

CHURCHES OF CHRIST

NEW SOUTH WALES.



FIFTY-SEVENTH

**ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

MARCH 29th to APRIL 8th
1942



**Programme of Meetings
and Reports**

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PRICE :: SIXPENCE  
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J. L. STIMSON, Conference President.

S. C. WOOLLEY, Conference Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF PROGRAMME

Sunday, March 29—All Churches.

(Pre-Conference Sunday).

Monday, March 30.—City Temple.

7.30 p.m.: Young People's Demonstration.

Tuesday, March 31.—City Temple.

6 p.m.: President's Tea—Arranged by Auburn Sisters.

7.15 p.m.: Opening Business Session. Devotional, Roll Call of Delegates, Greetings, Welcome to New Preachers, Admission of New Churches, President's Word, Executive's Report, Boys' Home Board Report.

Wednesday, April 1.—Enmore Tabernacle.

10.30 a.m.: Women's Auxiliary Conference.

6 p.m.: Social Service Tea.

7.15 p.m.: Social Service Demonstration.

Thursday, April 2.—City Temple.

7.30 p.m.: Overseas Mission Demonstration.

Friday, April 3.—Enmore Tabernacle.

9.30 a.m.: Devotional.

9.45 a.m.: Roll Call of Delegates.

10 a.m.: Social Service Committee Report.

11.30 a.m.: Overseas Mission Committee Report.

1 p.m.: Adjournment for lunch. (Basket lunch—tea, milk and sugar provided.)

2.15 p.m.: Bible Schools and Young People's Committee Report.

3.45 p.m.: Home Mission Committee Report.

5.15 p.m.: New South Wales Bible College Report.

5.45 p.m.: Notices of Motion—Amendments to Constitution.

6 p.m.: Adjournment for Tea. (Basket Tea—tea, milk and sugar provided.)

Friday, April 3.—Enmore Tabernacle.

7.30 p.m.: Home Mission Demonstration.

Saturday, April 4.—City Temple.

7.30 p.m.: Combined Rally—Christian Endeavour and New South Wales Bible College.

Sunday, April 5.—City Temple.

3 p.m.: Conference Sermon.—Speaker: A. R. MAIN, M.A., Principal of New South Wales Bible College. Special Choir, with Mr. Gordon Day as Conductor. Broadcast by courtesy of Station 2CH.

Tuesday, April 7.—City Temple.

3.30 p.m.: Preachers' Session.

7.30 p.m.: Business Session. Devotional, Roll Call of Delegates, Christian Messenger Committee Report, Advisory Board Report, Resolutions, Council of Churches Report.

Wednesday, April 8.—City Temple.

7.30 p.m.: Business Session. Devotional, Roll Call of Delegates, Book Room Committee Report, Preachers' Provident Fund Report, Building Advisory Report, College of the Bible, Chapel Extension Fund Ltd., Unfinished Business.

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FIFTY-SEVENTH CONFERENCE, 1942

J. L. STIMSON (Conference President).

At the request of my brethren of the Conference Executive I sit down to write this foreword.

No doubt we all look forward to the Conference gatherings again this year, although the international situation is much worse than when we last met in Conference. In the interim, the united work of the Brotherhood has been faithfully maintained under the blessing of God, Who has permitted us to labour in His service still.

The outstanding event of the past year was the establishment of the Churches of Christ Bible College, N.S.W., at Woolwich, on the Lane Cove River, under Principal A. R. Main, M.A. The enthusiasm displayed at the launching of this movement, following the decision of last Conference to set up the College, was remarkable. Those present on that occasion felt the leading of the Spirit as our prayers were answered. And this has all happened in war time! And why not? The need for evangelism is greater than ever, and the College is the helpmeet of evangelism.

So I quote from Bro. Paternoster's foreword in last year's Conference Programme as follows:—

"The imperative call of 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.'"

The challenge that the Restoration Movement provides is still the same New Testament Christianity which was nothing if not evangelistic. "A Church which is not evangelising is a contradiction of the Church," wrote Principal Wm. Robinson recently. Every Department of our united work is evangelistic in outlook.

On the eve of this fifty-seventh Conference I am reminded of the concluding phrase of the objects of Conference, viz.: "Pleading for the return to New Testament Christianity as the only basis for the union of all Churches." May we all be faithful to this plea, remembering the Lord's own prayer in John 17: "That they all may be one as Thou, Father, art in me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou has sent me." Lack of belief in, and non-acceptance of Christ have certainly resulted in this terrible world tragedy!

As we gather in Conference again, may we all be willing to be guided by the Holy Spirit; may the spirit of prayer be much in evidence as we wait upon the Lord; and may we "keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" with unshaken confidence in our God.

"I will say of the Lord, He is in my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him will I trust."

THE FIRST BIG NIGHT of Conference INSPIRING YOUTH RALLY



will be held in

CITY TEMPLE

69 CAMPBELL ST.,

MONDAY,

30th MARCH, 1942

at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman:

Conference President.

Speaker:

Mr. R. V. AMOS

(Georgetown)

SUBJECT:

"ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE OF THE CROSS"

A Demonstration of "Happy Hour" Methods
by Mr. F. HUNTING.

This is YOUR night. Pack the City Temple with members of your
C.E. Society, Clubs, and Youth Organisations. COME!

TUESDAY, MARCH 31st

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.

7.15 p.m.: Devotional. L. Wylie (Grafton).

7.30 p.m.: Roll Call of Delegates.

Inward and Outward Greetings.

Welcome to New Preachers.

President's Word.

Admission of New Churches.

Conference Executive Report.

Boys' Home Board Report.

**Women's 48th Annual
Auxiliary Conference**

THE TABERNACLE,
Metropolitan Road, ENMORE.
Wednesday, April 1st, 1942.

MORNING SESSION: 10.30 o'clock.

President: Mrs. P. D. McCALLUM.

Devotional Leader: Mrs. A. R. MAIN.

BUSINESS:

President's Welcome.

Greeting President, General Conference, Mr. J. L. Stimson.

Minutes of 1941 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. Maxwell; {4} Foreign Missions and Mis-
sionary 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} Australian Comforts
Fund, Miss Brown; {11} Catering, Mrs. Murray; {12} Programme,
Mrs. Rush.

Introduction of Incoming Officer.

Hymn No. 33: "The Church's One Foundation."

Benediction.

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

AFTERNOON SESSION: 2.15 o'clock.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

Prayer Mrs. W. J. Evan Lewis

Executive Report Mrs. H. Palmer

Welcome and Responses.

Solo

Mrs. A. Milne

President's Message

Mrs. P. D. McCallum

Hymn No. 9

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

Prayer

Miss Winks

Address

Miss C. H. Wedgwood, M.A. (Camb.)

Hymn No. 20

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Benediction.

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

MY NEIGHBOUR AS MYSELF

Social Service Demonstration

ENMORE TABERNACLE,
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st, 1942

BROTHERHOOD TEA: 6 p.m.

All friends are especially invited to this happy social function.
No Charge.

Come and enjoy the Fellowship this meeting provides.

PROGRAMME:

Chairman: J. L. Stimson, Conference President.

Praise Service: 7.15 to 7.30 p.m.

Anthem Paddington Choir
Hymn.

Prayer Session.

Solo Mrs. Fuller

Scripture Lesson, James 2 Ron Dawson

Announcements and Offering.

Musical Item Boy's Home Choir

Prayer Session.

Anthem Paddington Choir

Hymn.

Address ROY GREENHALGH

Benediction.

Choir Leader: J. Atkinson

FOREIGN MISSION DEMONSTRATION

CITY TEMPLE

CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

Thursday, April 2nd, 1942

7.45 p.m.

Chairman: Conference President.

Hymn.

Prayer Dr. C. A. Verco

Scripture Romans 10

Item, Burwood Bible School.

Hymn.

Address Albert Anderson (Federal F.M. Sec.)

Offering.

Hymn.

Benediction.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd

ENMORE TABERNACLE,
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE.

Business Sessions

9.30 a.m.: Devotional. D. L. Stirling (Wollongong).

9.45 a.m.: President takes the Chair.

Roll Call of Delegates

SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT.

11.30 a.m.: OVERSEAS MISSION REPORT.

1.00 p.m.: Adjournment for lunch. Basket lunch (tea, milk and sugar provided).

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

2.15 p.m.: BIBLE SCHOOL and Y.P. DEPT. REPORT.

3.45 p.m.: HOME MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT.

5.15 p.m.: NEW SOUTH WALES BIBLE COLLEGE REPORT.

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

6.00 p.m. Adjournment for tea. Basket tea (tea, milk and sugar provided).

**HOME MISSION
DEMONSTRATION**

METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE.



Friday, 3rd April



Chairman: Conference President.

7.15 Prayer by Dr. Crisp

National Anthem.

Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Announcement of Conference Officers and Committees.

Introduction of President.

Response and Presentation to Retiring President.

Duet Misses Maulsbury, of Wagga

Presentation of Women's Conference Offering.

Response by Mr. E. C. Hinrichsen.

Choir.

Hymn "Jesus Shall Reign Where 'ere the Sun." (Two Verses)

Address by Dr. W. Hinrichsen, of Melbourne—

Doxology. "Aspects of a Victorious Church"

CHURCHES OF CHRIST CHRISTIAN
ENDEAVOUR ASSOCIATION
ANNOUNCES

MONSTER  RALLY



A. R. MAIN, M.A.,
Principal, N.S.W. Bible College.

The Rally focuses attention on the College in N.S.W., which we commend.

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Music by Choir.

Items by College Students

Soloist: Jas. MACLEAN.

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IT IS BOUND TO THRILL.

A. C. MACLEAN,
Chairman.

ELLA BUDGEN,
Secretary.

held in
CITY TEMPLE,
CAMPBELL ST.,
SATURDAY,
4th APRIL,
7.30 p.m.

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Chairman:
Conference President.

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Special Speaker:
A. R. MAIN, MA

Principal, N.S.W.
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CONFERENCE SERMON

CITY TEMPLE,
CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

SUNDAY, APRIL 7th, 1942

President: J. L. Stimson.

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

Announcements.

National Anthem.

3.00 p.m.: Anthem Combined Choir

Prayer S. Stevens, Vice-President

Hymn No. 1.

Offering for Preachers' Provident Fund.

Solo.

Scripture Reading Psalm 34

Hymn No. 22.

Address Principal, A. R. Main, M.A.

"THINGS WHICH CANNOT BE SHAKEN"

Anthem Combined Choir

Hymn No. 18.

BENEDICTION
(Broadcast by courtesy Station 2CH)

Conductor:
Mr. Gordon Day.

Accompanist:
Miss Jessie Webster

TUESDAY, APRIL 7th

CITY TEMPLE,

CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

3.30 p.m.: Preachers Session

Business Session

Chairman: Conference President.

7.30 p.m.: Devotional.

7.45 p.m.: President takes the chair.

Roll Call of Delegates.

REPORTS—

CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

ADVISORY BOARD.

RESOLUTIONS.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8th

Business Session

CITY TEMPLE,
CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

7.30 p.m.: Devotional. E. H. Walmsley (Albury).

7.45 p.m.: President takes the chair

Roll Call of Delegates.

REPORTS—

BOOK ROOM COMMITTEE.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND.

BUILDING ADVISORY.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.

CHAPEL EXTENSION FUND, LTD.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

CLOSING EXERCISES.

N.S.W. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE

48th Annual Report, 1941-42.

EXECUTIVE REPORT.

In presenting this report we thank our Heavenly Father for guidance and help during the past year. We gratefully acknowledge the loyalty and co-operation of the Superintendents and Committees of all departments, and all who in any way have assisted the work of the Women's Auxiliary Conference. Under the capable leadership of the President, Mrs. P. D. McCallum, regular monthly meetings have been held, the average attendance being 62. In addition, special meetings have been held for Home and Overseas Missions, and a Day of Prayer was arranged by the Social Service Committee. The devotional sessions, held prior to the business sessions of our meetings, have proved a valued source of spiritual uplift during a year of national anxieties. We thank the representative speakers from the B. and F. Bible Society, the A.B.M. and the Mission to the Jews, and Sisters P. D. McCallum and W. J. E. Lewis, also Brethren L. Stimson, President Gen. Conference, A. R. Main and F. A. Youens, for their helpful addresses at the monthly meetings.

We have been represented on the Women's Missionary Council and the Women's Interchurch Council, of which Mrs. P. D. McCallum was elected President for the ensuing year. The Annual Rally of the Women's Interchurch Council was held at City Temple in November, 1941.

The work of the Superintendents and Committees which covers a wide field, has been well and faithfully carried out. The interest and financial support for Home and Overseas Missions has been splendidly maintained, and to further the interest Missionary Education literature is sent out monthly to the Women's Societies. Many letters have been sent to isolated homes, and spiritual and material comfort have been lovingly given to the sick and needy. The catering, under the capable direction of Mrs. Murray, has again rendered excellent service.

The Conference branch of the Lord Mayor's Comforts Fund has again forwarded a great number of made and knitted garments to the Central Depot. This work is under the untiring direction of Miss Hazel Brown and Miss Smith, assisted by Mrs. A. C. McLean. We thank all who have participated.

Farewells were said to Nurses Clipstone and Violet Wakely prior to their departure for Missionary service.

