CHURCHES OF CHRIST

NEW SOUTH WALES.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 6th to 16th 1941

Programme of Meetings and Reports

PRICE :: SIXPENCE

W. J. CROSSMAN, Conference President.

S. C. WOOLLEY, Conference Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, APRIL 6th-Pre-Conference Sunday. ("The Old Faith Re-Stated"). MONDAY, APRIL 7th.

7.30 p.m.: Youth Mission Night. CITY TEMPLE, CAMPBELL ST., SYDNEY.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8th.

6.00 p.m.: President's Tea (arranged by Auburn Sisters. 1/-),
7.15 p.m.: Devotional. 7.30 p.m.: Inward and Outward Greetings, Weicome to New Preachers, President's Word, Conference Executive Report, Advisory Board Report, Christian Messenger Report. CITY TEMPLE, CAMPBELL ST., SYDNEY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th.

10.30 a.m.: Sisters' Auxiliary Conference. 6.00 p.m.: Social Service Tea. 7.30 p.m.: Social Service Demonstration. ENMORE TABERNACLE, METRO-POLITAN ROAD, ENMORE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10th.

7.30 p.m.: Devotional. 7.45 p.m.: General Business, Social Service Report, Bible School Report, Building Advisory Report. CITY TEMPLE, CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11th.

9.45 a.m.: Devotional. 10.00 a.m.: General Business, Foreign Mission Report, 11.30 a.m.: Home Mission Report. 1.00 p.m.: Adjournment for Lunch (arranged by Sisters' Conference. 1/-). Election of Conference Officers and Committees. Ballot will close at 2 p.m. 2.00 p.m.: Devotional. 2.15 p.m.: Field Session (Flashes from the Country). 3.15 p.m.: Inspirational Talks on Brotherhood Activities, Foreign Missions, Social Service, Bible Schools, Boys' Home. 5.00 p.m.: Notice of Motions, Amendments to Constitution. 5.30 p.m.: Address, "The Pioneers," by Ira A. Paternoster. 6.00 p.m.: Adjournment for Tea (arranged by Sisters' Conference. 9d.). 7.30 p.m.: Announcement of Conference Officers and Committees, Recognition of Retiring President, Introduction of Incoming President, Home Mission Demonstration. Address: E. C. Hinrichsen. ENMORE TABERNACLE, METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12th.

7.30 p.m.: Christian Endeavour Rally. Address: E. C. Hinrichsen. CITY TEMPLE, CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13th.

2.45 p.m.: Conference Sermon. Address: F. A. Youens. (Broadcast by courtesy Station 2CH). CITY TEMPLE, CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY.

MONDAY, APRIL 14th. Conference Picnic, Clarke Island.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15th.

3.30 p.m.: Preachers' Session. 6.00 p.m.: Tea. 7.30 p.m.: Foreign Mission Demonstration. CITY TEMPLE, CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY.

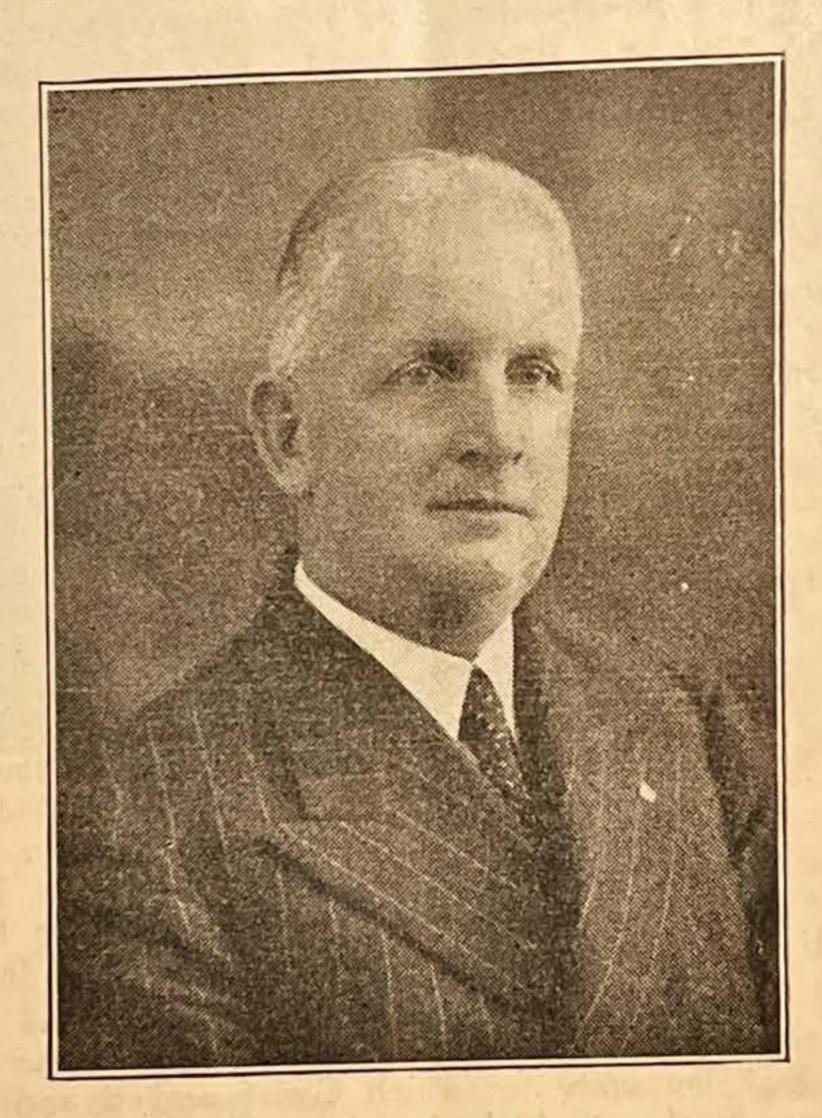
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th.

General Business. 7.30 p.m.: Devotional. 7.45 p.m.: Boys' Home Board, Book Room Committee, Federal Interests—Preachers' Provident Fund, College of the Bible, Chapel Extension Fund, Ltd.

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Mr. W. J. CROSSMAN

Conference President—1940-41.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND REPORTS.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONFERENCE.

IRA A. PATERNOSTER.

Some of the happiest memories in Church association over the years are those which are related to Conference contacts. Friendships have been made and others renewed; hearts have been stirred by thrilling messages from leaders overseas and at home; interesting debates have been enjoyed; generous giving to the Lord has been experienced, and one has felt they were sharing a definite part in the extension of the Kingdom of God.

This year Conference of the Churches of Christ meets, still under the shadow of a world conflict. While we are listening to the sweet strains of some great hymn of faith, or to some impassioned appeal to deeper Consecration of life and effort; while prayers will be presented to a loving Father who always understands, some minds will be straying to shell-torn battlefields and bomb-shattered homes and machine-gunned bodies lying mutely pleading with a power-lusting world to turn from their works of destruction and take time to build a better world for their orphaned children to live in.

The imperative call to the Church to-day is to Evangelise. The work of the Holy Spirit must be retarded because of hate and bitterness. Souls are awaiting the coming of the messenger of glad tidings; Christians need reminding again that spiritual values cannot be shaken, that God is not mocked either by individuals or nations, and that "He must reign till He hath put all enemies under His feet."

This Conference will be the occasion for consecrated planning. Zealous brethren will present their ideas for advancement. Committees will report on the year's activities, and will be commended by some and questioned by others. In the midst of our debates let us seek always the other man's viewpoint. Above all, let the Word of the Lord be our guide. We will do well to remind ourselves that the movement with which we stand identified was a movement born out of a bitterly divided Christendom. Through bitter heart-searching the pioneers gave up their denominational shibboleths to stand united upon the Word of God. They broke long friendships for Christ's sake, seeking that in all things He might have the first place. They stood before the Church of their day pleading for that oneness of the New Testament, and they determined to "Keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace."

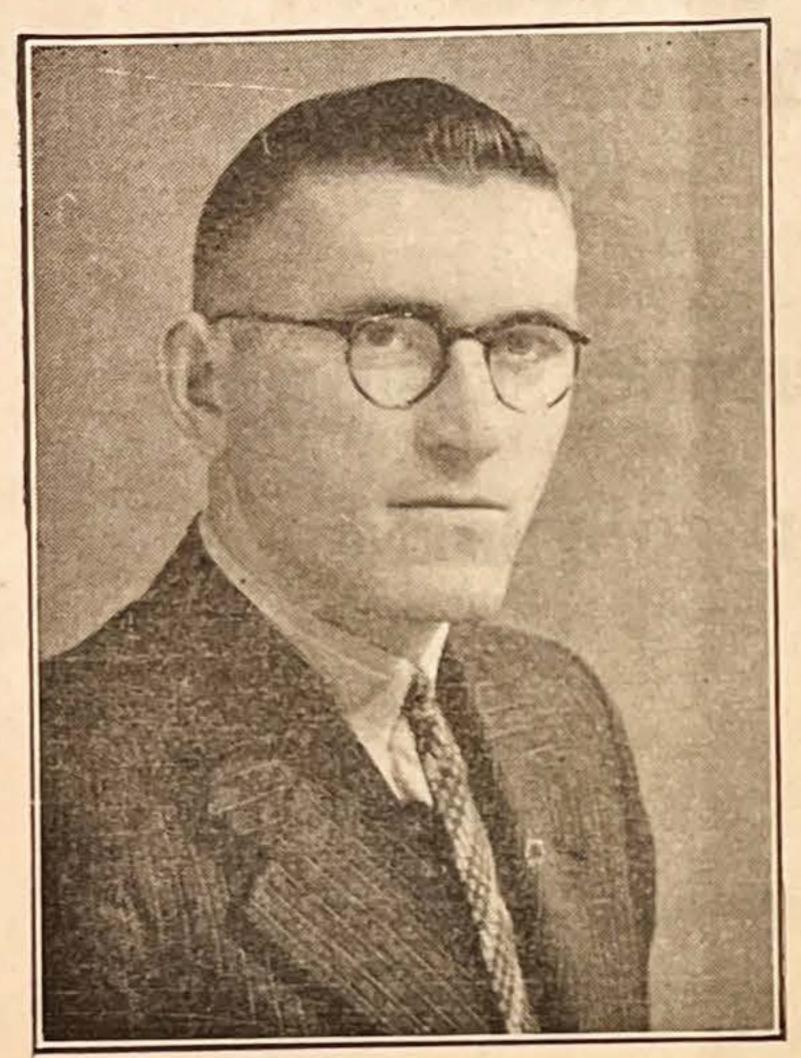
We are heirs of such a movement. It is for us to pledge ourselves that the unity for which Christ prayed and for which the pioneers lived and died, shall be safe in our hands; that we shall bear the lighted torch until other hands shall receive it from us as a sacred trust.

O Church of Christ, in this thy day, Lift up the banner high; Let no small vision cloud thy way, Remember, He is nigh.

Look up and out to fields afar, Guard well thy sacred trust; Before thee, doors invite, ajar, And enter in ye must.

OUR BIG NIGHT

Inspiring YOUTH RALLY



FRANK C. HUNTING.

will be held in

CITY TEMPLE

69 CAMPBELL ST.,

MONDAY,
7th APRIL
at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman: Conference President.

Speaker: FRANK C. HUNTING

SUBJECT:

66 DISCIPLINE?

Service of Song led by Mr. JACK BUDGEN.

CHORAL ITEMS BY ENMORE CHOIR

SUPPORTED BY

Young People of our Churches

NOTE.—This is YOUR night. Let us pack the City Temple with members of your C.E. Society, Clubs, and Youth Organisations. COME!

TUESDAY, APRIL 8th

CITY TEMPLE,

CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

BRIGHT OPENING SESSION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Chairman: Conference President.

6.00 p.m.: President's Tea, arranged by Auburn Sisters. 1/-.

7.15 p.m.: Devotional. R. V. Amos (Georgetown).

7.30 p.m.: Inward and Outward Greetings.

Welcome to New Preachers.

President's Word.

Conference Executive Report.

Advisory Board Report.

Christian Messenger Report.

Women's 47th Annual Auxiliary Conference

THE TABERNACLE,

Metropolitan Road, ENMORE. Wednesday, April 9th, 1941

MORNING SESSION: 10.30 o'clock.

President: Mrs. W. J. EVAN LEWIS. Devotional Leader: Mrs. N. M. McLANE.

BUSINESS:

President's Welcome.
Greeting President, General Conference, Mr. W. J. Crossman.
Minutes of 1940 Conference.
Correspondence and Greetings.
Roll Call.
Election of Officers and Superintendents of Committees.
Hymn No. 43: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God."
Prayer.
Superintendents' Reports:—

(1) Obituary, Mrs. Budgen, Prayer; (2) Treasurer, Miss Rofe; (3) Home Missions, Mrs. Armstrong; (4) Foreign Mission and Missionary Education, Mrs. McCallum; (5) Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Thomson; (6) Ashwood House, Miss Ashwood.

Offering

(7) Newington, Mrs. Crossman; (8) Temperance and Social, Mrs. Wakely; (9) Isolated Sisters, Miss Elliot; (10) Catering, Mrs. Murray; (11) Programme, Mrs. Rush; (12) Lord Mayor's Comforts Fund, Miss Smith; (13) Evacuee Children, Mrs. Stanhope.

Hymn No. 36: "To God be the Glory."

Benediction.

Adjournment for Basket Lunch (Tea, Milk and Sugar provided)

AFTERNOON SESSION: 2.15 o'clock.

Hymn No. 14

Prayer
Executive Report
Introduction of Incoming Officers.

Welcome and Responses.

Solo
President's Message
Hymn No. 31

Prayer
Address
Hymn No. 12

Benediction.

"Ive Found a Friend"
Mrs. Corlett
Mrs. Palmer
Mrs. Palmer
Mrs. W. J. Evan Lewis
"Oh, Jesus, I have promised"
Miss Winks
Mr. Frank Hunting
"Have Thine own way, Lord"

Hon. Sec., Miss F. M. Ashwood. Pianiste, Mrs. C. S. Rush.

CARING AND SHARING FOR OTHERS

SOCIAL SERVICE DEMONSTRATION

ENMORE TABERNACLE,
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9th, 1941

BROTHERHOOD TEA: 6 p.m.

