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38th Annual Conference Sydney, March 26th - April 2nd, 1923

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Bible Schools' Department

CITY TEMPLE,

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 7.30 p.m.

Welcome to A. L. Haddon

(State Organiser of Bible School Work in N.S.W.)

Chairman: Mr. H. G. PAYNE.

ADDRESSES OF WELCOME will be given by Messrs. J. CRAWFORD, L. ROSSELL, H. G. PAYNE.

Interesting Items will be given by the following Schools:—
CHATSWOOD
BELMORE
MARRICKVILLE
ENMORE

Address - - - - Mr. A. L. HADDON

"The Task Ahead"

We anticipate that this meeting will be one of the most enthusiastic of our Conference gatherings.

OFFERING IN AID OF STATE WORK.

A. H. WEBBER, Secretary.

S. GOLE, Treasurer.

Foreign Mission Programme

CITY TEMPLE,

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, at 7.45 p.m.

Opening Hymn, 1084.

Prayer.

Solo Miss CLARK

Scripture Reading, Psalm 145.

Hymn 1078.

Report. Reading.

Solo Mr. TARREN

Address - - - - Mr. H. R. COVENTRY

"The Criminal Tribes of India"

Hymn 1082.

Benediction.

Chairman: Mr. W. J. CROSSMAN, Chairman of Committee.

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Sisters' Conference Programme

ENMORE TABERNACLE, TUESDAY, MARCH 27. 29th ANNUAL SISTERS' CONFERENCE.

President: Mrs. R. P. ARNOTT.

MORNING SESSION, 11 o'clock.

Devotional, led by Mrs. FOX.
Hymn 513.
Minutes of last year's meeting.
Correspondence.
Roll Call of Delegates.

Business: Election of Officers, Superintendents and Committee.

Announcement.

Closing Hymn, 522.

LUNCH, 1/-.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2.15.

Devotional, led by Mrs. DAVIS.
Welcome Greetings, Mrs. HARWARD.
Responses by Visiting Sisters.
Minutes of Morning Session.
Hymn 606.

Reports: Executive, Treasurer's.
Roll Call of Churches.
Freewill Offering.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.
Superintendents' Reports.
Obituary, Mrs., FLOOD.

Solo Mrs. PLUMMER

Prayer Meeting. Hospital. Hymn 743.

Home Mission. Isolated Members.
Foreign Mission. Social.

Dorcas Temperance Resolutions

Dorcas. Temperance. Resolutions. Closing Hymn 754.

ADJOURN FOR TEA. TICKETS, 1/-.

EVENING SESSION, 7.30.

Devotional, led by Mrs. WEBSTER. Hymn 1049.

Prayer. Greetings.

Anthem ENMORE CHOIR Item by MALE QUARTETTE PARTY

Address: Mr. ETHELBERT DAVIS.
Anthem ENMORE CHOIR

Introduction of Officers. Hymn 949. Benediction.

Conference Business Session

ENMORE TABERNACLE, FRIDAY, MARCH 30th.

"Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works."

Chairman: J. CRAWFORD, Conference President.

a.m.

9.30—Devotional. P. E. THOMAS, B.A.

10. -Roll Call. Greetings. Welcome to Visitors.

10.20—Executive and Home Mission Report—

- 1. General. (Page 7).
- 2. Financial. (Page 9).
- 3. Evangelistic. (Page 11).
- 4. Future. (Page 12).

12 Noon.—Election of Officers.

1 p.m.—Adjournment for Lunch. (Provided by Sisters' Executive)

Tickets, 1/6.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

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p.m.

- 2. —Devotional. Executive and Home Mission Report.
- 3. —MESSAGES ABOUT THE HOME FIELD, Metro-politan and Country Speakers.
- 4.30-ADDRESS-"Bible Schools' Organiser," A. L. Haddon.
- 4.50—EXECUTIVE and HOME MISSION REPORT (Cont.)
- 6. —Adjournment for TEA. (Provided by Sisters' Executive)

 Tickets, 1/-.

Great Home Mission Rally

ENMORE TABERNACLE, FRIDAY, MARCH 30th.

Chairman: Conference President.

Song Leader: R. K. WHATELY, Senr.

HOME MISSIONS—an investment with sure returns; not in silver, but in souls; not in gold, but in glory to our Divine Redeemer. INVEST NOW.

p.m.

7.0 —Song Service.

7.15—Hymn 243.

7.20—Prayer. Announcement of Committees, and Introduction of Incoming President.

7.30-Special Music.

7.35—President's Message. J. CRAWFORD.

7.45—Hymn 327.

7.50-Address, R. K. Whately, Junr.

"Faith at Root, and in Fruition"

8.15—Special Music.

8.20-THE ORGANISER'S APPEAL, "A Triple Need," H. G. HARWARD.

8.45—Offering for Future Work (Cash and Promises). Special Music.

9. —Doxology and Benediction.

Faithful Stewardship is the great test of Christian Character.

Conference Business Session

SATURDAY, MARCH 31st. CITY TEMPLE.

a.m.

10.30-Devotional.

Consideration of Amended Constitution. Chapel Extension Fund Report (time permitting).

p.m.

1. - Lunch Adjournment (obtainable in the City).

TEMPERANCE, BIBLE SCHOOL and FOREIGN MISSION SESSION.

2. —TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE. "The Problem of Prohibition.

Chairman, Mr. L. D. Gilmour. Reception of Report. (Page 23).

Resolutions and Discussions.

Deputation from Y.P. Prohibition Council.

- 3. —BIBLE SCHOOLS' COMMITTEE. "The Challenge of Our Young Folk." Chairman, H. G. Payne. Consideration of Report. (Page 27).
- 4. —FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE.—"A Vision of the Regions Beyond." Chairman, W. J. Crossman. Consideration of Report. (Page 30).
- 5. —Unfinished Conference Business.
 - Notice of Motion—"That in view of the manifest disinclination on the part of many of the brethren to give up their Easter holidays to attend Conference, and of the consequent difficulty experienced by some congregations in obtaining efficient representation at Conference, the business session of the Conference in future be extended over a number of evenings sufficient for the purpose. Further, that the evenings and times of commencement and termination of the meetings be decided by this Conference, such evenings, however, not to include those of the days comprising the Easter holidays."—H. E. Morris, Marrickville, 25/2/1923.
- 6. p.m.—Adjournment.

Conference Sermon

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Chairman: Conference President.

LORD'S DAY, APRIL 1st, 3 p.m.

CITY TEMPLE, CAMPBELL STREET.

"Thou hast made us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they rest on Thee."

3 p.m.—Song Service. R. K. Whately, Senr.

3.15 p.m.—Hymn.

Prayer.

Scripture.

Special Music.

Conference Sermon, R. K. Whately, Junr. "This Liberty"

Consecration Hymn.

Prayer.

"There is no liberty but in the Gospel, no equality but in the truth, no fraternity but in Jesus."

Executive and Home Mission Reports

With reverent gratitude to God for gracious guidance and blessing throughout another year, and with thankfulness to all who have enriched by supplication and service our fellowship in furthering the Gospel we submit to the Conference, this 38th Annual Report.