We regret to report during the year the death of our loved Sister, Mrs. John Fox, who, as a Foundation and a Life member of the Executive of the N.S.W. Women's Conference, contributed over a long period so much to its success. In the Presidential and Home Mission spheres, especially, her work will long be remembered. To all who have been bereaved during the year we offer our loving sympathy and commend them to the love of the Father.

In conclusion we express sincere appreciation for the devoted and untiring work of the President, Mrs. McCallum, who, since taking office in April last up to the end of January, has represented this Auxiliary at 68 meetings, including Interdenominational, Missionary Council, and at the various Churches. She has also paid a visit to Wollongong and addressed the Sisters there. Mrs. McCallum has not only held the office of President of the Women's Conference, but is also Superintendent for Overseas Missions, and has supervised the preparation each month of the

Missionary Education literature during her year of office. To Mrs. Rush, pianiste, to the Officers of City Temple, for the use of the building for our meetings, and to Officers of Enmore for the Annual Conference, we express our sincere thanks.

Financial.—Home Missions, £155/13/8; Overseas Missions, £159/6/8; total, £315/0/4; Ashwood House, £68/14/1; Catering, £16/7/1.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT.

Obituary.—Mrs. G. Budgen, Superintendent, reports that 30 letters of sympathy have been written to those who have been bereaved. In this way comfort has been brought to sad hearts. Many expressions of appreciation have been received. May God bless and comfort all who mourn.

Home Missions.—Mrs. Maxwell, Superintendent. My report covers a period of ten months. I should like to place on record the genuine interest and enthusiasm in the work of Home Missions displayed wherever I have visited amongst the various Women's organisations, especially with regard to the work of the Hinrichsen Mission party. During the period under review over 150 letters and circulars have been sent out. Churches participating in the offering numbered 42, in addition to gifts received from the several isolated Sisters and others specially interested in the work. The sum of £134/15/6 has been donated, in addition to £15/13/2, through Mission Bands, and £5/5/- from the General Fund, making a total of £155/13/8.

Overseas Missions.—Mrs. McCallum, Superintendent, reports the raising of £159/6/8 for our overseas work. An amount of £7/7/- was also paid to the F.M. Committee during the year. Church Societies have been visited during the year, and letters written to Missionaries. Letters from our "Living Link," Mrs. Coventry, have been duplicated and sent out with the Missionary Education literature to the various Societies. We offer congratulations to Mrs. Coventry, who, this year, is President of the Women's Conference of our Churches in India. The response to requests for goods for the Islands has been gratifying, seven boxes having been sent. We thank all who helped. The special meeting for overseas work was held on September 19th.

Missionary Education.—The Missionary Education movement has gained impetus during the year, judging by the number of appreciative letters received. The sincere thanks of the Executive are given to Miss H. Rofe and Miss F. Bell, who have so generously donated the paper and duplicating, and to all who have written articles. A Notice of Motion sent by N.S.W. to the Women's Federal Conference resulted in a Federal Committee being formed to draw up a plan for this important Federal work.

Prayer Meeting Committee.—Mrs. Thomson, Superintendent. We are glad to report progress this year, acknowledging the help and guidance of our Heavenly Father. The Committee numbers 23. A sub-committee was formed for the Hurstville district. Instead of a similar committee for the North Shore Churches it was decided to hold a combined meeting once a year; this was held at Chatswood, and was most successful. The North Shore Sisters on our Committee took part, and this co-operation makes our work much more effective. The rest of our work was carried out amongst the Churches around Sydney. Eleven Churches to date have been visited and others will be visited before the year ending in March.

Newington Hospital.—Mrs. Crossman, Superintendent. During Conference year 10 visits have been paid to Newington Home, with an average of seven Sisters visiting each month. Nineteen Sisters were present at the Christmas visit. Again we would thank all who have so lovingly assisted and made this work possible. We have endeavoured to use each opportunity of service for the Master, and though some results are visible, we leave the rest with Him. As we close there seems a possibility of having to discontinue this avenue of service after many years of faithful work by the Sisters, owing to war conditions, but we thank our Heavenly Father for what we have been enabled to do in the past, and pray that we may be guided as to the future. During the year 1772 items of groceries and sweets, 854 miscellaneous gifts, and 1547 books have been distributed.

Temperance and Social Service.—Mrs. A. Wakely, Superintendent. The Auxiliary has met monthly and helped in many ways to alleviate distress, and to hinder the advancement of social evils by assisting financially the Temperance Alliance to the extent of £14/13/6, and the Band of Hope Union £9/0/7. A day of Fellowship and Prayer was also held on October 10th, and was definitely helpful to the Sisters who heard the message brought to them.

Isolated Sisters.—Miss Elliot has written 57 letters and received 25 replies. The isolated Sisters seem pleased with the personal touch which the letters give, and welcome items of special interest in our Church work and meetings. Some members in the way back write cheerfully, and in face of difficulties keep on bravely. The tone of many letters encourages one to carry on, and we do so, praying for our Heavenly Father's blessing on our effort.

Australian Comforts Fund.—Miss H. Brown, Superintendent. In presenting this report, I would convey to all who have so willingly given of their time, the deep appreciation of the Committee in charge of the Comforts Fund. The year just gone has been a very strenuous one, and at times the pressure of work on this department has meant considerable strain on the physical resources of those engaged. However, the one great thought has been that we were making some contribution to the life and comforts of our Boys who have done and are still doing so much for us. Not only is the work of our Sisters much appreciated by this Committee, but it is highly commended by the Executive Officers of the Australian Comforts Fund. The total number of articles sent in during the year is 3,944.

Catering.—Mrs. Murray, Superintendent. The Committee catered for the lunch and tea at the 1941 General Conference and during the year for four Brotherhood Teas, two Fetes at the Boys' Home, and the afternoon tea for both Home and Foreign Missions annual meetings. I should like to express my thanks to Mrs. Maxwell especially, for the great help she has been to me; also to all who have so willingly answered any call I have made. It has made the work so very easy and pleasant.

Bundles for Britain.—At the December meeting the advisability of forwarding "Bundles" direct to our own Church representative in Britain was discussed, and Mrs. Winter, Mrs. Shipway and Mrs. David Verco were appointed to supervise this work. A letter has been sent to the Manager, Churches of Christ Book Depot, Birmingham, advising him that bundles would be forwarded shortly.

—J. PALMER, Recording Sec.

ASHWOOD HOUSE REPORT

12 Months Ending 31st January, 1942

In these days of crises and swift international changes we are glad to be given the privilege of presenting our fourth Annual Report.

During the year there has been a good deal of sickness among the guests, two of whom have been called home. Sickness always means extra work, and the Matron and Staff are to be commended for their care of these frail old people.

The total amount received from all sources during the year is £825 16s. 1d. Contributions to the "Id. Fund" amount to £68/14/1, from the following Churches: Belmore £8/3/2, Burwood £2/7/10, Chatswood £15, City Temple £7/7/6, Canterbury 5/-. Epping £4/3/6, Enmore £1/5/-, Hurstville £1/6/-, Kingsford £2/15/8, Lane Cove £6/6/-, Lidcombe 10/-, Loftus Park £1/15/-, Marrickville £4/13/5, Mosman £1/10/6, Paddington £5/18/6, Rockdale £5/7/-. In addition to the foregoing we received donations from Ashwood House Business Girls' Auxiliary £12, Anonymous £10, Mayfield Church £1/14/-, Mrs. Torode 10/-, Mrs. Stanbury 10/-, Mr. Hing £1, Mrs. Leach 4/6, Anonymous 2/-.

The Ashwood House Business Girls' Auxiliary suggested that this year they should work to assist the funds of the Boys' Home as well as Ashwood House. This suggestion received the hearty approval of the Committee of Management, and explains the smaller amount (£12) received by us, our consent being gladly given for the handing over to the Board of the Boys' Home of £23, the balance of the amount raised by the Auxiliary for the year. We congratulate the girls on their fine achievement, and thank them for their loyalty and co-operation.

Our thanks are due to Miss Jean Saxby, who once again very generously relieved Matron for her annual holiday; to Mr. T. E. Rofe, to Mr. F. W. Thompson for his work as Honorary Auditor, and to Dr. Aitkens for professional services; also to the various Women's Mission Bands, and others who have visited the Home throughout the year, and for the large parcels of groceries, jams and other goods brought or sent to the Home from time to time. We acknowledge, too, the gifts which have come along for the guests from country Churches.

The ladies of the Home made quite a good contribution to the C.T. stall in aid of the Boys' Home Fete, and have sent in to the Australian Comforts Fund 60 pairs of socks, 17 pairs stockings and 7 scarves.

In October, Miss Chapple gave notice of her intention to resign from the position of Matron owing to her forthcoming marriage. The Committee, perforce, accepted her resignation with regret, and now places on record their appreciation of her work as one of the pioneers of the Home and her faithfulness through four years of devoted service. After the Christmas devotional service, Mrs. Butler, on behalf of the Committee, presented Miss Chapple with a silver entree dish, a token of their love and esteem, and wished her true happiness for the future.

Our next duty was to advertise for another Matron. In times like these we count ourselves most fortunate in securing the services of Miss Nancy Maiden, of the Kingsford Church of Christ, who comes to us with very fine testimonials. She has had 17 years' experience in the nursing profession, and has had a great deal to do with elderly people. Miss Maiden took charge of the Home on the 30th January, 1942, Miss Chapple kindly consenting to stay on until her arrival.

We praise God, from Whom all blessings flow, and for His guidance through an anxious year. Yours in His service.

A. RUSH, President.
F. M. ASHWOOD, Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE CASH STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st JANUARY, 1942.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance brought forward	24 6 2	Balance F. Missions, 1940	7 7 0
Monthly Collections	9 14 7	Flowers, Xmas Cheer, Remem- brances	2 8 6
Women's Annual Conference Col- lection	8 5 6	Loud Speaker	2 0 0
Sale of Conference Programmes ..	15 6	Printing—Conf. Prog. and Reports ..	7 4 8
Catering	16 7 1	Donations—"Messenger"	3 0 0
Donation to Instruments (Mar- rickville)	1 0 0	"Australian Christian"	1 1 0
Interest (Bank)	2 11 11	City Temple	2 2 0
Interest H.M. Committee to Sep- tember, 1942	7 0 0	Interchurch Council	1 1 0
Living Link Collection	138 8 6	Temperance Dept.	2 4 0
Mission Bands Proportion	15 13 2	F.M. and H.M. Postage	2 4 0
H.M. 1/- Fund Collection	154 1 8	Donation, Instruments (N.H.)	1 0 0
Mission Bands Proportion	134 15 6	F.M. Living Link	9 18 0
Refund on Stationery	15 13 2	F.M. Annual Offering	138 8 6
	150 8 8	Mission Bands Prop.	5 5 0
	7 9	H.M. 1/- Fund	15 13 2
	150 8 8	H.M. Annual Offering	134 15 6
	7 9	Mission Bands Prop.	5 5 0
	150 8 8	Balance in hand	15 13 2
	7 9		155 13 8
	150 8 8		20 7 4
	7 9		£374 18 10
	150 8 8		£374 18 10
	7 9		£374 18 10

course was promoted as the crowded audience heard every phase of brotherhood work unfolded by inspired leaders. Brother F. Youens' dis-
course on the Restoration Plea, entitled, "The Lost Church," provided a
fitting climax to a rich season of fellowship.

7.—QUARTERLY RALLIES FOR MEN.

The Committee has maintained these quarterly rallies during the
year. The subjects presented for discussion were:—
June, 1941.—"Christian Unity"—(a) The Basis, (b) Prospects, (c)
Hindrances. Speakers: Bren. E. Davis, S. Stevens, and F. A. Youens.
December, 1941.—"The Mission of the Church in a Changing World."
Speakers being Bren. R. Greenhalgh and G. E. Burns.

8.—FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN.

The 1941 Conference adopted a recommendation of the Executive that
the Special Committee, which had reported on the above scheme, be author-
ised to continue its labours and place its suggestions before the members
of the Churches during the ensuing twelve months, with a view to further
consideration of the matter at the 1942 Conference. The convenor of
the Committee has reported that they have not been able to carry out the
Conference resolution on account of the opposition to the proposed scheme.
It is accordingly recommended that no further action be taken.

9.—WAR PROBLEMS.

The call-up of men into the various services is seriously affecting the
operations of many Churches; nevertheless, those that remain continue to
put up a faithful witness. Added to this there is the movement of many
members inland from coastal areas. Your Executive urges each Church
to keep in systematic touch with members who move away; if this be
done and the information pooled, it should be possible to arrange for any
who proceed to a common centre to set up the Lord's Table and perhaps
commence a Bible School as well. The Bible Schools and Young People's
Department has already initiated a system to keep contact with children
who are evacuated.

10.—CHAPLAINCY.

This work has been maintained during the year by the Chaplains of
the United Board, representing Baptist, Congregational and Churches of
Christ. Chaplain W. J. Crossman is our representative on the United Board
of Chaplains, and as Secretary is in constant touch with Military Authori-
ties and Chaplains.

Men who have served in camps during the year are W. J. Crossman,
F. E. Alcorn, R. Acland, and S. Jenner. Three Communion sets have been
purchased for the use of Chaplains in camp and an appeal has been made
for books suitable for men of the fighting forces.

We would urge the continuance of financial support for this work,
and to those who have not yet helped the Committee we solicit your sup-
port during this year.