(The Committee invite the Church members to this Fellowship Gathering. No charge)

PROGRAMME:

Chairman: W. J. Crossman, Conference President.

Song Service: 7.15 to 7.30 p.m.

Hymn No. 41.

Prayer.

Scripture Lesson David Rodger

Musical Selection Belmore Choir

Announcements and Offering.

Hymn No. 38.

Solo Miss Edna Wood

Address Hon. Athol Richardson, Esq., M.L.A.

Hymn No. 42. (State Treasurer)

Benediction.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10th

BUSINESS SESSION

CITY TEMPLE,

CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

Chairman: Conference President.

7.30 p.m.: Devotional. G. D. Verco (Hamilton).

7.45 p.m.: President takes the chair.

REPORTS.

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

BIBLE SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S

DEPARTMENT.

BUILDING ADVISORY BOARD.

RESOLUTIONS.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11th

ENMORE TABERNACLE,

METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE.

BUSINESS SESSIONS.

9.45 a.m.: Devotional. A. N. Hinrichsen (Rockdale).

10.00 a.m.: President takes the Chair.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT.

11.30 a.m.: HOME MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT.

1.00 p.m.: Adjournment for lunch (provided by Sisters' Conference. 1/-).

2.00 p.m.: Devotional. A. Baker (Kingsford).

2.15 p.m.: FIELD SESSION (Flashes from the Country).

3.15 p.m.: INSPIRATIONAL TALKS ON BROTHERHOOD ACTIVITIES.

Foreign Missions.

Social Service.

Bible Schools and Youth Work.

Boys' Home.

5.00 p.m.: Notice of Motions. Amendment to Constitution.

5.30 p.m.: Address: "THE PIONEERS." Ira A. Paternoster (North Sydney).

6.00 p.m.: Adjournment for tea (provided by Sisters' Conference. 9d.).

CONFERENCE SERMON

CITY TEMPLE, CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY SUNDAY, APRIL 13th, 1941

President: W. J. Crossman.

2.45 p.m.: Praise Service Conducted by Reg. Haywood Announcements.

3.00 p.m.: Anthem, "On Great Lone Hills" (Sibelius)—
Combined Choir
Prayer J. L. Stimson, Vice-President
Hymn 1.

Offering for Preachers' Provident Fund.

Solo.
Scripture Reading A. C. Maclean
Hymn 23.
Address F. A. Youens

"THE CHURCH AND THE NEW WORLD ORDER"

Anthem, "God Sends the Night" (Rathbone)—

Combined Choir

Hymn 18.

BENEDICTION

(Broadcast by courtesy Station 2CH)

Conductor: Mr. Gorden Day. Accompanists:
Miss Jessie Webster
Mr. David Verco

CONFERENCE PICNIC

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 14th, 1941

CLARK ISLAND

Launch leaves Fort Macquarie 9 a.m., 9.45 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., and 2.30 p.m.
Return Trips Commence 4.30 p.m.
HOT WATER PROVIDED.

A Sports Programme of interest to all will be conducted during the day.

THE GREAT CONFERENCE DAY OF SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP

TICKETS: Adults 6d., Children 3d.

Make up a Church Picnic amongst your Congregation.

Meet Old Friends :: Make New Ones.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15th

CITY TEMPLE,

CAMPBELL STREET, SYINEY

3.30 p.m.

Preachers' Session

OVERSEAS MISSION DEMONSTRATION

CITY TEMPLE,

CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

TUESDAY, 15th APRIL, 1941.

Chairman: Conference President.

7.30: New Pictures from the Fields.

Hymn.

Prayer.

Scripture Romans 1:1—17

Hymn.

Solo.

Item by Chinese Scholars.

Offering.

Hymn.

Benediction.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th

BUSINESS SESSION CITY TEMPLE, CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

7.30 p.m.: Devotional. S. Jenner (Inverell).

7.45 p.m.: President takes the chair.

REPORTS-

BOYS' HOME BOARD.

BOOK ROOM COMMITTEE.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.

CHAPEL EXTENSION FUND, LTD.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

N.S.W. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE.

47th Annual Report, 1940-41.

EXECUTIVE REPORT.

We have pleasure in presenting the Executive Report of the Women's Conference. During the year, under the able presidency of Mrs. W. J. Evan Lewis, the work of the conference has progressed, and we thank our Heavenly Father for the enabling power manifested in all our activities. Eleven monthly meetings were held, as well as two special meetings for Home and Overseas Missions.

It was very much regretted that during the year Mrs. Alma Wakeley had to relinquish her duties as conference secretary, owing to the pressure of Social Service work. The Executive wishes to place on record its sincere appreciation of the work done by Mrs. Wakeley during her short term of office. Miss Ashwood kindly consented to carry on for the remainder of the conference year.

At the monthly meetings we have been privileged to hear addresses on many aspects of Christian service given by our own and several well known visiting speakers, including Mr. W. J. Crossman, President of the General Conference; Mrs. W. J. Lewis, Mesdames Bowden, P. D. McCallum, Bowie, Miss Roseby, B.A., Miss Layton, Miss Osborne; also Bro. A. Hinrichsen and Canon R. B. S. Hammond. The Devotional sessions arranged by the various churches have proved most helpful. During the year we have been represented on the Women's Inter-Church Council and the Women's Missionary Council, the Sunshine Fair Committee and the Women's World Day of Prayer.

It is with grateful hearts we report the realisation of our aim to support a living link on the mission field. We are now represented in India by Mrs. H. Coventry, and Mrs. McCallum and her committee are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts towards this aim.

The offering for Home Missions this year was a record, and thanks are due to Mrs. Armstrong and her assistant, Miss D. Verco, for their work in this direction. Under the auspices of the Women's Conference a scheme was evolved for assisting in the placing of British evacuee children, but this had to be postponed owing to the cessation of overseas evacuation. Mrs. Stanhope convened this committee.

Interest in the Lord Mayor's Patriotic Fund has been sustained, and about 4100 articles have been completed and returned to the depot. This work is under the enthusiastic and capable supervision of Miss T. Smith and Miss Hazel Brown. Another pleasing feature of the year's work has been an increased interest in mission activities, stimulated by the missionary educational literature distributed to the Women's Societies.

Financially the year has been most successful. £170/10/10 has been given for Home Missions, £158/3/4 for Overseas Missions, and £110/4/1 for Ashwood House—£25 of this latter amount being due to the efforts of the Business Girls' Auxiliary.

We extend sincere appreciation to the Superintendents and Committees, and also to the Committee of Management of Ashwood House, for their splendid work and co-operation. To our President we express our love and thanks for her gracious and capable leadership. To Mrs. Rush, pianiste, Miss Elliot for flowers, and all who have helped in any way, we say thank you. We also wish to thank the Officers of City Temple for the use of the building for all the meetings.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

Obituary.—The Superintendent, Mrs. Budgen, has sent letters of comfort to many who have been bereaved, and commends all who have suffered the loss of loved ones to the loving care of the Heavenly Father.

Home Missions.—The Superintendent, Mrs. Armstrong, and her assistant, Miss D. Verco, present an encouraging report of the year's work. Interest and enthusiasm in Home Missionary activity have been stimulated by visits to churches in the city and country centres. Over 150 circulars and letters have been sent out, and in response both to a special appeal for evangelistic work and as a thank-offering for Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen's recovery, most of the churches have greatly increased their offerings; some have doubled it. Already the record sum of £145 has been given in addition to £7/7/- from the General Fund, and £18/3/10 through the Mission Bands. Thanks are expressed to all those who have again given their loyal and generous support to Home Missions.

Overseas Missions.—The Superintendent, Mrs. McCallum, and Committee report the accomplishment of the aim to have our own Living Link on the Mission Field. Contributions were made towards Dhond Hospital Christmas Cheer and the expenses for the nurse to the New Hebrides. A mission box was sent to the islands and another will go with Miss Clipstone, the new missionary nurse. It was regretted that, owing to war conditions, no box could be sent to India. Letters have been written to workers on the field. Thanks are expressed to everyone for their co-operation in this missionary effort.

Missionary Education.—Missionary literature has been sent to the church auxiliaries and in return the Executive has received many appreciative letters for the stimulus thus given to the local work. Thanks are due to those who have written devotional and topical papers, and home and overseas mission articles and letters. Sincere thanks are accorded to Miss H. Rofe, who has provided the paper and to Miss F. Bell, who has done the duplicating, thus making possible the means of providing Missionary Education through the medium of the mission bands and women's auxiliaries.

The Prayer Meeting Committee, with Mrs. Thomson as superintendent, has done splendid work. Fifteen meetings have been held in the metropolitan area and much has been done to encourage the prayer life amongst the women.

Isolated Sisters.—Miss Elliott has written 63 letters to isolated sisters—a labour of love which helps to contact those in far distant places. Many letters have been received by the superintendent expressing the gratitude of the recipients.

Newington Hospital.—Mrs. Crossman, superintendent, reports 11 visits, and appreciation is expressed for those who in any way have assisted, including Miss Hanson and Mrs. Wong, who gives the use of her car in this happy service. A vast number of books, knitted articles, gifts of groceries and miscellaneous gifts have been received and distributed. The committee is grateful for the opportunity of this avenue of service for the Master, in Whose name the work has been done.

Temperance and Social Service.—Mrs. Wakeley reports many activities, including the conduct of an apron stall at the Sunshine Fair, which resulted in £25 being handed in to the N.S.W. Temperance Alliance. A Christmas treat was given to 48 women of the district who meet at City Temple on Mondays. Catering help was given at various Brotherhood functions, and a Day of Prayer and Fellowship was arranged during the year.

Evacuation of British Children.—Mrs. Stanhope reports that a committee was convened to organise a scheme for this purpose, and the necessary authorities were contacted. Twenty-five (25) replies to an appeal for homes were received, but owing to the intensified submarine campaign, the scheme lapsed for the time being. All particulars are being kept in the event of the plan becoming possible later.

Catering.—Excellent work has been done by the committee during the year, and Mrs. Murray, Superintendent, reports that catering arrangements for the Sisters and General Conference of 1940, were made and successfully carried out. On Good Friday 420 meals, including lunch and tea, were served. In the course of the year, brotherhood functions were catered for in addition to those for the Women's Conference. The year was a success financially.

MRS. H. PALMER, Recording Secretary.



ASHWOOD HOUSE REPORT

12 MONTHS ENDING 31st JANUARY, 1941.

In presenting our third Annual Report we thank our Heavenly Father for His abounding love and mercy toward us.

The work of the Home continues to run smoothly with Matron Chapple in charge, assisted by Miss Jennings.

It is with regret we record the death of Miss Richardson, one of our aged guests who was called home August 24th, 1940. We gladly acknowledge and thank Miss Chapple for her kindly ministrations to Miss Richardson, also Mr. Arnold for his visit and for the many friendly visits that he made to the home throughout the year with the young people of Burwood.

Again, we are indebted to Miss Jean Saxby for relieving during Matron's absence on holiday.

Our financial statement herewith shows the total income to be £734/18/4. The amount raised through the "1d. Fund" being £734/15/10 from the Churches as follows: Belmore, £9/2/8; Bexley, 10/-; Burwood, £4/10/1; Canterbury, 7/-; Chatswood, £17/7/2; City Temple, £9; Epping, £1; Hurstville, £2/5/4; Hamilton, £3/11/-; Lane Cove £4/4/-; Loftus Park, £1/10/-; Marrickville, 15/3; Mosman, £1/6/-; Paddington, £5/15/9; Rockdale, £4/11/7; Kingsford, £3/11/2; Enmore, £3/18/6; Ashwood House, £1/10/4.

The Business Girls' Auxiliary is to be commended for its fine effort in raising £25 during the year.

We thank the Anonymous donor of £6, also Mrs. Lawther, £2/5/-, and Mayfield Church, £2/3/3; The North Parramatta Ladies, Marrickville Y.P.S.C.E., Burwood Y.P., Enmore Y.P., and Beverley Hills for gifts and Christmas entertainments which were greatly enjoyed by the guests.

We thank the Dorcas and Mission Bands of Chatswood and Bankstown for generous supplies of groceries, also the donors of a new radio set, a supply of Ashwood House stationery, and two tons of coke.

During the year the guests have sent in to the Lord Mayor's Fund through our Depot, flannel shirts, scarves, and 116 pairs of socks.

In October last the Boys' Home Board paid £125 off the mortgage. The Committee of Management thought it wise to reinvest the money, and after careful inquiry decided to add to the amount and purchase Australian Gas-Light Debentures. 300-5% 1950 and 100-4% 1953 being secured for £413/2/6.

At the close of each monthly meeting held at the Home a devotional service is conducted by our President, Mrs. Rush. These meetings are helpful and much appreciated by the guests. Service is held each Lord's Day in the Chapel.

The members of the Committee have shown a very fine spirit of co-operation and have been faithful in carrying out their duties during the year.

We thank Mr. T. E. Rofe for his valued assistance and advice, Mr. F. W. Thompson for his work as honorary auditor, and Dr. Aitkens for many professional visits paid during the year to our sick ones.

We sincerely thank all who have helped us by their prayers and by their gifts of money and goods to carry on the work of the Home.

Mrs. C. S. Rush, President. Miss F. M. Ashwood, Hon. Secretary.

SISTERS CONFERENCE CASH STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 8th FEBRUARY, 1941.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
Balance brought forward:— Loan to H.M. Committee General Account Sale of Conference Programmes Conference Collection, Wed. Monthly Collections Donation, Mrs. Waddell Bank Interest Catering Committee, Easter """ """ """ """ """ """ """	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Conference Programmes	2 0 0 8 9 6 3 3 0 155 0 4 10 0 5 145 0 0 24 6 2
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ASHWOOD HOUSE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.



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Treasurer: Mrs. A. F. BUTLER.

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CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE

Conscious of the presence of God and grateful for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and His Power, your Executive presents this report.

LOYALTY TO THE THRONE.

Your Executive placed on record its loyalty to His Majesty the King, and its whole hearted allegiance to the British Empire.

THE COMMITTEE.

