

Waitemata Harbour, the place of commencement: as the same is delineated on the plans in the District Survey Office at Auckland.

Given under the hand of His Excellency the Right Honourable Arthur William de Brito Savile, Earl of Liverpool, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over His Majesty's Dominion of New Zealand and its Dependencies; and issued under the Seal of the said Dominion, at the Government House, at Wellington, this fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

H. D. BELL,
Minister of Internal Affairs.

GOD SAVE THE KING!

Copy of the Declaration of Union signed in the Town Hall, Wellington, on the 6th Day of February, 1913, between the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand.

WHEREAS at the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand held in the City of Wellington, in the Dominion of New Zealand, this sixth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, it has been resolved and agreed that the Methodist Church of New Zealand unite with the Primitive Methodist Connexion (commonly known as the Primitive Methodist Church) in New Zealand upon the terms and conditions set forth and embodied in and incorporated with the Basis of Union prepared by a Joint Committee representing the said Churches, and approved by the Annual Conferences and circuit quarterly meetings thereof, and by the members of the said Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, and duly consented to by the British Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion, a printed copy whereof is attached hereto, and also published in the printed minutes of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand held in the City of Auckland, in the said Dominion, in the months of February and March, one thousand nine hundred and twelve: And whereas at the Annual Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand also held in the City of Wellington aforesaid this sixth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, it has also been resolved and agreed that the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand unite with the Methodist Church of New Zealand upon the terms and conditions set forth and embodied in and incorporated with the said Basis of Union: And whereas it has been agreed by and between the said Churches that such union as aforesaid shall take effect on and from the said sixth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen: And whereas it is advisable that these presents should be executed for the purpose of evidencing the fact of such union as aforesaid:

Now, therefore, it is hereby agreed and declared that the Methodist Church of New Zealand and the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand shall enter into an organic union as one Church, under the name of "The Methodist Church of New Zealand," with common laws, common funds, and equal rights, upon the terms and conditions set forth and embodied in and incorporated with the Basis of Union aforesaid; and, further, that the said union shall take effect on and from the said sixth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

Signed for and on behalf of the said Churches this sixth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

SAMUEL LAWRY.
C. H. LAWS.
WM. READY.
WILLIAM GITTO.
J. A. FLESHER.
CHARLES M. LUKE.
C. E. WARD.
G. KNOWLES SMITH.
C. E. BELLINGER.

Signed on behalf of the Methodist Church of New Zealand by the Reverend Samuel Lawry, President; the Reverend Charles Henry Laws, Secretary; the Reverend William Ready, Ex-President; the Reverend William Gittos, Superintendent of the Methodist Maori Missions; and James

Arthur Flesher: and on behalf of the Primitive Methodist Connexion by the Honourable Charles Manley Luke, M.L.C., President; the Reverend Charles Ebenezer Ward, Vice-President; the Reverend George Knowles Smith, Ex-President; and Charlie Emanuel Bellinger, Secretary of the Primitive Methodist Union Committee: in the presence of—

Liverpool.	John Dumbell.
W. F. Massey.	P. W. Jones.
H. Youngman.	H. Holland.
Wm. Morley.	

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW ZEALAND,
WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

In the matter of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Act, 1911, and the various Acts incorporated therewith.

I, DANIEL GEORGE ARTHUR COOPER, of the City of Wellington, in the Dominion of New Zealand, Registrar at Wellington of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, hereby certify that on this seventeenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, a declaration in writing made by Charles Manley Luke, of the City of Wellington, in the Dominion of New Zealand, gentleman, President of the Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, and Thomas Moor, of the City of Auckland, in the said Dominion, builder, Secretary of the said Conference, was filed in the office of the Registrar at Wellington of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, and that the following is a true copy of such declaration:—

In the matter of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Act, 1911, and the various Acts incorporated therewith.

"We, Charles Manley Luke, of the City of Wellington, in the Dominion of New Zealand, gentleman, President of the Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, and Thomas Moor, of the City of Auckland, in the said Dominion, builder, Secretary of the said Conference, hereby jointly and severally declare:—

"1. That at the Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand held at Wellington, in the said Dominion, on the sixth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, the following resolution was passed, namely:—

"A basis having been prepared for the union of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (formerly designated the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand) with the Primitive Methodist Connexion (commonly known as the Primitive Methodist Church) in New Zealand by a Joint Committee representing such Churches and approved by the Annual Conferences and circuit quarterly meetings thereof, and the members of the said Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand and the British Conference of the Primitive Methodist Connexion having given its consent to such union, and the Methodist Church of New Zealand having in conference assembled unanimously resolved to unite with the said Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand, it is resolved that the Primitive Methodist Connexion in New Zealand unite with the Methodist Church of New Zealand upon the terms and conditions set forth and embodied in and incorporated with the Basis of Union appearing in the printed report of such Committee, and published in the printed minutes of the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia in New Zealand held at Auckland in February and March, one thousand nine hundred and twelve, and that such union shall take effect on and from the sixth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

"2. That seventy-five (75) members were entitled to be present at the said conference, of whom seventy-two (72) were present at the time the said resolution was passed, all of whom voted in favour thereof."

"And we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of New Zealand intituled the Justices of the Peace Act, 1908.

"CHARLES M. LUKE."
"THOS. MOOR."

"Severally declared by the above-named Charles Manley Luke and Thomas Moor, at Wellington, this fourteenth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, before me—

"J. A. FLESHER,
"A Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New Zealand."
Dated at Wellington this 17th day of February, 1913.

D. G. A. COOPER,
Registrar.