11.—PRESIDENTIAL.

The President has been able to visit 42 Churches during the year; 18
of these are outside the Sydney metropolitan area. In this way the Bro-
therhood's greetings were conveyed to the majority of the Churches affil-
iated with Conference; the objects and progress of our united work were
brought under the notice of many Churches. Particular attention was paid
to the country Churches for their encouragement and, we trust, removal of
misconceptions as to the operations of the various departments of Confer-
ence activities. In addition, your President led a representative delegation to
the Federal Conference in Adelaide last September. He also represented
the Conference at many united religious gatherings.

12.—BROADCASTING.

Being an integral part of the Council of Churches, the Brotherhood
is able to share the facilities available through the Radio Station 2CH. For
this we pay £50 per year and are thus entitled to have opportunities for
service as granted to others in the same payment group. The number
of these is precise and comprises five morning and five evening church
services per year. Of the six devotional services available each week
throughout the year we contributed 34. In addition, seven "service for
the sick" sessions were taken. Brotherhood interests were considered in
"church sessions," of which four were held. Petrol restrictions prevent
the broadcasting of services beyond a prescribed area. As yet, some
churches have not accepted the use of the Station.

Each year the Station broadcasts the session known as "the Confer-
ence Sermon."

During the period, 2CH has introduced two new sessions: At 2 p.m.,
"Talks for the Times," and at 9 p.m., "Present and Post War Problems,"
both of which are growing in effectiveness.

13.—ISOLATED MEMBERS' FELLOWSHIP.

During the year a scheme has been evolved to link up in an active
Fellowship as many of the isolated members as it is possible to contact.
The preliminary work is now in hand, and all preachers and church secre-
taries are urged to co-operate by keeping the Committee informed of the
whereabouts of their isolated members. Miss I. Elliot, and Messrs.
G. Burns and E. Davis constitute the Committee, with the latter as
secretary.

14.—FEDERAL CONFERENCE, 1941.

The Federal Conference, held in Adelaide in September, 1941, was very
successful; a delegation of 34 travelled from this State and testified to the
loving hospitality of the South Australian Brethren. For the first time
N.S.W. was entitled to the maximum number of voting delegates, viz., 15.
The following matters have been referred by the Federal Conference to
this Conference for consideration and attention:—

(a) **College of the Bible, Glen Iris.**—Each State shall be entitled to
appoint a State (College of the Bible) Committee, comprising not more
than seven members. Such Committee shall be appointed in the respect-
ive State, according to the custom or rules applying in the respective States.

(b) **State Aborigines' Committee.**—Each State shall be entitled to
appoint a State Aborigines' Committee, comprising not more than seven
members. Such Committee shall be appointed in the respective State ac-
cording to the customs and rules applying in that State.

(c) **Advisory Boards.**—That this Conference strongly recommends to
all Churches and Preachers in Australia and New Zealand that Preachers
change their appointments in the month of January in any stated year, to
promote a more reasonable, economical and satisfactory placement of
Preachers. That this recommendation be forwarded to all Churches con-
cerned, through the medium of State and Federal papers, together with an
explanation of the recommendation.

(d) **Resolution re Baptists.**—That this Conference notes with interest
the appointment in Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia of united
Committees representing Baptists and Churches of Christ to foster closer
fellowship in united efforts in life and service, and recommends that similar
action be taken in other States.

(e) **Post-War Reconstruction.**—That the States' Executives be recom-
mended to establish a Post-war Reconstruction Sub-committee in each
State to assist in every spiritual proposal for planning and effecting the
return of the men and women of the Fighting Services to Church associa-

tion and regular employment. Also to act as a panel for advice to those associated with the Churches in vocational and all difficulties which they may encounter in returning to civil life.

(f) **Nomination for Federal Officers.**—That in States where a standing Committee of the Federal Conference is located (viz., Preachers' Provident Fund, College of the Bible, Foreign Mission Committee, etc.), the State Federal Executives be constituted a Nominating Committee, whose duties shall be the nominating of Brethren suitable for election to the respective committees. Such nominations to be in the hands of the Federal Secretaries seven days prior to Conference; provided always that further nominations may be made in open Conference until an appointed hour.

(g) Now that the College in N.S.W. has come into existence it is resolved that this Federal Conference prays that it be used by God to the glory of His name. This Conference respectfully urges the N.S.W. Conference in making its financial arrangements to choose a day for the annual offering other than the first Lord's Day in October, and to do all in its power to work in harmonious co-operation with the board of management of the College of the Bible at Glen Iris.

15—APPRECIATION.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the assistance of the Women's Auxiliary Conference, the Ladies' Social Service Auxiliary, and the Sisters of various Churches. We specially thank Brethren and Sisters in country districts and at Newcastle, who extended such kindly hospitality to the President as he represented the Conference in their locality.

To the deacons of City Temple and Enmore Tabernacle, and the Wollongong Church for the use of their buildings during the Annual Conference, 1941, the half-yearly Conference, and at other times, to the Hon. Auditor, Bro. Leach, also to Mrs. Alma Wakely for stenography and typing, the thanks of the whole Brotherhood are also due. The Executive specially records its grateful appreciation to Bro. A. C. MacLean, who kindly made his study at City Temple available for the monthly meetings.

16—INCORPORATION AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT.

The Committee dealing with this important matter was authorised by last Conference to continue to act and report to this Conference. After exhaustive consideration of the whole question the outline of a Bill has been prepared by Bro. P. H. Morton and endorsed by the rest of the Committee; it provides for the following:—

- (a) The incorporation of the Brotherhood as a whole, so that it can hold property in its own name and that loans, gifts, and bequests can be legally held on behalf of the Brotherhood for church purposes or any particular department of Conference.
- (b) The appointment of a Board of Trustees in which Brotherhood property will be vested in trust for any particular purpose.
- (c) Any local church may, if it so desire, vest its property in the central Board of Trustees (Churches of Christ Property Trust).
- (d) Churches not already under the existing Churches of Christ Property Management Act may come under the new Act, which will repeal the former Act while retaining all of its benefits with simplified procedure.

The Executive recommends Conference to give earnest consideration to the suggestions of the Committee. Should they be adopted in principle authority should be given to approach the Government to bring the necessary Bill before Parliament.

17—FINANCE.

General Fund.—The response of the Churches to the Executive's appeal for the need of a more earnest co-operation in the payment of Conference Fees is reflected in this year's receipts of £99/8/-, as against £45 received last year. Due to this, and despite a decrease in the Annual Offering, the Executive has been able to pay all current expenses and reduce the old "Book Depot" debt to the Austral Coy. by a further £37/8/6. This debt now stands at £100.

Broadcasting Fund.—Whilst the receipts have been sufficient to cover our yearly subscription of £50, we commence the new year with a debit balance of £2/17/8, due to additional charges to this fund in the form of sharing the cost of Duplex Envelopes (£4/5/-), and interest on loan of £50 (£2/10/-). Although many Churches may never have the opportunity of having an active part in spreading the Gospel by radio, yet it is felt that we should all support this wider field of presenting the New Testament Plea in the name of the Brotherhood as a whole. A shilling per week from each Church would more than cover the need.

Chaplaincy Fund.—Only a few Churches are supporting this fund, which was instituted to assist our Chaplains in camp in meeting many out-of-pocket expenses. In commending the work of our Chaplains, the Executive would appeal to the Brotherhood for a more whole-hearted support of the fund. It will be seen that the receipts have not been sufficient to permit our sharing in the expenses incurred by the United Board of Chaplains in supplying camp needs.

Isolated Members' Committee Expenses.—Expenses of this Committee appointed to keep in touch with isolated members throughout the State are to be shared by the Home Missions, Overseas Missions, Social Service and B.S. and Y.P. Committees. No direct appeal is being made to the Churches.

Trust Funds.—Further contributions to the London Bomb Victims' Relief Fund have been passed on to the Federal Executive, which is making arrangements for all monies received for this purpose to be forwarded to London to assist our British Brethren.

J. L. STIMSON, Conference President.

S. C. WOOLLEY, Conference Secretary.

ADDENDUM.

The report herewith would not be complete without a tribute to our President, Bro. J. L. Stimson. Throughout the year he has devoted himself assiduously to the tasks of his office, visiting the churches, attending public functions of a civil and religious nature and by regular attendance at the many meetings of Committees associated with Conference. His knowledge of "the rules of procedure," his unfailing patience and tactfulness and Christian character has made him worthy of the presidency.

STUART STEVENS, Vice-President.

S. C. WOOLLEY, Secretary.

March 11, 1942.

BOYS' HOME REPORT

We have pleasure in submitting to Conference a resume of our activities during the year ended 31st January, 1942. At the 1940 Conference a resolution was carried recognising the Home as a Brotherhood activity. The 1941 Conference amended the Constitution, making provision for Boys' Home Committee, which shall consist of the Board of Directors of the Churches of Christ Homes Co-operative Society Ltd.

Objects.—The objects of the Society 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 comprises the following persons: Mesdames A. A. Smith and Butler, Miss F. M. Ashwood, and Messrs. J. L. Stimson (Chairman), A. C. MacLean (Vice-Chairman), R. Greenhalgh, P. Winter, George Morton, and A. E. Armstrong. Bro. W. J. Crossman resigned his seat in October last. The Board has 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.—During the year Matron Moncur severed her connection with the Home. The Board placed on record its deep appreciation of the work carried out by Matron Moncur. Some months prior to the Matron's retirement, Mr. K. J. Flatters was appointed Superintendent, serving in an honorary capacity. The Board is of opinion that Mr. Flatters' appointment was an answer to prayer. He is a baptised believer and a man of outstanding qualities—the Home has made rapid progress under his guidance. We have received many expressions, mostly unsolicited, of appreciation of the improvement in the boys and the Home generally since the Superintendent's appointment. Early in January Miss A. Flatters was appointed Matron. We look forward to further improvement as a result of this lady's appointment. She comes to the work with some experience, having been connected with the Burnside Homes as a Sub-matron.

Assets.—The Home and other buildings and grounds have been fairly well maintained. The grounds are approximately 16 acres in area, and the improved value of the property is £3,625.

Farming.—Three cows have been maintained. Crops have been grown and a cheap and plentiful supply of milk has always been available. Vegetables have been grown on a fairly large scale, and at the time of writing, vegetables have not been bought for four months. This has resulted in a large saving of cash in these times of drought and high prices.

Educational.—The boys attend the local State Schools. A Bible School is conducted each Lord's Day, a Boys' Brigade each Monday evening, and Christian Endeavour on Wednesday evenings. The boys also attend Pendle Hill Church each Lord's Day morning.

Secretary.—After long and faithful service as Secretary, Bro. George Morton resigned on 31st December last. His yeoman work for the Home was placed on record.

Chaplaincy.—Bro. Ethelbert Davis, the preacher of the Auburn Church, recently accepted the office of Chaplain at the unanimous request of the Board.

Finance.—A statement of receipts and expenditure and a balance sheet are appended to this report. Inspection of these will show the necessity for regular financial support from the Churches. We pray, and ask all members to pray, that God will supply all that is necessary for the efficient running of the Home.

The Boys.—There are 19 in residence at the date of this report, ages ranging from 5 to 14 years. The capacity of the Home is 29 boys. The average for the period under review was 20.

Fetes.—The May Fete was marred by inclement weather. The net result was £68. In response to a number of requests, the Fete month was changed to November, and one was held during that month, showing a profit of £92.

Appreciation.—Opportunity is taken to record the Board's appreciation of and thanks for the honorary services of Dr. C. A. Verco and Dr. L. M. Aitken, of Parramatta, helpers at the Fetes, those who so kindly remembered the boys at Christmas and during the holidays, and many others for gifts of various kinds; also C.E. Societies and Clubs for visits and Sisters for help in the repair of garments.

On behalf of the Board,

J. L. STIMSON, Chairman.

A. E. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Secretary.

12th February, 1942.

CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE

The year has been marked by definite progress for the Committee. The administration of its investments by the Churches of Christ Chapel Extension Fund Limited has resulted in an increase in the Committee's funds amounting to £67/17/8, to £1,291/5/9. This money is worked in loans to Churches who are all meeting their obligations. The securities covering these investments have been vested in the Chapel Extension Committee of the Conference, members of whom have been legally appointed Trustees of the Committee's assets. These assets are now growing automatically at the rate of approximately £70 per annum, and will become a source of increasing strength in assisting the growth of the Church.

NOTICE OF MOTION

R. H. Wakeley: "That Conference agrees that in future no restrictions be placed upon the distribution of propaganda or appeals to individual churches or members by the various Committees of Conference."

ments, 50 pairs of shoes, 7 pairs hose, 12 suits, 17 quilts, bundle collars and linen, 56 hats, parcel of books and periodicals, and 6 parcels infants' clothing. Distributed 1,003 garments, 44 pairs shoes, 7 pairs hose, 9 suits, 17 quilts, 34 hats, canvas to close in verandah, and a quantity of light fire-wood.