1. GENERAL.

CHANGES .- The year has been marked by many changes in the personel of the workers in the State. Having accepted an invitation to Lygon Street, Carlton, A. T. Eaton resigned his position as President. The Vice-President, J. Crawford was appointed to the vacancy, with J. Whelan as Vice-President. In May, C. S. Rush retired from the office of Organising Secretary, after five years' faithful service. Though now engaged in commercial pursuits, he is freely giving splendid service to the Churches.

In July H. G. Harward was appointed Organising and Financial Sec-

retary and State Evangelist.

After three years of devoted service in the Inverell district, H. G. Payne accepted an invitation to return to the work at Hornsby, and began work there in October. The vacancy at Inverell has been filled by A. Hutson who, for nearly six years, laboured faithfully at Belmore.

At the beginning of February S. Stevens retired from the work at Paddington and became Evangelist of the Church at Geelong, Victoria. For ten years Bro. Stevens had given diligent service in various parts

of the State.

M. J. Blok severed his association with Churches of Christ and retired from the work at Mosman. E. Davis, of Queensland, accepted the invitation of the Church there, and since November has laboured acceptably in that district. Other changes have taken place which are not connected with the Committees' operations. Suitable acknowledgment has been made of the service rendered by those who are no longer associated with our work.

Hearty congratulations are extended to our Bible School's Committee on securing the service of A. L. Haddon as Young People's Organiser,

and a warm welcome is extended to him as he returns home.

2. FEDERAL INTERESTS.—We belong to a brotherhood bigger than the Church membership of our own State, and therefore rejoice in all that helps further the Kingdom of God within the Commonwealth.

(a) Federal Conference.—The Eleventh Federal Conference was held in Melbourne, October 24-26, 1922. This State was well represented. Meetings were large and inspiring. The Acting Federal Executive is now located in Sydney, where the next Conference will be held

about October, 1924.

(b) Federal Evangelism.—There is urgent need of a Commonwealth vision in Home Mission Work. Border towns and weaker States call for assistance. We, therefore, commend the appeal of the Federal Exécutive to Churches and individual members to join the "League of Rope Holders" and contribute a birthday gift for Federal work.

(c) College of the Bible.—This Institution is now in its 17th year of service. Its present enrolment of 62 is the largest in its history. All the States and New Zealand are represented in the student body. We regret that N.S. Wales is not more largely represented having only one student. The Organising Secretary, Mr. Reg. Enniss, expects to visit our State during May. We commend him and the work he represents to the Churches.

(d) Australian Christian.-We are under constant indebtedness to the Austral Publishing Co. and our Brotherhood Paper for the magnificent service they render to every department of the work.

Added - Preachers Provident Fund

We urge a loyal support of the paper which alone can keep us in touch with our own work in the Commonwealth and the regions beyond.

3. SISTERS' CONFERENCE.—During the year the Sisters have supported a visiting sister in connection with the work at Erskineville, contributing 15/- per week for that purpose. Their debtors we are for this and every other contribution they have made to the cause of Christ.

From Women's Missionary Society also, appreciative help has been given. If desired our organiser will be pleased to render any assistance in

the formation of other such societies.

4. CONFERENCES AND RALLIES.—The Half-yearly Conference was held on Eight Hours Day. It was preceded by a delightful Harbour Trip on the previous Saturday. The Conference was sparsely attended. A resolution was carried recommending the discontinuance of the Half-

yearly Meeting.

District Rallies on Saturday afternoon and evening were held at Auburn, Belmore, Hurstville, and North Sydney. These were helpful spiritual gatherings. They should be continued from time to time in all the Churches. Special Men and Women's Rallies were held at City Temple and were well attended. A recent officers meeting decided to form an organisation with a view to regular meetings of the officers and other men of the Churches. This we commend to our brethren, in the belief it will strengthen our work for the Kingdom of God.

- 5. PUBLICITY.—The Committee appointed at the previous Conference has continued its work during the year advertising the services of the Metropolitan Churches in the two morning dailies and securing the insertion of paragraphs of Church news in the religious columns. Only a limited support was forthcoming from the Churches. Nine met their full obligation, three partly, whilst 12 failed to contribute anything. Three members of the Committee have resigned during the year, viz.:—Brethren Wilson-Park, Eaton and Stevens. The cost to the Committee is shewn in the balance sheet. The Committee is grateful for the assistance rendered and recommends that Churches should be urged to continue the advertising at their own expense, without the co-operation of the Committee.
- 6. BOOK DEPOT.—This has continued to be a valuable adjunct to our Home Mission Department. Through generous treatment from other Book Depots a fair volume of business has been transacted without any great expenditure on our part. Typewriting and duplicating work has brought in revenue to set off some of the cost of the Office. £40 has been contributed to the Home Mission Funds. The support of Churches, schools and individuals is appreciated. The Committee bespeaks for the Depot the continued generous support of the members, and other Committees. The balance-sheet shows the financial operations for the year. To Bro. C. R. Hall a generous tribute of appreciation is paid for his unstinted, faithful and valuable service. The office has been a valuable meeting place, for country, interstate and other visitors.
- 7. "THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."—For a considerable time your Committee has felt the need of a paper to serve the varied interests of the work in New South Wales. To link up the Churches with our different Committees and their work;; to link up the Churches with each other; and to link us all up with our isolated brethren has been the problem. To accomplish this is the purpose in publishing this monthly paper. It is unpretentious in size, but with the blessing of God, we look to it to keep alive the fires of consecration in all the work of the Lord. The cost will be about £15 per month. This will be partly defrayed by the Committees. The balance will be raised by subscriptions and gifts from members. We are ambitious to increase the size of the paper. With the approbation of Conference, and the support of the Churches, this will easily be accomplished. This new venture of faith is confidently presented for the approval of Conference.

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8. NEW BUILDINGS.—The Rockdale Brethren have entered into their new Church home, and are heartened to undertake greater things for our Lord in that promising field. During May the Chatswood Church will occupy its new building, and enter into the bigger opportunity this development in their work affords. At Lismore a fine building is nearing completion, and will be set apart to the worship and service of God in the near future. The Committee rejoices with Brethren in these districts in what has been accomplished, and commends their example to others. In other districts buildings are needed. Generous support of our Chapel Extension Fund would help supply the need.

It is also an occasion for rejoicing with the Churches at Enmore and Hornsby on account of the liquidation of the indebtedness on their

buildings.

9. TRAINING CLASS.—A. T. Eaton and S. Stevens rendered faithful service during the year, in conducting a central class at the City Temple. Students from their class have rendered consecrated service in special help given to the cause at St. Peters, in addition to valuable assistance on the Speakers' Plan. In other centres similar classes have been conducted.

10. ORGANISING SECRETARY.—Early in this Conference year Bro. C. C. S. Rush relinquished the position of Organising and Financial Secretary, and your Committee was able to secure the services of Bro. H. G. Harward. The organiser has not spared himself in forwarding the work of Conference, as will be readily seen from a careful perusal of the Annual Report.

Your Committee has full confidence in Bro. Harward and appeals for enthusiastic support from all the Churches, throughout the year before us.

11. CONSTITUTION—Conference last year directed your Committee to have the Constitution brought up-to-date by incorporating therein any amendments and alterations that have been made from time to time.

