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No. 306 (1897).—Petition of Henry Dryden, of Wellington.

Petitioner prays that effect may be given to the Public Petitions M to Z Committee's report, dated the 9th October, 1895, on the petition of John James Meikle.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition has already been dealt with, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

6th July, 1898.

No. 352 (1897).—Petition of Rev. William Bannerman, of Dunedin.

Petitioner prays that the Bill now before Parliament which proposes to sanction marriage with a deceased husband's brother may be rejected.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition will be dealt with by the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

6th July, 1898.

No. 354 (1897).—Petition of Rev. William Bannerman, of Dunedin.

Petitioner prays that the clauses in the Divorce Bill now before Parliament sanctioning dissolution of marriage for other causes than unfaithfulness and desertion may be rejected.

I am directed to report that, as the subject-matter of this petition will be dealt with by the House, the Committee has no recommendation to make.

6th July, 1898.

No. 284 (1897).—Petition of Adam John McClusky, of Auckland.

Petitioner, who has been employed in the Police and Prisons Departments, and who has been discharged therefrom, prays that a Committee be appointed to inquire into the charges brought against him, and that he may be granted compensation, &c.

I am directed to report that, as the petition refers to grievances which have been considered and reported upon by the Public Petitions M to Z Committee in the years 1877, 1891, 1893, 1894, and 1895, the Committee has no further recommendation to make.

6th July, 1898.

No. 285 (1897).—Petition of Richard Witty, of Dunedin.

Petitioner states that he was permanently injured by a railway accident at the Kensington Railway-station. He prays for relief.

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

8th July, 1898.

No. 313 (1897).—Petition of James Ness and 3 Others, of Auckland.

Petitioners pray for relief on account of injuries received from a railway accident at the Auckland Railway-station.

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

8th July, 1898.

No. 17.—Petition of John Stirling and 59 Others, of Preservation Inlet.

Petitioners pray that they may be granted an annual subsidy of £100 to enable them to secure the services of a doctor for the residents of Preservation Inlet.

I am directed to report that the Committee has no recommendation to make.

8th July, 1898.