Combating Social Evils.—On account of war conditions it seems that the common evils of the day are gradually eating their way into the social life of the people. The extra facilities provided by the lack of honest administration of the laws have given us cause for continual protest. Under the privilege of a sentimental treatment to soldiers, sailors and airmen, the authorities have taken a very lenient view of the lawlessness of the liquor sellers, and the Government, by the introduction of wet canteens in the military camps, have also assisted in making it easier for our young men to drink, and so it was necessary for us to be more aggressive in our fight against this common enemy of society. From many points we have waged the war, and the following quotations will show how we have endeavoured to play our part in this great struggle against the vilest evil of the present day:—

1. A petition was handed to the State Government on behalf of the Churches of Christ, demanding the retention of the present hours of trading of liquor bars, and that no alteration be made in the hours unless the change is sanctioned by a referendum of the people. Letters were sent to 90 members of the Legislative Assembly asking for their co-operation in this matter.
2. Continual protests to the Premier, Chief Secretary, and Commissioner of Police regarding the administration of the liquor laws and the flagrant disregard of Sunday trading and sly grog regulations.
3. Representations made to the daily newspapers objecting to the publicity given to the liquor interests, and the suppression of all protests sent to them for publication. We would like, however, to pay a tribute to the Editor of the "Daily Mirror," who was very impartial in his views of our protests, and while our representations to this particular paper were not entirely successful, we did get a good hearing, and they have on several occasions condemned the Government for failing to enforce the laws on the question of drink and gambling. Brother Lewis, convenor of our Public Questions Sub-committee, was in constant touch throughout the year with all the public scandals encouraged by the Government and other public bodies, and his work in this direction has been very satisfactory.
4. Several methods of advertising were considered to bring before the public mind facts and figures to enlighten the people on the effects of this destroying evil. We found that newspaper and radio advertising were too costly, but short, snappy ads. in the picture show programmes were within our reach, and we decided to make a special appeal to individual members to support this plan, which is to cost £3/5/- per week, and we hope the response will be sufficient to enter into a 12 months' contract, which will enable us to reach about 5,000 persons per week, including a large proportion of children who attend matinee performances. Up to the time of this report £9/13/- had been given.
5. We sought the co-operation of the churches to have a wayside pulpit board erected on the front of the church building to display periodically an arresting Temperance Poster. We offered to supply a very nice board at half cost on condition that one of our posters was displayed for a week in each month, but the response was very unsympathetic, only six churches accepting our offer. These posters are supplied each month, and we have been able to dispose of some

to other religious bodies and to some temperance organisations in the other States. Brethren G. Morton and H. L. Edwards are in charge of this business.

6. Many other forms of distribution of temperance propoganda have been used, such as the following:—

"Grit," the great temperance paper, is supplied to some of our Preachers at half subscription rates.

We have taken part in conducting the temperance session arranged by the N.S.W. Temperance Alliance on Sunday afternoons. We sent a letter of protest along with others to the Aust. Broadcasting Commission, and this was successful in the withdrawal of Australian wines from the broadcasts on the use of several articles of foodstuffs that should be used to help the war effort.

Our Secretary represented us on the N.S.W. Temperance Alliance and Executive, and attended many deputations of protest against the public scandals committed against the laws of the country.

Social Reconstruction.—The Sub-committee which is in charge of this matter, headed by Bro. J. Dean, presented a plan for the committee's consideration, and several special meetings were held, but no finality was reached on the question of submitting to the Brotherhood some plan that could be used as a basis for a general discussion with the idea of presenting the views of the Churches of Christ. It was decided, however, that no new social order would be a solution of the world crises unless it was built on the laws contained in God's Word. Further consideration will be given to this matter in the coming year, when we hope to present a plan on which to build a new world destiny.

Unemployment.—We have no further facts to present on this subject. Though it is an important aspect of our work, we do not seem to be able to meet the need. Unfortunately, sickness plays a big part in the unemployment problem, and because of this, many of those whom we are continually assisting are under medical treatment, thus preventing them from doing any work when work is available. One or two cases have been successfully placed and we are pleased to be able to do even that much.

Prayer Fellowship.—At a recent meeting of the Committee it was decided that a greater use of prayer be made in the carrying on of our work. To this end we invited the metropolitan churches to co-operate with us by giving us the opportunity of conducting their mid-week prayer service once a quarter. Fourteen churches have agreed to our request, and already several meetings have been held. We hope that this prayer link will help to create a greater interest in social service work, and that as a result our material needs will be fully supplied. No appeal is made at these meetings, but special prayer is asked for to meet our particular needs. We want to thank all the churches who have been willing to join us in this effort.

Boys' Home.—At a critical period when the Boys' Home Board was in a difficult position we were invited to meet them to discuss ways and means whereby we might be able to assist them with their problems. A meeting was held, and it was decided to appoint a joint committee consisting of three members of each for the purpose of conducting special campaigns necessary to provide funds to finance the work. This Sub-committee has had several meetings, and worked out plans for the Boys of the Home to visit the churches. Unfortunately, through the illness of the Superintendent, only three churches were visited, and the plan had to be abandoned for the time being. We hope to be able to further co-operate with the Board in the near future in this great work of saving the boys.

Our Boys in Camp.—We regret that the notices we had placed in the various military camps did not produce the results we expected. We have had the opportunity of assisting some of our boys in supplying them with information and advice. Any assistance needed by our Chaplains will be gladly given by us and there seems to be nothing more that we can do at the present. From enquiries made through our Chaplains, we find that the milk bars are just as popular with the troops as when they were first installed.

"Christian Messenger."—We still feel that our page in the "Messenger" gives us valuable publicity. Its improved appearance and increased circulation add to its advertising value, and we join with the other Committees in congratulating the management on the success they have made of it.

Finance.—We have had no financial problems to solve during the year. While our annual offering was lower, the income from duplex envelopes and special contributions has given us a steady income. Annual offering was £78/11/8 as against £98/4/9 last year. Duplex Envelopes £103/0/6 as against £110/0/6 last year. Special offerings, including £20 from the State Government for Christmas Cheer, were £41/9/4. An amount of £38/1/7 was distributed to 45 cases as relief, but many others were helped with small amounts which are included in our petty cash items. This is where great care is necessary to avoid the unscrupulous villain. We take this care, hence whatever money is given as relief is only given when we know the case is a genuine one. Our total expenses were £177/6/9.

Ladies' Auxiliary.—Our band of ladies, under the leadership of Mrs. Wakely, have continued to work in the interests of the committee. Regular meetings have been held throughout the year, and the ladies have always been ready for any special job that needed to be done. Mrs. Wakely spends a lot of time in visitation, and this is a very essential part of our work. The Annual Day of Fellowship and Prayer was held on Friday, October 10th, and was a great success. Both sessions were ably presided over by Mrs. P. D. McCallum (President, Sisters' Conference), and the testimonies and addresses were of a high standard and definitely helpful to those present.

Christian Fellowship Association.—This special branch of Social Service work has continued to function, but conditions have been somewhat different than heretofore. As the subscribers to this fund are an association in themselves, a full report and financial statement was presented to their Annual Meeting, on March 9th. The amount of assistance given this year was greater than last, but larger amounts were involved, spread over a lesser number of applicants. Loans granted were £498/8/- to 30 cases. Thirteen loans were repaid in full during the year. The assets of the association now amount to £753/5/7; included in this is an amount of £67/10/1, standing to the credit of the Convalescent Home Building Fund. We want to express our thanks again to the Agents in the churches who have served again so faithfully. This is a difficult task in some places where members have to be reminded of their obligations. The C.F.A. Board, elected from the members of the Social Services Committee, has given a lot of time to the many matters brought forward, and we would express our thanks again to them for this faithful service. Mrs. Wakely has visited several churches and addressed ladies' meetings on the value of C.F.A. to our Brotherhood, and quite a number of new members have been enrolled as a result of these visits. The membership now stands at 937, though a large number of these are not contributing regularly. Copies of the Annual Report are available for any who would care to have them; these can be had on application to the Secretary or the Social Service office. At the Federal Con-

ference, held recently in Adelaide, it was decided that C.F.A. be recommended to all the States to meet the needs of Social Service. C.F.A. has now been adopted by South Australia and Western Australia, and we learn that Tasmania is about to fall in line. Victoria is now operating in a very large way, while Queensland is making steady progress.

General.—We want to express our appreciation to the Conference President for the very keen interest he has maintained in our work. His participation in the various discussions has been very valuable. We were faithfully represented on the Conference Executive by our Secretary, who always brought a splendid report on the business transacted by the Executive. This enabled the committee to be in touch with all the important Brotherhood business. The members of our committee have supported all the combined meetings that were held, and have given many hours of valuable time in the execution of their duty as committeemen.

Thanks.—Again we express our thanks to the different Brethren who have assisted us by time given and monetary gifts. To the Deacons of the City Temple and Enmore Churches for the use of their buildings. To Messrs. D. R. Hall & Coy. for their legal advice. To Brother Caspersenn, who has again served as Auditor, and to all who have stood side by side with us in this great work, we say "Thank you."

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

Aborigines Work.—At the recent Federal Conference in Adelaide a Federal Aborigines Board was set up to be located in Perth, Western Australia. This Board, consisting of seven members, with Brother Wiltshire as President, and Roy Raymond as Secretary, is entrusted with the evangelisation and social betterment of the Australian Aborigines and Half-castes. The Board asked the various State Executives to appoint a temporary Aborigines Committee to act until the State Conferences are held, and our Executive suggested that the Social Service Committee act in this capacity. This we agreed to do, and although we have not had any definite work to do, we have been in touch with the Federal Board, who have sent us the minutes of their meetings. Unfortunately, the Board arranged to make an appeal throughout the Commonwealth on Sunday, February 1st, for funds to carry on this work, but we were not able to co-operate because this date had already been given to the Boys' Home Board for their first Annual Offering. The date fixed for this Aborigines Offering is now the first Sunday in June. The following is a report from the Federal Board of the work so far accomplished. Five meetings of the Board have been held, and plans are being formed for the commencement of what we hope will be the beginning of a great work for God amongst the needy and neglected Aboriginal Natives of our land. The first offering of the churches for the funds of the Mission was made in some of the States on Aborigines Sunday, February 1st, 1942. It is too early for us to give the results of the offerings, as some States have not yet shared in the offering, but will do so later. The Board is unable to proceed on definite lines until it is in possession of funds, and will then only proceed according to the extent of our income. It is our determined policy to keep out of debt. We are in communication with consecrated workers willing to serve amongst these people. A manual for workers is in process of preparation. The State Committees, when appointed, will be kept fully informed of everything we undertake to do, and their advice and co-operation will be sought after and their direction given the fullest consideration.

R. RAYMOND, Secretary.

Since the annual report, a time of blessing has been experienced, and we thank God that we can report a small harvest. This group is the best for years, and we are assured that it is but an earnest of good things to come. In recent mails, 23 baptisms have been reported, and since they come from three centres, show that there is awakened interest in all our centres.

Shrigonda 8, Dhond 3, Baramati 12; total 23.

NEW CHAPELS.

Dhond (Progress Report).—Work on the new Dhond building has been slower than anticipated owing to difficulties in obtaining materials. Nevertheless, the building is now taking shape, and before long should be completed. This will be a splendid building, and will conform in appearance to the present hospital buildings and bungalows.

Pargaon.—A new building is promised for Pargaon, an outstation of Shrigonda. An anonymous donor has given nearly £190 for the purpose, and materials are being prepared. A group of very interested people, including a few Christians, is pleased at the prospect.

NEW HEBRIDES.

In preparation for the return of Bro. and Sis. Hammer to Australia, Miss V. Wakely arrived at Ndui Ndui on August 29th, 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Hammer and family reached Australia in November, and have spent most of the time since then in South Australia.

Bro. and Sis. Hammer have done splendid work during their period in the Islands, the work has been consolidated, the three Islands regularly visited, and souls have been won.

Miss M. Clipstone and Miss V. Wakely have now taken hold of the work in a business-like way, and all mails received show that the work continues with enthusiasm.

The work of training teachers continues, and the number of patients coming for treatment grows daily. An indication of how the work is responding is shown in the following incidents. When Bro. and Sis. Hammer were welcomed, 170 people attended, but at their farewell 430 people attended. Much voluntary work is now being done by the native Christians. A short time ago, it was almost impossible to get voluntary workers, and even if paid were hard to secure. The Christians have now requested that no payments be made for any service, and the elders draw up lists of workers who will give voluntary service. Now the boys are eager to be on the list, and are disappointed if they cannot be chosen.

We have suffered a severe loss in the death of Job Ngwero, leading teacher at Ndui Ndui. Job was a quiet, unobtrusive worker, but had a good influence and was very faithful. Abel Barney has now been chosen as leader, but he has suffered a severe blow in losing his wife at Christmas time.

The Christmas services were well attended, but marked by dignity and quietness owing to the passing of Abel's wife, and one or two others who were called home about the same time. Miss Clipstone, in commenting on the death of Abel's wife, tells of how she went to the stricken home on Christmas Eve. The news of the death had just been received—Miss Clipstone says: "We held a short prayer service in the home, and as I watched those reverent kneeling figures—such a contrast to the heathen ritual of not so long ago—my heart was filled with praise and thanksgiving that the Babe of Bethlehem had power to work such a change in the lives of men."

The Christmas gatherings were brought to a close with a baptismal service. Miss Clipstone reported: "This was a most impressive service.

The earth with its rich green carpet, the sea and sky still troubled, the huge showers of spray from the waves dashing in against the dark rugged rocks, and the huge tree under whose branches we sheltered, all united to form a magnificent background for the service of praise."

