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No. 65.—Petition of William Stirling, of Blackball. (First Report.)

Praying that he may be allowed to join the Teachers' Superannuation Fund as an "original contributor."

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

11th August, 1926.

No. 84.—Petition of James Methven and W. S. Macintosh, of Timaru.

Praying that they be allowed to join the Teachers' Superannuation Fund as "original contributors." I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

11th August, 1926.

EDUCATION AMENDMENT BILL.

I am directed to report that the Education Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has heard evidence on and carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendments as shown on copy of Bill attached hereto.

20th August, 1926.

No. 114/25.—Petition of H. MACKENZIE and 6 Others (and 6 similar Petitions, as per Schedule attached). Praying that the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill be not passed.

I am directed to report that as this is a matter of policy the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th August, 1926.

SCHEDULE.

No. 144/25.—A. Forrest and 22 others.
No. 152/25.—George Manning and 17 others.
No. 156/25.—James B. Donald and 4 others.

No. 176/25.—E. T. Rogers and 40 others. No. 179/25.—F. A. de la Mere and 19 others. 'No. 242.—New Zealand Educational Institute.

No. 266/25.—Petition of J. C. PRUDHOE, of Christchurch.

Praying for the introduction of religious instruction in European and Native schools.

I am directed to report that, as this is a matter of policy, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

24th August, 1926.

No. 13.—Petition of DORA GRANT NICOLSON, of Dunedin.

Praying for a compassionate allowance on account of the loss of her husband through the negligence of an officer of the Public Service.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for favourable consideration.

24th August, 1926.

No. 221.—Petition of W. C. SMITH, of Tauranga.

Praying for a compassionate allowance on account of services rendered the Cook Islands Department as a teacher.

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that this petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

24th August, 1926.

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY AMENDMENT BILL.

I AM directed to report that the Education Committee, to which was referred the above-mentioned Bill, has heard evidence on and carefully considered the same, and recommends that it be allowed to proceed, with amendments as shown on copy of Bill attached hereto.

19th August, 19**2**6.

No. 65.—Petition of William Stirling, of Blackball. (Second Report.)

PRAYING that he may be allowed to join the Teachers' Superannuation Fund as an "original contributor."

I am directed to report that the Committee recommends that the petition be referred to the Government for consideration.

1st September, 1926.