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CHURCHES OF CHRIST
NEW SOUTH WALES

59th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

and

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

JUBILEE CONFERENCE

APRIL 2nd to 12th, 1944

Programme of
Meetings and Reports

**Price
6d.**

P. E. THOMAS, B.A., President.
S. C. WOOLLEY, Secretary.

SYNOPSIS OF CONFERENCE MEETINGS

59th ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Sunday, 2nd April—(All Churches).

Pre-Conference Sunday.

Monday, 3rd April—City Temple.

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

Tuesday, 4th April—Enmore Tabernacle.

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

2.15 p.m.: Afternoon Session.

7.30 p.m.: Evening Session.

Wednesday, 5th April—Enmore Tabernacle.

6.00 p.m.: Social Service Tea.

7.15 p.m.: Social Service Demonstration.

Thursday, 6th April—City Temple.

2.30 p.m.: Preachers' Session.

7.15 p.m.: Devotional—L. Jones.

7.30 p.m.: Roll Call of Churches.

Admission of New Churches.

Inward and Outward Greetings.

Welcome to New Preachers.

President's Message.

8.30 p.m.: Conference Executive Report.

Incorporation and Property Management.

Council of Churches.

Friday, 7th April—Enmore Tabernacle.

9.30 a.m.: Devotional—J. Henderson.

9.45 a.m.: President takes the chair.

Roll Call of Churches.

Election of Scrutineers.

10.00 a.m.: Boys' Home Board Report.

10.50 a.m.: Aborigines' Mission Board Report.

11.20 a.m.: Amendments to Constitution.

11.55 a.m.: Distribution of Ballot Papers.

12 noon: Social Service Committee Report.

1.00 p.m.: Adjournment for Lunch (provided by Sisters' Conference—1/6).

Friday, 7th April—Enmore Tabernacle.

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

3.00 p.m.: Overseas Mission Committee Report.

4.00 p.m.: Home Mission Committee Report.

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

6.00 p.m.: Adjournment for Tea (provided by Sisters' Conference—1/-).

7.15 p.m.: Announcement of Conference Officers and Committees.

Induction of New President.

Recognition of Retiring President.

8.00 p.m.: Home Mission Demonstration.

Saturday, 8th April—City Temple.

7.30 p.m.: Christian Endeavour Rally.

Sunday, 9th April—City Temple.

3.00 p.m.: Conference Sermon—A. W. Ladbrook, M.A., Dip. Ed.

Monday, 10th April—Athol Gardens—Conference Picnic.

Monday, 10th April—City Temple.

7.45 p.m.: College Demonstration.

Tuesday, 11th April—City Temple.

7.15 p.m.: Devotional—R. Wilson.

7.30 p.m.: "Messenger" Management Committee Report.

8.00 p.m.: Resolutions.

8.15 p.m.: Book Room Committee Report.

8.45 p.m.: Advisory Board Report; Preachers' Provident Fund Report; Building Advisory Board Report; Chapel Extension Fund Committee Report; Unfinished Business.

Wednesday, 12th April—City Temple.

7.45 p.m.: Overseas Mission Demonstration.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST

NEW SOUTH WALES

FIFTY-NINTH
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE

April 2-12, 1944



P. E. THOMAS, B.A.,
Conference President, 1943-4.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND REPORTS.

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LAUNCHING THE CAMPAIGN TO WIN FIVE HUNDRED FOR CHRIST FROM THE RANKS OF YOUTH

DURING THIS CONFERENCE YEAR

Great Evangelistic Youth Rally

at

CITY TEMPLE

MONDAY,

April 3rd

7.45 p.m.



Chairman:

Conference President.

Mr. FRANK HUNTING.

"Youth's Great Adventure"

Mr. Hunting's Final Address to Conference.

THIS BIG EVANGELISTIC MEETING WILL BE PRECEDED
BY A PRAYER MEETING IN LOWER HALL FROM 7 p.m. -
7.40 p.m.

BRING ALL YOUR YOUTH GROUPS TO
THIS MEETING.

GOLDEN JUBILEE
— of the —
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
CONFERENCE

1894 - 1944.

THE TABERNACLE,
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE
TUESDAY, 4th APRIL, 1944

Morning Session: 10.30 o'clock.

President: Mrs. R. W. McCALLUM.
Devotional Leader: Mrs. PATERNOSTER.

BUSINESS:

President's Welcome.
Minutes, 1943 Conference.
Correspondence and Greetings.
Roll Call (Blest Be the Tie that Binds) No. 3
Prayer Mrs. McCallum
Response to Welcome Newcastle
Superintendent's Reports—
(1) Obituary, Mrs. Budgen; (2) Treasurer, Miss Verco;
(3) Home Missions, Mrs. Maxwell; (4) Overseas Missions,
Mrs. Day; (5) Missionary Education and Federal Conference,
Mrs. Perkins; (6) Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Schofield.
Hymn, "Oh Worship the King" No. 29
Offering.
Reports (continued)—
(7) Ashwood House, Miss Ashwood; (8) Newington, Mrs.
Torode; (9) Temperance and Social Service, Mrs. Redman;
(10) Isolated Sisters, Miss Elliot; (11) Australian Comforts
Fund, Miss Brown; (12) Catering; (13) Programme, Mrs.
Rush.
Solo Mrs. D. Main
Adjournment for Basket Lunch (Milk, Tea and Sugar provided).

AFTERNOON SESSION—2.15.

Hymn, "To God Be the Glory" No. 36
Prayer for Nation, followed by National Anthem Mrs. Stirling
Welcome.
Executive Report Mrs. Palmer
Recognition of Early Members.
Responses.
Solo Mrs. Gorden Day
Prayer Mrs. Lawther
Address Miss G. Roseby, B.A.
Hymn, "The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended" No. 34
Prayer and Benediction.

TEA, 1/6.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
CONFERENCE
GOLDEN JUBILEE

EVENING SESSION: 7.15.

President: Mrs. McCALLUM.

Devotional Leader: Mrs. W. EVAN LEWIS.

Welcome Mrs. McCallum
Response, General President Mr. P. E. Thomas
Solo—Selected Miss Daphne Flood
Chairman's Remarks.
Choral Item Conducted by Miss Myra Lambert
Offering.
Duet Mrs. Frazer and Miss Elizabeth Dickson
Hymn, "Oh, God Our Help in Ages Past" No. 28
Prayer Mrs. Saunders
Solo—Selected Miss Myra Lambert
Address: "Poplar Mission" Miss Duesbury
Hymn, "All Hail the Power" No. 1
Prayer—Benediction.

Secretary: Mrs. KNIGHT. Pianiste: Mrs. C. S. RUSH.

Caring and Sharing for Others

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**SOCIAL SERVICE
DEMONSTRATION**

ENMORE TABERNACLE,
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

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Wednesday, 5th April, 1944

BROTHERHOOD TEA: 6 p.m.

[The Committee invite the Church members to this Fellowship Gathering. No charge].

PROGRAMME:

Chairman: P. E. Thomas, Conference President.

Song Service	7.15 to 7.30 p.m.
Hymn	No. 39
Prayer.	
Anthem	Marrickville Choir
Scripture Lesson	H. C. Gowans
Announcements and Offering.	
Hymn	No. 27
Recitation	Miss Ena Smith
Hymn	No. 38
Benediction.	

THURSDAY, 6th APRIL

PREACHERS' SESSION

2.30 p.m.: British and Foreign Bible Society, Bathurst St., City.

Speaker: Rev. WILFRED JARVIS (Minister of Central Baptist Church).

Subject: "An Evangelistic Church."

**Opening Business Session of
General Conference**

CITY TEMPLE,
CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

Chairman: Conference President.

7.15 p.m.: Devotional	L. Jones
7.30 p.m.: Roll Call of Churches. Admission of New Churches. Inward and Outward Greetings. Welcome to New Preachers. President's Message.	
8.30 p.m.: Conference Executive Report. Incorporation and Property Management. Council of Churches.	