Our nurses are very happy in their service, and praise God for the peace and quietness that enables them to continue. Owing to the war in the Pacific, we ask for a continuance of prayer that they may be kept in perfect peace and safety.

Launch.—The new launch, "Endeavour III," gave splendid service up till the time Mr. Hammer left for furlough, since when the launch has had to be laid up. We are extremely grateful for the splendid response to the appeal for £350. The total sum contributed till the end of January, 1942, amounted to £410. The credit balance will be used for future maintenance.

Missionaries and Return.—Owing to changing conditions in the Pacific, we are unable to say whether Bro. and Sis. Hammer will be able to return when planned. It is anticipated that Bro. Hammer will visit Conference in Western Australia. If possible, they will return to the New Hebrides shortly afterwards. Contact is still being maintained between Australia and the Islands, and mails continue. No undue anxiety should be felt on behalf of our nurses, as they are under the direct control and advice of the British Resident Commissioner of the New Hebrides. The Board has received advice from the Commissioner that the nurses will be evacuated at the first opportunity.

CHINA.

There is little of recent date to report. Since Japan declared war, Shanghai came under their control and Hong Kong has fallen. This means that all mail communication with our workers in China has been cut off. Mails sent forward prior to Christmas have been returned to Australia. The Chinese Home Missionary Society had their headquarters in Shanghai, but whether they can function from Shanghai or whether they have been able to remove elsewhere is still unknown to us. The subsidy for last quarter in 1941 was sent forward early in December. It is presumed that this arrived safely.

Providing our workers in Hueili have the funds to carry on, there is every likelihood that the work continues as usual. This centre is far enough removed from the seat of war to allow its continuance.

Just prior to Christmas, Pearl Anderson reported that they were bombed out of Yunnanfu (Kunming, terminus of Burma Road), and that she had left for a place about 100 miles north-west. No further word has been received.

Our latest message from Mr. Tong, Secretary of the Chinese Home Missionary Society, gave details of a plan they were going to commence putting into operation in 1942.

1. Hueili to be considered a central station.
2. Send more trained workers into Hueili.
3. Build more houses and enlarge present properties.
4. Continue all existing work, including tribes, but with the added staff to branch out into Western Szechuan, with the vision of opening work

in Tibet.

Under present circumstances, it is unlikely that these plans have been advanced.

We would also be correct in presuming that the work our Australian Chinese have been supporting in Hong Kong and Kowloon has been affected by the new situation in China. We sympathise with them and pray that soon light will come out of the darkness.

FINANCIAL.

Since the closing of the books at the end of August, 1941, the Federal Board report a decline in income. In recent years they have aimed at the monthly income of £300, so as to stand in a favourable position at the time of the annual offering. Last year this splendid result was maintained, and the annual offering a good one, made the year's giving almost equal to the previous year, when £1,000 extra was asked to send Bro. and Sis. Coventry back to India.

The Board report that the first five months of this financial year, the giving has not been up to the average of the past five years for the same period. As liabilities have increased, our income cannot fall away if we are to maintain the high standard of the past few years, and continue in full the work which is now showing rich promise. We are pleased to report that during the past two months there has been an upward tendency, but taking the whole period, finances are a few hundred pounds below requirements. If the upward trend continues, the situation would not be serious till the annual offering, but if any further falls are experienced, the work of consolidation that has been going on steadily for some years will be retarded, and our overseas work seriously handicapped.

From the balance sheet, found on page 41, it will be seen the income for all purposes this year was £1,859/14/2. Compared with last year, this shows an increase of £58/8/10. The annual offering was £52/6/11 below that of last year, while Duplex Envelopes show an increase of £34/6/1. The gift of £155/0/4 from the Sisters, and £109/5/6 from the young people for the launch call forth our grateful thanks.

COMMITTEE.

The following members elected last Conference have served on the Committee: Chairman, Dr. C. A. Verco; Treasurer, R. H. Wakeley; Secretary, Ira A. Paternoster; R. W. Perkins, P. C. Williams, P. E. Thomas, Quon Mane, Mrs. McCaffum, Miss Rofe, Miss Winks.

THANKS.

Grateful thanks is expressed to all who have assisted during the year. What the future holds, our Heavenly Father knoweth. It is for us to continue faithfully the task He has given us.

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

N.S.W. CHURCHES OF CHRIST FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st January, 1942.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
RECEIPTS.						
Weekly Offerings, Duplex	288	7	1			
Annual Offering	578	17	5			
Sundry Donations	80	8	6			
Support of Orphans	52	2	7			
Support of Native Teachers	92	10	0			
1941 Conference Offering	3	10	3			
Stanmore Cottage Rents	56	13	11			
Sisters Living Link Fund	155	0	4	1,150	9	9
Children's Day Exercises	7	4	8			
Support of Dhond Hospital	144	15	10			
Special for China work	7	19	0			
Special for New Hebrides	8	5	11			
For Chapel at Pargaon (I.)	125	0	0			
Launch Appeal, New Hebrides	109	5	6			
Subscriptions "Goodly Pearls"				557	11	3
Rent contributions, Chinese Church				13	16	3
New Hebrides Accounts				18	0	0
				119	16	11
Balance on hand, 1st Feb., 1941				1,859	14	2
				16	8	
				£1,860	10	10
PAYMENTS.						
Cash remitted to Federal Board				885	12	11
Payments made for Federal Board				779	0	9
Chinese Church, Sydney, Rent, etc.				52	3	9
Conference Committees				27	15	6
Visiting Missionaries Expenses				19	19	10
New Hebrides Mission Accounts				104	16	11
Secretarial Expenses				26	13	6
Balance on hand, 31st January, 1942				1,856	9	2
				4	1	8
				£1,860	10	10

Note.—Sisters Conference has in hand: £159/6/8, Living Link Fund, for presentation at F.M. Night of Conference. Audited and found correct.
EDGAR E. LEACH, Auditor, 21/2/42.
R. H. WAKELEY, Treasurer, 10/2/42.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father we present our report covering a year of rich blessing and happy service in the work of our Master.

The end of the Conference year also marks the conclusion of the first year of service by Brother F. C. Hunting as Director of Youth Work in this State. The Committee wishes to pay a tribute to the striking qualities and excellent work of our Director, and we rejoice that his outstanding qualifications in Youth leadership and his deep spiritual influence have been recognised, and his work encouraged by so many of the leaders of our churches.

Naturally the first year of Bro. Hunting's service has comprised largely a survey of the field and its problems, and the planning of means to make this work more effective. The problems of the work have been resolutely faced and plans have been prepared and tried out with the result that we are able to come before Conference with a definite programme for the future.

The year 1942 is our Jubilee Year, and in spite of war conditions, we are planning to make it the biggest and best year in all the history of our work in N.S.W.

1. Bible Schools.—

(a) **Statistics.**—Conference return for the year ended 31st January, 1941, shows an enrolment of 44 Bible Schools with 3,622 scholars and 569 teachers. These figures exclude isolated Bible Schools and Home Correspondence Class. Enlistment and evacuation have affected the membership of many of our Schools. The Committee is endeavouring to secure reliable statistics covering all our Youth Work, and forms have been forwarded to all churches for this purpose. We hope that Church Secretaries will help in this matter.

(b) A revision of our Home Class roll has resulted in the elimination of a number of names, who were found to be disinterested, with the result that the number of children remaining on the roll is now 223. We find that the Postal Sunday School movement is able to cater more effectively for the out-back children, and we are now exploring the possibilities of co-operating with this movement in providing for the needs of isolated boys and girls.

(c) **Evacuation.**—Plans are in hand for the follow-up of all children who move away and are evacuated to country centres, in the hope that they will be able to form class groups for many of them, and where this is not possible to adopt other means of keeping them in touch with their home School.

(d) **Examination.**—745 candidates sat for the Scripture Examination in July. Of these 346 gained Honour Certificates, and 292 Pass Certificates. The standard of work was very satisfactory, the average of marks throughout being 55. Out of the ten Federal Prizes awarded, seven were won by N.S.W. candidates. To commemorate the outstanding achievement of Paddington School in winning five of the Federal Prizes, the Committee presented the School with a shield suitably inscribed. The other Federal Prizes went to Hamilton and Epping. Banners for Schools gaining the highest percentage of marks were won by Paddington and Gligandra.

(e) **Teacher Training Conferences.**—These have been held in eighteen centres, and 280 teachers and leaders from 39 schools have been contacted. These Conferences have been highly appreciated, and many aspects of teaching vital to successful Bible School work have been stressed.

(f) **Teacher Training Schools.**—To meet the urgent need of the times, plans have been prepared for a Teachers' Training School to be held during one week-end. With two full days, it will be possible to cover the most urgent subjects that are essential to successful Bible School work. Special attention will be given to the training of teachers in recruiting scholars with the idea of launching a big forward drive as soon as the war ends.

(g) **Teachers' Helps.**—The Committee, during the year, prepared and published a booklet entitled "Teaching Them," giving many very valuable helps to teachers. The book was well received. 150 copies were sold, and the work was highly appreciated by those who studied it. In addition, the Committee has purchased a number of text books on Teaching and Youth Work, which may be used as a lending library for the use of Schools and Youth leaders. The Committee has purchased 120 lantern slides, which have been used very helpfully by the Youth Director, and have been loaned to several schools. The results have been good.

2. **Christian Endeavour.**—Officers for the past year were:—President, A. C. McLean; Vice-Presidents, T. V. Weir, S. Stevens; Treasurer and Secretary, Miss E. Budgen; Recording Secretary, G. Maxwell; State C.E. Union Representative, Miss J. Day; Country Superintendent, R. Morris.

The past year has been one of increased activity for our Christian Endeavour Association. Societies have been visited, new and small Societies have been helped, Leaders have been assisted.

One of our outstanding achievements was our part in the purchasing of Endeavour III, amounting to the sum of £95. A special feature of the effort was the final night, when Bro. Youens preached a powerful message, and a Missionary Play was presented, concerning the work in the Islands.

A monthly paper, "The Endeavourer," containing helps and suggestions to Endeavourers, has been published.

The Boys' Home benefited to the extent of £11/13/-, due to Endeavourers' efforts for the Fete in November.

Three of our members have left us owing to various reasons. Mr. Cecil Wright, Mr. John Morris, are in military service, and Miss Olive White has returned to her home State, after faithfully acting as our Treasurer. To these members who rendered such excellent service, we say "thank you."

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for His goodness and guidance throughout the past year, and look forward, in His strength, to increased service, in the year that lies ahead.

3. **Christian Fraternal.**—Connected with the N.S.W. State Chapter are K.S.P. Clubs, with the Junior Order of Tarsus, and P.B.P. Clubs with the Junior Order of Miriam. Altogether, there are 20 Clubs, with an enrolment of approximately 500. Owing to the loss of many workers on military service, some of the Clubs are in recess for the present period, but Fraternal Chapters are listed as at the following centres:—Kingsford, Belmore, Marrickville, Mosman, Lane Cove, Canley Vale, Granville, Gligandra and Hamilton.

Spiritual Rallies have been held at Burwood and Kingsford, the speakers being Bren. R. L. Arnold and F. C. Hunting. Owing to so many of our young men being away on service, the annual sports, which were

to have taken place at King's School Oval, Parramatta, on January 26th, were abandoned.

During the year, presentations were made to Miss Gwen Gittens and Miss Ella Elliott, faithful members of the State Executive, who have resigned in order to be married.

Chaplains for the present year are:—Bro. P. J. Pond, B.A., Inter Orders; Mrs. McWilliams, P.B.P., and Bro. F. C. Hunting, K.S.P., State Scribe is Bro. Russell Carlill, and State Purser Bro. Allan Kwong. Reports show that Kappas and Betas are active in Church work. The majority of students from N.S.W. entering the College of the Bible in recent years have been from the ranks of the Kappas. Two new Chapters were opened during the year.

4. Training Class.—The central class at City Temple was carried on throughout the year, under the leadership of Bren. A. C. McLean and P. D. McCallum, B.A., Dip.Ed. It is regretted that owing to enlistment and the call-up for military service, it will not be practicable to re-commence the class for 1942. Several centres are running training classes, and with the provision for Teacher Training Conferences, Week-end Schools, and Leadership Camps, we believe that those who desire training will be adequately catered for.

5. Young Worshippers' League.—This organisation has proved very helpful in a number of churches in training the children in regular attendance at church services.

6. "Happy-hour" Campaigns.—These campaigns, conducted by Bro. Hunting, which extend over a fortnight, have been held at Paddington and Georgetown. At Paddington over 400 children were contacted, the average attendance being 275 children each afternoon. At Georgetown approximately 350 children were contacted, the average attendance being 212. Intensive instructions were given with the help of slides and moving pictures of our Mission fields. Special sessions with teachers were also held. These campaigns have given inspiration to the Schools concerned, and have given them valuable contracts with numbers of children and increased their school enrolment. Our thanks are tendered to Bro. Greenhalgh and Bro. Amos, and the many willing helpers who assisted in making these meetings a success. Preparations are under way for a similar campaign at Grafton. Other centres have applied for "Happy-hour" campaigns in their district, and both Paddington and Georgetown are desirous of having another series in the coming year.

7. Camps.—Plans were well in hand for a camp to be held at Lake Macquarie, between Christmas and New Year. Much to our regret the Government's ban on all holidays over this period made it impossible for us to hold the Camp.

