

Letter to the Editor of the Nelson Examiner dated 13 Oct 1850

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Sir, With reference to a lengthy communication from W. Jenkins, in last Saturday's *Examiner*, those who feel interested in the case are hereby informed, that the alleged misappropriation of the sums mentions for Motueka Chapel was *not the ground* of W. Jenkins dismissal from the office of Catechist in the Wesleyan Missionary Society, nor for the Ecclesiastical proceeding against him at Richmond, on the 2d inst. Notwithstanding, as he himself states, there has been dissatisfaction on the subject alluded to in his letter, and that *that* dissatisfaction has not been without reason, will be evident to any one who takes the trouble to examine his own financial statement. The account here given is taken from W. Jenkins's own memoranda, now in possession of the Society:-

Abstract of Account, Motueka Chapel.

[Revenue]

Collected in Nelson in various ways	£19 8s 6d
Collected in Motueka, as rendered by W. Jenkins's account	£27 3s
Paid by Rev. S. Ironside, on behalf of Wesleyan Missionary Society	£11 2s
Paid by Rev. S. Ironside, on behalf of Natives	£1 8s
[Total]	£59 1s 6d

[Expenditure]

By timber – from B. Lovell	£3 11s 6d
By timber – from J. Lovell	£3 18s
By timber – from B. Allen	£2 13s 7d
By timber – from B. Parkes	£8 14s
[Sub-total]	£18 17s 1d

7,000 shingles at 7s	£2 9s
Nails	£2 10s
Windows, and freight	£6 3s
Hinges, bolts, and lock	11s
Piece of plank for name	1s
Fitting up desk, &c	11s
Carting timber and shingles	£1 16s
Ditching, fencing, and sundries	£4 10s
Builder's contract	£14
[Sub-total]	£51 3s 1d
Deduct still owing to Mr D. Moore	£1 10s
[Sub-total]	£49 18s 1d
Balance still unexplained by W. Jenkins	£9 3s 5d
[Total]	£59 1s 6d

Any person desirous of further information may examine the accounts in full, on application to W. Hough, Bridge-street. We have been compelled in self-vindication, as representatives of the Methodist Society, to publish these accounts after a very careful audit; and we beg to state most distinctly, that at the December Quarterly Meeting, referred to by W. Jenkins, these accounts were *not* audited, not having been presented in a form to make that possible.

In fact, Messrs Jackson and Lightband, the auditors whom he mentions, told Mr Jenkins distinctly, in the presence of all the members of the Quarterly Meeting, the day previous to his writing to the newspaper, viz., on the 2d inst., that *they never had been satisfied* with his Chapel accounts. Having had our minds sufficiently pained with this very unpleasant business, we shall decline noticing any further communication from W. Jenkins. On behalf of the officers and members of the Wesleyan Methodist Society, Nelson, B. Jackson, G. W. Lightband, W. Hough, John Rily, Circuit Steward, Nelson, October 13, 1850.