the Immigration Advisory Council's recent recommendations that assisted immigration be reduced to 5000 annually and other immigration to 5000, compared with the previous total target of 15,000. The number actually admitted for the year ended 31st March, 1956 was 11,442.

European Refugees: Inquiries made received the reply that no consideration could be given to these special categories. They must apply and undergo the same selection tests as other would-be immigrants. An indication has, however, been given that, if the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs would sponsor them, the authorities would favourably consider granting permits to ten refugee families.

Asian Immigrants: No progress has been made on the suggestion of a quota system for Asian immigrants. As for a number of past years any Asiatic may apply but the reply is usually negative. More favourable consideration is given to the immediate relatives of Indians or Chinese at present living in New Zealand.

Naturalised Citizenship: The law having not been amended since 1908 is now under review. There is no intention of granting automatic rights of permanent residence in New Zealand to people naturalised in other Commonwealth countries.

Further, anyone naturalised in New Zealand is at a disadvantage compared with New Zealand born citizens:

(a) If, within 5 years of naturalisation he is convicted and serves imprisonment of 12 months or more, he is liable to lose his citizenship.

(b) If leaving the country to reside temporarily in a Non-Commonwealth country his application for extension beyond 5 years may not be granted.

(c) Rights of naturalisation would be lost if the person applied for naturalisation in another country.

(In no case would naturalised citizenship be taken away from a person who formerly was stateless.)

The Committee believes that the Church should continue to press for a more compassionate approach to this whole matter of immigration and that Christians should be prepared, if necessary, to accept any consequent reduction in their standard of living.

(3) State Aid for Roman Catholic Schools:

Because of the urgency of this matter the following statement enlarging on the resolution of last Conference was published in the "Methodist Times" under the name of the President. The attention of all Ministers has since been drawn to it and suggestions made for acquainting our people with the issue. A further article for wider distribution is being prepared for the Committee by the Rev J. Silvester. The statement is now presented for adoption by Synods and Conference.

Methodist Statement on State Aid to Private Schools

i. The Methodist Church approves and supports the principle of a single national system of education. Such a system is in the best interests of 'sound learning, equal justice, national unity and a broad Christianity'.

ii. When for their own reasons Churches, or other interested parties, establish private schools, the costs involved should be carried by those who avail themselves of the provisions thus created. Any departure from this principle can result only in a resurgence of community sectionalism and Church sectarianism, together with a decline in the strength of the single national system of education. These dangers should be strenuously avoided.

iii. In actual fact all private schools already may receive considerable "state aid" in terms of equipment, textbooks, milk, transport and other items. Any extension beyond these limits is neither desirable nor warranted.

iv. It should be clearly understood that there is a distinct difference between "state aid" for private schools and religious instruction in state schools. Care must be taken not to confuse these two issues in any discussion on the subject of "state aid". In opposing the former the Methodist Church does not automatically give its support to the legal secularism which is an integral part of the present national system of education.

v. The Methodist Church believes that the present national system of education cannot be regarded as fully adequate until legal and practical provision is made within the system to impart knowledge concerning the nation's total cultural heritage, which includes the Bible, the Christian Faith, and Christian ethical standards. Such knowledge can best be imparted through a single national system of education which recognises the rightful place of the Christian heritage of the nation.

vi. In the event of Methodist people being asked to support any action "on behalf of all private schools providing secular education for New Zealand children, and asking for a just disbursement of tax proceeds to cover the cost of such education", or for a Committee of Inquiry to report on such matters, it is pointed out that the Methodist Church has not sponsored any such action. It is believed that the true ends of faith equality, justice and freedom can best be served through a single national system of education which makes provision for the complete education of every child on a non-sectional basis.

(4) Capital Punishment:

On the eve of the Parliamentary debate a letter was sent to all Members of Parliament quoting the resolution of last Conference and drawing attention to the main issues involved. The following quotation summarises the representations made: "In opposing Capital Punishment we are aware of the difficult problem we are handing over to the State. But we believe that it is possible to uphold the authority of the law, protect society and lay responsibility on the criminal without resort to Capital Punishment. Such an approach leaves opportunity for reformative treatment and the acknowledgment that Society shares in the criminal's guilt."

The proposal to hold a referendum has been examined and the Committee has written to the Minister of Justice urging the Government to reconsider its decision. It will be impossible adequately to inform the people of the complex facts and conflicting points of view which need to be taken into account before coming to a decision. And on the past unfortunate history of this question it will be difficult to avoid the serious mistake of deciding the referendum according to party politics. The decision as to whether people should live or die should be decided on its own merits and not be confused with the other issues involved in party politics.

(5) The Christian Sunday:

It was clear during the discussion at the 1955 Conference that there is the need for some clarification of the Church's attitude to the Christian Sunday. The following statement is presented, not as a complete exposition, but for consideration by, and the guidance of, our people.

The Christian Sunday

i. The Christian Sunday is not based on the Jewish Sabbath described in the Old Testament. Neither is it bound by the petty restrictions which Sabbatarianism has attempted to impose.

ii. Christians should enjoy Sunday as the day of their Lord's Resurrection. They have always met on that Lord's Day because their love for Him drew them together for fellowship with Him and with one another.

iii. The chief purpose, therefore, of the day is public worship and instruction in the Faith. Christians cannot, without loss, forego their privilege of joining together for these purposes.

iv. The day can well be used to strengthen family ties. By careful planning on the part of parents, children should be able to remember the day, not for its prohibitions, but for the positive enjoyment the day held.

v. Christian people could well make greater use of the day for service to such sections of the community as the sick, lonely, and young people in hostels and rooms.

vi. Without wishing to legislate for the community the Church believes that the gradual destruction of the specific nature of Sunday as a day of worship, service, rest and re-creation, cannot be for the good of the community. There is room in the day for the private enjoyment of any indoor or outdoor activity which does not offend the essential spirit of the day, which is a day of worship. But the Church warns the community of the danger to its warfare of organised Sunday sport and entertainment. Man's spiritual and social wellbeing demands a day free from the activity and strain of other days. It is recognised that some Sunday work is necessary to maintain essential services, yet the community should guard against the increase of work done for private gain or higher production.

(6) Kenya:

After studying a great deal of material, including some obtained from Kenya, the Committee felt unable to publish articles in the "Methodist Times" as requested by last Conference. Instead, the attention of the Editor has been drawn to articles in other papers written by qualified people nearer the scene and suitable for publication in New Zealand. It is intended to continue this action.

(7) Asia:

Believing with the Evanston Assembly that the Church and the Government have a responsibility to endeavour to ease international tension, the following resolution was sent to the Minister of External Affairs:

"This Committee believes that the refusal of some nations to grant, at least, de facto recognition to New China is adding unnecessarily to international tension. We note that within SEATO there are several nations that have established some form of diplomatic relations with China and we consider that relations with India and rising Asian nationalism would be improved by other nations taking the same step.

We therefore urge the Government to take the earliest convenient opportunity of raising the matter in the councils of the Commonwealth and SEATO.

We also recommend that, in view of the recent admission to the United Nations of a number of countries, including some with undemocratic governments, New Zealand should, at the next Assembly support the consideration of the admission of China so that the U.N. might be more truly an international forum."

This action was taken after consulting the Methodist World Peace Committee. Some points arising out of the Minister's reply are being taken up by the Committee.

(8) Football Pools:

The Committee has expressed to the Minister its gratification that the Government has been able to prevent the entry into New Zealand of British Football Pools.

(9) Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs:

This council continues to deal with certain public questions and to make representations in the name of all the Christian Churches. Matters considered this year have included compassionate immigration, exemption from duty of film strip projectors, Chaplains to migrant ships, juvenile delinquency and film censorship regulations. A request is being made that

the Women's Auxiliary should cease to function and that representation on the Council be enlarged to allow for the appointment of at least one woman among the representatives from each Church.

(10) The N.Z. Council for Christian Education:

The appointment of the Rev W. P. B. Gamlen as successor to the Rev J. D. Grocott in the office of General Secretary provides a continuity of capable and devoted leadership. District Committees are now formed and working in most parts of the Dominion. This year has seen the completion and publication of the "Handbooks for Teachers" and the "Activity Books" for class expression work. These should make the work in schools more effective. There continues to be an encouraging number of enrolments for the Certificated Course for voluntary teachers.

The Council is now turning its attention to the Post-Primary Schools. Much good work is being done in many places but more can be accomplished when the Council is able to provide suitable material and guidance.

The Council has placed on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the Rev H. L. Fiebig as President during the past two years, and of the outstanding contribution made to the work by the Rev J. D. Grocott as General Secretary.

M. A. McDOWELL, President of Conference, Chairman.

W. F. FORD, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £25 be made to the Committee from the Contingent Fund.

3. *Immigration*: (a) Conference learns with pleasure that the Government is now willing to make arrangements for some refugee families to come to New Zealand and assures the Government of the Church's willingness to assist in their settlement.

(b) Conference declares its conviction that the refusal of New Zealand to accept immigrants from Asia is an un-Christian attitude to our neighbours and is likely to increase suspicion and mistrust. We urge the Government to allow entrance to at least a quota of Asian immigrants.

4. *State Aid*: i. That the Statement be adopted.

ii. That the Public Questions Committee be asked to consider what is the nature of a Christian Education System.

5. *The Christian Sunday*: That the Statement be received and commended to Church groups for study.

6. *Capital Punishment*: We strongly urge upon the Government:—

(1) That this matter should be the subject of an impartial committee of inquiry, and not of a national referendum.

(2) That if in opposition to this principle, the Government does decide to hold a referendum, it is essential that such a referendum should be completely dissociated from a General election.

(3) That the Resolution of Conference, 1955 Minutes, page 88 Rec. 7 (a) and (b) be reaffirmed.

(a) Believing that Capital Punishment violates the Christian principle of the sacredness of human life, and is out of harmony with a modern civilised state, Conference urges the Government to repeal this provision of the Act.

(b) Conference urges our people to do their utmost in supporting all efforts directed toward the abolition of Capital Punishment.

7. *Inter-Church Council*: That the Constitution of the I.C.C. be altered to give each Church the right to appoint up to 4 members with a view to adequate representation of men and women.

That the representatives on the I.C.C. be the Wellington District Chairman, Convener Public Questions Committee, and Mr A. E. Hurley.

8. *Council for Christian Education*: (a) That representatives on the Council be the Chairman of the Wellington District, Senior Youth Director, Rev J. D. Grocott and Mr G. F. Briggs.

(b) That a grant of £200 be made from the General Connexional Appeal

9. *Source Material*: Because it is often difficult to obtain adequate and authoritative source information before holding discussion groups on controversial issues such as the Capital Punishment issue it is suggested that the Public Questions Committee be asked:—

(a) To publish in the Methodist Times a bibliography relating to each issue referred to it by Conference.

(b) To make available on request, a list of source material on issues other than those mentioned in (a) and that this availability be publicised throughout the Church.

10. *International Affairs Committee*: (1) That the Public Questions Committee in consultation with the World Peace Committee investigate the possibility of the establishment of an International Affairs Committee of the church, which would inform the Church on current affairs.

(2) That the Editor of the Methodist Times be asked to provide that articles be published in each issue of the Methodist Times on International Affairs.

(3) That the Board of Publication print in pamphlet form the various statements and pronouncements of the Conference on major issues.

11. *China and the United Nations*: So that the United Nations Organisation should be more truly an international Forum, Conference urges the Government that New Zealand should at the next assembly of the United Nations, support the admission of the de Facto Government of China.

12. *Needy People*: That Conference: (1) View with appreciation the assistance given through the New Zealand Government to the needy people of the world through the Colombo Plan and the United Nations agencies.

(2) Urge the Government to increase substantially assistance on behalf of these people, in view of New Zealand's relatively high standard of living.

(3) Urge the Methodist people to support such a policy of increase of assistance.

(4) That the Public Questions Committee prepare a statement for presentation to Conference outlining practical steps that may be taken to ensure action regarding positive channels of greater assistance to the undeveloped countries of the world.

13. *Lottery Method of Government Bonds*:

That Conference place on record its objection to the lottery method of Government Bonds and that the Public Questions Committee be vigilant in making the Church's attitude known to the Government should any such proposals be forthcoming.

14. *Child Welfare*:

(a) That the Public Questions Committee secure from the Department of Mental Hygiene and the Child Welfare Division information concerning ways in which the Church may co-operate with their institutions and district officers in the care of the mentally ill, and the well being of children.

(b) That Conference commends to our people the field of Christian service open to those who provide homes for State wards.

15. *Religious Liberty in Spain*:

(a) (1) That Conference learns with deep concern of the infringements of religious liberty in Spain by the closing earlier this year of the Protestant

Theological Seminary in Madrid and the failure of the authorities to take as yet, such action as will enable the Seminary fully to recommence its work; and more recently, the forcible removal of several thousands of Bibles from the Bible Society's headquarters in Madrid. Conference strongly protests against such action especially in view of Spain's recent admission to the United Nations, and requests the Government to make urgent representations to the Government of Spain. (2) That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the United Nations Association in N.Z.

(b) Latin America: That the Public Questions Committee seek information concerning the situation in Latin America.

16. Sunday Trading:

That Conference is opposed to increased provision for trade on Sundays. It views with concern the fact that since recent legislation has permitted an increased number of articles to be sold on Sundays and the apparent lenient approach by Magistrates to applications for further facilities, Sunday trading has greatly accelerated, with the possible development of a Continental Sunday.

17. Students from Indonesia:

(a) That Conference request the N.C.C. to arrange with member Churches, in consultation with the colleges where possible, to invite suitable students from Indonesia to undertake theological study in N.Z.

(b) That Conference refer to the Theological College Council the suggestion of inviting suitable students from Indonesia for theological training in Trinity College.

18. International Situation:

Conference considers that the International situation in the Middle East and Hungary is of sufficient gravity to warrant personal consultation between the leaders of the State and Representatives of the Churches. Accordingly after discussions with the Representatives of the Presbyterian Assembly, Conference recommends that further immediate action be referred to the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs, with the request that the Council meet the Prime Minister at the earliest possible moment.

We suggest that among other things the Council:—

(a) Assure the Prime Minister and the Government of the prayers of the Church;

(b) Express to the Prime Minister the deep concern of the Churches at the march of events, giving reasons for this concern.

(c) That we recommend to the Government the necessity of supporting the United Nations Organisation in its intention to uphold international law, and create the conditions of peace.

(d) Seek information from the Prime Minister on aspects of the situation which raise the issues of International morality and collective security.

(e) Inform the Churches, through the Press and Church papers, of the result of the consultation and advise the relevant committees of the Churches on any further action which should be taken.

19. Social Security Benefits:

That the M.S.S.A. investigate the adequacy of present Social Security Benefits and if in their judgment such provision is inadequate they make representations to the appropriate authorities.

20. That the Committee for 1957 be as printed on page 12 herein.

B—Methodist World Peace Committee

REPORT FOR 1956

The Committee has met six times during the year. Consistent contacts have been maintained with the Public Questions Committee; the Methodist Board of World Peace, U.S.A. and the Regional Representatives. The Youth Board and the Citizenship Committee of the British Methodist Conference have also been corresponded with in matters affecting the Committee.

The following matters have been given consideration:

Film—"More For Peace":

At our request last year the Religious Film Society of New Zealand ordered from U.S.A. the film "More for Peace." This film is now to hand and is available for hire at current rates. The Committee recommends this film for its message, photography and appeal.

Church Peace Posters:

In conjunction with the Epworth Bookroom, Wellington, arrangements have been made for the sale of these posters from their Bookroom. Samples will be available at Synods and Conference:

Nuclear Warfare:

As directed by last Conference a list of books and articles on this subject has been compiled and appears in the recommendations.

Comprehensive Statement:

The British Conference is preparing a statement to replace that of 1933 on Peace and War, and the 1936 Declaration on the Church and Peace. We have already received the report which the Committee is to present to the Conference in July, in which the Committee is asking for another year to enable it to complete its work. We feel that this statement of British Methodism will be worth waiting for, and in the meantime suggest that the Evanston Statement be studied by our Church.

Construction of World Peace Committee:

In conjunction with the Law Revision Committee, we have agreed upon a constitution to be included in the Book of Laws. The Law Revision Committee is including the wording of the Constitution in its report.

World Federalist Movement:

At the request of Conference we have examined the literature of the above movement and are of the opinion that, whilst its total aim is world peace, it does not place sufficient emphasis on the Christian view of God and Man. Hence its approach is largely political. A central plank in its platform is the establishment of a "police army" to control belligerents. This, in the last analysis, means peace maintained by armed force, and this, though a distinct advance on the present international arms race, yet falls short of the ideal peace which, as followers of Jesus Christ, we are pledged to pursue.

Action for Peace Column:

For some unaccountable reason, material sent forward for this column in the "Methodist Times" has not regularly reached the paper. Enquiries from the Editors and the contributors have failed to solve the problem. However, we trust that more regular contributions will appear in the future.

Conclusion:

In conclusion we commend the cause of World Peace to your prayers believing that only by persistent and earnest prayer can we be fitted to play our part in this great cause.

D. J. D. HICKMAN, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £20 be made from the Contingent Fund for 1957.
3. That the attention of church members be called to the Church "Peace Posters" which are available from the Epworth Bookroom (Wellington).
4. That the 16 m.m. Sound Film "More for Peace" be commended to our people.
- 5 (a) That the committee bring an interim statement on Peace and War to the next Synods and Conference.
(b) That when the new statement on Peace and War by the British Conference comes to hand, a more comprehensive statement be prepared.
6. That the Study of Section 4 on International Affairs in "Evanston Speaks" (the report of the W.C.C. Assembly) be commended for study by Church and Youth Groups.
- 7 (a) That the following list of books and articles on Nuclear Warfare and the peaceful use of Atomic Energy be printed for information and study.
 - (1) *THE ATOM STORY*, by J. G. Feinberg. Wingate, 1952, pp.238. Written for the ordinary householder in Great Britain. Frightening but not in the least hysterical.
 - (2) *ATOMIC ENERGY IN WAR AND PEACE*, by B. W. Leyson. Dutton, N.Y., 1951, pp.217. Written for Americans. Well balanced and interesting.
 - (3) *REPORT ON THE ATOM*, by G. Dean. Eyre & Spottiswoode, 1954, pp.288. Written by an American, but for the British public. Perhaps the most up to date popular atom book.
 - (4) *THE CHALLENGE OF ATOMIC ENERGY*, by E. H. Burhop. Laurence & Wishart, 1951, pp.131. Good as far as it goes.
 - (5) *BRITAIN'S ATOMIC FACTORIES*, by K. E. B. Jay. H.M.S.O., 1954, pp.100. Wholly on peaceful use of atomic energy. Gives a glimpse of the tremendous work done in peaceful development.
 - (6) *NOTES FOR TEACHERS ON POWER FROM NUCLEAR ENERGY*. Science Club, 82 Park Street, London W.1., 1955, 6/- post free. Cyclostyled notes. The best popular account of the plans to replace coal power by atomic energy in Great Britain.
 - (7) *PEACEFUL ATOMIC ENERGY*, by Sir John Cockcroft (Chief atomic scientist in Great Britain), Times Science Review, No. 18. Winter, 1955. An article produced on return from the Geneva Conference. Intensely interesting.
 - (8) *NUCLEAR WAR AND PEACE*, by Professor J. E. Roberts and the Bishop of Chichester. A booklet on the possible use of nuclear weapons.
 - (9) The English Listener has frequent well written articles on atomic matters. They are written from many different viewpoints. Listed below are some of the best of them:
 - i No. 1317, 27th May 1954. How the Hydrogen Bomb Works. p.907. First of 10 articles on the hydrogen bomb, in consecutive issues.
 - ii No. 1310, 10th June 1954. Atomic Energy Control. The Political background. p.995.
 - iii No. 1321, 24th June 1954. Letters to the Editor on the hydrogen bomb. p.1099.
 - iv No. 1322, 1st July 1954. The Hydrogen Bomb and the Scientist. p.3.
 - v No. 1323, 8th July 1954. The Hydrogen Bomb and Christianity. p.47.
 - vi No. 1324, 15th July 1954. The Church of England and the Hydrogen Bomb. p.97.
 - vii No. 1326, 29th July 1954. By Man Came Death—national atomic policies. p.167.

- viii No. 1327, 5th Aug. 1954. Equality of Fear. p.207.
- ix No. 1328, 12th Aug. 1954. Reflections of the Hydrogen Bomb (Morality). p.239.
- x No. 1336, 7th Oct. 1954. Disarmament Proposals. p.548.
- xi No. 1348, 30th Dec. 1954. Hydrogen Bomb, by Bertrand Russell. p.1135.
- xii No. 1393, 10th Nov. 1955. Atomic Tactics. p.776.
- 7. (b) i. "The New Testament Basis of Pacifism."
by G. H. C. MacGregor (revised—Ed.).
- ii. "War Communism and the Christian Faith."
by Percy Harthill.
- 7. (c) That the list be printed in the "Methodist Times."
- 8. That the question of urging the Government to abolish the present Compulsory Military Training System be referred to the Public Questions Committee for report to Synods and Conference 1957.

2. The Consequences of Nuclear Warfare:

a. That Conference draw the attention of the Government to the anxiety of the Methodist people at the consequences of total war as they have been outlined by scientists. The total destruction of present civilisation is the fearful possibility of the use of nuclear weapons. The prospect of all-out nuclear warfare staggers the imagination. Conference is therefore alarmed to learn that there are authorities who believe that a war of nuclear weapons can be contained within territorial boundaries. The development of nuclear weapons makes fear a predominant characteristic of this age. An enduring peace can never be built on Fear.

b. That Conference request the Government to seek through the United Nations a pledge from the nations to refrain from the threat and the use of nuclear weapons and all other weapons of mass destruction in all circumstances. And in addition asks that the manufacture of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction be prohibited, and that bomb tests be discontinued.

c. That Conference request the Government to give adequate publicity to the authoritative statements of scientists and nuclear research experts concerning the devastating results of nuclear bomb tests.

10. Christians and Peace:

(a) That Conference remind the Methodist people that the immediate responsibility of Christian people is to bring the transforming power of Jesus Christ to bear upon the hearts of men. As stated in the Evanston report of the World Council of Churches—Christians "must pray more fervently for peace, repent more earnestly of their individual and collective failures to further world order, and strive more urgently to establish world contacts for reconciliation, fellowship and love".

(b) That the Board of Publications consult the World Peace Commission of the American Methodist Church with a view to securing and distributing their material.

12. That the Committee be as printed on page 13 herein.

C—Temperance Committee

REPORT FOR 1956

1. Venue and Personnel:

As instructed by Conference the Committee was constituted by the Standing Committee of the South Auckland District Synod, and consists of eleven members and one corresponding member, under the chairmanship of the Rev. S. J. Werren.

There were no specific matters remitted to the Temperance Committee by last Conference, and we have felt that this year's work would of necessity be exploratory. The following questions have been studied:

2. Temperance Education:

The importance of a sound educational approach to the teaching of Temperance cannot be over-stressed, and the committee has made further investigations into the actual teaching on this subject given in the day schools. While a detailed survey was not desirable it does appear from our enquiries over a limited area that one thing which could be done to aid teachers to provide this instruction, would be the compilation of a suitable handbook on the subject. This would need to be strictly factual and within the range of the Primary School Syllabus as set out in the 1955 Minutes of Conference, page 91. Provided there was no suggestion of propaganda there seems no good reason why such a handbook should not be approved by the educational authorities for optional use. A resolution on this point is appended and the committee is carrying on discussions with local teachers.

An investigation of Temperance films is being carried out and later in the year the committee hopes to be able to circulate to Ministers a list of films which it has viewed and can recommend with confidence. In the past there has probably been some hesitation on the part of Churches to use this means of temperance education, because a few examples have been of rather poor quality.

There was apparently some misunderstanding over the preparation of a study on Temperance for our Methodist young people, as directed by the 1954 Conference (Resolution 3b, page 83), and this has not yet been completed. The work on this study is now definitely in hand and we hope that it will be ready for publication before very long.

The committee would like to commend to the Church the splendid work in Temperance Education already being carried out by the Boys' Brigade and Girls' Life Brigade.

3. Trust Control:

The committee feels that while a factual report on Trust Control has been brought before the Conference, we have not yet as a Church sorted out the question of principle sufficiently to formulate our Methodist attitude towards this new factor in the liquor trade. There appear to be three conceivable attitudes on the issue of Trust Control:

(a) That Trust Control will largely remove the abuses of the liquor trade inherent in brewery control, and thus meet our Christian requirements. (This would of course represent a departure from our traditional policy.)

(b) That while prohibition of the liquor traffic must remain our ultimate objective, Trust Control is a step in the right direction, and is more practicable as an immediate objective.

(c) That our ultimate objective must remain the prohibition of the liquor traffic, and Trust Control is a dangerous form of compromise which would undermine the true temperance cause.

The committee has set itself as a long term project to study this issue more fully with a view to bringing down a statement to the 1957 Conference.

4. The 1957 Liquor Poll:

It seems unlikely that there will be any change in the ballot paper presented at the next national liquor poll, and therefore it should be pointed out that whatever are the pros and cons of any other form of control, the only practical vote against the present system of liquor control in the meantime, is a vote for Prohibition.

5. Questionnaire to Ministers:

The effectiveness of the Church's temperance policy is always dependent on its implementation at the local level and the committee felt that

the time was opportune for us to obtain an expression of opinion on our declared policy, by those who are largely responsible for carrying it through. To this end, a comprehensive questionnaire on temperance policy was prepared and circulated to all Ministers, Probationers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses in the active work. At the time of the compiling of this report only about half the questionnaires have been returned, but the committee is studying the replies received and when there are sufficient to hand will collate the answers and report in due course.

6. Alcoholism and the Drink Problem:

While we commend the fine work being done by various groups in seeking to aid the alcoholic, we wish to point out to the Church that the problem of drink and drunkenness is much wider than the question of alcoholism. Alcoholism is a specific medical condition to which a proportion of people who drink are subject. These are the compulsive drinkers who are actually unable to break the habit without medical and other outside help. However, apart from these there are a great number of people whose over indulgence in alcohol causes havoc in home, community and personal life, but who are not and may never become, alcoholics in the strict sense.

Thus, while the Church should give every support to the work of such groups as Alcoholics Anonymous and the National Educational Society on Alcoholism, we must realise that they work only on one specific part of the problem. Therefore we cannot regard their approach as a substitute for ours. The medical and scientific approach is of considerable value in the treatment of the alcoholic, although even here, spiritual factors are also decisive. On the other hand when we come to deal with the much wider problem of the general effects of alcohol in the community, although medical and psychological factors still have to be considered, the primary issues involved are questions of right conduct and the redemption of men and women. The basic approach then, must remain ethical and religious, and for this task the Christian Church alone has both the responsibility and the resources.

7. Facilities for the Sale of Liquor:

As the law stands at present licenses for the sale of New Zealand wines can be granted to many retail businesses, under conditions which make proper police supervision almost an impossibility. The New Zealand Alliance has made and will continue to make representations to the Government, and the committee feels that as a Church we should support them in this matter.

It is also noted that the Restaurant Proprietors' Association has made representations to the Government to permit the serving of liquor with meals, and unless there is widespread and determined opposition, there seems every possibility of legislation to this effect being brought in.

One of the most practical and immediate steps that can be taken to ensure that the sale of liquor is kept under stricter control is for temperance interests to be much more strongly represented on local Licensing Committees. These committees are normally elected within three months of a General Election. They have quite wide powers and the preponderance of either liquor or temperance interests among the personnel can make a substantial difference to the conduct of the liquor trade within that district. This is a worthwhile sphere of service which some of our laymen might well consider.

8. Additional Corresponding Members:

It would be an advantage if additional corresponding members with a 'watching brief' were appointed to the committee in each of the other Synodal Districts, in order that the committee could be kept informed of any matters relating to its work throughout the Dominion.

S. J. WERREN, Chairman.

I. RAMAGE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. (a) That Conference request the National Council of Churches to undertake the preparation of a suitable handbook of factual material to assist teachers in state schools in providing education on temperance and the effects of alcohol.
2. (b) That Conference request the National Council of Churches to urge the Education Department to implement the factual teaching with regard to the effects of alcohol as provided for in the Syllabus of Instruction 1928 republished in 1937.
3. (a) That Conference re-iterate its strong protest against the present anomalous ballot paper in the liquor poll and the failure of the Government to implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission in this regard and urge the Government to consider the various proposals that have since been put forward for the removal of the "State Purchase and Control" issue from the ballot paper and that electors be given the opportunity to vote separately on the two issues "Prohibition or Continuance" and "Trust Control or Private Enterprise".
(b) That in the event of there being no change in the ballot paper to be presented at the next national liquor poll, Conference urge all Ministers, Probationers and Home Missionaries to point out to their congregations that whatever may be the pros and cons of other forms of control, the only practical vote against the present system of liquor control, at the forthcoming poll, is a vote for Prohibition.
4. That Conference protest to the Government against the granting of licenses for the sale of New Zealand wines to grocers and other retail businesses, and express its whole hearted support of representations made to the Government by the New Zealand Alliance, to restrict the continuation or extension of such facilities.
5. That Conference strongly urge the Government not to enact any legislation granting permission for the sale of alcoholic liquor with meals in restaurants, on the ground that
 - (a) Any further extension of facilities for the sale of liquor, especially in the places where many people are obliged to have their meals, would not be in the interests of public welfare.
 - (b) As restaurants serve a large proportion of the travelling public including drivers of motor vehicles, the sale of intoxicants in this manner would not only be retrograde legislation but could also lead to yet higher toll of life on the roads.
6. That in view of the fact that the interpretation of the law given in a recent judgment of the Court of Appeal allows the public bars of licensed hotels to be opened to boarders outside the normal hours of trading, thereby thwarting the obvious intention of the six o'clock closing legislation, Conference request the Government to make the necessary amendment to the law to safeguard the principle that there shall be no supplying of liquor from public bars whatever outside the hours of normal trade.
7. That attention be drawn to the efforts being made by the liquor interests to legalise staggered hours for drinking, and that the Temperance Committee take steps to combat this propaganda.
8. (a) That Conference point out to the Laymen of the Church, the need for more Christian people to offer for nomination as candidates for local Licensing Committees, and that this provides a worthwhile avenue of service to Church and community.
(b) That Conference request all Ministers to use their influence through Ministers' Associations and other inter-church bodies to urge all Christian

people to cast their vote at the election of local Licensing Committees in favour of suitable candidates with temperance interests at heart.

9. That Conference express its confidence in the New Zealand Alliance as the best available means of united protest against the evils of the Liquor Traffic, and commend it to the interest and support of our people.

10. That Conference place on record its appreciation of the outstanding service given by the Rev. G. H. Goodman, as Dominion President of the New Zealand Alliance during the past six years.

11. That Standing Committees of District Synods other than those in Auckland and South Auckland Districts be asked to appoint in each District a Minister or Layman as a corresponding member of the Temperance Committee.

12. That Conference express appreciation of the Committee's work.

13. That the committee for 1957 receive a grant of £5 from the Contingent Fund.

14. That the Committee for 1957 be as printed on page 13 herein.

QUESTION XXXVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference, respecting Church and other properties?

A—General Report on Church Property

The financial operations of Church Trusts for the year ending 30th June, 1956, are summarised in the following schedule:—

1. TRUST ACCOUNTS

RECEIPTS

Credit Balance from last year—General Account	55,893	6	1
Balance from last year held for Special purposes	271,241	5	5
Loans from Church Building and Loan Fund	16,400	0	0
Loans from other sources	43,120	13	9
All other Receipts	284,351	1	3
Total Receipts	671,006	6	5
Debit Balances	32,426	5	0
TOTAL	703,435	11	5

EXPENDITURE

Debit Balance from last year	31,236	13	6
Loan Fund Instalments	6,234	2	9
Other Loans repaid	25,719	11	9
Interest on Loans and on Bank Overdraft	4,856	6	9
Purchase of Land, Erection or Additions to Buildings	130,705	19	11
Rents, Rates, Cleaning, Lighting, Repairs, etc.	128,569	4	10
Total Expenditure	327,321	19	6
Credit Balances	51,082	19	0
Balances held for Special purposes	325,030	12	11
TOTAL	703,435	11	5

2. TOTAL OF FIRE INSURANCE

2,859,706 15 7

3. DEBT

Mortgage Debt at end of previous year	135,780	8	9
Add New Loans received during year	59,049	6	1
TOTAL	194,829	14	10
Deduct Loans repaid during year	30,851	10	8
Amount of Mortgage Debt at end of year	163,978	14	2

These figures indicate substantial increases on last year's returns, and reveal sustained giving on the part of our people.

Balances held for Special Purposes, have increased by £53,882. General income is higher by £8,278. For new and progressive works the sum of

£130,706 has been expended, an increase on last year's figure of £9551.

In round figures the amount contributed for various property enterprises is approximately £10/14/0 per Church member.

Full details concerning property projects in hand are given in the report of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

4. District Secretaries for Church Property

AUCKLAND—

Mr S. E. Chappell, 27 Balmoral Road, Epsom, Auckland.

SOUTH AUCKLAND—

Mr W. B. L. Williams, 214 River Road, Hamilton.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI—

Mr J. Drake, 22 Muir Street, Gonville, Wanganui.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU—

Mr Gordon E. Bisson, Box 40, Napier.

WELLINGTON—

Mr S. N. Roberts, Box 62, Wellington.

NELSON—

Mr H. Oldham, 24 Leitrim Street, Blenheim.

NORTH CANTERBURY—

Mr N. Hillary, Box 552, Christchurch.

SOUTH CANTERBURY—

Mr P. G. Woodnorth, Box 254, Timaru.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND—

Mr C. H. Kitchin, 65 Hazel Avenue, Dunedin, S.W.1.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That thanks be tendered to the District Secretaries for their services and that the appointments for 1957 be as named in the Report.
3. That where there is only one auditor of accounts his qualifications be indicated with the signature.
4. That where moneys are raised for special purposes, they should not be used even temporarily for other purposes, as such breach of trust involves the trustees in personal liability.

B—Church Building and Loan Fund Committee

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That the Church is sustaining a positive building programme to enable it to keep abreast of population trends is evidenced from the following summary of projects approved by the Committee for the year ended 30th June.

- (a) *New Sites*, 4 (excluding additional land purchases in existing causes).
- (b) *New Churches*, plans approved, 9.
- (c) *New Halls*, plans approved, 11.
- (d) *New Parsonages*, plans approved, 7.
- (e) *Additions to Halls, etc.*, plans approved, 12.
- (f) Sundry properties bought or erected (shops, etc.) 5.

Loans:

(a) Already the effect of the Advance Methodism Fund is reflected in the number of new loans advanced, 18 in number, as follows: Pitt Street (£1000), Dominion Road (£750), Epsom (£1000), Rothesay Bay (£1000), Whiteley, New Plymouth (£1000), Westown, New Plymouth (£650), Hastings (£1000), Sanson-Rongotea (£500), Khandallah, Wellington (£600), Richmond, Nelson (£1000), Reefton (£800), North Beach (£800), Islington

(£1250), Balclutha (£750), Alexandra (£800); total £15,700, compared with 7 last year amounting to £5050.

(b) The total amount of loans—at date is £33,446/18/9 advanced to 71 trusts, compared with the sum of £23,775/4/5 last year, advanced to 55 trusts.

(c) On our priority list the names of 36 trusts appear waiting for loans amounting to £33,000. We have said previously that if the Advance Methodism Appeal is 100% successful we will take up all these promised loans early in 1957. That will not now be possible.

Sites Fund:

Grants for new sites have been made as follows: Helensville (New Parsonage) £50, Greenhithe £25, Upper Hutt (Cottle Block) £50, Taupo £50, Islington £25, Wairakei Road £60; a total of £260.

Advance Methodism Fund:

Is reported on separately.

GENERAL

(a) Connexional Committee and Standing Committee of Synods:

The question has been raised in one or two quarters as to whether District Standing Committees should not be given the authority to finalize property matters such as the purchase or sale of properties—approving plans for new buildings and so on.

The Committee points out the weaknesses in such a suggestion.

It is recognised that members of Standing Committees may be in closer contact with a given circuit or area than a central committee.

At the same time it is of value and indeed very necessary to put the final responsibility for decisions on a Committee that has no relationship at all with a given circuit or area. Such a central committee must of necessity be able to regard a project more objectively than a local committee. Time and time again local and personal factors enter in that could affect the decision made one way or another. Often a trust or a district is in danger of being dominated by an individual or a group, and others who might not agree with that individual or group nevertheless are hesitant to go contrary to their wishes.

In regard to plans for a new building an architect may try and dominate a trust or a trust may try to over-rule an architect. It is of inestimable value to rest the final decisions with an outside committee which has no bias or prejudices and so can regard every undertaking in an entirely objective and dispassionate manner.

Instances could be listed of district committees being influenced against their better judgment into certain attitudes, or of being unwilling to go contrary to the wishes of a certain individual or group. A central Committee is not subject to such pressure or is more able to resist it.

It needs to be pointed out that where necessary the Central Committee always confers with Standing Committees of Synods in regard to policy matters. It is not being stated herein that a Central Committee (in its personnel) is superior to that of any given local Committee. It is however stated that a central Committee is in a better position to make impartial objective decisions than any local committee which inevitably must always be in danger of being subject to pressure and thus adversely influenced in its decisions.

(b) Infringement of Regulations:

The Committee reports work commenced on properties without the final approval of the Committee in the following cases: Horrelville (North Canterbury), Otatara (Invercargill), Newfield (Invercargill).

Although it ought to be widely known it seems necessary to state again that the Committee meets on the third Friday of each month. The Building Sub-Committee meets regularly prior to that meeting and considers plans submitted. Often the latter committee is required to meet

twice in a month in addition to the full committee meeting. The Committee tries to expedite the business remitted to it. It is pointed out that trusts can sometimes be most unreasonable in their requests. Often a matter concerning a new building has been under consideration locally for many months, even years. Because a final decision is often not given at the first meeting of the Committee complaints are lodged of unnecessary delay. It needs to be stressed that there are no delays beyond those required by the necessary policy of examining and reporting first on preliminary plans before the final plan and specifications are endorsed. In undertakings that involve thousands of pounds and that will affect the work of the Church for half a century or more time taken at the beginning to arrive at a right decision is time well spent and money and embarrassment saved.

SALES

The Committee has sanctioned the sale of the following properties. If not acted upon by 31st January, 1958, the sanction lapses.

Auckland District:

H.M. Dept. (Avondale, 2 rds. 10 per., £1450), H.M. Dept. (Kaeo, 2 ac., £150), White Swan Road (£4000), Kaukapakapa (3 ac., £220), Browns Bay (cottage, etc., £1600), Torbay (1 rd. 19.3 per., £300), Helensville (18 per., £250), Russell (Hall, £1000), Matakoho (2 rds.).

South Auckland:

Waitoa (Bach and 1 rd.) £950.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Rangiatea Hostel Board (26 ac.) £12,000, Westmere, Wanganui (Church and 36.1 per.) £300.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

Ashhurst (dwelling) £1000, West End (P.N., 20 per.) £525, Hokowhitu (P.N., 32 per.) £650, Onepoto, Napier (Church and 13.4 per.) £430, Napier, South (16.4 per.) £650.

Wellington:

Belvedere, Carterton (10 per.), (Costs) Plimmerton (exchange) Youth Board, Parsonage) £3650; Tawa Flat (32.78 per.) £800.

Nelson:

Mahakipawa, Blenheim (Church only) £50.

North Canterbury:

Sockburn (exchange), Kimberley (Church and 1 rd. 29 per.) £325.

South Canterbury:

Woodlands Street (Dwelling, demolition).

Otago-Southland:

Balclutha (Parsonage) £1400.

LEASES

South Auckland:

Tauranga, S.S. (£500 p.a., 10 years).

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

Sanson (2 rds., £5 p.a., 5 years).

South Canterbury:

Mayfield (Part Pars., sec., £8 p.a., 5 years).

LAND PURCHASES

The following purchases of land have been approved:

Auckland District:

Waiake, Takapuna (2 rds.) £1000; White Swan Road (2 rds.) £2000; Rawene (32 per.) £305; Ruawai (1/5th ac.) £200.

South Auckland:

Waitoa (1 rd.) £250.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

Napier South (1rd. 22 per.) £525.

Wellington:

Wellington D.Y.C., Porirua (15 ac. 3 per.) Lease; Tawa Flat (32.08 per.) £700; Te Marua, Upper Hutt (1 rd. 26 per.) £500.

Nelson:

Redwoodtown, Blenheim (1 rd.) £300; Mayfield, Blenheim (34 per.) £400.

PURCHASES, ERECTIONS AND ALTERATIONS OF BUILDINGS

(P—Purchase; E—Erection; A—Alteration or addition)

Estimated costs only in some instances.

Auckland District:

Helensville (P) Parsonage, £1850; Papatoetoe (A) Te Atatu Hostel, Hobby Room (E), £1250; Taharoto Road (Takapuna), Church Hall (E), £2000; Onehunga, Primary (E), £7200; Trinity College Chapel (E), £10,600; Rothesay Bay (Takapuna), Church Hall (E), £5500; Te Kopuru, Classrooms (E), £600; Astley House (A), £38,000; Tyler House (A), £9900; Campbells Bay (A), £2000; Paparata, Hall (P), £300.

South Auckland:

Maeroa, Classrooms (A), £2500; Kerepeehi, Hall, £900; Otorohanga, Parsonage (E), £4500; Matamata, Shops and S.S. (E), £14,000; Opatiki, Hall (E), £850; Tokoroa, Parsonage (E), £4500; Ngatea, Hall (E), £1500; Ohura, Bach (A), Gift; Tokoroa Pars (E), £4000; Eastport Road, C.R., (E), £180.

Taranaki-Wanganui:

Vogeltown, Hall (A), £525; Oakura, Church (united) (E), £2000; Rahotu, Hall (E), £4000.

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:

Napier (Trinity) Church (A), £9500; Manawatu D.Y.C., Camp Building (P), £1350; Norsewood, Church (A), £230.

Wellington:

Youth Board, House, £4600; Otaki, Parsonage (A), £100; Stokes Valley, Hall (E), £1000; Petone, Hall, £4000 (gift); Upper Hutt (Cottle Block), Hall (P), £1100.

Nelson:

Stoke, Parsonage (E), £3600.

North Canterbury:

Rugby Street, Parsonage (P), £4750; Leeston, Classrooms (E), £250; Horrelville, Church (E), £3000; Upper Riccarton, Hall (E), £4000; Christchurch Eventide Home, Hospice (E), £27,000; Woolston, Church (A), £525; Cashmere, Church (A), £2000.

South Canterbury:

Allenton (Ashburton), Parsonage (E), £5000; Baring Square, House purchase, £3400, Ashburton.

Otago-Southland:

Bluff, Church (E), £6000; St Peters (Inv.) Church (A), £10,000; Balclutha, Parsonage (P), £2700; Cromwell, Parsonage (A), £125; Riverton, Hall (A), £500; Otatara, Hall (E), £1400.

Advance Methodism Fund**(A) 1955 Appeal:**

The final figure taken into our accounts as at 31st May, 1956, was £19,437/7/-. This includes a grant from the Fire Insurance Fund of £850. Expenses for printing, postages, and advertising amounted to £462/16/8 (2.4%). Two-thirds of the balance was transferred to the Loan Fund Capital Account (12,650/10/4) and one-third credited to an Advance Methodism Grants Capital Account (6324).

Loans were dealt with in the ordinary way, except that in a few instances in new areas certain trusts were treated as special cases and a sum in excess of the amount of £1000 was advanced.

Grants were dealt with on a District basis, Standing Committees of Synods being asked to list priorities which were then finalized in consultation with the Home Mission Board. It needs to be said that the allocation of these grants has not been a simple matter. Districts had been requested to list one or two projects of outstanding urgency rather than

to spread the money available over a number of enterprises which thus could inevitably only receive a small amount.

Distributions agreed upon were as follows: Auckland £1200, South Auckland £1200, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu £750, Wellington £1200, North Canterbury £1200, Otago-Southland £500.

At the close of the financial year the sum of £2200 had been paid out to Districts. At the time of the report the amount was £3500.

(B) 1956 Appeal:

At the time of preparing this report the sum of £17,191 has been reported through the nine Districts as having been contributed on Advance Methodism Sunday or immediately following: Auckland £4030, South Auckland £2070, Taranaki-Wanganui £706, Hawkes Bay-Manawatu £1434, Wellington £2096, Nelson £1285, North Canterbury £2664, South Canterbury £1406, Otago-Southland £1450.

All Districts reported that the figures were far from complete.

It will seem that the ultimate target of £50,000 will not be reached. An estimate of the total final figure may be put at something less than £40,000.

A supplementary report will be presented to Conference with fuller details. At this stage four observations only are possible:

Every effort was made through the Methodist Times and other publicity material to acquaint all our people with the need for and the objects of the Fund.

It must be emphasised again that where the methods recommended by the Conference were adopted enthusiastically and applied faithfully 100% success resulted.

Gratitude must be expressed to the people who have loyally supported the effort and given to the Church increased resources for carrying on its task.

A number of circuits with major local projects evidently felt themselves unable to give this effort anything in the nature of whole-hearted support. Many of these places have current loans. Others have their names on the priority list of loans or are anticipating seeking assistances. The hope is strongly expressed that such circuits will feel that the way will still be open for them to make a major contribution at some time in the future, and will make a worthy effort to do so. There is nothing to stop them from planning along these lines.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1956

Advance Methodism Fund

At October 17, the amount actually received from Circuits is as follows:—

District	Amount	Membership Percentage
Auckland	4258 19 9	(67%)
South Auckland	1944 3 1	(58%)
Taranaki-Wanganui	926 14 4	(40%)
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	1979 19 1	(71%)
Wellington	2451 11 5	(74%)
Nelson	1507 8 1	(96%)
North Canterbury	3090 4 4	(77%)
South Canterbury	1487 19 7	(98%)
Otago Southland	1490 15 11	(59%)
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The following Circuits have not sent in any contributions at date:—Onehunga, Paparoa, Hokianga, Hauraki Plains, Morinsville, Hamilton East, Ohura, Stratford, Opunake, Wanganui North, Dannevirke-Norsewood, Palmerston North (Trinity), Greytown-Featherston, Eketahuna, Reefton, Lyttelton.

From reports received earlier concerning amounts raised in these circuits there should be at least £1000 still to be received.

Appointment of District Property Committees:

The Committee has considered the recommendations of the Wellington Synod urging the establishment of 9 property Committees, one in each Synodal District, the Connexional Church Building and Loan Fund Committee to be consulted when some particular situation warrants such action, in addition, distributing loan moneys on the basis of advice received from such District Committees.

Procedure

It is pointed out, first of all, that our Church Property is vested in a number of local Trusts which administer such property on behalf of the Connexion. It is most desirable, and indeed very necessary, that in consultation with one central consulting and approving Committee, rather than with many Committees, and with a central office with one experienced permanent officer reporting to the Conference than with a number of committee conveners in all parts of the country.

It needs to be remembered that many aspects of property activity are bound up together in the purchase of land, the preparation of necessary documents, the handling of transfers and deeds, the effecting of insurance, the approving of plans, the recording of Trustees—all these things must be done in a central office and be handled by some responsible person. To have some of these things handled by District Committees, with information to be forwarded (or not forwarded as would inevitably happen in some cases) to the Connexional Office, and other aspects to be dealt with by the latter office would result in much confusion. It is absolutely necessary for the Connexional Office, which is handling these things constantly, to deal with them directly through Church Trusts, rather than by some indirect method. A systematic Check is imposed in the office upon all the aspects of each undertaking as mentioned above, but this would be very difficult, if not impossible, under the Wellington Synod's proposals.

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee acts throughout the year on behalf of the Conference to which it reports its decisions. During the year Presidential approval has to be obtained on many documents. This must be done through a central office and to have to relay them through district committees would cause confusion and loss of time.

Plans

For the sake of efficiency and to maintain a certain standard of work all plans should be approved by the one Committee, which is in a position to see that the policy of the Conference is carried out and its requirements complied with.

While all property matters are dealt with by one Committee, that Committee has detailed knowledge of what is being done throughout the whole Connexion, and so is in a position to build up a store of knowledge and experience which would be impossible with 9 separate Committees, each restricted to what is being done only in its own District.

Professional and architectural advice is as readily available to Trusts as to a District Committee. The Committee encourages trusts always to seek such guidance. With comments and recommendations made by its Building Sub-Committee on preliminary plans submitted, work carried out in the light of experience gained through handling many such matters, architects and trusts can work successfully together. The results of such consultations between trusts and architects and builders channelled through the one Committee must be more effective than if 9 separate Committees were attempting to handle the work.

Volume of Work

A careful analysis of the facts indicate that the volume of work in the Synodal districts past, present and future, does not warrant the decentralisation envisaged. To set up a special district property committee in each Dis-

strict in addition to a central committee and office (which must be maintained), would be to create more unnecessary organisation at a time when the Church is seeking to solve this very problem of the multiplicity of committees.

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee meets regularly on the third Friday of each month, with frequent additional meetings of the Executive and the Building Sub-Committee. It should not be necessary for any committee to meet more often than that. There is never any delay in handling matters submitted to it by Trusts. Any so-called delays are the result of insufficient or erroneous information being given in the first instance. Where urgency is called for in exceptional cases this is always accorded as it may be required.

Finance

The Church Building and Loan Fund Committee administers the Sites Fund and the Loan Fund. The making of grants from the former, and the advancing of loans from the latter is intimately related to the whole work of land purchase, approval of plans and so on. It is absolutely necessary that the Committee which administers these Funds, must also be the one which approves of all undertakings which will have recourse to the Funds. Any other system must prove unsatisfactory and inefficient.

Conclusion

In the judgment of the Committee the proposals embodied in the recommendations from the Wellington Synod ignore a number of aspects that are vital to the effective administration and oversight of this entire aspect of the work of our Church and accordingly reports that it has no recommendation to make.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1 (a) That the Annual and Supplementary Reports of the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be received and adopted.

(b) That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. That Conference expresses gratitude for gifts made by our people as a result of which the capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund has been doubled, thus increasing its usefulness in the life of the Church.

3. Sinking Funds:

That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee recommend strongly that all Trusts which have revenue-producing properties should make suitable provisions for Sinking Funds.

4. Parsonages:

That Chairmen of Districts be requested to report to the next Conference on Parsonages in their Districts which their Synod Standing Committees consider to be sub-standard, and also the action which is being taken to remedy the position as promptly as possible.

5. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee report on our present system of property control by Trustees, under the Model Deed, (a) with a view to instituting a more modern method of dealing with church property and (b) to provide the Connexion with a better and more adequate control over properties.

6. That District Advisory Committees be as named together with the District Property Secretary and District Chairman in each case. Con- vener, District Chairman.

AUCKLAND:

The Revs. J. C. Draper, L. R. M. Gilmore, Messrs H. M. Patrick and F. M. Souster.

NORTHLAND:

Mr W. J. Court.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

The Rev. C. B. Oldfield; Messrs W. M. Young and H. Longbottom.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

The Revs. W. H. Greenslade and J. H. Hall; Messrs M. S. Hughson and L. M. Moss.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

The Revs. W. R. Laws, G. H. Goodman, L. C. Horwood; Messrs A. H. Fisher, C. V. Woodfield, J. P. Boyd, J. H. Oldham, L. A. Davis.

WELLINGTON:

Rev. E. S. Hoddinott and Mr T. M. Pacey.

NELSON:

The Revs. A. M. Costain, H. E. Harkness and D. W. Edwards, Messrs J. S. White and F. H. Southgate.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Nil.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

The Rev. A. F. Collins and Mr H. C. B. Withell.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Revs. H. A. Cochrane and D. J. D. Hickman; Messrs A. Froggatt, R. T. Sando and E. McLeod.

7. That the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee be as printed on page 10 herein.

C—Report of Custodian of Deeds

ANNUAL REPORT 1956

For the year ended 30th June, 1956, the following records have been attended to:

1. Certificates of Title:

The following Certificates of Title have been received and acknowledged:

AUCKLAND: Central Mission 3 (Astley House, Wesley Hospital and Parsonage), Orewa, Waitangi Road, Helensville, Greenhithe, Water-view, Te Atatu, Franklin Road.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Tauranga, Hamilton, Te Kuiti.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Kaitoke.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU: Rongotea, Feilding.

WELLINGTON: Stokes Valley.

NELSON: Greymouth, Reefton.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Wairakei Road, Islington, Beckenham, Woodend.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Waimate.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Corstorphine, Riselaw Road, Maori Hill, Invercargill (St Peters), Company Bay Eventide Home.

2. New Trusts:

The following new trusts have been registered:

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Paengeroa, Kawerau.

HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU: Manawatu D.Y.C. (Camp Site).

WELLINGTON: D.Y.C. Camp Site.

NELSON: Redwoodtown, Mayfield (both Blenheim).

3. Trustees:

Changes in the personnel of Trusts have been registered as under:

	Trusts	Renewals	Registrations
Auckland	28	38	76
South Auckland	19	23	47
Taranaki-Wanganui	11	15	18
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	16	42	49
Wellington	20	57	62
Nelson	11	25	35
North Canterbury	28	108	96
South Canterbury	5	6	14
Otago-Southland	11	21	23
	<hr/> 149	<hr/> 335	<hr/> 420

H. L. FIEBIG, Custodian of Deeds.

RESOLUTION

That the Report be received and adopted.

QUESTION XXXIX.—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

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year ended 30th June, 1956.

Repairs and maintenance of all properties have been carefully attended to and they are in good order.

We have maintained our contribution of £1500 to Trinity Theological College.

We have carefully considered the need for providing for an increased Capital Renewals Fund. This was commenced only 3 years since and now amounts to £2261. The Government valuation on our buildings (exclusive of Land Values) is £38,000. Their renewal in say 20 to 25 years time will be becoming necessary and, at the increased cost of building, will necessitate much greater Capital funds. We recommend that the Annual provision for the Capital Renewal Fund be increased to £1500 per annum. This sum compounded should provide approximately £45,000 in 20 years time.

The members of the Board are:

Revs. E. W. Hames and J. C. Draper, Hon. Mr Justice Stanton, Messrs E. A. Astley, J. H. Blackwell, P. Dellow, T. L. Hames, W. E. Lewisham and W. F. Winstone.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.

F. M. IZZARD, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2.—PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1955

The Trustees report that the tenancies have been maintained smoothly for the full blocks of shops, with rents paid practically up-to-date.

The adjustment of rentals is not yet finalised, it being deemed essential by the agent consulted that the shop buildings, particularly in regard to the roofs, should be first put into first class order. These repairs would have been completed some time ago had it not been for the long-sustained

spell of wet weather. However, they are now nearing completion, and increased rentals will be able to be made effective very shortly.

A grant of £400 was again made to Trinity Theological College, and during the coming financial year a fairly heavy charge will be met for the repairs to the roofs of the shops.

Steps will also be taken this year for the utilisation of the seven sections fronting Turner Street, when the question of the renewal of the Salvation Army Lease has been settled.

E. W. HAMES, Acting-Chairman

P DELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

3.—THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTION

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

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

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference the Annual Report of the Board, and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1955.

Apart from the annual grant of £600 to the Rangiatea Maori Girls College Trust, our main activity has again centred around the provision of the necessary finance for the running of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home.

Masterton Methodist Children's Home

In accordance with the recommendation of the 1954 Conference that the Masterton Committee should assume full control of the Home, considerable thought has been given to the preparation of a formula which would prove mutually acceptable to the Board and to the Home Committee. The Masterton Committee has not seen its way clear to accept a proposition put forward by the Board, as it feels that rising costs would more than absorb the proposed income. Further consideration will be given to the matter in the hope that an acceptable scheme can be devolved.

The Board endorses the recommendations which the Committee has made in its report to the Conference, and records its sincere appreciation of the loving care and attention which the members of the committee and the Staff give so unstintingly to the children under their care.

Rangiatea Maori Girls' College

Messrs A. E. Hurley, T. M. Pacey and G. C. Burton have continued as our representatives on the Board of the College.

The Board is pleased to learn that plans for the new college have at last been received from the architects and have been submitted to the Maori Affairs Department for approval. It now appears possible that the Rangiatea Board may be in a position to call for tenders before the end of 1956.

Finance

The upward trend in interest rates is reflected in the Revenue Account, total receipts under this heading having increased by £147, whilst one lease has been renewed at an increased rental of £18 per annum.

Rates and Land Tax have increased by £40.

Net Revenue is £126 higher than last year, and after providing for the grant of £600 to Rangiatea Maori Girls' College and £165 for Masterton Home there is an excess of Income over Expenditure amounting to £876 which brings Capital Account up to £45,459.

The Capital Account of the Masterton Home has been increased by legacies of £100 from the Estate of the late W. H. Denton plus a small final payment of £5 from the Estate of the late Mrs M. E. Tills. Capital expenditure debited to the account amounts to £504 and the balance now stands at £17,299.

Chairman

The Board unanimously recommends that the Rev. G. H. Goodman be reappointed Chairman.

GEO. H. GOODMAN, Chairman,
J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

5.—THE EMSLY TRUST BOARD

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

6.—GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

Apart from attending to the usual business such as the collection of ground rents; applications to subdivide; authority to erect buildings; and general oversight of Trust property and interests there has been nothing to demand the special attention of Trust officials during the year ending 30th June, 1956.

Further renovations to the old Mission House, being occupied as the Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel, have been made during the year and the little Church adjacent to the Hostel has been painted and renovated. The total Income from leases amounted to £1561.

The sum of £750 was paid off the loans advanced by the Home Mission Board, and a Grant of £150 was made to the Rangiatea Maori College Trust.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

7.—KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

Previously the financial statements submitted have been simply annual accounts of receipts and payments. With the erection of the new farm house the accounting of the estate has been re-organised and the Trustees are now able to present an Annual Balance Sheet.

GEO. R. THOMPSON, Chairman.
E. L. F. BUXTON, Secretary.

RESOLUTION

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

8.—GIBSON ESTATE TRUST

REPORT OF TARANAKI-WANGANUI SYNOD

That in view of the fact that moneys within the Gibson Trust cannot be usefully employed in the building and running of an orphanage, this Synod recommends to Conference that an application be made to the Supreme Court covering a variation in the terms of the will of the late Robert Gibson as follows:—

1. That the assets be vested in a Methodist Church Trust to be established under the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee of the Church.

2. That not less than £5000 be held as a reserve fund.

3. That out of moneys now in hand a grant shall be made for the completion of a Methodist Youth Centre at Manaia to be known as the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall.

4. That the residue of income be divided as follows:—
- (a) For allocation by the Trust within Taranaki in the establishment of buildings for the training of youthtwo-thirds.
 - (b) For Methodist Children's Homes at Auckland and Masterton one-third.

Additional:

That owing to the death of Mr Robert Hooper and the fact that Manaia Circuit has no representation on the Board of Trustees, Synod accept the nomination of Mr S. W. Bailey of Auroa and recommend his appointment to the Advisory Trust Board of the Gibson Estate.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That Mr S. W. Bailey be appointed to the advisory Trust Board.
4. That the Resolutions from the Gibson Estate Trust Board be considered by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for report to next Synods and Conference.
5. (1) That the prior resolution of Conference authorising the erection of an Orphanage on the Robert Gibson Trust property and any later resolutions for the use of any funds of this Trust be rescinded.
- (2) That the President is hereby empowered to take all steps necessary to obtain the variation of the provisions and trusts of the Will of Robert Gibson Decd. and to seek an order of the Supreme Court of New Zealand whereby:
 - (a) The use of the farm lands devised and the application of any part of the Trust Funds, whether capital or income in or towards the establishment or maintenance of an Orphanage and training farm for boys shall be in the discretion of, and not be mandatory upon the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
 - (b) The capital and income of the Trust may be applied in and toward the Youth Work of the Methodist Church of N.Z. in such manner as shall, from time to time, be determined by Conference.
 - (c) Such order shall seek such further or other powers authorities and discretions as shall be deemed necessary by the President.
- (3) That upon the consent of the Court having been obtained as aforesaid the Trust shall be under the control of a Trust Board under the direction of, and responsible to the Methodist Conference and that as an immediate direction to any Trust Boards so appointed, conference now resolves:—
 - (a) That a capital sum of not less than £5000 whether in cash or Trustee Investments shall be at all times held in the trust accounts a "reserve fund."
 - (b) That out of accumulated funds the Trust Board may at its discretion make a grant of such amount as the Board, after consultation with the President, considers proper for the erection of a Methodist Youth Centre at Manaia which shall be named "The Robert Gibson Memorial Hall".
 - (c) That the Trust Board shall make available from time to time out of income such moneys as may be necessary for bursaries for Taranaki Boys attending Wesley College, Paerata.
 - (d) That the residue of income arising in the Trust shall be applied as follows:—
 - i. For allocation by the Trust Board within Taranaki in the establishment of buildings and acquisition of lands for the training of youth—two-thirds.

ii. For the Methodist Children's Homes at Auckland and Masterton — one-third.

(e) That the present Advisory Board of Trustees together with the surviving advisory trustee in the estate shall form the first Board of Trustees to control the trust viz.:

The Chairman for the time being of the Taranaki-Wanganui District, Mr O. T. Parry, Mr L. M. Moss, Mr K. F. Andrews, Mr A. Pettigrew, Mr M. S. Hughson, Mr S. W. Bailey.

(4) That pending the order of the Court aforesaid, the present advisory Board of Trustees viz.:

The Chairman for the time being of the Taranaki-Wanganui District, Mr O. T. Parry, Mr L. M. Moss, Mr K. F. Andrews, Mr A. Pettigrew, Mr M. S. Hughson, Mr S. W. Bailey, shall continue in such office and are hereby reappointed as an advisory Board.

QUESTION XL.—What is the report of the Board of Connexional Insurance?

Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board

ANNUAL REPORT, 1956

The Board has pleasure in reporting to Conference a successful year's operations for the year ended 31st May, 1956.

New Insurance:

New and additional cover has been written up amounting to £333,075.

Income:

Earned income is as follows:—Premiums and Commission £3,828 2s 10d. Mortgage, Debenture and Deposit interest, £2,140 9s 5d. Costs of administration amounted to £843 14s 5d. The sum of £5,124 17s 10d was transferred to Profit and Loss Appropriation account, an increase for the year of £886 13s 6d.

Adding to this amount the sum of £135 9s 9d brought forward from last year after provision for grants, £2,284, the total herein is £5,260 7s 7d. The sum of £2,000 has been transferred to Fire Loss Reserve and £200 to Investment Contingency Reserve. Grants recommended as set out below amount to £2,500. Transfers and recommended grants thus total £4,700, leaving the sum of £560 7s 7d to be carried forward.

Accumulated Funds and Reserves:

After provision made as above, the Accumulated Fund stands at £33,500, the Fire Loss Reserve at £19,115, and the Investment Contingency Reserve at £2,367 12s 10d.

Grants:

The Board recommends the following grants for the current year:—

Home Mission Department (Hostels Capital Fund)	£750
Foreign Mission Department (Refrigerators & Rotary Hoe)	£850
Trinity College Chapel Fund	£500
Ministers' Home Acquisition Funds	£400

TOTAL **£2500**

Claims:

Although claims amounting to £618 7s 7d have been handled during the year no portion of same has been a charge on the Fund, our re-insurance provision meeting the full amount.

New Tariff:

During the year a revision of premium rates on all Church properties has been reported on by the Underwriters' Association. This will mean a reduction in rates for most (not all) of our properties throughout N.Z.

This will be revealed in the renewals and demand notes issued to trusts month by month.

While trusts will benefit from such reductions the overall income earned by the Fund will, of course, be decreased. The grants to be made must be determined by the net income earned but the Board hopes that it will be in a position which will enable it to still maintain a high level in this respect as in the past.

A. A. DINGWALL, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Annual Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the following grants be approved:—Home Mission Department £750; Foreign Mission Department £850; Trinity College Council £500; Ministers Home Acquisition Funds £400. Total £2500.
3. That the Board for 1957 be as printed on page 10 herein.

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

Connexional Secretaryship Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1956

The work involved in the various departments concerned has proceeded satisfactorily during the past year.

The following appropriations are budgeted for:

Supernumerary and Allied Funds £725, Fire Insurance Fund £725, Church Building and Loan Fund £450, General Purposes Trust Fund £275, Methodist Times £375, Contingent Fund £325.

A number of enquiries have come to the Connexional Secretary from time to time concerning matters relating to District Accounts. It would appear that the time is long overdue when a standard set of account books should be used in all districts. In consultation with the office auditor, Mr W. E. Clothier, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., a model set of account books has been prepared and it is recommended that this set be used in each Synodal district. In this way uniformity will be attained and confusion obviated. The question of annual audit also needs to be regularised, to bring this matter into conformity with our general practice and requirements.

Designation of Connexional Secretary:

The Rev H. L. Fiebig will complete his second term of six years in March 1958. The Committee heartily nominates him to the forthcoming Conference for re-appointment by the 1957 Conference for a further term of six years.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman

H. L. FIEBIG, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. (a) That a standard set of account books for District Accounts be prepared and supplied through the Connexional Office and that each District Chairman be required to see that this is used.
(b) That each Standing Committee of Synod appoint annually a District Accounts Auditor, and that the Law Revision Committee draft the requisite question for the appropriate Agenda.
3. That the Connexional Secretary investigate the whole matter of the safe keeping of Marriage Registers.

4. That the Committee consider the production of a standard Account Book for Circuit Accounts.

5. That the Rev. H. L. Fiebig, B.A., be designated for re-appointment by the 1957 Conference as Connexional Secretary for a further term of six years.

6. That the Committee be as printed on page 10 herein.

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

Trinity Methodist Theological College Council

A. REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1956.

The Council's responsibility relates more particularly to the care of the property and concern for the domestic arrangements of the College, but it inevitably comes into fairly close contact with the other phases of the College life. In that regard the Council is pleased to report that an excellent spirit pervades the College and that the relationship between students and staff is a very happy one. This year there are 23 Divinity men in residence, in addition to one woman, one student pastor and one married student living out. There are 34 hostel residents.

New Chapel:

Our principal concern this year has been to push forward the building of the new Chapel. By Conference we hope the new building will be well under way. It is to be an attractive brick structure to seat 90, and is designed so as to harmonise with future extensions to the other College buildings. The cost is estimated at £11,000. It will add greatly to the attractiveness of the College property and also to the devotional life of the College. The old Collegiate church had become dilapidated, uneconomic to repair any further, and actually dangerous on the present site. Our people will be glad to know that it is not being lost to Methodism. It is being shifted to White Swan Road in the Auckland South Circuit. The organ has been purchased by Wesley College (being too large for the new Chapel). A new and smaller instrument is being built by Mr Croft. The Bible Class wing of the old building is being shifted and retained as a sports room and garage.

The Council is placing money contributed through "Friends of Trinity" for this year to the Chapel Fund.

Maintenance:

Further repairs have been necessary to the buildings, some of which were required to bring the buildings into line with the new fire regulations. Improvements to the hot water service have been fairly extensive, but a much more satisfactory supply is the result. Much of the general maintenance work has been done by the students, under the supervision of Dr Williams, as in other years.

Domestic:

Through the generosity of Mr E. A. Crothall a most satisfactory contract has been made with Commercial Cleaners Ltd. to take full responsibility for the employment of staff. Hostel fees were raised during the year to £3/10/- for a shared room and £3/15/- for a single room, in view of increased costs; but our fees are still probably the lowest in Auckland for the facilities available. Thanks are due to all our tutorial staff for their oversight of domestic arrangements.

Teaching Staff:

Tribute is paid again to the work done by the Principal and tutors and the personal interest shown by them in the students individually. The Rev J. J. Lewis has completed his part-time service with the S.C.M. and is now in the full employ of the College. Mr Lewis leaves New Zealand

at the end of July for two years' special study in London with the warm regard and best wishes of the College and the whole Connexion.

Gifts to Library:

These continue to come in steadily and are much appreciated. The Council would here record thanks to all donors.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.

ATHOL R. PENN, Secretary.

B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The roll of theological students is larger by one than it was last year, and the prospects for 1957 are good. We have 23 men in residence, plus one woman student and one married man living out, and one student pastor. In July Mr Nicholls sailed to England (with permission of Conference) to complete his training by taking a short course at Selly Oak, Birmingham. He will be available for appointment in 1957. Of the two students already resident at Richmond, London, Mr Ziesler now has the permission of the Church to serve as Assistant Tutor at Didsbury for two years, while Mr Walker has completed one year of his course. These men are making full use of their opportunities and doing us credit.

The internal and routine life of the College has been cheerful and co-operative. Mr Philip Taylor has proved a loyal and efficient Senior Student, and both College and Hostel have maintained a good tone. The students have preached in and about the city and filled certain vacation supplies. Some have been active in S.C.M. life or have made themselves felt in local youth activities. Under the supervision of Dr Williams the senior year conducted a teaching mission at Sandringham, with profit to themselves and to the hearers.

Teaching in the College has been slightly rearranged to facilitate the departure of Mr Lewis at the end of July; but the work in all departments will be covered by the end of the year. The Principal has taught Systematic Theology (Person and Work of Christ), Church History, Worship and Junior N.T. Greek; also a class in English and one in Elementary Hebrew. (He continues to teach Hebrew at the University College). Dr Williams taught N.T. Introduction (Synoptics) and Intermediate N.T. Greek, in addition to Pastoral Theology I and II, with the sermon criticism class and instruction in voice production and radio technique. Mr Lewis has taught O.T. Introduction, O.T. Teaching, N.T. Teaching and Senior N.T. Greek, together with a special exegesis class for seniors. During his absence his work will be divided between the Principal and Dr Williams, with assistance from one or two visiting Tutors.

During the Long Vacation an approach was made by the Principal of the Congregational College with a view to establishing some degree of co-operation in teaching between the Colleges. As the Congregationalists were anxious for action in 1956, the Board of Studies anticipated the consent of Conference and agreed to a tentative arrangement by which the Congregationalist students were taken into our classes in N.T. Greek, Church History and Pastoral Theology, while their Principal (the Rev H. G. Nicholas) taught combined classes in Exegesis, and also took a course of lectures supplementary to our Theology syllabus for the year. All these combined classes were held on our premises. The arrangement has worked smoothly and if continued it will help materially in filling Mr Lewis's place during his absence overseas. On this matter a further report and recommendations will be brought direct to the Conference through the Examination Committee.

E. W. HAMES.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT

We are pleased to be able to report a satisfactory financial position at the close of this year. In our Budget we estimated a debit balance of £215. The books actually closed with a small credit of only £89 13s 8d. There is need for explanation of the variation from our Budget figures.

Receipts:

On the Receipt side there are a number of amounts received in excess of our Budget estimates which have contributed to the satisfactory position. We still have only a small number of Theological Students in residence (23) which means that we are able to take more paying students. There has also been additional room available for a paying student for the full year. In the previous Financial Year we increased the Hostel fees, and this is the first full year we have had the increased fee.

Hostel Fees:

Budget, £4,000; Actual £4,190; Additional, £190.

Foreign Mission Board:

Budget, £75; Actual, £150; Additional, £75.

The reason for this additional payment is that we received a cheque in September, 1955, for £75, and received a payment at the end of June, 1956, for £75. This means that the 1956-57 amount is shown in this year's figures.

Rehabilitation Fund:

Additional to Budget, £185. The Council has decided to close this account and has paid this £185 into our General Fund.