After giving due consideration to the matter a sub-committee was appointed, consisting of Bren. E. J. Hilder (chairman), F. J. Sivyer, B.A., W. H. Hall to revise the existing Constitution taking into account amendments and alterations above referred to.

The Sub-Committee duly submitted a draft constitution which your Committee now submits for the consideration of Conference. Its adop-

tion is recommended.

12. STATISTICS.—Through some returns being incomplete or inaccurate, it is to be regretted that the figures cannot be presented as satisfactory or a true indication of the work in the State. In the coming year efforts will be made toward improvements in this direction. 307 were baptised during the year, 90 being from the Bible School members.

II.—FINANCIAL.

1. GENERAL FUND.

(a) Cash Statement.—The receipts from all sources for the year totalled £3183/11/4, being £334/11/9 greater than the previous year. Omitting money received for other than Home Mission Work, and for the Peace Fund, the receipts totalled £2318/1/3 which compares favourably with £1608/7/3 for 1921-22. This splendid result is largely due to the successful appeal last Conference for £640 to clear the then indebtedness, of which £613/1/10 has been received. Another matter worthy of notice is the improvement in the receipts through the Duplex Envelopes and per Collectors, mainly the former. The amount received being £96/10/8 against £48/10/for the previous year. In order to encourage regular weekly giving to Home Missions and other Church work, your Committee decided to ask the co-operation of Churches in the use of the Duplex Envelope. These have been supplied to 17 congregations at 7d. per carton of 52, dated for 12 months. The cost of these to the Committee was 1/2 per carton. In the past appreciative

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work has been done by collectors. Several Churches are using other envelopes and were not in a position to support the new system. We commend the use of this method to the Churches as a means of cultivating regular, systematic, proportionate, and therefore scriptural giving. The Annual Offering amounted to £656/16/10, showing an increase of £51/4/1.

- (b) Revenue Accounts.—The expenditure for the year totalled £1689/1/7, while the revenue amounted to £2032/18/10 leaving a surplus of £343/17/3.
- (b) Balance Sheet.—Deficiency Account which stood at £640/11/- at the close of the 1921-1922 Conference year has now been reduced by the above surplus from Revenue Account to £296/13/9,

2. PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND.

- (a) Cash Statement.—Almost all the receipts and payments in connection with this Fund are made through the Home Mission Committee's General Account.
- (b) Revenue Account.—It will be seen from this Account that £296/3/9 has been spent during the year in Colportage work. The expenditure by the Home Missions Committee in connection with the Tent Missions conducted by Bro. H. G. Harward during the year amounted to £49/7/9, and was charged to the Peace Fund. Most of the Churches where Missions were conducted paid the local expenses, such as printing, advertising, etc., while some sent the Committee a thankoffering. No charge was made against the Peace Fund for any portion of the salary of the Missioner. The aggregate expenditure exceeded the receipts by £382/16/7.
 - (c) Balance Sheet.—The Accumulated Funds at the close of the 1921-22 Conference year amounted to £907/17/3 to which has been added £21/11/10 from the Jewish Fund making £929/8/3. Deducting the deficiency of £382/16/7 shown in the Revenue Account, the Accumulated Funds are now £546/11/8, and are represented by Tent, Seats and Colportage Waggon valued at £215/-/6. Cash in Savings Bank, Commonwealth Bonds and Loan to the General Fund totalling £331/11/2. This Fund was inaugurated on the 10th of August, 1919, with contributions totalling £1443/13/4.

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Weakly giving impoverishes the work of the Lord.

Weekly giving will keep the treasury well filled, and make possible the evangelisation of this State. TRY IT.

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III.—EVANGELISTIC.

1. MISSION SERVICES.—During the year Tent Missions and Bible Study campaigns were conducted by H. G. Harward in connection with the Churches at Loftus Park (7 Baptisms), Cessnock (6 Baptisms) and Lidcombe. A short mission was also held in the chapel at Dumbleton, with three decisions. The missioner found all the fields difficult, and more or less unresponsive as far as non-church going folks were concerned. Although visible results are small, we believe a considerable amount of good was done, and the brethren much heartened. J. Clydesdale rendered valuable assistance as Song Leader in the Cessnock Mission.

The tent was used at Newcastle and Hamilton by A. G. Martin, Evangelist of the Merewether Church. A number were baptised into Christ, and regular weekly meetings have since been conducted at Hamilton, with considerable success.

2. COLPORTAGE WORK.—Since the 1922 Conference J. Mercer has laboured faithfully in this department. From April to September was devoted to the work at Loftus Park and surrounding districts. In October the waggon was transhipped to Newcastle and faithful assistance given in connection with the Tent Mission. Bro. Mercer journeyed by road to Cessnock calling at intervening towns en route. Several weeks were spent in Cessnock. The return journey to Sydney was made by road. This gave opportunity for calling at homes in sparsely populated parts. Since the middle of January the work has centered in the Lidcombe district. Bro. Mercer has erected the tent and been caretaker of it. He has visited from house to house, called at schools, conducted children's services, spoken in the open air, and preached frequently. The free distribution of literature in addition to sales from the waggon has been no small part of this ministry.

As this work is a special charge on the "Peace Fund" which is rapidly diminishing, in the judgment of your committee it should be discontinued unless the fund can be considerably augmented.

- 3. Assisted Churches.—Under the direction of Conference assistance has been given to the following fields:—
 - (a) Canley Vale.—A subsidy of £1/7/6 per week was given this work, until November, when G. A. Macdonald resigned as Evangelist. The Church has arranged with A. E. Forbes to devote part of his time to this district. Four baptisms.
 - (b) Erskineville.—After several years of faithful service, freely given, A. Carter resigned from the evangelistic work and P. W. Dixon is now giving his service as Preacher The Sisters' Conference has continued its support of Nurse Milne in her devoted work among the poor by a contribution of 15/- per week. Seven were baptised during the year.
 - (c) Hornsby.—H. G. Payne returned to this field in October. A revived interest has since been manifested. Several have been baptised. Prospects are hopeful. Subsidy £3 per week.
 - (d) Hurstville.—With a weekly subsidy of £1, W. J. Crossman has continued into his fourth year of ministry. Two were restored to fellowship and seven baptised, including four from the Bible School.
 - (e) Inverell.—H. G. Payne continued his work in this important country centre until October. Keen regret at his departure was expressed by the Church and community. By invitation of the congregation A. Hutson began his labours as evangelist during February. During the year six were baptised, and one baptised believer added to the church. The work is suffering from the removal of many faithful workers from the district. £2/10/- per week is contributed by the Committee.