FRIDAY, 7th APRIL, 1944

**ENMORE TABERNACLE
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE**

BUSINESS SESSION

- 9.30 a.m.: Devotional J. Henderson
9.45 a.m.: President takes the Chair.
Roll Call of Churches.
Election of Scrutineers.
10.00 a.m.: Boys' Home Board Report.
10.50 a.m.: Aborigines' Mission Board Report.
11.20 a.m.: Amendments to Constitution.
11.55 a.m.: Distribution of Ballot Papers.
12 noon: Social Service Committee Report.
1.00 p.m.: Adjournment for Lunch (provided by Sisters' Conference — 1/6).
2.00 p.m.: Bible Schools and Young People's Committee Report.
3.00 p.m.: Overseas Mission Committee Report.
4.00 p.m.: Home Mission Committee Report.
5.00 p.m.: New South Wales Bible College Report.
6.00 p.m.: Adjournment for Tea (provided by Sisters' Conference — 1/-).
7.15 p.m.: Announcement of Conference Officers and Committees.
Recognition of Retiring President.
Induction of New President.

"Andrew first findeth his own brother Simon — and he brought him to Jesus."

**HOME MISSION
DEMONSTRATION**

ENMORE TABERNACLE,

FRIDAY, 7th APRIL

8 p.m.

Chairman: Conference President.

National Anthem.

Prayer Bro. Stevens

Scripture Reading Bro. Rofe

Vocal Item Mrs. L. J. Stimson

Hymn "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

Women's Conference Gift to Home Missions

A.B.C. Band Gift to Home Missions

Item by Choir.

Address Bro. H. J. Patterson, M.A.

Offering for Home Missions.

Benediction and Doxology.

ADVANCING THE CAMPAIGN TO WIN
**Five Hundred Young People
 to Christ**
 THIS YEAR

Introducing . . .

Let Us Pack
 CITY TEMPLE
 at this
**Great
 Endeavour
 Rally**
 on
**Saturday,
 April 8th**
 at 7.30 p.m.



Mr. ROY GREENHALGH,
 Our New Youth Director.

Chairman:
 Conference President,

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN"
 Mr. ROY GREENHALGH

The Programme will include:—
 Brotherhood Farewell to Mr. Frank Hunting.
 Mr. Greenhalgh's Introduction as New Director.
 Musical Items by Young People.

This is the C.E. Evangelistic Rally

CONFERENCE SERMON

CITY TEMPLE
 CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

SUNDAY, 9th APRIL 1944

President: P. E. Thomas, B.A.

2.45 p.m.: Praise Service Conducted by Reg. Hayward
 Announcements.
 3.00 p.m.: National Anthem.
 Anthem: "The Radiant Morn" Marrickville Choir
 (Woodward)
 Prayer R. H. Wakeley
 Hymn No. 33
 Offering for Preachers' Provident Fund.
 Solo: "The Lord's Prayer" Mrs. Gorden Day
 (Malotte)
 Scripture Reading John 17
 Hymn No. 16
 Address: "The Church God Meant" A. W. Ladbroke, M.A.
 Anthem: "Christ in His Garden" Marrickville Choir
 (Tschaikowsky)
 Hymn No. 28

BENEDICTION.

Conductor: Mr. Gorden Day, L.R.S.M.
 Accompanists: Miss June Webster, Mr. David Verco.
 (Broadcast by courtesy Station 2CH)

CHURCHES OF CHRIST
NEW SOUTH WALES
CONFERENCE PICNIC

will be held at
ATHOL GARDENS PARK

— on —
MONDAY, 10th APRIL, 1944

Arrange a Church Picnic for this day, and enjoy the Happy Fellowship with the Young People and Country Delegates.
Hot Water Free.

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GAMES AND SPORTS.

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HOW TO GET THERE —

Take Taronga Park Ferry from Circular Quay or Taronga Park Tram from north side of the Harbour; alight at Taronga Park and walk to Gardens.

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FERRIES AND TRAMS AT FREQUENT INTERVALS.

**COLLEGE
DEMONSTRATION**

**CITY TEMPLE,
CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY**

MONDAY, 10th APRIL, 1944
7.45 p.m.

Song Service	7.45 p.m.
Hymn.	
Prayer.	
Scripture.	
Item	Students
College Board Representative. Two minutes.	
Students' Representative. Two minutes.	
Mr. Patterson. Ten minutes.	
Offering.	
A.B.C. Band	Gift to College
Item	Students
Mr. Main.	
Hymn.	
Prayer and Benediction.	

TUESDAY, 11th APRIL

CITY TEMPLE,
CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

BUSINESS SESSION

Chairman: Conference President.

7.15 p.m.: Devotional. R. Wilson.

7.30 p.m.: Messenger Management Committee Report.

8.00 p.m.: Resolutions.

8.15 p.m.: Book Room Committee Report.

8.45 p.m.: Advisory Board Report.

Preachers' Provident Fund Report.

Building Advisory Board Report.

Chapel Extension Fund Report.

Unfinished Business.

**OVERSEAS AND
ABORIGINES MISSION
DEMONSTRATION**

CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

Wednesday, 12th April, 1944

Chairman: Conference President.

8.15 p.m.: Hymn No. 23
Prayer Dr. C. A. Verco
Scripture: Jn. 10:7-18 Mr. P. C. Williams
Hymn No. 37
Address Pastor Lo (Pastor, Chinese Church)
Solo Miss Kathleen Mane
Address Miss Edna Vawser (Baramati, India)
Offering.
Hymn No. 31
Benediction.

N.S.W. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE

50th Annual Report, 1943-44.

EXECUTIVE REPORT.

The 1943-44 Women's Conference year opened in a happy spirit of service for the Lord, and we thank Him for His guidance, comfort, and help.

At the first meeting of the year the President, Mrs. McCallum, said that it was our Golden Jubilee year, and asked what we would do for the Master? Later, a committee was chosen to bring suggestions to Conference. After sifting the various suggestions, it was decided to do something for 'Youth.' This to take the form of an Outdoor Sanctuary to be erected on the site of the proposed Young People's Camp, now under consideration. This objective has been launched, and the various Women's Societies are working hard to make it a success.

Under the capable leadership of Mrs. McCallum, twelve meetings have been held, including Overseas and Home Missions annual meetings. The devotional sessions have been ably conducted by Epping, City Temple, Rockdale, Hurstville, Chatswood, Mosman, Belmore, and Bankstown. We have had some outstanding speakers during the year:—Miss Eadie, late of Norseman Aborigine Mission; Rev. Gordon Smeed, Superintendent of Children's Court; Miss Scott, London Missionary Society; Mrs. Segetin, W.C.T.U.; Mr. P. E. Thomas, General President; Mr. Stirling; Mrs. Weir, Alliance of Honour. At the next meeting we hope (D.V.) to have an address from our President, Mrs. McCallum.

In October our ranks were depleted by the sudden home-call of our beloved Past President, Sister Corlett, and Mrs. Weir, Vice-President, through removal to Victoria. Mrs. Lewis consented to act as Past President until Conference, and her work is much appreciated. Mrs. Lewis chaired several meetings in the absence—through illness in the home—of the President.

In October, 24 Sisters, representing the Newcastle District Sisters' Conference, came to Sydney and conducted the entire meeting. Mrs. Davidson, President, gave a very fine address. The Sisters were entertained at lunch by the Executive, and all enjoyed contact with our distant co-workers in the work of the Master.

Sisters McCallum, Rush, Pond and Palmer were appointed to represent Conference on the Women's Interchurch Council.

At Conference Mrs. McCallum brought a suggestion that instead of making another appeal for funds for the Aborigines' Living Link (Federal), Sisters be asked to contribute a little more to Home and Overseas Missions so that 10 per cent. could be deducted from each. This has graciously been done, and both Superintendents have had record offerings. We have been greatly encouraged by their unflinching ardour, and thank them heartily for their fine work. Home Missions offerings amounted to £220/1/9, and Overseas Missions £259/0/3.