Students' Washing Machine:

Additional to Budget, £23.

S.C.M. Chaplaincy Fund:

Budget, £150; Actual, £200; Additional, £50.

Therefore, on the Receipts side we received an additional £500. This, however, does not reflect in our figures, as we still have £550 which was budgeted for and has not been received in the last Financial Year.

We must express our thanks for the loyal support of the Central Finance Committee, and of the Trusts and Boards who contribute to our income.

Friends of Trinity:

We wish to express our appreciation of the good work and continuous support of Mr Keith Laurie and the loyal support of the Friends of Trinity.

We have received £200 and this money has been paid into the New Chapel Fund.

Payments:

House and Service A/c. This figure reflects very careful administration. Budget, £4,400; Actual, £4,236; Savings of £164.

We wish to express our thanks to Rev. J. J. Lewis for his very thorough supervision. Also we wish to thank Dr D. O. Williams and the students for their substantial contribution in repairs and maintenance of the College. Particularly for the assistance with an unexpected and big job in bringing the College into line with Fire Regulations. This has been a very real contribution to College funds.

University Fees:

There was a considerable saving amounting to £98.

Furnishing:

Although the figure appearing in the Accounts shows a considerable saving, this is off-set when other items are set against it, which were not included in the Budget.

We are pleased to advise that through savings that have been made, we have been able to reduce the mortgage on 134 Grafton Road (principal and interest) by more than the budgeted amount. Budget, £175; Actual, £376.

Stipends and Allowances:

These were increased during the past year, and next year will be our first full year with the increases. Also, we will have no contribution to

Rev. J. Lewis' salary from the S.C.M. Chaplaincy Fund in the coming year.

I have mentioned the fact we had to face an unexpected amount in bringing the College into line with Fire Regulations: There is quite a substantial payment still due for this work and there is also substantial maintenance required at 134 Grafton Road, where it will be necessary to replace the roof.

This probably will be the last year we will have a considerable benefit from the small number of Theological students. I would like to thank the Principal Rev. E. W. Hames, for his assistance during the year. It is not easy for those not closely associated with the College to appreciate to the full his administration and financial ability in the control of College affairs and our appreciation and thanks I feel we should record.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1957

RECEIPTS

	£
Balance 1st July, 1957	89
Probert Trust	1,500
Emsly Trust	60
Contingent Fund	1,400
Prince Albert Trust	400
Pitt Street Church	100
Collegiate	50
Hamilton Trust	50
Home Mission Department	150
Foreign Mission Department	75
General Purposes Trust	1,000
Hostel Fees	4,000
Debit Balance	244
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	£9,118

PAYMENTS

	£
House and Service	4,400
Special Accommodation Women Students	100
Stipends and Allowances	2,200
Tutor Fees	40
Bursaries	240
Connexional Charge	200
Rates	260
Insurances	160
Repairs and Maintenance	500
Furnishings	400
Telephones	80
University Fees	150
Rent Board Room	13
Printing, Postage, Stationery	50
Sundries	50
Interest Mortgage Repayment 134 Grafton Road	175
Interest Chapel	100
Building Loan	
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	£9,118

WILFRID F. WINSTONE, Honorary Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports of the Council and Principal be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurer's Report and Report on Library and Prize Funds be received and adopted.

3. That Conference congratulate the Council upon the completion of arrangements to commence the new College Chapel and commend the project to the interest of our people.

4. That the Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., be re-appointed as Principal for a further term of six years, as from February, 1957.

5. That the Rev. Dr D. O. Williams, M.A., be designated at the Conference of 1956, for re-appointment by the Conference of 1957 for a further term of six years as Tutor in Pastoral Theology.

6. That Conference record appreciation of the services of the Principal and Tutorial Staff and of the Council Treasurer Mr W. F. Winstone, and the Secretary, the Rev. A. R. Penn.

7. That the Board be as printed on page 13 herein.

QUESTION XLIII. What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Colleges and Hostels?

(1) Wesley Training College

REPORT FOR 1956

With gratitude the Board reports another successful year. The overall surplus of income for the year ended 31st December, 1955 was £3494 and that with net capital accretions amounting to £753 during the year the Board's Capital Account stood at £183,153 at that date.

This result was achieved despite the record deficit on the College operations of £4451. The total cost of running the College was £25,563 and with increases still being granted to the State School teachers this figure will be exceeded in the years to come. To obtain teachers with the necessary qualifications and ability the Board has no option but to offer a similar salary scale as the State Schools. For the past year the salaries and wages paid to the College staff amounted to £14,294 and for the present year it is expected that these payments will be in excess of £15,000. From these figures it will be readily seen how difficult it is to keep the fees charged to a low level. During the year a comprehensive repainting programme was commenced and as a result the buildings now show a much improved appearance.

On the 13th August, 1955 the Foundation Stone of the Assembly Hall was laid by the Hon Mr Justice Stanton after the service of dedication and prayer had been conducted by Rev E. W. Hames. Despite somewhat inclement weather this function was most successful and those attending the ceremony included Sir William Jordan, Mr E. L. F. Buxton, Vice-President of Conference, Rev Rangitangi Rogers, Members of the Board and approximately 200 parents and friends.

At the time of the making of this report the Assembly Hall is in the final stages of completion and preliminary arrangements have been made for the official opening to be performed by His Excellency the Governor General in March, 1957.

Under the enthusiastic management of the new Farm Manager, Mr J. L. Browning, the farm operations recovered despite adverse weather conditions to show a profit of £1278. Continued improvements of returns have been made in the present year to date and prospects in this department of the Board's activities are good.

Because of the falling off of the sale of scoria the Maurice Harding Park did not show as good a result as previously but this property continues to make a most valuable contribution to the operations of the Board as a whole.

The construction of the roads in the new subdivision at Waikowhai which will provide a further 50 sections for leasing has been handicapped throughout by the problems of the supply of materials and very wet weather. However the subdivision is now almost completed and it is

intended to submit the sections for lease at a public auction to be held in the Spring of this year.

The cutting of timber contained in one of the plantations at Waikowhai has commenced and the first royalty payments have been received. The wet weather has interrupted the programme here also and it is not now expected to complete this project until the Spring.

The Principal of the College, Rev E. M. Marshall, was granted leave of absence for a period of three months to enable him as District Governor of the 38th District of Rotary to attend Rotary Conferences overseas. During his absence he availed himself of the opportunity of visiting a number of colleges and schools both in England and the United States of America and this experience should prove most valuable in the future operations of our College.

After serving in an acting capacity for seven and a half months Mr G. C. B. Minogue was appointed General Secretary to the Board in February last.

J. STUART CAUGHEY, Chairman.

G. C. B. MINOGUE, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL WESLEY COLLEGE

Roll:

This has reached the highest ever recorded at the College, with 154 in residence, consisting of 121 Europeans, 19 Maoris, 14 Islanders (Tonga, Raratonga, Samoa). The Roll for the next few years is filling up rapidly. In the Senior classes, 27 are specialising in Agricultural subjects; and 34 are taking the Academic Course.

Staff:

There have been difficulties in providing adequate staff, especially with increased numbers in all classes. The first Assistant is Mr J. L. Ballantine, M.A., the Bursar, Mr H. C. Squier, the Senior Matron, Miss I. Leslie, the Farm Manager, Mr J. L. Browning. Under their direction the College has maintained a high standard in all departments, and to them we are very grateful.

During the absence of the Principal, Mr Ballantine as Acting-Principal and Mr Squier as Bursar were in charge and carried out their duties with great diligence and good judgement.

The Principal's Tour Overseas:

With the approval of the Board, he accepted nomination as District Governor of District 38 in Rotary International, and left New Zealand on April 2nd to attend the International Assembly at Lake Placid, New York State, and the International Convention at Philadelphia. He spent some six weeks in England, during which he visited 14 Schools and Colleges, most of them under the jurisdiction of the Methodist Church in England. It was a very valuable experience, supplemented as it was with the many contacts made through Rotary in all parts of the world. He returned to the College on June 20th and took office as Governor on July 1st, 1956.

The College and the Future:

It is felt that with the completion of the Assembly Hall the College has taken a major step forward in its development. It is the declared policy of the Board that the Roll should be brought up to 250 as soon as it is financially practicable to do so. This view is fully endorsed by the Principal in the light of his visit overseas. To do it however will mean the erection of buildings for kitchen, dining room, class-room, hostel and staff purposes—a very big programme.

It is believed however that the College is fulfilling a big need in the community, that its contribution to the Church is valuable, and that through it the Church is able to bring important and necessary influences to bear on the youth of this Dominion.

The Old Boys' Association is continuing to make generous contributions to the College. Reference has been made in previous years to the gift of Library furniture. This year the Old Boys have erected handsome Memorial Gates and have undertaken even more ambitious projects for the future. To them and to all those who have in the past made valuable gifts in cash and kind we are very grateful.

We trust that it will not be long before we find at Paerata a larger fully equipped School which will, on an ever-increasing scale, be a credit to the Church and a force for good in the nation.

E. M. MARSHALL, Principal.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports of the Board and the Principal be received and adopted.
2. That the Financial Statements be received and adopted.
3. That the Wesley College Board be commended for their enterprise and the Principal for his vision of future extension.
4. That the Board be permitted to raise funds at a suitable time for the extension of the College.
5. That Methodist teachers be urged to consider Wesley College as a field for Christian service.
6. That appreciation be expressed to the Board, the Principal and the Teaching and Domestic Staff.
7. That the Board be as printed on page 13 herein.

(2) Rangiatea Maori Hostel Trust Board

A.—SECRETARY'S REPORT

No Annual Conference of the Board has taken place during the past year, because it was felt that the Plans for the New Hostel to be erected on the Spotswood property were nearing completion and the matter of receiving Tenders would demand the attention of the Board at an early date.

The Plans, however, have taken much longer to complete than the Board was led to believe they would and only this month (August) the Architect has forwarded them on to Wellington for the approval of the Ministry of Works.

The formalities in connection with the sale of 26 acres of the Spotswood property to the Education Department are now just about completed, and it will not be long before action is taken to erect a co-educational High School on the land. A commencement has already been made with the erection of a new Primary School on a site adjoining our Spotswood property.

Sister Marriott has indicated in her report that the Board, in conjunction with the Grey Institute Trust, has very much improved the living conditions at the existing Hostel during the past year. The Board is greatly indebted to the "House Committee" for the good work they are doing for the welfare of the Maori girls and the running of the Hostel generally, while to Sister Marriott and her small, but very efficient staff, the Board's appreciation is extended.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.

B.—MATRON'S REPORT

The Hostel is being served by a faithful and efficient House Committee, without whose understanding and support it would be difficult to carry on.

The Committee lost a loyal member in the death of Rev P. Rakena. Mrs W. Wellington, a foundation member of the Committee tendered her resignation because of ill-health.

Boarders:

The Hostel has been more than full all the year with twelve boarders with ages ranging from twelve to seventeen years. They are all extremely happy in their schools. We are indebted to the Principal of the New Plymouth Girls' High School for her sympathetic interest in our girls.

Staff:

There have been no staff changes in the Hostel. Mrs S. Halliday as part-time supervisor continues to serve us well, and Miss J. Kurth makes a very valuable contribution as housekeeper. The girls make their contribution serving, quite happily, on their weekly housecraft duty.

Renewals and Replacements:

The Hostel is the most convenient and comfortable that it ever has been. The Grey Institute and the House Committee have worked together for the general improvement and efficiency of the place. Changes have come to the young Maori adolescent since 1940 when Rangiatea Hostel was first opened. In 1905 only 5% of the Maori young people attended Post Primary School; in 1925 about 35%; and to-day it is fairly safe to say that two-thirds of the young people attend. The Maori parents are anxious to give their young people the opportunity of a good education. The Maori Affairs Department encourages them with grants for fees and school books. Boarding allowance for pupils from remote areas is helpful. This year, the Education Department has made it possible for any Maori child to sit for one of its eighty scholarships—not just those distant from Secondary Schools. This is to give the bright child the opportunity of living in a boarding school and co-ordinating school instruction with home environment.

The schools are doing a grand piece of educational work with the young Maori people. There is still a great gap between their homes and the school. The average citizen can do a great amount to span this gulf. The Maori Adults' horizon is very limited and with many their comprehension of the finer meaning of the English language is also limited. The community; those in shops, offices and with businesses can help a good deal to improve the understanding of the adult Maori and thus improve the home background for the young people. Only as we help the adults will we be making it easier for the young people. Gradually the gulf between home and school is being spanned but it takes time.

With a young race in our midst which promises to double itself in seventeen years, we must put all we have into Christian education, in its broadest sense, if the promise of a bright future is to be fulfilled in this country.

E. B. MARRIOTT, Matron.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. (a) That the Rev. Te Awha W. Tahere be appointed to the Trust
(b) That the Trust be asked to consider the appointment of Rev. H. A. Darvill as an additional member.

QUESTION XLIV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Supernumerary Fund?

Supernumerary Fund Board

ANNUAL REPORT, 1956

The audited financial statements for the year ending 30th June, 1956, are presented to Conference with this report.

Annuitytants and Contributors:

The number of annuitytants at date is 60 (54) supernumeraries and 49 (48) widows of ministers. The numbers for the preceding year are shown in brackets. The number of contributors is 192 (190).

Annuities:

The sum of £8,290/8/10 was paid in annuities during the year, together with £960 for furniture grants, total, £9,250/8/10.

Commutation:

Eight annuitants exercised this option receiving in the aggregate the sum of £6,654/5/0.

Accumulated Funds (Supernumerary):

The balance herein last year was £134,544/7/7. Donations for capital amounted to £709/1/6. The sum of £5,235/9/2 was transferred from the Revenue account, representing excess in income over expenditure. Refunds and transfers amounted to £166/0/0. The sum of £6,654/5/0 was commuted, leaving a balance of £133,668/13/3, which is a decrease of funds for the year of £875/14/4. The large amount commuted accounts for this decrease.

Income:

The revenue account indicates that income received was £1,047/14/5 more than last year. Income from mortgage and debenture investments amounted to £4,023/0/3.

The nett income from Epworth Chambers was £3,898/1/1.

Income derived from personal subscriptions and circuit subsidies totalled £7,592/0/0.

Income from Commission (£283/12/10) and interest on arrears (£23/15/10) amounted to £307/8/8.

The usual provision for reserves has been made as follows:—

Epworth Chambers depreciation (£500) and Investment Contingency Reserve (£200).

Investments are held as follows:

(a) Mortgages £71,362/3/8. (b) Debentures and Government Stock £66,820/0/0. (c) Freehold property £42,124/8/5 after depreciation reserve has been allowed at £11,250/0/0.

The sum of £56,439/10/11 is deposited in account of Allied and Connexional Funds, such as the Home Acquisition Fund and others.

Interest Earnings:

From all investments show a return of 5.55% on the actuarial formula.

Allied Funds:

(a) Ministers Home Acquisition Fund. To this Fund there are 190 contributors with personal accounts aggregating £20,563/12/9. Payments made this year to eight ministers amounted to £2,192/19/9. (b) Home Missionaries Retiring Fund. This Fund has 19 contributors with personal accounts totalling £3,552/1/10. The sum of £1,135/14/11 was paid to 4 contributors on retirement.

(c) Deaconess Retiring Fund. The amount held herein is £13,076/9/0 on behalf of 50 contributors. The sum of £623/6/11 was paid during the year to 5 beneficiaries who retired from the work.

Personal Subscriptions in Arrear:

The position herein is satisfactory there being only four contributors whose accounts have called for the attention of the Board.

Policy:

Several matters affecting the general policy and administration of the Fund are reported on separately in a supplementary report to Conference.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1956**New Scale of Annuities**

It is with pleasure that the Board reports that it will submit to the Conference of 1957 a new schedule of allowances for Supernumeraries and for the widows of supernumeraries. The increased capital derived from

higher subscriptions and circuit subsidies together with larger interest earnings will now make this possible. The matter is the subject of consultation as between the Board and its actuary who will submit his recommendations in due course.

Several aspects of the matter need careful consideration before a decision is reached as to the scale of increases and the form which they will take. The relationship of these allowances to social security benefits has to be kept in mind and action taken to ensure that our annuitants derive the maximum of assistance from both sources.

Rec. of Auckland Synod

On account of ill-health a minister submitted through the Auckland Synod of September 1955 an application to retire as at 31st January, 1956. He intended also to exercise the option of Commutation in respect to his relationship to the Supernumerary Fund. To do so, according to the rules of the Fund, he had to submit a satisfactory medical certificate. This he was unable to do. Under such circumstances, according to the rules of the Fund, he would have in due course received his allowance in the form of an annuity according to scale. He died subsequently in December. In terms of the regulations his widow became an annuitant on the widow's scale whether she elected to receive all her allowance in the form of annuity or whether she chose to exercise the option of commutation. The latter course was taken and she received a portion of her allowance in cash and an annuity of £52 p.a.

The Board also voted her a substantial grant from the Benevolent Fund. Representations were made by various people to the Chairman of the Auckland District that the Board had treated his widow unfairly and unjustly. These representations were forwarded by him to the Board and were followed by the recommendation from the Annual Synod as stated above.

The Board wishes to make clear the following facts:

(a) It had no option but to act as it did under the circumstances, unfortunate and difficult though they were. A Board which administers several large funds providing allowances for supernumeraries, retired Home Missionaries and Deaconesses must carry out its task in a responsible manner, and with due regard to all claimants on such funds.

(b) These funds are the subject of definite rules and regulations adopted by the Conference and printed in the Law Book. While the regulations remain in the Law Book they must be observed. To ignore these rules, or to tamper with them arbitrarily under any given set of circumstances, would be to break faith with the Conference and those for whom the funds are administered. Such action would surely undermine confidence, in such an administration and would inevitably lead to discrimination among its annuitants, injustice and confusion generally. No Board which acted in such a way would be worthy of the confidence of the Church. Last year there were other new annuitants whose cases also were unfortunate in that early retirement on account of ill-health was necessary. To vary the rules for one, would in all fairness have made necessary the varying of the regulations for them also (and yet others). To such variations there would be no end. Administration of the Fund on such lines is just impossible.

(c) Many of the rules of the Fund are adopted by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board's actuary. The sole aim of all such provisions is to protect the best interests of all annuitants, present and future.

(d) It may appear at first sight that the strict application of the regulations must result in hardship and might appear harsh and unsympathetic. In practice it does not work out that way. There are alternative sources that are available and indeed are used in such a case as the one being considered, fortunately, rare in our experience. These sources are, for example, the Supernumerary Benevolent Fund, a similar benevolent fund administered in Auckland and also the generosity of any given circuit

and district. From these combined sources there is not the least doubt but that provision can be made equal to that which would have been accorded to the minister if he had lived and retired in the normal way. Hardship therefore can be ameliorated and in the experience of the Board has in fact been ameliorated in many cases in this way.

Experience proves that every pension fund meets these problems from time to time. The number of difficulties in respect to our own fund fortunately has been small and as emphasized earlier, the Church has the means of meeting such exceptional cases from other resources.

If in respect to the particular case under review it is demonstrated that there is need for further consideration the way is open and the Board is only too willing to render from its Benevolent Fund the maximum of assistance according to the facts placed before it.

Medical Certificate (as for Commutation)

The basic reason why a medical certificate has been required from those who wish to exercise the option of commutation is to provide for a reasonable degree of equity among annuitants. It is not to do something for the Fund as such, for example conserving its resources; but rather to maintain as far as possible a certain equitable relationship between all claimants on the Fund.

Since commutation was introduced eight years ago 37 ministers have exercised this option. 14 of them, on account of indifferent health, retired before they had completed the normal term of 40 years service or before reaching the retiring age of 65. They had accordingly to submit a medical certificate, and were able to do so. With 2 exceptions they are still annuitants of the Fund. This would indicate that the medical test required in such cases is, as described by our actuary, "reasonably lenient".

Ministers' subscriptions and circuit subsidies have always been on a flat rate and not on a graduated scale according to stipend received or paid, and allowances are according to years of service. Further, the basic purpose of the Fund is not merely to pay out a lump sum at the time of retirement on the receipt of which the relationship with the Fund is severed, but to maintain a life-long relationship of beneficial service.

In order to do that, allowances are determined actuarially, that is according to the resources of the Fund and also the longevity tables that apply to our members. It is obvious that some members live longer than others and the basic theory is to provide for a maximum scale of allowances for the longest life period for the greatest number of members.

The option of commutation has been in operation only for eight years. A given period is necessary to test out its effect on the Fund. When the next actuarial valuation takes place (in 1957) the position should be clearly seen.

Any variation in policy will be determined by the nature of that report. As mentioned in the opening section of this supplementary report, it is definite that commencing on February 1st, 1958, a new scale will come into operation, providing for increased allowances. The relationship of the two scales, that is as for supernumeraries and as for the widows of supernumeraries respectively, will be reviewed at that time.

Whether provision can be made for the abolishing of the medical certificate in respect to the option of Commutation the Board is not at present able to say. This matter has been reported on by the Board's actuary who has stressed the basic reasons for this requirement (as summarised above) and at this stage he is not in a position to recommend any alteration. There is a definite relationship between this matter and the scale allowances to be adopted in the future and both aspects of the whole question must be dealt with together.

Allowances under the Option of Commutation

Some aspects of this matter have been dealt with in foregoing paragraphs.

It is pointed out that the number of cases in which a minister dies in the active work is fortunately very small according to the records of the Fund, approximately 5%. That means that on the law of average 95% of the ministers will in due course become members of the Fund and the maximum scale of allowances will come into operation.

It is then with a small minority of 5% that our enquiry is concerned. It is to be noticed that the operation of two scales is a basic feature of most pension funds. In respect to Social Security, a person will expect to receive the age benefit both for himself and for his wife. On the death of one of them, the benefit is automatically reduced by half. Reductions are also made (but not in a similar scale) in regard to the War Veterans pension. The same principle applies in various superannuation schemes.

The possibility of ministers being offered "a selection" has been raised. That is, giving a contributor the right to scale down his own prospective allowance and scaling up the prospective allowance of his wife if he predeceases her. There are so many undesirable features attached to such a policy, particularly for our members, that our Actuary has recommended the Board not to consider it. In this connection it is emphasized that neither the Supernumerary Fund, nor its beneficiaries exist in isolation in the life of the Church. There are other resources available as stressed in another section of this report. These combined resources are entirely adequate to meet the needs of the few exceptional cases that do occur from time to time. In the assurance that these alternative aids will be available the Board feels that any given situation can be adequately met. There has been a suggestion made already by our Actuary that when the revision of scale allowances takes place the gap be narrowed as between the schedule for ministers and that for widows.

It is felt, therefore, that these facts satisfactorily answer the questions raised in the Synod recommendations under consideration.

In conclusion the Board refers the Conference to its report in 1948 (Mins., page 103) when introducing legislation affecting the Fund in respect to the option of Commutation. It feels that what was said then also applies now:

"The amendments proposed herein represent the initial and experimental stage in the entirely new task of relating the operation of our Fund to Social Security legislation. Whether finality has been reached remains to be seen. The first decisive step, however, has been taken. The Board feels that it is moving on right lines, but wishes to be certain of each step taken, so that all its decisions may be in the best interests of our Supernumeraries and ministers' widows."

Supernumeraries and War Veterans' Pensions

The Board reported to last Conference on the position of certain supernumeraries who are eligible to receive a War Veteran's Pension (1955 Mins., page 115).

The Board has had further consultations with the War Veterans' Pension Board concerning this matter. The latter Board will offer no objection to such ministers commuting their Supernumerary Fund annuity in full, and any such sum paid to a veteran will not, in itself, affect the awards of war veteran's allowance and age supplement, but income therefrom would have to be taken into account as income in the normal way.

It is clear that some slight advantage will accrue to such a minister if he does this, even although by so doing he severs his own financial relationship with our Fund. It is equally clear that the same favourable position would not obtain in the case of his widow should she survive him for any number of years. Financially it would be better for her to retain her financial relationship with our Fund.

For these reasons the Board will recommend to Conference that a supernumerary who is in receipt of a War Veterans' Pension may, if he so

desires, commute in full his own interest in the Supernumerary Fund; provided that the wife of such a supernumerary may commute only such portion of her interest as will entitle her to a remaining annuity of £52 p.a.

A Minister who Previously Served as a Home Missionary

The Board has given consideration to the position of a minister who previously served as a Home Missionary in his relationship to the Supernumerary Fund.

While he served as a Home Missionary he contributed to the Home Missionaries' Retiring Fund, which contributions were subsidised by the Home Mission Department and the Home Mission Stations (or Circuits) in which he laboured. On retirement he received a cash payment which severed his relationship with that Fund. Previously payment amounted to the totla of his personal contributions only. Latterly, the payment consisted of such personal contributions plus the subsidies, in other words all that was paid into the Fund on his behalf.

When such a Home Missionary was accepted as a Candidate for the Ministry his financial status in the Supernumerary Fund dated from the time he was received as a Probationer.

The question raised is whether such a Home Missionary should be allowed to buy into the Supernumerary Fund according to the number of years for which he served as a Home Missionary, so that he does not forfeit such years in respect to benefits to be received by him in due course as a member of the Supernumerary Fund.

The enquiry raises one question as to the nature and purpose of the Supernumerary Fund. According to par. (1) Sec. 511 of the Law Book, its object is "to make provision for the financial needs of aged and infirm ministers, for widows of ministers and for orphaned children of ministers." The term "minister" is used of a person who has been ordained and set apart by the Church for a life time of service in that sphere. The status of a Home Missionary differs in this respect that he is not ordained to a lifetime of service, but his contract of service may be terminated by one month's notice given on either side.

The purpose of this enquiry is to determine whether or not a man who has served the Church as a Home Missionary should have those years of service recognised as years spent "in the ministry."

If so—should he be given the opportunity of buying into the Supernumerary Fund by paying the personal contribution and the Circuit subsidy plus the compound interest ~~that such payments would have been earning if he had commenced his work as a Probationer and not as a Home Missionary?~~

There are some anomalies that will need careful consideration. For example one minister may serve for three years as a Home Missionary prior to being received on probation and without entering College. Another man enters the Theological College at the same time as the person mentioned above commences service as a Home Missionary. Both men commence Probation together but under the proposals envisaged in this enquiry one would be able to buy into the Fund for three years service as a Home Missionary while the other would not be able to do so.

There would also be the situation of a man who has bought into the Fund in this way (assuming the way were open) having financial status in the Fund in excess of the status granted to him as an ordained minister.

For these and other reasons the Board reports that it has given preliminary consideration to the matter with a view to bringing down a fuller report next year.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That para 35 (Law Book page 137) be amended to read—"provided that in the case of a minister who is in receipt of a War Veteran's pension he may commute in full his interest in the Fund: but that this provision shall not apply to the remaining annuity of the widow of such war veteran."
3. That the Board report to Conference on the possibility of a minister who previously served as a Home Missionary being granted the option of buying into the Fund for the years for which he was a Home Missionary.
4. **Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund:**
That the Board report to next Conference on the desirability of compulsory personal subscriptions to this Fund being increased and the possibility of a higher subsidy being contributed by the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund Board.
5. That the Supernumerary Fund Board again approach the Social Security Department for urgent consideration of the position of a supernumerary who possesses a house, in his relationship to the existing provisions of the Superannuation Fund.
6. That the Board for 1957 be as printed on page 13 herein.

QUESTION XLV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist General Purposes Trust Board (Inc.)?

ANNUAL REPORT, 1956

During the year the following new Trusts have been accepted: M. B. Gilmour; Winchmore Church (United). The amount held on behalf of various Trusts and deposit accounts is £70,119/13/9.

In the Winstone Memorial Trust Fund grants amounting to £540/15/10 were paid to Ministers or Home Missionaries who had not received from their circuits the standard minimum stipend.

The Board records the great loss sustained by the Church in the passing of Mrs Edith M. Blackwell who contributed substantially to the establishment of the Winstone Memorial Trust Fund, inaugurated to ensure that every Minister of Home Missionary would receive each year the minimum stipend. Since the inception of this fund in 1942 the sum of £7,604/10/10 has been paid out in grants in this way.

L. G. K. STEVEN, Chairman.

G. S. SALTER, Lay Treasurer.

H. L. FIEBIG, Managing Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That we express our deep sense of loss in the passing of Mrs Edith M. Blackwell and give thanks for the generous assistance which she always accorded the work of our Church. Especially we record the valuable place in the life of the Church of the Winstone Memorial Trust Fund which she with other members of the Winstone family established in 1942

QUESTION XLVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Methodist Children's Fund?

Methodist Children's Fund

TREASURER'S REPORT, 1956

As anticipated in last year's report there has been a considerable increase in the number of claimants from the Children's Fund, the number of allowances for 1956 being 320—an all-time record. The District allocations have been as under:—

Auckland	87
South Auckland	24½
Taranaki-Wanganui	25½
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	22½
Wellington	49½
Nelson	16½
North Canterbury	42½
South Canterbury	17½
Otago-Southland	33½
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The number of allowances paid in 1955 was 302½.

Having regard to the present number of registrations, and making allowance for an average number of new registrations yet to be made, it would appear that the present Levy will be sufficient to meet the requirements of the Fund for the coming year. It is accordingly requested that an amount of £3,300 be made available to the Fund for 1957.

GEO. H. GOODMAN

T. M. PACEY

Treasurers

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the levy for 1957 be £3,300.
3. That the Treasurers be thanked for their services.
4. That the Treasurers for 1957 be the Rev. R. Thornley and Mr T. M. Pacey.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Contingent Fund?

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Financial Statement and Budget be received and adopted.
2. That the levies be increased by £1,000 for 1957.
3. That the Consultative Committee be: The Chairman of the Auckland District, the Connexional Secretary, Messrs J. H. Blackwell, G. S. Gapper, and the Treasurers.
4. That the Treasurers, Rev. W. Walker and Mr A. H. Winstone be thanked for their services and be re-appointed.
5. That Mr J. C. Wigglesworth, B.Com., be thanked for his services as Honorary Auditor and be re-appointed.

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on the Removal Expenses Fund?

Removal Expenses Fund Committee

ANNUAL REPORT 1956

During the year 60 removals were carried out compared with 42 in 1954-55 and 66 in 1953-54. There has been a further rise in costs—the average cost per removal being £59/6/4 as compared with £51/15/1 last year.

The large number of removals and the higher cost has involved the Fund in a large expense as is reflected in the Financial Statement which shows an excess of Expenditure over Income of £753/0/10. The Capital of the Fund has been reduced to £963/8/11 and it will be seen that caution will have to be exercised to keep the cost of removal expenses within the amount set by Conference.

From the following particulars it will be seen that the large number of inter-island removals were responsible for the unfavourable financial position and the committee begs Conference to keep these moves to a minimum.

The following comparative figures are given:

Year	Inter Is. Removals		North Is. Removals		South Is. Removals	
	Number	Ave. Cost	Number	Ave. Cost	Number	Ave. Cost
1955/56	21	£101	33	£39	6	£21
1945/55	14	£80	19	£39	9	£42

The Committee wishes to cite several removals which involved the Fund in large expense. It is hoped that such removals will not occur very frequently.

They are:

1. Port Albert, Auckland, to Invercargill.
2. Geraldine to Opotiki.
3. Christchurch to Auckland.
4. Kawerau to Dunedin — following a removal the previous year from Waimate to Kawerau.

The Committee is concerned regarding the length of these removals and again requests Conference to study the necessity of all inter island moves.

It view of the continuing increase in costs the Committee is agreed that as well as a monetary limit of £125 (Inter Island) and £75 (within an Island), there should be a weight or space limit on removals. The monetary limits should well cover the Minister's furniture as he is provided with a furnished Parsonage.

However, several examples of excessively large removals have been noted by the Committee and unless Ministers keep within the limits there will be no other option than to ask Conference to increase the levy.

The Treasurers will investigate the question of a weight or space limit and will report to Synods and Conference next year.

The Committee has considered the matters requested by Conference as follows:

(a) Quotations:

The question obtaining quotations has been discussed by the Committee for several years. It is submitted that the present system is the best. The Committee reiterates paras. 3 and 4 in its report to Conference 1955 which it feels is an adequate answer to this question.

(b) & (c) Excess Removal Charges:

These matters will be dealt with as expeditiously as possible should the need arise.

At the time of writing this report the Committee anticipates that the levy of £2800 will be sufficient to cover the cost of next year's removals.

W. E. CLOTHIER,

B. H. RISELEY, Treasurers.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statement be received and adopted.
2. That the levy for the ensuing year be £2800.
3. That the treasurers, Rev. B. H. Riseley and Mr W. E. Clothier be thanked and be re-appointed.
4. That Mr F. H. Sowden, Honorary Auditor, be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.
5. That the Maximum for removals be Inter-Island £125, within an Island £75.

6. That section II, par. 508 (p. 126) of the Law Book be amended by the deletion of the words "£30 and £50" and substitution of the words "be as from time to time determined by Conference."

7. That the removal Fund Committee include in instructions issued to Ministers moving, information concerning insurance of goods in transit.

8. That a minister may submit quotations to the Committee by not later than 30th November and the decision of the Committee shall be final.

9. That as a majority of the ministers are owners of motor cars, and as the vehicles are usually found necessary for full efficiency in pastoral work, provision be made by the Removal expenses fund for the payment of sea transport of cars, where ministers are transferred inter-Island, and that the maximum allowed for Inter-Island moves be increased accordingly.

10. That the Committee be as printed on page 12 herein.

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

Foreign Mission Department

REPORT FOR 1956

As in former years, there will be a further report, direct to Conference, after reports and recommendations have come from the Solomon Islands and the Papua New Guinea Highlands Mission.

Staff:

At the end of June, we have 32 European workers engaged in the Solomon Islands and 3 in the Highlands. In both cases, the wives of married workers, not counted above, also contribute much to the work of the mission.

Early in the year when Sister Edna White completed her year of honorary service in the Solomons, the Board placed on record its appreciation of this latest evidence of her abiding interest in the work of our mission field. Sister Davinia Clark's resignation, in view of her approaching marriage, has now taken effect.

The ministerial vacancy in Roviana Circuit was filled by the arrival of the Rev A. C. Watson. Sisters Mary Addison (nurse) and Audrey Grice (teacher) have also taken up their duties on the field. Mr and Mrs Watson and Sister Audrey Grice first completed the Summer Linguistics Course at Melbourne, the first of our Solomon Islands workers to take this particular course. In view of the vacancies on the field, the Board has not yet found it practicable to carry out its new policy of sending first to the George Brown College, Sydney, workers appointed to the Solomon Islands District. So far two of our Highlands workers have taken that training.

Messrs C. V. Wills, D. G. Peterson and N. G. Ball have gone to the Solomon Islands as builders, the last two named serving under the order of St Stephen.

Two further Solomon Island workers, Daniel Keskes, of Buka, with his wife, Tehoi, and Simone Tavaeke, of Roviana, a widower, have been added to the team of three earlier Solomon Islands teachers now serving in the Highlands of New Guinea and supported by the Methodists of the Solomon Islands.

Vacancies:

Synods and Conference are asked to take particular note of the troublesome vacancies that still confront us. The most urgent is for a qualified woman teacher of some years of experience to assist Sister Ada Lee in the District Girls' School venture which she has returned to inaugurate in Bougainville. At least one further teaching sister will be required for 1957; there are two nursing vacancies besides one recently

filled by a new appointment, which however cannot be taken up till the new year.

In the Highlands the Board is considering the best kind of person to appoint as the fourth worker of our team, and hopes to have more to report direct to Conference on that subject.

Home Base:

The outstanding event of the year has been the visit to New Zealand of the Rev Gordon H. Young, pioneer missionary and Superintendent of the New Guinea Highlands Mission. Mr Young was able to consult with the members of our Board, and to visit a number of Circuits on deputation. His South Island contacts were mainly with the Amberley and Leigh Camps. In the North Island, he traversed the Hawkes-Manawatu and parts of the South Auckland and Auckland synodal districts. Others on deputation since last Conference have been the Revs G. G. Carter (Otago-Southland), G. A. R. Cornwell (South Auckland and Wanganui). Otago-Southland and North Canterbury are also to be visited with the film "Men of the Mountains" before Conference. The Rev J. R. Metcalfe, Chairman of the Solomon Islands District, will visit certain Northland Circuits after Conference. The Board is indebted to certain other ministers (Revs C. T. J. Luxton and B. H. Riseley and Pastor G. H. J. Yearbury) and to their circuits who released them for helpful deputation work in areas which departmental deputations could not reach.

Literature:

"Isles of Solomon" by C. T. J. Luxton continues to sell well. About 2300 copies have so far been sold, mainly through circuit agents, for whose efforts the Department is very grateful. On the first printing we did not aim to do more than recoup costs. Costs of production being lower for the second impression, provided all copies are sold, a slight profit will result.

Again the annual report has been incorporated in the March issue of "The Open Door". Other numbers feature "Other Religions" (December), "Unity and Co-operation" (June) and "Bougainville" (September), marking the fortieth anniversary of the beginning of Methodist work in that island.

Rising costs of production meant a subsidy last year of £334 from our General Fund. The Board aims to counter the rising cost of production by internal economies where "The Lotu" is concerned and by an increase in subscription to "The Open Door". The increase has been well received by the Church public. As the new publication year does not coincide with Board's financial year, it is expected that a smaller subsidy will be necessary this year, but hereafter the publication should be self-supporting.

The Board has considered a suggestion for an amalgamation of "The Lotu" with the Presbyterian children's missionary magazine. While not averse on principle to such a step, the Board considers that it should not be taken until it is clear that the two churches are going to unite.

Methodist Women's Missionary Union:

The Board welcomes into office the new Dominion Executive at New Plymouth, who continue, like their predecessors, to organize warm support for our women's and girls' work overseas.

Youth Department:

Sister Pamela Beaumont and the Rev G. G. Carter continue as the missionaries supported by Methodist youth, through the contributions of Sunday Schools and Bible Classes to our work. During his furlough, Mr Carter was able to meet the Youth Board and attend the Youth Conference. Steps are being considered for linking more closely the youth life of our Church in the Solomon Islands with the Youth Department in New Zealand.

Conversations are in progress which may result in a visit to the Ecumenical Youth Conference next year of two representatives of the Solomon Islands Methodists. In that event, the men concerned would

probably remain for a time in New Zealand, to gain experience in typical circuits and youth groups.

Islanders in New Zealand:

During the year, the Board has again considered the welfare and pastoral oversight of Methodist Islanders visiting and resident in New Zealand. A consultation took place with a representative of the Congregational Church re relations with their work, particularly among Samoans. An attempt is being made to secure and pass on to circuits proper transfer notices for Samoan and other Islands Methodists removing to work or study in New Zealand. The Board is grateful to know that several city circuits are particularly active in the work among these people. Here is another opportunity for Christian fellowship and missionary interest right at our doors.

Missionaries' Stipends and Allowances:

In deciding on an 11% increase in stipends for workers in New Zealand, last Conference directed that the matter of the stipends and allowances of the missionaries be referred to the Foreign Mission Board for decision in the light of the cost of living on the Mission field and the new minimum stipends adopted in New Zealand.

This resolution gave the Board an opportunity to review the whole scale of stipends and allowances for overseas missionaries. A special committee was appointed, and a questionnaire designed to elicit information as to living costs was sent to all workers overseas. The replies received were of distinct help to the Committee and the Board. The points at which missionaries reported financial embarrassment did not indicate so much a need for increase in stipend as for increases and variations in the allowances that have always supplemented the stipends of overseas missionaries. These concerned particularly the education of children, initial and furlough outfits and retirement provisions for lay missionaries and sisters.

The Board therefore resolved not to increase the basic stipends of our workers, but to make the following increases in allowances. Children's allowances (from £25 to £36 per annum); Education allowance (for children away from home for educational purposes, £40 to £60); and to recommend Conference to increase the Board's contribution to lay missionaries' and sisters' retiring funds by £5 annually, most workers to increase their personal contributions similarly. The old furlough lodging allowance is replaced by a larger comprehensive furlough allowance of 30/- weekly per adult and 15/- weekly per child (the lodging rates were £1 and 5/-). An initial outfit allowance of £50 per married couple is instituted, whilst the former linen grant of £25 paid to sisters becomes an initial outfit grant instead. Furlough outfit grants are instituted at the rate of £5 per adult and £3 per child per year of service in the term just ended. Special allowances have also been provided for sisters living alone and for all workers serving in the more expensive British Solomon Islands.

The Board wishes the Church to understand quite clearly what has been done. We have departed from our former practice of passing on to workers overseas the increases granted to those in New Zealand. Instead we are this time following the practice of the Australian Mission Board in establishing a scale of stipends independent of those applying in the home Conference, and in liberalizing allowances. Our scale, when rendered in Australian currency is considerably above that operating in the Australian mission districts adjacent to our own.

The cost of the new allowances will be about £1100 annually; to have made an 11% increase in basic stipends, as allowed in New Zealand, would have cost about the same amount.

Finance:

Last year, the income from New Zealand circuits for overseas missions rose by 10%. Forty-two circuits fully realized the requested 20%

increase or more. Two major circuits increased their giving for the current year, but as opportunities have expanded overseas whilst costs continue to mount, it is to be hoped that circuits likewise will continue to respond increasingly to our appeals.

It was a great day when we were able to announce to Conference the attainment of the £10,000 target for the establishment fund of the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Missions. Some initial expenses have been met from that fund, but over £9000 remains to meet the establishment costs of the next new station.

Once again the M.W.M.U. added a special "gift" to their annual estimate of £3100.

1956 has brought several major contributions to our leprosy work overseas. The Lepers' Trust Board gave us £3500 for leprosy treatment and our general medical programme. That raises to £26,250 the sum received from them since 1942. Their further contribution towards the leper relief vessel now in building has brought their total gift for that purpose to £19,500.

Out of their eightieth anniversary grants, the Mission to Lepers has voted us £2000. This sum is "earmarked" for pioneer leprosy work in the Highlands of New Guinea.

Amendment to Church Law:

In 1954, the Board voted to increase the annual payment to the Medical Missionary's Repatriation Fund from £50 to £100. This however requires an amendment to the law. The necessary recommendation appears below.

General Secretary:

The present General Secretary being now in his fifth year of office, the Board recommends to Synods and Conference that he be designated this year for re-appointment at the 1957 Conference for a further six-year term.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1956

This Supplementary Report presents a brief resumé of the workers' annual reports and overseas District Synod business as presented to the annual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board.

SOLOMON ISLANDS: "We give thanks that through the movement of the Holy Spirit, the people are taking a more active part in the work of building the Church in the hearts of the native people, and witnessing to those who are weak and without the fellowship."

Thus does the annual Synod reply to the question on the spiritual state of the Islands Circuits. There are disappointments, we are told, and dissatisfaction in some circuits, but there are definite reports of spiritual progress, and consolidation and growing confidence in the work of the Church.

A small but significant minority of our people now frequent or live in the urban centres. A church site is recommended for Kieta; this year new sections have been acquired and a church built at Gizo. The report of the Fijian minister at Honiara speaks of a successful bazaar effort for the church building fund there. Again a new section is sought. In such centres these days a ministry is being provided and a response won.

In missionary thinking the world over, emphasis is being laid on those missionary services that history has proved to build up the young church. For example, there has again been steady progress in our literature and translation work. The Gospels and Acts in the Bamatana tongue have been published by the British and Foreign Bible Society for the Choiseul people. Many workers have shared in this production, but Sister Lucy Money has actually prepared the work for the press.

Leadership Training engages our workers at various levels. The Synod favours separating pastor training from teacher training, for which needs

differ as between the British Solomons and Bougainville. In girls' work four of the M.W.M.U. special objective dormitories are now complete, and another in building. When Sister Ada Lee returned from furlough she commenced at Kihili the District Girls' School for Bougainville.

Dr G. E. Hoult gained further experience in New Zealand and by arrangement with the Lepers' Trust Board, who generously met the travel costs, visited the Makogai Leprosarium, Fiji. Our Sisters and their helpers have continued the medical mission throughout the year. The Board is seeking new workers to replace Sister Davinia Clark and Sister Jessie Grant, who are leaving our staff. There will be a further nursing vacancy a year hence.

"Her name means more to those who know her than words can ever express," runs the Synod record of Sister Effie Harkness, as her retirement draws near. Sister Effie is one of the few workers who served both before 1942 and in the rehabilitation period since the war. Her withdrawal adds another to the list of teaching vacancies. Including the urgent plea of the Synod for work among Chinese and Solomon Islanders at Gizo, there are at least three teachers wanted, two of them immediately.

Whilst the Treasurers will report separately on the financial returns, we may take note here of the record figure of £12,129 in the thanksgiving of the people, together with a missionary offering of £409 to maintain their own workers in the Highlands of New Guinea. While the effect of this giving has been offset by steep rises in costs and by the decline in returns from our mission plantations, we should be encouraged by the evident will of our people to support the work of their church.

NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS

The Rev. G. H. Young, whose deputation visits delighted so many New Zealand circuits, returned in July to the Highlands field. About that time further areas adjacent to Mendi were "derestricted" by the Administration. Our workers have been able to enter another valley, where the Rev. David Mone will be placed in charge. Earlier other "Teachers' Stations" were opened out from both Mendi and Tari. At Tari, the land for the leprosarium has now been made available. The £2,000 from the Mission to Lepers will be called on in the capital expenditure involved.

Mr Gordon Dey, has recently finished building at Mendi the first permanent Mission house, for which the timber was pit sawn and seasoned locally. Mr Dey is shortly due on furlough. The Rev. C. J. Keightley is due for furlough late next year. At present Mr Keightley is in charge at Tari station during the furlough in Queensland of the Rev. R. L. Barnes. Sister Edith James has now been almost twelve months at Tari, where medical activities are increasing, and where Sister Edith has also commenced definite training work among the girls.

Before Conference, the annual meeting of the Board will be reviewing our staffing commitments in relation to the Highlands Field. Four New Zealand workers were promised as our share, and the Highlands Field committee has submitted a list of priorities as to the nature of the fourth worker whom we are still to appoint.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman

S. G. ANDREWS, General Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST, 1956

In the absence from this country of the lay Treasurer, Mr G. S. Gapper, it falls to my lot to present the financial report of the Foreign Mission Department.

Statement on Income and Expenditure:

The statement for the financial year ended 31st August, 1956, reveals a considerable increase in the contributions from circuits in New Zealand

and also from the Solomon Islands District. The increase of £4654 in the Solomon Islands Thanksgiving is indeed a notable advance, being £2989 more than estimated. As a set off against this the Solomon Islands Synod reports a considerable reduction in returns for sale of produce. £2251 was estimated, but only £690 was received, being £1790 less than last year. The contributions from New Zealand circuits amounted to £19,274, being £1830 more than the amount shown in last year's financial statement. The estimate based on a three-year average was for £16,609.

Government Grants:

Grants for medical and educational purposes totalled £3909 being approximately the amount estimated to be received (£3835). Details of income for special purposes are shown in the special financial statement.

During the year the LEPERS' TRUST BOARD contributed £3500 to the Fund of the Society, and the MISSION TO LEPERS paid £2000 for leper work in the Papua New Guinea Highlands.

The BOAT INSURANCE FUND now totals £15,320, £874 having been added during the year by appropriation and interest.

LEGACIES have added £1,989 to the Building and Equipment Fund during the year, which after expenditure and deduction now stands at £1661.

The M.W.M.U. have transferred to the Board the sum of £1800 for dormitories at Buka and £100 for translation work. £3350 has been received from the M.W.M.U. towards payment of Sisters' Salaries.

VANE'S BEQUEST. Through the General Purposes Trust Board the sum of £400 was received to be applied to the relief of distressed Missionary Sisters. This money has been invested and the interest will be reserved for the purpose indicated.

Gift for Papua New Guinea Highlands:

A gift of £100 to be devoted to agricultural work in the Highlands has been sent in. Our thanks are due to the donor.

As will be seen from the Statement of Income and Expenditure the financial year ended with a credit balance of £144. Unfortunately, the financial statements for the Papua New Guinea Highlands field were not to hand when the accounts were finalised and it may well be that when they come to hand we shall find that instead of a surplus there will be a deficiency in the accounts.

It is obvious that the increasing costs of our missionary enterprise make it necessary that the utmost economy should be exercised in our expenditure and that our people in New Zealand and on the overseas fields be moved to "give and give and give again."

Missionary Periodicals:

The deficiency on the publications over the last few years caused the Board last year to increase the price of the "Open Door." The result has proved financially satisfactory. The loss this year was only £30, and it is anticipated that next year the paper will pay its way.

By decision of the last Annual Meeting, it was decided to reduce "The Lotu" in size in order to effect economies. The financial returns make it plain that at the present price we shall have to provide for an annual loss of approximately £140.

During the absence of Mr Gapper on an extended holiday, Mr W. A. Smith has served as Accountant to the Board, and our thanks are due to him for his efficient services.

In concluding this, my last report as Treasurer after eleven years in office, may I express my appreciation of the cordial relations that have always existed between the Board and its executive officers and myself.

My work as Treasurer has brought me into contact with Circuit Ministers and Circuit Stewards and Foreign Mission Secretaries, and I

am glad that we have worked so happily together in the interests of the Kingdom overseas.

May God continue to bless the great enterprise.

A. BLAKEMORE, Clerical Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Treasurer's Report, Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet, duly audited, be adopted.
3. That the Estimates of General Income and Expenditure and Special Expenditure for 1956-57 be adopted.
4. (a) Conference hereby determines that the annual contribution paid by each Deaconess and each Woman Worker (except qualified medical women) pursuant to Law Book paragraph 513 (5) to the Deaconess Retiring Fund for the first three years of her service shall be £20 and thereafter £25 *PROVIDED ALWAYS* that in the case of any nursing Sister who prior to the commencement of her service is a contributor to the New Zealand Nurses' Superannuation Fund the annual contribution payable by such sister may be reduced to £15 and £20 respectively.
- (b) Conference hereby determines that the annual subsidy pursuant to Law Book paragraph 513 (9) paid by the Foreign Missionary Society to the Deaconess Retiring Fund for each Deaconess and Woman Worker (except qualified medical women) employed by it shall be for the first three years of her service £20 and thereafter £25.
5. That section 33 of paragraph 504 of the law be amended by the deletion of the words "£50" and substitution of the words "£100".
6. That the Rev. Stanley G. Andrews be designated by the Conference for re-appointment at the 1957 Conference as General Secretary for a further term of six years.
7. That appreciation be expressed to hosts and hostesses of deputations local secretaries and collectors, officers of the Board and the General Secretary.
8. That Conference be associated with the greetings sent by the Board to the workers overseas, the Solomon Islands Church and the Australian Board of Methodist Overseas Missions.
9. That the thanks of the Conference for their services be accorded to the following workers whose resignations have been received by the Board: Sisters Effie Harkness, Davinia Clark and Jessie Grant. That in particular, the Conference record its appreciation for the devotion and leadership of Sister Effie Harkness whose service dates from 1937.
10. *Rev. J. R. Metcalfe*: That Conference receive through the Foreign Mission Board the intimation from the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe that he will apply to Conference 1957 to resume his connexion with the Victoria and Tasmania Conference. In agreeing to give effect to this request, Conference assures Mr and Mrs Metcalfe of deep appreciation of their outstanding service and devotion through 36 and 40 years respectively on the field. Fuller reference will be made to their service at Conference 1957.
11. *Chairmanship Solomon Islands District*: That Conference ask the Foreign Mission Board to take the necessary steps to nominate to Conference 1957 a successor to the Rev. J. R. Metcalfe as Chairman of the Solomon Islands District.
12. *Constitution, Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission*: That Conference authorise the Foreign Mission Board to approve the final draft of a constitution for the Papua-New Guinea Highlands Mission, based on the terms of co-operation in that field agreed to by Conference 1953 and amended at Conference 1954. When complete, the constitution will be

presented by the Department of Overseas Missions to the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

13. *Rev. A. Blakemore*: That Conference place on record its deep appreciation of the services rendered for more than ten years by the Rev. Albert Blakemore as Clerical Treasurer of the Department and agrees with reluctance to his retirement.

14. *Clerical Treasurer*: That the post of Clerical Treasurer be left vacant meantime, the Officers of the Department being authorised should a suitable minister become available, to nominate that minister through a later Board meeting to the President of Conference for appointment.

15. *District Foreign Mission Conveners*:

AUCKLAND: Rev. W. E. A. Carr.

NORTHLAND: Rev. A. W. E. Silvester.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Rev. I. C. E. Ramage, M.A.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Rev. F. H. Woodfield.

WANGANUI: Rev. E. D. Grounds.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: Mr J. H. Oldham.

MANAWATU: Rev. J. K. Watson, B.A.

WELLINGTON: Rev. L. T. Norwell.

NELSON: Rev. A. Newman.

NORTH CANTERBURY: To be appointed by Synod Standing Committee.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Rev. L. F. BYCROFT.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Rev. W. J. Henderson.

16. *Representatives to National Missionary Council*: Rev. S. G. Andrews, Rev. L. T. Norwell, Messrs C. J. Freeman and S. N. Roberts and one to be appointed.

Representatives to National Missionary Council Executive: Rev. S. G. Andrews (substitute when required the Rev. L. T. Norwell) and Mr S. N. Roberts.

Representatives to proposed Overseas Missions and Inter-Church Aid Commission of the National Council of Churches: Rev. S. G. Andrews (substitute when required the Rev. L. T. Norwell) and Mr S. N. Roberts.

17. That the Foreign Mission Board consult with the Overseas Missions Board of the Methodist Church of Australasia regarding the possibility of higher education in the South Pacific.

18. That the Board for 1957 be as printed on page 11 herein.

Methodist Women's Missionary Union

**FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING
31st AUGUST, 1956**

In presenting this report of the M.W.M.U. for the year ending 31st August, 1956, it is with a deep sense of gratitude to God for His Goodness, in that our membership and our financial returns show a considerable increase, knowing as we do that the membership figures for four new Auxiliaries formed in the closing stages of the District Council year, are not included.

Tribute:

On 2nd June, 1956, one of our Life Members, Mrs E. M. Hodder of Palmerston North, passed to higher service. We do thank God for a long life of devoted service. To all who have suffered bereavement throughout the past year, we convey our love and sincere sympathy.

Executive:

Fourteen meetings have been held, some special meetings having to be fitted in because of force of circumstances, and all commencing with a devotional period led by various members. One special meeting was arranged to meet the Rev. and Mrs G. H. Young, of the New Guinea Highlands, and we appreciate their consideration in agreeing to meet us during their holiday period in New Zealand. Another special meeting was arranged to meet the Rev. S. G. Andrews, to discuss Foreign Mission Board matters, and at this meeting we were pleased to welcome Sister Edna White, and thereby gain a closer contact with her and the matters she cares for in the Union. Yet another special meeting was arranged to study the plans, specifications and tenders received for the alterations and extensions to "Kurahuna", and we are glad to report that at last we are at the stage of waiting for the builder to commence.

Membership:

This figure of 5,925 is an increase of 42 on the previous year, and includes Gleaners whose boxes have been opened. Concern is felt that nine Districts report decreases (totalling 192), and as the increase figure is more than offset by the increased number of gleaners, which has its repercussions in printing and distributing, it is perhaps timely for us to look into our active membership. Auxiliaries from which financial returns have come, remain the same, 215, but the total number of Auxiliaries now meeting is 219. Mt. Eden Evening Auxiliary has withdrawn, but we gladly welcome Auxiliaries at Okato and Manaia (Taranaki), Opotiki and Rotorua Evening (Bay of Plenty) and Penrose (Auckland). Many new Gleaners' Groups are also reported.

District Councils:

Nineteen District Councils still continue to function, all devoting one meeting early in the year to a District Convention, each of these receiving a personal message from the Dominion President. These Conventions, giving as they do, a greater coverage in those attending, are a great inspiration and help to individual Auxiliaries. Evening Auxiliaries were catered for by extra evening meetings. Several Districts held special Christmas and Easter meetings.

President's Monthly Letter:

Many messages have been received expressing appreciation to the Dominion President for her inspirational leadership in this way. Again there has been an increased demand, and the 2,300 printed monthly leaves a very meagre margin. An increase in Gleaners' Membership makes an increased demand inevitable.

Stamps:

Mrs Macalister says:—"In presenting the stamp report for 1955-56, I wish to thank first of all those throughout the Dominion who have been so consistent and spent so much time in the preparation of the stamps for sale, the amount from the same being an increase of £63/5/11, a considerable increase on last year's figure, for which I am grateful. The special issue on sale this year was the Southland Centennial, by which we should profit, and we hope for a more successful year in 1956-57.

Gleanings:

Miss Hanham reports:—"This year 1892 Gleaners' letters have been sent out—that is 117 more than last year. Although there is quite an increase in the number of Gleaners, the boxes opened (1613), which is the figure used in our membership figures, is well short of the total letters sent. This figure is an increase of 188 on last year. The total amount subscribed by Gleaners is £1572/15/9, an increase of £212/3/5, which is a very encouraging result.

Literature:

Miss Palmer has sent out the President's letter for all Auxiliaries and to all women Mission workers. Easter offering envelopes were sent to Districts who needed them.

Home Sisters' Parcels:

Mrs R. Ashworth says:—"Greetings and grateful thanks to all who have contributed to this branch of the work, particularly Manawatu District, they having forwarded 63 parcels from their 14 Auxiliaries—a grand effort and worthy of special mention. May I remind all Districts not to overlook the importance of keeping up a steady flow, and keeping our Sisters well supplied with parcels, for all contributions are so genuinely appreciated by them. The total for the year of 570 parcels (including sacks), shows a decrease of 8. Could we not make up this deficiency during the coming year? How about it?—and thank you in anticipation."

Overseas Sisters:

Sister June Hilder did itinerary work in the Thames Valley District immediately after Conference, giving a longer period than originally planned, to cover the uncompleted itinerary of Sister Helen Whitlow. Sister June also spoke at three meetings in Hawke's Bay, besides speaking to groups in her own home area. Sister Effie Harkness spoke at a few local groups near her own home and her holiday home, while Sister Ada Lee offered her services around the Christchurch area and also spoke at Ashburton and Timaru.

Home Sisters:

It has not been possible to arrange for any Home Sisters to do deputation work during the year. It will be noted from reports that their time in the early part of this year was very broken, and it is a big thing to ask a Sister to arrange her routine work to fit in a fortnight or so visiting Auxiliary groups, however much these visits are appreciated.

New Workers:

On 15th December, 1955, at Motueka, Sister Mary Addison was dedicated a Nursing Sister, and after a slight delay, left Christchurch on the 24th February, 1956, for the Solomons. Sister Audrey Grice was dedicated at Ngaio, Wellington, on 20th December, 1955, and left on the 7th January, 1956, for the Summer School of Linguistics at Melbourne. After an intensive course there, she arrived on the Field late in March, to take up her Teaching appointment.

Smethurst Home:

"More Sisters than usual—ten in all—have availed themselves of the use of the Home for their holiday period. The summer months proved the most popular period, as the flat was occupied continuously during January and February. In addition, use of the flat was made by Sisters for several week-ends, and many odd days have been spent there by the Auckland Hostel Sisters. As in previous years the Sisters have found the peace and quietness of the Home most beneficial and all are very appreciative of the facilities provided for them".

(Mrs) Doris Stokes.

Prayer Calendar:

Printed under the same conditions as for the previous year and sold at the small charge of 6d per copy, this has again proved its worth, and the Spiritual Advance Committee are to be congratulated on the excellence of the set-up.

We thank God for the loyal support and the love and prayers given, in this our first year of office, by all members of our Union.

U. SYMMANS, President.

D. A. HOLLAND, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That thanks be conveyed to Mrs U. Symmans, the outgoing Dominion President of the M.W.M.U. and to her Executive for their services and leadership.

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

Home Mission Department

ANNUAL REPORT 1956

The Board:

The Home Mission Board has seen several changes in membership this year. Rev H. J. Odell removed to Wellington, Rev G. E. Brown became a Supernumerary, and Rev W. M. Garner removed to Thames. After a long and outstanding term of service Miss E. M. Rishworth retired from the Board and a special resolution of thanks was recorded in the minutes.

New Members this year are Revs R. H. Allen, G. R. Harris and D. G. Sherson, Messrs F. M. Souster, J. G. Rennie, Dr M. Winiata and Miss M. Waddingham.

Lay Treasurer:

After a term of twenty years of distinguished and faithful service as Lay Treasurer, Mr Frank Penn felt compelled on the ground of advancing years to retire from that office. The Board very reluctantly accepted this resignation and recorded the debt which the Church feels to Mr Penn for his generous and able service over such a long period. It is a remarkable fact that the Home Mission Department has had only three Lay Treasurers in the course of its history.

The Board has pleasure in reporting that Mr H. M. Patrick, M.V.O., has agreed to accept the task as Lay Treasurer and his appointment for 1957 is recommended.

Home Mission Staff:

The following changes are reported:

Mr J. F. Walls and Mr F. A. Fitzsimons resigned from the work. Reference was made at last Conference to the retirement of Rev W. J. Bryant after a very helpful ministry.

Mr F. E. Trim who has served as a Home Missionary Supply for eleven years, felt able to accept further appointment and the Board granted him status as a Home Missionary.

Messrs G. K. Greening and G. H. J. Yearbury were accepted as Home Missionary Probationers.

Mr Maurice Gilbert was accepted for service, but owing to business ties, has not yet been able to take up his appointment.

Visit of Rev Dr and Mrs Colin A. Roberts:

We have been honoured by a visit from Rev Dr and Mrs Colin A. Roberts, ex-President of the British Conference and retired General Secretary of the British Home Mission Department. Owing to ill health in Australia, Dr Roberts was forced to curtail his planned itinerary in New Zealand, but the group of meetings and services conducted by these two visitors were much appreciated.

Deputation Work:

Again this year a full programme of Deputation work has been taken by the Department Officers. The film "John Wesley", has continued to bring much encouragement, and the two fine films being shown by Rev B. M. Chrystall have earned high praise and thanks.

Designation:

Of General Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

Once more the time has come to reconsider the above appointments and the Board recommends the redesignation of both officers for a further term of appointment.

Women as Home Missionaries:

The need has arisen for the Church to define regulations for the employment of women as Home Missionaries, and after full and careful consideration, the Board has drafted and adopted suitable clauses which are attached as recommendations for Conference approval.

Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society (Incorporated):

The Epworth Bookroom, Auckland, reports another successful year of trading. The new shop continues to win the response of our people and the general public. The Manager and his two assistants give very faithful service, and the thanks of the Church are due to them for their good work. We were glad to be able to appoint a second assistant during the year.

Position of Home Missionaries in Relation to the Ordained Ministry:

(Minutes of Conference, 1955, p.129, Res. 12)

The Board summarises the policy re the above as expressed in earlier Conference Reports and resolutions as under.

The Church will always need a certain number of men to fulfil a supply ministry. Some men who can fulfil such a function in the Church do not desire to offer for the full Ministry.

Every suitable man is encouraged to offer as a candidate for the Ministry and the Church welcomes such candidature.

No Home Missionary is received into the Ministry on the grounds of seniority only.

The Conference has power to accept suitable men and to set for them suitable courses of study according to their capacity and experience.

To reduce the economic hurdle for experienced Senior Home Missionaries, men who have fulfilled an effective term of ten years service may be granted status as "Senior Home Missionaries", with a stipend approximating more closely to that of an Ordained Minister. Such men are assured of greater continuity of appointment.

Policy for New Housing Areas:

Our Department was represented at the official Conference on Religious Education. It was felt that the findings on this particular aspect of the work should be presented to the Conference through the Annual Report of our Department.

Concern:

We are concerned that much of the Church's extension work in the past has not developed as expected: we feel that such projects have often begun as Sunday Schools, and have not developed into Churches. The Sunday School is not an end in itself: rather it is the handmaid of the Church.

We consider the following conditions to be relevant to the building of the Church in a new area:

1. A group of Christian people, however small, meeting in a fellowship of worship, is an almost essential prerequisite to the establishment of the cause. New Churches which are going well are almost always built around a loyal nucleus of worshipping families.
2. People who are to be attracted from outside need to find a fellowship of a reasonable number already gathered and united.
3. Timing is important: the Church should come into the Community as early as possible, and grow with it rather than attempting to superimpose itself later.
4. The congregation should very early develop a pastoral responsibility both for reaching and shepherding others: it should urge others to bring their children into the family life of the Church rather than merely to send them to a Sunday School.
5. The local Church should conceive its own programme, carrying out as much of it itself as it possibly can, e.g., on the Sunday using its

own members to lead worship, rather than being completely dependent on casual preachers. As much flexibility as possible should be left to the local Church, leaving room for initiative.

6. There should be a continuity of Pastoral oversight as soon as possible whether given by a supernumerary minister, a deaconess, a worker in the Order of St Stephen, or a local preacher.

7. As soon as possible there should be an appointment of a resident married minister with reasonable continuity.

8. There is a real value in the holding of a mission, early in the Church's life, in order to build up a group of committed people.

9. Training in reverence and worship should be given right from the commencement of the work—provision of a sanctuary in any building used for church activities is essential.

10. When a community sees groups working to build a Church, many will offer themselves and by working with others, will find their way into the fellowship.

11. There is a real value both in the local cause taking responsibility for its own work, and also for the new cause feeling itself undergirded by the care and concern of the wider Church especially the other Churches in the circuit.

12. The newly established church should seek as many ways as possible of serving not only the youth but the whole community.

Conclusion:

We again commend the work of the Department to the prayerful support of our people.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of the Board.

J. C. DRAPER, Secretary of the Board.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the Statement of Receipts and Payments of the Home and Maori Mission Department, together with the statements covering the Maori Ministers' Home Acquirement Fund, be received and adopted.

3. That the Financial Statements of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board, together with the abstracts of the Special Loans' Accounts, and the Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust be received and adopted.

4. That the Financial Statements of the Mission Property Trustees be received and adopted.

5. That the Financial Statements of the Literature and Colporteur Society be received and adopted.

6. That the Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 1957 be received and adopted.

7. *Designation of General Superintendent:* That the Rev. G. I. Laursen be designated for appointment by the 1957 Conference as General Superintendent for a further term of six years.

8. *Designation of Assistant Superintendent:* (a) That the term of the Rev. B. M. Chrystall as Assistant Superintendent be extended for one year. (b) That the question of designation for a further term be referred back to the Board for re-consideration with a view to a nomination being made to Synods and Conference, 1957.

9. *Mr F. Penn:* That Conference thanks Mr F. Penn, on his retirement from the office of Lay Treasurer of the Department, for his most acceptable service extending over a period of 20 years.

10. *Treasurers*: That the Treasurers for 1957 be the Rev. B. M. Chrystall and Mr H. M. Patrick.

11. *Auditors*: That Mr W. A. Smith, Auditor of the Home Mission Accounts, and Mr R. N. Cooke, Auditor of the Accounts of the Literature and Colporteur Society, be thanked for their services and re-appointed.

12. *Regulations re Employment of Women in Home Mission Service*. That Conference approve the following regulations:

(a) The Board is prepared to consider applications from single women as Home Missionary Probationers or Home Missionaries on the same terms and conditions as single men, including the course of study.

(b) The understanding is that such women will be available for full-time service as in the case of men.

(c) In the event of marriage, a woman would cease to be a Home Missionary or Home Missionary Probationer.

(d) In special cases, if a married woman is available for service and a suitable appointment can be found, she may be employed as a 'Supply' only.

13. That Conference express appreciation of the high standard of Home Mission Deputations.

14. That the Board investigate the possibility of using suitable laymen for the routine administration and appeal work of the Department, with a view to releasing one of the ministerial staff for Circuit work, and report to Synods and Conference in 1957.

15. That the Home Mission Board in consultation with the Deaconess Board give consideration to the status of women Home Missionaries in relation to the status of members of the Deaconess Order.

16. That the question of the rights and privileges of a Home Missionary Supply be referred to the Board for report to Synods and Conference, 1957.

17. That the Law Revision Committee review the clauses in the previous Law Book p. 123 Section IV No. 283 Regulation 10, with a view to making explicit the meaning and intention of paragraph 505 Regulation 25 (a) page 115, in the Law Book.

18. That the attention of Synod Standing Committees, Circuit Quarterly Meetings, be drawn to the regulations requiring that all applications for additional staff involving financial assistance from the Home Mission Department, should be supported by full financial details of the Circuit.

19. That the Methodist Representatives on the Religious Film Society be the Revs. G. I. Laurenson, A. Jolly, Messrs J. Walker and Bryan Burton.

20. That the Revs. O. L. Christian and F. J. Climo be given status as Senior Home Missionaries.

21. That the Home Missionaries Study Conference be deferred for 12 months.

22. That Conference thank all those who have assisted the Department throughout the year in organising the appeals in the Circuits, and in the provision of hospitality.

23. (a) That Conference view with grave concern that during the past twelve months we have shown a nett decrease of twenty two preaching places. In a day when population growth is resulting in the establishment of so many new settlements and suburbs, there should be every year, some new preaching places opened.

(b) That this question be referred to Synod Standing Committees for urgent consideration with a view to our regaining our historic emphasis on the evangelisation of the whole community.

24. That the **District Home Mission Conveners** be as follows:

AUCKLAND: Rev. H. Whitfield.

NORTHLAND: To be appointed.

FRANKLIN: To be appointed.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: Rev. C. H. Bell.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: Rev. J. M. Blight.

WANGANUI: Rev. E. D. Grounds.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: To be appointed.

HAWKE'S BAY: Rev. H. C. Matthews.

WELLINGTON: Rev. A. H. Ivory.

NELSON: Rev. H. E. Harkness.

NORTH CANTERBURY: Rev. C. D. Clark.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: Rev. O. T. Woodfield.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: Rev. W. J. Henderson.

25. That the Board for 1957 be as printed on page 11 herein.

QUESTION LI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Maori Work?

Maori Mission Report

ANNUAL REPORT 1956

This brief report of the Home Mission Board on the Maori Mission work for the year is accompanied by a report of a Special Committee appointed by the Board in terms of Conference Resolution, 1955, page 132, Rs. 3.

We report on the general work of the year with its sorrows and perplexities and its joys, believing that our Divine Master has used our work in the blessing of many.

Obituary:

Early in the year a great sorrow came to our Mission in the passing of Rev R. P. Rakena who had an honoured place in our work as a faithful and beloved Minister of the Gospel. We can ill afford to lose such experienced workers at this time.

Another sadness was the passing of Mrs Te Hira Ratete, wife of our Senior Maori Home Missionary and mother of Rev Rangi Rogers. To all the relatives of these good folk, we express the deep sympathy of the whole Church.

Maori Workers Conference:

Our Maori workers Conference was held this year at Central Mission Health Camp, Campbell's Bay, Auckland, under the Chairmanship of Rev E. Te Tuhi. This proved to be one of the most worthwhile Conferences we have yet held, and every aspect of the work was carefully and prayerfully scrutinized. In particular, the matters raised by the Special Committee were discussed with their representatives and much clearer understanding of the problems and the responsibilities of the work emerged.

One special request that we wish the Synods in Maori Mission Districts to observe is that when this Annual Report of the Board on the Maori work is considered, opportunity should also be given for the Maori Mission Representatives at the Synod to present an Annual Review of the work in the District, such report with any relevant resolutions to be sent to the Board after the Synod. To facilitate this, all Maori Mission workers attending the Synod should meet at a suitable time before or early in the Synod, to prepare such District Report. Chairmen are asked to facilitate this please in the over-all planning of the Synod.