The following have served upon the Executive Committee since last Conference. Attendances at the general meetings were as follows: W. J. Crossman, President 8; J. L. Stimson, Vice-President 10; W. R. Avenell, Past President 7; S. Laney, Secretary 2; G. Marley, Treasurer 9; S. C. Woolley, Assistant Secretary 10; S. Stevens, Home Mission 10; I. A. Paternoster, Foreign Missions 9; P. H. Morton, Bible School Dept. 10; T. P. Dale, Social Service Dept. 10; W. J. Modral 1.

Almost at the beginning of our operations a change had to be effected. On 27th May, 1940, S. Laney resigned owing to his removal to U.S.A. The President carried out the duties of Secretary for some months, when S. Woolley was appointed Conference Secretary. W. J. Modral early this year became Assistant Secretary.

Secretary.

STATISTICAL.

The churches have added 539 by faith and baptism, 151 by letter, 66 as baptised believers, 55 by restoration, a total of 811. The following losses are recorded: 216 by letter, 40 by death, 285 by revision of roll, a total of 541. The church membership now stands at 6062, an increase for the year of 270.

Bible Schools. Total number of schools, 64. Scholars listed

schools, 4,132, unlisted schools and home classes 391.

Teachers. Listed schools 644, unlisted schools and home

classes, 49.

This constitutes a gain of 33 scholars and 49 teachers for the year ending January 31, 1941.

OBITUARY.

During the year death has removed 40 from our ranks. Their work is finished and they now rest from their labours.

We commend to the God of all comfort those who have been bereaved.

H. G. HARWARD TESTIMONIAL FUND.

At the request of the Home Missionary Committee the Executive appointed a committee to conduct an appeal to the Australian Brotherhood on behalf of Brother H. G. Harward, who had retired from the position of Home Mission Organiser and Secretary. The following were appointed: W. H. Hall (Chairman), G. E. Burns (Secretary-Treasurer), F. S. Steer, E. Davis, J. L. Stimson. A truly representative response was received, each of the Commonwealth States being worthily represented in the contributions made. £465/15/5 was received from all sources, and the money has been invested in a cottage in which Bro. and Sis. Harward are now living. At the time of going to press final payments to the builder have not yet been made, so that the exact balance cannot be stated, nor can we present the auditor's report. This should be possible before Conference, when an exact and audited statement can be made. We take this opportunity of thanking all who have so heartily responded and made the work of the committee a double pleasure, both in receiving the love gifts of the Lord's people, and of serving a worthy brother in this way. The committee expresses its thanks to the Federal Executive and the Home Mission Committees and Conference Secretaries of the various States for their ready and cheerful co-operation.

STATE COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.

During the year the Investigation Committee met on several occasions and gave considerable time to the task allotted to it, investigating the possibilities of establishing an Institution in this vestigating the possibilities of establishing and Christian workers.

State for the training of preachers and Christian workers.

The Principal of the Missionary Bible College at Croydon and the Baptist College, Ashfield, graciously gave interviews and supplied the fullest information as to their systems of operation and the cost of financing their respective Colleges. Examinations were made as to the cost of financing our own two Colleges, namely Glen Iris, Australia and Glen Leith, New Zealand.

Two Sub-committees were formed:—(1) A Faculty and Student Committee, (2) A Property Committee. These Committees have made valuable suggestions and submitted possible plans of operation. The following served on the Committee: T. E. Rofe, B. G. Corlett (Secretary), W. J. Crossman, I. A. Paternoster, Dr. E. A. Bardsley, W. R. Avenell, A. C. Maclean, S. Stevens, D. R. Hall, E. C. Hinrichsen, P. C. Williams.

The Committee unanimously recommends and supports the

notice of motion, notice of which has been given.

HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE.

By direction of last Conference a half-yearly conference of an Inspirational character was held at Hamilton on Saturday, Nov. 16th, 1940. A representative delegation from Sydney made the trip, the afternoon and evening sessions were largely attended. The spirit of fellowship enriched the gatherings and a high spiritual tone was maintained by the speakers, who represented every phase of Brotherhood activity.

QUARTERLY RALLIES FOR MEN.

Preceded by a tea, three meetings for men were held during the year. The discussions: "Revision of Church Rolls," I. A. Paternoster; "The Church," R. L. Arnold; "Prayer Life of the Christian," P. E. Thomas, were of a high order. It is desirable that these meetings should be continued.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE.

The Executive called a Special Conference in the City Temple on February 18, 1941, to discuss certain suggestions as presented by the Financial Management Committee. The following report is presented.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

In accordance with the Resolution passed at the last Conference a special Committee of business men was appointed, consisting of Bren. F. S. Steer, N. D. Morris, E. J. Hilder, J. L. Stimson, and D. R. Hall, who, with the members of the C.F.A. Board, were asked to draw up a plan to provide the whole of our Brotherhood Committees' funds and so do away with the repeated annual appeals. This Committee held several meetings and eventually presented a plan called the Financial Management Plan. The Executive considered this document and after submitting it to the four main committees decided to accept the recommendation of the special committees decided to accept the recommendation of the special com-

mittee that a meeting of Conference delegates be called to consider

the proposal and the following motion was passed:

"That the Financial Management Plan submitted to this Conference of delegates of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales by the special committee appointed by the Conference Executive be adopted and that a recommendation be made to the next Annual Conference that provision be made for an alteration of the Constitution for the creation of a Committee to be known as the Finance Management Committee. This Committee to be responsible to Conference for the collection of all moneys contributed for the use of the Conference Committees and other Brotherhood organisations in accordance with the provisions of the Financial Management Plan after suitable redrafting for inclusion in the Constitution.

In accordance with the acceptance by the Conference of Delegates of the Financial Management Plan, the Conference Executive recommends that the Special Committee appointed to enquire into methods of Brotherhood Finance be authorised to continue its labours and to place its suggestions before the members of the churches during the ensuing 12 months with a view to the plan being put into full operation at the conclusion of the 1942 Conference.

EVACUEES.

Prior to the intensified bombing campaign over Britain last year, a Committee was convened to organise a scheme for offering accommodation for the duration of the war, or permanent adoption, to the children of members of the Churches of Christ in Great Britain. First the Child Welfare and Health Departments were communicated with, with a view to ascertaining what provision had been made to assist foster-parents with clinics, or advice, should adjustment to new surroundings prove difficult for the children. When the Overseas Evacuee Children's Committee was formed we were in touch with Dr. MacIntyre and his executive with respect to the matter of reception of children in New South Wales. Our membership was canvassed for voluntary foster-parents (able to undertake responsibility for children) and as a result we were able to compile a list of 25 offers (21 for the duration and 4 for permanent adoption) which, together with some indication of the type of homes, was forwarded to Dr. J. W. Black by Air-mail on 16th September lastour letter taking two and a half months to reach its destination.

Replies have just been received from Dr. Black and from the Secretary of the General Sunday School Committee thanking us for our offer—in fact, Bro. Colver states that although generous offers were received from other Overseas Churches none was so concrete and specific as the one from N.S.W.

Unfortunately, intensification of the submarine campaign, and the sinking of the "City of Benares," caused the British Government to shut down on the transport overseas of further batches of children so that our Brethren in England cannot at present take advantage of our offer. Should it become possible, however, to send out more children we will be advised in good time to arrange for their reception. In the meantime, the names and addresses of prospective foster-parents, together with particulars of their preferences, have been carefully listed and will be held in readiness should a need arise.

The Sisters' Conference is to be commended for its work in this direction, and appreciation of the service rendered by Mrs.

Stanhope is recorded.

BROADCASTING.

The Council of Churches Broadcasting Scheme, which came into operation on February 17, 1932, is operating successfully. The broadcasting time and facilities available to the churches are as follows:

Sunday Church Services. These are arranged and dates allocated according to the amount annually paid to maintain the programmes. Our contribution is £50 per annum. Church services are arranged in ten-week periods and ensure proportional distribution of dates. The larger churches at £100 p.a. are allotted two morning and two evening services per ten weeks, and the other bodies, for £50 per annum, are allotted one morning and one evening service

per ten weeks. This proportion is strictly observed.

Morning Devotions. Of these there are six per week, and a roster is maintained. Church Sessions: These are mostly used for missionary purposes, this quarter we will have two 8.45 p.m. sessions, but probably only afternoon sessions during the next quarter after that. Service for the Sick—a roster is also maintained. It is estimated that some 900 hours were utilised by the churches. Towards this our churches have contributed as follows: Devotional Services, 34; Service for the Sick, 7; Sunday Services, 10; Church Sessions, 7; and an 80-minute period for the Annual Conference.

CHAPLAINCY DEPARTMENT.

Many demands have been made on the Chaplains of the United Board during the past year, his duty is to keep the souls of men in health. Senior Chaplain W. J. Crossman has been in constant touch with the Military Authorities and Chaplains when on duty. The representatives of the Baptist, Congregational, Churches of Christ are worthily upholding their calling, and many expressions of appreciation of the service rendered have been received from the authorities.

Men who have served in several camps are W. J. Crossman, R. Acland and F. E. Alcorn, who is now doing fine work at Hay Internment Camp. S. Jenner has been notified of his appointment

as a Chaplain, 4th Class, as from October, 1940.

PRESIDENTIAL.

Your President has given of his best in the interests of all Brotherhood activities, and has visited most country and metropolitan churches. He has been associated in all causes that have stood for righteousness of the State.

APPRECIATION.

We gratefully acknowledge the assistance rendered by the Sisters' Auxiliary Conference, The Ladies' Social Service Auxiliary and the sisters in the individual churches.

To the Officers of City Temple and Enmore Tabernacle for the use of their buildings during Conference and at other times, to the Hon-auditor, Bro. Edgar Leach, to Mrs. Alma Wakely for her cooperation in reporting meetings, etc.

FINANCE.

In presenting this report, we would thank the Churches and individuals for the response to the Annual Appeal, but would again draw attention to the apparent laxity of some Churches in the paymore earnest co-operation in this matter, and would earnestly suggest that more consideration be given to meeting this honourable obligation.

All current expenses have been paid, and the long-outstanding debt to the Austral P. & P. Co. has been further reduced by £30/3/4, and now stands at £137/8/6. If this debt were to become the great concern of the whole Brotherhood, we feel sure it could be quickly finalised.

Old "Messenger" Debt.—There is still outstanding on this account a debt of £12/5/3. The Executive feels that this account should not be paid from the General Fund, and therefore recommends that an appeal be made during Conference to wipe out the debt.

Chaplaincy Fund.—This Fund was instituted following the Loyalty Rally, and for the present the Executive has decided to pay £2/2/- to each Chaplain entering camp.

Broadcasting Fund.—Because of its place on the Duplex Envelopes, a separate Broadcasting Fund has been opened. Due to the lack of information, it was impossible to arrive at the true financial position. The adjustment made with the General Fund therefore represents the excess of receipts over payments for a period. Subscriptions have been paid in advance to 28/2/1941, and we face the New Year with a credit of £2/18/4. This does not include the Loan of £50 from the Preachers' Provident Fund. The ultimate repayment of this Loan depends on the future support of the Brotherhood.

INCORPORATION.

The Committee is of the opinion that it will be of benefit to the Churches and the Brotherhood work generally, if the Churches of Christ Property Management Act be amended to provide for:—

1. One group of Trustees appointed by Conference to act as Trustees for all properties of associated churches.

2. That the act be extended to provide for all properties held by Brotherhood activities to come under the Trust.

3. That the Trustees be a Corporate Body.

The committee recommends that it continue to act and report further to next Conference.

W. J. CROSSMAN (Conference President). S. C. WOOLLEY (Conference Secretary).

Addendum: This report would be incomplete without reference to the invaluable service rendered to the Brotherhood by our President, W. J. Crossman, during his term of office. He has brought to his task a wide experience of Conference affairs and procedure, together with unusual administrative ability; these qualifications added to the high ideals of Christian service, which he has ever kept before us, have produced in him an inspiring leader and counsellor. We hereby express our thanks and appreciation.

On behalf of the Executive,

J. L. STIMSON, Vice-President.

S. C. WOOLLEY,
Conference Secretary.

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ADVISORY BOARD.

Meetings were held regularly during the year, quite a fair amount of work was done, most of which was of a confidential nature.

The Board feels that what it has accomplished has been of value to the Brotherhood, and would esteem it a great favour if both Churches and Preachers would only trust it more and use it for the elucidation of their problems.

CLEMENT A. VERCO. Secretary, Advisory Board.

CHRISTIAN MESSENGER REPORT

On behalf of the Messenger Management Committee, we have much pleasure in presenting this report of the publication of the "Christian Messenger" for the year ending January 31st, 1941.

Committee. The four main Committees continued to control the operation of the paper, and the personnel of the Management

Committee was as follows:-

Chairman, Mr. P. J. Pond; Editor, Mr. A. C. MacLean; Business Manager, Mr. G. Morton; Foreign Mission Representative, Mr. I. A. Paternoster; Home Mission, Mr. G. E. Burns; Young People's Department, Mr. P. H. Morton; Social Service, Mr. R. Greenhalgh. This personnel was altered during the year by the appointment of T. P. Dale as Secretary-Treasurer, and G. Morton became Sub-Editor in lieu of his previous position as Business Manager .

Financial. From the 1st February, 1940, till early in July, 1940, the accounts were controlled by the Book Room, there being no separate books kept by the Messenger Committee. At a meeting on June 28th, 1940, it was decided to open a separate Bank account in the name of the Committee, and that a separate set of books be kept. This change was made on July 17th, 1940, when the sum of £89/13/9, representing the amount of revenue collected by the Book Room from February 1st, was paid over and deposited into the Messenger account, and the sum of £82/8/6, representing the amount expended to this same date on Messenger accounts was paid out to the Book Room, which left a credit balance of £7/5/3 in the new Messenger account. Since this date the Messenger business has been entirely separated from the Book Room. On July 17th, 1940, an amount of £26/13/6 was owing by the Messenger to the Book Room. This debt has been paid.

Publishing. Quite a lot of time and thought has been given to the publishing side of the work. Several improvements in the make up were contemplated, but the conditions brought about by the war and other circumstances have caused the abandonment of some of our ideas. However, a new title heading, a more strict regulation regarding the receipt of matter for publication and a more rigid supervision over discrepancies and errors have greatly increased the general appearance of the paper. Our policy during the coming year will be to continue this improvement till our State publication is worthy of our great Brotherhood.