Missionary Education Literature continues to be sent out, and is much appreciated. Miss Elliott has written many letters to isolated sisters, and Mrs. Murray carried out her catering duties in a very capable manner.

We wish to place on record our sincere gratitude to Mrs. McCallum for her devotion and untiring work during this year—part of which, although unable to attend Conference meetings through the illness and subsequent passing of her husband, and latterly her indisposition—has nevertheless been a tower of strength to the Executive. Special executive meetings have been arranged, at which Mrs. McCallum presided, and the work has not been allowed to lapse. To our President and her family we offer our heartfelt sympathy, and all who have suffered bereavement we have remembered at the Throne of Grace.

We extend grateful thanks to Mrs. Rush for her work at the organ and piano. To the Officers of City Temple and Enmore Tabernacle we express our sincere thanks for the use of the buildings.

Financial—Home Missions, 220/1/9; Overseas Missions, £259/0/3; catering, £10/12/2.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Obituary.—Mrs. G. Budgen. In presenting the obituary report ending January 31st, 1944, our hearts have been saddened by the news of the passing of our dear Sister Main. We have lost many splendid women since last Conference. In October, our dear Sister Corlett was called home, leaving a great void in the Sisterhood. These Sisters will be lovingly remembered for their work's sake, and their gracious Christian witness. We commend all who have been bereaved to our loving Heavenly Father's care. I have written 38 letters, and again this year I have received many helpful replies, and a great deal of encouragement.

Home Missions.—Mrs. Maxwell, Superintendent. The women of our churches have again demonstrated their keen interest in the work of Home Missions. The offerings this year amounts to £220/1/9. Nearly all of the churches are represented in this splendid effort. It has been a joy to have personal fellowship with a number of the Guilds and Societies, and also contact by letter with many isolated Sisters, who also have contributed generously. We are grateful to all who participated. A feature of the year was the well-attended H.M. Rally, when Mr. Stirling, of Wollongong, gave the address. We thank all who have had a share in the effort throughout the year.

Overseas Mission.—Mrs. Day, Superintendent. The Overseas work for the past year has been prayerfully, and hence generously, supported by the women of our churches. Circulars were distributed, letters written, and several churches visited. The offering, amounting to £259/0/3, constitutes another record. The funds are expended in supporting our Living Link, Mrs. Coventry, providing Christmas Cheer, also money for furlough travelling expenses; assisting the work of the Aborigines Mission to the extent of £18. £10 was also donated to the Indian Milk Fund. A successful Rally was held on September 17th, at which Dr. Rachel Taylor was the speaker. We sincerely thank all Sisters who have so willingly helped in this work of extending the Master's Kingdom.

Missionary Education.—Mrs. McCallum and Mrs. Perkins, representing Federal Missionary Education Committee. The Topic Papers this year have dealt with the lesser-known Mission Fields, and great interest has been shown. The Federal Conference Executive has transferred from Adelaide, S.A., to Queensland. The amount of £6 quota for this State was paid to the above Committee.

Prayer Meeting Committee. Mrs. Schofield, Superintendent. It is with very great joy this report is presented. We thank our Heavenly Father for His goodness to us—we feel that He has indeed greatly blessed our work. There has been a great sense of the Holy Spirit in our meetings, and I am sure we have all been helped. Meetings have been fairly well attended, smallest number nine, and largest thirty-five. Nineteen churches have been visited—up to the time of this report—and two meetings are yet to be held before the end of the Conference year. We have a committee of 22, and each member has taken some part in the various meetings, either presiding, reading, in prayers, messages in song, and messages from the "Word of God." We thank all who have helped to make the meetings a success, and hope you, too, have been helped. Our thanks to the churches for their invitations, enabling us to have fellowship with them. We pray that God will undertake for the work in the next year of service. Churches visited were: Belmore, Marrickville, Bexley North, Mosman, Auburn, Beverly Hills, Penshurst, Tempe, North Sydney, Lane Cove, Burwood, Rockdale, City Temple, Hurstville, Chatswood, Enmore, Canley Vale, Granville and Kingsford. Canterbury-Earlwood and Bankstown are planned for February.

Newington Hospital. Mrs. Torode, Superintendent. Another year has passed, and God has wonderfully blessed the work at Newington. The Superintendent and her committee have paid eleven visits to the hospital, with an average of eight Sisters each month, and forty at the Christmas visit. Nineteen churches helped in this work, and we were able to distribute the following:—2,386 books, 428 bags with either soap, washer, comb, scent, hair-pins, handkerchiefs, etc., sixty gospels, 50 tracts and texts, 588 small cakes, 25 lbs. cake, 654 pieces of fruit, 420 jars jam, 105 lbs. biscuits, 306 lbs. and 297 packets sweets, 99 jars condiments, and 273 miscellaneous gifts. We thank our Heavenly Father that we have been much encouraged by the Matron and Staff, and pray that the work may still continue, and that God will give us the needed grace to continue to give the helpful message.

Isolated Sisters.—Miss Elliott, Superintendent. A number of letters in which Missionary Literature has been enclosed have been written, and in many cases this is the only contact the isolated Sisters have with their Sisters in Christ. We sincerely trust that those more fortunate than they will bear them up in prayer, and thus alleviate their loneliness.

Temperance and Social Service.—Mrs. Redman, Superintendent. During the year I have again assisted with the refreshment stall at the Sunshine Fair, and I have represented the Women's Conference at meetings of the Band of Hope Union and Youth Temperance Educational Council of N.S.W. To all who have helped in any way I extend my grateful thanks.

Catering.—Mrs. Murray, Superintendent, carried out her catering duties in an efficient manner. Shortage of milk, and various other foods, made the position difficult, but this was overcome by perseverance, and we are grateful to our caterer for her work.

E. KNIGHT, Secretary.

ASHWOOD HOUSE REPORT

12 Months Ended 31st January, 1944.

We take pleasure in presenting the Sixth Annual Report, and devoutly thank the Heavenly Father for His guidance and the rich provision He has made for our recurring needs during the past twelve months.

Management.—The first Committee elected by the Women's Conference in February, 1938, is still functioning, and comprises the following ladies: Mrs. C. S. Rush (President), Mrs. W. H. Hall (Vice-President), Mrs. A. F. Butler (Treasurer), Miss F. M. Ashwood (Secretary), Mrs. P. Winter, Miss I. Elliot, Miss H. Brown. The three Trustees are Mrs. P. Winter, Mrs. A. F. Butler and Miss F. M. Ashwood, who were appointed in April, 1937. Committee meetings are held each month at the Home to transact business; afterwards a service is held with the guests, usually conducted by Mrs. Rush.

Staff.—In Miss Maiden (Matron), Miss Wood and Miss McAulay, we have a staff of women of fine Christian character and ideals. We place on record our appreciation of Miss Maiden's oversight of the Home and for her loyal devotion to duty in all circumstances. We thank Miss Eadie for so graciously coming to our assistance in a time of special need. Thanks are due also to Miss Gray, Mrs. Goodchild and Mrs. Ashley, for their timely help, and to Mrs. Meares for taking charge during Miss Maiden's absence on holiday.

It may interest readers to know that our Baptist brethren are planning to establish a home for the Aged, and they inquired if a visit of inspection could be made of Ashwood House. This was arranged, and about fourteen members of the Baptist Homes Investigation Committee visited the Home one Saturday afternoon. Later, in a letter of thanks, the Secretary, Mr. F. J. Church, wrote: "The inspection of Ashwood House was a great inspiration to us all. We have obtained much information of value, both from the inspection and our conversations with the Matron and yourself. On behalf of the Committee and myself, I congratulate the members of the Churches of Christ, on having such a beautiful Home for aged women and upon the great Christian service therein rendered." On another occasion Mr. Hicks, of the Public Social Service Department, and two other gentlemen of the same Department, inspected the Home and later, in an interview with the Secretary, expressed surprise and pleasure at all they saw, and congratulated the Committee upon the management of the Home. These words of commendation greatly heartened the Committee of Management and the Matron.