STAFF

Maori Home Missionaries:

During the year, Revs Wiremu Tonga, Rangi Katipa and Enoka Marumaru retired from part-time or full-time service, and they retain their status to assist where possible in the Mission activities, with remuneration as Honorary Maori Home Missionaries.

Three part-time workers have come on to full-time service. Rev Te Akonga Pihama is stationed at Ngaruawahia, and Rev A. G. Kahua and Te Urunga Wetere are visiting throughout the Waikato and Maniapoto Maori Circuits with occasional visits to the Wanganui area, conducting Evangelistic Meetings and film services, and exerting a pastoral and preaching ministry. We commend their visits to the Pakeha Churches and to the whole of the Maori Mission Staff.

Deaconesses:

After Conference, Sister Ruth Hilder moved to Auckland as Assistant Matron at Seamer House. Probationer June Peters from Deaconess House took up duties at Hamilton, and has settled in well. Miss Mary Sealey, after two valuable years in Supply status in Waikato, has been accepted as a Deaconess Probationer and appointed to Dargaville to follow Sister Rona Keightley who resigned to be married. Miss Hana Hauraki after several years in Hostel and District work in the Waikato as a part-time Supply, has gone as a Supply in full-time service to Hokianga.

Senior Maori Superintendent:

Rev E. Te Tuhi who is semi-retired, and living at Aratapu in the Northern Wairoa, has continued to give very valuable assistance as acting Senior Maori Superintendent. His visits from time to time to the different Maori Circuits and his attendances at special gatherings have all been much appreciated and he stands very high in the regard of the people. The Board members are very grateful for his wise and able leadership.

Financial Support:

We again record our sincere thanks to the members of the M.W.M.U. and the Youth of the Church for their special help to our work. The regular and substantial assistance sent for the support of the Sisters on the field by the M.W.M.U. in particular is a very helpful factor as we face each year's programme of work.

Hostels:

Another year of service in the Hostels conducted by our Church for Maori Youth, has again given us the satisfaction of knowing that in this development we have been Divinely led.

Staff Needs:

With recent retirements and deaths, our Staff of full-time Maori Ministers has been seriously depleted. We urgently need several consecrated and well trained additional workers. We ask for the prayers of our people both Pakeha and Maori, that suitable young candidates may offer and that the Church will be enabled to offer such men the facilities for training.

We are conscious that many of our people are upholding this great work in their prayers and we commend it again to the loyal and patient support of the whole Church.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman of the Board.

E. TE TUHI, Senior Maori Superintendent.

GEO. I. LAURENSEN, General Superintendent.

J. C. DRAPER, Secretary.

Special Report on the Maori Mission

Terms of Reference:

(Minutes of Conference, 1955, p.132, Res. 3)

That the Home Mission Board set up a Committee to review the Maori Mission work of the Church and to examine its relationship,

financial and otherwise to the other activities of the Department, to consult with the Staff of the Mission at the Maori Workers' Conference 1956, and to prepare a factual statement of the whole position for presentation to Synods and Conference.

Immediately after Conference, the Board appointed a Special Representative Committee which met and considered the order of reference and prepared a basis of a survey of the work. This was discussed in detail with the members of the Maori Workers' Conference, and as a result the following report was prepared and discussed in the later meeting of the Special Committee and presented to the Home Mission Board. It is now submitted to the Synods and Conference for their consideration.

In presenting this report, the Committee and the Home Mission Board members would at the outset, state that the present condition of the Maori work and the many serious difficulties confronting the Church and its workers, continue to give us all very great concern. The problems that exist are not new, nor are they peculiar in every instance to the Maori Mission, rather are many of them characteristic of Mission work anywhere in the world. We are more aware of many of the problems owing to the close proximity of the two races in this country.

From our investigations, and from long observation it is evident that the chief difficulties are arising from two main factors.

1. The clash of cultures, with the aftermath of the series of Maori Wars over land questions, has left us a legacy of historical prejudices which are very little understood by most people.

2. The Mission has been, and today is more than ever so, hopelessly understaffed.

In assessing the work from the standpoint of the Pakeha Church, it is evident that another factor is that the Maori people have a greater sense of tribal and community life than have Europeans, and until the inroads of certain sects which have divided the people along the lines of Sectarian rivalry, the Maori people were little conscious of "Denomination". The broad policy of the Maori Staff has been to minister to the people as a whole rather than to selected families within the community. This has naturally weakened emphasis on membership as such, and on the distinctive Methodist emphases.

The Maori people have therefore a different attitude to membership from that of our Pakeha Church. To them, baptism means identity with the church and therefore membership in it. The Pakeha conception of responsible membership based on personal commitment, is only beginning to take hold of them. It is for this reason, together with our limited staff, that has made it difficult to establish the type of Church Government and organisation common to the Pakeha Church.

Thus the Maori people have not had a vehicle for the expression of Maori feeling. Largely the pattern of church life has been taken to them, and interpreted by the Staff of Maori workers.

Further, we have not sufficient focus for Church loyalty in suitable Church buildings. Owing to Maori custom, we have been dependent on private homes or Maori Meeting Houses on Maraes, as the location of our services. Our workers have gone to the whole people on the Marae which is the centre of their life. Moreover the Maori people have a different conception of worship from that of the Pakeha and they do not distinguish so closely between the Secular and the Sacred. Worship is naturally integrated with their whole life.

Some of these difficulties will be elaborated further in the body of the report.

Our Field of Work:

Our Maori Mission Circuits cover:

1. AUCKLAND.

(a) *North Auckland.* The area first substantially disrupted by European contacts. Traders seeking timber and flax, and bartering trade goods and European weapons. Maori life swept off its feet. Land was early alienated in large blocks, and the Maori people largely impoverished. Economic problems have been very acute. The people dropped many aspects of Maori culture: now beginning to regain confidence. This area has been for many years, a happy hunting ground of the Sects. The Ratana Movement made a big appeal with its conception of a Maori Religious Movement. Large groups of people went over in whole tribal communities. Our work has been made exceedingly difficult by the divisions that have thus come right down into every aspect of community and family life. Many very fine Methodist loyal families remain, and they desire to see our work stabilised and strengthened.

(b) *Auckland City and Lower Waikato River Area.* This area has a big population of Maori people from many tribes who have moved into the District for employment. The Lower Waikato (Tuakau to Waiuku and Pukekohe) has a growing community also.

A new urban community is developing here, and as yet it is very loosely grouped.

2. THE REST OF THE WESTERN HALF OF THE NORTH ISLAND.

This covers:

(a) *Waikato-Maniapoto*, with marginal work reaching out to groups of families of Methodist connection in the Bay of Plenty, Rotorua, Waikato River-Taupo Districts, and the Hydro electricity construction towns, and timber towns.

In this area, our work has made great progress in recent years after long years of patient effort to regain the confidence of the people who had been so seriously alienated by the Maori Wars and the land troubles that followed.

This whole area is still largely marked by this pattern and there will need to be very careful and patient work for many years before it will be a fully stable community. We are greatly enheartened by the response of many of the people to the challenge of the Christian Faith.

(b) *Taranaki-Wanganui.* This Circuit also carries many similar marks to the previous district, but there are other local problems that go back earlier than the Waikato problems. It was in this area that the earliest of the major Maori Wars took place, and they have left their mark on the whole community. Earlier Maori Cults, Hau Hau, Te Whiti, Tohu Movements, and later the Ratana and Maramatanga Movements, have claimed the interest of many. It is in this area that the Roman Catholic Church has made a big bid to swing the people into their membership.

3. SOUTH ISLAND.

Methodism pioneered Maori work in the South Island, but many years ago our Church withdrew full-time workers and attached the Maori work to adjacent European Circuits, sending Maori workers as occasional visitors from the North Island.

Present Staff:

In this work we have the following staff:

1. *In the Department.* Part of the time of the General Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent is given to Maori contacts and planning, the main effort being to encourage the Maori Staff themselves to develop a fully Maori Church life and pattern of work.

The Rev H. A. Darvill is a full-time Maori Missionary, working in close fellowship with the Maori workers.

The Rev E. Te Tuhi is Senior Maori Minister, now semi-retired. He is resident minister in the Dargaville area, and he makes distant trips as required to various Maori Circuits. His leadership is invaluable.

2. *Auckland Circuit.* Rev Rangi Rogers in Auckland City is resident minister and Circuit Superintendent. He has a constant round of preaching (at least 3 services every Sunday around the city and suburbs) and wide pastoral responsibilities.

Rev Rua Rakena at Waima in the Hokianga District, North Auckland, is the only other full-time Maori Minister in the Circuit.

Rev M. Tauroa in the Whangaroa and Rev N. K. Kukutai in the Tuakau area are now retired, and they are each paid a small honorarium in lieu of Superannuation, and a moderate travelling allowance to enable them to conduct local services and to travel when needed further afield.

A regular travelling allowance is paid to Rev Piripi Livingstone in the Bay of Islands to assist the work there.

In addition the following men hold status as Honorary Home Missionaries and when necessary a small allowance is sent for actual travelling costs incurred in Mission work. Most of them receive no remuneration at all. They are: Rameka Eru in Victoria Valley, Te Hira Ratete in Hokianga, Hotai M. Hohepa at Kaikohe, H. Hemara at Hikurangi, Tawai Kawiti at Waiomio, Nehana Pu at Whananaki, Henare Kapa at Pouto, John Harris at Pakiri, H. Wiperi, M. Winiata, Paikea Toka, W. P. Ihaka and H. Wilcox in Auckland, Ngaweke Tuhimata at Tuakau, and Waaka Kukutai at Te Kohanga.

Deaconesses. Working down from the North we have Miss Hana Hauraki, a full-time Supply in the Hokianga; Sister Olive Bott in the Bay of Islands and Whangaroa. Probationer Mary Sealey in Dargaville and mid North Auckland.

In Auckland City and the area from Port Albert to Waikato Heads, we have Sister Nicholls and Sister Jean Miller in Auckland City, and Sister Kathleen Rogers at Papatoetoe.

The Maori Mission Centre is in Airedale Street, Auckland.

Kurahuna Hostel (M.W.M.U.) led by Sister Madeline Holland is at Onehunga. Capacity is 20 girls.

Seamer House for Maori Girls under the leadership of Mr and Mrs Stan Moore and Sister Ruth Hilder is at Remuera. Capacity is 37 girls.

James Buller Memorial Mission Centre is in Dargaville.

The plan of services conducted regularly by *Rev R. Rogers* covers 21 preaching places and pastoral visits to the Hostels in the area. He also visits the Maori homes throughout the area. The Auckland Deaconesses report 690 homes visited in the area and Northwards, and 260 homes in the outer Southern area. They have 330 children in Maori Sunday Schools, meeting regularly in 20 Sunday Schools. They have also linked up some 70 Maori children with Pakeha Sunday Schools. There are 5 Bible Lessons conducted in Schools. This is in the area from Waikato Heads to Port Albert.

Rev Rua D. Rakena has a plan covering some 22 preaching places with many homes visited for occasional cottage meetings—a regular feature of the Maori work.

In the Dargaville area, *Mr Te Tuhi* visits the Settlements as far as Kaipara Heads.

Sister Mary Sealey has 7 Sunday Schools with 120 children linked up, and two Maori Youth Clubs.

Sister Olive Bott reports 9 monthly Sunday Schools with 211 scholars, 1 monthly Bible Class with 10 members, and 3 Women's Meetings with 25

members; together with cottage services wherever possible, and Bible Lessons in 5 Day School classes fortnightly with 170 children.

Miss Hannah Hauraki at Rawene reports 15 monthly Sunday Schools with an attendance of 140, one weekly Bible Class and two fortnightly and four monthly Bible classes with 76 members. Also 3 youth clubs and 5 monthly women's meetings.

Statistics from other workers in this Circuit were not available for inclusion in this report, but they cover similar work in each area.

3. WAIKATO AND MANIAPOTO CIRCUITS.

Rev A. J. Seamer is Acting Circuit Superintendent for these two Circuits, living in Hamilton at Te Rahui (T) the Maori Boys' Hostel. Rev H. A. Darvill lives in Hamilton and travels from there throughout the Mission. He assists in editing "Maataapuna", Maori family magazine, and is also Secretary of the Maori Section of the National Council of Churches. Mr Darvill's work is planned to give him regular trips of several weeks to the Taranaki-Wanganui area, and the Auckland and North Auckland area alternately, and while in Hamilton he works out to preaching and pastoral contacts through the Waikato and Maniapoto Circuits. It is also necessary for him to take a small section of Deputation work from time to time.

We have no trained Ordained Maori Minister in these Circuits. Rev Lane Tauroa is stationed at Kawhia, serving the Pakeha Home Mission Station and the Maori work in that part of the Circuit.

At Ngaruawahia, Rev Te Akonga Pihama is full-time Home Missionary. Revs Heemi Rihimona (Retired) and A. G. Kahui and Tutu Keepa live in Ngaruawahia. Mr Kahui is on full-time duty with Rev Te Urunga Wetere, working through Waikato and King Country on film evangelism and general pastoral and preaching duties.

At Te Kuiti, Rev Paahi Moke maintains a contact with a group of Maori Settlements while semi-retired. Other honorary or retired Home Missionaries in Waikato Circuit are: Mu Maihi at Waikaretu, Wiremu Tonga in Hamilton, Tuteao Manihera at Raglan, Te Iwikau Waaka at Otaramarae (Rotorua), Pukerau Rangitutia at Arohena, Matene H. de Thierry at Rangiriri, J. Hatoitoi Pihama at Frankton, Tame Pihama at Whatawhata. In the Maniapoto Circuit are the following Honorary Home Missionaries: Tame Ponui at Kopaki, Roi Moke at Aotea, Paki Manga at Otorohanga, Rangi Katipa at Ngutunui, Waiwera Rangawhenua at Maketu Pa, Tumu Te Huia at Makomako, Nguru Winikerei at Marokopa and Hohepa Hona at Pureora.

Deaconesses: Sister Hobbs is stationed at Ngaruawahia. Sister Heeni Wharemaru is at Te Rahui (T) as Matron and working a district area as well. These two Deaconesses report three weekly Sunday Schools, 6 fortnightly, and 6 monthly, with approximately 300 children enrolled. They have three Bible Classes with some twenty members, two Youth Clubs, and many women's cottage meetings held as opportunity offers. Altogether they are in touch with 200 homes and some 800 young people.

Sister June Peters, with one regular weekly Sunday School and 10 fortnightly with 113 children enrolled and five places where services are held.

Sister Frances Smith has 16 Sunday Schools during the month with 200 children, and she visits some 230 homes, conducting services in 7 preaching places.

Sister Winifred Bennett has 15 Sunday Schools to organise each week, and 7 additional monthly Sunday Schools—a total of 200 children. She has one Bible Class of 30 members, and she visits 195 homes.

All the above Deaconesses make their centre in Hamilton where we have Te Rahui (T) Maori Boys' Hostel, and Te Rahua (W) Maori Girls' Hostel each with capacity of 34.

In the Maniapoto Circuit: Sister Mavis Dickie is stationed at Otorohanga where the new Maori Centre is being organised. She covers the areas at the Northern King Country—Waikato boundary out to Kawhia. Sister Mavis reports one fortnightly Sunday School, 16 monthly and 3 quarterly gatherings, with 344 scholars; with associated Bible Class work and women's meetings. Altogether 150 families are visited.

Sister Grace Clement is at Te Kuiti where we have another Maori Centre, "Te Huinga". Sister Grace covers central and Southern King Country, and Wanganui River area to Ratana Pa. She reports 13 monthly Sunday Schools and 6 Quarterly Sunday Schools which are really family services. She meets in these Sunday Schools 200 young people. She conducts one youth club, and co-operates with the Maori Women's Organisations throughout the district.

4. TARANAKI - WANGANUI CIRCUIT

Since the greatly lamented death of the late Rev R. P. Rakena this year, the only full-time Maori Minister in this Circuit is Rev A. W. Tahere in New Plymouth. In addition, Rev W. I. W. Wharehoka at Pungarehu is on call when needed as an Honorary Home Missionary. Mr Tahere now spends alternate week-ends at the Hawera and New Plymouth ends of his Circuit, and is on call to every part of the district for special ministerial calls. In North Taranaki he conducts services in 13 centres, ministering to 340 people from 85 homes.

Deaconesses—

Sister Evelyn Marriott leads the work of Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel with some 12 girls in residence.

Sister Betty Yearbury, stationed at Opunake, with the small Centre "Puna Ke" as her base, reports 9 fortnightly Sunday Schools, and two others with 151 children on the rolls, and five fortnightly Bible Classes with 76 members. She holds two regular Women's Meetings with 14 members. She also visits 33 families at Centres other than those where Sunday Schools are conducted.

Sister Anne Wilson, stationed at Hawera with the "R. T. Haddon Memorial Centre" as her base, reports one weekly Sunday School, seven fortnightly and two monthly, with 210 children enrolled. She has also three Bible Classes with 34 members, and one regular Youth Club of 18 members. She leads two Women's Fellowships with 24 members. She reports at least 144 families regularly visited.

5. SOUTH ISLAND

Mr Wera Couch has recently accepted appointment as a Maori Honorary Home Missionary and we hope to plan for his visits to Maori South Island Centres in the new future.

Sister Eleanor Dobby, in Christchurch, maintains contact personally with about 130 homes in the Canterbury area, and in addition maintains a mailing list of 366 families to whom Christian literature and letters of Christian greeting are sent regularly.

Rehia Hostel for Maori Boys is conducted by the Christchurch Central Mission. Capacity 18 boys.

Youth Activities:

Each year, Youth Camps are organized by the workers in each Maori Circuit, and now the Maori young folk are developing a Maori Section of the Youth Movement, with their own leadership school held annually.

Staffing Needs:

With the growth of the Maori population and its spread throughout the community, there is need for further workers both men and women, to make anything like adequate and effective contact with them. The Maori Staff are earnestly looking into this and hoping to encourage suitable young folk to offer for training. In addition to the present staff,

we need trained Ordained Maori Ministers for Waikato, and Hawera, and several Deaconesses for reducing the huge areas at present covered by each of our workers. If staff were available, we should have one in the Tuakau-Franklin area, another in the Mangakino area, another in North Taranaki, and another in the Wanganui-Ratana area, as a minimum.

All such appointments would involve additional finance.

Finance of the Mission and relationship to total Department finance:

It should be remembered that the Maori Mission Circuit finances are carried in the Home Mission Fund, while subsidies only to the European work from the Home Mission Fund are shown. In every area covered by a full-time Maori Minister, there are at least 14 European Ministers or Home Missionaries working over reasonably confined areas, and the home Mission subsidy for such work by way of Grant is shown in the detailed Departmental Estimates for each year.

Last year £25,220 was spent by the Home Mission Fund. Of this £15,220 was spent as the Circuit Expenditure on Maori work. £10,000 was also spent in Department expenditure and Circuit and Connexional Grants on the General Work.

Of the Income received, £3,545 was received from M.W.M.U. specifically for Deaconess Salaries, etc., and towards the support of a Maori Minister in Auckland. £240 actual cash collections were received from Maori Circuits. £2,500 was received from Mission Properties and interest on Department investments.

Many years ago, when Maori Mission Properties and Maori Mission Investments were all linked into the common funds of the Department, it was on the understanding that the first claim on the Fund should be the adequate meeting of the requirements of the Maori work.

The question of the Finances was fully and carefully discussed at the Maori Workers' Conference. General concern was expressed at the inadequate net cash return from Maori giving and steps were taken to bring this earnestly before the people generally.

It was felt, however, that once more the following difficulties should be explained to the Conference:

1. Many Maori people who are on the fringe of the Church, constantly remind our workers of the early gifts and sale of Maori lands for Church purposes, and they try to evade their present responsibilities by sheltering behind these earlier matters. Such an attitude of course, is not peculiar to Maori folk.

2. Owing to the limited number of our workers and the huge areas covered, regular planned services are constantly interrupted by special calls on the minister.

3. Frequently the people gather for some tribal occasion, such as a tangi of an important leader, and all the services conducted are tribal and not denominational, and normal offerings cannot be taken.

4. In the communal setting of Maori life, many calls are made on the finances of the people in the way of hospitality for large gatherings, which never show on the balance sheets of the church.

5. In addition to the cash sent into the Home Mission Fund, there are other amounts involved in the support of Maori Camps, donations towards deaconess travelling, and efforts towards the maintenance of the newer buildings of the Mission, such as our Maori Centres. Many of the Honorary workers are involved in constant outlay as they travel to Maori gatherings to represent the Church in some ministerial duties.

Having said that, the workers pledged themselves to do all in their power to encourage the people to a greater sense of stewardship and responsibility for some more adequate support of the work.

Preachers:

In this connection, the need was recognised for developing a group of better equipped local preachers who could assist in an emergency to hold a service if the minister was called away. This matter is being examined, and pakeha ministers are asked to assist in the holding of classes for local preachers, and to co-operate with the Maori Ministers in this work generally.

Mission Organisation:

There has been a drift in the matter of holding Leaders and Quarterly Meetings. Owing to the huge Circuits, and the few workers, such gatherings have been mostly meetings of workers and the general membership of the church has not been drawn into the life of the church at all adequately.

At this point most careful thought was given, and already steps are being taken to form regional sectional Leaders Meetings which will conduct the type of business normally necessary in such gatherings. From these there will be drawn representatives to more representative Quarterly Meetings where more of the Connexional and representative duties will be fulfilled, such as reviewing over-all finance, appointment of local preachers, representatives to Synods and Conference, etc. A new recognition of the need for this, and a greater desire for it, has been showing itself recently and if it is faithfully followed up, it should bring greatly enriched life to our Mission work.

Relationships with the European Work:

It is evident that the Maori people still need a ministry among them that is Maori in its spirit and form. At the same time, it is impossible for the Maori Mission alone to provide adequate regular ministry to the spreading Maori community that will give them full spiritual development. Therefore the pattern recommended is—

1. That the Maori Mission Staff be maintained and increased to sufficient strength to enable some regular occasional Maori pulpit and pastoral ministry to every possible Maori family and group of families.

2. That except in predominantly Maori areas, the Maori people be urged to link their family life with the nearest Pakeha Church for all their regular Church worship and Sunday School and Youth activities, in between these Maori visits.

In suggesting this, it is recognised that there will be many difficulties to be overcome. There will be need for great patience and Christian grace on all sides. Groups of Maori folk, young or old, are more likely to feel reasonably at ease with pakehas, rather than one lonely individual. Hence it will be necessary to try to arrange gatherings where the Maori workers may bring and introduce the Maori folk to the combined gatherings.

The aim is not making a Pakeha Church with Maoris in it, but a Christian Church with both races sharing and both races contributing to the content of the worship.

In the Maori work, the great need is for Maori workers, trained in their own language and taking the main brunt of the close-up Maori Mission task.

European ministers may need to be used to a limited extent in such work, but the greatest contribution European ministers can make is by acting as older brothers, building bridges between the two races.

We have been conscious of the need for a knowledge of Maori language on the part of our workers, and we endorse the growing request from within Maori life that the teaching of Maori be given great prominence and academic status in our Educational System.

The Committee wishes to assure the Maori Workers and our Methodist Maori families, that we deeply sympathise with them in the great difficulties that they face, and we honour them for their faithful service under such circumstances. We also call on the whole Church to assist the Maori Staff by every possible co-operation, especially in extending a Christian welcome to all Maori folk who are introduced to our Services and other gatherings. The Christian Church by a truly Christian attitude can be a factor in healing the wounds of past years and leading the Maori people to a new sense of dignity and worth as fellow citizens and fellow members of the Church.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD TO CONFERENCE ON THE MAORI MISSION WORK

1. The Board members are grateful for the careful consideration that has been given to the Special Report, as evidenced by the Resolutions of the Synod.

The wide range of divergent recommendations from some of the Synods, reveals the complexity of the position and the great need for care in formulating changes of policy. Several recommendations re staffing of the Maori Mission are in harmony with the desires of the Department Leadership, but are mainly dependent upon availability of Funds and workers. The main report indicated that the work is terribly understaffed. The nature of additional staff to be appointed is one associated with policy. It is our conviction that some strengthening of the European Staff in the Maori work could be helpful providing it was done as assistance to the Maori workers, and not taking the place of an increase in the number of trained Maori staff. One Synod requests a development of more Maori Autonomy in the Mission, others ask for definition of a policy of closer integration with the whole life of the church.

The Special Committee endeavoured to indicate that the policy envisaged must keep a balance in these matters without over-emphasising Maori separateness or ultimate assimilation into the Pakeha Church.

2. We draw the attention of the Church once more to the policy endorsed by the Conference of 1954 for the pattern of work recommended to be followed by our Church in areas outside the historical areas of our Maori Mission.

Minutes of Conference, 1954, page 129, Resolution 5:—

"That in those areas that are traditionally the field of other Protestant Church Missions, except where our own members have moved in in any considerable numbers we do not favour the extension of our official Maori Mission activities. We prefer (1) that our people should encourage and co-operate with the youth activities especially of the other missions, and (2) that where Maori people are not receiving any ministration from their own Church we should seek to gather them into the general life of our pakeha Churches."

Our policy as a church is not to add to the confusion already existing in Maori life because of the multiplicity of sects. We desire rather to strengthen the attachment of the people to their historic Mission loyalties.

3. Relationships with the Pakeha Organisation

Most Maori Mission workers cover areas worked by several European Circuits. To develop a greater Maori sense of responsibility for the work, Maori Circuit organisation and membership must be continued.

We would appreciate and greatly welcome any steps taken by the Pakeha Circuits to increase the fraternal relationship between the two sides of the work and especially between the workers. We feel that the following steps would assist in this.

(a) Whenever possible, Maori Mission workers who are planning a visit to Maori families in an area covered by a Pakeha Circuit, should send

word beforehand to the Minister of the Pakeha Circuit, so that information could be exchanged for the mutual benefit of the staff. (b) Names and addresses of known Methodist Maori families should be given to the pakeha Ministers for inclusion in the visiting lists, so that pakeha Ministers could pay supplementary visits of a pastoral nature to those made occasionally by the Maori worker.

(c) When Maori young folk are taken through a course of Church Membership training by a pakeha Minister, and received into responsible Church Membership, wherever possible a Maori Minister should be invited to share in the reception service. The names of such folk should be placed on the Church Membership Roll of either the pakeha or Maori Circuit, but they should also be listed for reference separately by the other Minister for supplementary pastoral oversight. The decision would need to be made after mutual consideration.

(d) Maori Ministers and Deaconesses should be invited to attend pakeha Circuit Quarterly Meetings, and associated with such meetings, and an opportunity be given to give information on the Maori work and to consult on matters where assistance could be helpfully given by the pakeha Church.

(e) When the Report of the Board on the Maori work is considered at the Synods, a separate question should be asked:—"What is the Report on the Maori Mission within the District?"

4. Increase of Number of Maori Trained Workers

In these days when young folk are able to earn fabulous wages in unskilled employment, there is needed a very high sense of call on the part of any young person who is prepared to accept the limitations and disciplines of a sustained course of training for the Ministry. Moreover, few young Maori folk can be expected to have such a sense of call under present social conditions, as to be able to face unaided such a course of preparation, nor are many Maori parents in the position to carry a young person through the costly years of training. It will be necessary for the church to be prepared to substantially subsidise suitable young men through our Hostels or Wesley College Paerata as part of our stewardship to the Maori Race. An assurance of such support, would do much to encourage parents and suitable young men to commit themselves to the long and necessary course of preparation.

5. Inter-racial Relationships

Problems of relationships in the Mission work are a reflection of the whole broader question of race relationships in New Zealand. Superficial contacts in sport and general community interests do not touch the depths of life as do Religious matters where an intimacy of contact is reached, and a much greater awareness developed of the existence of little-known and less-understood tensions between the two races in this country. We are firmly persuaded that the Christian fellowship in the work of the Mission is one of the points of healing and reconciliation. While much remains to be done we are persuaded that with patience restraint and care in the consideration of matters affecting the Mission work, our people, pakeha and Maori, will grow to a stage of much greater understanding and a mutual effectiveness in meeting our common problems. We urge very great care in the making of public pronouncements or publicising of hasty comments or criticisms which only add to the problems. These can be solved only by solid, steady, faithful and patient work. There are no short cuts or magical formulas. We still remember however, that "the best of all is God with us."

6. Long-Term Policy re Appointments of Superintendents:

It is not possible at this stage to give a firm, long-term policy re the appointments of General Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.

Mr Laurensen has normally some ten years of service before Superannuation. Designation for a further term of six years from 1957 will

leave three years for consideration as to policy after the conclusion of this proposed term.

Mr Chrystall would normally have some six years of active service beyond Mr Laurenson's term. The experience he has gained through eleven years of service as Assistant Superintendent, in the mind of the Board, brings him now to the peak of his usefulness to the Church through the work of the Department. To remove him now would be a serious loss to the Department.

The Board unanimously supports the present recommendation of designation of these two officers for re-appointment for a further term of six years and three years respectively.

It is recognised that the work has made heavy demands upon both officers for routine Deputation work, the effectiveness of which is seen in the steady increase in the support of the work with the Circuits.

The Board would suggest to the Church that for the next two years, Mr Chrystall should mainly work from Headquarters, developing and overseeing the financial activities of the Department which have grown immensely especially through the Loans Fund of the Investment Funds Board, and preparing material for a continuance of the annual appeal and generally feeding such material and guidance to the Districts for the local carrying through of the routine appeal.

Also that in that time Mr Laurenson should concentrate on travelling through the Maori Mission areas, conducting Missions, and Conference with the Maori Church families and endeavouring to strengthen the broad policy of the Church among the Maori families and settlements. Mr Chrystall would share a certain amount of this work, and both Leaders would maintain general contacts and special contacts from time to time with weaker causes, and give a lead in District and Dominion policy regarding Church Extension.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman

J. C. DRAPER, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Annual and Special Reports be received and adopted.
2. (a) That the Supplementary Report on the Maori Mission be received and adopted, down to end of Section 5.
(b) That the statement on "Long term policy re Appointments of Superintendents" be received for information.
(c) That Conference thank the Committee for its special report on the Maori Mission which gives to the Church a better understanding of the scope of the work and difficulties involved.
3. (a) That Conference is convinced that our Maori Mission work will not progress until our Maori people express their stewardship in a fuller sense of responsibility for the financial support of the work. It recommends that if the receiving of weekly offertories is not practicable, the people should be encouraged to make worthy offerings by means of quarterly or annual thanks giving gifts.
(b) That in view of the scattered nature of Maori Circuits and the policy of ministering to the whole Maori community producing
 - i. A weakened emphasis on membership.
 - ii. A drift in the matter of holding Leaders and Quarterly meetings, which in turn must result in the non-production of Maori leadership, consideration be given to the appointment of an additional European Minister to be set aside for service in the Maori Mission.
4. That a full-time Maori agent be appointed for the South Island section of the Maori Mission as soon as possible.

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

A—N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association

REPORT FOR 1956

The National Executive met at Christchurch on 1st May, when the President of Conference led a representative committee in review and consideration of the social services of our Church. Much then reported will be recounted in reports to Conference of the constituent Boards and Central Missions. Note will be made of the forward work and particularly of the following:

The completion of the Auckland Childrens' Home: the steady up-building of the Auckland Central Mission Central site fund: the further extension of Hostel work by Wesley Church, Wellington, establishing a second Church-house for Samoan young men: the establishment of the Central Mission Centre, and the contract to build a Hospice at Christchurch.

In considering work to be enterprised in the immediate future, the Association resolved to advise the Church Council that it regards the establishment of hostels as a first priority, and to indicate willingness to undertake to organise an appeal for the establishment of hostels at strategic points. Also, North Canterbury is to be encouraged to procure a suitable and adequate site for a Methodist Hostel adjacent to the proposed University campus. Dunedin is requested to investigate the possibility of instituting a forward hostel policy. Recommendation is made that in the acquiring of hostel sites greatest care be exercised to ensure the purchase of land adequate to build establishments of up to 100 persons, and wherever possible to provide for Chapel, sports and parking amenities.

The Association approved in principle of establishing Methodist Homes for the Aged at Tauranga and Hamilton, and of an interdenominational venture of a similar nature at Timaru. Authority was given for the erection of a second block of Serviced Flats and a geriatric hospital at "Wesleyhaven", Wellington: and for a Hospice at Christchurch.

When reporting to Conference last year, we indicated how, upon reviewing the total Social Service establishment of our Church, this Association had become conscious of the magnitude of its present entrustment. The ever-pressing calls for further extensions which oftentimes involve considerable commitments, the offers of the State to subsidise capital development, and the long-term nature of most contracts made in the name of the Church, led the Association to reaffirm the principle that no new Social Service enterprise may be undertaken before examination and authorization by the New Zealand Methodist Social Services Association. Further, it was deemed necessary to initiate consideration of certain long-established relationships in the light of the changed nature and extent of our Social Service work today. Plainly, the direction and organisation adequate to administer the local charities which centred in the Missions of yesterday, could not be assumed to be adequate to carry through the major long-termed projects necessary today. The Association therefore encouraged those Quarterly Meetings and Boards of Trust directly concerned in Social Services, to make study and recommendation concerning:

- (1) The relationship of Social Services to Central Causes:
- (2) The relationship of the ministry to Social Service Trusts and/or Circuit Courts:
- (3) The tenure of Ministers engaged in Social Service enterprise.

The recommendations returned by the several Boards were remarkably alike, and it is in the knowledge that best thought has been given to these matters both at local and connexional levels, that we now make the recommendations found hereunder. With regard to No. 1, the Commission

will be informed that it is the deep conviction of this Association that where there is no existing worshipping centre the effectiveness of Social Service enterprise depends on a very close link with the Central Church and congregation, and that, while we recognise that the burden of administration of such work should not fall too heavily upon the Minister-leader personally, we believe it is most desirable that he should be the key-leader of such work, representing it to the wider community."

The Association will return to consideration of the pattern of the management of Central Missions and Social Service Boards after the Commission has reported.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Convener and
Official Representative of N.Z.M.S.S.A.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That a Commission be set up to examine the place of Central Missions in the light of modern trends. The Commission to be established in Auckland and to call evidence from Superintendents of Missions, Central Churches and others, and to report on this and all related matters through the M.S.S.A. Annual Meeting, 1957, to Synods of Conference, 1957.
3. That the Commission on Central Missions be Messrs Russell Garlick, L. W. Peak, T. L. Hames, Revs. William Walker, G. I. Laurensen, E. W. Hames, L. G. Hanna and A. Jolly (Convener).
4. That the initial appointment of the Superintendent of a Central Mission or Central Church qualifying for Central Mission privileges, shall be normally for six years, such appointment to be designated by the Conference twelve months in advance.
5. That the Connexional Secretary be a member of the New Zealand M.S.S.A.
6. That the Rev W. H. Greenslade be thanked for his services as Official Representative and Convener of the New Zealand M.S.S.A. since its inauguration.
7. That Rev. A. Everil Orr be appointed official representative and convener of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
8. That the N.Z. M.S.S.A. be requested to examine and report on the possibility of Statements of Accounts from Central Missions administering institutions, etc., being reported to Conference and included in the Minutes of Conference.
9. That Committees of Childrens' Homes, Central Missions, Social Services Trusts, and the Christian Community Centre each be directed to present Annual Reports to Synods and Conference in a condensed form, except for any important matters of Policy which require sanction by Conference.
10. That Conference request the M.S.S.A. to investigate the adequacy of present Social Security benefits and if in their judgment such provision is inadequate they make representations to the appropriate authorities.

B—Auckland Methodist Central Mission

REPORT FOR 1956

During the past 24 years we have maintained a policy of cultured evangelism and developed institutional work according to our resources. The foundation of an enlarging effective spiritual and social enterprise have been laid at the centre of New Zealand's largest population, comprising many nationalities.

Devotional Life:

Attendances at Sunday services are well maintained. Three Bible Classes, two Sunday Schools, Clubs and the Baden Powell Movement cater for youth. Bible study meetings are held in the homes of young married couples in particular. The adolescent youth grow in spiritual

experience through retreats at the Health Camp. It is gratifying to find a large number of our Sunday School Scholars sitting Scripture examinations. The Sacramental services are particularly well attended. A Dutch Convert and a Samoan Brother were recently appointed Society Stewards. There are over 200 adult members.

INSTITUTIONAL WORK (An extension of the Preaching Ministry)

Wesley Hospital maintains its valued nursing services to elderly sick folk. The purchase and alterations of 'Tyler House', for elderly men, together with a new wing which is now being erected at 'Astley House' will cost £70,000.

The plans for erection of cottages each containing three or four flats for both elderly couples and elderly single women or widows will be ready in the near future. Meals, when necessary, for those occupying the flats will be provided from 'Tyler House'. There will also be a nurse superintendent appointed.

Campbell's Bay Health Camp and the Waiheke Holiday House:

These cater for children, youth groups and pensioners who would not otherwise have a holiday, as well as families who care to provide for their own needs.

Winstone Lodge:

'Winstone Lodge' for students and business girls in this first year of service, has provided a home for 30 young people. Several applications have been received for next year. Among the residents, we are pleased to welcome a Fijian and a Maori girl. The Hostel is ideally situated and has ample land on which to extend and accommodate 100 young women. Should the Hobson Bay project eventuate, the Hostel will be within a few minutes walking distance of the University.

'Not charity but a chance' is the principle behind the Goodwill work which continues a needed ministry.

To the Rev L. R. M. Gilmore we record our grateful thanks for his co-operation in conducting worship and visiting our men and women at Mount Eden prison.

Property Matters:

Enquiries from the City Council regarding our exact boundary on the Civic Square are in progress, but no definite reply has yet been received. Several Committees are at work gathering information so that preliminary steps may be taken. The various Connexional Boards requiring space have been communicated with. The Building Fund is steadily growing, but needs further reinforcement in order to launch the scheme.

All other buildings are in good order. Legacies from the Estates of the late Miss R. E. Moor (£389/12/6) and Miss J. Thompson (£100) for Astley House and £100 from Miss J. Thompson for Wesley Hospital, and £20 from the Estate of the late James Coe (Health Camp) have been received. Total Assets are £330,000.

Liabilities on all properties amount to £3200. An interest free loan of £5000 from Mrs I. Sweetapple enabled us to finance the Parsonage, and we are gradually reducing the debt.

Staffing:

The Rev L. B. Neale came to the Mission in fullness of time. We are grateful to God that Sister Gwenda Kennedy was appointed, and that Mrs A. Davis continues her voluntary Ministry with us. Mrs I. Palmer, Matron of Astley House is deserving of every praise. Sister Arline Preece, Matron of Wesley Hospital discharges her duties with care and zeal. Miss Dorothy Horwood (Matron) and Miss J. Laursen at 'Winstone Lodge' have served us well in this foundation year.

To Mrs N. L. Gallivan (Goodwill Store), Miss Maureen Orr (Secretarial work), Mrs E. Kendrick (Bookkeeper), Miss O. Furley (Van), Mr L.

Monk (Maintenance work), the office bearers, trustees, Youth workers, Choir Master, Organist, Choir, Ladies' Guild, Ladies' Committee, Ministers, Laymen, Auditors, the Press and a large band of voluntary workers, we register our real thanks. Our last word is one of grateful thanks to Almighty God.

We trust that the work will continue to commend itself to people of goodwill, and inspire the necessary resources to maintain and extend the Kingdom.

A. EVERIL ORR, Superintendent.
F. M. SOUSTER, Circuit Steward.
WALTER WOOD, Circuit Steward.
R. T. GARLICK, Hon. Sec. Board of Trustees.
E. A. ASTLEY, Hon. Treas. Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That appreciation be expressed of the services of Rev. A. E. Orr and the staff of the Mission.

3. Board of Management for 1957:

Superintendent Central Mission (Chairman), General Superintendent of Home Missions, Chairman of the District, Revs E. W. Hames, M.A., L. R. M. Gilmore, B.A., Dr H. Ranston, L. B. Neale, B.A., M.B.E., A. J. Seamer, C. M. G. Wesley Parker, M.A., B.D., and the Ministers of the Takapuna, Mt. Albert and Remuera Churches, Mesdames I. Spurge, I. Sweetapple, Mrs J. Tyler, Mrs E. Mills and Miss E. Booth, Sir William Jordan and Messrs A. E. Hayman, A. E. Cashmore, J. Trenwith, L. J. Moor, F. Penn, E. A. Astley, R. T. Garlick, L.L.B., C. K. Wigglesworth, J. S. Caughey, W. Woodward, A. H. Winstone, R. Simpson and N. Mee, together with the Circuit officials and Trustees of the Mission properties.

C—Christchurch Methodist Central Mission

ANNUAL REPORT, 1956

The Christchurch Central Mission has now been functioning under the auspices of the Methodist Church for the past six years.

With grateful thanks to Almighty God we record in this annual report the ever widening spheres of service in which we are engaged.

Hospice for the Aged Sick:

Toward the end of June this year the construction of a Hospice for the aged sick was commenced. £28,467 was the lowest tender and the contract was let to Messrs Husband Bros., who submitted this tender. The Hospice is being built as a wing to Wesley Lodge Eventide Home, and will be established as a registered hospital. It is expected that the building will be completed by June 30th, 1957. Sir Ernest Andrews will lay the foundation stone.

The total cost of this project is estimated to be £35,000. The Government has approved a subsidy of £20,250. A further £5000 is required to open the Hospice free of debt. A grant of £2000 has been approved by the Aged People's Welfare Council from funds raised by Rotary for the Aged. £1800 was also received from Kerridge-Odeon Theatres Ltd., from proceeds of the Royal Cinema Performance.

EVENTIDE HOMES

Wesley Lodge:

Accommodation is always fully taxed at Wesley Lodge Eventide Home, where thirty-one men and women are accommodated. This year we have had more applications for admission than in previous years. To the Matron (Miss E. Borrowes) and Sister L. White (Sub Matron) and staff, we express appreciation for the fine spirit in which the work has been

undertaken. We recognize that the care of the aged is one of the most difficult duties of those who serve the church in her Social Service enterprises.

To Dr S. C. Peddie (Hon Physician), Lady Andrews and Mrs S. W. Ayers (Admissions Committee), the Avon Group of Toc H, and Mrs F. M. Mantell for voluntary work in the Home, the Board expresses its grateful thanks. £106/15/- was received from the McKenzie Trust Fund to assist with running expenses at Wesley Lodge.

Wesley House, Picton:

This home is ably managed by a local Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Rev H. E. Harkness. The burden of administrative work is efficiently carried by the Hon Secretary-Treasurer, Mr A. E. Greig, to whom the Board is indebted.

The Matron (Miss C. F. Hight) and Miss M. Potter are serving the church admirably. Together with a little part time assistance, they care for thirteen old folk in the Home.

Accommodation and Service for the Aged:

We are very concerned over the plight of many of the old folk who apply for admission to our Eventide Homes, but whom we cannot admit because the Homes are full. In some cases we are able to send voluntary Home Helps to assist them. In a few instances we are able to secure private board. If we knew of more private homes willing to take old people, even on a temporary basis, until their admission into a Home for the Aged could be arranged, it would be a great blessing to the old folk concerned.

Hot Meals' Service:

We have now transferred this service to the Mission Headquarters, 209 Cambridge Terrace, where alterations have been carried out to provide modern kitchen facilities and a dining room.

Hot dinners are provided three days per week for old folk with inadequate cooking facilities. The service is entirely staffed by voluntary workers, with Miss O. G. Searle as convener. The Board recognises its indebtedness to the cooks and all voluntary workers who cheerfully serve in this capacity. Approximately sixty hot dinners are served weekly.

Goodwill Department:

During the year 2500 families receiving small incomes have been assisted by this department. In cases of distress, clothing, furniture, etc., is provided free of cost. However, in the vast majority of cases, the goods are made available at a nominal cost. 6400 garments have been distributed. This department is staffed by the following voluntary workers: Mrs W. E. Falkingham (Convener), Mesdames H. G. Stewart, J. Poultney, G. Lucas, L. Flesher, E. Dann, D. Baird, M. Wyatt, C. H. Ward and the Misses E. Hulbert and E. A. Searle.

We now rent the premises used for this department and it seems likely that in the not too distant future other premises will have to be acquired, as the property has been sold for building purposes.

Social Service Work:

The varying needs of men and women constitute a challenge and opportunity of Christian service. Prison visitation, relief of distress, accommodation, seeking help in the homes for the sick and aged frail, court work, personal counselling, are but a few of the calls on the time and service of the staff. The Superintendent serves as Methodist Chaplain to Paparua Prison and represents the church on the Aged People's Welfare Executive.

Rehua Maori Hostel:

Eighteen boys are in residence, under the leadership of the Master and Matron, Mr and Mrs H. Rennie.

Employers have reported most favourably on the work of the boys. Most of them are now in their third year of apprenticeship. During the year we lost the services of Miss Hazel McCone (Assistant Matron). Her outstanding work and influence was appreciated by the residents and the Board. It is gratifying to see the regular attendance of all Hostel residents at the monthly church parade. Family prayers are an established feature of the Hostel.

We desire to purchase or build a hostel to accommodate at least fifty boys, and preliminary discussions with the Maori Affairs Department have indicated the willingness of the Government to grant a subsidy of at least 50% for a new hostel. Sixty-five Maori apprentices could be employed by Christchurch firms at the present time, if accommodation were available. During the year Maori concerts have been staged and £358 raised for Hostel funds. We gratefully acknowledge grants as follows: Home Mission Department £100, McKenzie Trust £100, Maori Affairs Department £100.

University Hostel:

In consultation with the Synod Standing Committee, the question of the establishment of a University Hostel has been considered. At the present time various alternatives are being investigated.

Amalgamation Proposals:

The working arrangement with the Cambridge Terrace Church has been mutually satisfactory. Conference approved of this arrangement for a period of two years, ending June 30th, 1957.

The Co-ordinating Committee constituted with equal representation from the Mission and Cambridge Terrace Circuit has recommended to the Board of Management and the Cambridge Terrace Quarterly Meeting that the present arrangement be continued for a further year, during which a definite basis of amalgamation be finalized.

We record appreciation of the spirit of co-operation engendered by the Rev H. G. Brown, the officials and members of the Cambridge Terrace Church.

Staff:

The Mission employs twenty full time workers in its various institutions and departments. All serve in the spirit of Christian service. This year two new appointments have been made. Mr S. W. Ayers is fulfilling the duties of public relations officer and Mrs P. Millar, a trained nurse, has been appointed a Social Service worker. Miss O. G. Searle is serving as a sister to the people in a part time capacity. We were sorry to lose the services of Mr M. D. Stewart, who served as Stores Manager for the last three years.

Mr W. K. G. Lill, our Field Officer, has represented the work throughout the Social Service area and has received contributions amounting to £31.57/10/4, for Social Service work.

Miss M. E. Griffin ably serves in charge of the office and as Social Service Secretary.

Finance:

The total income for the year was £19,530 and the expenditure £18,439. It has not been possible to substantially reduce mortgages this year on account of the necessity to build up the fund for the erection of the Hospice.

The members of the North Canterbury Methodist Guilds staffed the stalls at our annual Community Fair, and we are grateful for their support. The sum of £300 was raised.

It is gratifying to know that every department is operating on the most economic basis possible.

The following legacies have been received: Estate late Mrs E. Allington £100, Estate late Rosina Chamberlain £250.

Thanks:

The work represented in this report would not be possible without the loyalty and co-operation of the Mission officials and members, the Mission Women's Guild, the generous support of the public, and the co-operation of the Government. We acknowledge the value of the publicity given to our work by the press and radio.

We look to the future, confident that as we seek to do the will of God, our enterprises will receive His blessing.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

W. E. FALKINGHAM, Superintendent.

H. G. STEWART, Secretary.

S. W. AYERS, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Rev. A. M. Costain be appointed Chaplain to Wesley House, Picton.
3. That the working arrangement between Cambridge Terrace Circuit and Christchurch Central Mission be continued for a further year, and that proposals for uniting the two causes be presented to Synod and Conference, 1957.
4. That Conference express appreciation of the work of the Rev. W. E. Falkingham.
5. That the Board of Management for 1957 be: Revs. W. T. Blight, H. L. Fiebig, W. E. Falkingham, C. D. Clark, H. G. Brown, V. R. Jamieson, A. K. Petch, J. C. A. Williams, L. V. Willing, A. O. Harris, Lady Andrews, Mesdames S. W. Ayers, V. Grant, M. A. Jobberns, E. M. Osborne, J. R. Richards, H. G. Stewart, B. Sandes, M. Hooper, and Miss O. G. Searle, Sir Ernest Andrews, Messrs S. W. Ayers, H. G. Stewart, M. D. Stewart, F. H. Christian, A. B. Allen, J. E. Colechin, A. A. Dingwall, W. T. Lill, R. E. James, P. A. Le Brun, J. Lang, C. T. R. McLean, G. S. Salter, H. H. Eastmond, W. Strange, G. E. T. Dorman, N. G. Hillary, Dr S. C. Peddie, Dr N. Greenslade, Dr T. Hurrell, Mrs R. A. Marsh and Mr R. H. Smith.

D-Central Methodist Church and Mission-Dunedin

ANNUAL REPORT 1956

The following is the Sixty-sixth Report of Methodist Mission activities in Dunedin, and the Third Annual Report of the Central Methodist Church and Mission.

I. CHURCH DEPARTMENT

1. Church Life

The C.M.C.M. in its Church life has much for which to be thankful. Its central spiritual witness, expressed through the proclamation of the Word, and Church activities, as well as its social welfare work, offers abundant opportunities to present Christ to men and women. The C.M.C.M. situated as it is in the heart of the city, and with such notable traditions, occupies a strategic place in Dunedin's religious life. Opportunities for the exercise of a full-orbed Christian evangelism are stupendous, but continually developmental work is being hindered, not necessarily by lack of finance, as is so often the case, but by inadequate staff. Given skilled and efficient workers, consecrated to their Christian task, a mighty work for Christ and His Kingdom could be accomplished. Our potential, particularly among our Youth, is tremendous, while there is a large and growing field among increasingly interested adult personnel for the practise of a live and sanctified Christian ministry.

The local situation here, however, gives added significance to the words of Jesus, "The harvest truly is plentiful but the labourers are few."

Only by a new and revitalised Christian experience can the Larger Day for Christ's Kingdom dawn.

2. Church Staff

We wish to draw the attention of the Church to the desperate Church staffing situation existing at the C.M.C.M. Since the present administration began in February 1952, there have been added to its responsibilities Wesley Manor, the Home for elderly men and aged married couples, the Dunedin Citizens' Day Nursery, the Goodwill Store, a Youth Hostel scheme, new extension work at Waverley and in addition another Church and congregation resulting from the amalgamation of the Methodist Central Mission with Trinity Church. And yet the Church staffing position is actually less than that which operated prior to the commencement of the administration. The situation is one calling for the attention of the whole Connexion, as the work and witness of the Methodist Church of New Zealand are involved. A central Cause, such as that of the C.M.C.M., with its ramifications and wide opportunities of service, demands, in view of the specialised nature of its task, a Christian strategy of the utmost wisdom and statesmanship. The officials therefore bring before the Church the present serious position with a view to some constructive action at the forthcoming Conference.

3. Church Appeal

Recently, after the most careful deliberations, it was decided to request the Wells Organisations Ltd. to organise a Fund-Raising Canvass for £30,000 over a three-year period among members and adherents, and specifically for Church purposes. The officials were impressed with the necessity of instituting a more efficient budget system, and a better standard of giving by their people towards local and Connexional objectives. The Contract has been signed, and it is hoped that as the Canvass proceeds, the experience of the C.M.C.M. will be similar to many other Churches who report a quickening in their spiritual life, as a result of such Canvass.

4. Church Extension

Discussions between the C.M.C.M. and the St Kilda Circuit have resulted in a Methodist Cause being established at Waverley. A small Sunday School, as well as a splendid monthly Women's Meeting, have been commenced. Plans by the C.M.C.M. for a new building, and also wider development of the work, are envisaged when staffing and other considerations permit.

II. SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

1. Care of the Aged

(a) *The Methodist Eventide Home and Hospital for Aged Women* at Company Bay continues its Christian ministry, though the work some months ago was seriously handicapped by staffing problems. The position is much more satisfactory now, and the institution is a credit to the Matron and her staff.

(b) *Wesley Manor*, Anderson's Bay. The accommodation in this Home for Elderly Men and Married Couples is being taxed severely, and we can barely meet the demand. The policy of the Board is that admissions should be so restricted as to maintain a home atmosphere. Building additions are not at present contemplated.

(c) *Occupational Therapist*. Negotiations are at present under way toward the employment of a registered occupational therapist for the geriatric institutions of the C.M.C.M., and all being well the appointment of a young lady with a sense of Christian vocation will be made within the course of the next two months.

2. Dunedin Citizens' Day Nursery and Playground

The Nursery, largely regarded as a Civic amenity, is becoming increasingly popular and is a medium of valuable service. The organizing committee is to be congratulated upon the management and quality of its

staff, the head of which is Miss G. Harding, whose zeal and ability are recognised.

3. Farm at Eventide Settlement, Company Bay

Latest financial returns from the farm reveal it to be an economic unit of considerable value to our institutions. The convener of the Farm Committee, Mr G. Hughes of our Mosgiel Church and a farmer himself, is to be congratulated on his constant supervision and enthusiasm.

4. Goodwill Store

Once again the report of the Goodwill Store reveals the value of such an agency in our social welfare work. Miss C. Uren and her faithful team of voluntary workers deserve special mention for their unremitting labours.

5. Recreations Room and Hobbies Centre

As a preliminary to the development of a Community Centre especially for youth, a clubroom for games and recreation has been opened and is proving popular. There are also splendid facilities in the building for woodwork, photography, etc., which provide welcome opportunity for the creative activities of young and old.

6. Handicapped Adolescents

Mentally handicapped young people under approved leadership enjoy the facilities of the C.M.C.M. at least twice weekly. Spiritually the work is most rewarding.

7. Radio Church of the Helping Hand

The C.M.C.M. still enjoys the facilities provided by Station 4XD, Dunedin, and exercises through its Session of the Radio Church of the Helping Hand each Sunday at 9.30 a.m. a ministry of Christian witness and service. Radio Church members continue to contribute toward the care of the aged and are most generous to the work in other ways, especially at the Christmas season.

III. GENERAL

1. Staffing

The Rev F. S. Rigg, in spite of university and probationary studies, has acquitted himself in his second year of ministry with commendable faithfulness. In his work he has been ably assisted by Mrs Rigg.

Sister Joyce Foster, in her probationary year, has made an excellent start and has brought a contagious enthusiasm and enterprise to her work.

The staff in the administration offices have worked well during the year and with their sense of vocation witness to the worth of a consecrated laity engaged in the sphere of Christian service.

The Management Board for some time has been desirous of securing a man of Christian character and suitable business ability to give some relief to the General Superintendent, who has been compelled to devote much of his energy to details involved in social service administration. In common with other important business organisations it has been difficult to find a person with the requisite qualifications, but enquiries are being continued.

Staffing in our Homes for the Aged has been less difficult, particularly during the last six months. Attention is being given to the provision of certain amenities for workers. The administration also is at present in correspondence with registered nurses overseas, with a view to securing their services for its geriatric division.

Finally, in this connection it may be said that the general staffing position in all the institutions of the C.M.C.M. gives cause for some degree of gratification. One of the aims of our officials is to secure efficient Christian workers with a sense of consecrated service. The desirability of employing, where possible, specialised personnel is also being recognised.

2. Finance

The finances of the C.M.C.M. continue to be satisfactory, but it is necessary to build up sufficient reserve to meet contingent liabilities and

anticipated costs of repairs and maintenance, as well as providing some assistance toward the re-building scheme when it is commenced.

3. Re-building Scheme

The buildings on its Octagon site are in such a state of disrepair that the C.M.C.M. must face the necessity of re-building as soon as possible. Certain expenditure on repairs has been found necessary in order to make the premises habitable, but nevertheless it is an unwise and uneconomic policy to continue as at present. It is hoped to give serious thought during the coming year to the question of what type of building should be erected and what community welfare and business facilities should be incorporated.

4. Proposed Home for Aged at Timaru

The option which the C.M.C.M. took on a Timaru property, regarded as eminently suitable for a Home for the Aged, had to be surrendered owing to a local desire for such work to be conducted, if possible, on a basis of co-operation between our Church and the Church of England. Conversations are still continuing and a zealous committee representative of the two denominations is seeking through their respective legal advisers a suitable basis for possible co-operative action.

5. Youth Hostel

A recent meeting of the Area Committee of the M.S.S.A. decided, in accordance with the recommendations of the last two Annual Meetings of the M.S.S.A., to bring the present Hostel scheme in Dunedin under the jurisdiction of the C.M.C.M., with a view to proceeding immediately with plans already envisaged by the latter for a suitable students' hostel in Dunedin. Negotiations are now proceeding toward the purchase of an additional property adjacent to the present site and the position is being carefully watched.

IV. CONCLUSION

The C.M.C.M. expresses its gratitude to God for Divine Grace, and blessings received during the year. To all officials, staff members, medical advisers, auditors, donors, and other loyal and devoted workers and friends who have laboured selflessly, the best thanks of the Church are due. The C.M.C.M., with renewed sense of dedication, would face the future conscious of illimitable opportunities, and of that Inspiration in Christ that inexorably comes to all who profess His Lordship and seek the extension of His Kingdom.

RAYMOND DUDLEY, General Superintendent.

S. LAWN, Secretary.

A. VIVIAN, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its appreciation of the work being done at the Central Methodist Church and Mission, Dunedin, under the Leadership of Rev. Dr. R. Dudley.

E—The Christian Community Centre, Ponsonby

REPORT FOR 1956

St John's:

St John's has been rightly named a COMMUNITY CHURCH; the Congregation is by far the largest since the beginning of the present ministry. There is practically a complete new congregation and the work in all departments shows spiritual promise. During the last six months many people of all ages have professed conversion and have joined, or are preparing to join the Church. Remarkable stories could be told of homes and people transformed through counselling and the challenge of the

fine atmosphere in the Church. There is a debt of £2500 on the £6300 renovation work on the Church and more repairs are to be carried out on the Hall, the original church. Next year will be the 80th Anniversary of the Church at St John's.

Radio:

The minister who is known as "Friend Harris" has conducted a Broadcast on the "Friendly Road Sessions" for nearly nine years and numerous reports continue to come in, giving evidence of the permanent spiritual results those broadcasts have made in the lives of people in every walk of life. Many have sought an interview for help on personal and domestic problems; some coming long distances to receive counsel and prayerful help.

YOUTH WORK

Sunday Schools:

Sunday Schools are large in attendance, all scholars assembling in the Morning Service for the first part of worship. A teacher has left New Zealand to take up a position in a hospital in Pakistan.

Clubs:

Clubs are varied in nature but are healthy and the good work goes on, among new New Zealanders as well as local residents in a congested populous district.

Overseas Club:

Two young men who came to St John's from Samoa have been accepted into Wesley College for further training with the hope of becoming ministers. A Samoan young lady, one of the original members of the Club, also has accepted a missionary post in Hawaii to work among Samoan women and girls there. A fine work goes on in the Church and Clubs among the Island friends.

Old People:

Apart from the usual gathering of old people who meet for entertainment and tea each month, the Centre has arranged for sick and distressed people, regardless of any or no denomination, to be visited. This important work has grown immensely. We are indebted to Mrs I. Crawley who regularly contacts these aged and lonely people to give nursing and Christian help. Her personality and administrative gifts are an asset where there are grave financial problems. A friend generously assists by using her car. Comforts have been distributed, i.e., wood, coal, parcels of groceries. The happy smile and appreciation of the old people is a reward.

The Christian Pageant:

The 1955 Pageant was most successful. 12,000 were present in the Domain. His Worship the Mayor and Councillors assisted where possible. It is planned to introduce still more new scenes in the presentation. This public gathering and performance has no doubt come to stay. The Christmas Day Carol Service organised by the same Committee was a most friendly and fruitful time. The City Council has asked that it be held again this year. Valuable and comprehensive equipment has been built up for this festival.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITY HOSTEL AND HORTICULTURAL FARM

The income from the farm has increased by means of large sales from produce, fruit and vegetables. Mr E. Short, who has had experience in England and India, has been appointed as Horticulturist. He embraces the opportunity to share in the whole scheme. Our assets are £30,000 and a loan and overdraft stand at £4400.

Hostel:

The anticipated number of applicants did not eventuate but reports have come from some parents and guardians stating that young men who were resident in the Hostel have settled down in their new life with no recurrence of earlier fears and troubles. The Board offers this well-

equipped home to young men who have been thrown into a wrong environment. Here is practical evangelism of a most exacting nature.

Early in the New Year serious difficulty was experienced in maintaining suitable staff in the Hostel. The Board decided that the Chairman should approach the Minister of Justice and have a frank discussion with him concerning the future of the Hostel and the possibility of boys being directed to the Hostel instead of to other institutions. The Hostel was temporarily closed for a short period while these discussions were taking place.

The Justice Department has stated its keen willingness to co-operate in the new approach and use the Hostel for the purpose for which it was built.

Mrs A. M. Weir, B.A., a chartered accountant, and local preacher, has been appointed as assistant for 1956 but there is an urgent need for ministerial help. Rev E. E. Sage superintended the work during the minister's absence overseas for five months.

HARRIS WHITFIELD, Superintendent.

R. J. MATHESON

G. E. MATHESON

Circuit Stewards.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That Conference receive a statement presented by the Rev. H. Whitfield re Youth Opportunity Hostel and that it be referred to the Auckland Synod Standing Committee.

F—Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust, Incorporated

REPORT FOR 1956

"Wesleyhaven" Homes Settlement:

Twenty aged persons have been in residence throughout the year. Sister Jane Bond resigned in April in order to resume her nursing training. Sister M. L. Grant (R.N.) is now Matron in charge. The large and ever-growing list of applicants for residence, along with the fact that the existing establishment of twenty persons is not an economic unit, has moved the Trust to press on with preparations to build a second block of Serviced Flats and a small private hospital.

Providing promised donations are received on due dates, the capital development account should show a credit of Nine thousand pounds (£9000), which with the State subsidy available would justify the letting of contracts for the further development in the early summer. The Trust has made careful review of its policy and workings, and has reaffirmed its intention of moving steadily toward the completion of the originally planned all-coverage of needs of age Settlement. There has been satisfactory progress in negotiations with another Religious Body interested in establishing at "Wesleyhaven" a sizeable unit for their own members. It is likely that this matter will be finalised by the time the hospital block is to be built.

A Womens' District Auxiliary has been formed and is maintaining a personal interest in residents and is assisting staff and Trust.

Hostels:

"Church House", Taranaki Street, has been made more comfortable for the 12 young men who live there on a community basis.

"Wesley House", Willis Street, has become the home of 16 Samoan young men, who maintain the establishment on a similar basis to "Church

House". This band of Samoans recently inaugurated quarterly services of worship in the Samoan language at Wesley Church. Some 60 Islanders attended and plans were made "to win the Samoans in Wellington for Jesus and the Church".

An "Epworth House" for young women is contemplated, and endeavours are being made to acquire suitable property.

Our experience suggests that providing dedicated youth leadership is available, this "Christian Community House" form of hostel enterprise is the most satisfactory for local Churches.

Administration:

Consideration is being given both by Circuit and Trust to the form of future administration. Should Social Service enterprise be administered by a Social Service Area Committee of Management, or a Synodal District Board, or should it be brought more intimately within the ministries and administration of the local Circuit? The Trust is persuaded that the latter is most desirable, and is now conferring with the Wellington Central Quarterly Meeting with desire to make recommendations to this Conference. Recently some relief has been provided for Superintendent and executive laymen, by the appointment of a professional accountant and a secretary. The Trust is gratified that its direction will be in the hands of the Rev G. H. Goodman during the Rev W. H. Greenslade's sojourn overseas.

Conclusion:

The Trust would express its gratitude to God for the way it has been led into widening fields of service and of support. To the Rev W. H. Greenslade, of whose vision and enterprise we will always be reminded by "Wesleyhaven" in particular, and by Social Service development in Wellington generally, we pay a tribute of grateful appreciation of his leadership and service over the past ten years and record our thanks.

Supplementary Report

Following consultations between representatives of the Trust and Circuit it was unanimously agreed to request Conference to increase the basis of membership of the Trust and to make provision for a greater proportion of members of other Circuits to serve on the Trust.

This slightly enlarged and changed basis of membership will enable the Trust to secure the services of willing and capable members from other Circuits and widen the area of interest and support for this important work, both in its present form and in future developments.

At the same time it is intended to co-ordinate the work of the Circuit and Trust in terms of the authority already granted by Conference in 1949. These proposals have been endorsed by the Wellington Central Circuit, the Social Services Trust and the Wellington Synod.

GEO. H. GOODMAN, Acting Chairman

T. M. STEPHENS, Secretary

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports be received and adopted.
2. That the Constitution of the Wesley (Wellington) Social Services Trust be amended to provide for not more than twenty-two (22) members of whom not more than seven (7) may be other than members of the Wesley (Wellington Central) Church. (N.B. The present basis of membership is twenty (20) and three (3) respectively.)
3. That Conference place on record its appreciation of the work of the Rev. W. H. Greenslade to whose vision and initiative we owe the establishment of Wesleyhaven and Wesley House.

QUESTION LIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to (a) The Order of Deaconesses? (b) The Training of Deaconesses?

Methodist Deaconess Board

REPORT FOR 1956

The Deaconess Board has met on eight occasions during the year with an average attendance of twelve members.

We have two students in training, and one will be available for an appointment at this Conference. Their work is of a high standard and they have applied themselves to their theoretical and practical training with credit.

The House under the guidance of Mrs G. E. Gauntlett is continuing its work in good heart. The hostel provides a good home for girls during their Training College and University career. For most of the year we have been short-staffed on the domestic side, and this has given the Board some concern.

There is still a growing interest in the maintenance of the House by Ladies' Guilds and other interested friends. The original portion of the House is now very old and requires constant attention. The question of the future of the present property is now under review by the Board.

The Golden Jubilee of the establishment of the Order will take place during the first week of the May School Holidays in 1957, at Deaconess House, in Christchurch. We are planning the publication of a suitable brochure for the occasion.

We would pay tribute to the high sense of vocation and the devotion to duty by all our Deaconesses on the field. They serve in many capacities. A number have rendered splendid service in a supply capacity in Circuits, and three who are in this work will not be available for a similar appointment at this Conference. As a Board, we have always looked upon this supply work as a temporary measure.

Conference Resolution 1953, 1954, 1955:

The Board has given long consideration to the issues involved in the Resolutions of recent Conferences on the training and preparation of women for this work. The following statement is therefore included in this report.

The Nature and Function of the Deaconess Order, and the Training of Deaconesses:

From its earliest years the Church has availed itself of the services of women.

It is equally clear that throughout that long period no attempt was made to equate the particular service of men and women. Until very recent years a woman could not become a "Priest or a Presbyter," the service rendered by them being that of general ministration, particularly of a social kind.

With a changing emphasis in society in regard to the place of women therein, there is a movement towards admitting women to the "Ministry of the Word and Sacraments," which ministry for centuries was reserved for men to fulfil.

Conclusions reached by the Committee in its study of this subject are that while there is this tendency referred to in the preceding paragraph, modern life and conditions do not make it necessary that women be preachers or Ministers of the Word and Sacraments. The Committee wish to highlight, however, the particular contribution that women have made, and can make, in the sphere of personal work and visitation, the importance of which, we, as a Church, are in grave danger of overlooking.

The Committee emphasises its conviction that there is a vocation within this sphere for qualified and devoted women. It points out that there is no clamant call on the part of our Church for women preachers, but there is a desire for Deaconesses.

The ministry which they are asked to fulfil is different in nature from that which ordained Ministers are called to exercise. The preparation must therefore be different also. While the training must have a Theological and Biblical basis, it should not aim to be primarily academic. Further, the fields of service open to Deaconesses in our Church are various, which indicates that to a core curriculum there should be added certain specialized studies. Our Deaconesses can enter the following spheres of service—Maori Work, City Missions, Social Service Institutions, Circuit Work or Overseas Missions.

The core curriculum at present consists of Theology, Bible Knowledge, Pastoral Theology, Church History, Homiletics, English and Psychology.

It is in the realm of additional specialized subjects that the Board feels that development is called for, not in respect to the basic theological training referred to above.

It has been stated in certain discussions that the standard required is not high enough both in respect to the entrance examination and of the training course, and also that certain limits are imposed because the lecturers are not specialists but circuit ministers.

It is pointed out that the training needs to be practical rather than academic. The ministers who are asked to do this work are always sufficiently qualified to carry through a general theological training to as high a standard as is necessary. What that standard will be must be determined largely by the qualifications of the candidates who offer and also by the nature of the work they will be expected to do.

Specialised training should be along three lines:

(a) For Maori Mission Work.

(b) For Circuit or other specialised work, where certain selected trainees could do a special one year course at Trinity College, when considered desirable.

(c) For Institutional work—such as Children's Homes and Eventide Homes, to be attached to such an institution for a given period.

Stationing of Deaconesses:

The procedure at the present time is in accord with the Law Book, page 123, paragraph 31, which means that the list of appointments is made by the Board after consultation with the Departments and Circuits concerned, and is presented to the Conference after the Stationing sheet for Ministers and Probationers is completed. We believe there is no good reason to depart from this procedure. We would agree, however, that there is virtue in the suggestion that the list of appointments be made known to the Stationing Committee *for information purposes only*. From time to time there are Deaconesses who are able to serve the Church in a "supply" capacity, for either a Ministerial or Home Missionary appointment.

The question of stationing and control is under consideration by the Law Revision Committee.

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.

J. C. A. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That appreciation be expressed of the work of the Lady Superintendent and the Staff and Lecturers of Deaconess House.

3. Believing that the call to service frequently comes to young women earlier than 21 we recommend that candidates be received for Deaconess training as from 18 years of age and that this be referred to the Deaconess Board for consideration.

4. That the Board for 1957 be as printed on page 10 herein.

QUESTION LIV.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Children's Homes?

A—Auckland Children's Home and Orphanage

REPORT FOR 1956

With the passing of another year, the time has come for the Board to review the work for the children committed to the care of our Church. Throughout the year we have been deeply conscious of God's guiding hand and His continued goodness to us in all our undertakings.

Obituary:

Another of our valued Life members has been called "Home". Mr and Mrs W. H. Faulkner have been wonderful friends to Staff and children and to the last Mr Faulkner kept a keen interest in the work and rejoiced with us in the erection of the new Home. In his passing we have lost a valued supporter.

New Home:

For over a year we had anxiously looked forward to occupying the new building. In October, 1955 the family moved in. Transferring sixty children and Staff with all their belongings, was a difficult task. In addition there were cows, poultry and pets to move to their new quarters. Our grateful thanks go especially to the staff who packed all the goods and clothing and to those friends who supplied trucks and cars and helped in the move. The Ladies' Committee had performed the tremendous task of furnishing, purchasing and making the curtains and counterpanes.

The Official opening took place Saturday, 29th October. A Monster Fair, organised by the ladies, was held in conjunction with the Opening and it was estimated that over 200 people were present. Several members of Parliament honoured us with their presence and Dame Hilda Ross opened "Wesleydale", "To the Glory of God and for the welfare of children."