Subscribers. Since July, 1940, a subscriber's register containing the names and addresses of all individual subscribers and Churches, showing the number of papers taken each month, has been kept and is a complete record of each monthly circulation. mentary system is still operating, and any isolated members who are not in a position to pay the subscription have the paper sent

to them free. In this connection also the Committee decided that the Churches would be supplied with the paper at 1/- per year for any of their isolated members to whom they would desire the paper to be sent. One Church has accepted this and sends the paper free to 13 of their members in distant places.

Circulation. The number of papers printed each month varies according to the nature of the issue. 1,000 to 1,450 is the range since the records have been kept each month. 10 copies are sent to our Missionaries in India and the Islands, 12 copies to overseas Church leaders, and 21 copies to interstate and local religious organisations and libraries. These, of course, are all sent free. The complete list of subscribers for the January issue is as follows:—

	155
Individual Subscribers	
Individual Complimentary	6
Individual Complimentary	650
Church Distribution	40
Complimentary to Missionaries	TO
Complimentary to Overseas	12
Complimentary to Overseas	12
Complimentary to Interstate	0
Complimentary to Local	0
25 Copies for each Committee	100
25 Copies for each Committee and	46
Surplus	
Total	1000
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Advertising. The income from advertisements is now £2/16/per month, and this is considered sufficient without encroaching too
much on the space for general use. The extra revenue derived from
this source was a great assistance in reducing the debts of the
Committee and putting the work on a sound financial basis.

General. We are pleased to present such a satisfactory position, and want to assure the delegates to Conference and the whole Brotherhood that with all the old outstanding debts paid and a credit balance in the bank, we commence the new year with little fear for the successful carrying on of the paper, and with the hope that we may still be able to increase its usefulness as a worthy Brotherhood publication. The paper is still controlled by the four main Committees of Conference, and regular meetings of the Management Committee are held every month and every aspect of the work considered on a business like basis.

We recommend to Conference that the publication of the paper be continued, and that the four main Conference Committees still control its operations.

On behalf of the Committees.

P. J. POND, Chairman.

T. P. DALE, Secretary-Treasurer.

Addendum. Appreciation of the Committee is expressed to the Secretary-Treasurer, Bro. T. P. Dale, for the efficient service he has rendered in putting the Messenger on a business basis. Much time and attention was needed to do this, and the Committee expresses its thanks for the service rendered.

PHILIP J. POND, Chairman.

"MESSENGER" MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

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RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.
SUBSCRIPTIONS—	£ s. d.	Printing—H. C. Gowans, including £24/5/- £ s. d.
Individuals	36 14 0	owing from last year 160 12 0
Churches	93 13 7	Bulk Postage of papers 3 11 10
Donations	3 8 6	Cost of Overset matter 2 15 6
SUBSIDIES FROM COMMITTES—		Cost of Block for H.M. Com 0 13 6
Home Mission Committee	12 0 0	Special Setting for Clark's Advt 0 16 0
Social Service Committee	12 0 0	Office Postage 5 16 4
Young People's Dept.	12 0 0	Office Stationery 5 12 8 Petty Expenses 2 19 0
Foreign Missions Committee	12 0 0	
Conference Exec. (2 years)	10 0 0	
Extra Sales Special Number to Commit	ttees 2 10 0	Repayment Book Room Loan 26 13 6
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This Statement is in accord with the Books and Vouchers presented to me, and is a true record of the financial transactions of the Messenger Management Committee as disclosed therein at January 31st, 1941.

(Signed) W. K. HUNTER, Hon. Auditor.

SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT

In presenting to Conference again a resume of the work undertaken by the Social Service Committee on behalf of the Brotherhood in New South Wales, we express our appreciation for all that has been given to us that we might in turn, distribute to others. Being conscious of the fact that God commanded and Jesus Christ emphasised the importance of this service of love, we feel that we have been engaged in the greatest task that has been given to the individual Christian—Love thy neighbour as thyself.

PERSONNEL OF COMMITTEE AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.

R. Greenhalgh, Chairman (8); T. P. Dale, Secretary (9); H. T. Edwards, Treasurer (9); W. J. E. Lewis (9); W. J. Modral (10); R. L. Arnold (6); A. A. Smith (9); Geo. Morton (9); C. Byrnes (6); J. Marshall (6).

THE ORGANISATION BEHIND THE WORK.

Only participation can give adequate conception of the vastness of the work. Much is done that cannot be tabulated in figures or finance. Application for assistance often demands hours of attention culminating in Hospitals, Courts, Homes; untabulated, unknown and unnoticed, yet full of glorious achievement and a wealth of satisfaction as problems are solved and burdens lifted.

Changing office location to City Temple, Mrs. Wakely was engaged as full time superintendent in conjunction with C.F.A.

instead of part time as previously.

Bro. T. P. Dale was elected as Secretary at the beginning of the Conference year, and later, in conjunction with C.F.A., was engaged as part time Organising Secretary.

We would here express our appreciation of the generous honorary service rendered by the firm of D. R. Hall & Co. Their advice has enabled us to solve many problems for our members.

We record, too, our appreciation of the courtesy extended us by all Government departments, especially the Pensions Department.

CARING BY SHARING.

The benevolent aspect of our work is a never ending service. Much of it is possible only because the Superintendent and Secretary are available at the office. We chafe now at some delays necessary because we haven't a full time organiser, but the delays would be worse were we dependent upon purely voluntary workers. Seventy-five cases have been assisted financially, involving the sum of £56/18/11, but this number would be greatly increased were we able to record all the cases that go through our hands where money is not required to give the necessary assistance. We would like to say that great encouragement comes to us by the receipt of anonymous gifts of goods and cash. Beverley Hills C.E. and North Bexley Church each sent a valuable assortment of groceries, and nine families were assisted in a particular way by these gifts.

Christmas Cheer. In order that we might bring into the homes of any of our members needing a little extra comfort at the Christmas season, a distribution was made through the various Preachers to different families, and an amount of £22/10/- was given out in this way to 48 cases.

We also received a special grant from the State Government of £20/-/-, and this was also distributed to several very needy cases where sickness was the cause of the distress. It will be apparent to all, then, that this year has been full of trouble, but by the grace of God and the noble hearts of our workers, the arm of love has been stretched out and many lives made brighter in the name of Christ. Christ taught many lessons of caring and sharing, and we are trying to follow His example.

Typical cases assisted are:-

- (1) An aged brother living in a shed in the back yard of a house in Surry Hills was turned out of his room through the property being sold to be demolished. This old brother had no friends or relatives to whom he could go, and came to our office in great distress. What to do with this man was a real problem, and after hours of investigation, we were successful in placing him in a home at Balmain. He has been living there for a few months now, and is quite comfortable and well looked after.
- (2) A sister living on a pension had been under medical attention for some time and became very distressed because she was not able to meet her obligations. She was assisted financially, and also, through a special appeal for clothing, the necessary requirements for admission to hospital were handed to her and arrangements made for her removal to the institution. Mrs. Wakely paid frequent visits to the hospital and attended to several matters in connection with her home. This sister was very greatly moved with the interest taken in her case. She did not recover after her illness, and passed away after an operation had been performed.
- (3) A daughter of a very old member of the Church in Melbourne with four children, and whose husband has not been in regular employment for many years, came to us in distress. On investigation we found the family of six living in one room. This was one of the cases to whom we gave financial assistance, but the time spent on this particular family in visitation and investigation by Mrs. Wakely and the Secretary, besides the supply of clothing, boots and food, was a greater advantage than the money actually expended on the case. Eventually the husband obtained employment, which eased the position.

Many other cases could be quoted, but these will be sufficient to give an idea of the variety of cases that come before us. The following table of goods which come in and go out of our depot will also show the number of cases that go through our hands.

Received 897 garments, 68 pairs footwear, 65 hats, 22 pairs hose, 2 parcels infants' garments, 1 pair blankets, 1 mattress, 13 suits, 26 quilts, periodicals, toys and a quantity of groceries which was made up into nine parcels and distributed. Distribution: 902 garments, 28 hats, 49 pairs footwear, 13 suits, 1 mattress, 1 pair blankets, 16 pairs hose, 3 bottles medicine, quantity of eggs and fruit, 5 parcels infants' garments, 26 quilts, parcel of hospital requirements, bundle linen, periodicals and flowers.

The Winter appeal met with a splendid response, and we say "Thank you" again to the Y.P. Auxiliaries who assisted.

PROBLEMS OF A NATION.

The Committee has been alive to all opportunities for constructive propaganda, and suggested that in B.M.A. Radio Health talks the effect of liquor and smoking on the body be dealt with.

We are constantly bringing pressure to bear on the Broadcasting Commission to eliminate the gratuitous advertisements for liquor from different sessions. Personal approach to a large Chain Store Management, supported by the Council of Churches, resulted in the cancellation of a Cocktail Party to be held on a Sunday.

Endeavour has been made to get all pensioners' Broadcast Licences reduced to 5/- per year. Although this has been refused, we are still active in the matter, contacting all Associations concerned for united action.

Social Reconstruction Movement. The following was suggested by Bro. A. A. Smith as a basis on which to work for Social Reconstruction. Your Committee has given careful consideration to the many social problems brought about by the international situation. The social and political outlook throughout the world has changed to such a degree that it is impossible to forecast what the next great change may be. There is one thing certain, insofar as the British Nation and her allies pursue a righteous course, that victory for the democracies will be achieved. As a committee, in common with all others interested in the social welfare of our people, we are convinced that as a direct result of the war a comprehensive social reconstruction survey is not only inevitable but inescapable. The following points have been considered and approved by your committee:—

- (1) That we endeavour by all possible means to initiate a united national social reconstruction movement.
- (2) That the movement, though introduced by this committee, be developed into a national, non-political, non-sectarian effort to prepare a social order incorporating all the essential factors of our social system.
- (3) That Committees be formed to include the most competent people on the following subjects: Drink, morality, employment, industrial conditions, housing, education, child welfare, motherhood, aged, infirm and incapacitated people, repatriation of returned men and the re-establishment of munition and other war workers.

Each of these committees to present a comprehensive report together with any recommendations.

Your Committee is very conscious that to do justice to such a wide field as outlined will present a colossal task. Notwithstanding the difficulties that will be experienced in launching such a movement, we are convinced that if the nation is to be rehabilitated at the close of the war, careful, consecrated and consistent planning must begin now. Moreover, it is felt that the lead should be given in all of the questions involved by the Church.

We subsequently received a somewhat similar outline through the Melbourne Social Service Committee from Mildura. It is requested and expected that Conference will give this vital matter very much serious consideration.

Unemployment. We have endeavoured to tackle this tremendous problem, but regret to admit that our success has been very limited. The response from the Churches for information required to put our unemployed members in work was unsatisfactory. Bro. Modral, who is in charge of this branch, spent quite a lot of time to try and put this on a sound businesslike basis, but without any marked success. We were able to place a few in positions but mainly through employment bureaus. This is a very important part of our work, and one which is the solution of many of the poverty problems facing us, but unfortunately we cannot get any support to be of any assistance to our members.

Military Matters: Wet Canteens. Despite vigorous protest, these were finally permitted in camps, to the general detriment of health and war effort and efficiency. Truly, liquor is Australia's worst Fifth Column. It was disappointing that our Petition against Wet Canteens received only 1039 signatures.

As a counter to Wet Canteens we heartily supported the installation of Milk Bars, and the Churches contributed £26/2/- for this

purpose.

We have endeavoured to help Chaplains and soldiers by having notices in Camps asking members of the Churches of Christ to communicate with us. So far we have had only one reply.

In conjunction with and through the Chaplains we distributed a large number of leaflets entitled "What Every Soldier Should Know,"

dealing with general welfare.

The Committeemen have been active in visiting soldiers from country centres in hospital in the metropolis, and the Committee is always ready to supply necessities.

Finance. The outstanding feature of our finance report is the improved Annual Offering that came to us in May, 1940—£98/4/9 was contributed, against £58/5/1 last year. A big improvement also was shown in the offering through Duplex envelopes—£110/-/6 this year, £67/19/8 last year. This has enabled us to carry on the work, but the amount of money expended cannot in any way demonstrate the amount of work that has been done. There is no limit to the amount of money we could spend in relieving the suffering of our people, but there is a definite limit to the amount of work we can do with the amount of money made available to us. greatest need that we have, so far as money is concerned, is sufficient to be able to employ a full-time organiser, as his work, mainly calculated in time spent, is the most aggressive part of social service work.

Christian Messenger. We have endeavoured to use our page of the "Messenger" to the best advantage, and have fully assisted in the maintenance of the paper. We rejoice in the splendid report that is to be presented to Conference.

The Social Service office is also the "Christian Messenger"

Office. We recommend a continuance of the paper.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the C.F.A. was held on February 11th, and reports submitted to all members. Reports are available for those who desire them. New membership for the year was 104, which is a very small increase for the worth of the work. Amount received, £354/5/11. Assistance given: £280 was loaned, and £80 granted as relief. The number of loans repaid in full during the year were 10.

Applications have been received for considerable amounts for worthy brethren, and irritating and detrimental delay has been

experienced because the Committee's hands have been tied by limited funds, and yet a desire to assist, so alternate half-satisfactory plans have had to be devised. All this will cease, and an entirely satisfactory position operate when all members of the Church are members of the C.F.A.

Again we emphasise that we cannot entertain any application unless we are permitted and assisted to investigate fully.

Agents. We record appreciation of the loyal work of our agents. The interest and social service spirit of the agent is reflected in the local membership of the C.F.A.

The success of the work and our ability to meet the many demands of needy brethren depends on the agents, so the Brother-hood owes them a debt of gratitude.

C.F.A. Board. The Social Service Committee elected at Conference becomes the C.F.A. Committee, and from that a special C.F.A. Board is appointed which meets several times a month, and which is responsible and reports monthly to the Committee.

Organisation. It is becoming more and more apparent that the appointment of a full time organiser is necessary if we are to deal effectively with the collection and distribution of the Funds of the Association. Further, the amount of time necessary in investigation of some of the applications is beyond our scope under present conditions.