- (f) Lidcombe.—A small subsidy of 10/- per week has been the financial help given to this field. G. H. Browne has continued his work with the Church. The membership has been weakened by the removal of a number of the members to other districts.
- (g) Loftus Park,—Through the service of J. Mercer the Committee assisted the work here for several months. For the past five months E. R. Childs has freely given splendid help. Local conditions have hindered progress, but with a good Bible School, there is hope for the future. Ten were baptised during the year. Subsidy 10/-.
- (h) Mosman.—A subsidy of £1/15/- per week is contributed by the Committee. This, in addition to a gift of £2 per week from a generous brother, made possible the engagement of E. Davis as evangelist. Two were baptised during the year. The aim of the preacher is to establish the Church in doctrine. The time of harvest will not be far distant.
- (i) N. Sydney.—J. Plummer has completed three years of service. £1 per week has been contributed by the Committee. The Church has intimated that it will not need any further assistance from Home Missions Funds. 20 have been baptised and 1 restored to fellowship.
- (j) Paddington.—Under the ministry of Stuart Stevens 23 were added to the Church during the past year. With regret the members accepted the resignation of the evangelist, made necessary by the serious illness of Mrs. Stevens. It is hoped that another strong preacher will soon be located in this important field. Subsidy £2/2/6.
- (k) Rockdale.—The year's endeavour was crowned by the opening of the new building on February 24th, £500 was promised towards the liquidation of the debt. With such splendid equipment, under the blessing of God the Church anticipates great Victories in the coming days. J. Clydesdale has been under engagement to the Committee in this field, the Church contributing £1/10/- per week towards salary. During the coming year the Committee looks to the Rockdale Church to assume responsibility for the support of the evangelist, with the help of a small subsidy from the Committee. Nine were baptised, and one restored during the year.
- (1) St. Peter's.—During the early part of the Conference year a small subsidy of 5/- per week was devoted to this congregation. A. J. Fisher gave part time preaching help. During the past few months the young men from the training class have freely given efficient service, which has been Divinely blessed to the salvation of several and the strengthening of the work. Eight baptisms.

IV.—FUTURE.

The retiring Committee recommends that in the work of the coming year special attention be given to:—

- (a) Emphasising the need of a truer interpretation of the life of Christ, by strict devotion to private prayer and Bible study, and regular attendance at the services of the Church.
- (b) Organising Evangelistic teams in every congregation, if possible, and so utilise the ability of the brethren in the edification of the Church and the spread of the Gospel.
- (e) To further No. 2 where practicable by forming Training Classes for study and preparation.
- (d) Special Evangelistic Campaign in all our districts by means of Tract distribution, open air work, and volunteer missions.

(e) Assisting the Churches in the following districts:—Hornsby, Hurstville, Inverell, Loftus Park, Lidcombe, Mosman, Paddington, Rockdale, and such other country and metropolitan centres as may be opened up to New Testament Evangelism.

Committee.—The following brethren served on the Committee during the year:—A. T. Eaton, President; J. Crawford, Vice-President; W. H. Hall, Treasurer; C. R. Hall, Secretary; S. Morris, Asst. Secretary; Dr. Bardsley, E. J. Hilder, L. Rossell, J. Stimson, G. Stimson, F. J. Sivyer, B.A., J. Whelan.

APPRECIATION.—Grateful thanks are expressed to Sydney and Enmore Churches for the use of their buildings; to our Sisters for their provision for the temporal needs of Conference; to our Auditor for his faithful work; and to all with whom we have had gracious fellowship in the service of the past. Endued with wisdom from on high; filled with the Divine Spirit, may we respond to the challenge of deeper consecration in the task of coming days, and be graciously led to such victories as will honour our Lord.

J. CRAWFORD, President.
C. R. HALL, Conference Secretary.
W. H. HALL, Treasurer.

Credential Committee

The Credentials Committee has given attention to all the work that has come forward, but no detailed report can be given in regard thereto for obvious reasons. It is regrettable that the Churches do not make more use of this Committee, as the knowledge at their disposal would probably be of considerable use to them on occasions.

E. J. HILDER, Secretary.

The Churches of Christ Chapel Extension Fund Ltd.

The Directors have to report with regret that the year has not been one of great progress, and desire again to express their surprise that so few Church members have seen fit to take up shares in the Fund. At present the whole shares are held by 55 members, who have contributed the sum of £742/13/10 as Share Capital. The assets of the fund as at January 31, 1923, are represented by £119/15/3 cash, and £834/1/3 on loan and interest accrued to the Churches at Seven Hills, Mosman, South Kensington, and Dumbleton. We commend this work to the Brotherhood, and again appeal for the financial and moral support necessary to make the Fund a living factor in the Church work in the State.—R. E. Jeffery, Secretary.

3000 Members contributing 3d. per week to Home Missions would yield £37/10/-, 52 times a year for the Evangelisation of this State! Why not become a weekly investor? Handsome dividends.

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New South Wales Churches of Christ Home Mission Committee. DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY, 1923.

	Churches.			Per Collec- tors and Duplex Envelopes.	Annual Offering.	Conference Fees.	Individuals N.E.I.	Contribu- tions towards Preachers' Salaries.	Sundries.	Totals.	
Auburn North Bangalow Bankstown Belmore Blackheath Bungawalbyn Burwood Canley Vale Chatswood Dumbleton Enmore Erskineville Gilgandra Hornsby Hurstville Inverell Lidcombe Lismore Loftus Park Longueville Marrickville Merewether Moree Mosman North Sydney Paddington Petersham Rockdale St. Peters Seven Hills Sydney Taree Tyalgum Wagga Wahroonga Wingham				0 16 6 1 12 9 10 16 9 0 11 0 16 6 7 9 2 6 1 10 0 3 8 6 1 10 8 4 0 0 1 8 0 1 1 0 0 12 7 7 1 3 6 11 1 2 12 4 27 9 2	5 0 0 2 0 0 4 0 0 5 2 0 7 2 3 1 3 0 1 12 0 105 17 6 5 2 0 65 10 0 2 15 0 110 0 0 5 18 3 18 10 0 5 1 8 3 18 10 0 7 17 9 11 4 0 6 10 0 1 0 0 3 0 0 5 16 9 3 9 0 13 0 0 6 12 1 5 12 0 6 18 11 4 0 0 4 4 0		260 0 0 0 = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =	79 0 0		5 0 0 2 0 0 4 0 0 6 3 6 9 15 0 1 3 0 1 12 0 116 14 3 6 13 0 82 16 7 2 15 0 380 2 6 6 8 3 20 0 0 9 4 6 9 8 5 79 0 0 11 14 0 6 10 0 5 0 0 3 0 0 7 4 9 4 10 0 13 0 0 7 4 8 13 13 3 13 10 0 4 0 0 88 11 4 1 0 0 88 11 4 1 0 0 192 15 0 192 15 0 192 15 0 192 15 0 192 15 0 192 16 86 1 0 5 2 6 16 1 6	
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CHURCH OF CHRIST BOOK DEPOT, SYDNEY. Balance Sheet as at 28th February, 1923.

Sundry Creditors	£ s d £ s d 34 8 0	Stock Sundry Debtors Cash at Bank Cash in hand	31 18 1	3	1 9
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I hereby certify that I have examined the Books of Account and Vouchers of the Church of Christ Book Depot for the year ended 28th February, 1923, and prepared therefrom the foregoing Balance Sheet. Subject to my report by the Books on the date mentioned. Stock was listed and priced by the responsible officers of the Committee and appears at their valuation.

32 Elizabeth St., Sydney, 12th March, 1923.

Y. M. MIDDLETON, A.C.P.A., Honorary Auditor.

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Y. M. MIDDLETON, A.C.P.A., Honorary Auditor.

NEW SOUTH WALES CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Balance Sheet as at 28th February, 1923.