The Family:

The Home has a full complement. There are twenty one girls and forty one boys, making a total of sixty two. Six are of pre-school age. At the end of the school year our senior boy moved to the Trinity College Hostel where he could attend the University and study to become a secondary school teacher. The present senior boy is preparing for his University Entrance examination and has hopes of studying medicine. Eleven children attend High School and the majority are making good progress despite the change of schools. After seven and a half years of service Miss Archer tendered her resignation. In May 1948 she took the position of Matron at our "Epsom" Home and later became the "Mother" to the girls and small boys in our new Home. Her resignation was accepted with regret and we are grateful for the years of faithful service she rendered to the children who loved her. The efficient running of the Home and the happiness and health of the children depend on the staff. Mrs Butterworth, who has supervision of "Wesleydale" has given many years of devoted service for the children. The other members of the staff, ten women and one man are giving splendid service. Miss G. Robinson mothers the girls and small boys as well as having care of their clothing. Miss J. Southern is "Mother" to the boys eight years and over and also cares for their clothing. These "mothers" live in the children's quarters and have a most responsible position. We attribute the excellent spirit and happiness of the children to the co-operation of the staff.

The health of the children has been good and we are grateful in this connection for the service rendered by Drs D. R. Barker and P. C. Calvert.

Holiday Homes:

At Christmas time it is our aim to give every child a holiday. This has served the dual purpose of giving our children a holiday in a private home and of relieving the staff. The children have discovered "Aunts" and "Uncles" and as the time draws near they anxiously await the invitation they are quite sure will be for them. Our thanks go to those who open their homes to these children.

Collector:

The job of contacting business houses and others, soliciting their interest and support, has been ably carried on by Miss I. Taylor. A keen Methodist and a lover of children she carries on despite the competition met. During the year she has collected over £145 in goods and cash.

Committee Work:

The Trustees who control all our property have given serious consideration to the best use of the two properties once occupied by the old Homes. The buildings have been demolished by tender. The seventeen sections at Epsom have been leased under Glasgow lease. The Mt Albert property will be cut up and similarly leased when finance is available. The Trustees at present have this under consideration and a considerable sum has to be borrowed. It will be at least ten years before the Board receives any income from this source.

The Ladies' Committee:

The President, Mrs C. J. Burton, after eight years as President is resigning this position at the end of this year. Miss Wagstaff, who has been Secretary since 1937 still gives faithful service. The Board is greatly indebted to the ladies of this Committee who not only provide money and clothing but keep the need of the Home before the Ladies' Guilds. The House Committee, chaired by Mrs C. K. Wigglesworth, keeps in monthly contact with the Matron, helping her in supplying and replenishing equipment. The quiet service rendered by the groups who patch and mend is gratefully acknowledged.

The Selection Committee:

The Selection Committee has the important work of receiving all applications for admittance. During the year fourteen children have been admitted and nine have left the Home. It is impossible to accept all children applied for but every effort is made to receive the most needy cases.

The United Orphanage Council:

We again record our indebtedness to this Council, who by their enthusiasm and interest have kept this work before the public. The Board thanks all those who helped in the Street Day Appeal and we are grateful to Mr Wigglesworth who represents us on this Council.

We realise that our task would be impossible but for the generous support of our people. We thank those who have given produce and clothing and especially do we acknowledge the gift of Harvest Festival produce from the churches.

So many people have given of their time and labour that it is impossible to record them here. Some were acknowledged last year but we take this opportunity of thanking others. We express our gratitude to Mr and Mrs A. L. Caughey for their generosity in furnishing so beautifully the combined Assembly and Dining room.

The Mt Roskill Rotary Club for the complete set of tools for the boys and the provision of equipment for the girl's playing area. Also the gift of two floor polishers. To Mr and Mrs B. R. Burton for the gift of a drinking fountain and swings.

To Mr and Mrs W. H. Faulkner for furnishing the Matron's room

also to Mr K. Orams and Mr J. G. Rennie who have given oversight to the grounds and buildings.

To our Architect, Mr A. C. Marshall, who gave his wholehearted interest to the Plans and watched expense and as well gave gifts in equipment and donations.

We desire to pay tribute to the work and interest of the Chairman, Rev Allon Carr, and to Mr Russel Garlick, Chairman and members of the Building Committee. To Mr P. Dellow, Lay-Treasurer, who has guided the Board and kept it fully aware of our financial position. To Mrs R. G. Hemings, the Minute Secretary, who has recorded the business of the Board meetings.

This Report is written before the close of our year so that it is impossible to give our financial position. We are facing a difficult period as we have realised on all our investments and shares with the exception of one small parcel of shares, and our endowment legacies which amount to £3200. The interest from these, plus the Maintenance paid by the parents and the Family Benefit comprise our only certain Income. After this next year the Board will feel the benefit of the leasing of the Epsom property.

We commend this work to our people and ask that they do their utmost to help feed and clothe these young people committed to our care. It costs the Board over £2/15/- per week per child and we invite our membership to join with us in giving these children their opportunity in life.

RUSSEL T. GARLICK, Deputy-Chairman.

IVY H. JONES, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That Conference record its appreciation of the services of the Rev. W. E. Allon Carr as Chairman of the Auckland Orphanage Board during the last five years and for his guidance in the completion of the new Home at Mt Roskill.
3. That Conference express its appreciation of the work of those in charge of the Home.
4. That the Board of Management for 1957 be as printed on page 11 herein.

B—Masterton Methodist Children's Home

REPORT FOR 1956

During the year four children were admitted to the Home and one child left to live with relatives. There are now 26 children in our care including one girl who has commenced work in the P. & T. Department as a typist, but who is still living in the Home. There are also five children of staff members.

Mr and Mrs N. W. Lloyd were appointed as Manager and Matron in August 1955 and soon fitted in to their new sphere of work. However, after some months it became necessary for Mr Lloyd to give up outdoor work for health reasons and he has taken other employment, carrying on duties in the Home part time. There have been several changes in staffing but we are fortunate to have the continuing services of Miss Fell and Mrs McMurtrie. Miss Rita Stuart has recently joined the full time staff and other part-time assistance has been engaged in the house and in the grounds. The Committee is most thankful for the good work done by the staff and for the love and care they have shown to the children.

Mrs A. K. Hodder resigned from the Committee during the year but retains her interest in the Home and assists when opportunity offers. We

lost the services of Mr T. F. Mannell through his removal from the district and wish him well at Palmerston North. Dr O. F. Prior has been granted leave of absence from the Committee while furthering his studies in England and we are pleased to learn of his success thus far.

The maintenance of the Home has received close attention. The work done included floor covering for the boys' balcony, furnishing for an additional staff sitting room, heaters for staff rooms, auxiliary hot water service for the laundry, improvements to kitchen and store room and a new sealed unit for the refrigerator. Extensive fencing repairs were necessary to keep our paddocks stock proof. The question of replacing the old playshed is now being considered and it is hoped that a suitable scheme for carrying out this work will be adopted in the near future.

It has been necessary to make some new arrangement for local transport of children. In the past this has been provided by previous Managers' own cars for which they received an allowance. The Committee purchased an old model car to experiment with the changed situation without involving a heavy capital outlay. The needs of the Home have been met satisfactorily but, as may be expected, the vehicle is rather costly to run.

The Masterton Police Charity Day benefited the Home to the extent of £149/10/- this year. The funds will be utilised to provide additional recreational facilities including netting for the new court, the court itself having been provided from earlier assistance from the same source. The Police Committee has done a wonderful work for the children of the three Homes in Masterton.

The Management Committee was pleased to make the Home available for the Annual Deaconess Convocation held in the May School holidays. This was made possible through hospitality given to children in private homes enabling them all to be away from the Home during this period. There is a great opportunity here for our Church people, particularly those within reasonable travelling distance, to befriend the children. We find that it is of real benefit to the children to spend their holidays in the private homes of Christian people.

We thank all who have supported our work in many ways. In particular we would mention gifts of fruit, vegetables and preserves which have been a special feature this year. Large quantities of fruit donated gave our staff a very busy time and we are grateful to see the larder so well stocked with jams and preserves. We commend this avenue of practical assistance to Ladies' Groups within the Circuits.

The financial support from the Circuits was maintained at the same level as the previous year at £990, just short of our target of £1000. However, our costs rose quite considerably and we look forward to strong support for our next appeal to enable this work to be continued at a standard that is worthy of the Church. Maintenance fees payable by parents are kept under review and there has been an improvement in the income under this heading. However, in some cases little or nothing above the Family Benefit is available.

Notification of a legacy of £200 in the Estate of Miss S. E. Carver has been received with gratitude during the year. It is well for the Home that a fund has accumulated from similar bequests in past years as we are forced to lean heavily upon it from time to time.

We know that there is a worthwhile Christian work to be done for children in need who come under our care and we seek to express to them the love of the people of our Church.

HAROLD WOOD, Chairman.
J. F. CODY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

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

2. That the Manager, Matron, Staff and Committee be thanked for their work.

3. That the Board of Management for 1957 be as printed on page 11 herein.

C—South Island Children's Home

REPORT FOR 1956

In presenting the 42nd Annual Report of the work of our Home, we would acknowledge the guidance and blessing of God in our labours. The work of the Home has proceeded with its usual thoroughness throughout the year, thanks to the capable and devoted supervision of the Master, Matron and Staff.

The number at present in the Home is 53, made up by 31 boys and 22 girls. This is almost the same number as last year, there being 13 admissions and 12 discharges. It is interesting to note that the family now includes five Maori children. The health of all has been good, there being no serious illness or accident. Dr S. C. Peddie continues to act as Honorary Physician and Mr L. J. Dale, Chemist, renders us good service.

School Reports:

The Reports from the Schools this year have given us cause for thankfulness, both as far as the general behaviour of the children is concerned and also their success with their school work. Four of those attending High School were 1st in their classes, two boys and two girls. One boy was captain of the hockey team, in which he exercised a splendid influence. For the signs of developing character and a right attitude to life, we are grateful.

Athletics:

At the Annual Outing, arranged by the Canterbury Automobile Association for the various Children's Homes of the City, our children acquitted themselves well, winning 3 out of 4 of the silver cups and the Peter Harvey Memorial Shield for the highest aggregate points.

Hobbies:

A Stamp Club is conducted regularly by Mr and Mrs Young and some of the children have splendid collections. One boy is an enthusiastic collector of matchbox labels and has correspondents in many parts of the world. Games evenings continue on Saturdays, arranged by Uncle Ern Smith.

Film:

The Film, "Room for One More", continues to bring the work of the Home to the notice of congregations. It is a moving, true to life, story.

Staffing:

While the key positions have been unchanged for some years, staffing generally is very difficult. We urgently appeal to those whose 'hearts God has touched' with a sense of vocation for such work, to assist us.

Marriages:

Several former inmates of the Home have married during the year and Mr and Mrs Howells, also Sister Rona have been present to convey to the happy couples the greetings of the Board.

Apprenticeships:

A number of our young men have completed and some almost completed their apprenticeships in such trades as Carpentering, Fitting and Turning, Motor Mechanics, etc. In seven years not one has caused the slightest anxiety or wished to break his contract.

Frequently on Sundays, we welcome former members of the Home, fine strapping young fellows and attractive young ladies, who show evident pleasure in coming back to us.

Street-Day Appeal:

The Combined Orphanages Appeal this year realised approximately £1900.

The death of Mr W. C. Worner, of Southbridge, removes one who was a loyal member of the Board for many years and a generous donor towards the work of the Home. We record our appreciation of his service.

W. F. BLIGHT, Chairman.

A. O. HARRIS, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Master and Matron, Staff and Board be thanked for their work.
3. That the Board of Management for 1957 be as printed on page 11 herein.

QUESTION LV.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

A—Methodist Times Committee

REPORT FOR 1956

Finance:

The financial statement for the year ending 31st May, 1956 reveals an excess of income over expenditure of £207 19s 7d. That is gratifying in that for the two previous years we operated at a substantial loss as a result of which our reserve fund was completely used up. Without the grant however of £200 from the Fire Insurance Fund the position would still be precarious.

Income from subscriptions shows an increase of £662 6s. 8d. accounted for largely by the higher subscription rate of 12s 6d instead of 10s. Advertising income also shows an increase of £48 18s 10d. On the other hand costs for printing, distribution and general charges also show an increase of £364 9s 11d.

Circulation:

Our circulation figure now stands at 5150, an increase of new subscribers over deletions of 25 only for the current year. It represents an increase of 77% on the figure of 1936. In May 1955 each circuit agent was supplied with 10 copies of the first issue for free distribution—just over 2000 copies being thus distributed. How many new readers resulted directly from this approach it is not possible to state. The actual number of new readers enrolled for the year is 418 but on the other hand 393 names were deleted through death, lack of interest and other reasons.

Editorial:

The Committee records another year of valued service rendered by the Editor, the Rev W. T. Blight, B.A., B.D., the Associate Editor, the Rev C. P. Lucas, those who contribute regularly and those who assist as circuit agents.

From time to time, through Synods or directly, suggestions have been received in regard to material that might be included and procedure adopted. All helpful suggestions are gratefully received. It is not possible to implement many of them, while on the other hand, some such recommendations have been tried from time to time. For example it has been urged again this year that District news should be featured more, and the Circuit news columns reduced. The Editor has tried on many occasions to get Districts to appoint agents and to send regular contributions. With very rare exceptions it is just not done. Hence if news from within Districts is to be featured (as it ought to be) it has to be done through

the Circuit news columns. It has also been urged that more original contributions be encouraged from New Zealand sources. Here again it has to be said that the response to overtures in this connection has been most disappointing.

Future Policy:

The Committee has had some consultations with the Board of Publications concerning future policy. It had before it also the matter referred to the Boards concerned of possible action with respect to a joint publication with the papers of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches. After preliminary consideration it was decided that no further investigations were warranted until the vote on the principle of Church Union is taken in 1957.

E. H. ANDREWS, Chairman.

H. L. FIEBIG, Business Manager.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. That the Editor, Associate Editor, Contributors and Circuit Agents be cordially thanked for their valued services.
3. That the Board for 1957 be as printed on page 11 herein.

B—Board of Publications

ANNUAL REPORT 1955

A steady demand from Circuits for the various publications reveals the eagerness of the Church to extend the Kingdom through the printed word.

Crusade Publications:

At the request of the Spiritual Advance Committee, a Crusade Visitation leaflet entitled "The Hardest Thing in the World" was printed, but relatively few Circuits have used it extensively. Advent and Lenten Leaflets and the Prayer Calendar once more had a wide sale, though fewer copies of the latter were sold than last year. For 1957, we shall be including the International Bible Reading Association series of Bible Readings in the Prayer Calendar.

Also, at the request of the Spiritual Advance Committee, it was decided not to print a Crusade Poster this year, but to publish a series of four posters for use as Wayside Pulpits.

Other Material Issued:

Two "Wesleydale Booklets" in the Community Challenge Series have already appeared—"Pathway to Adventure" by Donald Soper, and "Reality in the Home" by Dorothy Thornley. "You and the Sects" by W. Selwyn Dawson is a very useful leaflet to arm our people against the infiltration of the sects.

Policy re "Methodist Times":

In consultation with the "Methodist Times" Committee, it was decided to delay investigation of moving the printing of the "Methodist Times" to Auckland until the proposal of amalgamation with the Presbyterian "Outlook" has been fully dealt with.

Audio-Visual Aids:

Experience has taught us that the publishing of printed material occupies all our time and energy, and it has been decided to drop the production of audio-visual aids for the present.

W. E. ALLON CARR, Chairman.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report and financial statement be received and adopted.

2. That the thanks of Conference be extended to all who have prepared manuscripts.

3. That the Board of Publications give consideration to a wider distribution in the Circuits of Christian Literature of the Tract Variety.

4. That Circuits be recommended to appoint agents to publicise the Board's Literature and to establish a Literature Fund.

5. That the Board of Publications be asked to give consideration to the possibility of publishing annually a series of posters for Wayside Pulpits.

6. That the Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore be thanked for his services as Convener of the Board of Publications.

7. That the Board for 1957 be as printed on page 12 herein.

QUESTION LVI.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Chaplaincy Matters?

Armed Services Chaplaincy Committee

REPORT FOR 1956

Navy:

We have no chaplain to the Navy and it appears that the most we can expect for some time is the appointment of Honorary Naval Chaplains. However with four permanent chaplains in the Navy even these opportunities appear remote.

Army:

Korea. The Rev G. T. Gilbert has rendered an acceptable service with K-Force under, at times, most disheartening and trying conditions. He completed 12 months duty in July and it is expected that he will be home before the end of the year. He will be available for appointment to a Circuit in 1957.

C.M.T. Camps. The Rev H. I. Shaw did a tour of duty at Papakura early in the year and the Rev. L. P. Schroeder at Burnham later in the year.

T.F. Camps. Chaplains have attended the annual Territorial Camps when called upon. With the modifications of the T.F. Scheme and the reduction of the Territorial Force there will not be the same demands for chaplains.

Air Force:

The Rev P. D. Ramsay continues to render efficient service. More and more his work compares with that of a Circuit minister. The Committee is of the opinion that Mr Ramsay has special aptitudes for the work in the Air Force.

V. R. JAMIESON, Senior Chaplain.

SPECIAL REPORT RE REMUNERATION OF CHAPLAINS

The Conference instructed the Chaplaincy Committee to 'investigate the matter of the appointment of Chaplains under the pay of the Army in relation to stipend received from the Circuit while serving as Chaplains in C.M.T. Camps, and bring down a report.' Mins. Conf. 1955. Res. 6, 7: p.156. The following report is respectfully submitted:

A minister is appointed to a circuit for a period of one year. This appointment carries with it, in the case of a married minister, the right to live in the parsonage and to receive the stipend until the ensuing Conference. Conference sanctions the commissioning of ministers as chaplains to the Armed Services. This commissioning carries the responsibility of willingness to render service as required. Under certain circumstances chaplains receive remuneration for services rendered in the Armed Services. There are different categories of service, e.g. (a) Active service—Rev G. T.

Gilbert; (b) Short Term Commission—Rev P. D. Ramsay; (c) C.M.T. Camps—Revs H. I. Shaw and L. P. Schroeder; (d) T. F. Chaplains—Revs W. S. Dawson, B. Gordon, R. F. Clement; (e) Officiating Chaplains; (f) Honorary Chaplains.

(a) Overseas Service:

(A) If the period of service is limited to 12 months and the chaplain is married, we recommend:

(1) The Chaplain to receive Army pay.

(2) The Chaplaincy Fund shall pay the Chaplain's personal subscriptions and the Circuit's contribution to the Superannuation and Home Acquisition Funds.

(3) The chaplain's wife be allowed the use of the Parsonage.

(4) The Conference to arrange 'Supply'.

(5) The cost of 'Supply' to be a charge on the Stipend.

(6) The balance of the Stipend to be at the disposal of the Circuit.

(B) If the period of service is to be for a longer period than 12 months, we recommend:

(1) That clauses 1-6 Sect. A operate until the end of the Connexional Year; after which if Conference has made another appointment to the Circuit

(2) The Chaplain's wife shall vacate the Parsonage.

(3) The Chaplaincy Fund shall make a grant for furnishings to the chaplain's wife—the amount to be decided by Conference.

(b) Short Service Commission:

Normally this would be for service in New Zealand and for a term of from two to five years. We recommend:

(1) The chaplain to receive Service pay.

(2) The chaplain to pay his personal subscription to the Supernumary and Home Acquisition Funds. The Circuit contribution to be paid by the Chaplaincy Fund.

(3) The chaplain to provide his own home.

(4) The Chaplaincy Fund to make a grant towards furnishings—the amount to be decided by Conference.

(c) C.M.T. Chaplains:

C.M.T. Chaplains go into camp for a period of 10 weeks once during their active ministry. Only in exceptional circumstances is a chaplain posted to a second C.M.T. Camp for duty. If there is any monetary advantage in C.M.T. service it seems to be insufficient to upset the balance of the standard of ministerial remuneration.

During his period in a C.M.T. Camp the chaplain's wife continues to occupy the parsonage with its usual attendant expenses, which will not be appreciably reduced by the absence of her husband.

The chaplain receives pay according to Army rates, out of which he pays certain fees and incidental expenses which are equivalent to the payment of Board and Lodging. He also provides extras of equipment which he may consider necessary for more efficient service.

Whatever expenses may be incurred for the provision of 'Supply' during the chaplain's absence from his Circuit is a charge upon his Stipend.

A chaplain who does a tour of duty in a C.M.T. Camp has then to maintain the usual expenses of his home and his Stipend is reduced by the amount of the cost of 'Supply'. On the other hand he receives Army pay from which he pays certain personal expenses—these would vary according to the proximity of his home. Generally speaking the chaplain who does a tour of duty in a C.M.T. Camp receives in our opinion little if any financial advantage.

Those who are posted to C.M.T. Camps are in the early years of their ministry and can well do with some financial assistance. The committee is of the opinion that the church should not be parsimonious in respect to any financial advantage which may accrue to them.

We recommend that where a chaplain enters a C.M.T. Camp for a tour of duty, the Circuit continue to pay the regular stipend after deducting the cost of adequate 'Supply'.

(d) Territorial Force Chaplains:

T.F. chaplains are expected to attend an annual camp of 14 days duration during the period of their posting which is normally for three years. While in camp they receive Army rates of pay. If a T.F. chaplain makes the annual camp coincide with his annual vacation this should not necessarily involve his Circuit any more than if he sought temporary casual employment. When he attends the annual camp when he is not on vacation the question of remuneration should be subject to negotiation with his Circuit officials.

We recommend that T.F. chaplains make arrangements with their circuit officials in respect to adequate 'supply' when camps do not coincide with annual vacations and that the regular stipend be paid after deducting cost of 'supply'.

(e) Officiating Chaplains:

Travelling expenses and nominal payments only are involved in these appointments.

We recommend that officiating chaplains make arrangements for their duties in consultation with their Circuit officials.

(f) Honorary Chaplains:

No remuneration or expenses are paid in the case of honorary appointments.

V. R. JAMIESON, Senior Chaplain.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Annual Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference commend the Y.M.C.A. National Council for its maintenance of recreational facilities in armed services camps and support as a minimum its present service.
3. That Rev. P. D. Ramsay, C.F., be continued in his appointment as an Air Force chaplain for a further two years.
4. That the Rev. Alan Newman and one other be commissioned as Chaplains.
5. That the Revs. I. J. Clucas and Alan Newman be designated for duty in C.M.T. Camps during 1957.
6. That the Rev. V. R. Jamieson be thanked for his services and reappointed Senior Chaplain.
7. That Messrs A. J. Johnston and R. Hardie Boys be thanked for their services as Treasurers and re-appointed.
8. That the District Advisory Committees be: Northern—Revs. R. F. Clement, G. T. Gilbert, Wesley Parker, W. S. Dawson; Messrs R. T. Garlick, L. W. Peak and G. Riddell. Central—Revs. V. R. Jamieson, J. B. Dawson, P. B. Ramsay, H. I. Shaw, Messrs T. M. Pacey, H. J. Steptoe, A. J. Johnston and R. Hardie Boys. Southern—Revs. V. R. Jamieson, E. Baker, P. A. Stead, Messrs H. G. Smith, P. A. Le Brun and B. A. Caygill.
9. That the Special Report re remuneration of chaplains be received and adopted except section (a) (A) (2).
10. That the following arrangements for remuneration of chaplains be approved:

(a) Overseas Service:

(A) If the period of service be limited to 12 months and the Chaplain is married:

(1) The chaplain shall receive Army pay.
(2) The Chaplain shall pay his personal subscriptions to the Supernumerary and Home Acquirement Funds and the Chaplaincy Fund shall pay the amount of the Circuit contribution.

(3) The chaplain's wife shall be allowed the use of the Parsonage.

(4) The Conference shall be responsible for arrangement of supply.

(5) The cost of such supply shall be a charge upon the Stipend.

(6) The balance of the Stipend shall be at the disposal of the Circuit.

(B) If the period of service is to be for a longer period than 12 months:

(1) Clauses 1-6 Sect. A above shall apply until the end of the Connexional Year during which the period of service commences.

(2) After the end of the said Connexional Year, if Conference has made another appointment to the Circuit the chaplain's wife shall vacate the parsonage and the Chaplaincy fund shall make a grant for furnishings to the chaplain's wife, the amount to be decided by Conference.

(b) Short Service Commission:

(1) The chaplain shall receive Service pay.

(2) The Chaplain shall pay his personal subscriptions to the Supernumerary and Home Acquirement Funds and the Chaplaincy Fund shall pay the amount of the Circuit contribution.

(3) The chaplain shall provide his own home.

(4) The Chaplaincy Fund shall make a grant towards furnishing to the chaplain, the amount to be decided by Conference.

(c) C.M.T. Camps:

Where a chaplain enters a C.M.T. Camp for a tour of duty his Circuit shall continue to pay the regular stipend after deducting the cost of adequate supply.

(d) Territorial Force Chaplains:

Territorial Force chaplains required to attend Annual Camps shall make adequate arrangements with their Circuit officials for the provision of supply except in the case of a camp coinciding with the chaplain's annual vacation. The regular stipend shall be paid to the chaplain after deducting the cost of supply.

(e) Officiating Chaplains:

Officiating chaplains shall make arrangements for their duties in consultation with their Circuit officials.

QUESTION LVII.—What is the Report of the Custodian of Early Records, Libraries and Museums?

A—CONNEXIONAL OFFICE

ANNUAL REPORT 1956

Since last reported the following have been received and acknowledged:—

HENDERSON—Guild Minute Books.

MORRINSVILLE—Minute Books for Q.M., Leaders and Trustees meetings. Waitoa Trust.

WAITARA—Minute Books for Q.M. and Trust.

RICHMOND (Nelson)—Schedule: Members Roll: Marriage Registers. REFTON—Schedule, Members Rolls, Marriage Registers, Minutes for Q.M., B.P. and Leaders Meetings and Trust.

PAPANUI—Minute Books for Q.M., M.W.M.U., Choir, Endeavour and Sunday School.

ST ALBANS—Marriage Registers, Baptismal Registers, Trust Minutes and Roll Book.

SYDENHAM—Roll Books, S.S. Journal and various account books.
CAMBRIDGE TERRACE—Primitive Methodist S.S. Minute Book,
Literary Soc. Minutes.

GREENDALE—Roll Books, Marriage Registers, Schedule, L.P.
Minute Book, Q.M. Minute Book.

OHOKA—Q.M. Minute Book, Guild Minute Book.

WILLOWBY—Baptismal Registers, Roll Books, Schedule, Trustees
Minute Book (Mayfield), Marriage Registers, Q.M. Minute Book.

GORE—Q.M. Minute Books, Baptismal Register.

MILTON—Building agreement.

PORT CHALMERS—Minutes for Q.M., Trust, Leaders, S.S. Teachers,
L.P. Meetings, Marriage Registers, Schedules.

RIVERTON—Q.M. Minute Book, S.S. Teachers' Minutes.

Peace Thanksgiving Fund Correspondence.

OTAKOU (Prologue)—Notes on James Watkin, Creeds' Letters.

Patrick family genealogical table.

M.W.M.U. Minute Books (N.C.).

Otago-Southland Synod Journal.

The urgent attention of ministers and officials is drawn to the necessity for sending to the Connexional Office all completed books of record.

We are literally inundated with requests for information concerning the early work of many of our Churches for which we have received no records of any kind.

H. L. FIEBIG, Custodian of Early Church Records

RESOLUTIONS

That the Report be received and adopted.

B—TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

No Report.

C—Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand)

ANNUAL REPORT 1956

The work of the Society has proceeded smoothly during the year with the membership standing at 316, of whom 25 are "Sustaining Members." We record our gratitude for the generosity of the Waihi Church Trustees in presenting to the Society entirely free of charge 350 copies of their Jubilee brochure "More Precious than Gold." Also, we express thanks to a number of other people who have assisted the Society in various ways.

Issues of Proceedings circulated this year are as follows:—

Vol. 14 No. 1 "Free Methodism in New Zealand by S. G. Macfarlane, M.A.

Vol. 14 No. 2 "More Precious than Gold." (Waihi Methodism).

Vol. 14 Nos. 3 and 4 "The Unfaltering Step" (Southland Methodism) by Frank G. Glen.

During the year the Secretary addressed a regional rally of members in Wellington, and has engaged in wide correspondence with churches and research students throughout New Zealand.

The presentation of a Baptismal Font by the Men's Fellowship Movement for the Kaeo Church is referred to in their report, for which generous action the Society is most grateful.

With the increase of the Annual Subscription to 7s 6d, and the institution of Sustaining Membership, the finances of the Society are reasonably

buoyant and we can face our future publication programme with confidence. In view of this, consideration is being given to reducing the annual subscription for retired full-time church workers to 5s per annum.

This year's Annual Lecture will be given by Sister Rita F. Snowden. Her subject is "The Pioneer Missionary Women."

E. W. HAMES, President.

L. R. M. GILMORE, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That a grant of £5 be made to the Society from the Contingent Fund.
3. That Conference, learning of the Society's acceptance of the Rev. W. T. Blight's offer to compile material for the continuation of Dr Morley's History of Methodism in New Zealand, give hearty approval.

QUESTION LVIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on matters previously remitted to Synods or Committees?

1—Church Union Committee

REPORT FOR 1956

The Church Union Committee met in Wesley Church Lounge, Taranaki Street, Wellington, on 10th May, 1956, with an attendance of 27 members presided over by the President. The meeting dealt mainly with matters referred to it from the Joint Standing Committee and which are included in the Report of that committee. One meeting of the Executive was held on 28th June, 1956, in Wellington, at which approval was given to the Committee's Report to Synods and Conference and to the report of the Joint Standing Committee.

Study Booklet "Shall We Unite":

The study booklet, "Shall We Unite?" which provides the basis for the study programme on the issues affecting Church Union was distributed early in the year to all ministers, home missionaries and supernumerary ministers. No minister or congregation can afford to neglect these studies in view of the vote on the principle of union to be taken next year. If study groups are not practicable in every place then it is hoped that the issues raised in the study will be brought before our people from the pulpit, in Leaders' and Quarterly Meetings, in Bible Classes, Women's Guilds, Fireside Clubs and Men's Fellowships. The use of the studies is not limited to this year and the Committee reminds our ministers and people that, where it has been difficult or impossible to use them effectively this year, there is still time in the first half of next year, prior to the taking of the vote, for the issues involved to be carefully studied.

Reciprocal Membership:

The principle of Reciprocal Membership and the importance of implementing it in the appropriate districts and areas was again brought before the church this year in a statement in the "Methodist Times."

Joint Meeting of Church Union Committees in 1957:

The Committee has forwarded a request to the Joint Standing Committee to call a joint meeting of the Union Committees of the four negotiating churches in 1957, following the vote on the principle of union.

Union Churches:

Encouraging reports of the congregational life and work of the Union Churches have been received, but the future of Corstorphine Union Church for reasons cited in the Report of the Joint Standing Committee, is under consideration.

Corstorphine: The Committee was deeply concerned to learn of the critical situation which has developed in regard to the future of the Corstorphine Union Church. (See Report of Joint Standing Committee.) Concerning the proposal that the Union Church should join with Columba Presbyterian Parish to form a new Presbyterian Parish the Committee—

- (1) Endorsed the decision of the Otago Synod Standing Committee that the status quo at the Union Church be maintained.
- (2) Wrote to the Committee of Oversight pointing out that the suggested amalgamation would mean, virtually, the disappearance of Methodist witness in the area; that the Methodist Church had deferred unilateral action in commencing a new cause at Corstorphine and had sunk its equity in the Union Church; and suggesting that consideration be given to the possibility of Columba Presbyterian Parish being amalgamated with the Union Church thus strengthening the united witness.
- (3) Furnished a report to the Joint Standing Committee expressing the Methodist viewpoint.

Taupo: The Committee reports, with regret, that the proposal for a Union Church at Taupo, for which Conference approval was given last year, has now lapsed. An alternative proposal asking for the creation of a Presbyterian Parish into which the Methodists were invited to share on a basis of reciprocal membership was unacceptable under the circumstances.

Burwood: Methodist and Presbyterian Church members living in Burwood, Christchurch, have taken initial steps towards the possible formation of a Union cause. The matter has been referred to the District Courts of the churches concerned for investigation and approval.

Visit to Great Britain of the Revs. J. J. Lewis and W. J. Morrison:

The Committee, in conveying best wishes to the Revs. J. J. Lewis and W. J. Morrison on their visit to Great Britain, has asked these brethren to keep the committee informed of any conversations and developments in regard to Church Union there.

REPORT OF THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION, 1956

Convenership:

At the end of 1955 the Joint Standing Committee suffered a severe loss in the departure of the Rev. L. G. Geering, M.A., B.D., to take up an appointment as Professor of Old Testament Studies at Emmanuel College, Brisbane. Mr Geering had served as Convener of the Committee since its inception in 1951 and brought to every aspect of the committee's work those qualities of mind and spirit which made him an acknowledged and trusted leader. The committee wishes to record its grateful appreciation of his outstanding leadership and unflagging zeal in the cause of Church Union during the past five years and to pray for him satisfaction and success in his new appointment. The present convener is the Rev. A. K. Petch, Convener of the Methodist Church Union Committee.

Simultaneous Assemblies and Conference:

The Joint Standing Committee is much indebted to the Joint Arrangements Committee in Auckland for the excellent arrangements made for the three United Acts to be observed in connection with the simultaneous Assemblies and Conference of this year. A representative of the Associated Church of Christ was invited to join the Arrangements Committee. The following detailed arrangements have the approval of the Arrangements Committees of the three churches, the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union and the appropriate officials and/or

committees normally responsible for the Agenda of their respective Assembly or Conference.

United and simultaneous Communion Services to be held in St. David's Presbyterian Church, Pitt Street Methodist Church and Beresford Congregational Church, on Friday, 2nd November, 1956, from 9 a.m. to 10.15 a.m. with representatives of each Court present at each service.

The United Act of Worship to be held in the Auckland Town Hall on Sunday, 4th November, at 2.45 p.m., and, if possible, to be broadcast; the Heads of the four churches represented on the Joint Standing Committee to conduct the service; the President of the Methodist Conference to lead the prayers, the Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly to preach the sermon and the President of the Associated Churches of Christ to read the Old Testament Lesson and the Chairman of the Congregational Union the New Testament Lesson.

The United Act of Witness to be held in the Auckland Town Hall on Tuesday, 6th November, at 7.45 p.m., and to be presided over by the Chairman of the Congregational Union; the speaker to be the Rev. S. G. Andrews, M.A., General Secretary for Foreign Missions, Methodist Church of New Zealand and, by means of pageantry, the story of what the participating churches are doing in all fields of missionary endeavour and service, both at home and overseas, to be presented in dramatic form.

Collections at United Acts. The collection at the United Act of Worship to be for Missions; that of the United Act of Witness to be for the general expenses of the Assemblies and Conference, the amounts to be divided on a basis approved by the Arrangements Committees of the three churches.

Vote on the Principle of Union in 1957:

As directed by the Assemblies and Conference of 1955 the Joint Standing Committee has prepared "plans for the taking in 1957 of the first of two votes, viz. the vote on the 'principle of union'." After a full and frank discussion it was decided to recommend:

1. That the vote on the principle of union be held during the month of June in 1957.
2. That the vote be taken of all who are members in full communion of each of the four participating churches.
3. That a simple and brief explanation of what is meant by "a vote on the principle of union" be attached to the Ballot Paper.

The Ballot Paper will be presented to Conference for approval.

Joint Regional Committees:

The Joint Standing Committee has communicated with all District Courts of the participating churches asking that Joint Regional Committees be established and representatives appointed and offering practical suggestions for the implementing in all districts and parishes of the study programme on Church Union based on the study booklet, "Shall We Unite?" Reports have been received of action taken or contemplated in several districts and centres, but the committee is concerned that church members, in every district and parish, be made aware of the important issues involved especially in view of the proposed vote, next year, on the principle of union. In a number of places study groups representative of at least two or more of the negotiating churches have proved most profitable.

Churches of Christ Supplement:

The Associated Churches of Christ have prepared for their own members a supplement to "Shall We Unite?" seeing that the studies

contained in the latter were written before the Churches of Christ had entered into the Church Union negotiations. The supplement will also be of interest to members and study groups of other churches in that it contains besides brief introductions to each of the studies in "Shall We Unite?" two appendices, one historical setting forth the traditional attitude of the Churches of Christ to Christian Unity, and the other doctrinal, being a preliminary statement of the teaching of the Churches of Christ in relation to that of the other negotiating churches.

Common Declaration of Faith:

The first draft of the Common Declaration of Faith has been before the doctrinal committees of the four churches and suggested amendments have been received. The Joint Standing Committee is now re-drafting the Declaration in the light of these amendments.

Possible Amalgamation of Church Periodicals:

In view of the decision of the appropriate committee of the Presbyterian Church that no action be taken on the question of the possible amalgamation of church periodicals until after the vote on the principle of union next year, the matter has been deferred.

Union Parishes:

Reports from the five Union Parishes indicate that relationships within each congregation are most harmonious. All, with the exception of Corstorphine, are facing the future of their parish with confidence.

Raglan: The Raglan Church is well established and in good heart. Since the termination of the ministry of the Rev. Ian Gordon, a returned missionary of the Congregational Church has been acting as supply. The appointment of a Presbyterian minister is now awaited. Membership stands at 143 (including Congregational 38, Presbyterian 42, and Methodist 55) and there are three Sunday Schools with a combined roll of 109. The Church records a credit balance of £347. An annual Beach Mission is conducted under the auspices of the Union Church.

Taita: There are 70 on the membership roll. During the nine years of its existence finances have risen steadily. Increases in stipend and other obligations such as the Budget have been met; a car allowance provided for; the buildings have been maintained and the substantial grants reduced. It is the Church's aim to be self-supporting within the next year.

The most pressing difficulty is the inadequacy of the buildings for the 400 young people on the youth rolls, making necessary the use of two state schools. There is a Presbyterian ministerial appointment.

Wainui-O-Mata: This is the most recently formed of the Union Parishes and is benefitting greatly from a full-time ministerial appointment (Methodist). A small church hall is being erected by voluntary labour in the Wellington Road area, the present church is being re-decorated, and plans are under way for the erection, during the coming year, of a new Parish Church on a central site. Preliminary steps have been taken towards the provision of a manse.

Senior members number 66 and 300 families are under pastoral care. Over 100 children attend the Sunday School and 18 young people belong to the Bible Class. The affairs of the Parish are administered by a Board of Managers under the direction of the Committee of Oversight and there is a strong Women's Fellowship.

Marchwiell: Since the opening of the new Church Hall on 23rd July, 1955, communicant membership has increased by 60 and now stands at 124 while finances have also increased 50 per cent. There are 300 on the Sunday School Roll, 140 of whom are in the Beginners' Department, with a total of 28 teachers. The Girls' Life Brigade numbers 39,

the cadets 33 and the Boys' Brigade 14, and there are 70 on the Cradle Roll. There were 19 Baptisms during the year, five of whom were adults. The session is comprised of 9 elders and meets monthly and the Board of Managers numbers 17. The new hall is being used extensively during the week and, with the exception of the Beginners' Room, is adequate for all requirements. There is a Presbyterian ministerial appointment.

Corstorphine: The report of the minister states that, notwithstanding the faithful efforts made by the minister and people and the harmonious relationships which exist within the congregation, the parish has not made the progress hoped for. Communicant membership numbers 68 (Presbyterians 56, Methodists 12) and there are 215 homes under pastoral care. The Sunday School Roll stands at 140, with 14 teachers, and the Bible Class numbers 36. The fact that the present part time ministry, which was appointed for three years, is drawing to a close has raised the question of the future of the Union Church. Apart from the difficulties which seem to be common to Union Churches, the chief problem has been a physical one. The extensive building programme which, originally, it was anticipated would reach to Blackhead Hill has not eventuated. The Annual Meeting agreed to a proposal, which has the support of the Committee of Oversight, that the Union Parish join with Columba Presbyterian Parish to form a new Presbyterian Parish, provided that the name "Union Church" is included in the name of the new parish. However, there is a division of opinion concerning this proposal between the District Courts of the churches represented in the Union Church and joint discussions concerning the future of the Union Parish are now taking place at the district level.

Union Parish Visitation:

The committee has approved the principle of periodic visitation of Union Churches by official representatives of the District Courts of the churches concerned. To this end a list of questions to be asked on the occasion of such visits has been prepared.

Ministerial Appointments to Churches and the Furnishing of Manses:

The different policies pursued by the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches concerning the furnishing of parsonages and manses has created a real problem in regard to the appointment of ministers to Union Parishes especially as such appointments affect the furnishing of the manses. This matter, together with the question of a continuing ministry in Union Churches has been referred to the Presbyterian Director of Missions and the General Superintendent of the Methodist Home Mission Department, for consideration and report.

Finance:

The committee has given consideration to the expenses involved in its work and estimates that these now amount to about £40 per annum. Hitherto the expenses have been roughly shared by the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches. The committee now seeks approval for apportioning the expenses as follows: Presbyterian Church £20, Methodist Church £12, Congregational Church and the Associated Churches of Christ £4 each.

M. A. McDOWELL, President.

A. K. PETCH, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Conference express its grateful appreciation of the trusted leadership and devoted service of the Rev. L. G. Geering as Convener of the Joint Standing Committee during the last five years and convey greetings and good wishes to him in his new appointment.
3. (a) That the vote on the principle of union be taken during the period

14th-24th June inclusive, 1957, of *all who are members in full communion* of each of the four negotiating churches.

(b) That the Ballot Paper as prepared by the Committee be approved.

4. That the Joint Standing Committee in co-operation with the Church Union Committees of the negotiating churches be authorised to proceed with all necessary steps for the taking of the vote.

5. That Joint Regional Committees and District Courts be asked to take action to see that in areas and parishes where it has not been found possible this year to participate in the study programme on Church Union, members are informed of the issues set forth in the study booklet, "Shall We Unite?" prior to the vote being taken.

6. That approval be given to periodic visitation of Union Churches by representatives of the District Courts of the co-operating churches.

7. That the suggested apportionment of the working expenses of the committee be approved.

8. That the Committee be as printed on page 10 herein.

9. That the Executive Committee for 1957 be: The President and Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, General Superintendent of Home Missions, General Secretary for Foreign Missions, the Legal Adviser, the Convener of the Church Union Committee, together with Wellington members of the Committee.

10. That the Joint Standing Committee Representatives for 1957 be: The Revs. M. A. McDowell, G. H. Goodman, A. K. Petch, A. J. Johnston, W. F. Ford and W. R. Laws and Messrs R. H. Ellis and A. R. Dellow.

11. That consideration of Reciprocal Membership for members of the Associated Churches of Christ be referred to the Joint Standing Committee for report to Synods and Conference, 1957.

12. That approval be given to the request of the Joint Standing Committee to hold a Conference of representatives of Joint Regional Committees with members of the Joint Standing Committee in Wellington in February, 1957.

13. That Conference authorise Union Church Representatives to attend District Synods.

14. That general approval be given to the memoranda of agreement in regard to Corstorphine Union Church.

2—Central Finance Committee

REPORT FOR 1956

General Appeal 1955:

The 1955 appeal was made on the basis of 1/6 per member plus the amount required in any District to raise the amount it requires for Hospital Chaplaincy. There were four Districts where no provision had to be made for Hospital Chaplains. In the other Districts the amount to be raised per member was as follows:

Auckland	2/6
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	2/-
Wellington	1/9
North Canterbury	2/-
Otago-Southland	2/-

The result of the appeal was most satisfactory, a sum of £2631/8/9 was raised. Wellington and Hawkes Bay did well but in Otago-Southland District the result was not so good.

The Committee at the 30th June had £1022/15/6 in hand. Recipients from the Fund will now not have to wait until sufficient moneys from a

current appeal are available. It will be possible to make an advance payment of say one-half earlier in the year and the balance will then be paid as moneys come to hand.

Spiritual Advance Committee:

This Committee has asked that it be allocated a sum of £100 in the General Appeal. Consideration of this application has been deferred pending the receipt of further information. It is hoped to report our decision to Conference.

Budget for 1957 Appeal:

The Committee has obtained the requirements of the various Committees and institutions affected by the Appeal. Conference directed the Committee to increase the allocation for the New Zealand Alliance as soon as it considered the position of the fund justified such action, and therefore the Committee recommends that the allocation of the New Zealand Alliance be increased to £150.

The Committee submits the following Budget:

Trinity College	1000	0	0
National Council of Churches	300	0	0
Council for Christian Education	200	0	0
Armed Forces Chaplaincy Fund	100	0	0
New Zealand Alliance	150	0	0
University Chaplains—			
Auckland	30	0	0
Wellington	75	0	0
Canterbury	15	0	0
Otago	35	0	0
	155	0	0
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	£1905	0	0

To meet the above amounts the Committee recommends that for the 1957 appeal the basis be 1/6 per member.

Hospital Chaplaincy:

The amounts required in the various Districts for Hospital Chaplaincy are as follows:

Auckland	320	0	0
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	65	0	0
Wellington	50	0	0
North Canterbury	100	0	0
Otago-Southland	30	0	0
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	£565	0	0

The Committee approves of the above amounts being raised.

General:

The Committee is becoming a little concerned at the apparent lack of interest in many Churches. It appears that most local Churches are satisfied if they just reach their individual allocation. The target set by the budget is not the maximum. Every object included is worthy of the generous support of all members and adherents. It is suggested that for several Sundays prior to the special Appeal Sunday Ministers should publicise the appeal and just before the Appeal is made special sermons could be given on the work of the organisations to be benefited by the Appeal.

It must be remembered that the presentation of the amounts given should be an act of worship and should be properly received and dedicated.

WM. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.

2. That the basis of the appeal for 1957 be 1/6 per member plus the amount required in any District for Hospital Chaplaincy.

3. That a grant of £20 for the National Education Society on Alcoholism be made and included in the 1957 appeal.

4. That the Central Finance Committee make more adequate provision for financial support of the work of the New Zealand Alliance, and a grant to the National Education Society on Alcoholism from 1958 onwards

5. That the financial needs of the Spiritual Advance Committee be referred to the Central Finance Committee for consideration.

6. That the Finance Committees be as follows:—

A. CENTRAL COMMITTEE: District Chairman (North Canterbury), Connexional Secretary, Messrs L. G. K. Stevens, E. R. Caygill, C. H. Perkins and H. de R. Flesher (Convener).

B. DISTRICTS:

AUCKLAND: District Chairman, Rev A. W. E. Silvester, District Financial Secretary, Messrs A. Turner, H. P. Mourant, G. S. Gapper, and W. J. Court.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: District Chairman, Rev C. B. Oldfield, Financial Secretary, Messrs W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, W. F. Walters, and P. Rushton.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI: District Chairman, Financial Secretary; Messrs M. S. Hughson, W. Greenwood, K. F. Andrews, and J. P. Harding.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU: District Chairman, Rev W. R. Laws, two to be appointed; Messrs A. H. Fisher, H. W. Brewer, J. H. Oldham and L. A. Davis.

WELLINGTON: District Chairman, one to be appointed; Messrs T. M. Pacey, A. J. Johnston and D. Tayler (Convener).

NELSON: District Chairman, one to be appointed; Messrs H. J. Savage, E. S. Wratt and F. H. Southgate.

NORTH CANTERBURY: To be appointed by Synod Standing Committee.

SOUTH CANTERBURY: District Chairman, Messrs E. B. F. Hight, H. C. P. Withell and P. G. Woodnorth.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND: District Chairman, Financial Secretary; Messrs J. McIndoe, H. H. Johnson and A. L. Stanton.

3—Stipend Committee

RESOLUTIONS

1. That in view of the recent Arbitration Court Order, increasing wages, the minimum stipend for all Ministers, Home Missionaries, and Deaconesses in New Zealand be increased by 5% as from 19th November, 1956, provided a minimum stipend for an ordained Minister of £594 from that date.

2. That Conference recognise that a minimum stipend of £655 p.a. would be required to restore proper relativity with other rates of remuneration.

3. That the new standard minimum be reached in three years by annual steps of twenty one pounds, twenty pounds and twenty pounds (see table below).

4. That the first adjustment of £21 be made from 1st February, 1957, providing a minimum stipend from that date of £615.

5. That the Minimum stipend of Probationers, Home Missionaries and Deaconesses be increased in the same proportion and from the same dates.

6. That the above adjustments be made quite apart from any increase which may be warranted as a consequence of the granting of general wage increases by the Arbitration Court.

7. That the matter of the rate of stipends and allowances of the Mission Staff overseas, be referred to the Foreign Mission Board, for decision in the light of the cost of living on the Mission Field, and of the new minimum stipends now being adopted in New Zealand.

8. That the Standing Committee be as printed on page 10 herein.

SCALE OF STIPENDS

	Current Rate	New Rates			
	From 1/2/56	From 19/11/56	From 1/2/57	From 1/2/58	From 1/2/59
<i>Ministers:</i>					
Ordained	565	594	615	635	655
Married Probationer ...	488	513	531	549	566
Single Probationer	424	446	462	477	492
<i>Home Missionaries:</i>					
Senior H.M. (Married)	511	537	556	574	592
Married H.M.	488	513	531	549	566
Married Probationer ...	457	480	497	513	529
Single H.M.	393	413	428	442	456
Single Probationer	366	385	399	412	425
<i>Deaconesses:</i>					
Probationer	341	359	372	384	396
When dedicated & for 3 years afterwards	366	385	399	412	425
For Next 3 years	392	412	427	441	455
After 6 years	425	447	463	478	493

4—Transport Trust Board, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 1956

The work of the Board continues to serve a useful purpose in assisting Ministers and circuits to finance the purchase of vehicles for use in essential Church work. At the present time 32 Ministers, Home Missionaries and Circuits are being assisted to a total amount of £7,132/5/5. All loans are being repaid in a satisfactory manner.

Hire-purchase Restrictions:

The general position with regard to hire-purchase restrictions remains unchanged and it was not possible to secure any relaxation of the Regulations in respect of the purchase of cars for Church workers. In the present circumstances there are two categories in which the Board may assist in financing the purchase of cars.

1. When the security is the vehicle itself, the Board is required to operate within the Regulation which allows only one half of the purchase price to be advanced by way of loan to be repaid in full within 18 months.

2. When separate security is available the Board may, within the Regulations, vary the amount of deposit and the time of repayment in accordance with its own constitution.

During the current year some ministers and circuits in co-operation have been able to use this latter method of financing the purchase of cars for circuit purposes and the Board commends this procedure to all concerned.

Travelling Allowances:

The present scale of travelling allowance is recommended for readoption for the coming year. This is the scale at present being used

by the Public Service and other organisations, and such scale fully covers present normal costs in running motor cars. For convenience of reference the present scale is again set out as under:

	Cars up to 9.5 h.p.	Cars from 9.6 to 14.5 h.p. inclusive	Cars over 14.5 h.p.
For 1st 1,000 miles each year	7d.	8½d.	9½d.
" 2nd " " " "	6½d.	7½d.	8½d.
" 3rd " " " "	6d.	7d.	8½d.
" 4th " " " "	5½d.	6½d.	8d.
" 5th " " " "	5½d.	6½.	7½d.
" 6th " " " "	5½d.	6½d.	7½d.
Over 6,000 miles each year	5d.	6d.	7d.

The Financial Position of Ministers:

The Board has continued to collaborate with the Standing Committee on Stipends concerning the serious inroads which are made into the stipends of many ministers both for the purchase and maintenance of cars for circuit work.

At the present time the Board is awaiting the Report and Recommendations of the Special Committee appointed by last Conference to deal with the question of budget systems and related matters. The Board believes that the primary solution of such inequalities and hardships as result from inroads made on stipends for transport purposes, is to be found in a widespread understanding and practice of sound Christian Stewardship. For this reason it is hoped that the special Committee will give a lead to the whole Church in such a way that further action by the Board will not be necessary.

Conclusion:

During part of the year, the Secretary, Mr T. M. Pacey, has been overseas and Mr D. Taylor has undertaken the work of Secretary in addition to his duties as Treasurer. The Board places on record appreciation of the services so rendered.

GEO. H. GOODMAN, Acting Chairman.

D. TAYLER, Acting Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That Circuits be urged to build up over a period a car reserve fund so that money would be eventually available (a) either to loan to ministers free of interest to aid them in purchasing of cars or (b) to enable the Circuit to purchase a car should the occasion arise.
3. That the Board for 1957 be as printed on page 13 herein.

5. CLOSER RELATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA COMMITTEE

No Report.

6—Church Finance and Budget Committee

REPORT FOR 1956

Last Conference appointed a Committee to investigate within New Zealand and overseas and to report upon methods of local church finance and budgeting, together with certain related matters. (See Minutes of Conference, 1955, page 129.)

The same Conference directed the Committee to consider a suggested amendment to the Law Book to bring appeals made for Home Missions and Foreign Missions, Children's Homes and the Youth Department under the supervision of the Central Finance Committee. (See Minutes of Conference, 1955, page 165.)

Both of the above assignments have received the Committee's attention and a preliminary report concerning them is given below. It is hoped to furnish a fuller report to Conference.

Budgeting by Local Churches:

The Committee sent to the Superintendent of each circuit a questionnaire seeking information as to the extent of budget systems. Practically all circuits replied, revealing the following position:

Budget system not in operation	.....	.....	85
Budget system under consideration	.....	.....	10
Complete or partial budget system in operation			24

Several of those in the first group expressed themselves as in favour of or interested in budgeting. Only four Circuits indicated any doubts as to the desirability of a budgeting scheme in their case.

The Committee was impressed by the extent to which Circuits are already operating budget systems. It noted that they are without exception stated to be most satisfactory. Nevertheless, it is clear from information furnished that many of them are partial systems only and that generally results obtained do not measure up to those being secured by Churches which have adopted the most modern systems of fund-raising.

The Committee was also impressed by the evidence of the increasing desire of Circuits to put their giving on to a sounder and more Christian basis. Several mentioned that the Wells system of fund-raising was being adopted or considered. Clearly changes in methods of local Church finance are rapidly taking place. Equally clearly, there is an urgent need for guidance to our Circuits in this matter.

Relationship of Local Schemes to Central Appeals:

It is obvious from replies received that some Circuits have found difficulties in introducing comprehensive budget schemes because of the need to comply with existing Church Law relating to Home and Foreign Mission and other authorised appeals. Other Circuits, it would seem, are not complying with the strict letter of the Law.

The above problem is being accentuated by the interest which Circuits are beginning to take in the Wells system of fund-raising, this being an all-inclusive system. From correspondence with Church Departments and similar Church organisations it is clear that they are fully alive to the problem. The Committee intends to have further discussions with them concerning the matter.

Comparisons with Other Churches:

The Committee is seeking information as to methods of local Church Finance operating overseas and has already obtained details of the Presbyterian and Baptist systems current in New Zealand. It is evident that the Presbyterians have a very comprehensive scheme of budgeting and that the Baptists go considerably further in that direction than does our New Zealand Church.

The Committee is studying "The Every Member Canvass" method of giving which is, it appears, making considerable headway amongst Methodist Churches in Victoria. This is a comprehensive budgetary system and it seems to have considerable merit. It is described as "A method of giving based on the Principles of Christian Stewardship and Service."

Education in Christian Stewardship:

Whilst not wishing to detract from the work which is being done in a general way by various Boards and Departments in educating our Methodist people in the principles of Christian Stewardship, the Committee is of the opinion that there is need for more specific teaching concerning this very important aspect of our Faith. The Committee is giving attention to the matter and is studying literature issued by "The Every Member Canvass" Committee, the Wells Organisations and

the Stewardship Committee of the N.Z. Presbyterian Church.

Conclusion:

Although its investigations are still in the preliminary stages, the Committee has already learnt sufficient to be able to say that it is moving towards the concept of a comprehensive budget scheme of local Church finance. As intimated earlier, a further report will be submitted to Conference. It is hoped that it will be possible to include in this an outline of some scheme which would be suitable for general application. Meanwhile the Committee suggests that Circuits should not make radical changes in their systems of finance, without seeking competent advice.

The Committee realises that the establishment of a comprehensive scheme of local Church finance would almost inevitably make necessary the introduction of an all-embracing budgetary scheme at the connexional level. The Committee is, therefore, giving immediate attention to this matter also.

M. A. McDOWELL, President of Conference.
G. H. GOODMAN, Acting Chairman.
E. G. HEGGIE, Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, 1956

As intimated in its report to Synods, the Committee has given consideration to the following two matters referred to it by last Conference:

(a) A suggested amendment to the Law Book to include appeals for the Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Children's Homes and Youth Department in the General Connexional Appeal (see Minutes of Conference 1955, page 165);

(b) The investigation of methods of Church finance and budgeting (see Minutes of Conference 1955, page 129).

General Connexional and Other Appeals:

The Committee does not consider that the amendment suggested in (a) above would be desirable. Each of the four separate appeals mentioned is a major one and to launch them all at one time of the year, along with a number of minor appeals, would not be satisfactory to the Departments involved nor to the local Church. The Committee's view is that any changes in the method of launching these appeals should be along the lines mentioned later in this report.

Current Methods of Church Finance:

The Committee's report to Synods indicated the extent to which Circuits are already operating budget schemes and also referred to the widespread interest which they were evidencing in the question of reform of their local system of finance. Mention was made, too, of the unsatisfactory nature of many of the budget systems and the difficulties being met in operating any comprehensive scheme of local Church finance, because of the existing Church Law relating to Home and Foreign Mission and other authorised appeals.

Reference was made to methods of local Church finance operating in the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches in New Zealand, it being pointed out that both have gone further in the direction of comprehensive budget schemes than we have. Attention was drawn to the "Wells" system of fund raising and the "Every Methodist Canvass" method of finance at present operating in Victoria. Since then, information received from the Methodist Church and the National Council of Churches of Christ in U.S.A. and the United Church of Canada reveals that all-embracing budget schemes are the general rule in those countries.

Need for a Change:

In the light of the information set out in the two previous paragraphs, the Committee is unanimously of the opinion that the time has arrived for

a major change in our own methods of Church finance. It is clear that Circuits generally are ready for it.

We are strongly of the opinion that the success of the "Every Methodist Canvass" in Victoria and of the "Wells" method of Church finance in New Zealand and elsewhere clearly demonstrates that a change to budgetary control of income and expenditure would offer the most effective means of regulating finance in our Church. Along with this would, of course, have to go positive teaching of our people in the principles of Christian stewardship.

Proposed Change:

In order that Conference may express its mind on the general principles involved in the proposed change, we submit hereunder a broad outline of the procedure which we envisage would be followed, if a comprehensive budget scheme were adopted:

A. CONNEXIONAL BUDGETTING

(1) The Departments of the Church should prepare their budgets at least two years ahead. This is imperative in order that details may reach circuits in ample time to permit inclusion in the local budgets.

(2) Representatives of the Mission Departments, Youth Department and other sections of the Church with National Executives should meet prior to Conference to review the Departmental Budgets in order to co-ordinate and regulate details for submission to Conference in a composite form.

(3) When approved by Conference, committee Estimates should be broken down into District assessments but with sufficient detail to indicate the District assessment under each fund.

(4) The function of Districts would be to break down the total figure into circuit assessments and ensure that details reach Circuits without delay. The Synod Standing Committee might find it necessary to make a small levy on Circuits for Committee expenses. This would be added to the assessments before they were issued to Circuits.

B. LOCAL BUDGETTING

(5) In the Circuits the same process should be carried out. Each section of the churches should prepare and advise a central officer of its estimate of requirements for the year. The estimate should be based on the previous year's experience, but allowance should be made for any special factors relating to the year under review. In Circuits of more than one Church, each Church would prepare an estimate of its own requirements for inclusion in the Circuit budget.

(6) A central committee should then review the requisitions from the sections and amalgamate them with the circuit assessment which had been received from the District under (4). The approved figure should give the total sum which would require to be raised during the year.

(7) It is at this point that the whole manpower resources of the church would be marshalled to organise the canvass necessary to yield the total revenue required. The committee feels that the first organisation in this respect will be the most difficult. Once the congregation has been educated to the point of a proper acknowledgement of stewardship, succeeding years should be much easier to arrange. There is, in our opinion, no alternative to a regular system of direct giving on the basis of pledges or promises given at the commencement of each financial year.

(8) It has been clearly demonstrated both overseas and in N.Z. that adoption of the system of planned giving by means of pledges obtained in a properly organised canvass usually results in the target aimed at being exceeded. Circuits must realise that this surplus is not their own, but must be shared equitably with the Church Departments outside the Circuit.

(9) In the opinion of the committee, it is imperative that the Budgets include *all* appeals likely to arise in the Church. Dispensation should not be given for any special appeal except where funds are to be raised completely outside the regular activities of the Church and without appeal to the Church membership. Rather by inclusion of a reasonable "contingency" item in the Estimate of Expenditure provision should be made for proper appeals which could not be foreseen at the time of preparing the estimates.

(10) The Budget should provide for the circuit's contribution to the following:—

- Home and Maori Missions
- Overseas Missions
- Youth Department
- Orphanages
- Church Extension
- General Connexional Appeal
- All other Connexional Levies

(The amounts for the above would be supplied to Circuits by the Synod Standing Committee.)

- Circuit Fund (including stipends, travelling expenses and general Circuit administration)

- Trust Fund or Funds (including new buildings and debt reduction as well as operating expenses)

- Circuit Responsibility for:

- Local Youth Work (i.e. Sunday School, Bible Classes, Brigades, etc.)

- Ladies' Guilds

- Fireside Clubs

- Men's Fellowships

- Contingencies

Organisation and Direction of Scheme:

The Committee desires to point out that, while it has found a growing desire for reform in local church finance and a widespread interest in the system of planned giving outlined herein, the acceptance of the new system proposed cannot be left to chance or take place merely by direction of Conference. The fullest results will not be obtained by a haphazard and partial acceptance of the new system. To be effective, it should be accepted completely and universally.

Assuming therefore, that Conference will accept in principle the plan outlined above, the Committee strongly urges the need for the immediate appointment by Conference of a full-time agent to give leadership and driving power to the arrangements for implementing the new system of giving. In support of this suggestion the Committee desires to stress the following points:—

- (a) The obvious desire of many Circuits to cultivate amongst their Church members and adherents a deeper sense of Christian stewardship;
- (b) While this attitude of mind exists, it is felt that the time is opportune to press the value of systematic and adequate giving amongst all our people;
- (c) Several Circuits or Churches have already entered in arrangements with the Wells Organisation;
- (d) It is apparent, because of the increasing demands which are being made on the Wells Organisation and also because not all circuits prefer this Organisation, that the Church must devise and work through some such scheme as the Every Member Canvass of Victoria.
- (e) To introduce effectively such a scheme there must be guidance and leadership which could only be given by a competent person giving his full-time efforts to that end. This has been the experience of the Methodist Church in Victoria.

The Committee therefore considers that the appointment of the best man available, be he minister or layman, with the necessary organising ability and enthusiasm for the work would be of immense benefit to the whole life of the Church. Time alone will tell whether the need is for a permanent or a temporary appointment but at least three years' work is involved.

The financial outlay in such an appointment should not present any real difficulty. The anticipated benefit from a Dominion-wide effort, *properly supervised*, should be sufficient inducement to all departments of the Church to agree to bear a proportionate part of the total cost. The major task would be the finding of money to cover the first year's expenses. We consider that it should be possible to obtain this by way of loan from one of the departments of the Church, by subscription from interested laymen, or, to some extent at least, by grants from certain connexional funds.

Merits of the Proposed Scheme:

Finally, the committee wishes to point out that the benefits to be obtained from the adoption and implementation of this report are not merely financial ones. Without explaining why it should be so, the Committee records the fact that there is ample evidence that where a canvass by the Well Organisation or by the "Every Methodist Canvass" is undertaken, it is usually followed by a marked increase in Church attendance, a greater enthusiasm in the leadership and a deepening of the whole spiritual life of the Church. There appears to be no reason why similar results should not follow in the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

The acceptance of the needs of the major Departments of the Church by the local Churches as an equal responsibility with their own domestic requirements should free those Departments from a good deal of worry and work. Nothing in the Committee's proposals should be deemed to exclude opportunities for expression of special interest in objectives beyond the Budget commitment. It is considered that a missionary educational programme, whether by deputations or otherwise, should continue.

M. A. McDOWELL, President of Conference,

G. H. GOODMAN, Deputy Chairman.

E. G. HEGGIE, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and the Committee thanked and commended for its work.
2. That Conference approve in principle the proposals for a Connexional and Local Budget system of Church Finance.
3. That a Standing Committee on Church Finance and Stewardship be set up, to be responsible for the preparation of a detailed budgeting scheme in consultation with the Boards and Department concerned.
4. Circuits proposing a local budget system be required:
 - (a) To seek advice from the Central Committee.
 - (b) To seek the approval of the Chairman of the District for the objectives to be incorporated in local budgets.
5. That a grant of £10 be made from the Contingent Fund for the Committee's work.
6. That Conference recognising that the introduction of a budget system demands a trained staff refers this back to the committee for further consideration and report.
7. That Circuits experiencing difficulty in meeting stipends or other financial commitments be urged to seek the guidance of the Church Budget and Finance Committee.
8. That the Standing Committee confer during the year with the

Law Revision Committee regarding the changes necessary in the law for an early implementing of the scheme.

7. That the Committee be as printed on page 10 herein.

QUESTION LIX.—Who are Members of the Standing Committees?

A. Committee of Privileges:

The President, Vice-President, Secretary of Conference, Connexional Secretary, Revs. M. A. McDowen, G. H. Goodman, R. Thornley, Messrs S. N. Roberts, T. M. Pacey, H. de R. Flesher, N. P. Alcorn and R. Hardie Boys, Secretary of Conference, Convener.

Committee of Exigency:

Committee of Exigency to be the Wellington members of the above Committee.

B. President's Committee of Advice:

Ex-President, President-elect, Secretary of Conference, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. Dr W. G. Slade, W. T. Blight, V. R. Jamieson and H. A. Cochran, Vice-President, Ex-Vice-President, Legal Adviser, Messrs H. H. Johnson, A. L. Stanton, C. H. Perkins, N. P. Alcorn and Dr N. R. Jefferson. Convener: The Secretary of Conference.

QUESTION LX.—Who are the Members of the Synod Standing Committees?

AUCKLAND:

Chairman of the District, General Supt. of H.M. Dept., General Secretary of F.M. Dept., Superintendents of Auckland Central, Auckland Central Mission, Auckland South, Auckland West, Auckland East, Avondale, Devonport, Takapuna, Birkenhead, Onehunga, Henderson, North Waitemata and Mahurangi Circuits, Revs. L. R. M. Gilmore, J. Silvester, Rangi Rogers, and Messrs S. E. Chappell, A. E. Freeman, C. K. Wigglesworth, T. L. Hames, F. Souster, B. O. Stokes, G. H. Parkes, T. H. Todd, R. E. Adams, N. Wilson, A. Hoverd, C. R. Howell, J. C. Tietjens, W. J. Court, G. W. Matheson, A. G. Harris and W. Davison.

NORTHLAND AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Ministers of the Port Albert, Paparoa, Ruawai, Dargaville, Whangarei, Hikurangi, Kawa Kawa-Kaikohe, Hokianga, Hokianga North, Mangonui and Whangaroa Circuits (Chairmn, Rev. A. W. E. Silvester), Messrs H. Neal, J. W. Cliffe, W. G. Simpkin, G. H. Lendrum, W. J. Court (Secretary), J. Keightley, G. Ferguson, J. T. Williams, W. Wotherspoon, Mesdames S. B. Clifford and C. Wright.

FRANKLIN SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Superintendent, Ministers of the area and Messrs C. M. Buttimore, E. L. Curnow, R. Craig, A. W. Elder, C. E. Hammond, M. T. Hansen, A. M. McKerras, E. Tunnicliffe, C. M. Buttimore, W. H. Brownlie, D. Oldfield and two from Otahuhu Circuit.

SOUTH AUCKLAND:

The Chairman of the District, The Superintendent Ministers of Hamilton, Hamilton East, Matamata, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Otorohanga, Te Aroha, Morrinsville, Rotorua, Tauranga, Waihi, Whakatane, and Thames Circuits, Rev. S. J. Werren, Messrs W. B. L. Williams, W. B. Young, G. E. Simpson, W. A. Collins, T. G. M. Spooner, R. Horne, P. Rushton, W. F. Walters, J. B. Beeche, D. H. Payne, A. Buss and R. E. Williams. Convener: The Secretary of the District.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI:

Chairman of District, and other Ministers of the District, Messrs K. F. Andrews, M. S. Hughson, D. I. West, W. Greenwood, J. P. Harding and P. C. Hill. Convener: Rev. J. M. Blight.

WANGANUI AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

Revs. G. R. Thompson, E. D. Grounds, J. H. Thompson, T. L. Bennett, R. S. Andrews, Messrs E. L. F. Buxton, W. S. Thrush, J. H. Thomson, S. Laurenson, N. Dixon and H. Queree. Convener: Rev. E. D. Grounds.

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU:

The Ministers and Home Missionaries; Messrs C. L. Pask, J. R. Grigg, T. M. Henson, I. G. Baber, J. G. Bleakley, L. Cotter, F. Ansell and W. Holloway.

HAWKE'S BAY AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

Chairman of District, and other Ministers of the area; Messrs J. P. Boyd, L. A. Davis, J. H. Oldham, with power to add. Convener: Rev. H. C. Matthews.

WELLINGTON:

All ordained Ministers, one lay representative from each Circuit in the district, a representative from each District organisation and all Conference officials. Convener: Secretary of District.

NELSON:

Revs. C. O. Hailwood, H. Moore, J. Grundy, and N. Thornicroft, Mrs L. G. White, Messrs H. J. Savage, M. A. Nightingale, R. C. A. Marshall, A. Winn, C. E. Jordan, E. S. Wratt, D. W. Silvester, R. A. Leaper and G. Everett.

WESTLAND AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

Revs. D. B. Gordon, A. Newman, K. Russell, T. Steele, Messrs L. McDonald, T. Watson, W. A. Judkins and F. G. Oliver.

NORTH CANTERBURY:

Revs. H. L. Fiebig, W. T. Blight, V. R. Jamieson, Dr W. G. Slade, J. D. Grocott, A. K. Petch, W. A. Chambers, Secretary of District, T. Carr and C. D. Clark; Messrs H. de R. Flesher, S. D. McHarg, W. A. Clothier, J. Pryor, J. H. Yarr, G. E. Hill, H. Falkingham, N. G. Hillary, D. Whyte, and C. R. M. Manhire.

SOUTH CANTERBURY:

Ministers of South Canterbury District, Messrs P. G. Woodnorth, M. A. Bull, R. Neutze, M. E. Hayman, R. N. Clucas, T. Wakelin, W. Simmons, R. H. Cone, F. G. Stuart, and one to be appointed from March-wiel Union Parish.

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND:

Revs. Dr R. Dudley, G. R. H. Peterson, H. A. Cochrane, Dr G. Parker, L. Shapcott, A. J. Handyside, O. M. Olds, G. W. Cramond, W. Green, W. J. Henderson, J. W. Reddihough, Messrs J. McIndoe, G. R. Galbreath, H. H. Johnson, A. L. Stanton, C. Chirnside, C. H. Kitchen, A. H. Harman, E. M. Fraser, Mesdames M. R. McIndoe and A. C. Gibson.

SOUTHLAND AREA SUB-COMMITTEE:

The Ministers and Probationers of Southland; Mrs S. S. Craw, Messrs E. A. Humphries, W. T. Pethick, E. McCulloch, G. H. Anderson and H. C. Mackenzie.