Initiated and sponsored by the secretary, the fact of using C.F.A. method for getting contributions to all Brotherhood Funds was discussed several times by the Committee appointed and resulted in the special Conference being called.

C.F.A. is now operating in Queensland, N.S.W., Victoria and Western Australia.

Ladies' Auxiliary. We desire to record our appreciation again of the valuable work of our Ladies Auxiliary, led by Mrs. Wakely. This Committee meet regularly every month, and their time is spent talking round the many methods by which they can assist in the general work of Social Service. Assistance at the Depot, visitation of Sisters, Church and Dorcas Societies, combined Prayer meetings, catering and many other services rendered, keeps our ladies busy. We are still aiming at having a sister representative of each church on this committee, and we again invite any who can give the time to the work to join this band of faithful workers. Thanks, ladies, we appreciate your valuable help.

General. At all the combined Brotherhood gatherings our Committee members have been well represented. We want to place on record our appreciation of the Conference President, who paid regular visits to our monthly meetings, and who took a keen interest in all matters we had under consideration. We desire to mention the valuable work done by our secretary as representative on the Executive. The concise reports which he brought to us from Executive Meetings kept us in touch with all the Brotherhood business.

Thanks. We desire to express our thanks to all who have so faithfully assisted us. Special thanks are expressed to the City Temple and Enmore Board of Deacons for the use of their buildings for various meetings, our Ladies' Auxiliary, and to all who have stood behind us in prayer and financial support, we say, Thank you!

R. GREENHALGH, Chairman. T. P. DALE, Secretary.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES. Social Service Committee. Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year 1st February, 1940, to 31st January, 1941.

Feb. 1, 1940. To Bank Balance		s. 9		By Office Rent	26 36	5	6
"Duplex Envelope Offerings "Special Donations, including Winter an Christmas Appeals "Conference Tea	110 nd 36 3		6 1 9	" Organiser's Salary	10 7	18 6 0 0	0 0 0
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Total Revenue for Year	£310	14	0	Bank, 31/1/41	42 £310	100	

This Statement is in accord with the Books, Vouchers, Minutes, etc., presented to me, and is a true record of the financial transactions of the Churches of Christ Social Service Committee as disclosed therein.

(Signed) C. H. CASPERSONN, A.I.C.A.,

Hon. Auditor.

I CERTIFY this Statement to be correct in every detail, and that the Committee has closed the year with no liabilities whatsoever, and has acquired office equipment to the value of £20/10/-.

H. T. EDWARDS, Hon. Treasurer,

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

By the grace of God we report another year of progress in the varied activities entrusted by Conference to the Y.P.D. Committee.

1.—Bible Schools.

- (a) Statistics. Returns for the year ending January 31, 1941, show an enrolment of 64 Bible Schools, with 4,523 scholars and 693 teachers. This constitutes a gain for the year of 33 scholars and 49 teachers. Included in these figures are 400 scholars and 51 teachers enrolled in our isolated Bible Schools and Home Correspondence Classes. With the N.S.W. scholars in border centres, which are included in Victorian and South Australian returns, the actual number of our scholars in N.S.W. is approximately 5,000.
- (b) Examinations. 930 candidates sat for our Scripture Examination last July. Of these 398 gained honours certificates, and 391 others passed. Evidence of efficiency is shown in the fact that of the ten Federal prizes possible, five were won by N.S.W. candidates.
- (c) Banners for schools gaining the highest percentage of marks in the Scripture Examinations were won by Paddington (larger schools), Chinese (smaller schools), and Gilgandra (country schools).
- 2.—Christian Endeavour. During the past year C.E. interest has been maintained. The enrolment approximately is: Junior 450, Intermediate 175, and Y.P. 350; total 1075. The C.E. Association, organised as a Y.P.D. branch some years ago, rendered good service with splendid inspirational rallies, and helpful visitations. Office bearers this year were: President, S. Stevens; Vice-President, A. C. Maclean; Secretary, G. Maxwell; Treasurer, C. Wright. Belmore Junior C.E. is still Premier Society in N.S.W., with 107 enrolled.
- 3.—Christian Fraternal. This branch of the Y.P.D. renders special service as a recruiting agency. Its distinctive purpose is to band together church workers pledged to reach out to those not contacted by other church agencies. Helpful inspirational rallies have been held during the past year. Three new Chapters were instituted during the year. Annual Field day at King's School Oval, Parramatta, was one of the most successful. Championship awards this year—P.B.P. Shield, Belmore; K.S.P. Junior, Kingsford; K.S.P. Senior, Kingsford. State Chapter Officers 1940-41:—Chaplain Inter Orders, Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A.; K.S.P. Chaplain, Bro. A. C. Maclean; P.B.P. Chaplain, Mrs. McWilliams; State Scribe, Bro. Eustace E. Dietsch; State Purser, Bro. C. Maxwell.
- 4.—Training Classes. These again have rendered efficient service. Central classes were held at City Temple, Sydney. Instructors were: Bren. P. J. Pond, B.A., and A. C. Maclean. The Curriculum included Teacher Training, Public Speaking, Homileties, Exegesis, Bible History, and Psychology. Diplomas for completion of three years course were awarded to five candidates, and first year certificates to three others. For a period of the past year the class was conducted in co-operation with the Conference Executive, when Bren. S. Stevens and Dr. E. A. Bardsley acted as instructors. Since then the Y.P.D. representatives have continued in charge. The year closed with an enrolment of 15, and for the current year applications number 20. Bro. P. D. MacCallum, B.A., Dip. Ed., is now associated with Bro. Maclean in the instructorship.

It is pleasing to notice that other Training Classes have been in operation at: Granville, Bren. P. J. Pond, B.A., and S. B. Hibbard; Marrickville, Bro. P. E. Thomas, B.A.; Gilgandra, Bro. I. J. Chivell; Bexley North, Bro. T. V. Weir; Canley Vale, Bro. S. H. Wilson. A pleasing feature of the good work done is that four of the young men who studied in Training Classes left for the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, to fit themselves for full-time ministry of the Word: Students Lloyd Jones (Auburn North), A. E. Cremin (Enmore), R. N. Hindman (Bexley North), and Victor Quayle (Gilgandra). The Committee recommends that this work be developed, and expresses its willingness to assist in the planning of classes, or in the form of correspondence or with oral instruction.

- 5.—Young Worshippers' League. This good work, also, is commended to the Brotherhood. Its purpose is to train the young to attend church services, and cultivate reverential worship, while the mind is capable of being moulded. It is estimated that there are 450 attached to our congregations. The equipment, including attendance Albums, and Stamps, Certificates, etc., may be obtained at our Book Depot, 69 Campbell Street, Sydney.
- 6.—Religious Instruction per C.R.E. This aspect of the work is done in co-operation with the Council of Religious Education, with which our Y.P.D. is affiliated. In the Youth Workers' Sessions, at which valuable instruction is given to Leaders of Youth, our workers take a definite part, both in collaboration, and in speaking. A number of our Bible Schools rendered programmes at Aunt Margaret's Session, Sunday afternoons. Bren. S. O. Gole, P. J. Pond, R. P. Arnott and S. Stevens served on the C.R.E. Committee.
- 7.—Retirement of Organising Secretary. During the year Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., resigned from the position of secretary to take up the work at Granville. It is 14 years since the retirement of Bro. A. L. Haddon, M.A., and Bro. P. J. Pond has served faithfully through all these intervening years. We wish to place on record our appreciation of the many years of fruitful service he has rendered to the Brotherhood. His work has been a monument of unfailing patience, unflagging energy, and deep devotion to our Lord and Saviour. A public meeting of recognition was held in the City Temple, and presentations were made on behalf of the young people.
- 8.—Appointment of Full-time Director. For some years past the Y.P.D. Secretary has been engaged in part-time capacity only, and has served in the ministry of the Word with churches. The Committee has recognised that to continue progressive work it is necessary to have a full-time Youth Specialist. After careful consideration, the Committee extended an invitation to Bro. Frank C. Hunting, preacher of the church at Prahran, Victoria, to labour in N.S.W., as Director of youth work. Bro. Hunting comes to us with highest credentials. The need of capable and consecrated leadership is of paramount importance, and we believe that Bro. Hunting will so commend himself to the Brotherhood that he will receive the whole-hearted support and co-operation necessary in the great work of youth evangelisation.
- 9.—Out-back Correspondence Classes. The Committee has continued its service for classes in out-back centres, supplying Austral Graded lessons for teachers and scholars. Several new classes were enrolled during the year.

Owing in part to the removal of some families to centres where Sunday Schools exist, and in part to the superior equipment of the Postal Sunday School Movement, the number of scholars in this division has decreased from 343 to 155.

- 10.—Schools in New Centres. Besides schools given in Statistical Register, we have quite a number of Bible Schools in various parts of the State. Examples of these are those at Austral, Raby (via Liverpool), Mortdale, Green Pigeon (via Kyogle), Grooniwigal (via Inverell), and other centres.
- 11.—**Finance.** The receipts from all sources for the twelve months ended January 31, 1941, amounted to £345/17/4, and the expenditure (including a refund of loans, £62/10/-) to £332/11/7, thus showing a credit balance of £13/5/9. The annual offering from Churches, Bible Schools, Dorcas Societies, and Young People's Organisations (1940), amounted to £184/11/2, an increase of £61/18/- on that of the previous year. Offerings under the Duplex System from 25 churches amounted to £107/16/11, an increase of £12/0/6 on last year. With the appointment of a full-time Director, about £600 will be needed to carry on the work during the coming year.
- 12.—Cot Fund. An amount of £24/18/9 was received from 18 schools, C.E. Societies, and Fraternal Clubs towards the £40 required for the support of the Cot in the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Camperdown, showing a decrease of £16 in cash, and eight schools on the previous year. This result is very disappointing, and we strongly urge the young people's Organisations to give more liberally towards the support of this institution, which is doing so much for the suffering children of N.S.W.
- 13.—The Committee. The Committee has held regular monthly meetings throughout the year, and many sub-committee meetings have been called. Those serving for the past year are: Cowan, A. J. Gole, S. O. (Treas.), Gowans, H. C. (Minute Secretary), Maclean, A. C., Morris, S., Morton, P. H. (Chairman), Perkins, R. W. (Vice-Chairman), Pond, P. J. (Retiring Secretary), Rae, K. A., Stevens, S. Representatives from the Y.P.D. Auxiliaries also served. After the retirement of Bro. P. J. Pond as Secretary in July last, Bro. A. C. Maclean served in that capacity, and the committee expresses appreciation of his services.
- 14.—Thanks. The Committee appreciates the interest taken in the meetings, and the work of the Y.P. Department by the Conference President, Bro. W. J. Crossman. Thanks also are accorded to office-bearers of City Temple, for use of the building for Conference meetings, Youth Rallies, and special functions. To the Hon Auditor, Mr. Lin. Wilson; to the Examiners; to the Teachers and Youth Leaders, and to all who have assisted in the success of Y.P.D. service.

P. H. MORTON, Chairman. W. R. PERKINS, Vice-Chairman. PHILIP J. POND, Past Secretary. S. O. GOLE, Treasurer.

Young People's Department. 3/40 to 31/1/41. Bible Schools and CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

Cash Statement for period from 1/2/40 to

By Debit Balance brought forward Salary of Organiser and Secretary Travelling Expenses, Organiser Petty Cash, Postage, etc. "The Christian Messenger" (prop. of cost) Printing, Stationery, etc. Supplies Duplex Envelopes (prop. of cost) Refund of Loans Miscellaneous Expendit forward 4 8 0 71 5 0 14 8 0 21 15 0 32 16 5 33 16 5 42 8 10 C 0 0 Refund of Loans Miscellaneous	Credit Balance 13 5 9 13 5 9 13 5 9	Audited and found correct. L. K. WILSON, A.I.C.A., etc. S. GOLE, Hon. Treasurer. FEXPENDITURE \$\frac{\pmathcal{F}}{\pmathcal{F}} \text{Support of Superintendent of Mission} \text{Mission} \text{Mission} \text{A3 13 0} \text{Credit Balance} \text{A3 13 19 9}	£44 14 9
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FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

For the privilege of serving another year and for all the blessings received both at home and abroad, we thank God.

INDIA.

Baramati. The Church here numbers 227 members, many of whom are in isolation. There were 12 additions by faith and baptism. The average attendance in the School is 270. In the examination 208 children sat and 168 passed. Low caste people have been

attending the night classes.

There are 62 boys in the Blake Memorial Home. One lad passed the Government examination and entered High School. People of the villages cannot understand why the boys should be so well looked after by supporters in Australia. One remarked: "No one in this country would give money in that way, without any hope of return, to people whom they have never seen."

During Easter a special week of Evangelism was held, and

from Baramati six other centres are regularly worked.

During the year Brother and Sister Bolduan spent a month camping in each of the following centres: Wadgaon, Shirsuphal and Parowdi. In addition, they visited for short periods in several other areas. This work is later followed up by the preachers and biblewomen.

Work among the women and children is carried on in twelve large villages and eight smaller ones. Trained bible-women are urgently needed, and Brother Bolduan has been able to teach some who are now in full time work.

Child welfare work is reported as "the best year yet." Miss Caldicott is in charge, and reports cases helped with meals, milk, or cereal, totalled 1551. There were 985 new cases and 2388 retreatments.

The Bhampta Settlement has been officially closed. There are still 600 people in the Free Colony, and there is much work still to be done among these.

This work is a tribute to the labours of Brother H. R. Coventry, who has recently returned with his wife and part of his family. Out of about seventy converts, over fifty still remain with the Baramati Church.

Dhond. There is here a Church of 46 members and a School

of 120, while in the village there is another School of 51.

Always before work begins for the day in the Hospital, a devotional service is held, and Mr. Wagmare, the Indian preacher, is in constant attendance.

Great encouragement has come from the village of Girim, six

miles from Dhond.

The new Chapel, the gift of Brother Campbell Edwards, will soon be started, as £100 has been sent by our brother to make a

start possible.