Financial.—Our financial statement herewith shows the total income from all sources to be £1,121/10/-. Contributions to the 1d. Fund amount to £55/10/11, from the Churches as follows:—Belmore £7/11/3, Bexley North 9/8, Burwood £2/14/1, Chatswood £14/7/-. City Temple £7/13/6, Guildford £1/10/-. Hurstville £2/6/-. Kingsford £2/10/-. Lane Cove (Dup.) £5/19/6, Lidcombe 10/-. Mosman £1/10/-. Marrickville (Dup.) £5/13/2, Paddington £2/16/9. Donations total £16/18/6, as follows: Mayfield £2/13/-. Anonymous £10, Mr. W. E. Thompson £2, Belmore Junior C.E. 10/6, sundry amounts, 35/-. Ashwood House Business Girls' Auxiliary £5.

Our thanks are extended to Dr. Carter and Dr. Aitken for professional services rendered, to Mr. T. E. Rofe, to Mr. F. W. Thompson, honorary auditor, also to those good friends who send goods and many other gifts throughout the year, and to the many members who, by their regular contributions, wish to have a part in this worthy undertaking.

Mrs. C. S. RUSH, President.

Miss F. M. ASHWOOD, Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE—Cash Statement for Year Ended 31st January, 1944.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance brought forward	24 9 5½	Donations—	
Monthly Collections	19 8 7½	Band of Hope Union	4 0 0
Annual Conference Offering	10 1 6	"The Messenger"	3 3 0
Sale of Conference Programmes	1 5 0	Missionary Education	6 0 0
Catering Receipts	10 12 2	Church Council	2 2 0
Bank Interest	16 3	City Temple	2 2 0
		Conference—	
		Printing	3 16 0
		Programmes	1 5 0
		Stationery	2 16 0
		Loud Speaker	2 0 0
		Expenses—	
		President's Expenses	9 18 0
		Secretary's Expenses	2 15 0
		Postages	15 0
		Fares, etc.	6 7
		Floral Tributes	1 15 6
		Gifts—Mrs. Coventry, Miss Eadie	1 0 0
		Balance carried forward	22 18 11
	<u>£66 13 0</u>		<u>£66 13 0</u>

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HOME MISSION SECTION.			
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance brought forward	180 10 5	Donation to Home Mission Committee	162 0 0
H.M. Offerings	204 3 2	Donation to Aborigines	18 0 0
Mission Band Donations	16 12 9	Postages and Typing	1 15 0
Bank Interest	1 0 5	Expenses, Wollongong	10 0
		Cash in Bank	220 1 9
	<u>£402 6 9</u>		<u>£402 6 9</u>

FOREIGN MISSION SECTION.

Balance brought forward	68 4 5	Donation, "Living Link"	143 0 0
F.M. Offerings	242 7 6	Donation, Aborigines	18 0 0
Mission Band Donations	16 12 9	Donation, Milk Fund	10 0 0
		Donation, Xmas Cheer	10 0 0
		Typing	1 19 0
		Stamps and Exchange	12 6
		Gifts, Saunders and Coventry	1 12 6
		Box for New Hebrides	1 0 0
		Cash in Bank	141 0 8
	<u>£327 4 8</u>		<u>£327 4 8</u>

Miss H. ROFE, Hon. Auditor.

Miss D. VERCO, Hon. Treasurer.

ASHWOOD HOUSE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS.

1st February, 1943 to 31st January, 1944.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward	573 14 8	By Salaries	323 12 6
" Guests' Payments	929 2 0	" House Maintenance	420 1 10
" Contributions, Id. Fund	55 10 11	" Ground Maintenance	35 10 0
" Donations	16 18 6	" Electricity and Fuel	49 1 3
" Ashwood House Business Girls' Auxiliary	5 0 0	" Insurance (War Damage, £14)	24 0 5
" Funeral Fund Interest	4 9	" Telephone	10 0 0
" Bequest, Estate late Ada M. Farr	20 11 1	" Repairs	2 10 0
" Interest, Boys' Home	£39 8 0	" Cheque Books	2 0 0
Bank	7 15 5	" Water and Sewerage	1 5 8
Debentures	18 19 4	" Balance carried forward	827 3 0
	<u>66 2 9</u>		
" Controller, War Damage Insurance (Re-fund)	28 0 0		
	<u>£1,695 4 8</u>		<u>£1,695 4 8</u>

F. W. THOMPSON, Hon. Auditor.

Mrs. A. F. BUTLER, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE REPORT

In presenting this, the 59th Annual Report of the Churches of this State we record our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His goodness toward us, and to acknowledge the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we have been permitted to worship and to proclaim the Gospel through yet another year of war.

1.—LOYALTY IN TIME OF WAR.

It is our wish that Conference should agree to re-affirm its loyalty to the Crown of the Realm during this period of war. Under the protection of His Majesty King George VI., we enjoy the rights of worship and freedom to witness to the truth.

2.—THOSE IN THE SERVICES.

As the year has advanced and the war carried on, the enemy has been driven farther and farther from our shores. For this national salvation we thank God, and pay tribute to the men and women in the services who, together with our Allies, have wrought so valiantly to save us. Some have paid "the last full measure of devotion"; others have suffered from wounds; all have endured privation. We remember the sacrifice and pray that peace, just and lasting, may soon come to this sorely tried world.

3.—THE COMMITTEE.

During this Conference Year the Committee has held 10 regular meetings, exclusive of special meetings. The attendances of members are as follow: P. E. Thomas, President, 10; S. Stevens, Past President, 5; R. W. Perkins, Vice-President, 8; R. H. Wakeley, Vice-President, 10; T. Dunne, Treasurer, 10; W. J. Modral, Assistant Secretary, 10; S. C. Woolley, Secretary, 10; J. R. Little (Home Missions), 4; I. A. Paternoster, (Foreign Missions), 8; H. C. Gowans (Social Service), 8; D. Wakeley (Bible Schools and Y.P. Department), 8; W. R. Avenell (N.S.W. Bible College), 8. Dr. C. A. Verco deputised for I. A. Paternoster on two occasions during his absence in Tasmania, also G. E. Burns deputised for J. R. Little on one occasion.

4.—STATISTICS.

The Churches have added 268 by faith and baptism, 88 by letter, 33 as baptised believers, 47 by restoration, a total of 436. The following losses are recorded:—74 by letter, 53 by death, 408 by revision of roll, a total of 535. The membership now stands at 6,294, a decrease of 99 for the year.

The Executive is pleased to report the admission of the Church at Doonside for affiliation with Conference; we regretfully report the withdrawal of the Church at Parramatta North and of the disbanding of the Churches at Cronulla and Kellyville.

Bible Schools: Scholars 4496 (including 223 Isolated and Home Classes, and 194 unlisted schools); Teachers, 725 (including 67 Isolated and Home Classes and 15 unlisted schools). This constitutes a loss of 29 scholars and an increase of 17 teachers for the year.

5.—OBITUARY.

During the year many of the Lord's people have been called home to be with their Master; some after many years of service, others perhaps with shorter fellowship in the Church. It would not be possible to give a complete list, but we desire to express our loving sympathy with all the bereaved ones and trust that the Divine Comforter may be sufficient in their time of bereavement.

6.—HALF YEARLY CONFERENCE.

The Half-yearly Conference was held at Georgetown, Newcastle, on Saturday, 25th September. Although the day was exceptionally wet, meetings were both large and enthusiastic. Helpful addresses were given by Bren. D. Wakeley, A. W. Ladbroke, E. C. Hinrichsen and H. McCallum. Our thanks are due to our Newcastle brethren, particularly those at Georgetown, for a splendid Conference.

7.—CHAPLAINCY.

