

ight will still be permitted to remain in the association.

At the national conference of the association in New Plymouth today, Mr H. G. Jeffares (Christchurch) moved that a remit stating that persons no longer classified as blind, or who had been members of the association for not less than five years and who would otherwise be considered as ineligible for membership due to restoration of sight, be rescinded.

"This is the Dominion Association of the Blind," he said. "Let us keep it an association of and for the blind."

When the rescinding motion was put to the conference, it returned a vote of 12 for and 17 against.

installed at the crossing.

The absence of the warning signals constituted a danger to all users of the crossing and necessitate the rerouting of the school bus which caused considerable inconvenience, said the letter.

Mr R. G. Howell, the county engineer, said that after making traffic density investigations, and timing the trains, he would recommend that the council meet the cost of installing barrier arms and warning lights.

This was approved, rather than wait for the National Roads Board to announce its policy regarding railway crossings.

In a month's time, the board is expected to announce whether or not it will undertake a scheme to

The union secretary, Mr G. H. Andersen, said last night that two aspects of the tragedy which should receive particular consideration were vehicle construction standards for school buses and the width of certain roads used by the buses.

In addition to an inquiry, Mr Andersen said, the union hoped that a conference could be arranged of various school organisations and other interested parties to discuss the general subject of school bus safety, preferably with the Minister.

The union wanted a public inquiry to be held, irrespective of any other action which might be taken by the authorities.

"The prevention of a similar accident in future," he said, "has priority as far as the union is concerned."

Historic church to be enlarged

The Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Fitzroy, New Plymouth, believed to be the oldest church in Taranaki, is to be enlarged for the third time in its history.

The enlargement includes widening the nave to nearly 37ft. The alterations will affect the baptistry and vestry, the two parts of the original building.

The baptistry and vestry were joined together when the church was built. In 1845 the first service was held in the church, which was dedicated by Wilson Bolland, the first vicar. St Mary's Anglican Church in Vivian St was opened six months later.

In 1888 the baptistry and vestry were divided when the first enlargement to the church was made, the second following in 1927. The Rev. C. A. Carrington, the first Bishop of Waikato, consecrated the tablets for these alterations.

Since then the number of the parishioners has increased so much that a third alteration is necessary.

"The original baptistry will have to go as it is far too small," the vicar, the Rev. F. Cook, said today. However every effort would be made to preserve it. The old vestry would remain but would be slightly altered.

M. H. D. Mullon, a member of the Taranaki region of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, said the trust would be prepared to give advice on the preservation of the baptistry if it was asked to do so.

It did not wish to interfere but was interested in seeing the original building preserved.



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