3095 outpatients were treated during the year, and 8972 were re-treated. There were 267 inpatients. Of these, 13 were Brahmins, 80 Marathas, 17 Mohammedans, 92 other castes, and 62 were Christians. Approximately £550 Australian currency was received in fees in India, and £300 was given by contributions from Australia. This does not include gifts for special purposes. Patients come from 20 to 30 miles.

Dr. Oldfield is again in charge of the Hospital, Dr. Michael Dr. Oldfield is again in Sisters Nurse H. Wiltshire and Nurse having gone to Shrigonda. Sisters Nurse H. Wiltshire and Nurse Foreman are at the Hospital.

Shrigonda. Here there are about 100 members, including some Shrigonda. Here there were there were 10 baptisms, some in the out-stations. During the year there were 10 baptisms. Six in the out-stations. Building Hinduism, and four were girls from of these were converts from Hinduism, and four were girls from the Home.

Dhoraja, Bhangaon and Paragaon are the out-stations where Dhoraja, Bhangaon and where three full-time preachers visit, together with many voluntary workers.

kers.
There are 70 children attending Bible School, and 60 attend

Day School.

In the Lyall Memorial Home are 52 girls and 11 small boys. Miss Vawser carried this heavy load while Miss Cameron was on furlough. Dr. and Mrs. Michael are now located here.

Diksal. Twenty members comprise the Church, and one was

added by faith and baptism.

Mr. and Mrs. Escott are here, and a feature of the work is that done in the dispensary. 2215 new treatments were given, and 919 re-treatments. Nearly £50 was received in fees, making this aspect of the work nearly self-supporting.

General. During the year there were 20 baptisms, with an average of 376 breaking bread. One of our own boys, Samuel Jadhar, finished his course at Poona Bible Training College and is in the work at Baramati. Another is in Wilson College, Bombay, and hopes to enter the medical school to study as a doctor.

£160 was sent to India in place of Christmas boxes.

CHINA.

The fortitude and courage of Chinese Christians during their hour of trial is known throughout the world. Christian leaders have done much during recent years. Missionaries and Chinese helpers have remained at their posts and many have made the supreme sacrifice.

The usual subsidy of £250 including exchange has been sent to China, and this will be continued. £25 was sent for Christmas cheer to help our workers and Christian families. Fuh Teh An, the first convert among the tribes, and now an evangelist, has a daughter teaching in the school at the tribes centre, and a son in training in Yunnanfu. Miss Li, one of our Chinese girls, is also in Yunnanfu for Bible Study. As this is in the danger zone, we seek your prayer on their behalf.

NEW HEBRIDES.

It was with regret the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Dudley was accepted during the year. Owing to ill-health these workers could not return. This report would be incomplete without an expression of our very deep appreciation of the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Dudley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammer went to the Islands to relieve Mr. and Mrs. Dudley, and when it was known these latter workers could not return, Mr. and Mrs. Hammer were appointed in their place. It has been a source of satisfaction that these workers were on the spot during the critical days of France's collapse.

Miss Mary Clipstone, of Kaniva, Victoria, has accepted appointment under the Board, and by the time this report is before Conference, our Sister should have reached Aoba. Miss Clipstone has had five years' junior teaching experience in Victoria. She has her general nursing certificate as well as the infectious and tuberculosis and obstetric certificates.

Grouping our Island work, we have more than 40 Churches with a membership of 1200. About 26 of these Churches and 1000 mem-

bers are on Aoba.

At the Annual Meeting, delegates were present from all centres. There were 258 people in the building, and 64 (and many others not counted) outside, looking in. Twenty-nine baptisms are reported. Since this report was written, news comes of 23 more baptisms, bringing the total to 52 for the year.

A new launch has become a necessity, and we expect to make announcement at Conference concerning this. It is expected the Endeavourers of Australia will have an active part in supplying

the "Endeavour III."

Financial. This year shows an increase over last year in the

matter of giving.

The Annual Offering now totals £629/4/4, as against £559/14/5 last year. Through the Duplex Envelopes £254/1/- was received, as against £213/18/6 last year. In addition, the sum of £62/11/- was raised toward the return of Mr. and Mrs. Coventry to India. The total receipts are £1801/5/4. Last year the total was £1461/10/11

Children's Day. The Schools have not responded very heartily to this work. The total received is £13/7/3. Last year four schools gave £9/10/-.

Dhond Hospital. A decided advance is shown in the support given by the Y.P. Organisations to this important work. These departments this year contributed £110/17/4, as against £62/15/2 last year. Much of the success of this work is due to Miss Bell, who is assisting to contact the Young People's Organisations.

Federal finance shows receipts of £8,674/7/4 for the year, N.S.W. being credited with £1,331/12/11, an increase over last

year of £246/10/11.

Sisters. Appreciation is expressed for the splendid work of the women of the Churches. The Sisters now support, as their living link, Mrs. H. R. Coventry.

Obituary. During the year Bro. G. T. Walden was called Home. His work for Christ and His Church had been most fruitful, and no department was closer to his heart than that of Overseas Missions.

Committee.—The following members elected last Conference served on the Committee. Figures represent the number of meetings attended. Eleven meetings were held:-Chairman, Dr. C. A. Verco (10), Treasurer, R. H. Wakeley (11), Secretary, Ira A. Paternoster (11), F. S. Steer (9), R. L. Arnold (7), P. E. Thomas (8), Quon Mane (5), Mrs. McCallum (8), Miss Rofe (10), Miss Winks (10).

Thanks. Your Committee expresses grateful thanks to all who have assisted the work during the year. The future politically is very dark, but spiritually, is bright with the promises of God.

As those who walk by faith and not by sight we take courage

and labour on till the Master come.

CLEMENT A. VERCO, Chairman. IRA A. PATERNOSTER, Secretary.

N.S.W. CHURCHES OF CHRIST FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE. Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31st January 1941.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.
£	E s d.	£ s.	d.	£ s d. £ s. d.
Annual Offerings 629	4 4			Cash remitted to Federal Board 1320 13 3
Duplex Envelopes 254	1 0			Payments made on account of
	13 8			Board 170 9 6
		1003 19	0	Payments on account of New
Appeal for Bro. Coventry's Return 62	11 0			Hebrides Mission 224 0 0
Conference Offering, 1940 5	3 0			
Interest on Endowments 32	0 0			Chinese Church, Sydney-Rents,
Stanmore Cottage Rents—Nett 55	19 3			Less Repayments 32 8 0
Anonymous, per Miss Cameron 40	0 0			Electric Light 1 10 10
		195 13	3	33 18 10
Support of Orphans 64	12 0			Conference Committee's Levies,
Support of Dhond Hospital 110			7	etc 29 0 0
Support of Native Teachers 110				Secretarial Expenses—Postages,
Children's Day Exercises — 6				Fares, Telephones and
Schools 13	7 3		2	Printing 27 1 4
To send Nurse to Aoba —		THE BY	6	National Missionary Council—
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Other Special Donations 25	9 0		Sec.	Duty Lodged on Launch Mag-
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Refund and Repayments 21	3 6			
New Hebrides Mission Transfers 225				1,806 16
		257 2	6	Balance on hand, 31st January, 1941 16
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NOTE: Sisters Conference has in hand:—

18 3 10 Mission Band Collections;

136 16 6 "Living Link Fund" (formerly "Xmas Cheer Fund")

£155 0 4 to be presented on "F.M." night at Conference.

Audited and found correct.

PHILIP VERCO, Hon. Auditor.
20/2/41.

R. H. WAKELEY, Treasurer, 10/2/41.

HOME MISSION REPORT

The year 1940 has in some ways been a very notable one in the history of our work in New South Wales. The presence with us of Brother E. C. Hinrichsen, as Director of Evangelism, has been a great stimulus and his ministry has been an inspiration to all. Beginning the year with a very successful Mission at Rockdale, God enabled him to continue with unabated success at Georgetown, where a splendid Church has been established and a fine Bible School work is being conducted, with all the regular activities of Church life in full swing. For the greater part of the year Brother L. Wylie served in this centre and did excellent work in consolidating and strengthening the new converts with the able assistance of a consecrated board of officers. Brother R. Amos, who has just completed his College Course, has now taken up the work in this centre, and further good results are looked for as a result of his enthusiastic labours.

Enmore was the third centre to be visited by the Mission Party, and it very soon became evident that the decision was a wise one, for the people came eagerly from the start, and the mission closed with a large number of Converts, most of whom were baptized before the close of the Mission, and added to the Church.

Following the Enmore Mission, the Director went to Gilgandra, but circumstances severely militated against the campaign, and with the consent of the Committee and the agreement of the Church Officers the Mission closed earlier than was anticipated originally.

Because of this, the results were not large; still, there were souls saved, and the work received an uplift which will no doubt bear fruit in future days.

Epping was the centre chosen after the Gilgandra Mission, and the meetings had just begun to gather pace when Brother Hinrichsen was stricken down with an illness which, but for the grace of God, would have been fatal. The wonderful stream of prayer that ascended night and day for our Brother's recovery had its reward in a truly miraculous recovery, and in a phenomenally short time he was enabled to take up the work again without the trace of any effect of his illness showing. To complete the Mission at Epping, Brother G. E. Burns, with the assistance of Brother V. Morris, carried on for the full time, with the result that a relatively successful Mission followed where defeat and failure seemed inevitable.

Following Brother Hinrichsen's recovery, arrangements were made with the Church at Balwyn, Vic., for him to hold a brief Mission in that centre. So successful was the venture that it extended to almost the full period, only closing down three days before Christmas, and resulting in 100 confessions and a Thank-offering that more than met all liabilities. The appreciation of the Balwyn Brethren was expressed to the Committee for releasing Brother Hinrichsen, and they are rejoicing in new life and enthusiasm in their work.

During the year, in spite of the period of illness, Brother Hinrichsen and assisting Ministers had the joy of baptizing over 600 people in this State and elsewhere.

At the time of writing the Mission Party is conducting a Mission with the Church at Kingsford, and good meetings have been

the order in the opening weeks of the campaign, with some very encouraging results. Both Church and Preacher have entered into the Mission with enthusiasm, and it is confidently expected that splendid results will follow. By the time this report is in print. we anticipate that a start will have been made in Wollongong, where an earnest band of Christians have been meeting for some considerable time past, and large hopes are entertained for a strong Church being established in that progressive industrial centre. This will entail the outlay of much money, not only in the conduct of the Mission, but in the erection of a building to house the Church after the Mission has closed. In all probability it will also be necessary for the Home Missionary Committee to give some support toward the maintenance of the Preacher who will be called to carry on. But we are confident that the Brotherhood will see the wisdom of the move and will gladly give it their hearty backing in the most practical manner.

Many and urgent appeals for help from nearly every Church in New South Wales have been received by the Committee, and we desire to assure all who have applied that each application will receive due consideration, and all who can be helped within the limits of the time at our disposal will be helped. Meanwhile, let all the people pray, that continued blessings might be poured upon these special campaigns.

VOLUNTEER MISSIONS.

Plans have been made and arrangements are well in hand for the conducting of a series of Volunteer Missions in a large number of centres with the help of our preaching brethren. The spirit of happy co-operation shown both by Preachers and Churches is a very pleasing feature of the work. For these efforts, too, we seek the help in prayer of all the members of the Churches.

H.M. FIELDS.

The work in the supported Churches has gone along steadily, and in most centres satisfactorily, during the past year. Transfer of preachers has taken place in some localities, with what, we believe, will be good results.

Bexley North has come on our supported list this year, and since the advent of Brother and Sister Weir good progress has been made, and a very happy spirit continues to exist in the Church. It is anticipated that at an early date the support given will be dispensed with, and this fine, vigorous young Church will become self supporting.

Since the above was written, the Secretary has been notified that the Church at Bexley North has decided to become self-supporting.

Albury has considerably improved its position during the year, under the wise and able leadership of Brother Walmsley. Most of the time under review he laboured as a Student, travelling from Glen Iris each week-end. His part-time ministry has been a very happy and fruitful one, and the Committee has had pleasure in appointing him to the full time ministry in this Church, confident that he will be able, with God's help, to bring the Church to a much higher level still. We are grateful for the assistance given by the Victorian brethren, and feel that here is an evidence of the

common brotherhood of all who stand for the New Testament Church.

Grafton too has shown signs of revival, and the Committee comes to conference with better hopes for the future of this very fine cause than in past years. At the close of Brother Weir's ministry in that centre, the Committee sought the co-operation of Brother Greenhalgh, who, as a past preacher with that Church, knew the peculiar difficulties of the work perhaps better than any other man. Brother Peter Retchford was sent to help Brother Greenhalgh, and together a very fine though brief Mission was held, which resulted in several conversions and a number of restorations of former members. Brother Retchford was asked to continue in Grafton until the opening of the College Year, and during the weeks of his ministry a goodly number more were added and quite a number of further restorations were made, so that the Church to-day is in very good heart, and is quite optimistic for the future. At the close of Brother Retchford's ministry Brother Wylie was sent there, and reports so far indicate that further good results may be expected. Here too is a field for earnest and direct prayer.

At Hamilton Brother G. D. Verco has been doing solid and useful work, not only in the main Church, but also in the outlying district, having opened up in Cardiff, where a fine Sunday School has been started in the home of Brother and Sister Smallman. Twice a month Brother Verco conducts a gospel meeting in this locality, and good results are expected.

For a period help was given by the Committee to the work at Naremburn, thus enabling Brother Amos to give two months of his time prior to his going to Georgetown to the work in this field. The assistance of the Chatswood Brethren in this matter has been greatly appreciated.

At Inverell, Brother Jenner continues to hold the fort, and has covered a very wide field in visitation and preaching in outlying centres during the year. The advent of Brother Goode to this district will, we trust, be a help and an inspiration to the work out there.

Epping has had the faithful ministry of Brother and Sister McCallum throughout the year, and following on the Mission the work has been maintained in a satisfactory condition. Local circumstances still make it necessary to give support to this work; but it is a cause worth supporting, and will in the end prove that the money was well invested.

Mention has already been made of Georgetown, but lest it be lost sight of we would like to remind the brotherhood that much prayer is needed for this new field, that wisdom might be given to the Preacher and Officers that the Church might be led by the Holy Spirit into all truth.