QUESTION LXI.—1 (a) 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

The following matters received by the Conference 1955 are referred to Conference 1956:—

(1) Reports of Committees and Standing Orders (1954 Minutes page 176):

The Committee has been directed to report on the matter of procedure in the reception and adoption of reports in reference to the Standing Orders of Conference.

Conference receives reports of Departmental Committees, Councils and Boards, and also from special Committees, and Commissions appointed by it from time to time.

The Committees of Details report to Conference on matters remitted by Conference to them for their consideration.

When a matter is remitted to a Committee of Detail the Convener of such Committee submits the report and recommendations of that Committee, such report and recommendations taking precedence over other proposals on the same subject (Law Book para. 373).

There is one exception to this as provided in para. 374 which states that the reports of the Departmental Committees, Councils and Boards and any special reports required by the Conference shall be submitted to the Conference by the departmental appointee or by any person duly authorised so to do.

It is provided in the Standing Orders that the time allowed for speakers moving and seconding a motion for the adoption of a report which has been previously circulated shall be three minutes. Unless determined by the President there shall be no detailed exposition of such report. (See Standing Orders 10 as amended).

All other speakers are allowed three minutes each.

In the case of a report which has not been previously circulated the time allowed to speakers shall be as set out in Standing Order (10).

(2) Corrections:

There are several corrections to be made in the Law Book as follows:

1. Section VII.....*The Preachers' Meeting and Local Preachers*

It has been pointed out that an error occurs in para. 254 (d), Line three should read:

"person so nominated shall be recommended *to* (not *by*) the Quarterly Meeting."

2. Constitution of District Ministerial Committees

Probationers have never been members of the District Ministerial Committees and have been wrongly included in para. 321 page 60:

Paras. 321 and 323 should be amended as follows:—

Para 321, delete the word "Probationer."

Para 323, after the word Committee in (a) insert the words "and Probationers whose names appear on the Station sheet for the District"

3. Part III—*The Vice-President of the Conference*

The Vice-president has always had some part in the conduct of the ordination service. Somehow the authority to this wrongly appears in paragraph 219.

Therefore para. 218 and 219 should be amended as follows:—

Para. 218, add the following sentence: "He shall have some part in the conduct of the Ordination Service at the Conference at which he is elected.

Para. 219, delete the last sentence.

(3) Native Ministers, Maori Representation in Synods and Conference, Maori Mission Circuits:

The Committee still has these matters under consideration and expects to be able to finalise its report thereon during the coming year.

(10) Several matters have come to the notice of the Committee which the Committee is of the opinion should receive consideration by it. Therefore the Committee asks permission to study and report on the following:—

(1) Regulations re choirmaster and organist.

(2) The giving of names to Churches.

(3) Chairman of local Courts having a deliberative as well as a casting vote.

RESOLUTIONS

That the Report be received and adopted.

Law Revision Committee

REPORT FOR 1956

Sections 7, 8, 9—of the Committee's report 1955 (as above) were received and referred to 1956 Conference.

The Committee has met regularly over the last four months and has considered the following matters:—

1. WORLD PEACE COMMITTEE

The Committee has considered the constitution of the World Peace Committee (1954 Minutes page 86 Resolution 6B) and recommends as follows:—

Xb. World Peace Committee

A World Peace Committee shall be appointed at each Conference. It shall give leadership to the Church in all matters relating to World Peace and shall report thereon to Synods and to the Conference.

2. MINISTERS "RESTING" AND SERVING UNDER OTHER ORGANISATIONS (1955 Minutes page 177 Resolution 6)

There are separate provisions in the Law Book relating to Ministers permitted to serve with other organisations and to Ministers "Resting" (see Law Book page 19 paragraphs 121 and 122).

The usual practice has been to name Ministers who have been permitted to serve with organisations under question 18 of the Conference Agenda. This does not seem quite appropriate and therefore it is recommended that question 18 be subdivided into two parts as follows:—

18(a) What Ministers or Probationers have permission to serve with other organisations during the year?

18(b) What Ministers or Probationers have permission "to Rest" during the year?

3. QUESTION 28 OF THE CONFERENCE AGENDA AND TERM "MARRIED MINISTER" (1955 Minutes page 177 Resolution 4)

The Committee is of the opinion that this question should be reworded.

It is the duty of each Circuit to provide a suitable parsonage adequately furnished for each ordained Minister (paragraph 228(c) Law Book page 41). Further a Circuit to which an additional unmarried Minister or a Probationer is appointed at its request is required to provide for a Married Minister at the end of four years from the date of such appointment (paragraph 138 Law Book page 22). Conference can of course as has been done on numerous occasions extend the period.

All ordained Ministers are entitled to furnished parsonages whether they are married or not. It is the duty of the Circuit to provide a parsonage for each ordained Minister stationed therein.

Therefore the Committee recommends that Question 28 of Paragraph 379 Law Book page 75 be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

28. What Circuits are due to provide a parsonage for an Ordained Minister?

4. POWERS OF CONFERENCE AND RIGHTS OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS (Resolution 5 1956 Minutes page 177)

The Committee has been directed to report on the provisions of paragraph 36 Section (11) Law Book page 72 with respect to the rights of Quarterly Meetings.

This paragraph gives power to the Conference to adopt any legislation required in the interests of the Church provided that no change shall be made affecting constitutional questions or the rights and privileges of the Ministry or Laity unless such changes shall have been previously submitted at the District Synods and confirmed by a Stated majority at the next succeeding Conference.

This provision first appeared in our Church Law after the 1913 Union with the Primitive Methodist Church and has been continued unaltered ever since. The same paragraph is in the 1928 Edition of the Law Book, see page 76 paragraph 246 (10).

Quarterly Meetings have never had the right to be consulted by the Conference in regard to constitutional changes.

5. HANDING OVER ROLLS AT INDUCTION SERVICE

The Committee in conjunction with the Faith and Order Committee has considered the question of handing over rolls during the induction service. (Resolution 1a 1955 Minutes page 62).

It is suggested that this be provided for where the Presiding Minister addresses the new Minister as is set out on page 8 of the Order of Service. The Committee recommends the following wording:—

"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I welcome you to the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments of this Circuit and in token of your induction I extend to you the right hand of fellowship.

I now hand to you your Rolls of Church Members and Adherents and charge you to be faithful and diligent in the pastoral care of this people."

Definition of Adherent

(Resolution 1b 1955 Minutes page 63)

The Committee recommends that a Methodist Adherent be defined as "a person who is consistent in his attendance at Divine Worship and in his support of the Church by service and means and is so recognised by the Leaders' Meeting."

6. EXAMINATION OF ROLLS AND RECORDS

(Resolution 7a 1955 Minutes page 177)

The Committee suggests that the most suitable time for an examination of Church rolls and records would be at the March Meeting of the District Ministerial Committee. One of the questions to be considered at that meeting relates to Pastoral Efficiency.

The Committee therefore recommends that there be added to paragraph 7 Law Book page 2 the following:

"All membership Rolls and Circuit Schedules shall be submitted by the Superintendent Minister to the March Meeting of the Ministerial Committee which shall make suitable arrangements for the examination of the same."

7. METHOD OF APPOINTMENT OF DEACONESSES

(Resolution 4 1955 Minutes page 177)

Appointments of Deaconesses are made by the Conference on the recommendation of the Deaconess House Board. The practice has been for the Board to submit its recommended appointments to the Conference but often the Stationing Committee requires information relating to Deaconesses. Therefore the Committee recommends that the last sentence of paragraph 506 (3) Law Book page 123 be repealed and the following be substituted therefore:—

"The appointment shall be made by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board. The Board shall present to the Stationing Committee for information only its list of recommended appointments."

8. ENGAGEMENT OF AGENTS BETWEEN CONFERENCE

Where Conference has designated a certain station as "one wanted" it is the duty of the Home Mission Department and the local officials to endeavour to provide a supply. Sometimes the Department has a person available yet the position has been filled by the local officials. Of course the actual appointment has to be made by the President. (See paragraph 128 Law Book page 21).

In order to obviate any future difficulty it is recommended that the following be added to paragraph 128:—

"acting in consultation with the Home Mission Board."

9. PARSONAGE ALLOWANCES

In 1952 Conference decided that the allowance for linen, etc., be increased and that Ministers provide their own kitchen utensils. (1952 Minutes page 58).

The Committee therefore recommends that the last sentence of paragraph 228(c) be repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

"Such furniture shall include curtains but shall exclude linen, blankets, cutlery, crockery and kitchen utensils."

10. MAORI WORK AND AGENDA FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The 1950 Conference referred to the Committee certain proposed questions to be considered at Quarterly Meetings. (1950 Minutes page 127). It was suggested that different questions should be provided for North and South Island circuits. This does not seem practicable to the Committee. Further there are many circuits where there would be no Maoris in them. The Committee considers that the question to be considered should be more of a general nature and therefore recommends that an additional question be added as follows:—

Paragraph 290 (15a) "What is being done in the Circuit for work amongst the Maori people?"

A further question was suggested to be asked at meetings of the various Youth Councils but the Committee submits that the position is now adequately met in the existing law.

11. DUTIES OF CIRCUIT STEWARDS

The Committee has been asked to consider (see 1953 Minutes page 133 Resolution 7) a resolution relating to stipends passed in 1947 with a view to its being included in the law.

The resolution is as follows:—

"That this Conference directs that Circuits and Home Mission Stations must show in their statements of income and expenditure, quarterly and annually, the stipend at least at the minimum standard rate, and then any amount outstanding at that figure should be clearly stated as arrears in stipend due to the Minister or Home Missionary."

The Committee is of the opinion that this is not a proper provision for inclusion in the Law Book. Strictly speaking there is no contract between the Minister and the Circuit. He receives an allowance, Conference states what the minimum allowance should be.

It is understood that it is proposed to prepare a set of model accounts for the Circuit Fund. In which case perhaps a provision could be made whereby the position in regard to the Minister's Stipend and arrears (if any) could be shown.

12. AREA — SUB-COMMITTEE AND ITS CHAIRMAN — RELATIONSHIP TO SYNOD STANDING COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

(1955 Minutes page 177 Resolution 7b)

In recent years in some Districts Sub-area Committees have been set up, under the Chairmanship of a Minister, nominated by the Chairman of the District, to deal with the work of the Church in a limited area. It is in order for this to be done as a Synod Standing Committee can apportion any part of its duties to sub-Committees. (Law Book page 68 paragraph 354). Further a District Chairman may appoint a deputy to act for him on any specific occasion but he has no power to give a general authority to any one to act continuously on his behalf. (Law Book page 29 para. 161). The Chairman is the chief executive officer of the Church in his District and is responsible to Conference. There is no provision in the Church Law for the appointment of a deputy District Chairman. An Acting-Chairman can be appointed on the death of or during the absence of the Chairman. (Law Book page 29 paragraph 164).

To regularise the position the Committee is of the opinion that provision should be made for the setting up of area sub-committees and the appointment of a Minister to act as an assistant to the Chairman within such area. Care must be taken not to interfere with the rights and duties of the District Chairman and of the Synod Standing Committee.

The Committee therefore recommends the following:—

- (a) add to paragraph 318 the following:—

“Conference may for the purposes of administration subdivide a district into areas.”

- (b) add the following additional paragraphs:

354A. Where a District is subdivided into one or more areas pursuant to paragraph 318 Conference may on the nomination of the Synod Standing Committee appoint in respect of each such area an area sub-committee consisting of not fewer than three and not more than fifteen (15) Ministers and a similar number of Laymen.

354B. The area sub-committee shall within its area carry out such duties of the Synod Standing Committee as are allocated to it by such Committee to which it shall report and make recommendations.

354C. The Chairman of the District shall be ex officio Chairman of the area sub-committee. Conference may, on the nomination of the Chairman, appoint a Minister to act as his Assistant and when required act as his deputy within the area.

The Committee still has under consideration matters relating to the Native Ministry, and Native representation in Synods and Conference, Standard questions for Synod Standing Committee, Constitution of Methodist Social Service Association and deposit of moneys held for special purposes.

H. de R. FLESHER, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Section 1 ‘World Peace Committee’ be received and re-considered by next Conference.
3. That Sections 2, 3 and 4 be adopted.
4. That Section 5 ‘Handing over Rolls at Induction Service’ be referred back to the Committee in consultation with the Faith and Order Committee.
5. That Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9 be adopted.

6. That Section 10 'Maori work and Agenda for Quarterly Meeting' be adopted with the exception of the last sentence which is referred back to the Committee.

7. That Section 11 'Duties of Circuit Stewards' be referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

8. That Section 12 as amended be adopted.

9. That the Law Revision Committee examine the regulations covering the Conference membership and status of Home Missionary and Deaconess representatives at Conference with a view to clarifying certain anomalies.

10. That the Law Book Revision Committee consider the revision of paragraph 237 (j) page 42 of the Law Book in order that it may be possible to appoint the Secretary of the Leaders' Meeting from any suitable leader.

11. That the Law Revision Committee be asked to harmonise the list of questions on Page 63, question 9, of the Law Book and the list of questions distributed to Circuits.

12. That the following matter be referred to the Law Revision Committee:—

Election of Vice-President

(1) That the Vice-President be elected twelve months in advance as is done in the case of the President of Conference.

(2) That the Vice-President-Elect have the opportunity of attending all important Church Committees such as the Church Council, Home Mission and Foreign Mission Committees, and that during his actual year of office he be appointed an ex-officio member of these important committees of the Church.

13. That the Law Revision Committee report on the procedure to be followed by Conference in respect to the handling of reports from boards and committees, with particular reference to any suggested alterations to the substance of a report.

RULINGS OF THE PRESIDENT

A Deaconess and the Vice-Presidency

QUESTION:

Can a member of the Deaconess Order be elected to the office of Vice-President of the Conference?

ANSWER:

Para. 356 of the Law Book in setting out the constitution of the Conference provides that there shall be an equal number of "Ministerial" and "Lay" representatives or non-ministerial representatives.

A Ministerial representative is a Minister in full connexion with the Conference. All other Church members who are representatives to Conference are lay representatives.

The word "Layman" or any other word of that connotation is to be understood as applying equally to men and to women.

A Deaconess has the right to be elected to represent the Deaconess Order. In addition she may be elected to represent a circuit, or any board, or Committee, in or of which she is a member. Para. 357 must of course be complied with.

Any lay representative who has been a member of at least three previous Conferences may be elected Vice-President of the Conference (Para. 213.)

Therefore a member of the Deaconess Order who is a lay representative at a Conference may be elected to the office of Vice-President of such

Conference provided she has been a member of Conference on at least three previous occasions.

And I do so rule.

**Representation of Women's Missionary
Auxiliaries in Quarterly Meetings**

QUESTION:

Paragraph 277 (l) Law Book page 51 makes provision for the representation of Women's Missionary Auxiliaries in Quarterly meetings.

What is the representation where there are two auxiliaries within one society in a Circuit?

ANSWER:

The Constitution of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union defines a Missionary Auxiliary as a group of Church Women affiliated to the Methodist Women's Missionary Union etc. (See Law Book page 191 section 5). Each Women's Auxiliary in the Circuit affiliated to the Methodist Women's Missionary Union has the right to appoint a representative to the Quarterly Meeting. If there are two auxiliaries within one Society in a Circuit and both are affiliated to Methodist Women's Missionary Union each is entitled to appoint a representative to the Quarterly Meeting.

And I do so rule.

Representation of Women's Groups in the Quarterly Meeting

QUESTION:

In cases where a Church has an evening as well as a day Guild, or another group having similar functions, has each such Guild or Group the right to appoint a representative to the Quarterly Meeting?

ANSWER:

Paragraph 277 (k) Law Book page 50 makes provision for representation of Ladies Guilds in quarterly meetings—one representative from each Ladies' Guild.

Paragraph 519 (l) Law Book page 156 provides that a Women's Guild shall be formed where practicable in each Church. This paragraph provides only for one Women's Guild in a Church and therefore only one such group can have representation in the quarterly meeting. Other groups having similar functions are not entitled to representation in quarterly meetings.

And I do so rule.

M. A. McDOWELL, President of Conference.

QUESTION LXI.—(b) Who is appointed the President's Legal Adviser?

That Mr H. de R. Flesher, M.A., LL.B., be thanked for his services and be re-appointed.

QUESTION LXII.—What is the Report of the Ecumenical Committee?

Ecumenical Committee

ANNUAL REPORT, 1956

The year just closed has been one of fairly important activity and your committee has to report the following matters:

Visit of W.C.C. Leaders

Because of the meeting in February last of the W.C.C. Executive in Australia, leaders of the Council visited New Zealand. The following members visited New Zealand and addressed meetings and met Church leaders here: Rev Dr W. A. Visser 't Hooft, Rev. Leslie E. Cooke, Rev. Dr Frederick Nolde, Rev. Philip Potter, Bishop and Mrs Bromley Oxnam, Bishop Umberto Barbieri and Bishop L. de Mel. 75 Public engagements

were arranged throughout the country and over 50,000 attended meetings.

Rev. A. K. Petch attended these meetings on behalf of the National Council of Churches.

Closer Relations with South East Asian Christians

One of the significant events of the year was the invitation of the N.C.C. to send an observer to various meetings of Asian Church leaders in Bangkok in March. The invitation was accepted, and on behalf of all New Zealand member churches, the N.C.C. shared in Asian discussions at the invitation of those churches. It is proposed that an Asian Ecumenical Council will be constituted at an official conference in Sumatra in March 1957 and the N.C.C. has been invited to send two observers. The matter of New Zealand being invited into full membership of the Council will be discussed at an early stage of the conference. The N.C.C. submits to member churches the names of Right Rev. E. J. Rich and Rev. Alan A. Brash as observers, and also invites the New Zealand churches to delegate to the N.C.C. authority to act on our behalf in this particular relationship, on the understanding that all policy matters will be submitted to member churches before action is taken. The Committee submits resolutions on this matter.

World Methodist Conference

The following representatives attended the World Methodist Conference at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina:

(a) Council members. President of the Conference (Rev. M. A. McDowell), Rev W. E. A. Carr, Rev W. H. Greenslade, Mrs G. S. Gapper, and Miss P. Yearbury.

(b) Conference Members. All members of the council, plus Mrs M. A. McDowell, Mrs W. H. Greenslade, Rev H. Whitfield, Mr M. Hancock and Mr Frank Grocott.

(c) Accredited visitors. Mr and Mrs E. A. Crothall, Mrs G. S. Gapper, Mrs H. Whitfield and Mrs Frank Grocott.

Some representatives will be returning in time for Conference, and all Districts are urged to make the fullest use of our representatives on their return.

Representation on inter Church Committees (Minutes of Conference, 1955, page 181, Res. 13).

The Committee believes that the best way of approaching this matter is to make nominations for a period of years, and at the end of that period, the representative would not normally be eligible for further nomination.

Financial Assistance to Overseas Conference

The Committee has given some thought to the matter of granting financial assistance to ministerial and lay representatives to overseas conferences, and is of opinion that the only satisfactory way is through a grant from the Contingent Fund. The Committee is aware that no such grant could be made without increasing the income of the Fund. In view of the fact that Conference has appointed a Committee to investigate Church finance generally, it is suggested that the matter be referred to that Committee. (Minutes of Conference 1955, page 129, Resolution 15).

Conference on Life and Work (Minutes 1955 page 180 No. 8)

As instructed by Conference, the Committee referred to the N.C.C. the possibility of holding a further Conference on Life and Work. The Annual Meeting of the N.C.C. has referred our request to the Executive.

Change of the Venue of the Committee

The Committee considered during the year the possibility of a change in venue of the committee. While there are advantages in having the committee in Christchurch where the N.C.C. executive is located, the Committee was unable to come to any final decision on the matter.

Convener

Owing to the illness of Rev E. S. Hoddinott, the President appointed Rev A. H. Ivory as acting-convener.

Report of Women's Committee N.C.C.

The Women's Committee of the N.C.C. continued as the study department of the W.C.C. and during the year published the booklet "Knowing One Another," a study of the various Churches connected with the N.C.C. It is felt that the encouraging of study groups, particularly of an inter-church nature, is the major task of the Committee.

The Committee is also responsible for organising throughout New Zealand the World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in Lent. Mr Brash has described the basic task of the N.C.C., as bringing an increasing number of people into an ecumenical experience, and instanced the World Day of Prayer as the ideal way of achieving this at the deepest spiritual level.

During the year, the visits of the many leaders of the W.C.C. and of Dr Pradervand of the Presbyterian World Alliance, have greatly stimulated the Committee, and challenged them to do something about their near neighbours in the Pacific. As a result, a letter was written to Indonesia trying to get in touch with women's organisations there, but so far, no success has been achieved.

Mrs E. J. Ward, the President of our Section, was privileged to go to the W.C.C. Executive meetings in Australia as an observer, and has brought back to the Committee something of this great experience.

The Committee is anxiously looking for new ways of bringing the women of the churches into new experiences of the ecumenical movement in New Zealand.

Maori Section N.C.C.

The work of the Maori section has continued along the usual lines during the past year. Amongst other things, the section has given itself to the study of some of the proselytising sects with a view to providing helpful literature for our own Maori people and families.

The Rotorua Hostel is full and reports from there are satisfactory. The visits to Invercargill and Burwood have been maintained. It has been found impossible to implement the decision made last year to conduct Section Evangelistic meetings because of certain domestic difficulties within one of the communions concerned.

The new Chairman is Very Rev J. G. Laughton of the Presbyterian Church and the Rev E. Te Tuhi is vice-chairman. The annual meeting of the Section was held this year at Ruatoki in the Bay of Plenty.

Youth Committee of the N.C.C.

The chief business of the committee during the year has been the preparations for the Ecumenical Conference to be held in Palmerston North from December 27th to January 3rd. The Committee expects up to 2000, mostly between the ages of 17 and 30. Those over 30 may attend only with the special recommendation of the National Youth organisations of which they are members. The visiting speakers are Rev George MacLeod of Iona, and Rev Rex Matthias of Melbourne, and probably another from Asia. Representative speakers have been approached in New Zealand to address the conference on aspects of the main theme which is "Christ Unites," considered as concerns Nations, Races, Churches and Communities. The Conference calls for careful and skilled organisation and the co-operation of the Youth Departments of all the member churches. The Committee has had the fullest co-operation from the Methodist Youth Board and its Senior Director. The Presbyterian Church is releasing some of her staff for full time service after Assembly. Other churches are giving enthusiastic assistance. Our Church is well represented in Leadership,

official speakers and organising, and it is hoped, will also be well represented in membership of the Conference.

The Annual Meeting of the Committee held an enquiry into what was called "The Concern of the Committee"—that the gap between the church and people is wider than is usually realised; that a divided church cannot bridge the gap; that a great loving concern is a pre-requisite for any advance; that this concern might lead the Church into new ways of bringing the Gospel to the people. This "concern" is now being examined by all member churches.

The Rev O. M. Olds was appointed by the Committee to represent New Zealand at a Work Camp in Indonesia, and made it possible for him to attend. It is hoped that he will report directly to the church.

The Recreation Leadership Committee under the direction of Mr Don Riesterer continues outstanding work in carrying out the courses of instruction which have been well attended.

Mr H. Beaumont is Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Mr Southey is Treasurer.

G. H. GOODMAN, Acting Chairman.

A. H. IVORY, Acting-Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the following grants be authorised:
 - (a) £300 to the Budget of the N.C.C.
 - (b) £6 affiliation fee to the N.C.C.
 - (c) £125 to the World Council through the N.C.C.
 - (d) £5 to the Ecumenical Committee.
3. That the N.C.C. Christmas appeal be commended to the churches over the signature of the President.
4. That the Conference refer the matter of granting assistance to representatives to overseas conferences to the Special Committee on Church Finance (Minutes 1955, page 129, Res. 13).
5. That in making nominations to the N.C.C. care be taken to ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity of serving on the N.C.C. consistent with adequate representation of our Church.
6. That Conference assent in principle to the proposals submitted by the N.C.C. relative to the Sumatra Conference to be held in March 1957; and in particular assent to the appointment of Right Rev E. J. Rich and the Rev Allan A. Brash as observers, and authorise the N.C.C. to act on our behalf, it being understood that all proposals and policy matters be submitted to the churches before action is taken.
7. That the representatives on the following committees be as under:
 - (a) National Council of Churches—Revs H. L. Fiebig, R. Dudley, A. K. Petch, J. D. Grocott with Rev G. H. Goodman as alternate.
 - (b) Women's Committee N.C.C.—Mesdames H. G. Pearce, H. F. Ford, P. LeBrun with Miss A. Blakey as Corresponding member.
 - (c) Maori Section N.C.C.—Revs G. I. Laurenson, E. Te Tuhi, R. Rogers and H. A. Darvill.
 - (d) Youth Committee N.C.C.—Mrs G. E. Hill, Mr H. W. Beaumont.
8. That the message of the Ninth World Methodist Conference held at Junaluska be referred to the Board of Publications for distribution without cost to the Contingent Fund.
9. That the representation on the World Methodist Council be—Revs E. W. Hames, J. D. Grocott, Dr M. A. McDowell, Sister Rita Snowden, and Mr Alan Crothall, and that in future the Ecumenical Committee make nominations prior to the holding of World Methodist Councils.
10. That Conference express its warm appreciation to the American

Methodist Church for the generous hospitality extended to the New Zealand delegation.

11. That representation on the Executive of the World Methodist Council be referred to the Ecumenical Committee.

12. That the Ecumenical Committee be requested to arrange for the fullest possible use of the New Zealand representatives at Junaluska in bringing the message and inspiration of the Conference to our New Zealand Church.

13. That the Ecumenical Committee give consideration to the policy of the Church in respect to the nature of our representation at future meetings of the World Council.

14. That the Committee for 1957 be as printed on page 10 herein.

QUESTION LXIII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference on Other Questions?

1—Faith and Order Committee

The Faith and Order Committee has concentrated its work this year upon the preparation of the Order of Service for the Holy Communion and of the Joint Statement of Faith to be used by the Church Union Committee. Attention has been directed also to the question of membership and to other matters as indicated in the Minutes of Conference, 1955, pp.62, 133, 181, 184.

Joint Statement of Faith:

The committee has completed its work on the Joint Statement of Faith and has sent its proposed amendments to the Church Union Committee. For three meetings of the Committee, the Rev H. G. Nicholas, Principal of the Congregational College, was invited to share in the discussions.

Church Architecture and Furnishings:

General approval has been given to the introductory statement on the theological principles governing Church architecture as proposed by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee for inclusion in the new booklet on Church architecture. The Committee seeks permission to continue its work on a larger, additional statement on the same theme.

Presidential Stole:

For the Presidential stole the Committee has recommended the use of the letters I.H.S. and the symbols of the Cross and of the World. The stole is to be purple in colour and is to carry also a representation of the Maori taniko design.

Investigation is continuing concerning a seal for New Zealand Methodism.

Membership:

Several discussions have taken place on the subject of membership and on the particular question of the place of the child in the life of the Church. It is necessary for the Committee to continue its research here for a further year.

Order of Service for the Holy Communion:

On the basis of the March Ministerial Synod reports the Committee has prepared an amended order of service for the Holy Communion.

E. W. HAMES, Chairman.

J. J. LEWIS, Convener.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.

2. That the following Order of Service for the Holy Communion be adopted:—

The Order for the
ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
OR
THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Table at the Communion time, having a fair white linen cloth upon it, shall stand in some convenient place. And the Minister, having come to the Table, shall say the Lord's Prayer, with the Collect following, (all kneeling).

Where the full Order of Service is not followed, the place of the Pre-Communion shall be taken by a Service specially designed as a preparation.

The Minister, in conducting the Service according to the following form, shall have liberty to give out Hymns, and to use extemporary Prayer, and may abbreviate the Service, if necessary, provided always that he include the Words of Institution with Prayer.

Suitable Laymen may assist in the distribution of the Elements, the choice of such Laymen being at the discretion of the officiating Minister.

Where possible the pure, unfermented juice of the grape shall be used.

It is preferable to receive the Elements kneeling at the Communion Rail, but, if persons so desire, they may receive them while seated or kneeling in their place.

The Pre-Communion:

The Lord's Prayer.

The Collect for Purity.

The Recital of the Beatitudes or of the Commandments.

Then shall the Minister rise, and turning to the People, rehearse distinctly the BEATITUDES; and the People still kneeling shall after each Beatitude ask of God this grace, as follows:

Or THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD JESUS may be said:

Or THE TEN COMMANDMENTS may be said: (Using here the abbreviated form as printed in the British Book of Offices).

The Collect or another short Prayer and Lessons for the Day.

The Creeds.

The Apostles' Creed ('Hell' replacing 'Hades' in the present order).

The Nicene Creed.

The Sermon.

The Offering.

Then shall the Minister read one or more of these Sentences, during which an Offering shall be made (for the Benevolent Fund, for some Special Offering, or for the Main Offering as desired). This being brought to the Minister, he shall place it on the Lord's Table: and shall dedicate it with an offertory Prayer.

"So let your light shine . . . heaven."

"He that soweth sparingly . . . giver."

"Pure religion and undefiled . . . world."

"He that showed the, O man, what is good . . . thy God?"

The Prayer for the Whole Estate of Christ's Church.

After which done, the Minister shall say, the People responding:—

Let us pray for the whole estate of Christ's Church militant here on earth.

(And here all shall kneel).

"Almighty and ever-living God, why by Thy holy Apostle has taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men; We humbly beseech Thee most mercifully (to accept our alms and oblations, and) to receive these our prayers . . . live in unity and godly love."

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

"We beseech Thee also to save and defend all Christian rulers; and especially Thy servant ELIZABETH our Queen . . . to the maintenance of Thy true religion and virtue."

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

"Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all the Ministers of Thy Gospel in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life."

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

"And we most humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity (especially) Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate." Amen.

Then the Minister shall say:

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, Who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking; We beseech Thee to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Communion Service Proper:

The Exhortation and Invitation.

(The words of invitation to conclude with, "[meekly kneeling upon your knees and] saying with me:").

Then shall the Minister and People say together the words following:
Confession.

Then, the People (still kneeling) the Minister shall rise and say:

This is the message which we have heard from Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Amen.

(Here shall the People Stand.)

Comfortable Words.

Sursum Corda, Prefaces, Sanctus.

Then shall the Minister, kneeling at the Table, unite with the People in this Prayer:

Prayer of Humble Access.

Prayer of Consecration.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by His one oblation of Himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, (oblation, and propitiation) for the sins of the whole world; may be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood; (As an alternative order, the Prayer may be ended at this point and the Words of Institution set forth as a Declaration followed by the Manual Acts). Who in the same right that He was betrayed, took bread in remembrance of Me. Amen.

The Reception of the Elements.

The Minister may dismiss each table of communicants with a suitable Scripture sentence or suitable prayer. When all have communicated, the Minister shall return to the Lord's Table, and place upon it what remaineth of the Elements, covering the same with a fair linen cloth.

The Post-Communion:

Then, after silent Prayer, there shall follow the Lord's Prayer or other short Prayer.

Lord's Prayer or other Short Prayer.

The Prayer of Oblation.

The Gloria in Excelsis.

Blessings.

Then shall the Minister dismiss the People with these Blessings:

Now the God of peace, Who brought again from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep, with the blood of the eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

3. That the Faith and Order Committee prepare a statement on the theological principles governing Church architecture and furnishings.

4. That a grant of £5 be made to the Faith and Order Committee from the Contingent Fund.

5. That the Faith and Order Committee consider the whole question of membership and the place of children in the Church.

6. That the Committee for 1957 be as printed on page 11 herein, with the Rev. J. Silvester, M.A., as Convener.

2—Radio Committee

REPORT FOR 1956

The Central Radio Advisory Committee:

The proposed appointment of an officer responsible for guiding and developing religious broadcasting in New Zealand, is still under consideration by certain Churches. Meantime, to obtain some relief from the ever-increasing burden of detailed concerns, the Director has found it necessary to appoint an officer of his Department to assist him in the direction of religious broadcasting and to act as liaison with the Churches. The worth of even this limited type of superintendence was shown by the production, within a month of appointment, of a weeknight series of Panels, "Questions and Answers about Religion". It is to be hoped that unanimity can be reached speedily concerning the authority and direction of the proposed full-time Supervisor so that an early appointment can be made.

The Methodist Central Committee:

Childrens' Sunday Sessions. All Synod Standing Committees have been requested to make recommendation concerning ways of improving these sessions. The proposals have been many and varied. The use of an agreed syllabus, of dramatic productions, and the shortening of the session to half an hour were suggestions which the C.R.A.C. readily adopted. There is a strong body of opinion that our Church should seek the opportunity to broadcast from one Centre, all the childrens' sessions for which it is responsible, and that these should be organised and produced by the Central Committee in consultation with our Youth Department.

Non-Church-Listener Broadcasts. The Committee also communicated with Synod Standing Committees concerning broadcasting sessions more particularly designed for non-church listeners. Following the study on Radio Evangelism prepared by the Convener for Ministerial Synods, several very helpful suggestions were received. The mind of the Church as reflected in these many communications may be summarised thus:

(a) "Non-Church-Listener Sessions" do provide an effective means of arresting the attention and gaining the interest of the non-Church-going public, but they are regarded by Church members as poor substitutes for the normal services of worship.

(b) To have permanent worth, these sessions would need to have (1) Continuity: week by week the same approach, and possibly the same personnel. This is not possible under the present denominational rota system. (2) A high standard of radio production which would need to be maintained. This is beyond the capacity of most local Churches and it is doubtful if a District even, could maintain the standard required for a prolonged period.

(c) Because of these needs for continuity in one type of specialised approach, yet an overall variety of approaches, wise direction on a Connexional—or better, National—basis is needed.

The Committee is persuaded that while this type of religious broadcasting is an effective means of contacting the non-Church goer, the fully effective answer will be found only when the C.R.A.C. reconsiders the aim and purpose of religious broadcasting in New Zealand in the light of the experience of the B.B.C., and at the same time makes appointment of a full-time Supervisor of religious broadcasting for New Zealand. It is our belief that the C.R.A.C. should resolve to use a proportion of the time granted to religious broadcasting (say the Sunday evening hours) for evangelism among non-Church going listeners, and that a supervising officer should be allocated a proportion of broadcasting time for the production of these sessions.

The Committee has again given attention to the routine matters relating to denominational and local allocations, National and local schedules, wiring of Churches, publicity, etc. Arrangements have been made for the publication of the proposed "Folder for Ministers Broadcasting", to be issued by the Convener on completion of the surveys of Religious T.V. and Radio Broadcasting which he is making in Great Britain and the U.S.A.

W. H. GREENSLADE, Convener.

The Committee would lay on record its appreciation of the services of the Rev. W. H. Greenslade who, has represented our Church on the New Zealand C.R.A.C. and been Convener of this Committee for almost ten years. Mr Greenslade has made a splendid contribution to Church Broadcasting at production and administrative levels.

M. A. McDOWELL, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the C.R.A.C. be requested to recommend the Director of Broadcasting to make available to the Methodist Church a National link for Childrens' Sunday Broadcasts allocated to the Methodist Church. That the Methodist Central Committee confer with the Youth Department in making preparation for the commencement of these sessions by January 1958.
3. That the C.R.A.C. be requested to consider the aim and organisation of religious broadcasting in New Zealand in the light of the experience of the B.B.C. Religious Department, and with a view to using a considerable proportion of time for evangelism among non-Church listeners.
4. That we urge the early appointment of an officer to be charged with the special responsibility of supervising religious broadcasting and request that the appointment be made in consultation with the C.R.A.C.
5. That the Contingent Fund be requested to make a grant of £10 to the Committee for publication expenses.
6. That the Rev W. H. Greenslade be thanked for his services as Representative on the New Zealand C.R.A.C. and as Methodist Church

Radio-Convener over the past 10 years, and that the Rev M. A. McDowell be appointed Representative for 1957.

7. That appreciation be expressed to the Minister of Broadcasting for the Religion Discussion Panels recently broadcast.

8. That the C.R.A.C. investigate the possibility of a daily session of a few minutes similar to that broadcast by the B.B.C. after the 6 a.m. news bulletin.

9. That the Committee be as printed on page 12 herein.

3—Business of Conference Committee

Conference 1955 appointed a special committee to consider steps to facilitate the Business of Conference. The following are the Resolutions of last Conference:—

1. That a committee be appointed to report on what steps might be taken to facilitate the business of Conference and its relationship to the work of the Examination Committee, the Stationing Committee and the Synod Standing Committees.

2. That the Committee be the President of the Conference, Revs. W. T. Blight, H. L. Fiebig, G. R. H. Peterson and G. H. Goodman and Messrs. H. de R. Flesher, N. P. Alcorn, T. M. Pacey, L. A. Davis, A. L. Stanton with Revs. E. W. Hames and H. C. Matthews as corresponding members. Convener: Secretary of the Conference.

3. That the Committee also enquire into the length of reports presented to Synods and Conference.

4. That the Committee consider the establishment of a further Conference Committee of Details to deal with some of the business of Committee "F".

The Church Council also referred certain matters to the Committee, viz.

1. The advisability of bringing forward the Sessions of Conference by one day.

2. The Time of Determining Ministerial Appointments:

(Minutes of Conference, 1954, page 70, Res. 6.)

(A) Consideration was given to various suggestions about the First Reading of Stations being drafted some time before the Opening of Conference. The whole question has been occasioned by the increasing pressure of Conference business.

Stationing is of vital interest to ministers and laymen and to a large extent dominates the thought of both during sessions.

The time necessary for careful consideration of the Stationing Sheet is not always available. The sessions are long and involve too much strain for members of the Committee. Also, the extra sessions necessary interfere with the other business of Conference.

The Council considers that it is not desirable nor practicable for appointments to be made during the Connexional Year.

It submits the following scheme:

(a) That the Examination Committee meet on Wednesday (prior to Conference) all day as at present.

(b) That the Stationing Committee meet on Tuesday afternoon and evening. (This would mean that certain members from a distance would need to travel part of the way by Air).

(c) That second meeting of the Stationing Committee be held on the Tuesday evening following the Opening of Conference.

(d) That the Reading of Stations be: First Reading be taken on the Friday morning as early as possible after the opening of the Conference

Session; Second Reading be taken on the Wednesday morning and the Sheet lie on the Table for 24 hours and be finally adopted on Thursday.

Advantages:

1. More time would be available for a full consideration of the First Draft of Stations, without interruptions by Conference Sessions.
2. The First Reading of the Stationing Sheet would be taken earlier in Conference than at present and this would give more time to get information to Circuits.
3. It leaves Friday evening free for a full session of Conference and gives more time for business on the Saturday morning.
4. It should enable Conference to close on the Thursday evening, thus reducing the total Conference days.

N.B.: (a) This Scheme is presented on the assumption that the scheme regarding the size of the Stationing Committee as presented by the Council last Conference and being sent to Quarterly Meetings, Synods and Conference 1955, is adopted. However, this could be worked with the Stationing Committee as at present constituted.

(b) Lay Representatives to the Stationing Committee would have to be elected by Synods.

(c) Certain matters affecting Stationing at present dealt with by the General Purposes Committee on Thursday would have to be dealt with by this Committee. Final details would have to be arranged if the scheme is adopted.

Also the following Resolution of Conference 1955 has been referred to the Committee by the Church Council:

(B) That the whole matter be referred back to the Church Council for further consideration and report.

That the following be referred to the Church Council:—

That for the purpose of preparing the first draft of stations for the Tuesday afternoon and evening, a Sub-Committee of the Stationing Committee be appointed in terms of the recommendation of the Church Council, but that the full Stationing Committee be appointed as at present.

Report of Committee

The Committee has met in several sessions, once in Wellington and during a whole day in Christchurch. It has given careful consideration to the matters referred to it.

It reports as below on the various items on its agenda.

A. Business of the Examination Committee

It was felt that the business of the Committee could be greatly expedited by the elimination of certain items which tradition has carried through to the present day. After a sub-committee consisting of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners and certain previous Secretaries of the Board had reported the committee was able to recommend some important changes. They are listed in the Recommendations following this report.

B. Conference Business Transferred to Synod Standing Committees

Time of Conference could be saved and one Committee of Details could be eliminated if Questions 25 to 28 in Conference Agenda (dealing with Circuits) were dealt with on the District level. These district matters could then be reported to Conference through the Home Mission Committee.

C. Length of Reports to Synods and Conference

A great deal of time and space would be saved if certain reports were abridged and if a summarised report of certain similar activities, such as those coming under the survey of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. were prepared and presented in that way to Conference.

The committee believes it is not really necessary to print the detailed statistical returns each year. The Dominion summary could be printed annually. The Committee of Details dealing with Property and Funds is asked to consider how the volume of printing of financial statements may be reduced.

Reports previously circulated should be voted on without exposition and so save further time in Conference.

D. Further Committee of Details

The Committee looked at the work of various committees and notes that one or two committees have overloaded agendas. It suggests that certain items be removed from the present Agenda of Committees 'F' (Welfare of the Church) and 'J' (Institutions) to create an agenda for a new Committee 'D' to be known as the Ecumenical Committee. This, of course, presumes that the present Committee 'D' (Circuits) is eliminated, otherwise the new committee would have a different letter designation.

E. (a) Opening Day of Conference; (b) Time of Determining Ministerial Appointments

The Committee had before it the suggestion that the sessions of Conference should begin a day earlier than at present. It felt that this question was connected with the question as to when the Stationing Committee should have its first session; that is, the time of determining ministerial appointments. The following scheme was considered: That the Examination Committee meet on Tuesday evening, Wednesday morning and the early part of Wednesday afternoon; that the General Purposes Committee meet late Wednesday afternoon; that the Opening of Conference be held on Wednesday evening; that Committees of Districts meet on Thursday morning, followed by Committees of Details; that the Stationing Committee meet at 4 p.m. on Thursday and during the evening of Thursday.

This scheme has in view the elimination of Trial Services for Candidates on the Tuesday evening. The Committee has studied the matter and sees advantages in the suggested scheme but realises there are practical difficulties. Some Members of the Examination Committee would have difficulty in reaching the Conference city by the Tuesday evening if Conference were at the other end of the Dominion. Also the time saved would be lost by some Conference members who would spend the Wednesday waiting for the opening of Conference. At present that day is spent in Committees of Details by all Conference members. The scheme considered would facilitate Conference business but it presents certain obvious difficulties. It is recommended by the Committee that the matter as outlined be referred to Synod Standing Committees for consideration and report to the Church Council to be held in May 1957.

F. Other Matters

(a) In order to lessen the time spent in Committees of Details the Committee is of the opinion that the same procedure should be followed in the Committees as in Conference Sessions, viz., that there be no exposition of the report before a committee and that discussion should be concerned with the recommendations on their report (See Minutes of Conference 1955 page 193 re Standing Orders).

(b) The Committee considered the Resolution of Conference 1954, page 70 (That the Church Council report *through Synods* to Conference). After discussion the committee became aware that the Council should report direct to Conference because of its constitution and the nature of its business. (See Law Book page 92 para. 490a).

M. A. McDOWELL, President of Conference.

L. A. DAVIS, Vice-president of Conference.

G. R. H. PETERSON, Convener.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report be received and adopted.

2. Business of the Examination Committee.

(1) That the annual report of the Secretary of the Board of Examiners be cyclostyled and posted to all members of the Examination Committee with copies of the annual Marks Sheet.

(2) a. That Ordinands be asked for a re-affirmation of their acceptance of the basic truths of our doctrine and a re-affirmation of their sense of call.

b. That the Faith and Order Committee draft a formula setting out the basic truths of our doctrine to be presented to ordinands for their acceptance, this draft to be presented to the Examination Committee of next Conference.

(3) That the discussion of the case of each Ordinand be based on the Synod resolution, with no detailed discussion of marks, etc., except in any case where there is a doubt.

(4) That Probationers to be passed in their year be discussed en bloc for each year, except in cases where men have failed in some examination work, or where some question has been raised by a Synod.

(5) That men to be received on to Probation be dealt with en bloc according to the recommendations of Auckland Synod and moved by the College Principal, any doubtful case being dealt with separately.

(6) That Students to be passed in their year be taken en bloc, year by year, according to the Auckland Synod recommendations, except in any doubtful case, the requisite resolution being moved by the College Principal.

(7) That the Conference Standing Orders be applied to the conduct of the Examination Committee, the items of business being treated as reports from Synods and so dealt with according to Conference Resolution as in Minutes of Conference 1955, page 193, re Standing Orders.

3. Conference Business and Synod Standing Committees.

That in order to facilitate the business of Conference full consideration of all matters covered in Questions 25 to 28 inclusive (of Conference Agenda) be given by the Synods which shall report to Conference through the Home Mission Committee.

4. Length of Reports.

(1) That all Social Service Associations (City Missions etc.) and Orphanage Boards send their Annual Reports to the N.Z.M.S.S.A. convener for presentation of an abridged report covering the activities of all societies and boards dealt with under Questions 52 and 54 of the Conference Agenda.

(3) That the matter of finding ways of reducing the volume of printing in regard to financial statements in the Minutes be referred to a suitable committee in Auckland, appointed by the Synod Standing Committee.

5. Further Committee of Details.

That a further Committee of Details be constituted and be known as the 'Ecumenical Committee', and that its business be consideration of reports from the Church Union, Ecumenical, Faith and Order, Radio and Closer Relations with Australia Committees.

6. That the scheme outlined in section 'E' of the report be referred to Synod Standing Committees for report to the Church Council in May, 1957.

7. That unless otherwise directed the Church Council report direct to Conference.

QUESTION LXIV.—

(a) When Shall the District Synods be held?

During the week ending 31st August, 1957.

(b) When and Where Shall the Next Conference be Held?

On Thursday, 7th November, 1957, at 7.30 p.m. in St Paul's Church, Palmerston North.

THANKS: That the Conference thank the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and his assistants, the Trustees of the Pitt Street Church, and the Hostesses for valued service rendered to the Conference.

MISCELLANEOUS

Honorary Degrees:

(a) That should the President of Conference be informed of the intention of a University to confer upon him an honorary degree he shall consult his Committee of Advice.

(b) That should any minister of the Church, other than the President of Conference, be informed of the intention of a University to confer upon him an honorary degree he shall refer the matter to the President of Conference.

RAYMOND DUDLEY, President

RITA F. SNOWDEN, Vice-President.

GORDON R. H. PETERSON, Secretary.

Auckland, 8th November, 1956.

SUPPLEMENT TO LAW BOOK

CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF LAWS SINCE 1st OCTOBER, 1951.

I. Corrections:

(a) Page 38. Section 218—*The Vice-President*: Add the following: "He shall have some part in the conduct of the Ordination Service at the Conference at which he is elected."

Section 219—delete the last sentence.

(b) Page 46. Section 254 (d)—*Preachers' Meeting and Local Preachers*: In line three delete the word "by" and substitute the word "to".

(c) Page 54. Section 9 (E)—*Invitation to Minister*: Read (June meeting).

(d) Page 60. Section 321—*District Ministerial Committee*: Delete the word "Probationers."

Section 323—*Synod Representative Session*: After the word Committee in (a) insert the words "and Probationers whose names appear on the station sheet for the District."

(e) Page 79. Section 388—*Examination Committee*: After line 5, insert the words: "Board of Examiners as may be attending Conference and ten other ministers" . . .

(f) Page 165.

Appendix I. *The General Rules of the Society*. In line 21, after the words "as we would" insert the word "not."

II. Change of Title

Synod Standing Committee

Page 68. Section II.

The name of the "District Executive Committee" shall be changed to the "Synod Standing Committee."

(1955 Minutes, p. 69)

Consequential Amendments

Page 65. Section 34, question (22a); Page 68. Section 351; and Page 77. Section 379, question (60): In each case delete the words "District Executive" and substitute therefor the words "Synod Standing."

III. Amendments and Additions:

Members' Rolls

Page 2. Section 7 is hereby amended by adding the following:

"All Members' Rolls and Circuit Schedules shall be submitted by the Superintendent Minister to the March Meeting of the Ministerial Committee which shall make suitable arrangements for the examination of the same."

(1956 Minutes, p. 194)

Ministry: Section I—Candidates.

Page 13. Section 79 is hereby amended inserting before the words "Wesley's Notes" in the third line thereof the words "the required passages in" (1954 minutes, page 33).

Page 14, Section 88 is hereby repealed and the following substituted:—

88. "An accepted Candidate for the Ministry shall be required to undergo a course of training at the Theological College and serve a term on probation in a Circuit or Department prior to ordination. The normal term of training shall consist of three years on probation provided that in the case of a candidate who is a graduate of a University College or is a married Home Missionary or a married

Home Missionary Probationer, the period of training may be reduced to five years." (1952 Minutes, page 31.)

Probationers

Page 15, Section 95 is hereby amended by deleting the third and fourth sentences thereof and substituting therefor the following sentence:—"Each Probationer shall conduct a trial service in each year of his probation." (1954 Minutes, page 33.)

Appointment of Ministers—Engagement of Agent between Conferences

Page 21, Section 128 is hereby amended by adding the following:
"Acting in consultation with the Home Mission Board."

(1956 Minutes, Page 197)

Ministerial Duties

(b) Superintendents of Circuits:

Page 25, Section 154 (k), add (see Section 7, page 2). (1952 Minutes, page 59).

(e) Chairmen of Districts:

Page 27, Section 159, is hereby amended by omitting the second sentence and substituting the following:—"For the guidance of Conference, each Synod, if it so desires, may submit to it the name or names of a Minister as its nominee for the office." (1951 Minutes, page 176).

Circuit Stewards Duties

Page 41, Section 228 (c) is hereby amended by repealing the last sentence thereof and substituting the following therefor: "Such furniture shall include curtains and shall exclude linen, blankets, cutlery, crockery and kitchen utensils."

(1956 Minutes, page 197)

Ministerial Invitations and Circuit Stewards

Page 41, Section 228 is hereby amended by adding the following Sub-section:—" (j) Confer with Leaders' Meeting and District Chairmen in respect to the appointment of a Minister." (1953 Minutes, page 181).

Preachers' Meeting and Local Preachers.

Page 45, Section 253 is hereby amended by adding after the words "on probation" the following:—

"He shall also do such practical work in respect of the preparation of sermons and conduct of services of worship as may from time to time be determined by the Conference."

(1952 Minutes, p. 55)

Section 254 (c) is hereby amended by deleting the words "should such examination and trial service" and substituting "should the reports on the above." (1952 Minutes, page 55.)

Audit of Accounts.

Page 52, Section 288 is hereby amended by deleting the words "registered accountant" and substituting therefor the words "member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants."

Page 88, Section 462 is hereby amended by deleting the words "public accountant" and substituting therefor the words "member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants."

(1953 Minutes, page 181.)

Circuit Quarterly Meeting—Order of Business.

Page 54, Section 290 is hereby amended by adding the following question:—

"(10A). What are the reports of the men's organisations in the Circuit?" (1953 Minutes, page 58.)

Page 55, Section 290 is hereby further amended by adding the following question: "(15A) Are there any matters remitted by the Synod Standing Committee to this Meeting?"

(1956 Minutes, page 65)

District Synods—Boundaries

Page 61. Section 318 is hereby amended by adding the following: "Conference may for the purposes of administration subdivide a district into areas"

(1956 Minutes, page 198)

District Ministerial Committee

Page 62, Section 337 (2A): Are there any Theses due from Ministers stationed within the District? (1955 Minutes, pages 173, 174.)

District Synods—Agenda

Page 66. Section 340 is hereby amended by adding the following: "(42A) What is the report of the Synod Standing Committee?"

(1953 Minutes, page 62)

Section 340 is hereby further amended by adding the following: "(47A) Who is nominated as lay representative to the Church Council?"

(1956 Minutes, page 66)

Synod Standing Committees Constitution

Page 68. Section 351 is hereby amended by adding to the beginning of the section the following: "A Synod Standing Committee shall be appointed in each District to function as a Standing Committee of the Synod to which it shall report annually."

(1953 Minutes, page 62)

Section 351 is hereby further amended by repealing the second sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following: "The Committee shall consist of no fewer than three and not more than fifteen Ministers and an equal number of Laymen"

(1956 Minutes, page 65)

Duties

Page 68. Add the following sections:

345a. Where a District is subdivided into one or more areas pursuant to paragraph 318, Conference may on the nomination of the Synod Standing Committee appoint in respect of each area an area sub-committee consisting of not fewer than 3 and not more than 15 Ministers and a similar number of Laymen.

354b. The area sub-committee shall within its area carry out such duties of the Synod Standing Committee as are allocated to it by such Committee to which it shall report and make recommendations.

354c. The Chairman of the district shall be ex officio Chairman of the area sub-committee. Conference may, on the nomination of the Chairman, appoint a Minister to act as his Assistant and when required act as his deputy within the area."

(1956 Minutes, page 198)

Conference Agenda

Page 75. Section 379 is hereby amended by repealing (18) and substituting therefor the following: "(18a) What Ministers or Probationers have permission to serve with other organisations during the year? (18b) What Ministers or Probationers have permission 'to Rest' during the year?"

Section 379 is hereby further amended by repealing (28) and sub-

stituting therefor the following: "(28) What Circuits are due to provide a parsonage for an Ordained Minister?"

(1956 Minutes, page 195)

Section 379 is hereby amended by repealing Question 33 and substituting therefor the following:

"33 (1). Who are elected as President and Secretary of the Conference for the ensuing year?"

(2) Have adequate arrangements been made for President's supply?" (1953 Minutes, page 61.)

Page 76, Section 379, is hereby amended by adding the following: "56 (a) What Ministers are to serve as whole or part time chaplains during the ensuing year?" (1955 Minutes, page 173.)

Page 77, Section 379 is hereby amended by adding the following: "63A. When shall the next District Synods be held?"

(1956 Minutes, page 66)

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

(a) Probationers:

Page 81, add Section 406A. A tutor shall be appointed by the Conference for each Probationer who has not been through the Theological College. Such tutor shall guide and assist the Probationer in his studies. (1954 Minutes, page 33.)

(c) Theological Students:

Page 83, Section 423 is hereby amended by deleting the word "annually" and inserting after the words "trial service" the words "in his first and third years." (1952 Minutes, page 32)

(d) Candidates:

Page 83, Section 424 (b) as amended in 1954 is hereby repealed and the following substituted thereof: "424 (b). The School Certificate or its equivalent shall be the minimum academic qualification for all Candidates except for Home Missionaries who are over twenty-five years of age."

Page 84, Section 427, is hereby repealed. (1955 Minutes, page 173)

Theses

Page 85, Section 440A. Each Minister within two years from the date of his reception into full connexion shall prepare and submit a Thesis to the Secretary of the Board of Examiners who shall arrange for its assessment. The subject of the Thesis shall be first approved by the Board of Studies. (1955 Minutes, pages 173, 174)

Stationing Committee

Page 86, Section 444 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Unless appointed in another capacity the General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department shall attend all meetings of the Committee as a consultant." (1953 Minutes, page 182)

Standing Committees of the Conference

Central Finance Committee

Connexional Appeals

Page 90, Section 480 is hereby amended by the following addenda:

480A: All general appeals made on behalf of various funds and organisations, whether Methodist or otherwise, authorised by the Conference, except those for Home and Foreign Missions, Children's Homes and the Youth Department and any other specially authorised by the Conference, shall be made under the supervision of the Central Finance Committee.

480B: The Central Committee shall inquire of the treasurers of such

funds and organisations their requirements, prepare a budget, and submit the same for the approval of Conference.

480C: The amount to be raised shall be allocated by the Central Committee throughout the Districts on a membership basis. District Committees shall allocate the District Quota to the circuits on a similar basis.

480D: The amounts raised in each District shall be remitted by the District Chairman to the General Purposes Trust Board, which Board, under the direction of the Central Committee, shall distribute the same.

480E: A special Sunday in August or September in each year shall be set apart when the amounts required in the Circuit shall be received and dedicated. Consequently retiring collections shall not be taken for the above appeal.

480F: No new appeal shall be allowed during the year unless it receive the previous consent of the President and the Central Finance Committee. (1951 Minutes, page 165)

Faith and Order Committee

Page 91, Section 488A. Add the following: "A Faith and Order Committee shall be appointed at each Conference. The Committee shall consider matters relating to the doctrine and policy of the Church, and report thereon to Synods and the Conference. (1952 Minutes, page 171).

Church Council

Page 92, Section 490a (2) be amended by inserting the word "President-Elect" after the word "Ex-President" and the words "a representative of the Methodist Social Service Association" after the words "Senior Youth Director." (1955 Minutes, page 69.)

Youth Department

Page 101, Section 503 is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (3) the words "(g) The Secretary of the Board."

Page 102, Section 503 is hereby amended by omitting from paragraph (8) sub-paragraph (c).

Section 503 is hereby amended by repealing paragraph (12) and substituting the following paragraph:—

(12) The Conference shall designate and appoint one of the Youth Directors as Senior Director. He shall be the chief executive and administrative officer and adviser of the Department.

Section 503 is hereby further amended by repealing paragraph (13). (1951 Minutes page 70).

Foreign Missionary Society

Page 109, Section 504, sub-section 25 is hereby amended by deleting after the words "European Probationers" the words "in Charge of Circuits." (1952 Minutes, page 119).

Sub-section (26) is hereby amended by omitting the following:—
(b) European Probationers." (1952 Minutes page 119).

Page 109, Section 504 (26) be further amended by adding the following:—

(b) Native Probationers.

(f) One native lay representative appointed by the Quarterly meeting of each Circuit. (1955 Minutes, page 124.)

Page 110, Sub-section 26 (e) of Section 504 as amended by 1953 Conference is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—" (e) One nursing sister and one teaching sister from each territory. Such sisters must have served one complete term and shall

be elected by the sisters serving in the District." (1954 Minutes, page 121.)

Sub-section (30) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—"(30) No member of the staff shall leave the District without the consent of the Chairman of the Mission District." (1952 Minutes, page 119).

Page 111, Sub-section (33) of Section 504 is hereby amended by deleting the figures £50 in the first line on page 111 and substituting therefor: £100. (1956 Minutes, page 130)

Page 111, Sub-sections 40 and 41 of Section 504 are hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—"(40) Ministerial and lay missionaries and missionary sisters who leave of their own accord for other than health reasons on the completion of their first or any subsequent term of service be granted three months' furlough and allowances."

(41) Workers who retire from the field for other than health reasons prior to completing the current term of service (three years) shall be granted furlough as determined by the Board." (1953 Minutes page 126).

The Home Mission Department—Circuit Organisation

Page 115, Section 505, Sub-section (24). Add: "The provisions of (a) and (b) Sub-Section (13) of Section 504 (page 108) shall mutatis mutandis apply." (1952 Minutes, page 171).

Page 115, Section 505 (24) as amended (1952 Minutes, page 171) is hereby further amended by inserting the word "and subsection (14)" after the words "sub-section 13." (1955 Minutes, page 129.)

Deaconess Order

Page 123, Section 506 is hereby amended by adding at the end of Sub-section 30 the following:—"and shall thereupon become members of the order of Deaconesses." (1953 Minutes, page 180).

Page 123, Section 506 (31) is hereby amended by repealing the last section thereof and substituting therefor the following: "The appointment shall be made by the Conference on the recommendation of the Board. The Board shall present to the Stationing Committee for information only its list of recommended appointments.

(1956 Minutes, page 196)

Removal Expenses Fund

Page 126, Section 508 (11) is hereby amended by deleting all the words after the words "two removals" and substituting therefor the following: "be as from time to time determined by the Conference."

(1956 Minutes, page 124)

Supernumerary Fund

Page 136, Section 511 is hereby amended by repealing sub-section 27. (1953 Minutes, page 117)

Section 511 (35) is hereby amended by adding the following: "Provided that in the case of a Minister who is in receipt of a War Veteran's Pension he may commute in full his interest in the Fund. This proviso shall not apply to the remaining annuity of the widow of such War Veteran."

(1956 Minutes, page 121)

Page 140, Section 511 (50) Amount of grant at present is £120.

(1951 Minutes, page 112)

Ministers' Home Acquisition Fund

Page 144, Sub-section 9 of Section 512 is amended by adding

after the words "35 years' service" the words "or 5 years prior to reaching the retiring age of 65 years." (1953 Minutes, page 117).

Church Building and Loan Fund

Page 152. "Special Loans Fund." (1953 Minutes page 95).

Standing Orders of Conference

Page 161, Section 521 is hereby amended by adding to Sub-section 10 the following:—"(f) Mover and seconder of a motion for the adoption of report which has been previously circulated—3 minutes. Unless determined by the President there shall be no detailed exposition of any such report." (1953 Minutes, page 180).

Connexional Funds and Trusts

Page 170, Add 17 Auckland Youth Opportunity (Wesley) Board (1953 Minutes, page 181).

18. Wesley Historical Society (New Zealand) (1954 Minutes, page 155.)

PASTORAL ADDRESS

THE ADDRESS OF THE CONFERENCE TO THE CHURCH, 1956

The election and induction of the President, in whom racially the East and culturally the West cohered so significantly, invested the Conference with a certain impressive uniqueness which, as he himself declared, redounded to the glory of Him who is the Head of the Church. Without precedent also was the election to the office of Vice-President of a woman, Sister Rita Snowden, a deaconess of our Church and well-known author. The historic nature of the Conference was further seen in the fact that, as planned by the Joint Church Union Committee, both the Presbyterian Assembly and the Congregational Union met simultaneously with our own Conference. The Church of Christ also was represented on official occasions by its President, Mr Murray J. Savage, and observers. The subsequent united gatherings were occasions of great inspiration. The respective Communion Services were attended by representatives of the three other denominations. This, as well as the United Service in the Town Hall on Sunday afternoon, and also the subsequent United Meeting of Witness were a striking demonstration of the essential unity of the participating Communions with which conversations toward a corporate union are continuing.

The Conference, as befitted its particular importance, was gratifyingly representative, there being 327 ministerial and lay members present. The Sessions were faithfully attended, interest well maintained and a due dignity as well as a spirit of fellowship prevailed.

The opening days of Conference coincided with the international crisis resulting from the armed intervention of Anglo-French forces in Egypt. At its first Session Conference accepted a resolution calling the Church to prayer for a just settlement and re-affirming its faith in the United Nations Organisation as an established instrument for Peace. Then some days later, after a debate that was characterised by commendable restraint and Christian tolerance, Conference further resolved to request the Inter-Church Council on Public Affairs to make relevant representations to our Government regarding its concern in the continuing crisis and the necessity of upholding the United Nations Organisation in its efforts to maintain international law and create conditions of enduring peace. Both resolutions were prepared in consultation with a select Committee consisting of representatives of the Presbyterian Assembly, our own Conference and the Churches of Christ.

The Ex-President, the Rev. Dr M. A. McDowell, spoke enthusiastically of the World Methodist Conference held in Junaluska earlier in the year, and brought greetings from the Methodist Church of the U.S.A.

The reception of fourteen ministers into Full Connexion, the acceptance of twelve candidates for the ministry, and the dedication of three deaconesses seemed welcome auguries for the future work of our Church whose sacred witness has been rendered so difficult of late by ministerial shortage. There is still crucial need in this respect as also for other dedicated lay workers at home and abroad if we are to accept the challenge which our rapidly developing society presents to us.

The Spiritual Advance Committee reported upon the progress of the Crusade for Christ and His Kingdom. The Conference gratefully learned of the lead in Christian Evangelism which had been given the Church over past years and, in a short Devotional Act expressing gratitude to God, brought the campaign officially to a close. The specific task involving the previously declared intentions of the Committee, however, continues. This year the special emphasis is to be upon Prayer.

The Advance Methodism Appeal, which extended over the last two years, realised in all a total of approximately £40,000. This will result in a great stimulus to Church extension and development, as well as augment the Capital of the Church Building and Loan Fund, thus

enabling the latter to assist further the finances of needy and progressive circuits. This year the Youth Hostel Appeal (third Sunday in June) will be the special objective of our New Zealand Church which is being asked to give serious consideration to this most important Branch of Christian concern.

Annual Membership statistics are of some interest. Senior membership figures, showing an improvement over those of last year, revealed a net increase of 512, bringing the total adult membership to 28,215. The communicant membership is 24,504, showing a rise of 1,199. Sunday School statistics indicated an increase of ten in baptisms and of 231 on the Cradle Roll. The Beginners and Primary Departments registered an unfortunate decrease of 1,038, but Junior membership was up by 582 and the Intermediates by 696. Bible Class figures showed a heartening increase of 86 in the Juniors, 329 among Intermediates and 158 in the Senior sections. The foregoing statistics nevertheless should allow us no room for complacency, and the Church needs to be recalled to new endeavours in all these important spheres of activity.

The Rev. J. R. Metcalfe, who with Mrs Metcalfe has served for so long with such distinctive Christian faithfulness in our Missionary outpost in the Solomon Islands, latterly as Chairman, in view of his desire to return to the Victorian Conference at the end of next year, was suitably farewelled at a luncheon during Conference. The felicitations and gratitude of the Church on this important occasion were also sent to Mrs Metcalfe. The Rev. E. W. Hames, M.A., Principal of the Trinity Theological College, was re-appointed for a further term, and the Rev. W. F. Ford, B.A., was appointed Senior Youth Director. The Rev. G. I. Laurenson, General Superintendent of the Home Mission Department, was designated for re-appointment for a further term, and the Rev. B. M. Chrystall, B.A., for another year's appointment as Assistant H.M. Superintendent. The Rev. Dr D. O. Williams, Residential Tutor of Trinity College, was also designated for re-appointment in 1957, as was the Rev. S. G. Andrews, M.A., Dip. Ed., the General Secretary of our Overseas Missions Department.

Official overseas visitors during 1957 will be the Rev. Dr R. B. Lew, B.A., President-General of the Australasian Conference, who is expected in March, and the Rev. Dr Maldwyn Edwards, M.A., Cato Lecturer, who will visit New Zealand for three weeks in May-June. An American team of visiting evangelists are expected to arrive for a special campaign during July-August. Our Church will eagerly await the arrival of these visitors whose presence will undoubtedly bring inspiration to its life and work.

It could be truly said that one of the main emphases of the Conference was ecumenical. This was to be seen not only in the inter-change of visits paid by the heads of the denominations during the Sessions of the respective Church courts, and the united acts of witness, but also in the Presidential Address which sought to challenge the Church to a global approach in the proclamation and practice of the Christian evangel.

The apprehension of a full-orbed Gospel is our Church's supreme need today. This surely involves a realisation of greater Christian unity than that possessed by Christendom today. A divided Church cannot adequately face a divided world. Further, the world cannot be won for Christ unless there be redeemed souls who, in the spirit of utter dedication, can witness to the glory and wonder of their redemption. The pre-requisite to any Christian mission of salvation, social or individual, is not organisation, learning or human ingenuity, but holiness of living. There is no alternative to Christian devotion and saintliness. Herein can our Church, set as it is in a modern world of bitter hostility, greed and lawlessness, find the secret of an invincible strategy.

Therefore, as with unabated enthusiasm and unsullied vision we strive to win the world for Christ, let us seek Him in the inner sanctuaries of our heart, until, through a personal experience of His Love and show-

ing forth in our lives the fruits of His Spirit, we challenge by the intensity of our Christ-like witness the careless and indifferent to a saving knowledge of Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father: to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

For and on behalf of the Conference,

RAYMOND DUDLEY, President.

RITA F. SNOWDEN, Vice-President.

GORDON R. H. PETERSON, 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	Charles 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.	Sir Donald Cameron	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston, M.A., Litt. D.	J. A. Flesher, O.B.E.	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Christchurch	1928	William J. Elliott	J. W. Shackelford	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Auckland	1929	John F. Goldie	T. P. Hughson	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.
Wellington	1930	Adolphus N. Scotter, B.A.	Arch. Peak	Jonathan H. Haslam
Dunedin*	1931	Ernest D. Patchett	Wm. S. Mackay	Jonathan H. Haslam
Christchurch	1932	M. A. Rugby Pratt	J. Voss	Jonathan H. Haslam
Auckland	1933	Arthur J. Seamer	S. T. S. Martin	Jonathan H. Haslam
Wellington	1934	Clarence Eaton	J. T. Johnson	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1935	Jonathan H. Haslam	W. Charles Francis	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1936	E. Percy Blamires	Richard Hampton	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1937	Fred. Copeland	Henry R. French	William A. Burley, M.A.
Wellington	1938	Percy R. Paris	John C. Tietjens	William A. Burley, M.A.
Christchurch	1939	Angus McBean	Mark Kershaw	William A. Burley, M.A.
Dunedin	1940	Leslie B. Neale, B.A., F.R.G.S.	David J. Wesley	William A. Burley, M.A.
Auckland	1941	William A. Burley, M.A.	Frank Penn, N.D.H.(NZ)	William G. Slade, M.A.
Wellington	1942	William Walker	G. H. B. Lill	William G. Slade, M.A.
Christchurch	1943	Charles H. Olds, B.A.	Hedley Oldham	William G. Slade, M.A.