Liabilities.								Assets.						
	£	s	d	£	S	d			£	S	d	£	5	d
Sundry Creditors—		E.						Office Furniture, Typewriter, etc.						
Trade Accounts				11	5	0		Book value					0	
Trust Accounts—								Loan, Canley Vale Church					0	
Hamilton Church	113	1	6					Sundry Debtors					0	
Peace Fund	144	7	9					Cash at Bank				49	10	8
Benevolent Fund	6	0	0				E Mile	Deficiency Account—						
Bro. Wm. Dennett Memorial	ALC:				-			Balance at 28th February, 1922	640	11	0			
Fund	129	10	2					Deduct surplus for the year trans-	10					
			_	392	19	5		ferred from Revenue Account	343	17	3			
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I hereby certify that I have examined the Books of Accounts and Vouchers of the New South Wales Churches of Christ Home Mission Committee for the year ended 28th February, 1923, and prepared therefrom the foregoing Balance Sheet and am of the opinion that it correctly exhibits the financial position of the Committee as at that date as disclosed by the books.

32 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

Y. M. MIDDLETON, A.C.P.A.

12th March, 1923.

Hon. Auditor.

NEW SOUTH WALES CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Cash Statement for the Year ended 28th February, 1923.

Receipts.	Payments.
1923—February 28th. To Contributions, etc., for the year— " Per Collectors and Duplex Envelopes 96 10 8 " Annual Offering 656 16 10 " Conference Fees 8 0 0 " Individuals, N.E.I. 317 11 0 " Sundries 2 1 0 " Contributions towards Preachers' Salaries 160 15 0	1922—Feb. 28th. By Balance forward 1923—Feb. 28th. By Subsidies— Canley Vale Erskineville Hornsby Hurstville 55 3 9 Lidcombe Loftus Park £ s d £ s
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I have compared the above Cash Statement with the Cash Book of the New South Wales Churches of Christ Home Mission Committee and certify that it is in accordance therewith.

32 Elizabeth Street,

Sydney, 12th March, 1923.

Hon. Auditor.

Y. M. MIDDLETON, A.C.P.A.

NEW SOUTH WALES CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

Revenue Account for the Year ended 28th February, 1923.

Expenditure. 1923—Feb. 28th. To Subsidies	£ s d £ s d	Revenue. £ s d £ s d 1923—Feb. 28th. By Contributions—
" Salaries " Printing, Stationery and Duplex Envelopes " Rent of Office " Publicity	851 18 8 30 4 3 53 15 0	"Churches and Individuals 1241 14 6 "Sisters' Conference Committee re Erskineville 36 0 0 "Women's Missionary Societies 11 6 6 "Bible Schools Committee re Organiser's Salary to 28/2/22 25 0 0
"Telephone	19 18 3 39 8 4	"Book Depot
"Annual Offering Expenses "Conference (Annual) Expenses "Conference (District) Expenses "Conference (Federal) Expenses "Depreciation Office Furniture	17 0 0 56 13 8 3 1 6 4 0 0 1 8 0 ————————————————————————————————————	2032 18 10
Balance being surplus for the year transferred to Deficiency Account	343 17 3	

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CHURCHES OF CHRIST PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND.

Balance Sheet at at 28th February, 1923.

Liabilities.					Assets.	
	£s	d	£ s	d	£sd£	s d
Accumulated Funds—					Tent, Seats, Furnishing, etc.—	
Balance at 28th February, 1922	907 17	3	PATE .	Take	Balance as at 28/2/'22 227 12 0	
Add Amount transferred from					Expenditure since 5 0 0	
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I hereby certify that I have examined the Books of Account and Vouchers of the New South Wales Churches of Christ Peace Fund for the year ended 28th February, 1923, and prepared the foregoing Balance Sheet which correctly exhibits the position of the fund at that date as disclosed thereby.

Y. M. MIDDLETON, A.C.P.A.

32 Elizabeth Street,

Sydney, 12th March, 1923.

Hon. Auditor.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND.

Cash Statement for the Year ended 28th February, 1923.

1922—Feb. 28th. Receipts.	£	s	d	Payments. 1923—Feb. 28th.	£	s	d
To Balance at Savings Bank of N.S.W.	397	2	2	By Sundry Advances—Gen. Fund To Balance at Savings Bank of	500	0	0
1923—Feb. 28th. To Interest for the year ended 30th	397	1	,	N.S.W	164	4	5
June, 1922	17 250	1 0	2 0				
	£664	4	5		£664	4	5

I have compared the above Cash Statement with the Cash Book of the New South Wales Churches of Christ Peace Fund and certify that it is in accordance therewith.

32 Elizabeth Street,

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Sydney, 12th March, 1923.

Y. M. MIDDLETON, A.C.P.A.,

Hon. Auditor.

Revenue Account for the Year ended 28th February, 1923.

Feb. 28th, 1923. Expenditure.	£sd£sd	Revenue. 1923—Feb. 28th.	£s	d	£	s	d
To Mission Expenditure (net) ,, Colportage		By Interest			18	6	5
" Allowance for depreciation of		penditure over Receipts					
Tent, Waggon and Furniture	401 3 0	transferred to Accumulated Funds			382	16	7
	£401 3 0	B BUTHERSON AND ANDERSON			£401	3	0

Temperance Committee Report

With the blessing and guidance of God, and aided by the co-operation and support of the Brotherhood, the Committee gratefully reports another year of active service.

1. Among the Churches.—"Education and Inspiration" has been the keynote of this year's work among the Churches. Forty Church services have been addressed by representatives of the Committee, with a total attendance of 2000. In addition 20 Sunday Schools, C.E. Societies, Bands of Hope, etc., have been visited, reaching 1700 young people. These visits have included Lantern Lectures, Cinema nights, Phonograph programmes and Chalk talks. Weekly copies of "Grit" have been supplied and are still available to all preachers desiring same.

2. Other Committees.—The co-operation of other Conference Committees has been shown as follows:—The Bible School Committee sent an appeal to all Schools urging the importance of World's Temperance Sunday, and also distributed 400 copies of the special W.T.S. issue of "Grit" to all teachers. It also gave a splendid donation to the Y.P. Tem-

perance work.

The Sisters' Conference held a special rally in November and gave a handsome donation to the Annual Offering Fund. Their representatives have attended our committee meetings.

3. Young People's Campaign.—Our chief activity is still among the young people of the State, working in association with the N.S.W. Alliance. The Y.P. Prohibition Council, consisting of delegates from 22 State-wide Organizations, is conducting an aggressive educational crusade, and the new Band of Hope Union is now an assured success.

The Committee places Lantern and Cinema outfits at the disposal of the Y.P. Campaign, and during the year the lantern was used 23 times, reaching 2500 people, and the cinema 16 times, reaching 1500, not including several Prohibition Fetes where the cinema was used. A great development has been the publication of the "New Day Crusader," a monthly journal of helps and notes, for workers among young people.

4. The New Day Crusade.—This is the feature of the present activity among young people. It is based upon a pledge and appeal emphasising —(1) Abstinence; (2) Prohibition; (3) Citizenship—and includes the aim of 100,000 signatures from those aged 8-18. Our schools are being visited whenever possible, and already 11 schools have secured 264 signatures and have contributed £5 to the "Mile of Pennies" Crusade Fund.