Mortdale is another centre in which the Committee has become interested, and for a time gave support to Brother E. Baker by way of meeting travelling expenses in his work there. After the close of his brief ministry, Brother Ron Hindman, who has since entered College, was asked to take the oversight, and we are glad to report that under his leadership new interest began to awaken and now, under the wise leadership of Brother Roffey of Bexley North and a band of willing helpers, the cause at Mortdale is definitely on the upward grade.

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Erskineville has been under the supervision of the Committee for the past year, but lack of leadership after Brother Pond relinquished the oversight has made it difficult to maintain the work. For a period Brother Selby gave willing help, but sickness made it necessary for him to discontinue, and at present the work in this historic centre is causing the Committee some concern.

Committee.—The following served on the Committee during the year:—Bren B. G. Corlett, Chairman (12), G. E. Burns, Secretary (12), A. Allen, Treasurer (9), S. Stevens (11), P. J. Pond (10), H. Palmer (4), E. Davis (9), W. Smith (12), F. S. Steer (11), A. L. Carter (7), A. Smith (5).

FINANCE,

(a) General Fund. Cash Statement is attached.

Receipts	£1236	18	4	
Payments	977	6	9	
Credit Balance 31st January, 1941		JE		£478 17 11

- (b) Tent Mission Fund. Cash Statement is attached.

 Amount in hand at 31st January, 1941, is £353/16/10, made up of Current Account £129/11/- and Savings Bank £224/5/10.

 Approximately £100 is also due by Churches re Cost of Missions.
- (c) Endowment Account Fund. Amounts to £1500 comprising various bequests and invested in Commonwealth Loans, £250. Loans to three Churches, £950. Cash in Savings Bank and Current Account, £300.
- (d) Tent Equipment Fund. Amount held, £54/14/10.
- (e) Sundry funds held in suspense for special purposes: £150.

In conclusion, we would like to say that throughout the year a splendid spirit of comradeship, enthusiasm and co-operation has characterised the work of the Committee, and we lay down the task committed to us by our brethren with a note of praise that we have had the joy of this fellowship in the Gospel. With the splendid help and leadership of Brother Hinrichsen, who with Brother Morris makes an excellent team, we look forward to the coming year as one of great opportunity and tremendous responsibility, in view of the tragic state of the world and our own involvement in the conflict now going on. Let us close our report by an earnest appeal to all who love Christ and the souls of men not to slacken in the work of the Kingdom; but add to our effort greater earnestness and prayer because of the condition of the world to-day, and the dangers that are everywhere around us.

Yours in His kingdom and service,

- B. G. CORLETT, Chairman.
- E. C. HINRICHSEN, Director of Evangelism.
- G. E. BURNS, Secretary.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Cash Statement, Year ending 31st January, 1941.

## Solution	RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.
	Assisted Churches Easter Offering, 1940 Annual Offering, 1939 (balance) Annual Offering, 1940 Duplex Envelopes Sisters' Conference Gifts and Bequests Interest on Loans, etc	219 6 4 56 15 0 102 3 2 50 13 6 475 17 6 181 10 10 63 14 4 112 16 2 64 12 1 128 15 9 1,236 18 4	## S. d. ##

Audited and found correct.

Y. M. MIDDLETON, Hon. Auditor.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Special Missions Account, Year ending 31st January, 1941.

	RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.
50	To Balance, 1/2/40 Easter Offering, 1940 Sisters' Conference Sundry Gifts, etc Refunds for Cost of Missions	41 11 7 31 17 2 124 1 6	By Cost of Missions (Salaries and Tent) (Rockdale, Georgetown, Enmore, Gilgandra, Epping, Balwyn and Kingsford, to date) 978 18 6 Retainer & Holiday (during Missions, etc.) 117 0 0 Seats for Tent 15 0 0 Balance, 31st January, 1941 114 14 11
		£1,225 13 5	£1,225 13 5

NOTICES OF MOTION

B. G. Corlett: (A) "That steps be taken to appoint a Committee of Conference to set up and bring into being a College of the Bible in the State of New South Wales, with power to receive and spend the necessary monies in connection therewith and accept lands, buildings and gifts in connection therewith." (B) "The Committee to consist of 10 members, five of whom may be full-time preachers."

(To be taken after Executive Report, Tuesday, April 8th)

T. P. Dale: "That the Statistical Register now published in The Conference Report be discontinued, and in its place the following particulars be included in the directory of Churches: Present Membership; Additions by Faith and Baptism; Contributions for all purposes; Bible School Scholars; Bible School Teachers."

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION.

Clause 10 (K). Home Mission Committee Annual Appeal—Alteration of date, by substituting the words: The first Lord's Day in November.

G. E. BURNS.

Clause 10 (F): "That the following paragraph be inserted in Clause 10 after paragraph (f) of that Clause, viz., '(Fa): A Boys' Home Committee which shall consist of the Board of Directors of the Churches of Christ Homes Co-operative Society Limited."

J. L. STIMSON.

Preachers' Provident Fund

(with which is incorporated the Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Trust)



ESTABLISHED BY FEDERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE: T. E. ROFE (Chairman), W. H. HALL (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer), H. E. BELL (Hon. Assistant Secretary), J. CRAWFORD, C. GRAHAM, F. S. STEER, Dr. C. A. VERCO.

THE OBJECTS OF THE FUND ARE:-

To assist financially aged and infirm and retired preachers.

To control and manage an Endowment Fund to which members may contribute.

In order to do this effectively, the Committee needs the practical support of all the Churches and brethren throughout the Commonwealth. The Committee suggests that all contribute to the Fund each week through the Duplex Envelopes.

Information regarding the Endowment Fund may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary.

BOYS' HOME REPORT

This report has a special significance in view of the fact that Conference last year carried a resolution of recognition of the Home as a brotherhood activity. In full realisation of the value and importance of this recognition this statement of the work is presented on behalf of the Board of Directors constituted under the rules of the Churches of Christ Homes Co-operative Society Limited in pursuance of the Community Settlement Act, 1925.

Objects. The objects of the Society as set forth in the rules are to provide a Christian Home for, and to provide in whole or in part, for the maintenance and assistance of orphans, neglected children under unfit guardianship, and children whose parents for various reasons are unable to give them proper care and attention.

The Board. The Board of Directors comprise the following persons: Mesdames A. A. Smith and Butler, Miss F. M. Ashwood, and Messrs. J. L. Stimson (Chairman), A. C. MacLean (Vice-Chairman), Geo. Morton (Hon. Sec.), A. E. Armstrong (Hon. Treas.), W. J. Crossman, P. Winter and A. A. Smith. This Board has actually carried out its work during the year on behalf of the brotherhood and desires to humbly record its gratitude to God for His help and guidance.

The Staff. It was unforunate that Brother and Sister White. reported as the successful Superintendent and Matron last year. severed their connection with the Home about the middle of the period under review, on account of ill-health. This was a great blow to the Board, which found great difficulty in obtaining suitable successors. It was eventually decided to try to run the Home by placing it in charge of a Matron with the result that Mrs. Moncur was appointed to that position last August on a probationary period which was recently extended. This lady has had a great deal to contend with, and has valiantly and unselfishly stuck to her task, rendered very difficult by lack of suitable help. At present, however, this difficulty has been overcome by the appointment of a domestic help (full time) and a laundress (casual). The need for the oversight of a suitable man as superintendent is now recognised by Matron and the Board alike, and is receiving earnest and prayerful consideration.

Assets. The Home (Dunmore House) and other buildings and surrounding grounds at Pendle Hill have been fairly well maintained. Bonds Ltd. were urgently in need of portion of the property adjoining their boundary for war purposes, and eventually the Board disposed of an area for the sum of £500 to that firm. Out of the proceeds of the sale, the amount of the second mortgage, £175, was repaid to the Preachers' Provident Fund, and the first mortgage to the Ashwood House Trustees was reduced by £125 to £875. The property as now constituted is estimated to have a value of about £4,000.

Farming. Three cows and a horse have been maintained. Fodder crops have been grown, and a plentiful supply of milk and cream thus provided at moderate cost. Vegetables and eggs in limited quantity have also been produced; it is hoped to develop and increase these very shortly.

Educational. The boys attend local State Schools—Primary and Technical. A Bible School is also conducted at the Home each Lord's Day morning by Bro. Smith of Granville Church, whose excellent work is much appreciated. After school the boys attend the Pendle Hill Church, held in the chapel at Ashwood House.

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Finance. A statement of receipts and payments during Conference year is appended to this report, as also is one showing the liabilities and assets of the Home as a going concern. Inspection of these will disclose the need for increased regular contributions from members of various Churches.

Organisation. The Churches of Christ Homes Co-operative Society Ltd. was constituted in 1935. There are now 85 shareholders holding in all 185 shares of £1 each. These shares are not profit bearing, nor do they carry any liability beyond payment for those applied for; holders of five or more shares are eligible for nomination for the Board of Directors. While an increase in the number of shareholders is very desirable, the directors are very anxious to increase the amount received as regular annual subscriptions for the maintenance of the Home. If the number of shareholders could be increased to 1,000, and all of these could see their way clear to thereafter contribute annually either directly or through the duplex system, the financial side of this important work would be solved. However, the existing shareholders who now directly represent the brotherhood believe that God, our Heavenly Father, would have this work continued, we, therefore, earnestly pray and ask all members of the Churches to pray that He will supply all that is necessary for the efficient running of the Home.

Conference Recognition. It is now felt by the Board that this organisation should be included in the Constitution of Conference. It is accordingly recommended that Conference approve of a new paragraph in Clause 10 to be inserted after paragraph (f) in the following terms: "(f) (a) A Boys' Home Committee, which shall consist of the Board of Directors of the Churches of Christ Homes Co-operative Society Limited." The necessary notice of amendment of the Constitution has been given.

The Boys. There are 18 in residence at date of this report. The ages of these lads range from five to fourteen years. The capacity of the Home is about 30 boys.

Annual Fete. The fete held last May was the most successful yet. The total receipts amounted to £102/18/4, expenses £14/10/6, leaving a credit of £88/7/10. The next gathering is being planned for May of this year, and promises to be better than ever with the support of such magnificent helpers who did so well last year.

Appreciation. This opportunity is taken of recording the Board's appreciation of and thanks for the services of Dr. L. M. Aitken, Parramatta, and Dr. C. A. Verco, Hon. Medical Officers, Parramatta and Royal Prince Alfred Hospitals, helpers at the Fete, those who so kindly remembered the Boys and Matron at Christmas and during the holidays, and many others for gifts of various kinds; also C.E. Societies and Clubs for visits.

On behalf of the Board,

J. L. STIMSON, Chairman. GEO. MORTON, Hon. Secretary.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOMES CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, LTD.

1941. Statement of Receipts and Payments for 12 Months ended 31st January,

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RECEIPTS.	1941 Feb. 1 Balance 7 4

CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOMES CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, LTD.

Balance Sheet as at 31st January, 1941.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d. £ s. d.		£ s. d.
Sundry Creditors Mortgage on Realty Loans — C.F.A P. Winter	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	Bank Deposits Sundry Debtors Furniture and Fittings Live Stock 23	25 0 0
Reserve Fund	£1,434 5 0	Linen <td< td=""><td>0 0 11 9 2 10</td></td<>	0 0 11 9 2 10

The Valuer-General's valuation of Land and Building to-day is approximately £3625.

15.00 18

A. E. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Treasurer. 10/2/41.

BOOK DEPOT AND CHURCH STORES

With thanks to Almighty God, we report that not only many difficulties have been overcome, but service for the Brotherhood has been maintained, and also rendered more efficient. The aim of the Committee always, is to serve the Churches, rather than profit making.

- 1. Removal of Bookroom. The Depot, with the other Brother-hood offices, was transferred in May last to the City Temple premises, 69 Campbell Street. Floor space is less, but this has been offset by increased shelving. Besides this, store-room space has been provided. The rent is somewhat higher, and the position not so central, but we believe that the advantages from a bigger Brother-hood standpoint, fully justifies the change-over. The Book Depot is out to serve the Brotherhood, and to thus make possible the continuance of the Brotherhood offices.
- 2. Obstacles Overcome. To understand the position of the Book Depot business, it must be remembered that many old debts had to be cvertaken, and the stock had to be built up. The former Bank Overdraft had to be guaranteed, and a new "Overdraft" created in order to purchase new supplies. These were just some of the obstacles which are being surmounted successfully.
- 3. Building up The Business. The packing up and removal to other premises meant some falling-off in trade. That business has been built up since is revealed in the following figures: Sales, April-June, £65/18/6; sales, July-September, £95/4/6; sales, October-December, £178/1/-.

To secure these advantages, much time and thought has been given. One of the chief difficulties arises in the neglect of prompt payment on the part of some Churches and individuals making purchases. We would point out that it is impossible to successfully conduct any Book Depot business, and continue to give credit in such cases.

4. Meeting Manifold Needs. Amongst the many supplies maintained to meet Brotherhood needs are: Bibles-Authorised, Revised, Moffatt, Rotherham, Family and Presentation. New Testaments-Khaki, Air and Navy presentation. Gilt edge presentation for new converts. Copies from fourpence, up to handsome presentation copies. Hymn Books-Churches of Christ Hymn Books, Cloth, Rexine, Roan and Morocco bound. Alexander's-Music, and words only. Golden Bells, King's Praise, Sankey's Songs and Solos, Carey Bonner, C.S.S.M. Chorus Books, Hymns of Praise, etc. Brotherhood Books-Christian System, First Principles, Adventuring for Christian Unity, What Churches of Christ Stand For, Baptism, At the Lord's Table, Pioneering for Christian Unity, Ministers' Manuals, etc. Reward Books-Religious Tract Society, Oxford University Press, Thos. Nelson, Sharp and Co., Blackie, Joyn Murray, Epworth Press, Pickering and Inglis, Sheldon Press, Angus and Robertson, and other popular publishers. Devotional Books-Morning and Evening Daily Readings (Spurgeon), Daily Meditations, The Love of Jesus, The Abiding Presence, Daily Light, My Counsellor, Devotional Commentaries, and many others. Crudens and Nelson's Concordance. Youth Auxiliary Books-Austral Graded, Kindergarten Lessons, Training Class, Y.W. League (Albums and Stamps), C.E. Topics (Y.P. Intermediate and Junior). Recitations, Dialogues,

Playettes, Cradle Roll Literature, etc. Church Supplies—Duplex Envelopes, Baptismal Garments, Confession Cards, Communion Glasses, Communion Bread (Motzos) Communion Trays, Communion Wine (unfermented Grape Juice), Offering Plates. Texts and Tickets, Badges and Buttons, Chairs and Blackboards. Tracts and Booklets.