PLACE	YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
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., D.D.	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.
Dunedin	1950	Eric W. Hames, M.A.	Sidney E. Chappell	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Auckland	1951	George I. Laurenson	James H. Oldham	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Nelson	1952	J. Henry Allen	Francis H. Southgate	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.
Wellington	1953	Herbert L. Fiebig, B.A.	Hugh M. Patrick, M.V.O.	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Christchurch	1954	Charlie O. Hailwood	E. Laurence F. Buxton	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Dunedin	1955	M. Alexander McDowell, D.D.	Leonard A. Davis	Gordon R. H. Peterson
Auckland	1956	Raymond Dudley, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S.	Sister Rita F. Snowden	Gordon R. H. Peterson

*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

MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

IN CONNECTION WITH THE

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

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| <p>1887—Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D.,
(Toronto) Foundation Fellow of
Trinity College. (Sup.)</p> <p>1896—Blamires, Henry L. (Sup.)</p> <p>1897—Pybus, T. Arthur, (Sup.)</p> <p>1899—Keall, Robert P. (Sup.)</p> <p>1900—Blamires, E. Percy (Sup.)</p> <p> " Haslam, Jonathan H. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Hunt, George P. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Leadley, Frank E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1901—Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D.
(Fellow of Trinity College)
(Sup.)</p> <p>1902—Patchett, Ernest D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1903—Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G.
(Sup.)</p> <p>1904—Blamires, Ernest O. (Sup.)</p> <p>1905—Copeland, Fred. (Sup.)</p> <p>1906—Roberts, Charles M. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Ryan, Henry (Sup.)</p> <p>1907—Blair, Charles (Sup.)</p> <p>1908—Tinsley, Robt. B. (Sup.)</p> <p>1909—Cottom, Harry (Sup.)</p> <p> " McArthur, John D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1910—Burley, William A., M.A. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Harris, Archer O. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Olds, Charles H., B.A. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Richards, James (Sup.)</p> <p>1911—Enticott, Walter J. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Fowles, Albert H. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Hopper, Arthur (Sup.)</p> <p> " Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A.
F.R.G.S. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Richards, H. Leslie (Sup.)</p> <p> " Rowe, William (Sup.)</p> <p> " Te Tuhij, Eruera, O.B.E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1912—Hinton, George B., (Sup.)</p> <p> " Lawrence, Frederick B. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Scrivin, Arthur H. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Walker, William, E.D. (Sup.)</p> <p>1913—Bensley, Arthur A. (Sup.)</p> <p>1914—Burnet, Oswald (Sup.)</p> <p> " Werren, Samuel J. (Sup.)</p> | <p>1915—Cooke, Percy I. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Olds, E. Thomas (Sup.)</p> <p> " Odell, Henry J. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Slade, William G., M.A., D.D.
(Toronto)</p> <p>1916—Brown, George E. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Fordyce, Robert E. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Harkness, Edwin S. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Kendon, Charles H. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Metcalfe, John R.</p> <p> " Sage, Ernest E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1917—Blight, William T., B.A., B.D.
(Melb.)</p> <p> " Chambers, Ernest B. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Dennis, John (Sup.)</p> <p> " Parker, Frederick J. (Sup.)</p> <p>1918—Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sc.
(Sup.)</p> <p> " Neal, Wallace S. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Parker, James W., (Sup.)</p> <p> " Skuse, Thomas, (Sup.)</p> <p>1919—Ford, Herbert (Sup.)</p> <p> " Gatman, William (Sup.)</p> <p> " Jefferson, Alfred E. (Sup.)</p> <p>1920—Orchard, Hector C. (Sup.)</p> <p>1921—Benny, Henry (Sup.)</p> <p>1922—Brooks, Leslie A. G.</p> <p> " Jack, J. Francis (Sup.)</p> <p>1923—Blakemore, Albert (Sup.)</p> <p> " Hames, Eric W., M.A.</p> <p> " Spencer, Herbert (Sup.)</p> <p>1924—Bailey, John H. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Bateup, Frank (Sup.)</p> <p> " Brown, Hubert G.</p> <p> " Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A.</p> <p> " Kings, Harry S. (Sup.)</p> <p> " Taylor, Cecil R. (Sup.)</p> <p>1925—Peterson, Gordon R. H.</p> <p>1926—Hall, James H.</p> <p> " Harris G. Raymond</p> <p> " Voyce, A. Harry</p> <p>1927—Larsen, Norman P.</p> <p> " Laurenson, George I.</p> <p> " Penn, Athol R.</p> |
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- 1927—Raynor, Ivo M.
" Silvester, A. Wharton E. (M.M.)
" 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, M. Alexander, D.D.
" (Mt. Union, U.S.A.)
" Parker, Wesley, M.A., B.D.
- 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., Litt.D
- 1932—Day, Reginald
" Hickman, D. J. Donald
" Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D.
" Jenkin, William C.
- 1933—Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A.
" Daglish, J. Ainsley
" Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E.
" Patchett, Ralph E.
- 1934—Goodman, George H.
" Johnston, Andrew J.
" Matthews, Howard C., B.A.
- 1935—Duder, Clifford L.
" Hanna, L. Gordon
" Luxton, Clarence T. J.
" Thornley, Robert, M.A.
" Dip.Soc.Sc.
" Witheford, Arthur R. B.A.
- 1936—Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A.
- 1937—Churchill, John
" Francis, William R., B.A., B.D.
" (Lond.)
" Norwell, Leslie T.
- 1938—Harkness, Howard E., M.A.
" B.D. (Melb.)
" Hoddinott, Ernest S.
" Laws, William R., M.A., B.D.
" (Melb.)
" Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A.
" Silvester, John, M.A.
" Whitfield, Harris
- 1939—Cochrane, Herbert A.
" Grice, Reginald
" Hayman, Leslie A. D. B.Agr.Sc
" Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th.
" Oldfield, Charles B.
" Watson, John K., M.C., B.A.
- 1940—Dawson, John B. B.A.
" Dixon, Haddon C., M.A., B.D.
" Gilmore, Leslie R. M., B.A.
" Greenslade, Lawrence
" Jones, Alan O.
- 1941—Bell, Charles H., B.A.
" Brown, Harold K.
" Darvill, Harold A.
" Thomas, Gordon V., B.A.
" Woolford, Henry J., M.A.
- 1942—Clement, R. Frederick, M.A.
" Collins, Alan F.
" Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B.
" B.Com.
" Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D.
" (Melb.)
" Morrison, William J., M.A.
" Rogers, Ranginohoorua
" Willing, Leonard V.
" Williams, J. C. Aldwyn
- 1943—Andrews, Stanley G., M.A.,
" Dip.Ed.
" Brown, Clifford G.
" Cramond, George W.
" Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A.
" Falkingham, Wilfred E.
" Grounds, Edmund D.
" Jolly, Albert
" Prosser, Frederick O. (Sup.)
- 1944—Allen, Robert H., B.A.
" Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D.
" Bycroft, Leslie F.
" Chambers, Wesley A., M.A.
" Dorrian, A. Peter
" Sherson, Donald G., B.A.
- 1945—Green, Warren
" Gregory, William H.
" Shapcott, Leonard
- 1946—McDonald, D. I. Alister
" Moore, Harry
" Olds, Norman W.
" Shepherd, Trevor
" Thompson, George R., E.D.
- 1947—Attwood, A. Francis
" Clements, Leslie C.
" Divers, W. Lloyd
" Hall, Allen H., M.A.
" Parker, Francis H.
" Riseley, Benjamin H.
" Stewart, Edmond S.

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| <p>1948—Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A.
 " Hilder, Basil J.
 " Marshall, Edward M., B.A.,
 Dip.Ed.</p> <p>1949—Baker, Edward
 " Benny, T. Ralph
 " Burt, Douglas H.
 " Cornwell, Gordon A. R.
 " Ford, Wilfred F., B.A.
 " Garner, William M.
 " Keightley, Clifford J.
 " Nuttall, A. Roger G., B.A.
 " Olds, J. Stanley
 " Pratt, R. Hori, B.A.
 " Ramage, Ian C. E., M.A.</p> <p>1950—Clark, Colin D., B.A.
 " Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A.
 " Ramsay, Phillip D.
 " Schroeder, Leonard P., B.A.,
 B.D.
 " Woodfield, Frank H.
 " Woodfield, Owen T.</p> <p>1951—Besant, H. David, B.A.
 " Burrough, Amos W.
 " Carter, George G., M.A.
 Dip.Ed.
 " Chucas, Ivan J.
 " Gilbert, Geoffrey T.
 " Raynor, Charles H.
 " Ruck, Idris J.
 " Stead, Peter A., B.A.
 " Toothill, Harry W.
 " Olds, O. McLennan</p> <p>1952—Edmonds, David W.
 " George, R. Leslie
 " Gibson, Loyal J.
 " Hall, John R.
 " Handyside, Allan J.
 " Penman, John A., B.A.
 " Reid, Ian W.
 " Shaw, Harry I.
 " Spindler, Sydney J.
 " Thompson, John H.
 " Trebilco, George R.</p> | <p>1953—Baker, Frederick J. K.
 " Le Couteur, E. Raymond
 " Craig, Hughan M.
 " McKay, Archibald W.
 " Newman, Alan
 " Osborne, John H.
 " Stubbs, David G.</p> <p>1954—Billinghurst, Noel D.
 " Dickie, Arthur W.
 " Eastwood, Eric R.
 " Grundy, John, M.A.
 " Heppelthwaite, Ernest
 " Newton, Alan H. V.
 " Rakena, Ruawai D.
 " Rushton, Percy P.
 " Tahere, Te Awha W.
 " Trebilco, David L.
 " Watson, Alexander C.</p> <p>1955—Abbott, William K.
 " Bennett, Trevor L.
 " Boyd, Edward J.
 " Cable, Wilfred J.
 " Peart, Cuthbert R.
 " Rigg, Frank S.
 " Tauroa, Lane M., B.A.
 " Thornicroft, Neville
 " Wood, Ronald H.</p> <p>1956—Andrews, Robert S.
 " Bennett, George L.
 " Burton, Ormond E., M.A.
 " Falla, H. Rabey
 " Grant, Ian D.
 " Kitchingman, Owen
 " Scammell, Bruce
 " Watson, Brian M., M.Sc.
 " Ziesler, John A., B.A., B.D.,
 (Lond.)</p> <p>1957—Bell, G. Basil W.
 " Brough, Gordon D., B.A.
 " Downer, Maurice H.
 " Fowler, Irwin J.
 " Guthardt, Phyllis M.
 " Nicholls, Trevor L.
 " Reddihough, John W.
 " Reid, Andrew G.
 " Russell, Kenneth H.
 " Scarr, Geoffrey E.
 " Taylor, Phillip F.</p> |
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NATIVE MINISTERS

- 1920—Tauroa, Matarae (Sup.)
- 1941—Kukutai, Ngatete K. (Sup.)
- 1944—Piani, Timothy
- 1944—Taufa, John
- 1944—Palavi, Daniel

- 1953—Vula, Aisake
- 1955—Bitibule, John Veo
- 1956—Maka, Ahofitu
- 1957—Pataaku, Samson
- 1957—Zio, Joeli

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE MINISTERS and PROBATIONERS

in connection with the
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

1. The figures in the first column mark the year in which each Minister entered on his work : those in the second column the year of Annual Appointment. S denotes that the Minister is a Supernumerary, the year in which he became a supernumerary being in 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.D.—Youth Department

F.M.—Foreign Missions.
C.S.—Connexional Secretary
Th.C.—Theological College.

Ent.	Years	Name and Address		Circuit
1955	.. 1	Abbott, William K., C/o 48 Lincoln Rd., Masterton	.. 89	
1944	.. 2	Allen, Robert H., B.A., 57 Glenfield Rd., Birkenhead	.. 10	
		Auckland, N.5. .. .. .	.. 62	
1956	.. 2	Andrews, Robert S., Taihape	.. 62	
1943	.. 6	Andrews, Stanley G., M.A., Dip.Ed., 16 Atherton Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3.	.. F.M.	
1947	.. 1	Attwood, A. Francis, Paeroa	.. 32	
1924	.. S	Bailey, John H., Hill Street, Warkworth, Northland (1956)	19	
1949	.. 1	Baker, Edward, 22 Union Street, New Brighton	.. 105	
		Christchurch, E.3. .. .. .	.. 20	
1953	.. 2	Baker, Frederick J., K. Paparoa, Northland	.. 30	
1924	.. S	Bateup, Frank, Campbell Street, Thames (1948)	.. 40	
1941	.. 3	Bell, Charles H., B.A., Tainui Street, Matamata	.. 144	
1957	.. 1	Bell, G. Basil W., 56 Foyle Street, Bluff	.. 75	
1944	.. 1	Bell, R. Graham, M.A., B.D., 100 West Street, Feilding	.. 50	
1956	.. 2	Bennett, George L., Box 38 Ohura	.. 64	
1955	.. 3	Bennett, Trevor L., Cuba Street, Marton	.. 52	
1921	.. S	Benny, Henry, 34 Edgumbe St., New Plymouth (1954)	.. 140	
1949	.. 2	Benny, T. Ralph, 5 William Street, Gore	.. 43	
1913	.. S	Bensley, Arthur A., No. 2 R.D., Te Puna, Tauranga (1950)	.. 28	
1951	.. 4	Besant, H. David, B.A. Box 21, Rawene, Hokianga, Northland	.. 43	
		.. .. .	.. 94	
1954	.. 1	Billinghurst, Noel D., Te Puke	.. 9	
1907	.. S	Blair, Charles, "Noeldene," Main Road, Stoke, Nelson (1947)	.. 78	
1923	.. S	Blakemore, Albert, 4 Thornton Road, Milford, Auckland N.2. (1946)	.. 43	
1900	.. S	Blamires, E. Percy, 43a Church Street, Devonport, Auckland, N.1. (1944)	.. 54	
1904	.. S	Blamires, Ernest O., 11 Beerehaven Road, Seatoun, Wellington, E.5. (1946)	.. 112	
1896	.. S	Blamires, Henry L., 98 13th Ave, Tauranga (1930)	.. 5	
1930	.. 3	Blight, J. Montgomery, 179 Regan St., Stratford	.. 5	
1917	.. 7	Blight, William T., B.A., B.D., P.O. Box 5032, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2.	.. 5	
1955	.. 2	Boyd, Edward P., 99 Uxbridge Road, Howick, Auckland S.E.2.	.. 5	

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1922	.. 3	Brooks, Leslie A. G., Bank Street, Te Awamutu	.. 46
1957	.. 1	Brough, Gordon D., B.A., 10 Shelbourne St., Nelson	.. 94
1943	.. 5	Brown, Clifford G., 18 Tennyson Street, Opunake	.. 58
1916	.. S	Brown, George E., 611 Blockhouse Bay Road, Auckland, S.W.3. (1956)	.. 6
1941	.. 6	Brown, Harold K., 226 Thames Street, Morrinsville	.. 35
1924	.. 2	Brown, Hubert G., 237 Salisbury St., Christchurch, C.I.	.. 106
1910	.. S	Burley, William A., M.A., Thompson St., Shannon (1951)	
1914	.. S	Burnet, Oswald, 6 Horseshoe Lake Road, Burwood Christchurch, N.E.2. (1954)	.. 105
1951	.. 4	Burrough, Amos W., Scotland Street, Roxburgh	.. 137
1949	.. 1	Burt, Douglas H., Box 12 Ruawai, Northland	.. 22
1956	.. 2	Burton, Ormond E., M.A., Kirk St., Otaki	.. 92
1944	.. 1	Bycroft, Leslie F., 142 North Street, Timaru	.. 120
1955	.. 2	Cable, Wilfred J., 161 Chelmsford St., Invercargill	.. 138
1931	.. 3	Carr, Thomas H., C.F., 336 Selwyn St. Addington, Christ- church, S.W.1.	.. 109
1931	.. 7	Carr, W. E. Allon, 5 Paice Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland S.1	3
1951	.. 7	Carter, George, M.A., Dip.Ed., Methodist Mission, Kokesu. Sohana, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	.. [9]
1917	.. S	Chambers, Ernest B., 52 Woodlands Road, Glen Eden, Auckland (1956)	.. 7
1944	.. 5	Chambers, Wesley A., M.A., 46 Radley Street, Christchurch, S.E.1.	.. 107
1933	.. 12	Chrystall, Bernard M., B.A., C.F., 28 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland, S.W.2.	.. H.M.
1937	.. 2	Churchill, John, 30 Church St., Te Aroha	.. 34
1950	.. 5	Clark, Colin D., B.A., 67 Brougham Street, Sydenham, Christchurch, S.I.	.. 108
1942	.. 1	Clement, R. Frederick, M.A., C.F., 130 Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3.	.. 1
1947	.. 2	Clements, Leslie C., C/o Mt. Crawford P.B., Kilbirnie Post Office, Wellington	.. 81
1951	.. 3	Clucas, Ivan J. Silverdale, Northland	.. 18
1939	.. 5	Cochrane, Herbert A., 60 Lawrence St. Mornington, Dunedin, W. 1.	.. 133
1942	.. 4	Collins, Alan F., 24 Eden Street, Oamaru	.. 127
1915	.. S	Cooke, Percy I., Te Atatu Rd., Te Atatu, Auckland (1952)	7
1905	.. S	Copeland, Fred, 19 Linwood Avenue, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2., (1947)	.. 6
1949	.. 9	Cornwell, Gordon A.R., Methodist Mission, Skotolan, Buka Passage, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	.. [10]
1918	.. S	Costain, Alfred M., Dip.Soc.Sci., South Tce., Picton (1955)	98
1909	.. S	Cottom, Harry, Springston R/D., Canterbury (1949)	.. 113
1953	.. 3	Craig, Hugham M., Taitua St., Taumarunui	.. 49
1943	.. 4	Cramond, George W., 81 Johnston St., Milton	.. 136
1933	.. 2	Daglish, J. Ainsley, Otorohanga	.. 47
1941	.. 13	Darvill, Harold A., 107 Waihi Road, Hawera	.. H.M.
1940	.. 1	Dawson John B., B.A. 48 Lincoln Rd., Masterton	.. 89
1943	.. 4	Dawson, W. Selwyn, M.A., 1 Tennyson Ave., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2., C.F.	.. 9
1932	.. 3	Day, Reginald, 274 High Street, Carterton	.. 88
1917	.. S	Dennis, John, 28 Rothesay Bay Rd., Rothesay Bay, Auckland (1954)	.. 9
1929	.. 7	Dickens, Charles E., 162 King Street, Rangiora	.. 116
1954	.. 2	Dickie, Arthur W., 83 King St., Whakatane	.. 44
1947	.. 2	Divers, W. Lloyd, 12 Wesley St., Pukekohe	.. 15
1940	.. 1	Dixon, Haddon, C., M.A., B.D., P.O. Box 2453, Auckland..	1
1944	.. 3	Dorrian, A. Peter, 67 Shearman Road, Waimate	.. 122

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1957 ..	1	Downer, Maurice H., 5 Garden Place, Lower Hutt	.. 84
1930 ..	3	Draper, Joseph C., C.F., 42 Melanesia Road, Kohimarama Auckland, E.1 .. .. .	.. 5
1935 ..	4	Duder, Clifford L., 162 Sutherland Rd., Wellington, E.3.	81
1931 ..	6	Dudley, Raymond, M.A., D.D., F.R.E.S., 56 Royal Terrace Dunedin, C.2. .. .. .	.. 128
1954 ..	4	Eastwood, Eric R., Otautau, Southland	.. 141
1952 ..	1	Edmonds, David W., Auckland Street, Picton	.. 98
1948 ..	1	Eisner, Wilf. G., B.A., 31 Huanui St., Porirua, Wellington	83
1911 ..	8	Enticott, Walter J., Nahum Street, Paeroa (1948)	.. 32
1943 ..	7	Falkingham, Wilfred E., Central Mission, P. O. Box 1449, Christchurch, C.1. .. .. .	.. 104
1956 ..	2	Falla, H. Rabey, 95 Sullivan Ave., Opawa, Christchurch, S.E.1. .. .. .	.. 113
1924 ..	12	Fiebig, Herbert L., B.A., P.O. Box 931, Christchurch, C.1. C.S.	..
1919 ..	8	Ford, Herbert, 24 Denman Street, Sumner, Christchurch (1948) .. .. .	.. 103
1948 ..	1	Ford, Wilfred F., B.A., 64 Norway St., Wellington, W.1.	Y.D.
1916 ..	8	Fordyce, Robert E., 27a Lorna St., New Plymouth (1956)	52
1957 ..	1	Fowler, Irwin J., Apiti .. .. .	.. 77
1911 ..	8	Fowles, Albert H., 18 Lionel Street, Avonside, Christchurch, N.E.1., (1941) .. .. .	.. 105
1937 ..	4	Francis, William R., B.A., B.D., 24 Liverpool Street, Hamilton, C.F. .. .. .	.. 37
1949 ..	2	Garner, William M., 38 Sealey Street, Thames	.. 30
1919 ..	8	Gatman, William, 80 Beach Road, Castor Bay, Auckland (1947) .. .. .	.. 9
1952 ..	1	George, R. Leslie, 18 West Rd., Northland, Wellington W.2.	79
1952 ..	3	Gibson, Loyal J., Greendale No. 1 R/D., Christchurch	.. 120
1952 ..	1	Gilbert, Geoffrey T., C. F., 27 Cambrai Ave., Mt. Roskill Auckland, S.2. .. .. .	.. 3
1940 ..	4	Gilmore, Leslie R.M., B.A., 12 Poronui St., Mt. Eden, Auckland .. .. .	.. 5
1934 ..	1	Goodman, George H., 111 Wood St., Palmerston North	.. 73
1950 ..	2	Gordon, D. Bruce, M.A., 12 Marsden Road, Greymouth	.. 101
1956 ..	2	Grant, Ian D., 19 Schofield Street, Grey Lynn Auckland,	1
1945 ..	2	Green, Warren, 12 Barr Street, Balclutha .. .. .	.. 146
1940 ..	1	Greenslade, Lawrence, 18 Matai Rd., Hataitai, Wellington E.2. .. .. .	.. 81
1931 ..	1	Greenslade, William W. H., 92 Liardet St., New Plymouth	52
1939 ..	1	Grice, Reginald, 43 Queen Street, Cambridge	.. 36
1928 ..	2	Grocott, John D., B.A., 15 Nelson Street, Riccarton, Christchurch, W.1. .. .. .	.. 110
1943 ..	6	Grounds, Edmund D., 138 Somme Parade, Aramoho, Wanganui .. .. .	.. 60
1954 ..	3	Grundy, John, M.A., 4 Titoki St., Stoke, Nelson	.. 95
1957 ..	1	Guthardt, Phyllis M., C/o 15 Nelson Street, Riccarton Christchurch, W.1. .. .. .	.. 110
1928 ..	6	Hailwood, Charlie O., 320 Hardy Street, Nelson	.. 94
1947 ..	11	Hall, Allen H., M.A., Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands .. .. .	.. [5]
1926 ..	2	Hall, James H., 9 Paynters Ave., New Plymouth	.. 52
1952 ..	2	Hall, John R., Geraldine .. .. .	.. 124
1923 ..	19	Hames, Eric W., M.A., "Richmond House" Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3.	Th.C.
1928 ..	2	Handy, Francis J., 64 Station Road, Otahuhu, Auckland, S.E.7. .. .. .	.. 12
1952 ..	1	Handyside, Allan J., 811 George St., Dunedin, N.1.	.. 129
1935 ..	3	Hanna, L. Gordon, 17 Pukehana Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. .. .. .	.. 5

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1916	.. S	Harkness, Edwin S., 14 Atanga Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I., (1947)	.. 5
1938	.. 4	Harkness, Howard E., M.A., B.D., 45 High Street, Blenheim	.. 98
1910	.. S	Harris, Archer O., 44 Redruth Ave., Spreydon, Christchurch, S.W.1 (1951)	.. 103
1926	.. 2	Harris, G. Raymond, 17 Church St., Devonport, Auckland, N.I.	.. 8
1900	.. S	Haslam, Jonathan H., 26 Rhodes Street, Waimate, (1940)	122
1939	.. 4	Hayman, Leslie A. D., B.Agric.Sc., Middleton St., Johnsonville, Wellington	.. 82
1954	.. 3	Heppelthwaite, Ernest, Cromwell	.. 145
1932	.. 1	Hickman, D. J. Donald, 5 Chapman St., Invercargill	.. 139
1948	.. 5	Hilder, Basil J., Oxford	.. 118
1912	.. S	Hinton, George B., 28 Carrington Street, Christchurch, N.I. (1949)	.. 111
1938	.. 2	Hoddinott, Ernest S., 235 Karori Road, Wellington W.3.	79
1911	.. S	Hopper, Arthur, 416 Massey Rd., Hastings (1935)	.. 66
1936	.. 4	Hopper, H. Ian K., B.A., Selwyn Street, Leeston	.. 115
1929	.. 3	Horwood, Leonard C., 801E, Queen St., Hastings	.. 66
1900	.. S	Hunt, George P., 116 Peary Road, Mt. Eden, Auckland, (1940)	.. 3
1942	.. 3	Ivory, Arthur H., LL.B., B.Com., 39 Strathavon Street, Miramar, Wellington, E.4.	.. 81
1922	.. S	Jack, J. Francis, 15 Northboro Rd., Takapuna, Auckland, N.2. (1956)	.. 9
1932	.. 11	Jamieson, V. Roy, M.B.E., E.D., 170 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch, C.I., C.F.	.. 105
1919	.. S	Jefferson, Alfred E., 49 Gray Ave., Papatoetoe (1954)	.. 11
1932	.. 5	Jenkin, William C., Springston No. 4 R.M.D., Christchurch	113
1934	.. 5	Johnston, Andrew J., 298 Adelaide Rd., Wellington, S.I.	80
1943	.. 5	Jolly, Albert, 77 Grey St. East, Onehunga, Auckland, S.E.5	11
1940	.. 4	Jones, Allan O., 98 North Street, Timaru	.. 122
1899	.. S	Keall, R. Purcell, 14 Green Street, Lower Hutt, (1940)	84
1949	.. 4	Keightley, Clifford J., Methodist Mission, Tari, via Goroka, Territory of New Guinea	.. F.M.
1916	.. S	Kendon, Charles H., 99 Avondale Road, Greenmeadows, Napier, (1954)	.. 65
1929	.. 2	Kent, Arthur T., C.F., 149 Kamo Road, Whangarei	.. 23
1924	.. S	Kings, Harry S., 98 Salisbury Street, Levin (1956)	.. 91
1956	.. 2	Kitchingman, Owen, 39 Washington Ave., Brooklyn Wellington	.. 78
1927	.. 4	Larsen, Norman P., 15 Verran Place, Bryndwr, Christchurch, N.W.1,	.. 111
1927	.. 19	Laurenson, Geo. I., Kakariki Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.I.	.. H.M.
1912	.. S	Lawrence, Frederick B., Sadlier St., Stoke, Nelson (1949)	95
1887	.. S	Laws, Charles H., B.A., D.D., Foundation Fellow of Trinity College, 4 Tahuri Rd., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3 (1931)	5
1938	.. 6	Laws, William R. M.A., B.D., 524 Church Street, Palmerston North	.. 72
1930	.. 5	Leadley, E. Clarence, 463 Gladstone Road, Gisborne	.. 67
1900	.. S	Leadley, Frank E., 7 Fowlers Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.E.2. (1940)	.. 6
1953	.. 2	LeCouteur, E. Raymond, 8 King Edward Street, Eltham	55
1942	.. 5	Lewis, John J., M.A., B.D., Trinity College, Grafton, Auckland, C.3.	.. Th.C.
1939	.. 5	Lucas, Campbell P., L.Th., 112 Cambridge St., Levin	.. 91
1935	.. 4	Luxton, Clarence T. J., Queen Street, Waiuku	.. 17

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1948	.. 10	Marshall, Edward M., B.A., Dip. Ed., Wesley College, Paerata, Auckland	.. 15
1934	.. 4	Matthews, Howard C., B.A., C.F., 8 Madeira Steps, Napier	65
1909	.. 8	McArthur, John D., 47 Rogers St., Blenheim (1949)	.. 98
1946	.. 5	McDonald, D. I. Alister, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands	.. [7]
1930	.. 7	McDowell, M. Alexander, D.D., 77 Pretoria St., Lower Hutt	84
1953	.. 1	McKay, Archibald W., Regent Street, Waihi	.. 33
1916	.. 38	Metcalfe, John R., Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [5]
1946	.. 3	Moore, Harry, 105 Queen Street, Richmond, Nelson	.. 95
1931	.. 3	Moore, William E., 19 Exeter St., Lyttelton	.. 107
1942	.. 1	Morrison, William J., M.A., 116 Barrs Rd., Old, Hill Staffs., England.	
1918	.. 8	Neal, Wallace S., 61 Mathiesons Rd., Linwood, Christchurch E.1. (1953)	.. 105
1911	.. 8	Neale, Leslie B., M.B.E., B.A., F.R.G.S., 39 Allendale Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland (1952)	.. 2
1953	.. 1	Newman, Allan, 112 Derby St., Westport	.. 100
1954	.. 3	Newton, Alan H.V., Wesley Tce., Te Kuiti	.. 48
1957	.. 1	Nicholls, Trevor L., Kapiti Road, Paraparaumu	.. 93
1949	.. 2	Nuttall, A. Roger, B.A., 64 Albert Road, Pahiatua	.. 71
1937	.. 5	Norwell, Leslie T., 100 Waiwhetu Road, Lower Hutt	.. 84
1915	.. 8	Odell, Henry J., C/o 75 Taranaki St., Wellington, C.3. (1953)	78
1939	.. 6	Oldfield, Charles B., 68 Fifth Street, Hamilton East	.. 38
1910	.. 8	Olds, Charles H., B.A., 21 Alpha Street, Cambridge (1951)	36
1915	.. 8	Olds, E. Thomas, Auckland (1957)	.. 5
1949	.. 2	Olds, J. Stanley, 216 Earn St., Invercargill	.. 139
1946	.. 2	Olds, Norman W., Awakino Rd., Dargaville	.. 21
1951	.. 4	Olds, O. McLennan, 46 Beresford St., Roslyn, Dunedin	.. 134
1920	.. 8	Orchard, Hector C., 8 Seddon Street, Timaru (1947)	.. 119
1933	.. 25	Orr, A. Everil, M.B.E., C.F., Box 5104, Auckland C.1.	.. 2
1953	.. 2	Osborne, John H., Mowatt St., Waitara	.. 53
1947	.. 1	Parker, Francis H., 13 Fraser Cres., Upper Hutt	.. 85
1917	.. 8	Parker, Frederick J., 6 Irene Ave., Mt. Eden, Auckland (1952)	5
1931	.. 2	Parker, Gordon, M.A., Ph.D., 80 Wesley St., Dunedin, S.1.	131
1918	.. 8	Parker, James W., 143 St. John's Road, Meadowbank, Auckland, S.E.3. (1950)	.. 5
1929	.. 6	Parker, Walter, 261 Manukau Rd., Epsom, Auckland S.E.3.	3
1930	.. 5	Parker, Wesley, M.A., B.D., C.F., 10 New Bond Street, Kingsland, Auckland	.. 1
1902	.. 8	Patchett, Ernest D., 36 Orakau Ave., Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. (1945)	.. 5
1933	.. 3	Patchett, Ralph E., 19 Regent Street, Hawera	.. 56
1931	.. 2	Payne, Herbert W., 35 Wood Street, Papakura, Auckland	14
1955	.. 3	Peart, Cuthbert F., Marchant Street, Putaruru	.. 41
1953	.. 4	Penman, John A., B.A., 107 Dyers Pass Road, Cashmere, Christchurch, S.2.	.. 103
1927	.. 2	Penn, Athol R., 994 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland S.W.2.	.. 6
1938	.. 6	Petch, Ashleigh K., B.A., 54 Chester St. Christchurch, C.1	103
1925	.. 7	Peterson, Gordon R. H., 52 Queen's Drive, Musselburgh, Dunedin, S.2.	.. 132
1949	.. 2	Pratt, R. Hori, B.A., Box 41, Kaeo, Northland	.. 25
1943	.. 8	Prosser, Frederick O., 34 Stoke Street, Sumner, Christchurch, S. E. 3. (1948)	.. 107
1897	.. 8	Pybus, T. Arthur, 269 Main Road, Ravensbourne, Dunedin (1939)	.. 132
1954	.. 4	Rakena, Ruawai D., Waima, Hokianga	.. [1]

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1949	.. 4	Ramage, Ian C.E., M.A., 30 Matai Street, Hamilton	.. 37
1950	.. 8	Ramsay, Phillip D., R.N.Z.A.F. Station, Woodbourne, Blenheim	.. 98
1901	.. S	Ranston, Harry, M.A., Litt.D., Fellow Trinity College, 34 Alexis Ave., Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2. (1941)	.. 6
1951	.. 3	Raynor, Charles H., Ashhurst	.. 74
1927	.. 1	Raynor, Ivo M., 18 Orari St., Ngaio, Wellington, N.4.	.. 82
1957	.. 1	Reddihough, John W., 24 Passmore Cres, Maori Hill Dunedin, N.E.5.	.. 130
1957	.. 1	Reid, Andrew G., Ngatea, Hauraki Plains	.. 31
1952	.. 1	Reid, Ian W., Tokoroa	.. 41
1911	.. S	Richards, H. Leslie, Leeston (1948)	.. 114
1910	.. S	Richards, James, 59 Quinn's Road, Shirley, Christchurch, N.1, (1951)	.. 105
1906	.. S	Roberts, Charles M., 286 South Road, New Plymouth (1945)	.. 52
1955	.. 3	Rigg, Frank S., 3 Delta Street, Roslyn, Dunedin	.. 128
1947	.. 3	Riseley, Benjamin H., 53 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi	.. 115
1942	.. 3	Rogers, Ranginohora, 519 Mt. Albert Road, Auckland, S.1.	.. [1]
1911	.. S	Rowe, William, 5 Cavendish Square, Strathmore, Wellington E.5. (1949)	.. 81
1951	.. 4	Ruck, Idris J., Riemenschneider Street, Manaia	.. 57
1954	.. 3	Rushton, Percy P., 43 Jellicoe Road, Manurewa	.. 14
1957	.. 1	Russell, Kenneth H., Hokitika	.. 102
1906	.. S	Ryan, Henry, 8 Burns Road, Napier (1943)	.. 65
1916	.. S	Sage, Ernest E., 1 Willis Street, Mt. Albert, Auckland, S.W.2, (1955)	.. 6
1956	.. 2	Scammell, Bruce, Kaukapakapa, Auckland	.. 18
1957	.. 1	Scott, Geoffrey E., Hikurangi, Northland	.. 24
1950	.. 1	Schroeder, Leonard, P. B.A., B.D., 14 St. Vincent Ave., Remuera, Auckland, S.E.5.	.. 5
1912	.. S	Scrivin, Arthur H., "Roviana" 16 Empire Road, Epsom, Auckland, S.E.3. (1952)	.. 5
1903	.. S	Seamer, Arthur J., C.M.G., Box 400, Hamilton (1939)	.. 2
1945	.. 2	Shapcott, Leonard, 95 Fitzroy St., Dunedin, S.W.1	.. 131
1952	.. 1	Shaw, Harry I., 37 Nelson Street, Petone	.. 86
1946	.. 11	Shepherd, Trevor, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1944	.. 4	Sherson, Donald G., B.A., 170 West Coast Road, Glen Eden, Auckland	.. 7
1927	.. 1	Silvester, A. Wharton E., (M.M.) DeMerle St., Kaikohe Northland	.. 25
1938	.. 4	Silvester, John, M.A., 83 Kolmar Street, Papatoetoe	.. 13
1918	.. S	Skuse, Thomas, No. 2 R.D. Kumeu, Auckland (1956)	.. 7
1915	.. 5	Slade, William G., M.A., D.D. 198 Clyde Road, Fendalton Christchurch, N.W.1	.. 111
1923	.. S	Spencer, Herbert, 24 Hipango Terrace Ext., Durie Hill, Wanganui (1949)	.. 59
1952	.. 2	Spindler Sydney J., 230 High St., Dannevirke	.. 69
1951	.. 5	Stead, Peter A., B.A., 38 Cranford St., Christchurch, N.1	.. 111
1947	.. 1	Stewart, Edmond S., Gloucester St., Taradale, Napier	.. 65
1953	.. 2	Stubbs, David G., Port Albert, Wellsford R/D...	.. 26
1955	.. 1	Tauroa, Lane N., B.A., North Esplanade Rd., Te Kuiti	.. [3]
1954	.. 4	Tahere, Te Awha W., 37 Breakwater Road, New Plymouth	.. [4]
1924	.. S	Taylor, Cecil R., 23 Garreg Rd., Fendalton, Christchurch N.W.1 (1955)	.. 111
1957	.. 1	Taylor, Phillip F., Bombay, Auckland,	.. 16
1911	.. S	Te Tuhi Eruera, O.B.E., Oturei, Aratapu, Nth. Wairoa (1954) H.M	

Ent.	Years	Name and Address	Circuit
1941	.. 4	Thomas, Gordon V., B.A., 42 Malfroy Road, Rotorua	.. 49
1946	.. 6	Thompson, George R., E.D., 33 Wicksteed St., Wanganui	59
1951	.. 2	Thompson, John H., 8 Cambridge St., Gonville, Wanganui	61
1955	.. 1	Thornicroft, Neville, 82 Pah Road, Motueka	.. 96
1935	.. 1	Thornley, Robert, M.A., 38 McFarlane St., Wellington, C.4.	78
1908	.. 8	Tinsley, Robert B., 77 Fox Street, Hamilton (1949)	.. 37
1951	.. 1	Toothill, Harry W., Te Reinga St., Kaitai, Northland	.. 27
1954	.. 4	Trebilco, David L., 12 Freyberg St, Wairoa, Hawkes Bay	68
1952	.. 3	Trebilco, George R., Neville St., Warkworth, Northland	.. 19
1927	.. 2	Utting, Harry V., 23 Ansley Terrace, Christchurch, S.E.2	107
1926	.. 32	Voyce, A. Harry, Buin Bay, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	.. [8]
1912	.. S	Walker, William, E.D., 54 St. John's Road, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2 (1945)	.. 5
1954	.. 2	Watson, Alexander C., Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [5]
1956	.. 2	Watson, Brian M., M.Sc., C/o 100 Waiwhetu Road, Lower Hutt	84A
1939	.. 4	Watson, John K., M.C., B.A., C.F., Box 17 Rongotea, Manawatu	.. 7
1914	.. S	Werren, Samuel J., 17 Murray Street, Maeroa, Hamilton	37
1938	.. 11	Whitfield, Harris, C.F., 2 West End Road, Herne Bay, Auckland, W.I.	.. 4
1931	.. 11	Williams, David O., M.A., Litt.D., "Leigh House", Trinity College, Grafton Road, Auckland, C.3.	.. Th.C.
1943	.. 4	Williams, J. C. Aldwyn, 88 Linwood Ave., Christchurch, E.1.	105
1942	.. 3	Willing, Leonard V., 77 Shirley Road, Shirley, Christchurch N.E.1.	.. 105
1935	.. 1	Witheyford, Arthur R., B.A., C.F., 119 Burnett Street, Ashburton	.. 125
1953	.. S	Woodnutt, Alfred G., Waipawa, Hawkes Bay	..
1950	.. 3	Woodfield, Frank H., 63 Tukapa Street, Westown, New Plymouth	.. 52
1950	.. 4	Woodfield, Owen T., Willowby R.D., Ashburton	.. 129
1941	.. 2	Woolford, J. Henry, M.A., 60a 13th Av., Tauranga	.. 43
1955	.. 2	Wood, Ronald H., 10 Onslow Street, Huntly	.. 39

NATIVE MINISTERS

1920	.. S	Tauroa, Matarae, Pupuke, Kaeo, Northland (1954)	.. [1]
1941	.. S	Kukutai, Ngatete Kerei, Gibson's Rd., Tuakau (1954)	.. [1]
1944	.. 11	Taufa, John, Kieta, South Bougainville, New Guinea	.. [8]
1944	.. 10	Palavi, Daniel, Tearaka, Private Bag, Keesu, Bougainville	[9]
1944	.. 3	Piani, Timothy, Senga, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands	[7]
1953	.. 4	Vula, Aisake, Honiara, British Solomon Islands	.. [5]
1955	.. 2	Bitibule, John Veo, Skolotan, Buka Passage, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea	.. [10]
1956	.. 1	Maka, Ahofitu, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [5]
1957	.. 1	Pataaku, Samson, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands	.. [6]
1957	.. 1	Zio, Joeli, Gizo, British Solomon Islands	.. [5]

HOME MISSIONARIES

Ent.	Name and Address	Years
1908—1928 and 1946—	W. E. Sleep (Retired)	10
1909—	T. W. Featherstone (Retired) 2 Roy Tce., New Plymouth ..	20
1917—	A. L. Witheford, (Retired) 14 Claude St., Claudelands, Hamilton ..	23
1919—	J. W. Bayliss (Retired), Awaroa Rd. Henderson, Auckland ..	19
1922—	H. Ashworth, (Retired) 571 South Rd. New Plymouth ..	21
1922—	C. Robinson (Retired), 108 McGrath St. Napier. ..	6
1924—	R. T. Alexander (Retired), Pah Rd. Motueka. ..	6
1924—	W. H. Wilson (Retired), 19 Rangitoto Tce. Takapuna, Auckland, N.2. ..	19
1925—	(Senior H.M.) W. J. Henderson 78 Church Street, Mosgiel ..	3
1926—	W. Sussex (Retired), Bayswater, Auckland, N.2. ..	19
1928—	R. Coombridge (Retired), Stanmore Bay, Silverdale, North Auckland	7
1939—	(Senior H.M.) H. R. Wright, Okato, Taranaki	3
1940—	W. J. Bryant, (Retired) Waipawa, Hawkes Bay	2
1941—	(Senior H.M.) T. Steele, Mace Street, Reefton	4
1944—	(Senior H.M.) C. E. Roke, Westgate Street, Ngaruawahia, Waikato ..	3
1946—	(Senior H.M.) O. L. Christian, Inglewood, Taranaki	2
1947—	(Senior H.M.) F. J. Climo, Main Road, Greytown	1
1948—	H. Prowse, Stanley Street, Eketahuna	1
1948—	F. D. Peterson, Robinson Street, Foxton.	3
1952—	F. L. Johnson, P.O. Box 11, Kohukohu, Hokianga.	6
1956—	F. E. Trim, 77 Grey Street, Woodville	2

HOME MISSIONARY PROBATIONERS

1956—	G. K. Greening, Woodend	2
1956—	G. H. G. Yearbury, 5 Walnut Avenue, Ashburton	2

HOME MISSIONARY "SUPPLIES"

Evan R. Lewis, M.Sc., (Non-Resident Student of Trinity College)
 C/o Mrs. A. E. Thomas, Te Atatu Rd., Henderson
 Thomas Walker, Coromandel.
 Rev. W. M. Isitt, Ford Street, Opotiki.
 D. I. Robertson, Queen Street, Northcote, Auckland, N.4.
 Mrs. F. M. Robertson, 99 Marua Road, Ellerslie, Auckland.
 E. Downer, Methodist Parsonage, Waikouaiti
 A. E. Tardif, 3 Scotia Street, Port Chalmers

MAORI HOME MISSIONARIES

1922—	Te Hira Ratete, Punakitere, Hokianga, Northland	30
1930—	Paahi Moke, Te Kuiti (Retired)	1
1932—	Rameka Eru, Victoria Valley, Northland	8
1932—	Tuteao Manihera, Raglan	10
1932—	Paikea H Toka., 5 Miro Street, Kelston, New Lynn, Auckland ..	8
1934—	Huru Wiperi, 519a Mt. Albert Road, Auckland	12
1934—	Heemi Rihimona, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngaruawahia ..	17
1936—	Ngaweke Tuhimata, Tuakau, Waikato	12
1937—	Roi Moke, Aotea Harbour, Kawhia	6
1938—	Piripi Livingstone, Pokere, Bay of Islands	20
1938—	Wiremu Paki Ihaka, 15 Ropata Avenue, Tamaki, Auckland. ..	4
1939—	John Harris, Pakiri, North Auckland	19
1939—	Nehana Pu, Opuawhanga, R.D., Hikurangi	19
1940—	Wiremu Tonga, Box 400, Hamilton	18
1942—	Tawhi Te Riri Kawiti, Waiomio, Bay of Islands	16
1944—	Te Urunga Pura Wetere, Atawa Settlement, Waihou, R.D., Te Aroha	14

Ent.	Name and Address	Year
1944—	Paki Manga, Main South Road, Otorohanga	14
1944—	Rangi Katipa, Ngutunui, Te Awamutu	14
1945—	Tame Ponui, P.O. Kopaki, King Country	9
1946—	Waiwera Rangawhenua, Maketu Pa, Kawhia, King Country ..	12
1946—	Tumu Te Huia, Makomako, via Kawhia, King Country. ..	12
1946—	Waaka Kukutai, Tauranganui, via Tuakau.	12
1946—	Henare Kapa, Rangitane, Pouto, Kaipara Heads	12
1947—	Whaterau Ira Wharehoka, Pungarehu, Taranaki	11
1947—	Mu Maihi, Waikaretu, Waikato Coast	11
1948—	Nguru Winikerei, Marakopa, King Country	10
1950—	Maharaia Winiata, Ph.D., Cleek Road, Mangere, Auckland ..	8
1950—	Enoka Marumaru, Aramiro, Waikato	8
1950—	Houtai Mita Hohepa, P.O. Box 167, Kaikohe	7
1950—	Te Iwikau Waaka, Otaramarae, P.O. Rotorua	8
1951—	Pukerau Rangitutia, C/o Oliver Bros., Arohena, Te Awamutu. ..	7
1952—	Matene Hori de Thierry, Rangiriri, Waikato	6
1952—	Ngerungeru Tame Pihama, Whatawhata, Waikato.	6
1952—	Hone Wilcox, 81 Premier Ave., Pt. Chevalier, Auckland ..	6
1952—	J. Hatoitoti Pihama, Higgins Road, Frankton Junction. ..	6
1952—	Hohepa Hemara, Carter's Road, Hikurangi	6
1952—	Tutu Keepa, Thomas Street, Ngaruawahia, Waikato.	6
1954—	Alexander Grahame Kahui, Thomas Street, Ngaruawahia, Waikato. ..	4
1954—	Te Akonga Pihama, Methodist Maroi Parsonage, Ngaruawahia ..	4
1955—	Wera Couch, Rapaki, Lyttelton.	3

DEACONESES

1921—	Sister Eleanor Dobby, 409 Main Road, Papanui, Christchurch, N.W.2
1921—	Sister Margaret Nicholls, 17 Owairaka Avenue, Auckland, S.W.2.
1928—	Sister Rita Snowden, "West Hills" Titirangi Road, Titirangi Auckland
1929—	Sister Airini Hobbs, Methodist Maori Parsonage, Ngaruawahia.
1928—	Sister Ivy Jones, Box 5023, Auckland
1933—	Sister Olive Bott, Paihia, Bay of Islands.
1935—	Sister Madeline Holland, "Kurahuna" 110 Grey Street, Onehunga Auckland, S.E.5
1936—	Sister Heeni Wharemaru, Box 400, Hamilton
1939—	Sister Evelyn Marriott, Rangiatea Maori Girls' Hostel, 455 South Rd., New Plymouth
1939—	Sister Dorothy Pointon, Methodist Central Mission, 35 Octagon, Dunedin
1943—	Sister Anne Wilson, P.O. Box 172 Hawera
1944—	Sister Ruth Hilder, "Seamer House," 515 Remuera Rd., Auckland
1945—	Sister Jean Miller, 861 New North Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland
1946—	Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands
1947—	Sister Mavis Dickie, Box 9, Otorohanga.
1948—	Sister Rona Collins, Methodist Children's Home, Papanui, Christchurch
1948—	Sister Grace Clement, P.O. Box 102, Te Kuiti
1949—	Sister Betty Yearbury, 21 Longfellow Street, Opunake
1949—	Sister Frances Smith, Box 400, Hamilton
1950—	Sister Evelyn Taylor, 17 Hamon Avenue, Three Kings, Auckland
1954—	Sister Winnifred Bennett, Box 400, Hamilton.
1954—	Sister Joyce Gribble, C/o Pitt Street Methodist Church, Auckland
1955—	Sister Doreen Bulford, Central Mission, Box 1449, Christchurch.
1955—	Sister Kathleen Rogers, 8 Airedale Street, Auckland
1955—	Sister Gwenda Kennedy, Methodist Central Mission, Box 5104, Auckland.
1956—	Sister Lorraine Flowers, 630 Fergusson St., Palmerston North

- 1956—Sister Joyce Foster, 5 Glen Avenue, Papatoetoe
 1956—Sister June Peters, Box 400, Hamilton
 1957—Probationer Hana Hauraki, Box 21, Rawene, Hokianga
 1957—Probationer Mary Sealey, Dargaville
 1957—Probationer Beverley Taylor, C/o 100 West Street, Feilding

MISSIONARY SISTERS

- Sister Ada Lee, Methodist Mission, Kihili, Buin, Bougainville
 Terr. of New Guinea.
 Sister Effie Harkness, 14 Atanga Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, S.1
 Sister Merle Carter, Methodist Mission, Tonu, Siwai, South Bougainville,
 Terr. of New Guinea
 Sister Lucy Money, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Myra Fraser, Methodist Mission, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon
 Islands.
 Sister Pamela Beaumont, Methodist Mission, Tonu, Siwai, South
 Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
 Sister Nancy Ball, Methodist Mission, Choiseul, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Thelma Duthie, Kekesu, Teop, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
 Sister June Hilder, Skotolan, Sohana, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
 Sister Rewa Williamson, Kekesu, Sohana, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
 Sister Norma Graves, Skotolan, Sohana, Bougainville, Terr. of New Guinea.
 Sister Olive Money, Methodist Mission, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands
 Sister Edith James, Tari, Via Goroka, Territory of New Guinea.
 Sister Joy Thompson, Bilua, Vella Lavella, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Norma Neutze, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Audrey Grice, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Mary Addison, Roviana, Gizo, British Solomon Islands.
 Sister Audrey Highnam, Box 5023, Auckland, C.1.
 Sister Lesley Bowen, George Brown College, Sydney.

RETIRED

(a) Deaconesses

- 1909—Sister Ruth Fawcett, 10 Littlebourne Road, Dunedin.
 1913—Mrs. W. J. Williams, C/o Mrs. A. J. Hill, Atkins, Enroa, Victoria.
 1913—Sister May Barnett, Tai Tapu, No. 2 R.D., Christchurch.
 1914—Sister Annie Tocker, 36 McFarlane Street, Wellington.
 1918—Sister Winifred Beaumont, 7 Braswell Street, Lower Hutt
 1919—Sister May Ralph, 248 Broadway, Palmerston North.
 1920—Sister Mildred West, 133 Aitken Street, Ashburton.
 1923—Sister Lily White, "Wesley Lodge," Park Terrace, Christchurch
 1927—Sister Grace McDonald, 10 Ormiston Drive, Knock, Belfast.
 1927—Mrs. C. B. Jones, 11 Mt. Albert Road, Mt. Albert, Auckland.
 1945—Mrs. Roland Venis, 479 Gt. South Road, Auckland, S.E.6

(b) MISSIONARY SISTERS

- 1924—Sister Lina Jones, 56 Nottingham Street, Westmere, Auckland.
 1935—Mrs. H. Breed, R.D. No. 4., Cambridge.
 1936—Sister Edna White, 479 Gt. South Road, Auckland, S.E.6
 1938—Sister Merle Farland, Box 11, Taichung, Taiwan, Formosa

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	Fawkner, Melbourne
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
Allen, James Henry	Normanby, New Zealand	1891	1922	6th December, 1955	Whangarei
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
Avery, William W.	Blenheim	1878	1906	15th March, 1954	Christchurch
Ayrton, Moses	Yorkshire, England	1879	1924	3rd October, 1950	Wellington
Bailey, Samuel	Staffordshire, England	1871	1901	27th October, 1949	Wellington
Barley, Charles E.	Fincham, England	1851	1874	5th October, 1888	Hawera
Batley, 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	Waikouaiti
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

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Bowie, William S.	Scarsdale, Victoria	1865	1896	19th December, 1914	Victoria
Brasell, H. Maurice	Masterton, New Zealand	1910	1949	9th July, 1953	Napier
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	4th October, 1948	Dunedin
Clover, James	Suffolk, England	1850	1874	7th December, 1919	Hamilton
Coatsworth, Thomas	Durham, England	1877	1902	21st March, 1953	Palmerston North
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
Drake, Edward	Staffordshire, England	1868	1893	28th April, 1953	Christchurch
Dudley, Ben	London	1872	1898	1st January, 1948	Christchurch
Dukes, John	Staffordshire, 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

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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
Featherston, Jacob	Weardale, England	1864	1901	24th June, 1951	Christchurch
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
Goldie, John F.	Hobart	1870	1897	29th June, 1954	Melbourne.
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
Greenwood, Fred	England	1868	1897	18th October, 1956	Wellington
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
Griffin, Samuel	London, England	1859	1882	19th December, 1937	Auckland
Grigg, William	Cornwall, England	1862	1888	3rd October, 1951	Christchurch
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

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Harris, Walter	Warwickshire, England	1848	1872	9th March, 1926	Christchurch
Harrison, Colin C.	Allendale, England	1867	1946	22nd November, 1943	Wellington
Haylock, Donald C.	Bradford, England	1913	1894	30th July, 1954	Auckland
Henderson, Samuel	Armagh, Ireland	1865	1896	28th April, 1942	New Plymouth
Heretini, Te Tuhi	Whirinaki	1857	1824	9th October, 1933	Whirinaki
Hobbs, John	Kent, England	1800	1896	24th June, 1883	Auckland
Hosking, James Alfred	Coromandel, New Zealand	1872	1879	1st October, 1924	Otahuhu
Hounsell, George	Sussex, England	—	1879	3rd March, 1906	Gisborne, N.Z.
Hudson, Lewis	London	1855	1845	13th April, 1922	Auckland
Innes, Jonathan	Newcastle-on-Tyne, England	1809	1837	6th May, 1864	Nelson, N.Z.
Ironside, Samuel	Sheffield, England	1814	1870	24th April, 1897	Hobart, Tasmania
Isitt, Frank Whitmore	Bedford, England	1846	1903	11th November, 1916	Dunedin
James, Benjamin, J.	Victoria	1874	1876	20th July, 1955	Christchurch
Jones, Peter W.	Cheshire, England	1846	1882	2nd December, 1929	Feilding
Jones, T. Francis	South Wales	1853	1908	16th May, 1943	Auckland
Jordan, Charles B., M.A., B.D., F.R.E.S.	Motueka, New Zealand	1880	1874	19th October, 1953	Stoke, Nelson
Jory, John D.	Cornwall, England	1846	1887	16th June, 1935	Auckland
Joughin, Thomas A.	Isle of Man	1863	1911	10th January, 1942	Auckland
Kakuere, Hori	Mangere	1863	1869	21st August, 1938	Pukekohe
Keall, William	Holbeach, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1838	1880	31st August, 1906	Palmerston North
Keast, W. H.			1846		Christchurch
Kirk, William	Owston, Lincolnshire, Eng.	1825	1889	19th May, 1915	Wellington
Knight, Percy N., B.A.	Norwood, Australia	1867	1879	16th August, 1944	Auckland
Kuri, Te Hori	Hokianga	1828	1868	6th May, 1891	Hokianga
Law, John	Lancashire, England	1841	1885	1st August, 1908	Auckland
Lawry, Albert Charles	Auckland, New Zealand	1862	1845	21st June, 1940	Christchurch
Lawry, Henry Hassall	New South Wales	1821	1877	8th May, 1906	Auckland
Lawry, Samuel	Cornwall, England	1854	1817	26th July, 1933	Christchurch
Lawry, Walter	Cornwall, England	1793	1884	30th March, 1859	Parramatta, N.S.W.
Laycock, William	Lancashire, England	1858	1864	13th November, 1927	Christchurch
Lee, William	Yorkshire, England	1841	1812	12th November, 1925	Auckland
Leigh, Samuel	Milton, England	1788	1870	2nd May, 1852	Reading, England
Lewis, John James	Abergavenny, Wales	1844	1903	12th June, 1931	Auckland
Liddell, Ralph J.	Ballarat, Australia	1876	1898	21st July, 1948	Auckland
Liversedge, Arthur	Barnsley, England	1874	1895	31st December, 1948	Christchurch
Lochore, John Alexander	Westland, New Zealand	1869	1843	2nd June, 1931	Dunedin
Long, Joseph	Carlisle, England	1818	1938	24th February, 1892	Auckland

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Long, Wesley L.	Onewhero	1902	1938	16th August, 1946	Paeroa
Luke, James Henry	St. Just, Cornwall, England	1860	1920	22nd November, 1884	Wellington
Luxford, John A., C.M.G.	Hutt, New Zealand	1854	1881	28th January, 1921	Auckland
Lyth, Richard Burdsall, M.R.C.S.	Yorkshire, England	1810	1876	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
Marshall, George T.	Warwickshire, England	1853	1883	2nd August, 1938	Auckland
Marten, William Benjamin	Essex, England	1847	1871	15th February, 1907	Hutt
Martin, J. Frederick	Waimate	1879	1908	28th July, 1952	Wanganui
Mather, Joseph John	Leeds, England	1854	1883	8th November, 1921	Auckland
McBean, Angus	Ballarat, Victoria	1876	1904	4th May, 1947	Christchurch
McGregor, Robert	Dunedin	1887	1924	1956	Paeroa
McNicol, David	Liverpool, England	1843	1868	8th June, 1925	Auckland
Mercer, Victor Stanley	Adelaide, S.A.	1888	1920	7th December, 1923	Bluff
Metson, Basil	Temuka	1879	1905	8th February, 1952	Rangiora
Mitchell, Arthur	Truro, England	1866	1890	19th August, 1951	Auckland
Mitchell, John L.	Kent, England	1892	1933	12th July, 1950	Hutt
Morley, William, D.D.	Notts, England	1842	1863	24th May, 1926	Kew, Victoria
Murray, Daniel J.	Cambridge, England	1851	1875	27th September, 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
Nelson, John R.	Cumberland, England	1883	1917	22nd February, 1951	Auckland
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
Olphert, John	Auckland	1866	1888	5th March, 1950	Auckland
Orchard, John	Devonshire, England	1838	1861	6th January, 1907	Christchurch, N.Z.
Oxbrow, Walter	Ballarat, Victoria	1873	1902	29th June, 1956	Auckland
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

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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	1876	30th July, 1933	Wellington
Potter, William Smith	London, England	1854	1896	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
Rakena, Rakena P.	Maungamuka, Northland	1890	1908	February, 1956	Rapaki
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
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	Mooroopna, Victoria	1879	1905	13th August, 1948	Christchurch
Richards, Thomas R.	Wodonga, 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
Scotter, Adolphus N., B.A.	Napier	1875	1900	8th October, 1955	Christchurch
Serpell, Samuel J.	Victoria, Australia	—	1884	9th July, 1918	Thames
Sharp, Harold A.	Christchurch	1885	1910	1956	Christchurch
Sharp, Joseph	Maidstone, Kent, England	1849	1871	15th August, 1916	Auckland
Shaw, Joseph T.	Yorkshire, England	1826	1859	13th February, 1894	Hawthorn, Victoria

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Simmonds, Joseph H.	Nelson	1845	1869	30th June, 1936	Auckland
Sinclair, William A.	Christchurch	1868	1891	4th January, 1950	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, G. Knowles	Yorkshire, England	1870	1892	1st June, 1951	Greytown
Smith, John	Prince Edward Island	1835	1862	19th August, 1926	Auckland
Southern, John	Oldham, England	1874	1899	23rd December, 1933	Christchurch
Speer, William H.	Bergalia, N.S.W.	1874	1908	18th February, 1954	Rotorua
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	Christchurch
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
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	Wedgebury, England	1793	1821	5th December, 1864	Toowong, Queensland
Turner, Nicholas	Kent, England	1863	1909	19th February, 1930	Christchurch
Vealie, Thomas W.	St. Just, England	1864	1889	1st January, 1950	Hutt
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.	Waingaroa (Raglan)	1842	1864	2nd August, 1877	Auckland
Wallis, T. Jackson	Raglan, N.Z.	1863	1885	25th December, 1943	Turakina
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

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Whewell, John	Hadfield, England	1825	1854	11th December, 1886	Remuera
Whiteley, John	Nottinghamshire, England	1806	1832	13th February, 1869	New Plymouth
White, Hedley	Silchester, England	1883	1906	14th December, 1950	Wellington
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
Wills, William	Cornwell, England	1872	1899	3rd September, 1950	Auckland
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 Fund Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Credit Balance (30.6.55)	51	12	7	Balance	81	12	7
Interest on Government Stock	20	0	0				
Credit Balance (30.6.56)	£81	12	7		£81	12	7

Food Parcels Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Credit Balance (30.6.55)	7	5	2	Bank fees and exchange		15	8
Donations	3	10	6	Remittance to Local Preachers' Mutual Aid Assn., London	10	0	0
	£10	15	8		£10	15	8

General Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Credit Balance (30.6.55)	43	15	5	Bank fees	1	0	0
Interest on Government Stock	12	0	0	Book Purchases — Epworth	1	13	5
Donation	3	0	0	Printing Minutes and Annual Reports	10	17	6
Book Orders	4	8	1	Secretarial exps., envelopes, postage and sundries	10	5	2
	£63	3	6	Balance	39	7	5
Credit Balance (30.6.56)	£39	7	5		£63	3	6

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
General Account	439	7	5	Bank Deposits — National Bank			
Benevolent Fund Account	1,081	12	7	At Credit General Account	39	7	5
				At credit Benevolent Fund A/c.	81	12	7
				Government Securities —			
				N.Z. Govt. Stock, 3%:			
				General Account	400	0	0
				Benev. Fund Account	1,000	0	0
					1,400	0	0
	£1,521	0	0		£1,521	0	0

Audited and found correct.

A. J. GREATCHURCH, 7.9.56.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30/6/56

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Directors' Salaries				By Circuit Contributions	3,606	7	10
" Christchurch Property Expenses				" Interest		8	7
" Wellington Property Expenses				" National Committee Recreation and Leisure		7	16
" Connexional Charges				" Trading Profit	1,072	0	2
" Travelling Expenses							
" Grants:							
District Youth Councils	88	0	0				
Board of Publications	5	0	0				
Church and Home Relations Committee	5	0	0				
" Home Sunday School and Bible Class							
" Depreciation							
" Christian Education							
" Film Expenses							
" National Leadership Committee							
" Policy Conference							
" Youth Conference							
" Proportion Administrative Costs							
" Excess Income over Expenditure							
	£4,694	12	7		£4,694	12	7

Trading Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Purchases	3,483	3	6	By Sales in Advance 1955	1,849	10	4
" Sales in Advance 1956	1,878	18	11	" Sales	5,552	9	4
" Administrative Costs Transferred	998	7	4	" Film Hire	30	10	3
" Surplus—Transferred to Inc. and Ex. A/c.	1,072	0	2				
	£7,432	9	11		£7,432	9	11

Administrative and General Expenses

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Office Salaries	1,077	17	8	By Duplicating Services	175	9	1
" Postage, Printing, Stationery and General Expenses	1,593	10	0	" Allocation of Administrative and General Expenses:			
				Income and Expenditure 3/5	1,497	11	3
				" Trading Account 2/5	998	7	4
	£2,671	7	8		2,495	18	7
					£2,671	7	8

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	—	—	—	P.O.S.B.:	—	—	—
Loans:				Special Appeal Fund	—	—	210 9 11
Home Mission Board secured by Mortgage Christchurch Property	1,184	11	1	Car Fund	—	—	264 18 6
Mortgage Wellington Property	1,021	1	7	New Ventures Fund	—	—	262 9 11
			2,205 12 8	Parsonage Extension Fund	—	—	196 7 6
Special Reserves:				Parsonage Furniture Fund	—	—	34 2 4
Special Appeal	1,531	14	11	General Fund	—	—	37 10 11
Motor Car	379	18	6	Special Purposes Fund	—	—	330 6 9
Special Purposes	1,330	6	9	Sundry Debtors	—	—	5,270 17 3
Temperance Education	23	11	9	Less Sales in Advance	—	—	1,878 18 11
Missions	301	10	6				3,391 18 4
New Ventures	562	9	11	Car Advance—Senior Director	—	—	115 0 0
Parsonage Extension	196	7	6	Stock in Hand—Stationery	—	—	200 0 0
Parsonage Furniture	986	2	4	Christchurch Property Cost less Depr.	—	—	1,600 0 0
			5,312 2 2	Christchurch Furniture Cost less Depr.	—	—	497 19 0
National Bank of New Zealand Ltd.			2,120 0 5	Wellington Property Cost less Depr.	—	—	3,630 9 8
Accumulated Fund, 30/6/55	4,594	16	9	Wellington Furniture Cost less Depr.	—	—	149 0 3
Appropriation Account	227	1	8	Equipment	—	—	1,201 19 6
			4,821 18 5	Films	—	—	136 4 6
			£15,814 8 5	Loan to Transport Trust Board	750	0	0
				Accrued Interest	11	5	0
							761 5 0
				Balance—Sale Price Wgtn. Property.	—	—	2,793 17 1
				Cash in Hand	—	—	9 3
							£15,814 8 5

Appropriation Account

To Special Purposes Reserve	300	0	0	By Excess Income over Expenditure	827	1	8
" New Ventures, Reserve	300	0	0				
" Accumulated Fund	227	1	8				
	£827	1	8		£827	1	8

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — EPWORTH BOOKROOM (WELLINGTON)

Balance Sheet as at 30/6/56

LIABILITIES						ASSETS					
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors:						Sundry Debtors	—	—	—	—	—
Youth Department	—	—	1,130	19	10	Stock in Hand	—	—	—	—	—
Trade	—	—	870	7	3	Equipment	—	—	—	—	—
					2,001	7	1	National Bank of N.Z. Ltd.	—	—	—
Capital Fund 30/6/55	—	—	1,443	1	0				857	18	7
Plus Trade Profit	—	—	275	0	5						
					1,718	1	5				
					£3,719	8	6				
									£3,719	8	6

Trading Account

			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
To Stock in Hand 30/6/55	—	—	—	—	1,575	0	0	By Sales	—	—	—
Purchases	—	—	—	—	3,558	2	2	Stock in Hand 30/6/56	—	—	—
Gross Profit	—	—	—	—	1,116	7	0				
					£6,249	9	2				
									£6,249	9	2

Profit and Loss Account

			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
To General Expenses	—	—	—	—	141	16	0	By Gross Profit transferred	—	—	—
Printing and Stationery	—	—	—	—	83	8	11				
Postages	—	—	—	—	114	11	8				
Salaries	—	—	—	—	501	10	0				
Net Profit	—	—	—	—	275	0	5				
					£1,116	7	0				
									£1,116	7	0

METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND
Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st May, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To amount of Loans as at 31st May, 1955 ..	23,775	4	5	By Loans Repaid ..	6,028	5	8
„ New Loans Advanced ..	15,700	0	0	„ Amount of Loans as at 31/5/56 ..	33,446	18	9
	£39,475	4	5		£39,475	4	5

SITES FUND ACCOUNT

GRANTS FOR SITES—				DONATIONS—			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Wairakei Road ..	60	0	0	Home Mission Board ..	100	0	0
Taupo ..	50	0	0	Interest on Deposits ..	27	4	10
Helensville ..	50	0	0	Transfer from Capital A/c. ..	132	15	2
Greenhithe ..	25	0	0				
Upper Hutt ..	50	0	0				
Islington ..	25	0	0				
			260 0 0				
	£260	0	0		£260	0	0

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Authorised Appropriation ..	450	0	0	Hymn Book Commission ..	87	10	11
Stationery and General Expenses ..	145	14	5	Working Expenses ..	200	7	1
Rates (Seddon) ..	2	5	6	Trust Contributions ..	146	15	0
Surplus ..	110	12	1	Interest on Deposits ..	273	19	0
	£708	12	0		£708	12	0

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METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Loans Account—				Loans Account—			
Accumulated funds ..	32,450	10	4	Outstanding Loans ..	35,256	7	2
Capital Fund—				Less Working Exps. 1,762	5	9	
Bequests:				Less Interest ..	47	2	8
Thomas Emsley ..	1,500	0	0		1,809	8	5
H. H. Wake ..	50	0	0				33,446 18 9
David Graham ..	50	0	0	Deposits—			
W. H. Duke ..	100	0	0	Fire Ins. Fund ..	90	16	4
Samuel Lawry ..	50	0	0	Supernumerary Fund	1,001	6	10
Geo. Winstone ..	1,000	0	0	Bank of N.Z. ..	1,213	12	7
Thomas Fee ..	50	0	0	P.O.S. Bank ..	607	15	10
W. G. Andrews ..	100	0	0				2,913 11 7
Anonymous ..	200	0	0	Peace Thanksgiving Fund—			
R. Keightley ..	50	0	0	P.O.S. Bank ..	1,650	0	0
				Special Loans Account—			
Capital Fund—				P.O.S. Bank ..	700	0	0
Donations:				Supernumerary Fund—			
Mrs E. Winstone—				Advance Methodism			
Blackwell ..	500	0	0	Grants A/c. ..	4,124	0	0
Anonymous ..	100	0	0				6,474 0 0
Rev J. Olphert ..	10	0	0	Trust Accounts—			
Anonymous ..	100	0	0	Deposit Bank N.Z. ..	808	0	0
Anonymous ..	50	0	0	Supernumerary Fund	5	10	6
							813 10 6
	760	0	0	Sites Fund Account—			
			36,360 10 4	Deposit P.O.S.B. ..	1,233	9	8
Peace Thanksgiving				Super. Fund ..	149	16	0
Fund ..	1,650	0	0				
Special Loans A/c. ..	700	0	0		1,383	5	8
Advance Methm. Gnts.				Sundry Debtors ..	100	0	0
Capital Account ..	4,124	0	0				1,483 5 8
				Administration Account—			
Trust Accounts ..			6,474 0 0	Capital Fund (as per			
Sites Fund Account:			813 10 6	contr.) ..			300 0 0
Balance as at 31/5/55	398	15	6	Deficit at 31/5/55 ..	118	7	11
Transfer from Rev.				Surplus at 31/5/56 ..	110	12	1
Account ..	132	15	2				
					7	15	10
	266	0	4				
							7 15 10
				Sundry Debtors ..			186 2

Peace Thanksgiving Fund	246 10 8				
		512 11 0			
Bank of New Zealand		970 14 8			
			1,483 5 8		
Administration Account:					
Administration A/c.					
Capital Fund (as per contra.)		300 0 0			
Bank of New Zealand		193 17 10			
			493 17 10		
			£45,625 4 4		£45,625 4 4

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund and certify to their correctness. 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, 1956.

H. L. FIEBIG,
H. de R. FLESHER,
Treasurers.

R. H. SHERRIS,
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Auditors.

CHRISTCHURCH
28th June, 1956.

THE PROBERT TRUST BOARD OF THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Repairs, Maintenance and Renovation—							Rents	5,823	4	6
No. 1 Block	75	14	8				Interest	163	15	0
No. 2 Block	68	10	3							
No. 3 Block	44	15	0							
Cottages, etc.	185	13	5							
Architects' Fees	88	0	0							
				462	13	4				
Depreciation on Buildings				1,000	0	0				
Insurance Premiums				236	10	6				
Rates				173	17	11				
Sundries—										
Audit Fee	10	10	0							
Land Tax	96	7	1							
Bank Charges	1	0	0							
Sundries and Legal Charges	52	1	5							
Secretary's Salary	100	0	0							
Commission on Rents, etc.,										
Collected	177	2	3							
Valuation Fees re Rents	37	16	0							
				474	16	9				
Surplus for the Year				3,639	1	0				
				5,986	19	6				
								5,986	19	6
Paid to Theological College				1,500	0	0	Balance—30th June, 1955	16,772	16	3
Balance—30th June, 1956				18,911	17	3	Surplus for the Year	3,639	1	0
				£20,411	17	3				
								£20,411	17	3

Examined and found correct.

30th July, 1956.

P. F. PRESCOTT,
A. R. MARTIN, Auditors,

J. H. BLACKWELL, Chairman.
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th June, 1956

J. H. BLACKWELL,
M. IZZARD, Secretary.

PRINCE ALBERT COLLEGE TRUST

Statement of Receipts and Payments for 12 Months Ending 30th June, 1956

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS							
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Balance 1st July, 1955	.. .. .	2,273	12 3	Interest on Mortgage	.. .. .	240	0 0				
Rent Received	.. .. .	3,961	19 4	Rates to 31-5-56	.. .. .	733	5 3				
Auckland Transport Board (Damage to Verandas)	.. .. .	200	0 0	Repairs and Maintenance	.. .. .	130	6 6				
Interest Auckland Savings Bank	.. .. .	7	12 6	Insurance	.. .. .	120	3 1				
				Land Tax	.. .. .	97	5 10				
				Salary for Rent Collection	.. .. .	99	13 4				
				Sundry Expenses	.. .. .	1	0 0				
				Grant to Trinity College	.. .. .			1,421	14 0		
				Balance—				400	0 0		
				Auckland Savings Bank	.. .. .	313	3 0				
				Bank of New Zealand	.. .. .	4,308	7 1				
								4,621	10 1		
								£6,443	4 1		
		£6,443	4 1								
MEMO: LIABILITY—											
Bank of New Zealand Mortgage	.. .. .	£6,000	0 0								

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Prince Albert College Trust for the year ended 30th June, 1956. In my opinion the above statement of Receipts and Payments correctly sets out the transactions for the period and as shown by the books.

AUCKLAND, 14th July, 1956.