In the Australian Army seventy Chaplains are serving in the group known as "United Churches" (Baptist, Congregational, Salvation Army, Churches of Christ), under the direction of Chaplain-General Allen Brooke. Of this number 17 are members of our own fellowship. Others are serving with the Navy or with the R.A.A.F., and several others are serving as Welfare Workers with the Y.M.C.A. Preachers from this State serving as Chaplains are Bren. W. J. Crossman and F. E. Alcorn, with the military; and Bro. Lloyd Read with the R.A.A.F. Bro. Roy Acland returned to Church work during the year. Bro. Allen Brooke's work as Chaplain-General is greatly appreciated by all the United Churches, and he has been asked to continue in that position for the duration of the war. Under the new military set-up there is close co-operation with the Presbyterian and Methodist Chaplaincy services. Bren. Stuart Stevens and Dan Wakeley represent us on the Chaplaincy Board. It is recommended that all our Churches should form a rehabilitation committee to assist men and women being discharged from the services to re-enter civil life.

8.—PRESIDENTIAL.

The year has been strenuous, but a very happy one. I was able to visit almost all of our country centres, and most of our metropolitan churches. Everywhere I was graciously received and given a generous welcome, for which I record my grateful thanks.

To the brethren who have served on the Conference Executive and other Committees I pay my tribute for their loyalty and excellent service to the Brotherhood. They have made committee work a real pleasure throughout the year. Especially would I mention Bro. S. C. Woolley, Conference Secretary, and Bro. T. Dunne, Conference Treasurer, for their "second mile" helpfulness.

9.—BROADCASTING.

Broadcasting Committee comprised Bren. G. E. Burns (until he resigned), T. P. Dale and S. Stevens. The work undertaken involves the arrangement for broadcasting through 2CH, toward the support of which Conference Executive contributes £50 annually. This ministry includes broadcasting of—

- (1) Church services (ten a year, i.e., five morning and five evening).
 - (2) About thirty devotional sessions at 10.30 a.m. on week-days.
 - (3) Four "Church Work" periods on Sunday afternoon or evening.
 - (4) Six or more "evangelistic messages" at 6.30 p.m. on Sundays.
 - (5) "Special services," as "Conference Sermon" on Sunday afternoons.
- Of the possibilities and value of radio, many brethren have expressed their views.

10. ISOLATED MEMBERS' FELLOWSHIP.

It has been possible to contact the few isolated members who subscribe to the "Messenger," but of about 3770 others, whose names were

once tabulated, we have little information. Indirectly, it has been learned that many of these have passed away; of many others there has been no trace.

Through some of those contacted others have been discovered who were not previously known. It looks as though it will be some time yet before the aim of the Executive is realised—to contact all the isolated members in the State.

11.—BROTHERHOOD RECORDS.

During the year Bro. Hilder wrote the History of the Enmore Church, and requested the Committee to include it in the Records. Our thanks are expressed to Bro. Hilder for this further addition to the collection, and to Bro. Perkins for his work in the typing of the copies.

The Committee appointed the Conference Secretary as Registrar of the Records, and it is hoped to have these filed and placed in a suitable safe deposit at the College during the year.

12.—APPRECIATION.

We would express our thanks and appreciation to the Women's Auxiliary Conference, the Ladies' Social Service Auxiliary, and the Sisters of the various Churches for their work during the year; to the Deacons of the City Temple, Enmore Tabernacle and Georgetown Churches for the use of their buildings during the Annual Conference, 1943, the Half-yearly Conference, and at other times; to the Hon. Auditor (Bro. Leach); to Sis. Miss Verco, for her work at the office for the Executive; to Mrs. Wakeley, for typing; to Bro. A. C. Maclean, for the use of his study for Executive Committee meetings.

We would again express our appreciation of the valued assistance of the Assistant Secretary, Bro. Modral, in the recording of the minutes of Conference and Committee meetings during the year. To the Treasurer, Bro. Dunne, we express our appreciation of his work and his untiring efforts in the wiping off of Brotherhood liabilities, and to the Brotherhood for their response, our thanks are also due.

13.—FINANCE.

We present this year's financial report with deep appreciation of the co-operation extended by the Churches and Committees in making it possible to have all outstanding accounts paid, and prospects for the future very bright.

The long standing debt to the Austral Printing and Publishing Co. is now cleared, and the loan from the Preachers' Provident Fund has been fully repaid.

The support of the brotherhood to our Annual Appeal and through the Duplex Envelopes has been gratifying, whilst the Broadcasting and Chaplaincy Funds are both now on a sound financial basis. The Isolated Members' Fellowship Fund is at present sufficient to meet immediate calls. Thanks are due to Bro. Leach for his very careful audit of the books, and to the various Church Treasurers who have rendered every assistance.

14.—SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION.

At the request of the Social Service Committee, and in view of the majority of replies from Churches, a Special Conference of Delegates was called for Friday, October 29th, 1943, to consider the question of Social Reconstruction.

The meeting was presided over by the President, Bro. P. E. Thomas, 31 delegates being present, representing 18 Churches.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

- (1) "That the Conference of the Churches of Christ in N.S.W. prepare a plan of national reconstruction on a Christian basis."
- (2) "That a Committee of ten be appointed to draft the plan."

The following brethren were appointed to act on the Committee: Bren. T. P. Dale (Convenor), Dr. E. A. Bardsley, W. J. Crossman, G. E. Burns, R. Greenhalgh, A. G. Illingworth, E. Smith, R. H. Wakeley, W. Youngusband.

15.—THE UNITED COUNCIL OF PROTESTANT ACTION

The first meeting of this organisation was called on Friday, October 29th, 1943, at which Bro. Greenhalgh represented the Committee, and later presented a report of the meeting. It was agreed to ask Bro. Greenhalgh to continue as our Representative on this movement, and he has consented to do so.

16.—POST-WAR CIVILIAN RELIEF.

With the prospects of peace returning in the near future, it is interesting to report that steps have been taken to form a United Australian Voluntary Relief Organisation to co-operate with the Australian and Allied Governments in pre-armistice and post-war civilian relief. It has been realised that missionary societies will be able to do this type of work more successfully than others who are only paid administrators and civil employees; the organisation is seeking the co-operation of Churches, Relief Associations, Missionary Societies and other bodies interested, to make preparations for the work that will need to be done in giving relief to war-stricken areas during the first twelve months after the war.

The Conference Executive has endorsed these proposals, and was represented at the preliminary meeting called by the Red Cross Society, and subsequent meeting convened by the Minister of External Affairs, Dr. Evatt, on 2nd February, when the organisation was definitely formed as an Australian-wide movement.

Bren. R. H. Wakeley and I. A. Paternoster have been appointed as our representatives on this Committee.

P. E. THOMAS, President.
S. C. WOOLLEY, Secretary.
T. W. DUNNE, A.I.C.R., Treasurer.

ADDENDUM.

The Conference Executive desires to place on record their appreciation of the faithful services of our Conference President, Bro. P. E. Thomas, and Conference Officers, Bro. Spencer Woolley, Secretary; Bro. Modral, Assistant Secretary; and T. Dunne, Treasurer.

During the year Bro. Thomas has given himself very fully to the duties of his office, and although he also carried out the heavy task of editing the "Christian Messenger," in addition to his ministerial work, he has been most diligent in attending the many Committee Meetings and carrying out the responsibilities of the office of President.

We owe much also to Bren. Woolley, Modral and Dunne for their excellent services, and wish to express our thanks and acknowledge our indebtedness to them.

R. W. PERKINS }
R. H. WAKELEY } Vice-Presidents.

INCORPORATION AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The Committee has endeavoured to carry out the request of the Attorney-General as reported at last Conference, and has acquainted the Attorney-General's Secretary with the progress made.

With every church agreeing to the principles laid down in the draft Bill, we shall be able to approach the Attorney-General so that a move may be made with the drafting of the Bill by the Parliamentary draftsman in order that at the first opportunity it may be presented to Parliament.

At the time of writing, every church but one had consented.

J. L. STIMSON, Chairman.

CLEMENT A. VERCO, Secretary.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN N.S.W.