5. Young People's Societies.—Our S.S. and C.E. Societies emphasise Temperance and the following Temperance Societies are in active operation:—

Place.	Name.	Membershi
Rangalow 1	Band of Hope	90
Belmore Y.	A.T. League	90
Enmore Te	mperance Society	284
Hurstville '	Temperance Society	42
Inverell Ba	nd of Hope (United)	100
Lismore Ba	and of Hope (United)	150
Marrickvill	e Band of Hope	
Merewether	Rand of Hope	
Spancer's	Fully Band of Hope	43
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We should be pleased to hear of any others being formed. Enmore deserves special mention as one of the strongest Societies in the whole State. At this Conference its leader, Mr. W. T. Wine, will receive a Long Service Diploma and two of its members will receive Long Service

Medals.

- 6. Prohibition at Work.—Church members have visited U.S.A. during the year, and at the half-yearly Conference last October bore unanimous testimony to the valuable effects of Prohibition. A letter received phatic testimony to the success of Prohibition Commissioner, also bore emthe Church of Christ Board of Temperance (U.S.A.) writes: "The enforcement is a great success and this country is Prohibition, to stay as Easter also added weight to the accumulating evidence of the success of Prohibition.
- 7. Legislative and Political.—As occasion demanded, protests and resolutions were sent to Parliament and some violations of the Licensing Acts were reported. A letter of appreciation was sent to the members of Parliament who defeated the attempt to rush a Referendum on to the people at extremely short notice. Members of Churches have frequently assisted the Alliance in opposing applications for fresh licenses in nine the cases.
- 8. N.S.W. Alliance.—The closest co-operation possible exists between the Committee and the Alliance. To consolidate the work it was arranged with the Organiser and that the Committee would continue to raise as our Churches. In future all amounts contributed by our Churches either directly to the Committee or to the Alliance will be credited to the Committee wherever traceable. This plan is facilitated by all contributions amount to the Alliance. Local Churches have also assisted at the Proply of postage stamps, which are being sold in packets for the young "With One Voice."
- 9. Finance.—Income has been received from several sources, as per financial statement. As far as possible, amounts received from individuals, Churches and Auxiliaries are acknowledged herewith, under name of Church:—

Church. Auburn Bungawalbyn Boomi Bangalow Burwood Blackheath Bankstown Belmore Canley Vale Chatswood Chinese Church Dumbleton Enmore Erskineville Gilgandra Hornsby Hurstville Inverell Lidcombe Lismore Longueville Marrickville Mungindi	Annual Offering 1 0 0 0 0 1 12 10 0 0 1 12 10 0 1 12 10 0 1 15 0 1 15 0 1 15 0 1 1 15 0 1 1 15 0 1 1 1 1	- CIICI
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Wahroonga	No.		30	0	0
Wingham	1 3 1	10	1700	_	
Bible School Committee	-		1	0	0
Sisters' Conference	5 0	0	Block Single		
Totals	£85 2 1	11	£171	3	8

Including known amounts paid direct to the Alliance, the following approximate total has been contributed through our Churches to the Campaign:-

£85 2 11
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cil 16 4 3
iance 5 1 2

Total known amount £414 -9 3

- 10. Other Church Activity.-The Churches near Lismore assist the North Coast Temperance Council, of which Bro. P. J. Pond is Secretary. He edits the "Australian Temperance World." Until his departure from Inverell Bro. H. G. Payne was Secretary to the local Prohibition Committee and leader of one of the largest Country Bands of Hope. Brethren elsewhere has also actively assisted local Committees. The Committee has also been represented at 15 united Committee meetings and Conferences, attended by 600 people.
- 11. The Committee.—Those elected last year were:—Mr. L. Gilmour (Chairman), Mr. A. E. Oldfield (Secretary and Treasurer), Messrs. A. Fraser, W. J. E. Lewis, C. Cook, C. Hibberd, H. Chapple, K. Hunter, H. Robbins, with Mr. A. J. Fisher as Organiser. During the year Messrs. F. Steer and G. Eager were appointed to fill vacancies. The regular monthly meetings have been well attended.
- 12. Acknowledgment.-With gratitude to our Heavenly Father for all his encouragement, we also thank the following for varied assistance rendered during the year.

1. The Churches, Auxiliaries and Members for contributions and meetings.

2. N.S.W. Alliance for use of Office for Committees.

3. City Temple for use of building for meetings.

4. "Australian Christian" for splendid Prohibition issue and regular insertion of facts and reports.

5. "Pure Words" for special Prohibition pages and free copies.

6. "Austral Graded Lessons" for Temperance Lessons.

7. Austral Co. for giving Prohibition prominence upon the 1923 Almanac.

13. Future Work .- Prohibition is coming, but it will be hastened by greater and more consecrated efforts and the liberality of all Christians. The Drink Bill for N.S.W. for 1922 totalled £10,571,000, or £5/0/2 per head, while 29,046 were convicted of drunkenness in N.S.W. In face of these appalling figures we must continue until a Referendum is granted and till Prohibition has been voted by the people.

We recommend to Conference and the incoming Committee the fol-

1. An Alliance Field Service in every Church.

2. "The New Day Crusade" placed before every School and Y.P. Auxiliary.

Greater prominence to World's Temperance Sunday, November 11.
 Securing of first hand information from Churches and prominent brethren in Canada and U.S.A.

5. A Temperance Committee in every Church, representative of all auxiliaries.

6. Special prayer and organisation for the Referendum expected during 1924.

7. Report to Committee and authorities violations of existing liquor laws.

14. Conclusion.—Against us is the Liquor Traffic, allied to all the forces of unrighteousness. With us is the Lord of Hosts, and our cause is under his guidance and in harmony with his purposes. Therefore victory is assured. Let us then use every endeavour to hasten the overthrow of alcohol, so that drunkards may be rescued from the chains of this evil and made responsive to the Gospel, and so that children may be protected from the degradation of liquor. Thus souls will be helped to become partakers of the Kingdom of Christ.

On behalf of the Committee.

L. D. GILMOUR, Chairman.

A. E. OLDFIELD, Secretary.

A. J. FISHER, Organiser.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE. Financial Statement for Year ending February 28th, 1923.

Donations Receipts.	£	S	d
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Cinema Donation	11	17	1
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Annual Offering	2	26	
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Expenditure.		300	
Debit Balance from 1921/2	0	2	A
Picnic Expenses	20	3	4
Conf Expenses 1922	49	8	8
Conf. Expenses, 1922	6	13	6
Cinema Expenses	11	17	1
Trinting and Stationery	10	14	6
Odldi V	132	0	0
Postage and Perry Expenses	0	1	o
Advertisements	0	0	9
Donations to Y.P. Council	22	0	U
Denstions to Alliance	23	4	3
Donations to Alliance	55	1	2
Subscription for "Grit"	5	5	5
Balance in hand	13	11	7
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I have examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the Temperance Committee and compared them with the above statement which I certify to be correct.—F. T. Webber, A.I.I.A.

Bible Schools' Committee Report

We are glad to present our report for 1922. Probably in no year has the Committee encountered greater difficulties or made decisions of sage to us is to "launch out into the deep" and in His name we are planning to "go forward."