- 5. Other Brotherhood Service. In addition to services by provision of supplies, much aid is rendered the Brotherhood. Contributions for all Conference departments are received, and receipts issued. Personal enquiries, and per telephone, receive attention each day. Requests coming daily per mail, are given prompt consideration. Callers come from Overseas, Interstate and country centres. Our Miss C. E. Verco, in charge of the Depot, is unfailing in courtesy and service, in the many and varied calls upon her.
- 6. Board of Management. The following served on the Committee during the past year: Chairman, P. J. Pond; Vice-Chairman, C. B. Nance-Kivell; Secretary, Chas. C. King; Treasurer, E. T. Vears; Book-keepers, R. H. Hindman and C. Maxwell; Miss C E.. Verco (sales) and L. C. Yelds.
- 7. Recommendation to Conference. It being recognised that the purposes of Conference are mainly of a missionary character, and not to "Serve Tables," the Committee recommends Conference to resolve "That whilst recognising the Book Depot as a Brotherhood Auxiliary, subject to its policy and business being approved by Conference, no responsibility for its debts or other liabilities are accepted by the Brotherhood. Further, that the Book Depot Board of Management shall be held responsible for the appointment of its office-bearers and workers, as is the case with other business concerns reporting to Conference.
- 8. Appreciation. Sincere appreciation is expressed for efficient services rendered during the past year by the Hon. Book-keepers, Messrs. R. H. Hindman and C. Maxwell; the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. T. Vears; the Hon. Auditor, Mr. E. Leach; to the Conference President, Bro. W. J. Crossman, for helpful interest taken, and to all who have assisted the Depot in its service to the Brotherhood.

PHILIP J. POND, Chairman. CHAS. C. KING, Secretary.

TRADING AND PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT.

For Year ended 31st January, 1941.

To Stock, 1/2/40	357	6	9	By Sales 491 18 10 Stock 31/1/41 305 15 4
	797	14	2	797 14 2
To Salaries	152 41		7.40	By Gross Profit brought down
Telephone Rental and Calls Freight and Cartage	27			Rental and Office Assistance 53 19 11 Telephone 16 6 8
Postages	1	5	3	Removal Expenses 7 7 4
Interest, Discount and Exchange Insurance	10	12		
Removal Expenses				
Printing, Stationery & General Expenses		323		
Net Profit		6		
	£261	0	5	£261 0 5

CHURCHES OF CHRIST-BOOK DEPOT.

Balance Sheet as at 31st January, 1941.

LIABILITIES		ASSETS
Sundry Creditors English, Scottish & Aust. Bank, Ltd. Advance Account Capital Account:— Balance 1/2/40 Profit for year	83 10 0 80 12 3 145 6 0	Sundry Debtors 112 10 5 Cash in hand 2 0 8
	148 12 0	
	£448 17 11	£448 17 11

Audited and found correct. E. LEACH, A.I.C.A. E. VEARS, Hon. Treasurer.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN N.S.W.

The work of The Council of Churches has been carried on quietly and effectively during the past twelve months. Your representatives taking an active part in the Council's and its Committee's work. It has proved itself an effective instrument in witnessing to the Christian standards.

A number of protests have been made to the Government and local authorities against the encroachments made on our Christian institutions, particularly the sanctity of the Lord's Day. In these days of International turmoil the war effort is being used to gain certain license for using the Lord's Day as an opportunity of raising funds for patriotic purposes. These have been successfully dealt with by the Council in direct approach to the Government and the bodies concerned.

In co-operation with the N.S.W. Temperance Alliance the Council has made repeated efforts to retain the present hours for the sale of alcohol. While it is to be regretted that in spite of our efforts in this regard, the law is flagrantly broken, especially in country centres, it could have been much worse but for the watchfulness of those interested in maintaining the law. The matter of introducing a referendum on the question of hotel hours, recently discussed by the U.A.P., was squashed, it is believed, as a result of the immediate action of The Council of Churches and the Temperance Alliance.

The introduction of "Wet" Canteens into military camps does not seem to have accomplished any good purpose in the way of lessening drunkenness among soldiers on leave, but rather has aggravated the situation by simply introducing another facility for drinking. This in spite of the united and uncompromising stand taken by the Council in co-operation with the Churches.

The work of the Council has not only been on the negative side. During the year a conference of Ministers and Christian Workers was held to consider "The Moral and Spiritual issues arising as a result of the War," and a further Conference on "Applying the Remedy." As a result of these Conferences, strong resolutions were sent to the Government, and a scheme outlined to the Churches. The success of this effort is largely a matter for the individual Churches.

The work of the Broadcasting Station is still maintained. Our Churches receive their proportion of time as in other years.

Your representatives on the Council and Broadcasting Committee being the President, W. J. Crossman, T. E. Rofe, Stuart Stevens, Geo. Saxby (resigned, G. E. Burns appointed), and F. E. Alcorn. The first and last named being representatives on the Broadcasting Committee.

After nine and a half years as secretary, the writer found it necessary, owing to other duties, to resign this position.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND.

The Members of the Committee are pleased to report a satisfactory year. Greater interest is being taken by the Preachers in the Endowment Fund, and there has been a nett increase of 3 contributors. The amount held by the Fund on behalf of Preachers on the 31st December, 1940, was £7,786/13/0. To this will be added the Subsidy and Interest for year 1940.

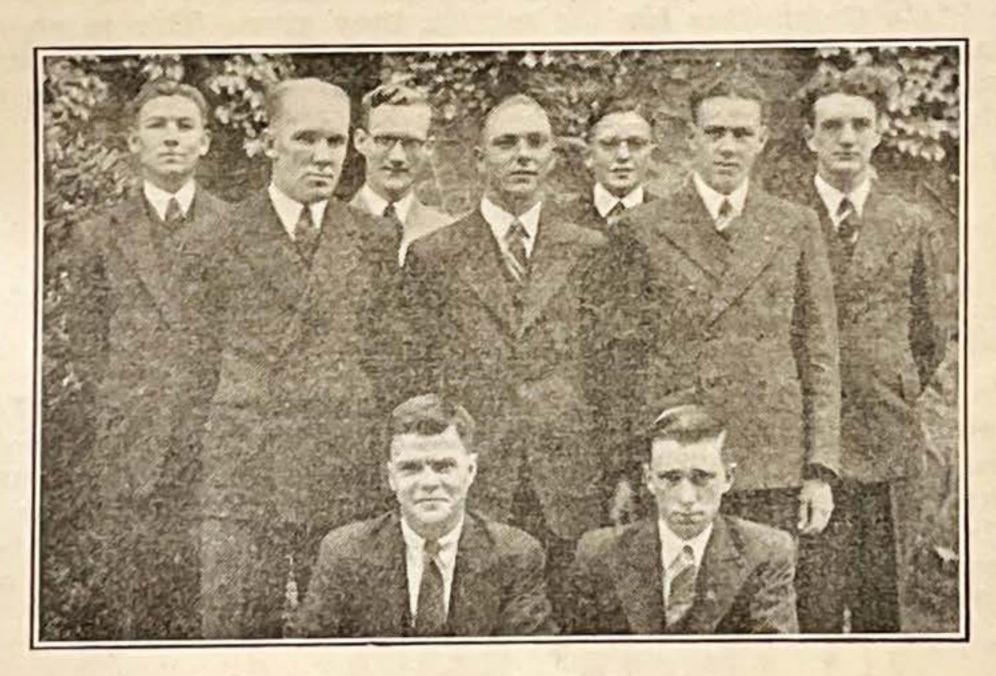
The sum of £480/16/8 was paid away during the year as allowances to aged and infirm Preachers and widows.

The expenses of management amounted to £36/8/1.

THE COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE

The Board of Management of the College of the Bible gladly accepts the privilege of making report of its activities to the Conference of Churches meeting in Sydney, N.S.W.

The continued co-operation of the Churches in N.S.W. in this enterprise is acknowledged with appreciation, and we have been happy to welcome five new students from the State this year. There are now 33 students enrolled, of whom nine are from your State. Every State is included in the student body. The new students for 1941 number 17, which is the largest number of new students enrolled since 1928. We believe that this realisation of the call for leadership in reconstruction of the world after the war augurs for the future strength of the Brotherhood.



COLLEGE STUDENTS, 1941.

Back Row: Lloyd Jones, Alan Cremin, Ron Hindman, G. H. Eager, Eric Hart, E. W. Roffey, Jas. Wright.

Front Row: Peter Retchford, Vic. Quayle.

The outstanding achievement of 1940 was the erection of the Chown Memorial Chapel, for which purpose the sum of £2000 was bequeathed by our brother. It must be remembered that the will required the whole of this money to be spent on the Chapel, without any furnishing. It was possible to include the Chapel in a building which would be able to serve other purposes, and the Board took opportunity of providing for a new Library—thus providing for a new class room ultimately, and for the College office, which is now at the College. Not only does this save the cost of the city office, but it enables the work to be co-ordinated effectively. The Chapel is a very delightful addition to the buildings, and to the spiritual life of the College. We shall be happy if visiting brethren will call and inspect the property while in Victoria.

Bro. Chown made a further bequest of £3,000 to be invested and the income used, as soon as possible, for the addition of a fourth year to the Bible Course. This has been long-desired by the Board, which, under direction from the Federal Conference, has appointed a special commission to consider means of strengthening the courses. Both these undertakings provide an opportunity for brethren to help complete the purpose, and the generous gifts of Brother Chown.

During 1940 the Principal, Bro. T. H. Scambler, instituted a Correspondence Course, in which he has had the generous help of various brethren. This course is designed to help brethren become more efficient in Church service, though it does not purport to be a substitute for the Course given at the College. Over 50 students enrolled in this course in the first year.

The Board desires to express grateful thanks to the members of the State Committee for the service they give. This is valuable, especially so in enabling the Board to deal with applications for entrance to the College. In addition the State Committees do much to foster College interest.

THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE

The credit balance of this Committee now stands at £1227/10/7. This amount, which has been accrued without any cost to the Conference, is invested in loans under the Management of the Churches of Christ Chapel Extension Fund Limited. During the year steps have been taken to cover the Committee's balance by interest-bearing loan securities, which will ensure the continued growth of the fund free of taxation.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND, CHURCHES OF CHRIST (FEDERAL FUND).

Cash Statement of Receipts and Payments 1st January, 1940, to 31st December, 1940.

	The second		
RECEIPTS. £ s. d.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.
Contributions:—		Allowances	480 16 8 36 8 1
Conference Offerings:	2	Management Expenses Endowment Fund: Repayments	004 10 0
New South Wales 8 15 Tasmania 2 10		Loans and Investments	630 10 0
Queensland 12 3		Special Funds	120 16 8 60 15 9
Victoria 30 10 Western Australia 10 8		Balance	
Western Austrana 10 0	64 8 1		
Churches:			
New South Wales. Chatswood £15 1s. 6d., Mosman			
£2 11s. 6d., Marrickville £3			
6s. 2d., Burwood £5 7s. 4d., North Sydney £1 16s. 2d., Lid-			
combe 8s. 5d., Hurstville 6s.			
6d., Hamilton 16s. 1d., En- more £1 10s. 8d., Paddington			
£1 10s. 4d., Canley Vale 2s.			
4d., Sydney 5s. 4d., Lane Cove			
£2 17s. 6d., Kingsford £3 16s., Ashfield 16s. 10d., Hornsby 3s.			
10d., Penshurst 1d.	_ 40 16 7		
Victoria.—Swanston St	4 17 6		
S. Australia.—Park St., Unley	7 9 0 628 8 11		
Interest from Investments & Settlements Estate late Mrs. H. M. Dickson on a/c.	100 0 0		
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Endowment Fund: Contributions by Preache Special Funds: Contributions	102 8 7		£1564 5 2
Special Funds. Concernation	C15G4 5 9	W. H. HALL, Hon. Treasurer.	
	£1564 5 2	H. E. BELL, Asst. Hon. Trea	

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ALBURY.—David Street. Preacher: H. H. Walmsley, Church of Christ, David Street, Albury. Secretary: R. V. Reeve, Amatex St., Albury.	CESSNOCK. Secretary: Geary, Mailland Road, Cessnock. CHATSWOOD.—Victoria Street.
ASHFIELD. Norton Street.	Venue, Chaiswood.
don Avenue, Croydon Park, Secretary: J. T. Townsend, 64 Georges River Road, Croydon Park. AUBURY — Auburn Road. Preacher: E. Davis, 51 Park Road, Auburg. Secretary S. C. Woolley, 3 Francis	Secretary: F. J. Reeson, Kildare Street. V/0
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Beverly Hills, Stoney Creek Road. Preacher: L. W. O'Connor, Cambridge Street Penshurst. Secretary: L. Wheat, 103 Dumbleton	GRANVILLE.—Ritchie Street. Preacher: P. J. Pond, 10 William Ed- 1000
Road, Penshurst. BEXLEY NORTH.—New Illawarra Rd. Breacher: T.W. Weir. 73 Stoney Creek	Secretary: R. Kenyon, 11 Birmingham Street, Merrylands. CREYSTANES.
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Avenue, Canley Vale. Secretary: A. V. Stimson, & Clifford Avenue, Canley Vale. Avenue, Canley Vale.	HURSTVILLE.—McMahon Street. Ingalaya QV-Preacher: F. E. Alcorn, 33 Harrow Worky Road, Bexley.
ingtob Avenue. Secretary: W. L. Caspersona, 19 Povys Avenue, Earlwood.	Avenue, Kogarah. INVERELL:—Vivian Street. Preacher: S. Jenner, 49 Lawrence Street, Inverell.
Secretary: E. A. Stevenson, Lidbury Street, Berala.	Secretary: F. W. Young, C/o. Burge Bros., Inverell. Goode RF Goode Authority
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