It is shown that its membership represents over 24 per cent. of the community, and is a formidable witness against forces seeking to subvert the land. As will be known, the license of Radio 2CH is held by the Council and its operation is a major concern. Charges made against congregations broadcasting services are wholly those of the P.M.G. Elsewhere may be seen some ministry available to us from 2CH. As a censor of public morals and as an aggressor agent in suppressing vice, it is well-known to many. Recently, depositions waited upon the Lord Mayor and the State Premier respecting the incidence of crime in the city. A strong representation was made to A.B.C. in person, seeking added religious facilities. 9.30 a.m. service on Sundays, a religious news session on Thursdays at 9.50 p.m. are now regular features of its programmes. The Council is now an integral part of the Australian organisation. Your representatives, Bren. G. E. Burns (who resigned), T. P. Dale (who succeeded him), J. C. Cunningham, A. C. Maclean, P. E. Thomas, ex-officio, and S. Stevens, sought ever to act in a manner consistent with "our position" and in a manner calculated to assist in promoting good-will amongst others, whilst ever toiling earnestly for righteousness and the Kingdom of God.

STUART STEVENS, Convener.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOMES CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.

It is with grateful recognition of the guidance and blessing of God and the privilege He has given us in serving Him in the work of the Home, that we present this Report, covering the operations of the Society for the Conference year ended 31st January, 1944.

The Board consists of the following: J. L. Stimson (Chairman), A. C. MacLean (Vice-Chairman), Mesdames A. A. Smith and A. F. Butler, Miss F. M. Ashwood, Messrs. P. Winter, G. Morton, L. C. Yelds.

Origin.—In 1935 "The Churches of Christ Homes Co-operative Society Limited" was formed under "The Co-operation, Community Settlement and Credit Act, 1923." The name "Churches of Christ" was used with the permission of the Conference Executive at that time. The Shareholders, who comprise this Society, must be members of Churches of Christ in N.S.W.

Management.—The shareholders formulate the policy of the Society, and appoint a Board of ten Directors to control the Home and give effect to that policy. This Board of Directors has been, ex-officio, a Committee

of Conference since 1941 Conference. Under its rules the Society has a corporate existence, and is thus able to own property and pursue its objects efficiently.

Under the capable oversight of our Matron, the health of the boys, who now number 16, has been excellent. Some of the boys who have left school have been found employment by our Superintendent, and are still resident at the home.

Bro. MacLean, our Investigating Officer, has been for the past four months pursuing the matter of taking sons of our soldiers, sailors and airmen, in co-operation with the Legacy Club, into our Home. He is also in touch with the Repatriation and Child Welfare Department. We believe that here an excellent and much-needed work can be undertaken. The development of the property to meet such demands will require the firm financial support of the Brotherhood.

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

Staff.—In addition to the Matron and Superintendent, a cook-general is employed, and a part-time laundress is also engaged, both of whom have carried out their tasks in an able manner.

Education.—The boys attend the local schools, primary and secondary, and the Headmasters speak well of them and of their conduct.

Farm Work.—In addition to the growing of vegetables, an abundance of milk is available. Green feed for the cows has been grown.

Gifts.—During the year a number of parcels of clothing and other gifts were received from a number of Churches, and Sisters and Brethren, and our thanks to them are recorded.

Dorcas.—Visiting Societies and Sisters from Auburn, Lidcombe and Granville have done a wonderful work in the mending of the boys' clothes, and the Matron and the Board are deeply appreciative of this labour of love.

Ashwood House.—The Board appreciates the help and co-operation of the Board of Ashwood House, and the many kindnesses shown by the Matron.

Christmas Cheer.—The Board is grateful to those who contributed to the welfare of the boys at the Christmas season—Christmas Trees, special gifts, and money for outings and picnics.

Assets.—Dunmore House.—Have been maintained as well as the finances at our disposal permit. The home stands in 16 acres of ground, and is valued at approximately £4,000. There is a mortgage over the property of £875, held by the Trustees of Ashwood House.

Finance.—The income of the Home has been maintained during the year, and all tradesmen's accounts paid regularly. The balance of the C.F.A. loan was repaid during the year. We praise God and thank the Brotherhood for this happy position. The Duplex Envelope is largely used as a means of help to the Home, and donations are another source of income. Members everywhere are urged to take up definite giving. At the close of the year the cash in hand was £7/15/11, and outstanding accounts £32/18/10.

Thanks.—Thanks are extended to Doctors C. A. Verco and Carter for their work as Honorary Medical Officers, and we trust that the Lord will richly bless these gentlemen for their valuable and helpful services.

J. L. STIMSON, Chairman.

GEO. MORTON, Hon. Secretary.

February 20th, 1944.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOMES CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED.
Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31st January, 1944.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance forward	24 4 3	Wages	318 15 0
Maintenance	351 16 2	Provisions	396 15 6
Duplex	137 17 10	Electric Light and Fuel	30 17 3
Donations	97 6 7	Clothes and Shoe Repairs	22 12 3
Endowment	189 0 8	Stationery, Stamps and Printing	14 11 5
Shares	6 0 0	Farm Feed, etc.	29 10 10
Sundries	32 11 0	Secretary's Expenses, Fares, Cartage	6 2 2
Annual Offering	192 19 11	Chemist	9 1 2
Income from Farm	26 10 10	Water Rates	10 7 1
		Insurance	3 11 0
		Sundries	108 9 3
		Repairs and Maintenance	33 12 8
		Interest	39 8 0
		Plant	11 17 9
		Repayment, C.F.A. Loan	45 0 0
		Balance	7 15 11
	£1,058 7 3		£1,058 7 3

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JANUARY, 1944.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Mortgage on Realty	875 0 0	Bank	7 15 11
Sundry Debtors	32 18 10	Deposits	6 0 0
Reserve Fund	400 8 8	Live Stock	13 12 1
Capital	190 17 6	Furniture	225 15 11
		Linen	24 13 10
		Plant and Tools	33 14 0
		Crockery	11 0 0
		Land and Building	1,176 13 3
	£1,499 5 0		£1,499 5 0

14th February, 1944.

GEO. MORTON, Hon. Secretary.

Audited and found correct,

T. W. DUNNE, A.I.C.R., Auditor.

NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINES BOARD

The New South Wales Aborigines Board presents its report for the year ending January, 1944, thanking our Heavenly Father for the opportunity to serve in this work, and the Brotherhood for their support.

Board Members have been Messrs. Ira A. Paternoster, G. E. Knight, R. H. Wakely, E. Davis, Misses H. Rofe, D. Verco and Mrs. McCallum.

Missionaries at Norseman, W.A., are Mr. and Mrs. Ken. Roberts (who were married on February 5th), and Miss Elsie Roxburgh. Mrs. Roberts as Miss Joan Saunders was the director of the mission; this position has now been taken over by Mr. Roberts.

The Sphere of Influence has been extended by the Commissioner of Native Affairs to Southern Cross to Kalgoorlie, and to Esperance. These places are 300 and 400 miles apart. Other fields are opening up.

The School is in charge of Mrs. Roberts. The attendances fluctuate somewhat, owing to the people travelling to and from the Stations for work. Those who were regular in attendance made good progress with their lessons.

The Dormitory Matron is Miss Roxburgh. There are eight children living in the dormitory, aged from 7 to 14 years. A small building was purchased and moved to Norseman, and improvements and additions are to be made to it in the near future.

Missionary Activities include holding regular Sunday and week night services. Visits with the people and attendance on those who are sick. Some who have been seriously ill have been taken in at the Mission House and nursed back to health.

IRA A. PATERNOSTER, Chairman.
RUBY W. MCCALLUM, Secretary.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

Conference Officers.

Clause 9: Conference Officers.—Delete the first two sentences, and insert the following: "The following officers shall be elected at each Annual Conference: President, President-elect, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer."

S. C. WOOLLEY.

Committees.

Clause 10: Paragraph (1)—Delete the words "one of the two Vice-Presidents" and insert the word "President-elect."