8. Finance.—The actual receipts from all sources other than amounts borrowed by the Committee amounted to £661/5/6, while the expenditure, excluding repayments of amounts borrowed, was £694/18/11. Thus the expenditure for the year exceeded the amount received by £33/13/5. We ended the year with a credit balance in the bank of 18/10, but the Committee owes £50, being a loan raised to carry on until the annual offering. Thus we finish the year with an actual debit balance of £49/1/2. The annual offering from Churches amounted to £150. A decrease of £17 on that of the previous year, but special donations amounting to £220 were received for the young people's work. The offering from Bible Schools, Young People's organisations and Dorcas Societies amounted to £52, an increase of £34. Offerings from the Duplex System from 25 Churches amounted to £146, an increase of £39 on last year. Two friends of Youth donated the funds for a Kinelap Projector to help in the "Happy Hour" campaigns and other Youth meetings.

9. Cot Fund.—An amount of £26/19/7 was received from 17 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. This result is very disappointing. We must not forget the GREAT WAR against disease and suffering that is constantly in our midst, and we would again stress the wonderful work of this great hospital in the ministry of healing to children from all over N.S.W.—15,000 soldiers' children were treated at the hospital last year—the good work must go on.

10. Youth Work.—Plans are in hand for Youth Week (the last week in February), to be held in all our churches. We are pleased to report that every preacher in the State has agreed to co-operate, with special services and youth fellowship teas, in all the churches, together with a number of district rallies. We hope to lay the needs of youth work prominently before the Brotherhood.

11. Thanks.—Our thanks are extended to all who have assisted our youth work during the past year, and particularly to those Brethren who, by backing the Committee, made it possible to secure the services of full-time organisation. Also to other Brethren for supplying a moving picture projector for the use of the Director in his Happy-hour campaigns.

12. The Committee.—The following served on the Committee during the year:—A. J. Cowan (resigned owing to enlistment), S. O. Gole (Treasurer); G. E. Knight, A. C. MacLean, S. Morris, P. H. Morton (Chairman), R. W. Perkins (Vice-Chairman), B. Perkins (appointed to fill vacancy), P. J. Pond, K. A. Rae, and T. V. Weir.

The Future.—Being Jubilee Year, plans are in hand to celebrate the completing of 50 years of organised work. We are planning for this year a continuation of Teacher Training Conferences and Week-end Schools, for the training of teachers and leaders. If at all possible, camps will be held to bring our young people together for times of fellowship, inspiration and training, while Happy-hour campaigns will be held in various centres to recruit scholars and demonstrate to leaders how to hold and win the child.

P. H. MORTON, Chairman,
R. W. PERKINS, Vice-Chairman.
F. C. HUNTING, Organiser.
S. O. GOLE, Treasurer.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Conference Vice-Presidents.

Clause 9: Conference Officers.—"That clause 9 be altered by deleting the word Vice-President and adding the words two Vice-Presidents; and clause 10, paragraph J, by deleting the word Vice-President and adding the words one of the two Vice-Presidents."—T. P. Dale.

Bible Schools and Young People's Committee.

Clause 10: Committees.—"That clause 10, paragraph (c) be altered by substituting the words 'sixteen' instead of 'ten,' and 'nine' instead of 'six'; and that the following words be added, 'Twelve members of the Committee shall be appointed by Conference, six as Bible School representatives and six as Christian Endeavour representatives, the twelve elected representatives having the power to appoint the four remaining members as representatives of affiliated youth activities.'—F. C. Hunting.

and we as a Committee are happy to render this service on behalf of the Brotherhood to our Brethren in the outback districts. A band of loyal disciples bear constant witness to the saving power of Christ in this centre against many discouragements, and few inspirations from any source but their own unwavering faith in His word. Brethren, let us have such in constant remembrance.

Grafton.—The inspiration given to the work in Grafton by the brief ministry of Brethren Greenhalgh and Retchford, just prior to last Conference, has not been lost, and under the ministry of Brother Wylie, the church has made good progress during the past year. A considerable amount has been paid off the building debt, as well as contributions made to most Brotherhood appeals throughout the year. There have been a number of additions, but losses through transfer have made the work difficult.

Hamilton is still being served by Brother and Sister G. Verco, who show themselves very active as they continue to seek to spread the message throughout the district. Brother Verco is untiring in his labours, and often travels long distances per push-bike to find and have fellowship with Christians living outside the city area.

Inverell.—Brother and Sister Jenner have remained with the Church in this North-western centre throughout the past year, and have given good service. A Brother from Sydney, after spending some time in the town, wrote to the Secretary in most laudatory terms about our Brother's ministry. "There is no minister in the town and district who stands so highly in the public estimate as Brother Jenner." This was a very worthy testimony, and the Brotherhood should know it. Brother Jenner has done splendid work as a Chaplain, and has served many terms in the various camps, with very happy results. (Our N.S.W. Conference Executive nominated him for overseas service; but it was found that another Brother was already on the field in the fighting forces, and the chaplaincy was passed on to him. This was a disappointment to Brother Jenner, but it left him still with us to continue his much appreciated ministry in New South Wales).

Erskineville.—Unfortunately it has been most difficult to get the services of a Brother who can give his time to the care and supervision of the work in Erskineville. A faithful band of workers still carry on the Bible School, but the Committee is much concerned that there seems to be no one who can be found who will give himself to this work. Because of this difficulty it was thought advisable to dispose of the property, but your Committee feels that such would be definitely a retrograde step, and so search is still being made to find the man who loves the souls of the poor and neglected of the community, and who will give himself to this Mission centre, where unlimited opportunities present themselves. Here is a work that challenges the Brotherhood, and makes a demand upon our loyalty to and love for our Lord. If any brother feels burdened about it, please write to the Secretary.

Dorrigo.—The work in Dorrigo is under the supervision of Brother Wylie, in association with the Church at Grafton. These good brethren make a contribution to the funds of the Circuit, and thus share in the joy of his ministry, and the spread of the message of Christ. Brother Wylie pays monthly visits to the Plateau, and is greatly loved and appreciated by the Brethren.

Bible College.—The Home Missionary Committee hails the founding of a Bible College in New South Wales as one of the greatest events in

our history. Already arrangements have been made for the ministry of a number of students with churches willing to contribute to their upkeep, but unable to afford the support of a full-time preacher. Thus we have Brother Lloyd Jones working with the church at Loftus Park, Brother Gilbertson, with the church at Seven Hills, Brother R. Wilson at Ashfield, while arrangements are yet to be made for others who have shown themselves capable of successful ministry while studying for their life's work. Your Committee visualises the day when each week-end a team of consecrated young men will go off to various centres, by train, tram and bus, to carry the glad message of salvation to scores of men and women who would not otherwise hear the story of Jesus.

Brethren, beloved, we have a grand message, let us give it out with unstinted liberality, awaiting the coming of our Blessed Lord and Master, Who has bid us occupy "until He come."

We hope for the closest co-operation between the Bible College Committee and the Home Mission Committee in their future operations in N.S.W. We feel that each can be of great assistance to the other and the present happy relationship augurs well for the future.

New Tent.—We would not care to close this report without expressing our appreciation of the magnificent response on the part of the whole Brotherhood to the appeal for the purchase of a new Marquee. Through wonderful liberality a new tent has been secured and is now in use in the ministry of Evangelism.

THE DIRECTOR'S WORD.

On the completion of another year of service we desire to offer our very sincere thanks.

First to God for gracious leading and abundant blessings.

The writer wishes to express his appreciation of every member of the Home Missionary Committee. It has been a busy year, and the fellowship has been delightful. Busy business men have come at all hours to give unstintingly of their time to discuss the problems of the work. The Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer have been particularly helpful.

Then our whole brotherhood has been wonderfully loyal. What a glorious Brotherhood it is!

Although some time was lost through the disastrous fire, the Missioners had the privilege of conducting Missions at Kingsford, Wollongong, Hurstville, Beverley Hills (one week), Mosman, Wagga, and Loftus Park. In these Missions there were almost 600 baptisms.

An outstanding achievement was the work at Wollongong. Prior to the Mission there were less than a dozen members in Wollongong, two at Port Kembla, and two at Kiama. There was no school, church building, or preacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Corlett worked along with the Missioners and, during the Mission, land was purchased and a delightful building was erected. One hundred and thirty-five people confessed faith in Christ, and the Church and Brotherhood made the amazing thank offering of £805.

Bro. D. R. Stirling was called to take up the ministry at Wollongong. God has blessed his efforts. Not only has he held the church together, but he has been used of God to bring in many others. From the beginning the Church has been self-supporting—the Committee has not been called on for any financial help. It is a joy to read of the achievements of this baby Church. To God be the glory.

Space does not permit a detailed account of each Mission, but this new church is an exception.

Wonderful Giving.—Every Mission paid all its expenses, and each church was heart-touchingly liberal. Wagga gave an offering of over £600. They found it necessary to enlarge the church building. Three hundred of the six hundred pounds were kept for that purpose. During the year the Brotherhood contributed over £4,000 towards Home Missions.

Surely that is a record! It at least represents sacrifice on the part of a splendid band of members with whom one is proud to be associated.

Home Mission figures may not reveal the above as half the surplus from each thank offering remains with the local church.

The new marquee is a splendid one. Our prayer is that the terrible war will not make its use impossible.

May the Lord preserve and use all of our churches, preachers and members during this coming Conference year.

Brethren, it is the work which really matters, so again, let us "to the task."
Your appreciative Brother, E. C. HINRICHSSEN.

FINANCE.

(a) General Fund. Cash Statement is attached.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	478	17	11
Receipts	1,672	11	10
	2,151	9	9
Payments	1,650	4	6
Balance	501	5	3

Current Account E.S. & A. Bank, Ltd.

(The sum of £125/18/10 is on deposit in the Commonwealth Savings Bank.)

(b) Hinrichsen Mission Fund. Cash Statement is attached.

Brought forward	114	14	11
Receipts	1,559	17	4
	1,674	12	3
Payments	1,208	13	3
Balance	465	19	0

Approximately £200 is due by Churches re cost of Missions.

(c) Endowment Fund amounts to £1,600, comprising various bequests invested in Commonwealth Loans, £250; Loans to three Churches, 1930; cash in Savings Bank and Current Account, £420.

(d) Tent Equipment Fund, £54/14/10.

(e) Sundry Funds in suspense for Special Purposes, £150.

Committee Members.—The members of the Committee were the following brethren, all of whom have sought to serve the Lord and the Brotherhood faithfully: Brethren B. G. Corlett (Chairman), F. S. Steer (Vice-Chairman), A. Armstrong (Treasurer), G. E. Burns (Secretary), E. Davis (Assistant Secretary), T. Jackson, F. Youens, A. L. Carter, J. Little, P. J. Pond. Brother Hinrichsen has been a very welcome attendant as Director of Evangelism, and his counsel has been most valuable at all times.

Future Work.—The future is very uncertain, and the problems that will confront your new Committee will be many. The decision of your present Committee is, however, to carry on as though times were normal, trusting God and His church to support us, and to enable us to win victories in His name. Brother Hinrichsen's work is to continue as long as circumstances will permit the use of the Marquee, and if the time should come when it is necessary to change this mode of appeal, we believe that some other avenue of ministry will open, so as to enable our Brother to serve the Lord and His church in his God directed labours of evangelism. Meanwhile, brethren, let this be a year of intense prayer and co-operative effort so that the Kingdom of our Lord might not suffer because of the evil ways of men.

Yours in the Service of our Divine King.

G. E. BURNS, Secretary.
B. G. CORLETT, Chairman.
E. C. HINRICHSSEN, Director.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.—Cash Statement for Year Ended 31st January, 1942.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, 1st February, 1941	478	17	11
February 1, 1941—31st January, 1942—			
Annual Offering, 1940	39	3	10
Easter Offering	167	7	8
Annual Offering, 1941	365	18	4
Donations	41	18	10
Duplex Envelope Contributions	224	16	4
Assisted Churches	114	2	0
Sisters' Conference	25	10	10
Interest and Rents	175	5	8
Tent Appeal	478	4	9
Advertising	17	10	0
Miscellaneous	21	13	7
	4,215	13	1
	4,215	13	1

PAYMENTS.

Salaries	81	0	0
Subsidies	633	18	10
Rent	35	4	2
Interest and Bank Charges	18	5	0
Petty Cash and Sundries	30	12	0
Gift to Wollongong	50	0	0
Loan to Wollongong (Sisters)	100	0	0
Printing	40	17	2
Christian Messenger	16	5	0
Duplex Envelopes—Cost	8	0	0
Telephones	30	6	2
Travelling Expenses	39	11	4
Advertising	32	16	3
Miscellaneous Expenses	55	9	10
Conference Executive	6	14	0
Tent	329	18	2
Transfer to Hinrichsen Mission Fund	148	6	7
	478	4	9
Suspense (Hinrichsen Mission Fund)	13	0	0
Balance	501	5	3
	£2,151	9	9

1942—1st Feb., Balance

12th February, 1942.

A. E. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Treasurer.

Cash Statement for Year Ended 31st January, 1942.

HINRICHSEN MISSION FUND.

	£	s.	d.
1941			
Feb. 1st—Balance forward	114	14	11
Feb. 1st, 1941—31st Jan., 1942—			
Easter Offering	64	19	8
Sundry Gifts	149	7	2
Refund Cost of Missions	972	18	1
Hickey Fund	224	5	10
Surplus of Tent Appeal	148	6	7
	£1,674	12	3
1942—Feb. 1st, Balance	£465	19	0
12th February, 1942.			