ROBERT THORNLEY, Chairman.
PERCY DELLOW, Secretary.

JOHN C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
Hon. Auditor.

THE JAMES AND MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST FUND BOARD

Income and Expenditure Account from 1st July, 1955, to 30th June, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Bank Charges, Stamps, etc. ..	3	0	0	By Interest Inscribed Stock ..	356	7	8
„ Secretary's Allowance ..	15	0	0	„ Interest Auckland Savings Bank ..	4	7	0
			18 0 0	„ Interest National Savings ..	11	8	8
„ Grants ..			230 0 0				
„ Excess Income over Expenditure ..			124 3 4				
			<u>£372 3 4</u>				<u>£372 3 4</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Trust Fund Account ..	11,400	0	0	N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock, 3%, 1962	5,645	0	0
Income Account ..	794	12	2	N.Z. Govt. Inscribed Stock, 3½%, '60	5,755	0	0
				Cash Balances—			
				Auckland Savings Bank ..	198	15	8
				National Savings Account ..	393	5	6
				Bank of New Zealand ..	202	11	0
						794	12 2
			<u>£12,194 12 2</u>			<u>£12,194 12 2</u>	

Audited and found correct.
E. A. ASTLEY.
21st August, 1956.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1955

LIABILITIES						ASSETS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital Account	44,583	13	10				Masterton Property	8,300	0	0			
Plus Net Revenue	875	18	4	45,459	12	2	Less Depreciation	150	0	0			
											8,150	0	0
Masterton Capital Account	17,698	7	3				Wellington Property				16,113	6	9
Plus Bequests	105	0	0				Faxton Property				617	0	0
							N.Z. Government Stock				24,307	16	2
	17,803	7	3				Newcombe Trust				51	5	0
Less Capital Expenditure	504	8	4				Loans "on Mortgage"				8,598	5	5
				17,298	18	11	Loan on Table Repayment				79	19	0
Newcombe Trust Fund	51	5	0				Deposit Transport Trust Board				1,000	0	0
Plus Interest	8	5	0	59	10	0	National Savings Account				1,304	18	7
							Post Office Savings Bank				939	11	0
							Australia and New Zealand Bank				1,034	15	10
							Cash in Hand						
							Wellington C.C. Debentures				300	0	0
							Rent and Interest Accrued				321	3	4
				£62,818	1	1					£62,818	1	1

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, 1955, and I 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.

Wellington.

G. T. WITHERS, F.R.A.N.Z., Auditor.

Revenue Account for year ended 31st December, 1956

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.				
To Rates and Land Tax	---	---	---	---	177	15	8	By Rents	---	---	---	---	---	1,172	7	4	
General Expenses	---	---	---	---	132	12	10	" Interest	---	---	---	---	---	832	6	11	
Insurance	---	---	---	---	29	13	11										
Expenses re New Leases	---	---	---	---	23	7	0										
Balance Carried Down	---	---	---	---	1,641	4	10										
					£2,004	14	3								2,004	14	3

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.
To	Masterston Maintenance	-----	-----	165	6	6	By	Balance brought down	-----	-----	1,641	4	10
"	Rangiatea Maori College	-----	-----	600	0	0							
"	Excess of Income over Expenditure	-----	-----	875	18	4							
				£1,641	4	10					£1,641	4	10

Masterton Maintenance Account

To Cash Remittances	£	s.	d.	By Interest on Investments	£	s.	d.
" Depreciation	700	0	0	" Revenue Account	684	13	6
	150	0	0		165	6	6
	<u>£850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

EMSLY TRUST

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 30th June, 1956

1956—		£	s.	d.	1956—		£	s.	d.
June 30	To Interest from National Savings ..	57	0	0					
June 30	To Balance in Hand	£57	0	0	June 30	By Balance	£57	0	0

Investment Account

1956—		£	s.	d.	1956—		£	s.	d.
June 30	To Capital	£1,900	0	0	June 30	By Deposit at National Savings Investment Account No. 1/9553	£1,900	0	0

Audited and found correct.

T. L. HAMES, Auditor, Auckland.

J. H. BLACKWELL, Treasurer.

KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 30th June, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Land Tax .. .. .	..	4	11 0	By Rent .. .. .	..	575	0 0
" General Expenses .. .. .	..	4	5 0				
" Interest .. .. .	..	100	9 7				
" Mortgage Expenses .. .. .	..	66	19 6				
" Grants—Rangiatea College .. .. .	..	100	0 0				
" Home Mission Dept. .. .. .	..	100	0 0				
" Excess of Income Over Expenditure .. .. .	..	198	14 11				
		£575	0 0			£575	0 0

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Accumulated Fund 30.6.55 .. .. .	..	10,918	3 7	Farm Property .. .. .	..	9,695	0 0
Plus excess Income over Exp. 1955/56 .. .. .	..	198	14 11	Plus cost new Dwelling .. .. .	..	5,474	0 0
						15,169	0 0
Balance 30th June, 1956 .. .. .	..	11,116	18 6	Bank of N.S.W. .. .. .	..	218	2 10
Loan Account	1,500 0 0			Depreciation Fund—N.S. Account .. .. .	..	35	4 0
Less repaid 1955/56	75 0 0	1,425	0 0	Sundry Debtors .. .. .	..	144	0 6
Mortgage—State Advances	3,060 0 0						
Less repaid 1955/56	35 11 2	3,024	8 10				
		£15,566	7 4			£15,566	7 4

GEORGE R. THOMPSON, Chairman.

E. F. BUXTON, Secretary.

We certify that we have examined the books and vouchers of the Kai Iwi Mission Estate for the year ended 30th June, 1956, and in our opinion the above accounts and balance-sheet show the true financial position of the trust at 30th June, 1956.

D. R. SMART, A.R.A.N.Z.
J. DRAKE.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

(Registered Under The Provisions of the Methodist Model Deed of N.Z. 1887)

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ending 30th June, 1956

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance Forward	—	—	—	By Rates	—	66	0 0
" Rentals from Leases	—	—	1,561 7 0	" Renovations to Hostel, Church and Dwelling	—	325	8 9
" Noting Fees	—	—	6 6 0	" Interest on Loans	—	201	0 5
" Rent of Dwelling	—	—	127 10 0	" Refund of Loans	—	750	0 0
			1,695 3 0	" Bank Fees and Exchange	—	2	4 6
				" Land Tax	—	382	18 4
				" Insurances	—	4	14 9
				" Grant to Rangiatea Trust	—	150	0 0
				" Postages and Petties	—	12	9 6
				" Secretary	—	125	0 0
				" Audit Fees and Sundries	—	12	12 0
						2,032	8 11
				" Balance at Bank New South Wales	—	876	12 10
			£2,909 1 9			£2,909	1 9

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th June, 1956. All receipts as shown by the Secretary's books have been duly banked and vouchers have been produced for all payments. I have also checked the credits to the respective Lessees' Accounts and found these in order.

W. P. OKEY, Secretary.
New Plymouth, 13th August, 1956.

DUFF AND DUFF, Auditors.

ROBERT GIBSON ESTATE

Statement of Account of the Public Trustee's Administration for year ended 30th June, 1956

	Dr.	Cr.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Balance		3,387 11 4
Public Trust Office:		
Interest—		
30-6-55 to 31-3-56 at 3½%;		
1-4-56 to 30-6-56 at 3½%		120 5 0
Administration Expenses:		
Disbursements—		
Rev E. T. Olds — Refund travelling expenses		
to attend meeting at Christchurch	13 15 0	
Balance	3,494 1 4	
	£3,507 16 4	£3,507 16 4

Devise Account

	Dr.	Cr.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance		10,455 14 9
Implements Accounts:		
Depreciation transferred—		
Top Farm	10 2 8	
Lower farm	22 13 10	
		32 16 6
Farm Accounts:		
Net Profit transferred—		
Top farm	1,501 2 2	
Lower farm	1,170 5 7	
		2,671 7 9
Public Trust Office:		
Interest:		
30-6-55 to 31-3-56 at 3½%;		
1-4-56 to 30-6-56 at 3½%		337 5 3
Farm Supervision Account:		
O. T. Parry—allowance for mileage		
and expenses	100 0 0	
Realty Improvements Account:		
Lower Farm:		
Erection of calf shelter	28 14 11	
Balance	13,404 9 4	
	£13,533 4 3	£13,533 4 3

METHODIST CHURCH CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st May, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Office Expenses—				By Premiums and Commission	3,828	2	10
„ Authorised Appropriation	725	0	0	„ Mortgage Interest	240	5	6
„ Stationery and General	118	14	5	„ Mortgage Interest accrued	10	10	0
„ Balance to Profit and Loss Approp. A/c.	5,124	17	10	„ Debenture Interest	1,320	6	10
				„ Debenture Interest accrued	462	5	3
				„ Deposit Interest	107	1	10
	£5,968	12	3		£5,968	12	3

Profit and Loss Appropriation Account as at 31st May, 1956

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Transfers—				By Balance as at 31.5.55	119	9	9
„ Fire Loss Reserve	2,000	0	0	„ Transfer from Revenue Account	5,124	17	10
„ Investment Contingency Reserve	200	0	0	„ Minister's Home Account Fund (refund)	16	0	0
„ Recommended Grants	2,500	0	0				
„ Balance Forward	560	7	7				
	£5,260	7	7		£5,260	7	7

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1956

H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.,
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
Auditors, 14.8.56.

CONNEXIONAL SECRETARYSHIP COMMITTEE

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries	2,324	13	5	By Appropriations	3,025	0	0
" Rent	150	0	0	" Registration Fees	55	1	0
" Connexional Charges	130	10	0	" Board Room Rents	70	0	0
" Telephone and Bank Charges	41	16	9	" Duplicating	8	19	4
" Stationery and General Exps.	114	0	10	" Interest	7	11	10
" House Property, 17 Merivale Lane:							
Rates	33	16	9				
Insurance	7	2	5				
Repairs and Maintenance	46	14	5				
Furnishings	80	13	6				
Interest	53	5	2				
			221 12 3				
" Depreciation Reserve			125 0 0				
" Excess of Income over Expenditure trans. to Capital A/c.			58 18 11				
	£3,166	12	2		£3,166	12	2

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

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W. T. BLIGHT,
H. L. FIEBIG, Treasurers.

W. E. CLOTHIER, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.I.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
Auditor.

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th June, 1956

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance 1st July, 1955	.. .. .	114	9 2	House and Services	.. .. .	4,236	12 5
Probert Trust	.. .. .	1,500	0 0	Special Accommodation Woman Student	.. .. .	89	0 0
Emsly Trust	.. .. .	57	0 0	Stipends and Allowances	.. .. .	2,097	11 5
General Purposes	.. .. .	1,000	0 0	Bursaries	.. .. .	210	0 0
Contingent Fund	.. .. .	850	0 0	Connexional Charge	.. .. .	209	15 2
Hamilton Church	.. .. .	50	0 0	Rates	.. .. .	240	11 4
Pitt Street Church	.. .. .	100	0 0	Insurance	.. .. .	157	7 1
Prince Albert College	.. .. .	400	0 0	Repairs and Maintenance	.. .. .	668	15 6
Home Mission Board	.. .. .	150	0 0	Furnishings	.. .. .	317	5 10
Foreign Mission Board	.. .. .	150	0 0	Telephones	.. .. .	79	4 0
Hostel Fees	.. .. .	4,190	17 1	Advertising Church Services	.. .. .	3	0 0
T. N. Griffin Memorial Fund	.. .. .	100	0 0	University Fees	.. .. .	102	9 6
Friends of Trinity College	.. .. .	200	0 0	Rent Board Room	.. .. .	9	15 0
Collegiate Church	.. .. .	61	18 8	Printing, Postage and Stationery	.. .. .	83	17 11
Rent Garden Plots	.. .. .	9	13 6	Bank Interest and Charges	.. .. .	16	19 6
Estate A. J. Patchett	.. .. .	50	0 0	Sundries	.. .. .	34	1 4
Students' Washing Machine	.. .. .	23	0 0	Wesley Tennis Club	.. .. .	20	0 0
Rehabilitation Fund	.. .. .	185	3 8	T. N. Griffin Memorial to Library Fund	.. .. .	100	0 0
S.C.M. Chaplaincy	.. .. .	200	0 0	New Chapel Building Fund—			
				Estate A. J. Patchett	.. .. .	50	0 0
				Friends of Trinity College	.. .. .	200	0 0
						250	0 0
				Mortgage, 134 Grafton Road—			
				Principal	.. .. .	337	17 11
				Interest	.. .. .	41	4 6
						379	2 5
				Balance 30th June, 1956	.. .. .	89	13 8
		£9,392	2 1			£9,392	2 1

TRINITY METHODIST THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

New Organ Fund

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Fund as at 1st July, 1955				779	3	4
Add Proceeds Sale of Organ ..	2,000	0	0			
" Bank Interest	12	3	2			
" Dividends	36	0	0			
				2,048	3	2
				2,827	6	6
Less Repairs to Organ				1	15	0
Funds as at 30th June, 1956 ..				£2,825	11	6

New Chapel Fund

Cash in Hand	£972	17	3
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Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital	58,306	18	5	Freehold Land	8,550	0	0
New Organ Fund	2,825	11	6	College Buildings	35,000	0	0
New Chapel Building Fund	972	17	3	Collegiate Church and Sunday School	3,000	0	0
Mortgage, 134 Grafton Road	867	19	0	House, 134 Grafton Road	2,834	9	6
General Account	89	13	8	Furniture and Fittings	5,790	7	11
				Contents of Library	4,000	0	0
				Bank of N.Z. Current Account	89	13	8
				Shares—South British Insurance Co. Ltd.	300	0	0
				Auckland Savings Bank	525	11	6
				New Chapel Building Fund (Cash in Hand)	972	17	3
				Wesley College (Organ Account)	2,000	0	0
	£63,062	19	10		£63,062	19	10

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Trinity Methodist Theological College and compared them with the Bank Statement and I am of the opinion that they give a true and correct statement of the affairs of the College at 30th June, 1956, as shown by the books.

R. B. VERRY, A.R.A.N.Z.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1955

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THE BOARD OF THE WESLEY TRAINING COLLEGE

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1955

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Land, Buildings, and Improvements—	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors—													
Bank of N.Z. ..			8,743	6	3		Paerata	105,624	0	0			
Trade Accounts ..			716	15	1		Maurice Harding Park	11,524	0	0			
						9,460	1	4	Waikowhai Park	11,791	0	0	
						212	1	8	Grafton	19,407	19	6	
College Organ Fund							Otamatea County	115	0	0			
Scholarship Funds—							Hobson County	10	0	0			
Marianne Caughey ..			2,000	0	0						148,471	19	6
Smith-Preston ..			1,060	0	0		Plant and Equipment—						
George Winstone ..							Farm Machinery	1,134	0	0			
Stephen James Ambury ..			1,000	0	0		Motor Vehicles	1,742	0	0			
War Memorial Fund (Maori) ..			384	17	4		Furniture and Equipment ..	8,090	0	0			
						4,444	17	4			10,966	0	0
Capital Account—							Stock on Hand—						
Balance at 1/1/55 ..			178,905	18	0		Livestock	2,202	16	0			
Profit on Sale of College Car ..	483	0	0				Produce and Sundries	2,019	12	1			
Grant from Maori Affairs Depart. ..	250	0	0								4,222	8	1
Profit on Sale of N.Z. Govt. Stock ..	80	0	0			Loans on Mortgage					2,558	10	0
Donation for Radiogram ..	60	0	0			Shares—							
Insurance Claim for Wages Refund ..	45	13	9			Nukuroa Fruitlands, Ltd. (250 shares of £1 each paid to 17s 6d—at valuation) ..	43	15	0				
						Whakatane Development Co., Ltd. (100 shares of 7s each fully paid—at valuation) ..	Nil						
			918	13	9						43	15	0
Excess Income over Expenditure ..			3,493	16	11		New Building Fund Investments—						
							N.Z. Government Stock (maturity value £17,100) ..	16,707	8	0			
							Auckland Savings Bank ..	556	18	10			
							Post Office Savings Bank ..	2,685	16	5			
			183,318	8	8						19,950	3	3

Less Donation of
Huskie Cultivator
to Home Mission
Department ..

165 0 0

183,153 8 8

£197,270 9 0

Scholarship Funds Investments—

N.Z. Government Stock (matur-
ity value £3,400) 3,384 10 0

F. M. Winstone, Ltd. (100 shares
of £1 each fully paid) .. 1,000 0 0

4,384 10 0

Sundry Debtors 6,265 8 3

Less Reserve for Bad Debts .. 150 0 0

6,115 8 3

Cash Balances—

Bank of New Zealand—Wool
Retention Account 557 14 11

£197,270 9 0

G. C. B. MINOGUE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
General Secretary.

J. S. CAUGHEY,
Chairman.

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, 1955, as shown by the books. We have obtained from the Solicitors to the Board, Messrs Peak, Kirker, and Newcomb, a certificate that all the Title Deeds and Securities are in order and have been furnished with certified valuations of the Stock on Hand at Paerata, which we have accepted as correct.

AUCKLAND:

31st January, 1956.

HUTCHINSON, ELLIFFE, CAMERON AND CO.,
Auditors.

RANGIATEA MAORI COLLEGE TRUST BOARD
(Incorporated under the Religious, Charitable and Educational Trust Act)
Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 30th June, 1956

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EXPENDITURE

						£	s.	d.
Staff Salaries	----	----	----	----	----	839	12	0
Fuel	----	----	----	----	----	54	11	6
Bread, Meat and Milk	----	----	----	----	----	337	2	7
Groceries and Vegetables	----	----	----	----	----	539	14	1
Light and Heat	----	----	----	----	----	34	5	0
Repairs and Renewals	----	----	----	----	----	94	4	8
Labour — Cutting Lawns, etc.	----	----	----	----	----	32	8	6
Telephone Rental	----	----	----	----	----	12	10	0
Insurances	----	----	----	----	----	5	18	11
Radio Licence	----	----	----	----	----	1	10	0
Rates (Water)	----	----	----	----	----	5	17	4
Petty Cash Allowance	----	----	----	----	----	60	0	0
Sundries	----	----	----	----	----	26	3	3
Deaconess' Retiring Fund	----	----	----	----	----	14	5	0
Rates (Spotswood)	----	----	----	----	----	123	1	3
Labour (Spotswood)	----	----	----	----	----	8	5	0
Sundries Spotswood)	----	----	----	----	----	1	12	5
Bank Charges, etc.	----	----	----	----	----	4	6	7
Secretary	----	----	----	----	----	75	0	0
Treasurer	----	----	----	----	----	10	0	0
Audit Fees	----	----	----	----	----	9	9	0
Depreciation	----	----	----	----	----	87	13	11
						£2,377	11	0

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Fees	----	----	----	----	----	328	5	6
Staff Board	----	----	----	----	----	60	13	4
Rent Hostel	----	----	----	----	----	22	10	0
Rent Spotswood	----	----	----	----	----	275	0	0
Sale of Posts and Battens	----	----	----	----	----	83	11	7
Grants	----	----	----	----	----	850	0	0
Interest on Mortgage, Fixed Deposit and Investments	----	----	----	----	----	525	15	11
						£2,145	16	4
LOSS	----	----	----	----	----	£231	14	8

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
			£ s. d.			£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Sundry Creditors	—	—	145 12 11	Cash — Investments:					
Accumulated Funds:				N.P. Savings Bank	—	17 4 9			
Balance 1st July, 1955	—	28,864 12 8		N.P. Savings Bank	—	1,430 16 7			
Less Loss for Year	—	231 14 8		Post Office Savings Bank	—	4,955 13 10			
			28,632 18 0	National Savings	—	3,818 13 1			
				Balance at Bank of N.S.W.	—	1,208 3 7			
				Fixed Deposit at Bank of N.S.W.	—	8,035 3 11			
							19,465 15 9		
				Debenture — Levin Borough Council			100 0 0		
				Sundry Debtors	—		300 0 0		
				Trewin Bequest Investments:					
				3% Govt. Stock 15-4-63	—	200 0 0			
				2 x £100 Hamilton Borough 4½%	—	200 0 0			
				Debentures due 1-7-60	—	200 0 0			
				5 x £100 Waikato County 3½%	—	500 0 0			
				Debentures due 1-9-69	—	2,200 0 0			
				Mortgage at 5%	—		3,100 0 0		
				Fixed Assets:					
				Land — 50 acres 3 roods 30 perches at					
				Cost	—	4,523 15 3			
				Development — Tree Planting	—	525 3 11			
				Furniture, Crockery, Tools, etc	—				
				Less Depreciation	—	647 0 0			
				Sewing Machines	—	16 0 0			
				Piano	—	24 0 0			
				Washing Machine	—	29 2 0			
				Radio Set	—	22 2 0			
							5,812 15 2		
			£28,778 10 11				£28,778 10 11		

I have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Rangiatea Maori College Trust Board for the 12 months ended 30th June, 1956, and certify that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet sets out a true and fair 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.
New Plymouth,
23rd August, 1956.

F. V. MORINE, F.P.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND

Revenue Account for year ending 30th June, 1956

EXPENDITURE						INCOME					
			£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	
Annuities	—	—	8,290	8	10	By Circuit Levies	—	4,548	0	0	
Furniture Grants	—	—	960	0	0	" Personal Subscriptions	—	3,044	0	0	
					9,250	8	10	" Commission	—	103	14
Office Expenses—						" Interest—					
Authorised Appropriation	—	—	455	0	0	Mortgages	—	3,290	8	7	
Audit Fee	—	—	40	0	0	Debentures	—	2,612	15	6	
Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	122	2	6	Arrears	—	23	15	10	
					617	2	6				
Government and Earthquake Premiums					17	9	6				
Balance transferred to Accum. Funds					5,235	9	2				
								5,926	19	11	
						Less provision for investment fluctua-					
						tion	—	200	0	0	
								5,726	19	11	
						Less interest on deposits	—	1,880	3	10	
								3,846	16	1	
						" Hymn Book Commission	—	179	18	10	
						" Freehold property	—	3,898	1	1	
						Less depreciation provision	—	500	0	0	
								3,398	1	1	
								£15,120	10	0	

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND SUPERNUMERARY FUND

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

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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, 1956.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER,
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,
Auditors

7th September, 1956.

SUPERNUMERARY FUND — BENEVOLENT BRANCH

Revenue Account for year ended 30th June, 1956

EXPENDITURE					INCOME				
				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
To Appropriation	—	—	—	9 10 0	By Balance as at 30th June, 1955	—	—	—	992 16 1
" Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	—	1 14 4	" Donations	—	—	—	19 1 0
" Grants	—	—	—	535 18 11	" Interest	—	—	—	86 5 11
" Balance	—	—	—	550 19 9					
				<u>£1,098 3 0</u>					<u>£1,098 3 0</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

				£ s. d.					£ s. d.
Capital Account	—	—	—	1,400 0 0	Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	—	—	—	1,950 19 9
Revenue Account	—	—	—	550 19 9					
				<u>£1,950 19 9</u>					<u>£1,950 19 9</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1956.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER,

Treasurers

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,

Auditors.

7th September, 1956

METHODIST HOME MISSIONARIES' RETIRING FUND
Contributors' Account for year ended 30th June, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Retiring Allowances	1,135	14	11	By Balance as at 30-6-55	4,087	15	9
Home Mission Board Refund	27	0	0	" Contributions—			
Transfer to Supernumerary and Home Acquisition Fund	36	0	0	Personal	234	0	0
Benefits Surrendered	26	19	2	Circuit	218	5	0
Balance as at 30-6-56	3,552	1	10	H.M. Board	119	5	0
				" Interest			
					571	10	0
					118	10	2
	£4,777	15	11		£4,777	15	11

Revenue Account for year ended 30th June, 1956

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest to Contributors Accounts	118	10	2	By Balance as at 30-6-55	287	10	8
" Office Expenses—				" Interest	151	16	1
Authorised Appropriation	60	0	0	" Forfeitures	26	19	2
Stationery and General Expenses	16	4	0				
" Balance as at 30-6-56							
	£466	5	11		£466	5	11

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Personal Accounts	3,552	1	10	Debentures	3,110	0	0
Capital Account	184	15	0	Debenture Interest Accrued	19	2	4
Bequest H. E. Vanes Est.	400	0	0	Deposit Account—Supernumerary Fund	1,279	6	3
Revenue Account							
	£4,408	8	7		£4,408	8	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, 1956.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER,
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,
Auditors

7th September, 1956

METHODIST DEACONESS' RETIRING FUND
Contributors' Account for year ended 30th June, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Retiring Allowances	623	6	11	By Balance as at 30-6-55	11,878	11	1
" Benefits Surrendered	63	5	0	" Contributions—			
" Home Mission Board Contributions Refunded	63	5	0	Personal	699	10	0
" Balance as at 30-6-56	13,076	9	0	Circuit	272	5	0
				Home Mission Board	258	15	0
				Foreign Mission Board	327	10	0
				" Interest	1,558	0	0
					389	14	10
	£13,826	5	11		£13,826	5	11

Revenue Account

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest to Contributors' Account	389	14	10	By Balance as at 30-6-55	1,369	1	6
" Office Expenses—				" Interest	637	5	3
Appropriation	60	0	0	" Forfeitures	63	5	0
Stationery and General Expenses	17	7	11				
" Balance as at 30-6-56	1,602	9	0				
	£2,069	11	9		£2,069	11	9

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES						ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Personal Accounts	—	—	—	13,076	9	0	Debentures	—	—	—	
Capital Account	—	—	—	—	—	—	Debenture Interest Accrued	—	—	—	
Bequest H. E. Vanes Est.	2,100	0	7	—	—	—	Deposit Account Supernumerary Fund	—	—	—	
	400	0	0	2,500	0	7		2,475	0	0	
Revenue Account	—	—	—	1,602	9	0		21	18	3	
				£17,178	18	7		14,682	0	4	
								£17,178	18	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, 1956.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER,
Treasurers

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,
Auditors.

7th September, 1956

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND
Contributors' Account for year ended 30th June, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Withdrawals	---	2,192	19 9	By Balance as at 30-6-55	---	20,966	12 7
" Forfeitures	---	28	0 0	" Personal Subscriptions	---	812	0 0
" Balance as at 30-6-56	---	20,563	12 9	" Fire Insurance Subsidy	---	378	10 0
				" Interest to Contributor's A/cs.	---	627	9 11
		£22,784	12 6			£22,784	12 6

Revenue Account

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest to Contributors	---	627	9 11	By Balance as at 30-6-55	---	336	19 9
" Adjustment of Subsidies	---	131	0 0	" Forfeitures	---	28	0 0
" Office Expenses—				" Interest on Deposits and Investments	---	751	0 2
Appropriation	140	10 0	159	13 0			
Postages, Stationery, etc.	19	3 0	197	17 0			
" Balance as at 30-6-56	---	---	£1,115	19 11		£1,115	19 11

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Personal Accounts	---	20,563	12 9	Debentures	---	8,795	0 0
Revenue Account	---	197	17 0	Debenture Interest Accrued	---	71	1 0
				Deposit—Supernumerary Fund	---	11,895	8 9
		£20,761	9 9			£20,761	9 9

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, 1956.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER,
Treasurers.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD & MOORE,
Auditors

7th September, 1956

METHODIST GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD INC.

Revenue Account for year ended 30th June, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
To Interest to Trust Accounts	—	—	1,990 15 7	By Commission	—	—	14 9 11
" Authorised Appropriation	—	—	275 0 0	" Interest on Deposits and Investments	—	—	2,497 10 9
" Stationery and General Expenses	—	—	68 18 5				
" Balance to Capital Account	—	—	177 6 8				
			<u>£2,512 0 8</u>				<u>£2,512 0 8</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Connexional Funds	—	—	17,999 18 1	Debentures and Govt. Stock	—	52,325 0 0	
Church Trusts	—	—	34,070 13 7	Debenture Interest Accrued	—	431 6 7	
Personal	—	—	4,673 0 3			52,756 6 7	
Canberra Church Trusts	—	—	51 17 6	Less Investment Fluc. Res.	—	379 15 3	
Connexional Appeal	—	—	1,022 15 6			<u>52,376 11 4</u>	
Bank of New Zealand	—	—	291 16 2				
T. W. Newbold Trust:				Loans to Trusts:			
Capital A/c. as at 30-6-55	5,398	7 6		Greymouth Trust — Parsonage	—	1,000 0 0	
Plus Revenue	263	15 5		Addington Trust	—	461 19 0	
			5,662 2 11	White Swan Road Trust	—	1,605 0 0	
General Purposes Trust:						<u>3,066 19 0</u>	
Capital Account	1,046	18 4		Deposits:			
Transfer from Revenue A/c.	177	6 8		Supernumerary Fund	—	13,654 8 11	
			1,224 5 0	P.O. Savings Bank (No. 1 A/c.)	—	72 8 9	
Winstone Memorial Trust:				P.O. Savings Bank (No. 2 A/c.)	—	83 2 7	
Permanent Capital A/c.						<u>13,810 0 3</u>	
as at 31-12-1955	27,187	13 2		Freehold Property (Newbold Trust)	—	2,400 0 0	
Plus Revenue	125	0 0		Freehold Property (Winstone Memorial Trust)	—	21,895 16 8	
			27,312 13 2	Sundry Debtors (Rents — Winstone Trust)	—	504 13 9	
Grants Capital A/c at 31-12-1955	1,366	4 7					
Plus Revenue less Grants	378	14 3					
			1,744 18 10				
			<u>29,057 12 0</u>				
			<u>£94,054 1 0</u>				<u>£94,054 1 0</u>

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Revenue Account and have compared them with the Books of the Fund. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show the true and correct financial position of the Fund as at 30th June, 1956.

H. L. FIEBIG,
G. S. SALTER, Treasurers.
15th October, 1956.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD AND MOORE,
Auditors.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 30/6/56

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H. de R. FLESHER,
Convener.

METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND — CHILDREN'S FUND
Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ended 30th September, 1956

INCOME								EXPENDITURE							
		£	s	d.	£	s	d.			£	s	d.	£	s	d.
To	Balance as at 30th September, 1955:							By	Grants as per Warrants 1956:						
	Cash at Bank N.S.W., Wellington				1	5	10		Auckland				870	0	0
"	District Levies for year 1956 :								South Auckland				247	10	0
	Auckland	792	0	0					Taranaki-Wanganui				257	10	0
	South Auckland	396	0	0					Hawke's Bay-Manawatu				227	10	0
	Taranaki-Wanganui	264	0	0					Wellington				497	10	0
	Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	297	0	0					Nelson				162	10	0
	Wellington	396	0	0					North Canterbury				427	10	0
	Nelson	165	0	0					South Canterbury				175	0	0
	North Canterbury	561	0	0					Otago-Southland				335	0	0
	South Canterbury	165	0	0											
	Otago-Southland	264	0	0									3,200	0	0
					3,300	0	0		"	Sundry Expenses:					
"	Refund outstanding District Levy previously written off				6	4	5		Bank Charges				1	0	0
									Cheque Book					5	0
									Exchange					5	6
									"	Balance due by Districts:					
									South Auckland				37	2	6
									Taranaki-Wanganui				3	5	0
									"	Cash at Bank of N.S.W., Wellington					
					£3,307	10	3						40	7	6
													65	12	3
													£3,307	10	3

G. H. GOODMAN, }
T. M. PACEY, } Hon. Treasurers

15th October, 1956

Audited and found correct.

J. A. KELLOW, F.P.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONTINGENT FUND

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ended 30th June, 1956

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance 1-7-55—				By Cost of Conference:			
Bank Balance			1,672	(a) Travelling to Dunedin—			
Held by Chairmen			317	Equalisation Fund	420	0	0
Current Levies — Districts:				Official Representatives	347	10	1
Auckland	1,391	0	0	(b) Printing and General			767 10 1
South Auckland	699	0	0	Agendas	261	7	5
Taranaki-Wanganui	466	0	0	Minutes	417	0	6
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	523	10	0	Supplementary Agenda and List			
Wellington	699	0	0	Statements	73	13	0
Nelson	292	0	0	Home and Foreign Mission			
North Canterbury	989	10	0	Statements	75	18	9
South Canterbury	292	0	3	General Printing	31	2	11
Otago-Southland	466	0	0	Secretary's Expenses	54	0	0
			5,818	Platform Staff	25	0	0
Synod Collections:				General Expenses	16	16	10
Auckland	12	2	6	District Expenses:			954 19 5
South Auckland	40	18	7	Auckland	144	13	11
Taranaki-Wanganui	11	7	9	South Auckland	192	1	0
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	12	0	5	Taranaki-Wanganui	42	1	8
Wellington	17	11	5	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	56	17	3
Nelson	16	13	8	Wellington	89	4	7
North Canterbury	10	14	6	Nelson	44	0	9
South Canterbury	4	6	6	North Canterbury	60	4	6
Otago-Southland	29	13	5	South Canterbury	33	19	6
			155	Otago-Southland	120	15	0
Miscellaneous:				Synod Expenses:			783 18 2
Sale of Law Books	31	12	3	Auckland	149	3	10
Sale of Agendas	24	16	0	South Auckland	67	3	6
Sale of Minutes	101	17	3	Taranaki-Wanganui	63	7	9
Sale of Conference Supplies	78	10	0	Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	71	12	0
Offerings Opening Conference	44	0	6	Wellington	37	1	11
Offerings Ordination Service	35	11	2	Nelson	41	3	1
Offerings Miscellaneous	4	1	0	North Canterbury	30	14	10
			320	South Canterbury	26	7	0
				Otago-Southland	72	6	11
				Ministerial Supply:			559 0 10
				Auckland			13 0 0
				Connexional Payments:			
				President's Travel & Supply Balance,			
				1955	62	0	0
				President's Travel Current Year	160	0	0
				President's Travel Overseas	225	0	0
				President's General Expenses	2	5	6
				President's Gowns	19	3	1
				President's Stole	12	12	6
				Printing Synod Reports	133	3	9
				Printing Membership Cards 1954	67	12	0
				Printing Membership Cards 1955	72	3	0

Printing Statistical Returns	---	40	11	3
Printing Statement re State Aid	---	12	0	6
Printing General	---	24	1	0
Binding Law Books	---	81	2	3
Expenses Board of Examiners	---	30	0	0
Sub Religious Film Society	---	4	0	0
Spiritual Healing Committee	---	5	0	0
Half Cost Attendance World Council	---	43	19	2
Youth Dept. Expenses Conference	---			
Christian Education (not covered by Dept.)	---	47	15	9
Church Council Travel	---	84	1	9
Church Union Comm. Travel	---	76	19	7
World Peace	---	18	6	2
Council Christian Education	---	8	10	6
Miscellaneous	---	11	9	3
Grants:				
Trinity Theological College	---	1,400	0	0
Connexional Secretary's Dept.	---	325	0	0
Deaconess Institute	---	125	0	0
Methodist Times	---	150	0	0
Methodist Times Editor's Expenses	---	12	4	3
Natural Calamities Fund	---	25	0	0
Overseas Travel Fund	---	50	0	0
Spiritual Advances Committee	---	25	0	0
Public Questions Committee	---	25	0	0
World Council of Churches	---	98	2	9
National Council of Churches	---	6	0	0
World Methodist Council	---	10	0	6
Ecumenical Committee	---	5	0	0
Wesley Historical Society	---	5	0	0
Temperance Committee	---	5	0	0
Radio Committee	---	10	0	0
Faith and Order Committee	---	5	0	0
Church Union Committee	---	26	10	8
University Fees	---	8	2	6
			2,316	0 8
Exchange & Bank Charges:			9	2 9
Balances Held by Districts:				
Auckland	---	37	4	0
South Auckland	---	16	1	4
Taranaki-Wanganui	---	45	4	6
Wellington	---	54	16	0
Nelson	---	38	4	1
North Canterbury	---	22	1	2
Otago-Southland	---	78	1	7
			291	12 8
Balance Bank of New Zealand:			1,346	11 8
			£8,283	13 3

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I hereby certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Methodist Conference Contingent Fund together with the District Chairmen's financial statements for the year ended 30th June, 1956, and in my opinion the above account is properly drawn up to show a true and correct view of the fund at that date.

AUCKLAND, 3rd September, 1956.

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.

REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30th June, 1956

July 1, 1955—				June 30, 1956—			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank	1,340	9	11	By Removal Expenses	3,622	5	10
June 30, 1956—				General Expenses	10	18	9
Levies Received	2,420	0	0	Balance at Bank	65	19	3
Refunds from Circuits and Ministers	63	9	6	Balance at P.O.S.B.	141	9	10
P.O.S.B. Interest	16	14	3				
	£3,840	13	8		£3,840	13	8

Revenue Account for the Year Ended 30th June, 1956

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To General Expenses	10	18	9	By Levies	2,800	0	0
Removal Expenses	3,558	16	4	Interest	16	14	3
Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	—	—	Excess of Expenditure over Income trans- ferred to Capital	753	0	10
	£3,569	15	1		£3,569	15	1

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

CAPITAL ACCOUNT—							
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance as at 1st July, 1955	1,716	9	9	Outstanding Levies	755	19	10
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure	—	—	—	Bank of New Zealand	65	19	3
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	753	0	10	Post Office Savings Bank	141	9	10
	£963	8	11		£963	8	11

B. H. RISELEY,
W. E. CLOTHIER,
Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.
F. H. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
1.8.56.

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M.W.M.U.—Statement of Receipts and Payments—Continued

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METHODIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NEW ZEALAND

Balance Sheet as at 31st August, 1956

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I have examined the cash books and vouchers of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union and have inspected the audited accounts of "Kurahunu" Maori Girls' Hostel as submitted by the "Kurahunu" Committee. I have accepted the Certificate of Deposit with the General Purposes Trust Board and the Certificate of the Secretary of the General Purposes Trust Board with reference to the custody of the title deeds of the "Kurahunu" and Smethurst properties and Drainage Board debentures.

In my opinion the above Balance Sheet presents a true and correct statement of the Methodist Women's Missionary Union funds as at the 31st August, 1956, according to the books of the Union and explanations and information given to me.

(Signed) M. H. BURN, A.P.A.N.Z., Auditor.

METHODIST DEACONESS' INSTITUTION

Revenue Account for Year Ending 31st May, 1956

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Furniture Renewals Account Year Ending 31st May, 1956

To Expenditure during year	£	s.	d.	By Balance as at 31.5.55	£	s.	d.
„ Balance as at 31.5.56	99	3	7	„ Donations from Guilds and F.O.D.H.	266	13	1
	307	7	4	„ Interest Apportioned	132	17	10
					7	0	0
	£406	10	11		£406	10	11

METHODIST DEACONESS' INSTITUTION

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors			77 6 7	Freehold Property	5,000	0	0
Grants paid in Advance			20 16 8	Furniture	667	10	0
Trainees' Allowances	3	15	0	Aga Cooker	138	12	0
	10	0	0		5,806	2	0
Trainees' Emergency Fund			13 15 0	Less Depreciation Reserve ..	2,583	6	8
Furniture Renewals Account			5 5 0				
Property Reconstruction			307 7 4	Mortgage E. R. Pitman			3,222 15 4
Accumulated Funds	3,673	13	3	Post Office			1,632 16 9
Add Excess Income over Expend. ..	236	13	8	Bank of New Zealand			867 18 4
			3,910 6 11	Deposit: General Purposes Trust ..			826 3 10
				Cash on Hand			743 1 11
				Sundry Debtors			20 0 0
							62 16 4
			£7,376 12 6				£7,376 12 6

A. K. PETCH, Chairman.
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z., Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
Auditor.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE — MOUNT ROSKILL

Revenue Account for year ended 30th June, 1956

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1956, JUNE 30th—				£	s.	d.	1956, JUNE 30th—				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To	Wages			3,415	4	0	By	General Subscriptions			114	5	0				
"	Groceries and Provisions			1,757	7	5	"	Churches			1,133	19	0				
"	Repairs and Renewals			270	17	10	"	Sunday Schools and Young People's									
"	Drapery and Shoes			307	14	10	"	Societies			36	5	8				
"	Fuel and Light			460	19	3	"	Collector			67	3	2				
"	Farm and Garden			100	5	10	"	Auckland Orphanages United Council			1,357	0	0				
"	Printing and Stationery			138	17	7	"	J. R. McKenzie Trust			1,000	0	0				
"	Medical and Dental			10	8	8								3,708	12	10	
"	Telephones			75	18	10	"	Maintenance							3,964	18	2
"	Travelling and Truck Expenses			61	15	1	"	Interest							190	13	6
"	Stamps and Petty Cash			71	0	0	"	Dividends							561	5	5
"	Insurance			146	19	6	"	Rent—									
"	Rent of Office and Boardroom			52	0	0		Epsom Leasehold Sections							154	1	8
"	Rates			263	15	3		Grazing							14	0	0
"	Audit Fees			8	0	0											
"	Sundry Expenses			57	17	1											
"	Christmas Festivities			60	1	0											
"	Depreciation—																
	Furnishings			216	2	5											
	Motor Van			120	0	0											
	Mt Roskill Home			700	0	0											
"	Capital Account — Surplus			297	19	0											
				£8,593	11	7									£8,593	11	7

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS.				
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Capital—As at 1-7-55			80,994	13	0	Properties—		
Add Bequests—Estates of:						Epsom—Sections at valuation	—	10,500 0 0
E. Allington	50	0 0				Wesley—Land at valuation	—	5,090 0 0
E. Almond	100	0 0				Mt. Roskill—Land at Valuation	3,780 0 0	
S. L. Cunninghamham	88	8 5				Improvements and Roading	2,369 5 10	
A. C. Hook	90	15 9						6,149 5 10

J. C. M. Malloch	26	14	4	
A. E. Powell	209	0	4	
B. Sheridan	478	0	9	
E. Stevenson	15	0		
S. A. Strange	245	1	0	
		1,288	15	7
Building Fund Donations and Grants		13,426	17	4
Equip. Fund Donations		57	10	0
Surplus on Revaluation				
Epsom Property	2,567	17	5	
Wesley Property	90	8	2	
Mt. Roskill Property	2,054	18	10	
		4,713	4	5
Revenue Account		297	19	0
			100,778	19 4
Endowment Legacies—				
Eliza Gilmore Trust		1,000	0	0
M. Caughey Preston		2,000	0	0
John Rendell		200	0	0
F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund—				
Capital		2,906	18	4
Surplus for year		104	12	7
			3,011	10 11
Sundry Creditors			3,503	6 5
			£110,493	16 8

Home at cost, 1-7-55	46,644	5	11	
Add balance of payments	21,967	9	1	
		68,611	15	0
Less Depreciation		700	0	0
			67,911	15 0
Shares—				
Whangarei Lighting and Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (In Liq.)—				
1000 Ord. £1 Shares Fully Paid				
666 Pref- £1 Shares Fully Paid	1	0	0	
E. Astley and Sons Ltd.				
561 Ordinary Shares 14/- at val.	631	2	6	
			632	2 6
New Zealand Inscribed Stock (including Investment of Endowment Legacies)—				
N.Z. Govt. Stock £3300 at cost			3,196	17 6
National Savings Investment Account—				
Investments, F. E. Finlay Holiday Fund—				
40 Milford Road	1,500	0	0	
Auckland City Council Debentures £700 at cost	700	0	0	
Newmarket Borough debentures £500 at cost	500	0	0	
Auckland Savings Bank	311	10	11	
			3,011	10 11
Furnishings and Plant—				
Add additions		1,557	0	0
		603	2	5
		2,160	2	5
Less depreciation		216	2	5
			1,944	0 0
Motor Van		600	0	0
Less Depreciation		120	0	0
			480	0 0
Stock on Hand			100	0 0
Payments in Advance and Sundry Debtors			66	1 6
Bank of New Zealand			8,116	3 5
			£110,493	16 8
Trounson Bequest—with General Purposes Trust Board			£510	0 0

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, 1956, as shown by the books of the Trust.

16th August, 1956

A. R. W. GREGORY, F.P.A.N.Z.,
Public Accountant

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE — EPSOM PROPERTY — LEASEHOLD SECTIONS

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
JULY 1st, 1955—				JUNE 30th, 1956—			
To Balance				By Proceeds Home sold for demolition	—	400	0 0
Book Value of Home and Land	5,048	0	0	" Balance—19 Sections at valuation	—	10,500	0 0
JUNE 30th, 1956—							
To Cost of Survey	211	7	6				
" Cost of Roading	2,005	18	9				
" Mt. Roskill Borough Reserve Fund Contribution	675	0	0				
" Legal Expenses	54	4	6				
" Rates	35	0	0				
" Auction Expenses	302	11	10				
" Surplus to Orphanage Capital Account	2,567	17	5				
	£10,900	0	0			£10,900	0 0

Revenue Account for year ended 30th June, 1956

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
JUNE 30th, 1956—				JUNE 30th, 1956—			
To Legal Expenses	10	0	0	By Ground Rents	—	164	1 8
" Surplus to Orphanage Revenue Account	154	1	8				
	£164	1	8			£164	1 8

F. E. FINLAY HOLIDAY FUND

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 30th June, 1956

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
JUNE 30th, 1956—				JUNE 30th, 1956—			
To Rent	156	0	0	By Rent Holiday Camp	—	10	0 0
" Interest—				" Fares and Expenses	—	10	0 0
Auckland Savings Bank	4	10	1	" Provisions and Fuel	—	51	13 4
Local Body Debentures	49	0	0	" Milford Property—			
" Proceeds Jewellery	5	0	0	Rates	33	14	2
				Expenses	1	0	0
				Insurance	3	0	0
						37	14 2
				" Collection Expenses—debenture interest	—	10	0
				" Surplus	—	104	12 7
	£214	10	1			£214	10 1

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MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Balance Sheet as at 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Recreational Purposes Fund	549	16	0	Furniture and Equipment	857	0	0
James Cocker Trust	1	11	7	Additions	273	8	0
Sundry Creditors	580	9	5		1,130	8	0
BALANCE being excess Assets over Liabilities	693	10	0	Depreciation	113	8	0
							1,017 0 0
				Motor Car	65	0	0
				Depreciation	10	0	0
							55 0 0
				Tractor and Implements	183	0	0
				Depreciation	36	0	0
							147 0 0
				Live Stock			40 0 0
				Post Office Savings Bank			549 16 0
				Bank of New Zealand			16 11 0
	£1,825	7	0				£1,825 7 0

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 Statement of Receipts and Payments 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, 1956.

J. A. WELLINGTON,
Masterton, 10th, July, 1956.

D. A. BARNES, Auditors.
J. F. CODY, F.P.A.N.Z., Treasurer.
Masterton, 10th July, 1956.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME
Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st May, 1956

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Salaries and Wages	3,692	8	5	By Interest Received		2	14 2
" House Supplies	1,354	9	11	" Donations and Collections	1,750	3	2
" Drapery, Clothing, etc.	700	1	8	" Combined Orphanage Appeal	1,915	0	0
" Lighting and Heating	555	12	6	" Maintenance Fees	2,964	4	6
" Repairs, Renewals, and Maintenance	478	8	1	" Miscellaneous Receipts	71	6	7
" Stationery, Stamps, and General Expenses	447	7	1	" Deficit	2,160	2	5
" Insurances	53	3	3				
" Board and Residence Payments	3	0	0				
" Grounds	151	17	8				
" Miscellaneous Expenses	315	16	6				
" Travelling Expenses	139	2	3				
" Rates	92	14	6				
" Depreciation Written Off (this includes £248 11s 6d on Ford Van)	879	9	0				
	£8,863	10	10		£8,863	10	10

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE INVESTMENT BOARD

Revenue Account for Year Ended 31st May, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Expenses and Commission Account	16	0	11	By Interest Earned	910	12	10
" Investment Fluctuation Reserve	50	0	0	" Legacies Received	8,682	9	1
" Legacies Transferred to Capital Account ..	8,682	9	1				
" Balance to Income Account	844	11	11				
	£9,593	1	11		£9,593	1	11

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Investment Fluctuation Reserve	859	4	2	Mortgage Investments	6,777	10	1
Plus Further Provision	50	0	0	Debentures and Government Stock	14,130	0	0
				Secured Deposit Stock, N.Z. Farmers' ..	350	0	0
Capital Account	20,639	1	6	Preference Shares (St. Elmo Courts) ..	500	0	0
Plus Legacies	8,682	6	1	National Savings	1,577	4	8
				Deposits—			
Income Account	2,165	8	8	Supernumerary Fund	6,595	10	8
Less Transfers	1,500	0	0	Post Office Savings Bank	1,925	11	7
	665	8	8				
Plus Transfer from Revenue A/c.	844	11	11				
Bank of New Zealand (overdraft)							
	1,510	0	7				
	115	1	8				
	£31,855	17	0		£31,855	17	0

We have audited the Accounts of the above Investment Board for the period ended 31st May, 1956, and in our 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 our requirements as Auditors have been complied with.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.
A. O. HARRIS, Secretary.

CHRISTCHURCH,
24th July, 1956.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD, AND MOORE,
Auditors.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME

Balance Sheet as at 31st May, 1956

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We have audited the Accounts of the South Island Methodist Orphanage for the year ended 31st May, 1956, and all our requirements as Auditors have been complied with. In our 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.

W. T. BLIGHT, Chairman.

A. O. HARRIS, Secretary.

Christchurch, 24th July, 1956.

CAYGILL, HIBBARD, AND MOORE,
Auditors.

METHODIST TIMES

Revenue Account for Year Ended 30th April, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Printing and Publishing	2,439	19	3	Subscriptions			3,106
Address Plates	20	14	2	Advertisements			8 6
Process Blocks	43	12	7	GRANTS			537
Distribution charges	542	3	1	Fire Insurance Fund	200	0	0
Exchange	3	0	6	Contingent Fund (half Editors' honoraria)			
Agents' Commission	103	17	7	Contingent Fund	75	0	0
Editors' Honoraria, exps. and contributors' fees	190	1	10	Editors' Expenses	12	0	0
Office expenses	79	12	3				
Authorised Appropriation	375	0	0				
Excess income over expenditure	207	19	7				
	£4,006	0	10				

Balance Sheet as at 30th April, 1956

LIABILITIES					ASSETS					
					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
UNEXPIRED VALUES										
Advertisements	..	..	..	..	162	5	0	Advertising Accounts in Arrear	..	105 0 6
Subscriptions	..	..	..	..	143	18	9	Subscriptions in Arrear	..	376 13 9
Agents' Commission Provision	..	..	..	..	12	3	6	Sundry Debtors	..	162 0 0
Suspense A/c.	..	..	..	..	10	5	4	Accumulated deficit as at 30.4.55	635 8 1	
Contingent Reserve A/c.	..	..	..	..	500	0	0	Less balance from revenue a/c.		
Bank of New Zealand	..	..	..	..	242	10	2	30.4.56	207 19 7	
					£1,071	2	9			
										£1,071 2 9

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 April, 1956.

H. L. FIEBIG,
ERNEST H. ANDREWS,
Treasurers.

Audited and found correct.
H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.,
F. M. SOWDEN, B.Com., A.R.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.,
Auditors, 17th May, 1956.

METHODIST BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS
Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st July, 1956

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Stock of Booklets, 31st July, 1955				341	14	9	By Sale of Booklets and Paper, Donations and Grants				511	18	0
" Printing Booklets, etc.:							" Home Mission Fund	50	0	0			
Holy Baptism	43	9	0				" Christchurch East Circuit	5	0	0			
Pathway to Adventure	40	11	7				" Connexional Fire Insurance	200	0	0			
Prayer Calendar	102	7	2								255	0	0
Advent of Our Lord	47	11	8				" Interest Auckland Savings Bank				5	8	6
Aldersgate Sunday	30	5	6										
Crusade Visitation	48	10	8										
Spiritual Advance Com.	118	1	2										
Lenten Leaflets	28	10	6										
" Duplicating Paper	43	18	5										
				503	5	8							
Less Subsidy re Prayer Calendars:													
Home Missions	£5	0	0										
M.W.M.U.	5	0	0										
Youth Board	5	0	0										
Foreign Mission	5	0	0										
				20	0	0							
308 Total Cost of Booklets, etc.						483	5	8					
Less Stock at 31st July, 1956						825	0	5					
						353	14	7					
Cost of Booklets Sold						471	5	10					
" Petty Cash, Postages, Bank Fees						32	18	4					
" Grant to Chairman						5	0	0					
" Rent of Storeroom						6	10	0					
" Excess Income over Expenditure						256	12	4					
						£772	6	6					
											£772	6	6

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1956

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Funds:							Cash Balances:						
Balance 31-7-55	769	4	4				National Bank	348	11	7			
Plus Income for year	256	12	4				Auckland Savings Bank	223	6	0			
Balance 31-7-56				1,025	16	8					571	17	7
							Sundry Debtors				100	4	6
							Stock of Booklets and Paper				353	14	7
				£1,025	16	8					£1,025	16	8

J. C. WIGGLESWORTH, B.Com., A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S.
 Lay Treasurer

Audited and found correct.
 20th August, 1956

R. H. HAMES, B.Com.

TRANSPORT TRUST BOARD
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th June, 1956

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Interest Payable:				By Interest Receivable	355	5	11
Bank	102	3	6				
Loans at Call	132	10	0				
" Postages, Stationery and Bank Charges	6	4	8				
" Excess of Income over Expenditure	114	7	9				
	£355	5	11		£355	5	11

Balance Sheet as at the 30th June, 1956

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bank of New Zealand	2,015	6	2	Secured Advances	7,132	5	5
Add Interest Accrued	21	2	3				
			2,036				
Loans at Call:							
Foreign Mission Department	3,000	0	0				
Youth Department	750	0	0				
Wellington Charitable and Educational Endowment Trust	1,000	0	0				
			4,750				
Accumulated Funds:							
Balance, 30th June, 1955	231	9	3				
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year ended 30th June, '56	114	7	9				
Balance, 30th June, 1956			345				
			£7,132				£7,132
			5				5

I report that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Transport Trust Board of the Methodist Church of New Zealand for the year ended the 30th June, 1956. I have examined the relative Chattel Security Agreements in respect of the advances made and note that these documents are lodged with the Board's Bankers as security against the Bank Overdraft.

I certify that, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet with the accompanying accounts is properly drawn up so as to show the correct financial position of the Board as at the 30th June, 1956.

D. TAYLER, Treasurer.
 GEO. H. GOODMAN, Acting-Chairman.
 Wellington.

T. M. STEPHENS, A.P.A.N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

ADVANCE METHODISM INCOME ACCOUNT

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EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Printing	343	10	6				By DONATIONS—
„ Advertising	67	6	8				„ Auckland District
„ Stationery and General Exp. ..	51	19	6				„ South Auckland
				462	16	8	„ Taranaki - Wanganui
„ Advance Methodism Grants							„ Hawke's Bay - Manawatu ..
„ Capital Account				6,324	0	0	„ Wellington
„ Accumulated Funds (Loans							„ Nelson
Account)				12,650	10	4	„ North Canterbury
							„ South Canterbury
							„ Otago - Southland
							18,587
							850
							„ Fire Insurance Fund Grant ..
				£19,437	7	0	
							£19,437

H. L. FIEBIG,
H. de R. FLESHER,
Treasurers.

R. H. SHERRIS, H. F. ARNOLD, A.R.A.N.Z.,
Auditors.

STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS

of the

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSION DEPARTMENT

for the year ended

31st August - - 1956

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METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st August, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME									
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
TO SOLOMON ISLANDS EXPENSES:													
Missionaries, Doctors and Lay-Workers							Roviana Circuit	3,400	2	1			
Stipends				6,214	0	0	Vella Lavella Circuit	2,777	15	8			
Sisters' Stipends				5,933	8	8	Choiseul Circuit	2,888	0	6			
Native Ministers' Stipends				867	11	8	Buin Circuit	750	0	6			
Native Agents' Stipends				6,366	15	2	Teop Circuit	1,128	6	6			
Superannuation and Retiring Funds				733	18	0	Buka Circuit	1,052	6	3			
Native Ministers' and Catechists'							District Training Institution	132	10	8			
Retiring Funds				56	0	0					12,129	2	2
Repatriation Fund				100	0	0	GOVERNMENT GRANTS:						
Sickness and Accident Fund				52	7	1	B.S.I.P.—						
Education Account				3,567	17	0	Medical	934	10	0			
Boats and Travel:							Educational	1,111	2	3			
Circuit				1,124	16	2	Bougainville-Buka—						
District				2,778	3	11	Medical	463	12	6			
Fares and Travel:							Educational	1,400	0	0			
European	4,691	6	7				Fees for Aircraft Services	297	0	0			
Native	574	17	3				Meteorological Supervision	71	13	4			
				5,266	3	10					4,277	18	1
Lighting				461	11	5	Dental Services				28	16	6
Furniture Replacements				47	9	3	SALES OF PRODUCE:						
Buildings				1,088	13	10	Choiseul	7	4	0			
Agriculture—Buka				19	13	1	Vella Lavella	127	8	11			
Station Maintenance—Roviana				14	11	1	Buka	41	10	5			
Duplicating				57	7	1	District Training Institution	514	2	6			
Printing Literature				107	4	11					690	5	10
"Methodist Messengers"				89	19	9	SUNDRY RECEIPTS:						
Stamps, Stationery and Cables				172	4	5	Land Rent	218	0	0			
Insurances				364	10	6	Slipping Fees	29	0	9			
Insurances—Boats				467	4	3	Interest on Bank Accounts	58	10	10			
Lands				166	8	10	Work Done by Lay Missionaries	202	15	0			
Customs and Boat Clearances				18	0	0	Technical Tool Grant etc.	183	18	8			
Freights				293	7	9					692	5	3
Synod Expenses, 1955				10	0	0					17,818	7	10
Linguistic School Fees				46	5	3	Less Reduction to N.Z. Currency				3,463	14	2
Technical Account				309	19	7					14,354	13	8
Stock Written Off:													
Teop				10	13	9							
Buka				45	12	6							
				56	6	3							

Income and Expenditure Account—(Continued)

EXPENDITURE				INCOME			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Medical Account				LEPER FUND TRANSFERRED			
	4,951	15	3	MEDICAL INCOME TRANSFERRED ..	3,166	13	4
Less Reduction to N.Z. Currency	41,803	14	0	NEW ZEALAND CONTRIBUTIONS:	1,133	12	0
	4,750	11	10	Circuits	18,957	13	10
	37,053	2	2	Native Teachers	281	5	6
TO PAPUA-NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS				Orphans	35	0	0
EXPENSES	2,060	16	4		19,273	19	4
NEW ZEALAND WORKING EXPENSES:				M.W.M.U.	3,350	0	0
General Administration:				INTEREST	806	11	8
General Secretary's Salary and Allowance	617	1	8	PROJECTORS ADJUSTMENT	300	0	0
House Expenses	150	0	0				
Travelling & Motor Expenses ..	157	9	9				
Connexional Charges	103	2	2				
Clerical Treasurer's Expenses ..	60	0	0				
Office Salaries	500	14	7				
Office Rent	162	10	0				
Printing and Stationery	44	6	2				
General Office Expenses	178	12	9				
Audit Fees	21	0	0				
Telephones	30	15	8				
Travelling—Annual Meeting ..	39	6	6				
	2,064	19	3				
Publicity and Deputation:							
Annual Reports	86	2	1				
Subsidy:							
"Open Door"	30	4	4				
"Lotu"	132	12	0				
Folders, Handbills etc	180	11	4				
Travelling	95	4	0				
Special Deputation	101	16	6				
Lens etc.	33	17	3				
	660	7	6				
Miscellaneous:							
Deaconess Institution	25	0	0				
Trinity College	75	0	0				
Interest on Loan	7	0	0				

Income and Expenditure Account—(Continued)

EXPENDITURE			INCOME		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
"Methodist Times" Grant	20	0 0			
National Missionary Council	55	0 0			
General Expenses	80	6 6			
Addressograph Machine		67 18 2			
Car Depreciation		72 0 0			
Excess Income transferred	144	0 1			
TOTAL	£42,385	10 0	TOTAL	£42,385	10 0

Transferred to Special Funds for year ended 31st August, 1956

EXPENDITURE		£		s.		d.	
Medical Income transferred Solomon Islands Income		1,133	12	0			
Transferred to Special Funds as per contra		16,962	14	4			
		£18,096	6	4			

INCOME		£		s.		d.	
Medical Fund Income		176	16	11			
Medical Fund Bequest		5,795	10	0			
Leper Fund		4,000	0	0			
Leper Relief Vessel		1,525	5	5			
Rehabilitation Income		1,989	5	8			
Building and Equipment Fund		1,800	0	0			
M.W.M.U. Special Buka Dormitory		107	13	10			
Refrigerator Replacement		25	0	0			
Don Alley Memorial		50	0	0			
Elizabeth Common Fund		392	16	1			
Vella Lavella Jubilee Fund		611	15	2			
New Guinea Highlands		283	17	1			
New Guinea Highlands		100	0	0			
Solomon Islands contributions		104	14	2			
Agricultural work							
Sickness and Accident Fund							
Total Special Funds		16,962	14	4			
		£18,096	6	4			

Balance Sheet for year ended 31st August, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SOLOMON ISLANDS DISTRICT:									
Circuit Balances	939	3	0						
Personal Balances	6,253	11	8						
Sundry Creditors	3,726	6	4						
Retiring Funds	100	0	0						
				11,019	1	0			
LOAN:				200	0	0			
SUNDRY CREDITORS				218	18	0			
SPECIAL FUNDS:									
Medical:									
Balance 1955	33,998	19	0						
Bequest during year	176	16	11						
				34,175	15	11			
Support Native Orderly	530	9	8						
Leper Fund:									
Balance 1955	8,347	8	8						
Added during the year—									
Lepers' Trust Board	3,500	0	0						
Mission to Lepers	2,000	0	0						
Donations	295	10	0						
Interest	319	3	0						
	14,462	1	8						
Less expended	6,234	3	11						
				8,227	17	9			
Leprosy Relief Vessel:									
Balance 1955	15,995	18	10						
Added during year—									
Lepers' Trust Board	4,000	0	0						
Interest	488	17	6						
	20,484	16	4						
Less expended	3,747	8	9						
				16,737	7	7			
Boat Insurance Fund:									
Balance 1955	14,446	8	2						
Added during year—									
Interest	470	13	10						
SOLOMON ISLANDS:									
Cash in hand and in bank	6,560	8	11						
Debtors	1,070	5	8						
Stock	16,848	7	5						
				24,479	2	0			
BOATS									
				12,000	0	0			
RANONGA LEASE									
				1,007	19	5			
INVESTMENTS:									
N.Z. Government Stock	89,617	1	8						
National Savings	25,582	15	7						
Debentures	10,705	0	0						
Shares	2,467	4	0						
P.O.S. Bank	10,825	0	0						
Auckland Savings Bank	2,250	3	5						
Loan Transport Trust Board	3,000	0	0						
Loan Home Mission Department	8,000	0	0						
TOTAL INVESTMENT OF SPECIAL FUNDS									
AS PER CONTRA				152,447	4	8			
GOVERNMENT STOCK									
				396	14	5			
RESIDENCE GENERAL SECRETARY									
				1,200	14	0			
MOTOR CAR									
				646	7	8			
PROJECTORS									
				300	0	0			
DEBTORS:									
Solomon Islands special	3,139	9	6						
Sundries	287	16	10						
				3,427	6	4			
STOCKS:									
Maps	59	3	2						
Isles of Solomon	283	6	2						
Stationery etc.	134	0	0						
				476	9	4			
CASH IN BANK									
				1,663	14	9			

Balance Sheet—(Continued)

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
Appropriation from Income	403	15 3			
			15,320	17 3	
Rehabilitation Fund:					
Balance 1955 ..	34,280	11 3			
Income	1,525	5 5			
	35,805	16 8			
Less expended ..	2,430	8 3			
			33,375	8 5	
Working Capital:					
Balance 1955 ..	24,365	9 10			
Add profit on stock conversion ..	109	0 0			
			24,474	9 10	
Vanes Bequest			400	0 0	
Don Alley Memorial Fund:					
Balance 1955 ..	1,047	9 8			
Added during year (M.W.M.U.) ..	25	0 0			
Interest	31	0 4			
	1,103	10 0			
Less expended ..	88	12 10			
			1,014	17 2	
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND:					
Balance 1955 ..	2,622	5 5			
Added during year— Bequests	1,989	5 8			
	4,611	11 1			
Less expended ..	2,950	3 4			
			1,661	7 9	
M.W.M.U. NATIVE GIRLS' HOSTEL:					
Balance 1955 ..	613	14 11			
Added during year— Interest	18	8 3			
	632	3 2			
Less expended ..	196	12 5			
			435	10 9	

Balance Sheet—(Continued)

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
M.W.M.U. SISTERS' QUARTERS, TEOP:					
Balance 1955 ..	1,005	14 7			
Added during year—					
Interest	30	3 3			
	1,035	17 10			
Less expended ..	696	4 11			
		339 12 11			
M.W.M.U. SOLOMON ISLANDS GIRLS' SCHOOL:					
Balance 1955 ..	889	16 5			
Added during year—					
Interest	26	13 0			
		916 9 5			
M.W.M.U. GIRLS' DORMITORIES:					
Balance 1955 ..	1,359	10 1			
Added during year—					
Interest	40	15 6			
		1,400 5 7			
M.W.M.U. BUKA DORMITORIES:					
Received during					
year	1,800	0 0			
Added during year—					
Interest	40	10 0			
		1,840 10 0			
LOTU CHURCH FUND:					
Balance 1955 ..	1,148	5 3			
Interest	34	8 9			
		1,182 14 0			
LOTU CHURCH WINDOW		18 10 4			
ELIZABETH COMMON BEQUEST:					
Balance 1955 ..	698	9 9			
Added during year—					
(M.W.M.U.) ..	50	0 0			
Interest	22	1 3			
	770	11 0			
Less expended ..	715	11 1			
		54 19 11			

Balance Sheet—(Continued)

LIABILITIES			ASSETS		
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	
M.W.M.U. TRANSLATION FUND ..	100	0 0			
NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS APPEAL:					
Balance 1955 ..	9,614	5 8			
Added during year—					
Donations	611	15 2			
Interest	228	0 0			
	10,454	0 10			
Less Establishment					
Expenses ..	614	7 11			
	9,839	12 11			
NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS					
AGRICULTURAL WORK	100	0 0			
FIRE INSURANCE FUND	300	7 6			
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS INVESTED			152,447	4 8	
SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT FUND:					
Balance 1955	293	9 0			
Added during year	104	14 2			
Interest	8	15 0			
			406	18 2	
REFRIGERATOR REPLACEMENT FUND:					
Balance 1955	62	2 8			
Added during year	107	13 10			
Interest	3	8 6			
			173	5 0	
VELLA LAVELLA BOYS' HOSTEL:					
Balance 1955	1,634	16 8			
Less expended	41	10 10			
			1,593	5 10	
VELLA LAVELLA JUBILEE FUND:					
Nett collected during year	392	16 1			
Less Balance (Dr.) 1955	392	16 1			
VELLA LAVELLA MEMORIAL HALL					
FUND			441	4 7	
SOLOMON ISLAND JUBILEE FUND			8,614	18 0	

Balance Sheet—(Continued)

LIABILITIES						ASSETS					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.		£	s. d.	
CHOISEUL JUBILEE FUND			393	7	5						
BOAT RESERVE			12,000	0	0						
NEW GUINEA HIGHLANDS: SOLOMON ISLANDS CONTRIBUTION											
Balance 1955	580	17 2									
Added during year	283	17 1									
			864	14	3						
EVCHANGE ADJUSTMENT A/C.			4,788	9	9						
GENERAL RESERVE			4,884	5	11						

A. BLAKEMORE,
Treasurer.

STATEMENT of ACCOUNTS

of the

METHODIST HOME and MAORI
MISSION DEPARTMENT



for the year ended

31st July - - 1956

**THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
HOME AND MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT**

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31st July, 1956

RECEIPTS						
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
BALANCES at 31st July, 1955:						
H.M. Removal Expenses Fund	....				449	10 5
Picture Department	.....				59	11 7
LEGACIES held for Disbursement						
31st July, 1955	.....				962	6 8
LEGACIES received during year						
	.....				571	11 8
CIRCUIT INCOME:						
Auckland	3,480	17 4				
South Auckland	2,194	18 5				
Taranaki-Wanganui	1,265	17 11				
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	1,701	10 7				
Wellington	2,181	5 0				
Nelson	1,594	7 0				
North Canterbury	2,797	8 6				
South Canterbury	1,248	18 11				
Otago-Southland	1,658	9 1				
1955 Appeal	.....		12,902	7 6		
1956 Appeal	.....		5,221	5 3		
					18,123	12 9
Sundry Donations:						
General	.....				185	11
For Maori work	.....				200	0 0
For Maori Ministers' Books	.....				25	0 0
District Youth Councils						
	.....				35	14 6
M.W.M.U.,						
	3,100	0 0				
Special	250	0 0				
Smethurst Int.	130	0 0				
					3,480	0 0
Conference Collections						
	.....				21	10 6
Connexional Property: Kai Iwi						
	.....				50	0 0

PAYMENTS						
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
DEBIT BALANCE 31st July, 1955:						
General Fund					3,644	2 5
H.M. Training Conference					72	14 1
LEGACY DISBURSEMENT GRANTS:						
Ngaruawahia Parsonage	25	0 0				
Travelling Grant (H.M.)	50	0 0				
Himatangi Beach Trust	20	0 0				
Purchase of Projector	252	2 0				
Port Chalmers Parsonage	50	0 0				
Wainui-o-Mata Pa'h Section	25	0 0				
Russell Parsonage	40	0 0				
Oturei Maori Church	10	0 0				
White Swan Road	25	0 0				
Ridge Road	25	0 0				
Huntly Circuit Transport	50	0 0				
					572	2 0
MAORI MISSION:						
Stipends, Trav. & Exps.	11,803	14 8				
Rents to Invest. Funds Bd.	524	0 0				
Car Accounts	1,065	0 0				
Car Depreciation	100	0 0				
Sunday School Materials	10	0 0				
Maori Furniture	100	0 0				
Workers' Conference	50	0 0				
Students	15	0 0				
Maori Section N.C.C.	25	0 0				
Contingencies	100	0 0				
Methodist Times	10	0 0				
"Maataapuna"	100	0 0				
					13,902	14 8
Maori Ministers' Home						
Acquirement Fund	7	0 0				
					7	0 0
CIRCUIT GRANTS:						
Auckland District:—						
North Hokianga	100	0 0				
North Waitemata	200	0 0				

Statement of Receipts and Payments — Continued.

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Whangaroa	55	0	0
Whangaroa Special	15	0	0
Hokianga	95	0	0
Mahurangi	37	10	0
Kawakawa-Kaikohe	112	10	0
Port " Albert " Special	25	0	0
Papakura	50	0	0
Papakura	15	0	0
Auckland East	162	10	0
Henderson	83	6	8
			950 16 8

South Auckland District:—

Home Mission Stations.

Kawhia	57	10	0
Ngaruawahia	22	10	0
Circuits.			
Taumarunui	47	10	0
Hauraki Plains	42	10	0
Waihi	42	10	0
Te Kuiti Special	20	0	0
" Travelling	70	0	0
"	15	0	0
Putaruru	27	10	0
" Travelling	12	10	0
Opotiki	37	10	0
Ohura	52	10	0
" Travelling	12	10	0
Whakatane for Kawerau	15	0	0
Tauranga	85	0	0
Huntly	47	10	0
" Travelling	10	0	0
Kawerau	255	16	8

Taranaki-Wanganui District:—

Home Mission Stations.