S. C. WOOLLEY.

Conference Executive

Clause 11: Paragraph (f)—Delete the word "Vice-President" and insert the word "President-elect."

S. C. WOOLLEY.

NEW SOUTH WALES CHURCHES OF CHRIST—ABORIGINES' MISSION BOARD

Statement of Receipts and Payments Year ended 31st January, 1944.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Annual Offering, Churches	124	16	3
Duplex Envelopes	42	2	10
C.E. Societies	4	0	6
Bible Schools	10	0	0
Clubs	16	0	0
Marriageable Life Gift	10	1	0
Lorcas Sisters	5	6	6
Individuals	8	18	0
	211	15	1
Balance brought forward, 1st February	27	3	10
	£238	18	11

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G. E. KNIGHT, Treasurer.

I have examined the books and vouchers of the N.S.W. Churches of Christ Aborigines' Board for the year ended 31st January, 1944 and certify that the foregoing statement of receipts and payments is in accordance therewith.
14th February, 1944.

T. DUNNE, A.I.C.R., Auditor.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Federal Board	175	0	0
Miss Roxburgh (Fares and Expenses)	22	0	0
Miss Endie (Expenses)	1	2	6
Mr. Roberts (Expenses)	3	13	0
Printing	1	2	0
Stationery	1	4	0
Duplicating	4	0	8
Postage			17
Telephone			1
Telegrams			12
Slides	1	3	6
Freight and Cartage			14
Fares	2	8	7
Bank Charges			3
Office Safe	2	12	3
Duplex Envelopes (1943)	4	8	10
Conference Programme	1	11	8
Ad. Payment Duplex (1944)	5	0	0
Balance carried forward	10	10	6
	£238	18	11

SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT

As we face the task of reporting the activities of the Committee for another year, we do so with a great deal of confidence, first, that God has been very gracious in leading and assisting us in our task, and second, the variety of service we have been able to give is convincing proof that Social Service is a branch of our church work which calls for the consecrated support both financially and sympathetically of all Christian people. We thank God for the interest and co-operation of the churches, members in the majority of which have been assisted during the year, and from the expressions of good-will we have received we feel that ours has been a job worthy of our great Brotherhood.

THE COMMITTEE.

The following Brethren were elected at last Conference to serve on the Committee: Brethren G. E. Burns, R. Douglas, J. E. Dean, H. T. Edwards, H. C. Gowans, W. J. E. Lewis, G. Morton, A. E. Roxburgh, J. Underwood and R. R. Wotherspoon. The only change in this personnel during the year was that Bro. Dale replaced Bro. Roxburgh. These Brethren have all been very faithful in their attendance, and only on one or two occasions were the Committee short of their full attendance. At the first meeting of the Committee, presided over by the Conference President, Bro. Burns was elected Chairman, Bro. J. E. Dean Vice-Chairman, Bro. Dale Organising Secretary, and Bro. Edwards Treasurer.

The usual procedure of dividing up the various branches of the work has been continued. Sub-Committees were formed to deal with these respective tasks; the leaders of these were: Public Questions, Bro. Lewis; Prayer Fellowship, Bro. Edwards; Services Correspondence, Bro. Roxburgh; Propaganda, G. Morton. Bro. Dale represented the Committee on the New South Wales Temperance Alliance, and for the latter part of the year he was one of the Brotherhood representatives on the Council of Churches and the Broadcasting Committee. He was also appointed to the Council of the newly-formed Child Welfare Association. The office at the City Temple, which is the headquarters of our ministry, is a place where many people have come with a burden of distress and sorrow, and left with a gladdened heart because of the assistance that we have been able to give. The advice and information which we have been able to impart has assisted many people to solve all sorts of problems that are so widespread in the community life to-day.

BENEVOLENCE.

Practically the same conditions as we reported last year are still operating in regard to clothes distribution. Some very useful articles of clothing, however, came to us from two deceased estates, and this enabled us to serve the needs of a number of worthy cases. What we have lacked in this respect has been replaced by numerous requests for financial assistance. This is where our work extends far beyond our own Brotherhood, and when we are able to assist the man or woman of the world it creates the impression in their minds that true christianity is something that is a practical expression of real sympathy in the needs of others. £42/15/5 was distributed for this purpose during the year, but this is no indication of the number of cases dealt with. We made our usual Christmas Cheer distribution in December, when the sum of £25/2/6 was given to 49 cases in six churches. Included in this amount was £20 received from the Government Social Services Department. Several churches responded to our grocery appeal; 10 parcels, made up of 10 to 14 articles, were distributed to 10 cases. A special appeal was made to the Government for

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an extra sum to give the men of the Saturday night meeting in the City Temple a Christmas treat, and an amount of £5 was received. Each man received a gift of useful foodstuffs, and these were very much appreciated. This report does not indicate the full extent of benevolent work done by the Churches of Christ in New South Wales, as much is done by the local churches.

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP.

We have had prayer fellowship with many of the churches, which has been productive of a quickening of social service interest among those who have had this fellowship. We hope that a sphere of helpfulness will be increased in the coming year. We still believe that prayer is the source of all our strength, and without it we cannot expect to achieve very much success.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

Brother Lewis has continued to direct the protestations and propaganda of this very important phase of our work. The dreadful increase in immorality, crime and drunkenness has almost broken down the flimsy structure of our social system. War conditions continue to upset the equilibrium of modern life's structure, and we have actively opposed the enactment of regulations which have granted privileges so detrimental to the wellbeing of the community. The liquor business, which could be regarded as the root of most of the common evils, still has an uninterrupted and privileged place in the commercial life of the Commonwealth. In spite of the continued protests that have been made by church organisations, the Council of Churches, the Temperance Alliance, and other bodies, by letter, deputation, and other methods, the Governments, both Federal and State, have failed to take the drastic action necessary to stem the tide of an avalanche of sin and disease which is undermining the very fibre of our nationhood. We have been represented by the Organising Secretary in many of these protests, and we continue to stand for prohibition as the only effective method of combating this destructive menace. The Committee have realised that the public mind needs to be educated fully to grasp the seriousness of the present position, and to that end we have been very active in the distribution of suitable literature, giving valuable information that might arouse the public conscience, and quite a lot of money has been spent for this purpose. Since November we have published a four-page pamphlet which we have called "The Voice in the Wilderness," and through this medium, though restricted somewhat by paper rationing, we have been able to spread abroad useful information and appeal for a greater interest in Social Service. From financial support we have received, and other congratulatory messages that have come to us, we are satisfied that it has met an urgent need. Another pamphlet on smoking was also distributed, as the increased indulgence by the community calls for a more vigorous policy of education as to the evils associated with the habit.

SERVICES CORRESPONDENCE.

We have continued this service each month, and the letters we have received in reply show that those written by the members of the Committee have been very much appreciated. All the replies express great pleasure and comfort, and many in difficult and dangerous places have testified to the value these messages have been in replacing fear by faith in the protecting care of Almighty God. We have about 300 names on the list, and except for a few who have changed their addresses from time to time, all have received this monthly letter. A copy of the "Christian Messenger" is also sent to many of these servicemen by the co-operation

with the "Messenger" subscribers, who have been willing to forward their copy on when finished with. This service costs about 30/- per month in postage.

"CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

We still continue to share in the publication of the "Christian Messenger." We congratulate the management, and particularly the Editor, Bro. Thomas, for the maintenance of such a high standard of literary art. The use of illustration blocks from time to time adds to the general interest, as well as helping to emphasise the work of the respective committees of conference. We gladly desire to endorse the recommendation in the "Messenger" report that the present arrangements for publication be continued.

LADIES' AUXILIARY.