Feb. 1, 1941—31st Jan., 1942—	
Cost of Missions (Wollongong, Hurstville, Beverley Hills, Mosman, Wagga, Loftus Park), and one month's holiday	1,195 13 3
Amount due on adjustment to General Fund	13 0 0
Balance	465 19 0
	£1,674 12 3

A. E. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Treasurer.

THE N.S.W. COLLEGE

It seemed impossible, and it would have been impossible had it not been for the goodness of God, and the generosity of our members.

It was the decision of last Conference to go ahead and establish a College in N.S.W. Many, including the present chairman (writer), wondered if this was the time to launch out. However, since it was the wish of Conference, there was no alternative but whole-hearted support.

Now we have a magnificent building, delightfully situated.

No one who was present will ever forget the meeting in the Enmore Tabernacle, when the project was launched. The offering in cash and promises came to over £4,000. Some of this will come in gradually but the greater part has already been paid. There were many sacrifices made. The spirit was an inspiration. The property cost £4,000, but furnishings and alterations and other expenses necessary to the starting of a College bring the total to about £5,000.

There were nearly 500 people at the rally. They gave over £4,000. There are 5,000 other members in the State. If they gave proportionately, what a work could be done!

The Committee has been very busy. The secretary, Bro. Corlett, has had to attend to a hundred details unnoticed by others.

Very valuable legal assistance was given by Bren. T. E. Rofe and D. R. Hall. Much expense has been saved, and many wise suggestions made.

Dr. Bardsley and S. Stevens (as well as each member of the Committee), have helped in outstanding ways.

Principal Main.—Perhaps no one knows what it meant to Bro. and Sis. Main to transplant themselves from Victoria to New South Wales. The coming of Mr. Main has lifted our College to a high intellectual and spiritual standard. By the grace of God these standards must be maintained.

For the time being, Bro. A. N. Hinrichsen is hindered by the war from coming to assist. Temporary satisfactory arrangements are being made. Thank God for leading Bro. Main to N.S.W.

Students.—About a dozen splendid young men have enrolled. Six of these will have charge of week-end churches in and around Sydney. The churches have been splendidly co-operative. They will do much to develop the students. As others qualify, they too will be given regular week-end work. Churches to be assisted are Loftus Park, Canley Vale, Ashfield, Seven Hills, Doonside, Lidcombe, Carramar, and possibly others. These, in turn, will assist the College. Praise God for the extra impetus which will be given to our work by a dozen consecrated young men, and their lectures.

The war restrictions have given all much anxiety. Much needed gifts may be limited, but, with faith in the one "who is able" we move on by His grace to further victories. An "all in" effort would make the burden very light for all, and put heart into some who are worthy of encouragement.

E. C. HINRICHSEN, Chairman.

Addendum.—The Chairman, Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen, has been greatly used of God in bringing this movement to its present satisfactory position. He has been the one used of God to secure the finance and approached the churches on behalf of the Home Mission Committee and the Bible College Board in arranging student preachers. The College is our declaration of our faith in God, to guide and sustain that which He prompts into being.

We would record our appreciation of the assistance given by the Conference President, Bro. Stimson. He has attended Board meetings when possible and given valuable advice.

B. G. CORLETT, Hon. Sec.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST BIBLE COLLEGE, N.S.W.—STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.
From 13th September, 1941, to 31st January, 1942.

	RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Sundry Income—Gifts, etc.	2,178	13 3	4,088	17 3
.. Loans	736	0 0	276	5 5
.. Balance C/D.	1,093	6 8	159	18 7
			32	19 10
			28	11 5
			21	13 5
			£4,608	5 11
			1,693	6 8
			£4,608	5 11

I have examined the Accounts of the Churches of Christ Bible College, N.S.W., for the period 13th September, 1941, to 31st January, 1942, and hereby certify that the above Statement of Receipts and Payments is a true record of all moneys received and expended according to the best information received and explanations given and as shown by the books of the College.

J. H. ADAMS, Hon. Treasurer.

J. W. BOSWELL, A.A.A., Hon. Auditor, 14/2/42.

CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

In presenting this report for another year's service we give thanks unto God for His Spirit's guidance in all we have undertaken for Him. The year's operations have been most successful, and have produced a further improvement in every aspect of the work. Some restriction has been placed on our efforts by the paper rationing regulations, but by careful planning we were able to publish a 16-page edition for a few months, and this has helped us to accommodate all the matter sent to us for publication. We now feel that we are distributing a magazine which is a worthy contribution to the religious life of the community.

Committee.—At last Conference the four main committees were given a mandate to continue as the Proprietors of the paper and, on April 18th, 1941, the members of these committees were called together to appoint the Executive Officers, and the following were elected: Chairman, I. A. Paternoster; Editor, A. C. Maclean; Sub-editor, George Morton; Secretary-Treasurer, T. P. Dale. These Brethren form the Management Committee, together with a representative from each of the Proprietor Committees, and the following served throughout the year: G. E. Burns, Home Mission; R. Greenhalgh, Social Service; P. H. Morton, Y.P. Dept.; and I. A. Paternoster, Foreign Mission. Regular monthly meetings of this Management Committee have been held, and all the members have been faithful in their attendance.

Publishing.—At the annual meeting of the Proprietor Committees the Management Committee was asked to make a definite attempt to eliminate the many errors that were found in every edition of the paper, and as the year progressed, several changes in the editing work were made, with the result that each issue was improved, and after a further decision to change the type face to one of better quality, the standard now reached compares favourably with any other publication of its kind. During the year a change was made in the Editor. Bro. Maclean served in this capacity till October, and then Bro. P. E. Thomas was appointed to fill the position, and he has been responsible for some further improvements in the appearance and design. A new title heading was also introduced, and this has helped in the general improvement. A very valuable addition was made to the literary side by the introduction of a Children's Page. This commenced in the October issue, and is ably conducted by a Sister who styles herself as "Phillipa." This page is to create in the minds of the boys and girls an interest in the Brotherhood, and we believe it will prove a worthy addition to the ever-increasing popularity of the paper.

Circulation.—13,200 copies were printed for the 12 months ending 31st January, 1942. The number of copies taken by the churches vary from time to time. In January, 1942, we distributed 760 copies through the churches, 133 to individuals, 22 to overseas missionaries and church representatives, and 55 copies to isolated members.

Advertising.—The income from advertising was well maintained, and continues to help our financial position. £40/5/6 was derived from this source.

Financial.—The financial position has been very satisfactory throughout the year. With a credit balance brought forward of £6/8/6, we closed the year with a credit of £21/1/3, after paying all our liabilities and allowing for all subscriptions paid in advance for year, 1942. During the year at the request of the Proprietor Committees, an amount of £12/11/11, which was an old debt standing against the old "Messenger" account, and owing to the Campbell Edwards Trust, was paid out of our funds, and so cleared our name of any outstanding liability. All accounts for printing have been met regularly, and no difficulty has been experienced in meeting all our liabilities as they became due. The Proprietor Committees have

BOOK DEPOT AND CHURCH STORES

By the grace of God we are able to report another year of progress. Business is being built up despite existing adverse conditions.

Service to the Brotherhood. We desire to point out that the aim of the Depot management is primarily that of service to the Brotherhood rather than the mere making of profits. The following particulars will give an idea of some of the assistance rendered the churches generally:—

- (1) Service in receipt of moneys for the various Conference Committees at all hours of the day.
- (2) Service as a Brotherhood Clearing House and Information Bureau to callers and per telephone, ranging from Metropolitan to Interstate enquiries.
- (3) Service in caring for literature and goods left to be called for by church and committee representatives.
- (4) Service in securing church and Bible School supplies upon request, if such can possibly be obtained in State or Commonwealth.
- (5) Service in providing Brotherhood books and tracts, including literature which has to be imported from Britain and America.

Obstacles Being Overcome. Commitments and liabilities taken over with the business several years ago have been further reduced, and at the same time the stocks are being fully replenished. The Bank Overdraft represents the residue of old time debts. The business at present is paying its own way and gradually overtaking former debts.

To carry on the business successfully not less than £400 worth of stock is required. The Committee believes that this amount of stock will soon be realised.

More than usual care and judgment have been necessary in placing orders rightly in regards to anticipated needs from overseas. The range of stock in demand compares more than favourably with that of similar establishments.

Increased transport charges and higher insurance rates have had to be met owing to war conditions, but measures taken to secure strict economy in handling and in any possible discounts have, in some degree, acted as a set-off to increased cost incurred.

The Committee is pleased to report to Conference these particulars concerning the consistent overcoming of the obstacles encountered during the past year.

Trading Information. For the year ending January 31st last total receipts from sales amounted to £573. Of this sum £135/7/9 represents cash sales and £437/15/5 as purchases charged. Stocktaking in January last showed goods to the value of £311/7/9 in stock and fittings. To secure still more efficiency in service a larger turnover is required, so that the help of an assistant in the Depot could be secured. As a step in this direction a start has been made in stocking a few lines of fancy goods and stationery. We would urge upon the churches the need of a more general patronage of the Brotherhood Book Depot for supplies of church and Bible School requirements. More business done by our Depot means more support for Brotherhood activities.

Board of Management. The following have served during the past year:—Bren. P. J. Pond (Chairman), L. C. Yelds (Vice-Chairman), C. C. King (Secretary), E. T. Vears (Treasurer) and Miss C. E. Verco

(Sales). Consultations are held each week and official meetings of the Board are held quarterly. The presence of the Conference President, Bro. J. L. Stimson, at official meeting has been much appreciated.

Owing to war conditions the hon. bookkeepers have had extreme difficulty in giving the time needed for Depot business as they would have wished. The sending out of accounts has been delayed at times, but those owing amounts will help by paying as per invoice statements where possible. An appeal is made for more volunteers qualified to assist in the bookkeeping. It must be remembered that, although the Committee is glad to provide service to the Brotherhood in a general way, the time taken from Book Depot work makes it necessary to call for more voluntary assistance in bookkeeping and accounts.

Thanks and Appreciation. Thanks are expressed to those who have given such generous assistance with the books and accounts:—Bren. C. Maxwell, Jas. Hindman, Jack Hindman, and especially to Miss Peggy Perkins. To the Hon. Auditor our sincere thanks are also recorded. We desire also to place on record our appreciation of the loyal and consistent service rendered by Miss C. E. Verco, who has gone the "Second Mile" in extras given. To all good friends who have rendered support and assistance in any way we would say, "Thank you!"

PHILIP J. POND, Chairman.
L. C. YELDS, Vice-Chairman.
C. C. KING, Secretary.
E. T. VEARS, Treasurer.

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

"CHURCHES OF CHRIST BIBLE COLLEGE IN N.S.W."

Insert after 10 (d) the following new sub-clause:—(d) (a) A committee, to be known as the Board of Management, for the care and control of the "Churches of Christ Bible College in N.S.W.," located at Woolwich.

The Board shall consist of ten members—not more than five of whom shall be full-time preachers—chosen by the representatives at each annual meeting of Conference from accredited members of Churches of Christ in New South Wales; six of these members shall form a quorum; the principal of the College shall, ex-officio, be a member of the Board of Management, and may vote on all matters excepting those affecting his own position and status.

The Board shall be elected by ballot and shall hold office until its successors have been appointed.

The Board shall have full control of all the affairs of the College, including the raising of funds by gifts, loans and mortgage or bank overdraft, and disbursing of same, and the acquisition of property; it may accept lands, buildings and gifts in connection therewith.

The Committee to be elected at the Annual Meeting of Conference in 1942 shall be nominated in open conference, and forthwith chosen by ballot.

Omit from Clause 11 the words "four main committees," and insert in lieu thereof the following words:—"following Committees of Conference, viz.:—Home Missionary Committee, Foreign Missionary Committee, Bible Schools and Young People's Committee, Social Service Committee, and Board of Management of Churches of Christ Bible College in N.S.W."

BOOK DEPOT AND CHURCH STORES.

Trading and Profit and Loss Account for Year Ended 31st January, 1941.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1/2/41	305	15	4	By Sales	573	3	2
Purchases	388	13	8	Stock, 31/1/42	301	7	9
Gross Profit carried down	180	1	11		<u>£874</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
	<u>£874</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>				
1. Salaries	148	18	0	By Gross Profit brought down	180	1	11
Rent	32	10	0	Contributions by Committees—			
Telephone Rental and Calls	30	4	2	Rental and Office Assistance	32	3	0
Freight and Cartage	1	10	9	Telephone Expenses	22	17	11
Postages	1	13	2				
Interest, Discount and Exchange	5	11	10				
Printing and Stationery	3	11	10				
General Expenses	6	10	0				
Net Profit	4	13	1				
	<u>£235</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£235</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>

E. VEARS, Hon. Secretary.

BOOK DEPOT AND CHURCH STORES.