Inglewood	29	3	4
Circuits.			
Marton	42	10	0
Taihape	50	0	0
Gonville	57	10	0
Waitara Travelling	55	0	0
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	234	3	4

Statement of Receipts and Payments — Continued.

Brought Forward

27,078 19 7

Hawkes Bay-Manawatu District:—

Home Mission Stations.

Waipawa-Waipukurau	15	0	0
Circuits.			
Apiti	12	10	0
" Travelling	5	0	0
Wairoa	37	10	0
" Travelling	37	10	0
Palmerston North (Trinity)	25	0	0

132 10 0

Wellington District:—

Aided Circuits.

Paraparaumu	72	10	0
" Travelling	22	10	0
Eketahuna	55	0	0
Wellington East	42	10	0
Porirua	5	0	0
Otaki Special	12	10	0
Upper Hutt	60	0	0
Taita Union Parish	37	10	0
Wainui-o-Mata	30	0	0

337 10 0

Nelson District:—

Aided Circuits.

Westport	12	10	0
Reefton	20	0	0
Hokitika	12	10	0

45 0 0

North Canterbury District:—

Aided Circuits.

Riccarton	55	0	0
Lyttelton	50	0	0
Woolston-Lyttelton	75	0	0
Oxford	25	0	0

205 0 0

South Canterbury District:—

Aided Circuits.

Marchwiell Union Parish	97	10	0
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97 10 0

Otago-Southland District:—

Home Mission Station.

Waikouaiti-Palmerston	45	0	0
Aided Circuits			

Carried Forward 27,078 19 7

Statement of Receipts and Payments — Continued.

Brought Forward

27,078 19 7

Mosgiel	40	0	0
Cromwell-Alexandra	47	10	0
Cromwell-Alexandra Trav.	12	10	0
Bluff	37	10	0
" Travelling	7	10	0
" Special	30	0	0
Balclutha	37	10	0
Dunedin South	7	10	0
Milton	55	0	0
Roxburgh	65	0	0
" Travelling	25	0	0
" Special	10	0	0
Port Chalmers	100	0	0
" Travelling	12	10	0
" Special	20	0	0
Dunedin North	75	0	0
Corstorphine Union Parish	40	0	0

667 10 0

3,543 6 8

Miscellaneous Grants:—

Picture Department	75	0	0
Home Missionaries' Study			
Conference	75	0	0
Compassionate Grant	60	0	0
Board of Publications	55	0	0
Natural Calamities Fund	25	0	0
Methodist World Conference			
Travel	25	0	0
Spiritual Advance Com.	25	0	0
Church Sites Fund	100	0	0
Deaconess Institution	75	0	0
Seamer House	250	0	0
Waimaire Sections Interest	22	19	6
Social Service Assoc.	5	0	0
Deaconess Students	26	5	0
Trinity Theological College	150	0	0
Ministerial Supplies	12	0	0
Methodist Times	12	10	6

993 15 0

993 15 0

Retiring Funds:—

Deaconesses	313	5	0
Home Missionaries	121	10	0

434 15 0

Carried Forward 27,078 19 7

Statement of Receipts and Payments — Continued.

Brought Forward

27,078 19 7

Sundry Payments:—

Annual Reports	228	15	9
Printing & Stationery	272	11	0
Deputation Expenses	722	11	9
Share of "Lotu"	97	0	0
Maori Minister's Book			
Accounts	25	0	0
Transfer Gift to Seamer			
House	200	0	0
Conference Travel	10	0	0
Christian Education Con.	4	6	0
Expenses—Dr. C. Roberts	62	14	0
Staff Insurance	24	3	1

1,647 1 7

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Office and General Expenses:—

Office Salaries	477	14	2
Rent	195	10	0
Expenses—Postages,			
Exchange etc	127	4	8
Light and Power	8	7	7
Interest on Overdraft	83	3	9
New Typewriter	44	10	0
Sundries	18	0	6
Telephones and Tolls	76	8	3

1,030 18 11

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Connexional Charges:—

Department	190	1	4
Maori Mission	113	4	6

303 5 10

General Superintendent:—

Stipend	562	10	0
General Allowance	50	0	0
Travelling	150	0	0

762 10 0

Assistant Superintendent:—

Stipend	537	10	0
Travelling	150	0	0

687 10 0

Carried Forward 27,078 19 7

Statement of Receipts and Payments — Continued.

Brought Forward	27,078 19 7		
		Missionary in Maori Work:—	
		Stipend	535 10 0
		Travelling	262 10 5
			<u>800 0 5</u>
			2,250 0 5
		Rent to Investment Funds Board:—	
		For 3 Parsonages	450 0 0
			<u>450 0 0</u>
		H.M. Removal Expenses	259 12 11
		Picture Dept. Expenses	14 12 6
		Balances 31st July, 1956:—	
		Legacies held for Disbursement	961 16 4
		H.M. Removal Expenses Fund	227 17 6
		Picture Department	119 19 1
		H.M. Training Conference	2 5 11
By Debit Balance 31st July, 1956	3,359 1 3		
	<u>£30,438 0 10</u>		<u>£30,438 0 10</u>

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Home and Maori Mission Department for the year ended 31st July, 1956.

The above Statement of Receipts and Payments does not include further Receipts and Payments made through the Maori Mission Account, these in my opinion should be incorporated in the published Accounts. Otherwise the Statement as shown is correct.

W. A. SMITH, F.P.A.N.Z.,
Auditor.

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31st July, 1956

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balances: Bank of N.Z. 31st July, 1955:—							
On account:				Interest transferred to Home Mission Fund:			
Capital for Investment	3,519	3	4	Through Mornington	3	10	0
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	270	0	0	Through Invercargill	8	15	0
E. W. Blackwell Trust	49	14	11	Direct	2,064	1	9
E. W. Blackwell Trust Income	760	15	0				
					2,076	6	9
			4,599	13	3		
Cash on account of Capital:—				Legacies for disbursement to Home Mission Fund			571 11 8
Estate late S. L. Cunningham	176	16	11	Capital Invested:—			
" " A. J. Patchett	100	0	0	New Special Loans		9,430	9 0
" " W. H. Denton	51	4	3	P.O.S.B.			13 0
" " Elizabeth Almond	100	0	0	Properties—			
" " Elizabeth Allington	20	0	0	Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel ..	2,796	4	5
" " G. Clement	104	10	9	Opunake Maori Centre	251	6	1
" " H. G. Ayers	25	0	0	Otorohanga Maori Centre	1,951	17	6
" " C. F. W. Smith	50	0	0	1060 Heaphy Tce., Hamilton ..	105	18	7
" " H. E. Vane	400	0	0	Te Kuiti Maori Parsonage	73	0	2
" " Minnie Early	115	11	5	Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel ..	49	19	6
" " Walter Chatterton	100	0	0			5,228	6 3
				Nett Maintenance Debts 1954/55 written off against Sinking Funds			957 15 5
	1,243	3	4	Repayment of Loans:—			
Less proportion for disbursement	571	11	8	Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	160	0	0
			671 11 8	Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	260	0	0
Legacies, Proportion for disbursement			571 11 8	Loan at call	10	0	0
Repayment of Special Loans			7,309 2 2			430	0 0

Repayment of Mortgages	616	13	10
New Loans accepted at Call	5,841	2	11
New Capital:			
Sinking Funds	494	5	0
Kawakawa Maori Centre Fund	37	18	0
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	265	0	0
Hawera Maori Centre	10	0	0
Te Kuiti Maori Centre	18	0	0
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	50	0	0
T. G. Brooke Memorial Fund	49	8	4
	924	11	4
Interest and Rents	2,086	6	9
Compensation, street widening, Hamilton ..	50	0	0
Maintenance Accounts:—			
Nett receipts, credits	55	1	1
Transfer from Sinking Funds	957	15	5
Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel, debit 1954/55 capitalised	547	14	11
Edith Winstone Blackwell Trust A/c:—			
Withdrawals from Depreciation Reserves	1,400	0	0
Thomas Buddle Library Fund:—			
Interest	2	5	3
George Buttle Centennial Gift:—			
Interest	6	13	9
	8	19	0
	<u>£25,640</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>

E. W. Blackwell Trust Grants:—			
Huntly Church	25	0	0
Glen Innes Church Hall	24	14	11
	49	14	11

E. W. Blackwell Trust* Property			
Renovations:	1,958	11	8
Interest for Transfer:—			
Thomas Buddle Library Fund	2	5	3
George Buttle Centennial Gift	6	13	9
	8	19	0

Balances, Bank of New Zealand, 31st July, 1956:—			
T. G. Brooke Memorial Gift	319	8	4
E. W. Blackwell Trust A/c.	202	3	4
Cash on account of Capital	4,406	4	8
	4,927	16	4

£25,640 4 0

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Balance Sheet at at 31st July, 1956

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Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	4,000	0	0		
Less Repaid during year	160	0	0		
				3,840	0 0
				9,560	0 0

Capital Receipts to date:—

Auckland Maori Girls' Hostel	10,835	12	0		
Hamilton Maori Boys' Hostel	7,953	6	8		
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	7,436	1	1		
Dargaville Maori Centre	674	17	3		
Hawera Maori Centre	1,612	3	8		
Kawakawa Maori Centre	468	0	10		
				28,980	1 6
				38,540	1 6

Capital:—

Balance at 31/7/55	76,099	13	7		
Add Legacies	1,243	3	4		
Less transferred for disbursement	571	11	8		
				671	11 8
				76,771	5 3
				£146,215	16 10

Opunake Deaconess Centre					
Payments to date	582	3	10		
Otorohanga Deaconess Centre					
Payments to date	2,452	10	0		
Te Kuiti Maori Centre					
Payments to date	681	15	1		
Kawakawa Maori Centre					
Payments to date	468	0	10		
				51,933	8 1

£146,215 16 10

I have audited the Books and Accounts of the Methodist Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board for the year ended 31st July, 1956.

In my opinion the above Balance Sheet shows the position of the Board's affairs according to the best of my information, and the explanations given to me, and as shown by the Books of the Board.

W. A. SMITH, F.P.A.N.Z.,

Auditor.

METHODIST HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD
SPECIAL LOANS ACCOUNT, 31st JULY, 1956

	Loans Current 31/7/55			New Loans			Repaid During Year			Current 31/7/56		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Auckland Youth Camps	300	0	0							300	0	0
Campbell's Bay Church, No. 1	435	10	10				19	17	11	415	12	11
Campbell's Bay Church, No. 2	473	6	8				18	11	3	454	15	5
Castlecliff Hall	101	6	4				45	19	0	55	7	4
Christchurch Central Mission Parsonage	350	0	0				150	0	0	200	0	0
Christchurch Maori Hostel	1,948	17	1				107	10	0	1,841	7	1
Claudlands Church	821	6	8				41	11	8	779	15	0
Claudlands Youth Centre, No. 1.	1,420	0	0				55	13	9	1,364	6	3
Claudlands Youth Centre, No. 2.	482	7	6				18	5	0	464	2	6
Coromandel Church	1,018	13	9				46	10	7	972	3	2
Coromandel Parsonage	40	3	4							40	3	4
Corstorphine Section	390	0	0							390	0	0
Dominion Road Parsonage	534	1	11				71	9	5	462	12	6
Dublin Street Church	68	9	9				33	14	3	34	15	6
Dunedin Hostel	1,896	2	11				193	19	2	1,702	3	9
Epsom Church	712	2	6				712	2	6			
Epworth Bookroom (Auckland)	3,020	11	6				270	11	6	2,750	0	0
Fairfield Section (Dunedin)	175	0	0							175	0	0
Gisborne Church				1,000	0	0				1,000	0	0
Gisborne Hall	937	9	2				46	19	2	890	10	0
Glen Eden Church	40	0	0							40	0	0
Glen Eden Parsonage	40	0	0				20	0	0	20	0	0
Glen Innes Hall	500	0	0							500	0	0
Grey Institute Trust	5,622	5	5				250	0	0	5,372	5	5
Hamilton Maori Girls' Hostel	1,342	3	10							1,342	3	10
Hastings Youth Centre	1,268	6	8				1,268	6	8			
Helensville Church	446	10	5				294	9	2	152	1	3
Helensville Parsonage				850	0	0	20	19	7	829	0	5
Hokitika Church	533	7	3				66	19	6	466	7	9
Homai Church Hall				500	0	0				500	0	0
Invercargill North Church	1,185	3	9				63	18	9	1,121	5	0
Kaitaia Section	81	9	10				15	3	7	66	6	3
Kaikōke Parsonage				1,391	12	0				1,391	12	0
Kaitōke Church	97	1	10				97	1	10			
Kohukohu Parsonage	197	18	5				23	2	11	174	15	6
Lyall Bay Parsonage	970	13	10				139	7	3	831	6	7

Mangapapa Section	198	18	6			85	12	7		113	5	11
Manly Church Hall	289	5	3			15	8	9		273	16	6
Mount Maunganui	871	2	6			871	2	6				
North Brighton Section	79	1	11			9	5	8		69	16	3
North Canterbury District Youth Council	1,321	2	11			59	2	6		1,262	5	0
Orewa Church Hall	938	12	0			44	19	9		893	12	3
Otago-Southland Youth Camp	779	10	10			42	15	10		736	15	0
Otaki Youth Hall	467	17	9			39	18	0		427	19	9
Paihia Section				800	0	0				800	0	0
Papanui Parsonage	893	0	10			428	8	10		464	12	0
Papatotetoe Church Hall				650	0	0			350	0	0	
Paraparaumu Parsonage	265	9	8			41	2	6		224	7	2
Pinehaven Section	340	0	0							340	0	0
Pukerua Bay Hall	350	0	0							350	0	0
Rata Street, Naenae	384	2	6	665	17	6			66	17	0	
Raumati South Section	250	0	0							250	0	0
Religious Film Society	200	0	0							200	0	0
Riselay Road (Dunedin)	60	0	0							60	0	0
Roskill Church Loan	997	12	0			37	0	0		960	12	0
Roskill Sunday School	1,071	13	9			68	0	0		1,003	13	9
Russell Parsonage Loan	880	12	3			48	11	4		832	0	11
South Auckland Camp	430	12	6			20	1	3		410	11	3
Stokes Valley Section	301	12	10			12	5	4		289	7	6
Stoke Parsonage				1,000	0	0				1,000	0	0
Tahuna Hall	300	0	0			25	13	0		274	7	0
Taupo Section	500	0	0							500	0	0
Tawa Flat Section	700	0	0							700	0	0
Cottle Block, Trentham Section	250	0	0	750	0	0				1,000	0	0
Trinity College (Residence)	1,202	16	11			334	17	11		867	19	0
Waiake Section (Takapuna)				1,000	0	0				1,000	0	0
Waimaire Road, Sections	262	6	6	22	19	6			22	19	6	
Wairakei Road Sections	940	0	0							940	0	0
Wairoa Parsonage	1,144	8	10			150	0	0		994	8	10
Waipawa Church				200	0	0			12	14	8	
Waitangi Road Church	30	15	3			30	15	3		187	5	4
Waverley Section (St. Kilda)	215	0	0							215	0	0
Western Springs Church	582	13	6			25	0	0		557	13	6
White Swan Road	564	13	11			26	6	5		538	7	6
Youth Director's House, Christchurch	1,273	13	11			89	2	10		1,184	11	1
Youth Director's House, Wellington	1,097	8	3			76	6	8		1,021	1	7
Home and Maori Mission Transport	637	18	3	600	0	0			165	5	0	
Private Car Loan	17	4	8			17	4	8		1,072	13	3

£48,539	19	2	9,430	9	0	7,309	2	2	50,661	6	0
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Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31st July, 1956

RECEIPTS						PAYMENTS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance: Bank of N.Z. 31/7/55:													
Income Account	226	12	4				Rates and Insurance	45	7	5			
Less overdrawn Capital Account	10	0	1				Repairs and Sundries	6	13	6			
				216	12	3					52	0	11
Rents:													
Mt. Wesley, Parsonage	80	0	0				Capital Expenditure:						
Mt. Wesley, Mangawhare	74	2	0				Kinross Street	39	13	8			
Kaeo	89	17	6				Kaeo—Refund of Deposit	10	0	0			
Newark	2	0	0								49	13	8
Opononi	33	16	10										
				279	16	4	Balance: Bank of N.Z.:						
Repayments: Opononi				57	12	2	Income Account	467	10	9			
Sale Lot 1 Kinross Street				525	0	0	Capital Account	522	18	5			
Sale of Hay, Kaeo				13	3	0					990	9	2
				£1,092	3	9					£1,092	3	9

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1956

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MAORI MINISTERS' HOME ACQUIREMENT FUND
Statement of Receipts and Payments for year ended 31st July, 1956

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Home Mission Fund Subsidy	7 0 0	Transfer to Accumulated Funds	40 13 1
Minister's Contribution	4 13 4		
Interest National Savings Account	28 19 9		
	<u>£40 13 1</u>		<u>£40 13 1</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1956

	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Accumulated Fund at 31st July, 1955	960 5 9	National Savings Account	1,000 18 10
Added during year	40 13 1		
	<u>£1,000 18 10</u>		<u>£1,000 18 10</u>

EDITH WINSTONE BLACKWELL TRUST

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31/7/56

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Renovations	2,535	5	1	Rents	1,700	3	3
Repairs	701	1	9	Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	2,158	11	8
Rates	221	15	5				
Insurance	109	17	1				
Commission	85	0	1				
Sundry Expenses	5	15	6				
	<u>3,658</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>				
Depreciation Reserve	200	0	0				
	<u>£3,858</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>				
Balance brought down	2,158	11	8				
Less refund by I.F.B.	558	11	8				
Balance for Balance Sheet	<u>£1,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£3,858</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>

Cash Statement for Year Ended 31st July, 1956

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Rent and Rates	1,700	3	3	Renovations	2,535	5	1
Withdrawn from N.S.A.	1,400	0	0	Repairs	701	1	9
Refund I.F.B.	558	11	8	Rates	221	15	5
				Insurance	109	17	1
				Commission	85	0	1
				Sundry Expenses	5	15	6
	<u>£3,658</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>£3,658</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>

METHODIST LITERATURE AND COLPORTEUR SOCIETY

Trading Account for year ended 31st July, 1956

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
TO Stock 1/8/55	4,862	2	11	By Sales	9,015	14	4
Purchases	6,620	6	8				
	11,482	9	7				
Less Stock 31/7/56	5,707	0	11				
Cost Price of Goods Sold	5,775	8	8				
Gross Profit	3,240	5	8				
	£9,015	14	4		£9,015	14	4

Profit and Loss Account for year ended 31st July, 1956

To Accountancy and Audit	110	0	0	By Gross Profit	3,240	5	8
Advertising	41	7	4	Interest Received	13	18	0
Commission	40	19	6				
Freight & Cartage	1	13	6				
General Expenses	22	2	5				
Insurance	11	1	7				
Interest	135	12	3				
Light & Power	49	4	8				
Postages & Stamps	136	15	5				
Printing & Stationery	43	1	2				
Rates	121	5	6				
Rent	400	0	0				
Repairs & Maintenance	15	0	8				
Salaries	1,375	1	0				
Subscriptions	4	14	6				
Superannuation Contribution	14	5	0				
Telephone & Tolls	33	5	4				
Travelling Expenses	8	0	0				
Depreciation:							
Fittings and Equip.	32	10	11				
Renovations	206	17	0				
	239	7	11				
Net Profit	451	5	11				
	£3,254	3	8		£3,254	3	8

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1956

LIABILITIES						ASSETS							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	1,192	1	3				Cash on Hand	11	16	11			
Bills Payable	293	3	9				Cash in Bank	607	17	4			
Subscriptions in Advance	32	8	0								619	14	3
				1,517	13	0	Cash at Auckland Savings Bank				584	6	10
Home Mission Department Loan Account				2,750	0	0	(Van Replacement Reserve)						
Van Replacement Reserve				1,303	0	1	Sundry Debtors	769	5	1			
Capital:							Less Bad Debts Reserve	50	0	0			
Balance 1/8/55	4,502	3	1								719	5	1
Plus Net Profit	451	5	11				Stock on Hand				5,707	0	11
				4,953	9	0	Fittings & Equipment	325	9	3			
							Less Depreciation	32	10	11			
											292	18	4
							Renovations	2,758	3	8			
							Less Depreciation	206	17	0			
											2,551	6	8
							Superannuation in Advance				49	10	0
				£10,524	2	1					£10,524	2	1

Auditor's Report:

I certify that I have examined the Books and Accounts of the Methodist Literature and Colporteur Society for the year ended 31st July, 1956, and that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown in the Books of the Society. I have accepted the Manager's Certificate as to the quantities and values of stock on hand.

R. N. COOKE, A.P.A.N.Z., A.C.I.S., A.C.A.I.,

AUCKLAND. 4th October, 1956.

Auditor.

Methodist Home Mission Department

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Estimates, Income and Expenditure for **1957**

INCOME

1. CIRCUITS, HOME MISSION STATIONS, AND MAORI CIRCUITS— DISTRICTS:

AUCKLAND	3441	0	0
SOUTH AUCKLAND	2039	0	0
TARANAKI - WANGANUI	1178	0	0
HAWKE'S BAY - MANAWATU .	1614	0	0
WELLINGTON	1914	0	0
NELSON	974	0	0
NORTH CANTERBURY	2235	0	0
SOUTH CANTERBURY	949	0	0
OTAGO - SOUTHLAND	1543	0	0
		15,887	0 0

2. PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS ...	2500	0	0
3. M.W.M.U.: OBJECTIVE FOR MAORI WORK	3200	0	0
SMETHURST INTEREST ..	130	0	0
SPECIAL	400	0	0
4. MISCELLANEOUS	250	0	0

TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES £22,367 0 0

EXPENDITURE

AUCKLAND DISTRICT Maori Work

	£	s.	d.
Acting Senior Maori Superintendent—			
Honorarium	52	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Special Travelling	25	0	0
Minister—			
Stipend	615	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Minister—			
Stipend	615	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Supernumerary Minister—			
Honorarium	52	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Supernumerary Minister—			
Travelling	100	0	0
Home Missionary (Part time)—			
Honorarium	52	0	0
Travelling	52	0	0
Rent	26	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Travelling	104	0	0
Hon. Home Missionaries—			
Grants for Travelling and			
General Circuit Expenses ..	102	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	463	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	463	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	399	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	463	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess Probationer or Supply—			
Stipend	372	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess Probationer—			
Stipend	372	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
I.F.B. Rent for Parsonages—			
Auckland	150	0	0
Waima	60	0	0
Tuakau	75	0	0
Connexional Charges (2 Ministers)	48	0	0
	<u>£5,410</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

European Work Aided Circuits

North Hokianga (M.H.M.)	95	0	0
Hokianga (M.O.M.)	100	0	0
Review by Board if new par-			
sonage			
Whangara	55	0	0
(if 2nd agent—Kerikeri) ..	150	0	0
Kawakawa-Kaikohe (M.O.M.) ..	150	0	0
Port Albert (if 2nd agent at			
Wellsford S.P.)	150	0	0
N. Waitemata (M.O.M., M.P.) ..	180	0	0
Henderson (2nd agent M.H.M.P.)	100	0	0
Auckland East	140	0	0
Auckland West (if 2nd agent S.P.)	50	0	0
	<u>£1170</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT Maori Work — Waikato Circuit

	£	s.	d.
Home Missionary Supply—			
Honorarium	78	0	0
Travelling	80	0	0
Home Missionary Supply—			
Honorarium	78	0	0
Travelling	70	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Stipend	436	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Home Missionary (Part Time)—			
Honorarium	100	0	0
Travelling	50	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Stipend	531	0	0
Rent	78	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Hon. Supt., Hon. H.M.'s and			
General Circuit Expenses ..	393	10	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	463	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	463	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	463	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	399	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	399	0	0
Travelling	70	0	0
Hon. S.S. Teacher—			
Travelling	36	0	0
Investment Funds Board—			
Rent for Parsonage—Ngarua-			
wahia	52	0	0
	<u>£4,719</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

Maori Work — King Country Circuit

Minister—			
Stipend	615	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Honorarium	78	0	0
Travelling	65	0	0
Home Missionary Supply—			
Honorarium	78	0	0
Travelling	25	0	0
Home Missionary Supply—			
Honorarium	78	0	0
Travelling	75	0	0
Home Missionary—			
Stipend	436	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Kawhia Circuit—			
Travelling	60	0	0
Grants for Travelling—Hon. H.M.'s			
& General Circuit Expenses ..	260	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	463	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	463	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess Supply (Half-Time)—			
Stipend	186	0	0
Travelling	35	0	0
I.F.B. Rent for Parsonages—			

Kawhia	75	0	0
Te Kuiti	52	0	0
Connexional Charges—one minister	24	0	0
	£3,408	0	0

European Work — Home Mission Station

Ngaruawahia (Sr.M.H.M.)	25	0	0
Aided Circuits			
Waihi (M.O.M.)	40	0	0
Tauranga (M.O.M., S.P., and M.P.)	75	0	0
Putaruru (M.P.)	50	0	0
" (M.O.M. at Tokoroa) ..	465	0	0
Taumarunui (M.O.M.)	100	0	0
Te Kuiti (M.O.M.)	60	0	0
" Travelling	70	0	0
Kawhia (S.P.)	120	0	0
Ohura (M.P.)	75	0	0
" Travelling	25	0	0
Huntly (M.P.)	75	0	0
Hauraki Plains (M.P.)	65	0	0
Opotiki (M.O.M. Supply)	50	0	0
Whakatane (If Students Supply at	100	0	0
Vacations otherwise £48)			
	£1395	0	0

TARANAKI - WANGANUI DISTRICT

Maori Work

Minister—			
Stipend	615	0	0
Travelling	100	0	0
Rent	125	0	0
Hon. H.M.'s Grants for Travelling			
and Circuit Expenses	120	0	0
Connexional Charges	24	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	463	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—			
Stipend	463	0	0
Provision for Car	70	0	0
Deaconess—N.P. app't. ½ cost—			
Stipend	186	0	0
Travelling	35	0	0
I.F.B. Rent for Parsonage—			
Hawera	100	0	0
	£2,371	0	0

European Work — Home Mission Station

Inglewood (Sr.M.H.M.)	35	0	0
Aided Circuits			
Waitara (Travelling)	60	0	0
Wanganui West (M.O.M.)	65	0	0
Marton (M.P.)	65	0	0
Taihape (M.P.)	85	0	0
" Travelling	25	0	0
	£335	0	0

HAWKE'S BAY - MANAWATU DISTRICT

Home Mission Station

Waipawa-Waipukurau (Sup.			
Supply)	30	0	0
Aided Circuits			
Wairoa (M.O.M.)	60	0	0
" Travelling	40	0	0
	£130	0	0

WELLINGTON DISTRICT

Aided Circuits

Porirua (2nd agent—S.P.)	100	0	0
Upper Hutt (If 2nd agent—			
otherwise Nil)	200	0	0
Otaki (M.O.M.)	20	0	0
Paraparaumu (M.P.) Trav.	25	0	0
Eketahuna (M.H.M.)	25	0	0
Wainui-o-mata Union Parish	60	0	0
	£430	0	0

NELSON DISTRICT

Aided Circuits

Hokitika (S.P.)	50	0	0
Murchison (If S.P.)	40	0	0
Westport (M.O.M.)	100	0	0
	£190	0	0

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Aided Circuits

Woolston-Lyttelton	150	0	0
Riccarton (S.P.)	75	0	0
	£225	0	0

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT

Marchwiell Union Parish	54	0	0
	£54	0	0

OTAGO - SOUTHLAND DISTRICT

Home Mission Station

Waikouaiti-Palmerston (M.H.M.P.)	65	0	0
Aided Circuits			
Dunedin South (If S.P.)	100	0	0
Port Chalmers (M.H.M. Supply)	75	0	0
" Travelling	25	0	0
Roxburgh (M.O.M.)	70	0	0
" Travelling	50	0	0
Bluff (S.P.)	10	0	0
" Travelling	15	0	0
Mosgiel (Sr.M.H.M.)	50	0	0
Cromwell-Alexandra (M.O.M.)	100	0	0
" Travelling	25	0	0
Milton (M.O.M.)	40	0	0
Dunedin North	80	0	0
Corstorphine Union Parish	40	0	0
Balclutha (M.O.M.)	50	0	0
	£795	0	0

GENERAL EXPENDITURE

Maori Work

Sunday School Materials	10	0	0
Printing & Subsidy 'Maataapuna'	100	0	0
Maori Furniture	100	0	0
Deaconess Car Depreciation	100	0	0
Methodist Times	10	0	0
South Island Deaconess—			
Honarium	52	0	0
Expense All'ce	10	0	0
Contingencies	100	0	0
National Council of Churches—			
Maori Section	24	0	0
Subsidy—Auckland Maori Girls'			
Hostel	200	0	0
	£706	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS GRANTS

Spiritual Advance Committee ..	25	0	0
Board of Publications	55	0	0
Deaconess Institution	100	0	0
Trinity Theological College	150	0	0
Church Sites Fund	100	0	0
Natural Calamities Fund	25	0	0
Methodist World Conference Travel Fund	25	0	0
Methodist Social Service Assn. .	5	0	0
Religious Film Society of N.Z. .	100	0	0
Deaconess Students—Allowances	60	0	0
Colportage Society — Otago Southland	12	10	0
Home Mission Deputation Exp'nses	350	0	0
Visual Supplies for Dep't'ion Work	50	0	0
Use of Picture Plant	75	0	0
Home Missionaries' Study Confer.	75	0	0
Home Missionaries Retiring Fund—Subsidies	200	0	0
Deaconess Retiring Fund	350	0	0
Workers Compensation Insurance	40	0	0
Printing and Stationery	300	0	0
Methodist Times—Advert. Space .	12	10	0
Ministerial Supplies—Estimate .	100	0	0
Interest and Bank Charges ..	100	0	0
Share of Lotu Printing	50	0	0
Contingencies and Sundries	400	0	0
	£2,760	0	0

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

Stipend	640	0	0
Travelling	150	0	0
General Allowance	50	0	0
	£840	0	0

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Stipend	615	0	0
Travelling	150	0	0
General Allowance	50	0	0
	£815	0	0

MISSIONARY IN MAORI WORK

Stipend	615	0	0
Travelling	125	0	0
	£740	0	0

CONNEXIONAL CHARGES FOR THE ABOVE

	225	0	0
	£225	0	0

GENERAL TREASURERS

Bookkeeping	180	0	0
Expenses	20	0	0
	£200	0	0

OFFICE EXPENSES

Secretarial	375	0	0
Rent	220	0	0
Light and Power	10	0	0
Postages, Tolls	125	0	0
Telephones	100	0	0
	£830	0	0

INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD

Rent (2 Houses)	300	0	0
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GRAND TOTAL OF ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE	£28,098	10	0
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METHODIST HOME MISSION DEPARTMENT

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE for the year 1957

ESTIMATED INCOME

	£	s.	d.
Circuits and H.M. Stations etc.	15,887	0	0
Properties and Investments ..	2500	0	0
M.W.M.U. Maori Work	3200	0	0
„ Smethurst Interest	130	0	0
„ Special	400	0	0
Miscellaneous	250	0	0
Deficit estimated	5731	10	0
	£28,098	10	0

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE

	£	s.	d.
Maori Work	17,404	10	0
European Work	10,694	0	0
	£28,098	10	0

NOTE:

- (1) Debit Balance at the 31st July, 1956: £3359/1/3.
- (2) Stipends adjusted to new scale—as at 1st Feb. 1957.
- (3) Grants adjusted after stationing completed.

FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1956

DISTRICTS	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	Church Membership								Sunday School						YOUTH Bible Classes							PASTORAL CARE							Stipends, etc.							State of Finances as at 30th June																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
									Members on Roll as at 30th June	Number Recd. during Year			Number Removed from the Roll			No. Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	Communi- cants	No. of Baptisms	No. on Cradle Roll	Beginners— Primary	Junior	Intermediate	Teachers	Junior Y.M.	" Y.W.	Intermediate Y.M.	Intermediate Y.W.	Senior Y.M.	" Y.W.	Leaders Y.M.	" Y.W.	No. of Families	No. of People	Annual Stipend (if 2 or more Ministers spe cify separately)	Bonus and/or Allowance (other than travelling) additional to Annual Stipend	Travelling (or Car) Allowances	Ownership Car C. Circuit	M. Minister	Circuit		Trust Account Totals																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
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Auckland	107	95	67	44	66	7	2	186	6378	243	192	311	90	382	108	6544	166	-	13	5828	741	1655	2764	2166	1579	699	413	494	204	239	163	138	94	71	9028	27612	22322	8	4	144	10	0	4216	5	2	6	32	2010	2	7	631	3	10	9612	18	0	12687	7	4																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
South Auckland	52	78	31	27	27	6	1	87	3344	90	83	215	40	176	49	3467	123	-	23	2997	447	902	1379	1191	777	314	205	307	85	93	59	38	46	25	4589	12869	13853	4	1	87	3	4	27011	16	9	6	21	1989	2	9	499	0	11	2532	6	3	10886	9	0																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Taranaki-Wanganui	44	27	22	16	18	5	1	68	2293	61	61	79	37	119	27	2311	18	-	5	1971	268	657	842	707	472	221	156	219	71	70	36	39	34	14	3396	12900	8386	1	8	43	0	0	1439	18	3	3	12	1079	19	8	214	14	11	3210	2	4	405	4	10																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Hawke's Bay-Manawatu	40	16	25	17	17	5	3	77	2796	102	87	107	37	129	43	2883	87	-	3	2385	281	652	992	817	606	270	152	187	108	123	47	65	39	27	4127	11070	9540	18	4	41	0	0	1720	2	7	3	14	1735	12	2	7	7	8	3500	10	5	835	11	2																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Wellington	46	22	30	24	31	-	2	74	3288	97	121	215	43	250	66	3362	74	-	4	3152	360	1072	1467	1242	922	379	227	260	133	179	132	99	63	38	5331	17128	14349	8	4	67	0	0	1781	9	2	3	20	923	17	11	176	17	11	7694	12	3	3553	6	3																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Nelson	26	19	21	12	14	2	1	54	1554	24	40	57	19	74	26	1556	2	-	-	1223	143	472	679	527	277	168	89	105	61	51	27	24	21	17	1964	5728	5954	7	8	25	0	0	703	4	6	3	6	891	15	4	-	-	-	4548	10	2	4	3	4																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Canterbury	61	18	42	31	37	3	1	77	4023	94	104	402	42	433	80	4068	45	-	14	3585	329	910	1464	1251	1949	405	240	275	138	143	89	76	61	49	5126	14827	14552	18	4	52	0	0	2068	14	8	-	28	1270	15	11	14	13	0	13470	1	7	2578	18	3																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
South Canterbury	23	12	14	9	10	1	-	24	1514	70	23	39	28	61	38	1519	5	-	19	1280	116	321	460	282	226	122	69	65	31	38	36	35	17	11	1624	4703	5207	0	0	-	941	6	0	-	9	1471	15	6	-	-	-	1973	9	5	237	19	11																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																							
Otago-Southland	49	12	24	25	21	1	1	54	2513	41	46	122	45	130	42	2505	-	8	21	2084	247	634	978	597	426	271	136	190	64	111	51	63	35	36	3850	9991	11914	4	9	20	0	0	1559	17	7	1	20	1121	4	1	230	3	1	7203	14	9	726	2	2																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Totals for 1956	448	299	276	205	241	30	12	701	27703	822	757	1547	381	1754	479	28215	512	-	102	24505	2932	7275	11025	8780	6234	2849	1687	2102	895	1047	640	577	410	288	39035	116828	106140	5	6	479	13	4	17135	14	8	25	162	12494	5	11	1774	1	4	53746	5	2	31915	2	3																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
Totals for 1955	446	323	276	205	238	35	12	688	27592	1170		1394	407	1583	481	27703	93	-		23306	2922	7044	12063	8198	5538	3020	1619	2084	720	893	533	526	369	265	-	-	95442	1	5	530	4	6	14667	6	10	24	156	12540	6	0	1917	3	2	47328	10	4	32421	7	6																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
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GENERAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1956

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP																							PASTORAL CARE		
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	No. Members on Roll at 30th June last year	Number Recd. during the year.			Number Removed from the Roll			No. Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	No. of Baptisms	Communicants	No. of Families	No. of People			
										New Members under 20 yrs.	New Members over 20 yrs.	Transfers from other N.Z. Circuits	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend											
Auckland Central	5	1	5	3	3	-	1	9	562	13	10	18	11	22	16	554	-	8	-	79	372	634	1711			
Auckland Central Mission	1	1	1	2	3	-	1	5	214	2	9	-	3	8	3	211	-	3	-	10	181	78	390			
Auckland South	4	2	3	2	3	-	-	9	399	14	16	30	5	38	7	409	10	-	-	66	410	483	961			
Auckland West	2	-	3	2	1	-	-	2	116	6	20	2	2	16	4	122	6	-	-	25	154	474	1425			
Auckland East	12	-	4	7	15	1	-	32	963	40	29	38	17	52	15	986	23	-	-	44	867	1108	3256			
Avondale	4	3	4	2	6	-	-	11	430	13	4	15	14	31	5	412	-	18	-	37	374	500	1600			
Henderson	4	6	2	1	4	2	-	6	187	1	3	42	1	19	2	211	24	-	6	49	224	689	2284			
Devonport	3	-	2	1	2	-	-	3	185	4	1	2	5	18	5	164	-	21	-	14	180	200	600			
Takapuna	2	4	2	1	5	2	-	12	364	4	16	23	4	9	7	387	23	-	-	33	300	600	1800			
Birkenhead	4	1	3	1	1	-	-	8	231	24	14	13	3	13	1	265	34	-	-	31	280	340	1166			
Onehunga	5	-	4	1	2	-	-	9	269	13	8	11	-	13	2	286	17	-	-	34	260	630	2040			
Otahuhu	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	3	159	-	-	-	1	1	6	151	-	8	-	24	100	85	200			
Papatoetoe	2	-	2	1	1	-	-	8	225	25	-	21	1	13	12	245	20	-	-	29	175	335	650			
Papakura	3	2	2	1	2	-	-	3	182	10	20	3	1	9	-	205	23	-	-	36	160	495	1988			
Pukekohe	5	3	2	1	2	-	-	6	157	22	9	7	2	6	-	194	37	-	-	19	190	210	500			
Bombay-Tuakau	4	2	-	1	1	-	-	4	99	10	2	6	-	8	2	107	8	-	-	17	68	90	325			
Waiuku	1	5	2	1	1	-	-	2	119	6	3	5	2	3	-	128	9	-	-	10	90	126	394			
Mahurangi	2	9	2	1	2	-	-	4	101	-	-	2	2	2	-	99	-	2	7	4	100	110	320			
Nth. Waitemata	5	12	3	3	2	1	-	7	137	5	11	7	4	6	-	150	13	-	-	16	220	280	915			
Paparoa	4	4	1	1	1	-	-	2	107	2	1	7	1	10	-	106	-	1	-	8	76	174	645			
Dargaville	3	7	3	1	1	-	-	9	244	-	-	8	-	-	-	252	8	-	-	24	221	62	240			
Ruawai	3	1	-	1	1	-	-	5	110	2	-	3	1	18	-	96	-	14	-	12	110	125	390			
Whangarei	4	2	2	1	1	-	-	10	262	13	1	21	6	25	14	252	-	10	-	19	150	230	550			
Hikurangi	1	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	64	-	-	1	2	4	-	59	-	5	-	4	25	54	175			
Whangaroa	2	4	1	1	1	-	-	4	64	-	1	-	-	2	-	63	-	1	-	8	47	45	70			
Port Albert	7	4	4	1	1	-	-	4	141	1	5	12	-	19	-	140	-	1	-	25	140	240	1000			
Kawakawa-Kaikohu	2	8	-	1	1	-	-	1	70	2	4	2	1	11	3	63	-	7	-	28	143	304	1070			
Mangonui	4	1	3	1	1	-	-	3	87	-	-	-	-	1	-	86	-	1	-	19	60	140	420			
Hokianga	3	3	3	1	1	-	-	2	47	3	2	-	-	4	-	48	1	-	-	8	70	80	200			
Bay of Islands	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	19	-	3	3	1	-	4	20	1	-	-	3	25	20	65			
Nth. Hokianga	3	6	2	1	-	1	-	2	69	3	-	2	-	1	-	73	4	-	-	6	76	87	262			
TOTALS	107	95	67	44	66	7	2	186	6383	238	192	304	90	382	108	6544	261	100	13	741	5828	9028	27612			

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	2	116	1	11	2	-	-	1	129	13	-	-	4	80	141	423
Hauraki Plains	2	4	-	1	-	1	-	-	61	1	2	2	1	2	-	63	2	-	-	8	35	70	295
Paeroa	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	54	4	4	-	-	5	-	57	3	-	-	4	55	110	350
Waihi	1	5	1	1	1	-	-	3	85	1	3	4	-	5	2	86	1	-	-	10	73	180	517
Te Aroha	4	1	3	1	1	-	-	2	198	2	4	11	3	7	1	204	6	-	-	37	160	205	700
Morrinsville	3	4	3	2	1	-	-	6	255	14	10	9	-	26	-	262	7	-	-	47	260	319	1107
Cambridge	3	1	2	1	2	-	-	5	170	9	3	7	2	7	1	179	9	-	-	13	143	180	485
Hamilton	5	2	4	3	4	1	-	12	534	19	7	50	10	14	-	586	52	-	-	42	537	820	1435
Hamilton East	3	3	3	1	1	-	-	9	250	7	-	23	5	7	2	266	16	-	-	20	300	202	587
Huntly	1	8	-	1	1	-	-	1	88	1	1	3	2	9	3	79	-	9	-	17	63	175	604
Matamata	3	5	1	1	1	-	-	5	169	-	3	8	2	12	-	166	-	3	10	19	160	207	658
Putaruru	1	3	1	1	1	-	-	1	74	4	4	14	-	13	10	73	-	1	-	14	78	180	550
Rotorua	2	3	1	1	1	-	-	9	173	6	1	7	-	8	3	176	3	-	-	19	120	146	300
Tauranga	4	5	1	2	2	1	1	12	355	8	-	32	5	17	16	357	2	-	-	23	325	406	1214
Whakatane	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	62	-	-	8	-	2	-	68	6	-	4	12	44	136	384
Opoitiki	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	2	51	-	2	3	-	4	4	48	-	3	-	19	68	100	300
Te Awamutu	2	4	2	1	1	-	-	2	205	-	9	5	4	8	2	205	-	-	8	26	203	305	1002
Otorohanga	1	10	1	1	1	-	-	2	101	7	3	7	2	5	1	110	9	-	-	23	100	96	400
Te Kuiti	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	4	67	-	-	6	2	7	-	64	-	3	-	12	40	130	300
Taumarunui	1	4	-	1	1	-	-	1	67	-	-	3	-	2	1	67	-	-	-	18	40	150	400
Ohura	3	7	1	-	1	-	-	2	50	3	8	1	2	4	2	54	4	-	1	17	63	140	400
Kawerau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	2	2	-	1	-	7	3	-	-	1	-	36	104
Ngaruawahia	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	54	-	2	5	-	9	-	52	-	2	-	25	34	90	200
Kawhia	1	6	-	1	1	-	-	-	28	2	3	2	-	2	-	33	5	-	-	11	5	24	80
Coromandel	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	26	1	-	-	-	-	-	27	1	-	-	6	11	41	104
Raglan Union	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47	-	1	1	-	-	-	49	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	52	78	31	27	27	6	1	187	3344	90	83	215	40	176	49	3467	92	21	23	447	2997	4589	12869

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth	7	3	5	3	6	2	1	18	621	8	6	20	18	22	-	615	-	6	-	40	450	900	3400
Waitara	3	3	1	1	1	-	-	2	112	6	1	2	1	5	-	115	3	-	-	29	125	290	1140
Stratford	7	1	1	1	1	-	-	4	175	-	6	2	-	-	3	180	5	-	-	19	200	184	700
Eltham-Kaponga	2	3	2	1	1	-	-	6	126	-	5	5	3	7	1	125	-	1	-	8	90	103	400
Hawera	5	-	1	1	1	-	-	10	237	10	4	5	3	16	7	230	-	7	-	30	170	297	1150
Maniaia	2	4	-	1	1	-	-	2	109	3	1	-	1	4	-	108	-	1	-	11	86	98	360
Opunake	6	5	5	2	1	1	-	5	188	-	-	7	1	9	2	183	-	5	-	35	160	280	1090
Wanganui Central	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	4	230	11	15	10	3	20	3	240	10	-	-	21	260	325	1250
Wanganui North	3	2	3	2	1	-	-	9	158	4	5	10	1	11	5	160	2	-	-	20	180	270	1000
Wanganui West	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	102	2	-	9	1	4	2	106	4	-	-	8	94	202	770
Taihape	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	37	-	-	6	2	4	-	37	-	-	-	9	25	103	380
Marton	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	70	-	2	1	-	4	1	68	-	2	5	8	66	108	400
Inglewood	2	2	-	1	-	1	-	4	91	15	14	-	1	11	-	108	17	-	-	22	35	200	750
Raetihi-Ohakune	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	37	2	2	2	2	2	3	36	-	1	-	8	30	36	110
TOTALS	44	27	22	16	18	5	1	168	2293	61	61	79	37	119	27	2311	41	23	5	268	1971	3396	12900

GENERAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1956

NELSON DISTRICT.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

CIRCUITS										Number Recd. during the year.			Number Removed from the Roll			No. Members on Roll at 30th June this year	Net Increase	Net Decrease	On Probation	No. of Baptisms	Communicants	PASTORAL CARE		
	Churches	Other Preaching Places	Schoolrooms	Parsonages	Ministers and Probationers	Home Missionaries	Deaconesses	Local Preachers	No Members on Roll at 30th June last year	New Members under 20 yrs.	New Members over 20 yrs.	Transfers from other N.Z. Circuits	By Death	Transfers to Other Circuits	Ceased to Attend							No. of Families	No. of People	
Nelson	2	1	4	1	3	-	-	9	343	10	3	15	5	20	2	344	1	-	-	26	260	453	1295	
Waimea	7	-	4	2	3	-	-	10	243	2	16	15	2	16	8	250	7	-	-	24	200	360	1400	
Motueka	2	2	4	1	1	1	-	6	110	3	10	9	2	4	5	121	11	-	-	10	102	151	486	
Murchison	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	20	-	-	1	-	2	-	19	-	1	-	-	-	25	-	-
Blenheim	7	10	4	4	5	-	-	114	420	9	6	10	3	6	5	431	11	-	-	41	306	424	1470	
Reefton	2	1	1	1	-	1	-	4	71	-	-	-	1	4	-	66	-	5	-	19	60	140	-	
Westport	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	88	-	3	3	1	8	-	85	-	3	-	2	70	145	420	
Greymouth	2	4	1	1	1	-	-	3	204	-	2	2	4	9	6	189	-	15	-	21	174	196	467	
Hokitika	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	55	-	-	2	1	5	-	51	-	4	-	-	51	70	190	
TOTALS	26	19	21	12	14	2	1	54	1554	24	40	57	19	74	26	1556	30	28	-	143	1223	1964	5728	

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	2	1	3	2	5	-	-	13	532	7	19	35	7	25	2	559	27	-	-	32	625	544	1607
Ch.Ch. Central Mission	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	-	40	-	-
Christchurch East	8	2	7	4	8	-	-	1	651	14	8	35	5	33	20	649	-	2	8	83	625	1133	3051
Cambridge Terrace	3	-	3	2	1	-	-	4	99	6	8	2	-	7	3	105	6	-	-	11	75	136	400
Woolston-Lyttelton	6	6	6	3	4	1	-	4	354	6	13	17	5	34	-	351	-	3	-	54	329	618	1478
Sydenham	2	1	3	3	1	-	-	5	201	6	-	5	5	4	-	203	2	-	-	19	190	248	738
Addington	1	-	1	1	2	-	-	2	162	13	3	2	4	10	29	137	-	25	-	9	160	90	300
Riccarton	4	1	4	1	1	1	-	2	218	-	9	19	4	6	5	227	9	-	-	8	185	380	1040
St. Albans	3	1	4	3	5	-	-	9	543	26	13	33	2	37	7	569	26	-	-	31	480	675	1935
Papanui	2	1	1	2	1	-	-	4	190	4	3	4	2	7	-	192	2	-	-	25	170	244	883
Springston	7	-	3	2	2	-	-	8	123	-	1	10	1	1	-	132	9	-	6	5	120	235	634
Leeston	4	-	1	1	2	-	-	5	200	8	10	1	1	7	1	210	10	-	-	9	120	130	409
Kaipoi	4	-	2	2	1	-	-	2	115	-	-	61	1	12	2	161	46	-	-	10	78	203	800
Rangiora	7	1	2	2	1	1	-	3	190	4	9	136	5	22	8	304	114	-	-	26	192	324	989
Greendale	3	4	2	1	1	-	-	4	87	-	4	1	-	2	3	87	-	-	-	6	89	75	240
Oxford	5	-	3	1	1	-	-	6	97	-	4	45	-	14	-	132	35	-	-	1	107	91	323
Alt-ered Circuits									211									211					
TOTALS	61	18	42	31	37	3	1	77	4023	94	104	406	42	221	80	4068	286	241	14	329	3585	5126	14827

N.B. In 1955 Ohoka, Woodend-Sefton and Hawarden returned membership figures separately
These Circuits are now included in Rangiora, Kaipoi and Oxford returns.

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Banks St.)	1	2	2	1	2	-	-	-	199	10	-	6	2	6	15	192	-	7	-	17	175	205	600
Timaru (Woodlands St.)	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	1	214	21	3	-	12	18	8	200	-	14	-	18	220	225	620
Timaru (Marchweil Union)	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	39	7	4	4	1	5	5	43	4	-	-	7	30	100	350
Timaru South	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	71	-	-	-	1	-	-	70	-	1	-	-	56	70	200
Waimate	2	-	2	1	2	-	-	1	187	5	2	6	1	2	4	193	6	-	1	7	138	194	668
Temuka	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	72	3	1	-	1	2	3	70	-	2	1	4	55	72	178
Geraldine	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	67	4	-	2	1	2	1	69	2	-	5	7	65	68	197
Ashburton	4	5	3	1	1	1	-	13	380	16	11	9	7	19	-	390	10	-	12	38	305	354	1033
Willowby	6	3	2	2	1	-	-	7	128	4	-	10	-	2	1	139	11	-	-	5	100	150	300
Oamaru	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	157	-	2	2	2	4	1	153	-	4	-	13	136	186	557
TOTALS	23	12	14	9	10	1	-	24	1614	70	23	39	28	60	38	1519	33	28	19	116	1280	1624	4703

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Central Church & Mission (Dunedin)	2	1	2	3	2	-	-	1	12	269	2	5	10	6	12	1	267	-	2	-	35	365	500	740
Dunedin (Dundas St.)	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	113	-	-	-	12	2	8	-	115	2	-	10	27	90	183	594
Dunedin North	3	-	3	1	1	-	-	1	131	1	4	7	1	5	2	135	4	-	4	9	73	177	525	
Dunedin South	4	-	4	2	2	-	-	6	267	-	-	6	5	18	10	240	-	27	-	28	217	514	1200	
Corstrophine Union Parish	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	2	-	8	-	2	-	-	12	35	75	
Dunedin (St. Kilda)	3	-	1	1	2	-	-	2	166	7	3	17	2	10	4	177	11	-	-	17	155	265	750	
Dunedin (Mornington)	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	5	158	4	2	4	2	5	5	156	-	2	1	10	140	90	383	
Dunedin (Roslyn)	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	2	93	-	-	13	3	4	1	98	5	-	6	10	65	200	500	
Port Chalmers	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	60	-	-	-	2	3	-	55	-	5	-	3	37	110	270	
Milton	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	2	48	-	1	4	2	3	-	48	-	-	-	4	38	62	152	
Roxburgh	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	56	-	-	1	1	3	-	53	-	3	-	4	52	76	111	
Invercargill (Central)	2	2	2	1	2	-	-	7	292	5	-	14	6	5	5	295	3	-	-	39	200	360	1000	
Invercargill (St. Peters)	3	-	1	2	1	-	-	4	221	4	13	14	2	5	-	245	24	-	-	15	150	340	860	
Gore	2	-	1	2	1	-	-	1	105	-	4	3	2	9	-	101	-	4	-	3	75	170	690	
Western Southland	7	2	1	1	1	-	-	4	123	1	-	2	2	4	-	120	-	3	-	27	106	196	684	
Edendale	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	54	-	-	-	-	12	1	41	-	13	-	-	30	37	69	
Mosgiel	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	60	5	-	4	-	6	1	62	2	-	-	1	60	81	256	
Bluff	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	60	-	7	3	1	1	2	66	6	-	-	2	35	130	320	
Cromwell-Alexandra	2	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	57	2	-	3	1	1	7	53	-	4	-	4	58	76	182	
Balclutha	2	2	1	1	1	-	-	3	98	10	7	3	3	7	2	106	8	-	-	8	61	164	406	
Waikouaiti	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	2	2	5	1	37	-	6	-	1	40	57	150	
Lawrence	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	2	-	27	-	2	-	-	25	27	74	
TOTALS	49	12	24	25	21	1	1	54	2513	41	46	122	45	130	42	2505	65	73	21	247	2084	3850	9991	

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1956

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	STIPENDS, Etc.					STATE OF FINANCES at 30th June							
						Circuit		Trust Account Totals					
	Annual Stipend (if 2 or more Minis- ters specify separately)	Bonus and/or Allowances (other than travelling additional to Stipend)	Travelling (or Car) Allowance	Car Ownership Circuit Minister		Credit	Debit	Total Credit- Balances ex- cluding bal- ances held for special purposes	Total Debit Balances				
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
Auckland Central ..	625 0 0		All Exes.	C	220 6 3		1103 13 6	2199 11 2					
	565 0 0		50 0 0	M									
	540 0 0		50 0 0	M									
Auckland Central Mission	537 10 0	50 0 0	All ex.	M		215 12 11							
Auckland South ..	565 0 0		86 0 0	C	101 4 3		929 5 7	335 11 11					
	565 0 0		25 0 0	M									
	565 0 0												
Auckland West ..	580 0 0		160 0 0	M		52 8 10		4671 18 5					
Auckland East ..	580 0 0	5 0 0	80 0 0	M	275 5 7		1654 13 10	116 17 3					
	565 0 0	5 0 0	75 0 0	M									
	565 0 0	5 0 0	60 0 0	M									
	565 0 0	5 0 0	85 0 0	M									
	424 0 0	5 0 0	36 0 0										
	366 0 0	5 0 0	75 0 0	M									
Avondale ..	565 0 0		80 0 0	M	65 10 6		551 14 6	1608 5 9					
Henderson ..	570 0 0		150 0 0	M	56 2 2		67 13 3						
	457 0 0		24 0 0	M									
Devonport ..	565 0 0		80 0 0	M	3 9		160 15 11						
Takapuna ..	565 0 0	10 0 0	156 0 0	M	53 5 8		237 15 9						
Birkenhead ..	565 0 0		90 0 0	M	358 13 8		466 14 11						
Onehunga ..	565 0 0		All ex.	C									
	52 0 0		104 0 0	M									
Otahuhu ..	565 0 0		72 0 0		48 13 10		129 0 7						
Papatoetoe ..	565 0 0				59 7 9		33 5 10						
Papakura ..	565 0 0		120 0 0	M	39 13 4		841 15 8						
	424 0 0		22 16 0	M									
Pukekohe ..	565 0 0		250 0 0	M	38 3 8		376 4 9						
Bombay-Tuakau ..	488 0 0	15 0 0	160 0 0	M		101 9 8	246 2 3						
Waiuku ..	565 0 0		80 0 0	C	188 1 9			1207 3 3					
Mahurangi ..	565 0 0		150 0 0	M	46 8 3		9 5 7	515 12 2					
Nth. Waitemata ..	565 0 0	10 0 0	146 0 0	M		83 11 0	260 16 1	948 3 5					
	424 0 0	5 0 0	88 0 0	M									
Paparoa ..	565 0 0		150 0 0	M		56 18 7	145 3 0						
Dargaville ..	565 0 0		235 0 0	M	35 2 10		78 4 0	994 7 6					
Ruawai ..	532 18 4		180 0 0	M	29 19 7		841 11 9						
Whangarei ..	565 0 0	24 10 0	100 0 0	M	52 4 5		185 16 2	12 6 9					
Hikurangi ..					85 8 8		104 11 2						
Whangaroa ..	565 0 0		All ex.	C		25 10 10	764 13 4						
Port Albert ..	565 0 0		200 0 0	M	16 3 4		135 8 4						
Kawa kawa-Kaikohe ..	565 0 0		224 0 0	M		67 10 0	116 5 6						
Mangonui ..	565 0 0		200 0 0	C		27 16 0	64 11 8	1 9 1					
Hokianga ..	554 0 0		150 0 0	C	33 1 10		107 15 1						
Bay of Islands ..					202 19 0								
Nth. Hokianga ..	488 0 0		222 9 2	M	4 2 6			76 0 8					
TOTALS ..					2010 2 7	631 3 10	9612 18 0	12687 7 4					

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Thames ..	565 0 0		42 0 0	M		26 4 7	129 10 2	
Hauraki Plains ..	430 15 0		101 13 1	M		6 15 10	101 0 0	
Paeroa ..	565 0 0		43 1 4	M	86 18 7		35 9 6	
Waihi ..	532 0 0		118 15 0	M		17 17 3		3 6 10
Te Aroha ..	532 18 4		150 0 0	M	117 19 10		265 17 10	12 9 6
Morrinsville ..	590 0 0	50 0 0	190 0 0	M	346 9 2		487 18 3	1881 19 8
Cambridge ..	532 6 8		84 0 0	M	140 11 11		80 3 4	
Hamilton ..	572 0 0		Mileage	M	553 6 3		339 19 11	3595 0 0
	565 0 0			C				
	488 0 0		Mileage	M				
Hamilton East ..	558 18 4		52 13 2	C	30 13 3		310 8 10	
Huntly ..	488 0 0		284 19 9	C		60 11 10		24 19 8
Matamata ..	565 0 0		194 12 0	M	51 6 0		146 8 7	
Putaruru ..	426 3 4		100 0 0	M		213 10 7	17 19 9	
Rotorua ..	537 10 0		168 0 0	M	2 2 7			3555 5 0
Tauranga ..	532 18 4	6 13 4	113 0 0	M		11 1 0	196 14 0	
	460 0 0	2 10 0	90 12 8	M				
	405 0 0	28 0 0	21 13 3	M				
Whakatane ..	472 17 0		34 1 5	M	85 16 8		26 14 9	
Opotiki ..	565 0 0		100 0 0	M	344 12 5		67 13 4	
Te Awamutu ..	565 0 0		185 7 7	M	69 16 5			1348 6 2
Otorohanga ..	565 0 0		93 15 11	C		69 0 8	75 3 2	
Te Kuiti ..	481 17 1		155 8 11	M		18 14 6		125 9 5
Taumarunui ..	488 0 0		100 0 0	M	60 15 2			339 12 9
Ohura ..	424 0 0		98 3 6	C		10 3 0	7 13 2	
Kawerau ..					9 18 9			
Ngaruawahia ..	511 0 0		120 0 0	M	51 18 4		223 4 3	
Kawhia ..	382 0 0		32 16 2	H.M. Dept.		65 1 8		
Coromandel ..	52 0 0				36 15 7		20 7 5	
TOTALS ..	13853 4 1	87 3 4	2704 16 9		1989 2 9	499 0 11	2532 6 3	10886 9 0

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT.

New Plymouth ..	606 5 0		50 0 0	M	120 7 2		968 6 8	352 1 10
	532 18 4		50 0 0	M				
	532 18 4		50 0 0	M				
Waitara ..	532 18 4		92 8 9			4 18 11	269 0 2	
Stratford ..	537 10 0		200 11 6	M		55 18 5	150 3 8	1 17 4
Eltham-Kaponga ..	532 18 4	17 0 0	175 0 0	M	272 18 3		73 7 7	
Hawera ..	541 0 0		102 0 0	M		8 8 5	285 18 6	
Manaia ..	532 18 4		108 0 0	M	184 17 7		127 0 6	
Opunake ..	525 0 0		175 0 0	C		140 13 8	219 11 5	51 5 8
	485 0 0		175 0 0	C				
Wanganui Central ..	596 0 0		78 0 0	M	56 3 4		19 16 7	
Wanganui North ..	532 18 4		40 0 0	M	132 7 9		347 12 8	
Wanganui West ..	532 18 4		20 0 0	M	3 2 9		375 11 2	
Taihape ..	399 10 0		3 18 0	M	37 19 10		202 19 0	
Marton ..	406 3 4		20 0 0	M		4 15 6	88 15 1	
Inglewood ..	481 5 0		100 0 0	C	117 18 11		72 19 7	
Raetihi-Ohakune ..	78 0 0	26 0 0			155 4 1		8 19 9	
TOTALS ..	8386 1 8	43 0 0	1439 18 3		1079 19 8	214 14 11	3210 2 4	405 4 10

HAWKE'S BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT.

Napier ..	590 0 0	4 0 0	110 0 0	M	312 3 7		997 19 6	
	565 0 0	4 0 0	90 0 0	M				
Hastings ..	560 0 0	5 0 0	125 0 0	M	88 7 8		524 18 9	
Gisborne ..	565 0 0	10 0 0	104 0 0	M	313 19 0		30 17 11	
Wairoa ..	460 0 0	10 0 0	71 14 11	M	30 12 6			1 9 3
Dannevirke ..	565 0 0			C		7 7 8	100 19 1	
Woodville ..	511 0 0			C	30 15 5			
Pahiatua ..	532 18 4		88 0 0	C	100 5 10		184 15 0	
St. Pauls (Palm. N.) ..	563 15 0		80 0 0	M	363 9 3		56 15 10	395 5 11
	365 0 0		12 0 0					
Trinity (Palm. Nth.) ..	615 0 0		100 0 0	M	232 6 8		538 5 10	
	366 0 0							
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe ..	565 0 0		125 0 0	M	45 14 9		310 7 8	
Feilding ..	532 18 4	4 0 0	120 0 0	M	33 1 9		440 16 1	
	460 0 0	4 0 0	115 0 0	M				
Sanson-Rongotea ..	565 0 0		200 0 0	M	79 3 5		31 9 4	412 3 8
Apiti ..	233 6 8		149 7 8	M	5 6		5 10 3	
Waipawa-Waipukarau ..	488 0 0		80 0 0	M	31 15 2		177 19 3	
Foxton-Shannon ..	488 0 0		150 0 0	M	14 5 11		99 15 11	26 12 4
Norsewood ..					29 5 9			
TOTALS ..	9590 18 4	41 0 0	1720 2 7		1735 12 2	7 7 8	3500 10 5	835 11 2

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Wellington Central ..	688 10 0		144 0 0	M	40 0 2		2297 8 5	
	488 0 0		18 0 0					
Wellington West ..	604 0 0		20 0 0	M		40 10 9	235 6 5	
	554 3 4		30 0 0	M				
Wellington South ..	519 3 4	25 0 0	40 0 0	M	127 0 8		215 16 3	
	460 16 8	15 0 0	25 0 0	M				
Wellington East ..	600 0 0		75 0 0	M		40 3 0	200 17 1	3198 16 9
	565 0 0		40 0 0	M				
	565 0 0		20 0 0					
Wellington North ..	528 6 8		54 0 0	M		33 14 0	640 16 1	
	528 6 8		40 0 0	M				
Porirua ..	537 10 0		228 0 0	M	75 15 2		1032 9 8	
Hutt ..	604 11 8		150 0 0	M	31 9 5		1382 5 4	
	572 10 0		150 0 0	M				
	408 15 0		15 0 0					
Upper Hutt ..	441 5 4	2 0 0	81 7 2	M	66 4 8		199 1 10	
Petone ..	542 18 4		81 5 0	M	78 2 11			343 3 3
Greytown-Featherston ..	492 1 8			C	58 1 11		690 18 10	
Carterton ..	533 8 4			C	26 7 0		141 11 5	
Masterton ..	532 19 8	25 0 0	90 0 0	M	24 15 11		327 11 7	
	400 10 0		12 0 0					
Eketahuna ..	532 18 4		72 17 0	C	7 15 3		129 10 11	
Levin ..	525 0 0		100 0 0	M	67 3 4		57 0 7	
Otaki ..	565 0 0		100 0 0	M	55 1 4		104 1 2	
Paraparaumu ..	534 13 4		100 0 0	M	19 16 1		6 10 6	11 6 3
Taita Union ..	600 0 0		75 0 0	M	246 4 1			
Wainui-o-Mata Union ..	424 0 0		20 0 0	M		62 10 2	33 6 2	
TOTALS ..	14349 8 4	67 0 0	1781 9 2		923 17 11	176 17 1	7694 12 3	3553 6 3

GENERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1956
NELSON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS	STIPENDS, Etc.					STATE OF FINANCES at 30th June			
	Annual Stipend (if 2 or more Minis- ters specify separately)	Bonus and/or Allowances (other than travelling additional to Annual Stipend)	Travelling (or Car) Allowance	Car Ownership Circuit Minister		Circuit		Trust Account Totals	
						Credit Balance	Debit Balance	Total Credit Balances ex- cluding bal- ances held for special purposes	Total Debit Balances
Nelson	580 0 0	25 0 0	100 0 0	M		168 1 9		367 7 9	
Waimea	488 0 0								
	565 0 0		144 0 0	M		98 1 0		513 17 0	4 3 4
	488 0 0			C					
Motueka	520 0 0		56 0 0	M		2 16 7		38 18 6	
Murchison						308 0 7		13 13 11	
Blenheim	547 18 4		73 3 11	C		4 4 1		2452 19 10	
	532 18 4		92 15 5	C					
	369 5 0								
Reefton	488 0 0			M		142 16 6		499 4 1	
Westport	565 0 0		64 5 2	M		73 12 2		95 15 2	
Greymouth	565 0 0		120 0 0	M		67 16 10		184 19 5	
Hokitika	235 0 0		53 0 0			26 5 10		381 14 6	
TOTALS	5954 1 8	25 0 0	703 4 6			891 15 4	NIL	4548 10 2	4 3 4

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Durham Street	600 0 0	25 0 0	100 0 0	M		452 14 10		797 2 7	
	565 0 0		50 0 0	M					
Chch. Central Mission ..	615 0 0		Conf. Scale	M				990 5 1	
Christchurch East	565 0 0	25 0 0	50 0 0	M		18 5 9		5298 18 3	
	565 0 0		50 0 0	M					
	565 0 0		50 0 0	M					
Cambridge Terrace	565 0 0		40 0 0	M		19 5 11		524 18 1	
Woolston-Lyttelton	565 0 0	2 0 0	40 0 0	M		17 3 10		709 15 11	
	565 0 0		50 0 0	M					
	565 0 0		85 0 0	M					
Sydenham	565 0 0		78 0 0	M		119 5 11		449 7 6	
Addington	565 0 0		36 0 0	M		20 0 0		35 2 6	1975 10 0
Riccarton	565 0 0		76 0 0	M		15 9 10		669 19 0	
	366 0 0		24 0 0	M	Cycle				
St. Albans	590 0 0		46 0 0	M		45 16 2		282 17 11	
	565 0 0		80 0 0	M					
	565 0 0		50 0 0	M					
Papanui	565 0 0		30 0 0	M			14 13 0	501 13 0	79 15 5
Springston	532 18 4		177 2 0	M		1 14 9		310 0 1	486 12 6
	30 0 0		46 12 8	M					
Leeston	575 0 0		120 0 0	M		171 0 0		1062 19 0	
Kaiapoi	565 0 0		60 0 0	M		58 11 4		383 19 11	
	52 0 0		140 0 0	M					
Rangiora	565 0 0		150 0 0	M		135 13 1		869 15 7	
	457 0 0		120 0 0	M					
Greendale	565 0 0		150 0 0	M		106 5 11		223 13 1	
Oxford	565 0 0		120 0 0	M		89 8 7		359 14 1	37 0 4
TOTALS	14552 18 4	52 0 0	2068 14 8			1270 15 11	14 13 0	13470 1 7	2578 18 3

SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

Timaru (Banks St.)	565 0 0		78 0 0	M		66 13 0		182 5 8	
Timaru (Woodlands St.) ..	565 0 0		100 0 0	M		64 8 10			
Timaru (Marchweil Union)	600 0 0		52 0 0	M		331 0 0		858 0 0	
Timaru South						66 9 1		65 15 2	
Waimate	565 0 0		96 0 0	M		162 3 8			
Temuka						29 4 3		9 8 4	
Geraldine	565 0 0		130 0 0	M		49 5 5		89 16 7	
Ashburton	580 0 0		87 10 0	M		647 11 10		492 19 11	237 19 11
	457 0 0		145 16 0	M					
Willowby	565 0 0		200 0 0	M		24 19 7		218 0 7	
Oamaru	565 0 0		52 0 0	M		30 0 0		57 2 4	
TOTALS	5027 0 0		941 6 0			1471 15 6		1973 9 5	237 19 11

OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT.

Central Church and Mission (Dunedin)	708 0 0		100 0 0	M		35 0 10		5293 13 5	
	488 0 0			C					
	341 0 0								
Dunedin (Dundas St.) ..	565 0 0		50 0 0	M		27 5 8		28 1 0	327 17 3
Dunedin North	525 0 0		62 0 0	M			75 15 10	85 1 6	59 11 10
Dunedin South	565 0 0		50 0 0	M		35 0 7		87 10 11	
	565 0 0		50 0 0	M					
Corstorphine Union Parish									
Dunedin (St. Kilda) ..	565 0 0		79 0 0	M		159 4 1		81 1 6	
Dunedin (Mornington)	565 0 0		56 5 0	M		85 5 10		80 15 11	
Dunedin (Roslyn)	532 18 4		20 0 0	M		25 8 3		85 18 6	
Port Chalmers	488 0 0		42 0 0	M			55 14 5	209 2 0	
Milton	565 0 0		20 5 0	M		120 7 7		54 2 6	
Roxburgh	410 0 0		100 0 0	M			23 7 5	65 5 7	
Invercargill (Central) ..	565 0 0		96 0 0	M		66 4 6		182 8 9	
	488 0 0		15 0 0	M					
Invercargill (St. Peters)	565 0 0	20 0 0	75 0 0	M		358 13 0		442 3 11	
Gore	509 11 0		83 4 8	M			17 9 9	4 18 0	338 13 1
Western Southland	488 0 0		250 0 0	M		19 2 9		139 13 4	
Edendale	57 10 0		50 0 0			101 17 0		12 11 8	
Mosgiel	511 0 0		2 10 0	M			57 15 8	37 13 9	
Bluff	532 18 4		80 0 0	M		2 14 1		43 12 7	
Cromwell-Alexandra	424 2 1		99 6 7	M		6 7 6		5 4 6	
Balclutha	565 0 0		50 18 5	M		41 13 6		38 19 5	
Waikouaiti	325 5 0		33 3 4			12 18 11		165 9 10	
Lawrence			95 4 7			24 0 0		60 6 2	
TOTALS	11914 4 9	20 0 0	1559 17 7			1121 4 1	230 3 1	7203 14 9	726 2 2

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