- 1. Committee.—During the year many changes took place in the Committee. Towards the end Bro. Stevens, who has faithfully served as Chair-man for some years, was compelled to resign owing to his removal to Victoria. He is a great Bible School enthusiast and he will be greatly missed. The Committee were fortunate in being able to secure the services of Bro. H. G. Payne in his place. Bro. N. Mathews, who was acting as Secretary, resigned during the year, and Bro. A. H. Webber took up his duties. Bren. P. Gillmore, and A. McDonald also resigned. The following is now the personnel of the Committee:—Chairman, H. G. Payne; Secretary, A. H. Webber; Treasurer, S. Gole; Bren. Edwards, Fisher, Graham, Rush and Stowe, and Sisters Arnott and Flood.
- 2. Finance.—The needs and opportunities of the work amongst the young are greater than ever. After long consideration and thought we have engaged a full time Organiser, believing such a step is a vital necessity and we confidently look to the brotherhood to largely increase their offer-brotherhood will stand behind the Committee with their prayers and an ed for the Master amongst our schools.

The receipts for the past year amounted to £133/5/4 and the expenditure to £90/2/3. A credit balance of £36 15s 6d was brought forward from last year, thus leaving a credit balance of £79 18s 7d. The receipts include £61 11s 11d the balance of the Annual Offering taken in February, 1922. The date of the Annual Offering has been altered to first Sunday in May to bring it into line with the other States. It is also thought that May will prove a better period of the year to take the Offering.

3. Cot Fund.—"The Churches of Christ Bible Schools' Cot" is still being maintained at the Royal Alexandria Hospital for Children at Camperdown at a cost of £40 a year. Twenty of our Schools have fellowship in caring for the sick children; the five following Schools commenced to contribute to this worthy work during the past year, viz.: Bankstown, Burwood, Dumbleton, Erskineville and North Sydney. Unfortunately two of our suburban, and two of our country Schools who helped the fund during previous years, ceased to assist the fund this year. To these Schools and any of the schools not at present supporting the Cot, we strongly recommend that they start the new Conference Year well by contributing to the "Cot Fund."

We gladly insert a paragraph from a letter recently received from the Secretary to the Hospital:—"Pleace convey to the scholars of your Schools the deep appreciation and thanks of my Board for their continued support of their Cot, which is of such great assistance to our work on behalf of sick children."

4. Examination.—The Examination for 1922 was very successful. 490 scholars entered and 320 sat, of whom 288 passed, 23 prizes were allotted and 126 honour certificates.

A Conference of Bible School representatives was held during the Federal Conference in Melbourne, and it was decided to hold a Federal Examination in future. The questions this year will be on Austral graded lessons, Division 2, April-June. They will be set from a New South Wales Committee, each State appointing its own examiners. Probably for 1924 an entirely new scheme will be worked out.

5. Annual Demonstration.—The Annual Demonstration and prize giving was held in the City Temple on 17th October and was a great success. The attendance was most satisfactory, the building being crowded. The programme was very good, the items reflecting credit on those responsible for training the children.

6. Organiser.—During the year Bro. Rush tendered his resignation as Organiser after five years' service. His resignation was accepted with

much regret.

The Committee are glad to have secured the services of Bro. A. L. Haddon in his place. He commenced work with the Committee on 19th March. Bro. Haddon comes to us with the highest of recommendations and we are looking forward with great hopefulness to the work of the coming year.

7. World's Sunday School Association.—During the year we were favoured with a visit from Mr. W. C. Pearce, Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association. He is the most distinguished Sunday School worker who has come to Australia since the visit of Mr. G. Hamilton Archibald. His addresses were a great inspiration. As the outcome of his visit an organisation was formed in Sydney called the Council of Religious Education, affiliated with the World's Sunday School Association. Our Bible Schools' Committee has siv representatives on this Council. United inspirational meetings were held in various districts at which Church of Christ Teachers were well represented. Plans are now being finalised for United Teacher Training Classes in various centres. We heartily recommend this work to all our Schools.

The World's Sunday School Convention will be held at Glasgow, June 18-24, 1924, and it is hoped Australia will be well represented at that Convention.

BIBLE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE. Cash Statement for year ended February 28, 1923. Receipts.

To Credit Balance brought forward from last year " Collection at lecture on Mesopotamia " T. E. Rofe, Settlement " Offering Annual Demonstration " Refund advertising expenses W. C. Pearce's visit " Balance of Annual Offering, 1922— Enmore, £25/8/-; Chatswood (add'l) £1/6/9; Erskine- ville, 12/-; Gilgandra, £3/6/1; Marrickville, £2/10/-; Mosman, £1/-/10; North Sydney, 10/-; Paddington,	36 4 60 7 0	\$ 15 4 0 3 5	NO WATE
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Receipts. To balance last statement Bankstown Belmore Blakehurst Burwood Canley Vale Chatswood City Temple Dumbleton Enmore Erskineville Hornsby Hurstville Lidcombe Lismore Marrickville N. Sydney Paddington Rockdale Sth. Kensington St. Peters £55 Expenditure. By support of Cot " Credit Balance £55

28/2/'23

S. GOLE, Hon. Treasurer.

I have audited the Books and Vouchers of the General and "Cot" Funds of the Bible Schools' Committee and compared them with the above statements which I certify are correct.—F. T. Webber, A.I.I.A. 28/2/'23. STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PARTY

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Report of Foreign Mission Committee in New South Wales

1922-1923.

Dear Brethren,

We submit our Report of this year's labours with thankfulness and joy, for work accomplished and for blessings received at home and abroad, and reviewing the year's activities would say "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

We have had our share of sickness on the various fields, but we have had our share of triumphs also; and in the increase of work and workers we rejoice and praise Him whose guiding hand has been manifest in the

development of the work throughout the year.

THE FIELDS.

India.—Baramati is still the headquarters of our Mission work in India. During the year the same routine has been followed as in former years, viz., Dispensary, Evangelistic, and special work amongst the

Bhamptas.

Miss E. Caldicott has been home on furlough, and in her visit to the Mother State endeared herself to very many, by her description of the work performed by each one in their various departments. We have three stations—Ganowdi, Shirsuphal, Shrigonda and Diksal—with four outstations—Ganowdi, Shirsuphal, Pargaon and Loni—also two orphanages at Baramati and Shrigonda with 150 orphans; four medical dispensaries at Baramati, Shrigonda, Diksal and Indapur, with about 15,000 treatments and re-treatments during the year. An Indian doctor is located at Baramati.

Miss Mary Thompson, our Senior Missionary, is back again at her work in Harda, working with our American Missionaries, and has as her

helper, Sarabai, her faithful Bible woman.

Baramati.—This station is now under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Coventry taking the entire oversight of the Criminal Tribes Settlement. Miss V. Blake is in charge of the Girls' Orphanage, but helps in medical and evangelistic work also. Miss E. Caldicott superintends the medical work, Miss L. Redman the educational work, whilst Mr. Killey is busy learning the language and helping wherever possible. About 5000 cases are treated medically each year. The outstations served by Baramati are Shirsuphal and Gandowdi. Twenty-two by Faith and Obedience.