Balance Sheet as at 31st January, 1942.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	211	11	2	Sundry Debtors	165	6	4
E.S. & A. Bank Ltd.	28	7	10	Cash in Hand	3	1	5
2. Advance Account	105	2	11	Typewriter	31	15	0
Capital Account—				Less Depreciation	3	3	6
Balance, 1/2/41	148	12	0				
Profit for year	4	13	1	Stock	28	11	6
	<u>153</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>301</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>
	<u>£498</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>£498</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>

E. VEARS, Hon. Secretary.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND

This is a Federal Fund and under the control of a committee located in Sydney. The members of the committee are: T. E. Rofe (Chairman), W. H. Hall (Hon. Secretary), H. E. Bell (Assistant Hon. Secretary), J. Crawford, C. Graham, F. S. Steer and Dr. C. A. Verco.

There has been a marked increase in the number of contributors to the Endowment Fund during the year. There are now 92 contributing preachers. The number at the beginning of the year was 76. The amount held on 31st December, 1941, on behalf of contributors, was £8,141/14/4, to which subsidies and interest for 1941 will be added. The assets now held by the Fund are valued at over £13,000. In addition there are two settlements totalling £3,600, from which the committee receives interest at the rate of 5 per cent. p.a.

From income received, apart from that in connection with the Endowment Fund, allowances to aged preachers were made during the year amounting to £327/5/9. The committee is grateful to all who have assisted by contributing to this Fund through the Conference Offerings, Duplex Envelopes and by direct gifts. A larger income from these sources would increase the usefulness of the Fund.

The management expenses were a little higher at £52/14/6 for the year.

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 preachers 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.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND. Cash Statement of Receipts and Payments, January 1st, 1941, to December 31st, 1941

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Conference Offerings—		Allowances to Aged Preachers	257 14 2
New South Wales	10 15 0	Management Expenses	52 14 6
Tasmania	2 9 2	Endowment Fund—Withdrawals	310 8 8
Victoria	35 10 0	Special Funds—Allowances	412 2 7
Western Australia	13 13 6	Loans	69 11 7
Per Duplex Envelopes—		Purchase of Commonwealth Loans—	35 10 0
Baltimore, £5/15/11; Burwood, £4/14/5;		£1,200, 3½%—1956	1,204 10 0
Canley Vale, 3/11; Chatswood, £24/12/7;		£600, 3½%—1957	600 0 0
Enmore, £2/1/6; Hamiliten, 8/6; Hurst-			
ville, 16/6; Kurri Kurri, 4d.; Lane Cove,			
£2/13/-; Lidcombe, £5/0/11; Marrick-			
ville, £3/11/4; Mosman, £2/11/2; North			
Sydney, £1/18/5; Paddington, £2/3/3;			
Penshurst, 18/8; Rockdale, £1/1/-	59 1 5		
Other Contributions—			
Park St. Unley Church	6 10 0		
Swanston St. Church	2 0 0		
Miss Mashman	1 0 0		
For Special Funds	23 10 7		
Legacies—			
Estate late B. J. Kemp	460 16 6		
Estate late Mrs. M. H. Dickson	18 0 0		
Interest from Investments and			
Settlements	478 16 6		
Contributions by Preachers to	684 1 1		
the Endowment Fund	633 5 0		
Loans Repaid	1,248 15 0		
Suspense Account	10 0 0		
Balance in hand, 31st Dec., 1940	3,209 7 3	Balance in hand, 31st Dec., 1941	1,315 5 7
19th February, 1942	738 1 2		
	£3,947 8 5		
		H. E. BELL, Asst. Hon. Treasurer.	£3,947 8 5
		W. H. HALL, Hon. Treasurer.	

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA

Report to State Conferences — April, 1942.

The College of the Bible operates under the authority of the Federal Conference, which, at its sessions in Adelaide, 1941, directed that the Board of Management should report to each State Conference annually. Accordingly the Board reports:—

1. The Federal Conference resolved that each State shall be entitled to appoint a State (College of the Bible) Committee to be elected according to the custom of the State. State Committees appointed by the Board as its agents have continued to act pending action by State Conferences.

2. The College is now incorporated under the name "College of the Bible of Churches of Christ in Australia."

3. The Board has given much attention to the curriculum following enquiries by a special Commission and recommendations by the Faculty. Substantial changes have been effected and subjects grouped. While the Diploma may be obtained still at the end of three years' study, an additional seal may be secured by a four year course, which will include three approved subjects for the Arts or other prescribed course at a University, in addition to the College subjects. The additional seal may be obtained also after the three years' course by a two-years' course of directed reading.

4. Five students received the Diploma in 1941. At the end of the year a recognition service was held, and these, with three others, former students, were set apart to the ministry of the Word.

5. Seven new students enrolled for 1942, two from each New South Wales, Tasmania, and Victoria, and one from Queensland. There are now 29 students enrolled, making the total enrolment 500, over the years.

6. The annual offering for 1941, on February 28, was £1,170/4/5, this being an advance on 1940, which offering closed at £1,111/15/7.

7. Since the Federal Conference the Board has received as a donation to the Library, the books of the late Bro. A. W. Connor.

8. The Financial Statement presented herewith shows that receipts for 1941 were £3,164/12/9, and disbursements £3,573/7/5, the debit balance increasing by £408/14/8. As receipts included £295/3/6 of special income from the Debt Removal Campaign, the position is serious, and calls for corrective action by the Brotherhood.

9. A campaign to remove the debt was launched at the Federal Conference, and is being prosecuted by the Board. To February 28, promises of over £1,000 had been received, of which £461/3/9 had been paid. The full co-operation of the Brotherhood is desired to make the College "free from debt in 'forty-two."

10. The members of the Board express grateful appreciation of the help given and interest shown by members in all States, and look for continued help in the development of the work that must ever be the spear-head of our evangelistic activity.

On behalf of the Board of Management,

FRED T. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

ALBURY.—David Street.

Preacher: H. I. Walmsley, Schubech Street, Albury.

Secretary: W. Combridge, 642 Sackville Street, Albury.

ASHFIELD.—167 Norton Street.

Preacher: R. Wilson, Church of Christ Collège, Woolwich.

Secretary: J. Townsend, 64 Georges River Road, Croydon.

AUBURN.—Auburn Road.

Preacher: E. Davis, 51 Park Road, Auburn.

Secretary: A. Kallmier, 4 Station Street, Homebush.

AUBURN NORTH.—Parramatta Road.

Secretary: T. J. Jones, 74 Dartbrook Road, Auburn.

AUSTRAL.—Opposite Public School.

Secretary: J. Goldfinch, 7th Avenue, Austral, via Liverpool.

BANGALOW.—Temperance Hall.

Preacher: C. Love, Byron Bay.

Secretary: J. G. Snow, Bangalow.

BANKSTOWN.—North Terrace.

Preacher: J. C. Thomson, 42 Little Street, Lane Cove.

Secretary: F. S. Budgen, 31 Raymond Street, Bankstown.

BELMORE.—Cr. Burwood Road and Chalmers Street.

Preacher: B. G. Corlett, 11 McCourt Street, Lakemba.

Secretary: G. Bothwell, 144 Moreton Street, Lakemba.

BEVERLEY HILLS.—Stoney Creek Rd.

Preacher: L. W. O'Connor, 64 Cambridge Street, Penshurst.

Secretary: L. Wheat, 103 Dumbleton Road, Penshurst.

BEXLEY NORTH.—New Illawarra Road.

Preacher: T. V. Weir, 73 Stoney Creek Road, Bexley.

Secretary: L. W. Bagley, 11 Handley Avenue, Bexley.

BLACKHEATH.—Wentworth Street.

Secretary: W. H. Hall, "Hurlston," Blackheath.

BURWOOD.—Clarence Street.

Preacher: D. Wakeley, 18 Clarence Street, Burwood.

Secretary: R. H. Wakeley, 45 Frederick Street, Concord.

CANLEY VALE.—Canley Vale Road.

Preacher: P. Retchford, Church of Christ Collège, Woolwich.

Secretary: W. Boys, 108 Canley Road, Canley Vale.

CANTERBURY - EARLWOOD. — Burlington Avenue.

Secretary: W. L. Caspersenn, 19 Winston Avenue, Earlwood.

CARRAMAR.—Wilde Street.

Secretary: E. A. Stevenson, Lidbury Street, Berala.

CESSNOCK.—Allandale Road.

Preacher: J. Orr, Allandale Road, Cessnock.

Secretary: S. Geary, Maitland Road, Cessnock.

CHATSWOOD.—Victoria Avenue.

Preacher: F. A. Youens, 45 View Street, Chatswood.

Secretary: F. W. Woodward, "Moola," Peckham Avenue, Chatswood.

CRONULLA.—Surf Road.

Preacher: F. E. Alcorn, 33 Harrow Road, Bexley.

Secretary: L. H. Young, 11 Ewos Parade, Cronulla.

DOONSIDE.

Preacher: A. W. Gilbertson, Church of Christ Collège, Woolwich.

Secretary: F. J. Reeson, Kildare Street, Doonside.

ENMORE.—Metropolitan Road.

Preacher: S. Stevens, 61 Cambridge Street, Stanmore.

Secretary: Dr. E. A. Bardsley, Eastern Road, Turramurra.

EPPING.—Bridge Road.

Preacher: P. D. McCallum, 45 Victoria Street, Epping.

Secretary: S. Morris, 39 Eastwood Avenue, Eastwood.

ERSKINEVILLE.—John Street.

Secretary: G. E. Burns, City Temple, Campbell Street, Sydney.

GEORGETOWN.—Georgetown Road.

Preacher: R. V. Amos, 12 Cowper Street, Georgetown.

Secretary: W. M. Fraser, 4 David Street, Georgetown.

GILGANDRA.—Warren Road.

Preacher: I. J. Chivell, Dudley Street, Gilgandra.

Secretary: A. R. Burrill, "Windsor," Gilgandra.

GRAFTON.—Bacon Street.

Preacher: L. Wylie, 45 Oliver Street, Grafton.

Secretary: G. L. Harvey, 55 Bligh Street, South Grafton.

GRANVILLE.—Cr. Ritchie and Alfred Streets.

Preacher: P. J. Pond, 10 William Edward Street, Longueville.

Secretary: R. Kenyon, 11 Birmingham Street, Merrylands.

GREYSTANES.—Merrylands Road.

Secretary: J. H. Adams, Merrylands Road, Greystanes.

HAMILTON.—Gordon Avenue.

Preacher: G. D. Verco, 58 Stanley Street, Hamilton South.

Secretary: P. C. Talbot, 154 Lockyer Street, Adamstown.

HORNSBY.—Albert Street.

Preacher: J. R. Little, "Bethel," Woodlands Avenue, Pymble.

Secretary: H. T. Simmons, 19 Waitara Avenue, Waitara.

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- HURSTVILLE.**—MacMahon Street.
Preacher: F. E. Alcorn, 33 Harrow Road, Bexley.
Secretary: H. Button, 3 Colvin Avenue, Kogarah.
- INVERELL.**—Vivian Street.
Preacher: S. C. Jenner, 49 Lawrence Street, Inverell.
Secretary: R. F. Goode, 28 Andrew Street, Inverell.
- KELLYVILLE.**—President Road.
Secretary: Mrs. M. A. Allen, "Beth-el," President Road, Kellyville.
- KINGSFORD.**—Anzac Parade.
Secretary: E. Smith, 8 Wise Street, Maroubra.
- KURRI KURRI.**—School of Arts, Lang Street.
Secretary: W. T. Marley, Maitland Street, Kurri Kurri.
- LANE COVE.**—Parklands Avenue.
Preacher: L. G. Read, 4 Burley Street, Lane Cove.
Secretary: C. A. Saxby, 38 Earl Street, Roseville.
- LIDCOMBE.**—Vaughan Street.
Preacher: J. Henderson, Church of Christ College, Woolwich.
Secretary: H. LeCornu, 79 Northumberland Road, Auburn.
- LISMORE.**—Keen Street.
Preacher: A. Baker, Diadem Street, Lismore.
Secretary: R. R. Wotherspoon, 9 Garden Street, Lismore.
- LOFTUS PARK.**—Cr. Hawk's View and Chetwynd Street.
Preacher: L. Jones, Church of Christ, College, Woolwich.
Secretary: T. Whalan, 59 McArthur Street, Guildford.
- MANLY.**—Eustace Street (Hall).
Secretary: N. D. Railton, 16 Boyle Street, Manly.
- MARRICKVILLE.**—Illawarra Road.
Preacher: P. E. Thomas, 14 Dudley Street, Marrickville.
Secretary: W. J. E. Lewis, 20 Randall Street, Marrickville.
- MAYFIELD.**—Maitland Road.
Preacher: R. M. Wilson, "Highcliffe," Cr. Bull and Woodstock Streets, Mayfield.
Secretary: C. G. Coventry, 14 Gregson Street, Mayfield.
- MEREWETHER.**—Railway Street.
Secretary: T. Winton, 18 Macquarie Street, Merewether.
- MOSMAN.**—110 Cowles Road.
Preacher: G. E. Burns.
Secretary: W. Donaldson, 5 Cabramatta Road, Mosman.
- MORTDALE.**—Anderson Road.
Secretary: W. C. Roffey, 64 Durham Street, Carlton.
- NAREMBURN.**—Central Street.
Preacher: A. E. Roxburgh, Mubb's Lane, Epping.
Secretary: C. Coomber, Slade Street, North Sydney.
- NORTH DORRIGO.**—Public Hall.
Secretary: C. F. Macindoe, Box 31, Dorrigo.
- NORTH SYDNEY.**—Falcon Street.
Preacher: I. A. Paternoster, Cammeray Avenue, Cammeray.
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