Shrigonda.—Mr. and Mrs. Watson are in charge here, with Miss Cameron in charge of the Orphange boys, with Miss E. Jones in charge of the Evangelistic work, assisted by eight native helpers. Many of the boys have been baptised and are growing into splendid Christian manhood. The Orphanage is now known as the Lyall Memorial Hall, in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lyall, senr., and Mr. Robert Lyall through whose generous gifts the building has been largely erected. Three outstations are kept supplied from Shrigonda—Dhond, Pargaon and Loni. About 5000 cases are treated medically each year.

Diksal.—Mr. and Mrs. T. Escott with four christian women—natives—form the staff in this centre. The outstation here is Indapur. A great work is being done by these faithful workers, whose labours are brought before you regularly through their letters. Total number of additions by Faith and Obedience in India for year 75.

CHINA.

Shanghai.—The work in this centre has been placed in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, who give their services free, the Committee undertaking to pay the rent and a few other charges. A Church has been organised with Elders and Deacons, and four have been baptised during the year. There are now 270 scholars in the Day and Bible Schools. An

Evangelistic service is held every Wednesday evening and a prayer meeting every Saturday night.

Hwielichow.-Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and Mr. Waterman have not yet entered upon their duties in this important field, chiefly owing to the robbers who infest the district, and the authorities' action in withholding permission for them to leave Yunanfu owing to the dangerous state of affairs. The latest advice to hand is that the men may go, but the women must stay behind for the present until peace is assured. Miss G. Metzenthin is now on her way to assist Mrs. Anderson in the work.

NEW HEBRIDES.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Black's return, Pentecost has been without a representative. On Oba the work has been cared for by Mr. Purdy. Mrs. Waters has had a serious breakdown in health necessitating a trip to New Zealand. We are glad to report that good news has come to hand regarding her recovery. Mr. Waters is back in Oba, Mrs. Waters remaining on Norfolk Island for a further period. The Native Church has faithfully honoured their promise of support to the Committee of £156 per annum.

Sydney Chinese.-Meetings have been held regularly, the Church meeting each Lord's Day to remember the Lord's sacrifice, the Gospel being preached each evening by some one of the brethren. Evening classes have also been held, Tuesday and Thursday, under the superintendency of Bro. W. J. Phillips, who is proving a very capable leader.

FINANCE.

The Committee wishes to record its greatest appreciation to the Brotherhood for its loyal financial support of Foreign Missions. The year has again been a record one, the total receipts being £67/8/5 more than in the previous year. That men and women are translating their greater interest in Missionary Work into financial assistance is clearly shown by the following statement of steady growth in income. Increase.

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Organisation.-Meetings held during the year 8. Attendance as follows:-Avenell 5, Corbett 7, Crossman 7, Crisp 5, Morton 8, Holt 4, J. Crawford 2, resigned; Parker 3, resigned; Quan Mane 4, Clydesdale 8, Sisters Bull 6, Corbett 7, Mrs. Plummer, resigned, 4.

Thanks.-Our sincere thanks are tendered to Bro. L. Thompson for acting as auditor; to Bro. J. O. Holt our Hon. Treasurer, who, we regret to say, has tendered his resignation as Treasurer after eight years faithful service; we also thank the noble army of Collectors, Secretaries and Treasurers in the various Churches for their splendid interest in the cause

Conclusion.—In conclusion we appeal to the Brotherhood to sustain of Foreign Missions. the great and glorious work they have inaugurated by continual prayer for the Missionaries and the Mission, and their practical interest and support as in former years. And to Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God and the Father, to Him be the glory for ever. Amen. JOHN CLYDESDALE, Secretary.

W. J. CROSSMAN, Chairman.

NEW SOUTH WALES CHURCHES OF CHRIST FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Twelve Months ended 28th February, 1923.

Receipts.			Disbursements.				
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	Gifts for Specific Objects— For Indian Orphans— Mrs. Espulier, 10/-; Bro. and Sis. Rit-		General Mission Supplies Insurance on Mission Property	28 6 3 3 0 8			
	ter, £5; Auburn Church, £1/1/-; J. Hunter, £6; J. Whelan, £6; F. Steer, £6; Mrs. Farr, £6; R. E. Jeffrey, £6;		Sydney Chinese Mission— Rent	65 0 0	219 16 11		
	Mrs. Bull, £5/10/-; Chatswood Bible School, £6; Miss A. McCoughtry, £7/10; Miss G. McCoughtry, £11/-/-; Misses		Lighting	2 12 11	67 12 11		
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	Miss Rofe, £6; Bro. and Sis. A. H. Webber, £6; Miss H. V. Rofe's Bible School Class, £6/11/6; Inverell Bible School,		Postages, Telegrams and General Expenses Telephone Travelling Expenses including		13 10 8 8 5 9		
	£4/10/-; Enmore Kinders, £6; Miss J. Rofe's Bible School Class, £1/10/	122 12 6	Travelling Expenses—including Federal Conference		17 0 3		

	For Ladies' Hostel—			
	Sisters' Conference		19	6
	For H. Watson (India) Hospital and Orphan	age-		
	Lidcombe Church, £2/19/6; Bro. Isaacs,			
	£1; City Temple, 10/-; Miss E. Webb, £1	-5	9	6
	For China Buildings—			
	A. C. Garnett-Lectures' Proceeds	7	8	6
	For Native Teacher—India—			
	Hornsby Bible School	0	10	0
	For China Orphans—			
	Canley Vale Bible School	4	0	0
	For India Buildings—			
	T. E. Rofe	350	0	0
	For Mary Thompson Testimonial—			A sel
	Sisters' Conference	30	4	6
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	Total Receipts	±1481	2	4
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Total Disbursements Remittances: Federal Committee,	£513 12 5
Federal Committee	876 2 0
Balance carried forward 28th February, 1923	126 8 1

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New South Wales Churches of Christ Foreign Missions' Committee STATEMENT SHOWING COMPARISONS OF RECEIPTS FROM PRINCIPAL SOURCES FOR TWO YEARS 1921-1922 AND 1922-1923.

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Total Receipts from all sources, 1922-23	Hon. Treasurer.

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URCHES OF CHRIST NEW SOUTH WALES

ANNUAL CONFERENCE APRIL MARCH 26

PROME MISSION DEPARTMENT

partner in the furtherance of Gospel, I propose contributing as a special offering to Home Mission sum of Funds, for the evangelising of this State, the a Member of the Church, and, therefore, a able during the ensuing six months.

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urer: W. H. HALL, 107 Pitt St., Sydney.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 31.

Great Rally

In association with the Australian Band of Hope Convention.

7.15 p.m.—Community Singing.

7.30 p.m.—Lantern Lecturettes—

Mr. W. H. Rose, of Victoria, "Methods of Work."

Mr. A. J. Fisher, "The New Day Crusade."

8.0 p.m.—PUBLIC MEETING.

Chairman, Mr. E. Bladiston, of Geelong, Vic. Elocutionary Items. Solos. Society Action Piece. Presentation of Medals and Diplomas.

Addresses:

Mr. A. KEELING, of South Australia Mr. L. D. GILMOUR, of Sydney Community Singing.

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Organiser.



EASTER MONDAY April 2nd.

Annual Conference Picnic

God's Beautiful Out-of-Doors

Wentworth Park, Vaucluse

Watson's Bay Boat to Parsley Bay Wharf. Hot water provided.

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