We are pleased to have the continued help of the Ladies' Auxiliary. They supervised the catering for our annual conference tea in their usual capable style in spite of the difficulties of obtaining the necessary supplies. The plans for the raising of the necessary money to furnish the C.F.A. Rest Home were put into operation, and visits were paid to two churches, and the sum of £5/3/3 was contributed. This will be continued throughout the coming year, and we are hoping to have the help of the Sisters' Conference in making the appeal successful. At the end of last year a move was made to co-ordinate the work of this Auxiliary and the Committee of the Sisters' Conference. To this end Mrs. Redman was asked to accept the Auxiliary members as her committee, and it is proposed to recommend to the Women's Conference that a Social Service Committee be set up with Mrs. Redman as President, this Committee to work in collaboration with our committee. We would like to take this opportunity of recording our appreciation of the work so willingly undertaken by this Auxiliary.

FINANCE.

Our income for the year amounted to £230/16/6. Duplex offerings are still the main source of income, and we want to encourage the churches to make this method as general as possible. Some of the churches are using the budget system, but, unfortunately, the percentage given for social service work is not adequate to our needs. We regret that many of the churches give us no financial support at all. We closed the year with a small credit balance, but in order that we might carry on, we must have more support, and we prefer to have this by regular, systematic offerings through the duplex envelopes. We now appeal to the churches which have not supported us in the past to do so during the coming year.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION.

This closes the sixth year of the operation of this fund, and steady progress is being made. War conditions have again affected both the income and the membership, and the net return to the capital account is less than it was last year. Branches have been opened in two churches, Lismore and Wingham, the former having been started by the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavourers. New members enrolled during the year were 75, but this has been offset by a number who, unfortunately, are not now contributing. Removals, too, have been largely responsible for the falling away. It is not the policy to force members to honour their promises, and the agents have been instructed not to press anyone for their contributions, as this would destroy the spiritual significance of the fund. Ten cases were assisted, and the amount loaned without interest was £235/5/-. An amount of £52/14/- was granted as relief to three cases who were unable to make any repayments. The capital account is now £1,805/3/10, made up of: General Fund, £734/14/9; Rest Home Fund, £265/9/1. The church agents have again given very valuable service, and we express our thanks to them for their continued interest. They are,

of course, the backbone of the organisation, and without them we could not do very much. We very much regret that there are still some churches where we have no agent. This is very disquieting to the Board, as we know there are many who would be willing to support the fund if facilities for the receiving of their contributions were made available. The Rest Home Fund is gradually increasing, 10 per cent. of the contributions each month being set aside for this purpose. The Ladies' Auxiliary are planning to raise sufficient money to furnish the Home so that we will be able to open it for service to our sick and convalescent members free of debt. This will add another worthy institution to our Brotherhood enterprises.

GENERAL.

Speaking generally of the year's activities, we have covered more ground than any previous year. The Organising Secretary has been kept busy, and the enquiries for assistance of a varied type and nature have all been sympathetically dealt with. Bro. Dale has represented the Churches of Christ Social Service Committee on many deputations and has spent a lot of time in dealing with enquiries regarding pensions, sickness and other legal matters. We regret to report that our typewriter was stolen from the office. Fortunately, Bro. Dale had a machine which he has been using since, and this has helped us out of a big difficulty. The matter was reported to the police, but nothing has been heard from them since.

THANKS.

In expressing our thanks to all those who have sympathetically assisted us, we recognise first, of course, God's bountiful goodness in His guidance throughout the year. To the ladies of our Auxiliary, the Deacons of City Temple and Enmore Tabernacle for the use of their buildings, to D. R. Hall & Coy. for legal advice, to Bro. Caspersonn for auditing the books, to the officers of the churches who have co-operated in our prayer fellowship, we gladly say "Thank you."

G. E. BURNS, Chairman.

T. P. DALE, Secretary.

H. T. EDWARDS, Treasurer.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES — SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year 1st Feb., 1943, to 31st Jan., 1944.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
1943—Feb. 1.		1943—Feb. 1.	
To Bank Balance, 31/1/43	175 3 6	By Office Rent	13 10 10
" Cash in Hand, 31/1/43		" Organiser's Salary	156 0 0
" Annual Offering	75 8 2	" Relief	42 15 5
" Duplex Envelope Offerings	139 18 1	" Messenger Management Committee Sub-	
" Cash Donations	41 2 0	sidy	6 0 0
" Special Appeals, including Christmas		" Social and Public Questions Propaganda,	
Cheer, etc.	8 0 2	including Tracts—S.S. Paper, "Grif,"	
" Conference Demonstration Offering	11 1 8	Posters, etc.	43 4 10
" Miscellaneous Small Receipts, including		" Office Expenses, including Duplicator Sup-	
Wayside Posters, "Grif," Messenger		plies, Typewriter Service, Stationery,	
Management Committee Rent, Loan		etc.	14 13 11
Repayment, etc.	16 17 2	" Conference Expenses—Teas, Programmes,	
		etc.	13 18 4
		" Postage, Telegrams and Fares, and Tele-	
		phone, etc.	11 11 0
		" General Printing, including Duplex En-	
		velopes, Annual Offering Literature,	
		etc.	27 16 3
		" Balance carried forward, being cash at	
		Bank, including £119/14/11 held for	
		Soldiers' Hut Appeal	138 0 3
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H. T. EDWARDS, Hon. Treasurer.

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

I certify this Statement to be correct in every detail.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

The blessing of God has been richly with us in all we have sought to do for the extension of His Kingdom. For His manifold blessings we are deeply thankful. The year has been one of much progress in almost every department of youth work, and the future is bright with prospects of greater and increasing advances in God's Kingdom among the youth of our churches.

Bible Schools—

Three years ago, when the Director visited Bible Schools, far too many of them were pitifully small. Both in numbers actually attending, and in teaching efficiency, Bible School work was seriously languishing. This scene is changing. A serious drift has been stopped. Some of our schools have undergone remarkable revivals. A consciousness that we can and must have bigger and better schools is taking hold of the minds of Bible School leaders everywhere. Much, very much, remains to be done, but at least we are going in the right direction.

(a) **State-wide Scholar Drive.**—The success attained in this year's scholar drive has been excellent. One feature of the drive this year has been that not only have many schools increased their enrolment, but have considerably increased their average weekly attendance—some schools have built up their average attendance as much as 50 per cent. and more. This is real progress. Three hundred and sixty-nine scholars were added to our schools throughout the State, and twenty-three teachers. The total figure is even better for schools known to have increases have not sent in their figures. East Lambton, pioneered by Georgetown leaders, comes amongst us as a new school this year. Twenty-five are already on the roll, and the number is growing weekly.

(b) **Examinations.**—Probably our best teaching is done during the preparation of the examination lessons. A surprisingly high average both in number sitting and results has been maintained during the war period. This year six hundred and eighty-five sat for the examination. One Federal prize was won. The banners changed hands, being won by Georgetown and Wagga Wagga. This year the banners are to be replaced by a shield system, which will seek to reward all schools attaining a certain proficiency in the examinations.

(c) **Visual.**—It is pleasing to note that many of our schools are awakening to the value of visual teaching aids, and are seeking to instal lanterns. Correctly used, visual teaching is highly effective. After the war we predict there will be many advances in this direction in our schools.

Day Conventions for Teachers.—Efficient teachers are the solution to almost every kind of Bible School problem. There can be no advance of real value or permanence in any school unless that advance is led by the school staff. What the scholar drives have sought to do in building up our schools, Day Conventions have sought to do among our teachers by making them better equipped for their task. Any school staff missing such subjects as "The Playway in the Kindergarten," Miss Bills; "Teaching Your Lesson," Mr. David Verco; "Worship in the Bible School," Mr. Frank Hunting; "Improving Our Strategy," Mr. Dan Wakeley; "Through the Week Activities," Mr. Frank Hunting; is much the poorer for doing so.

Kindergarten Training Class.—For six months of last year Miss Bills conducted a most helpful training class for kindergarten teachers. Each month Miss Bills led the class in preparation for the succeeding month's lessons. Teachers attending these classes were most appreciative of the excellent studies presented by Miss Bills. This gracious lady has given invaluable service to the kindergarten teachers of this State. Many and deeply sincere were the good wishes accompanying her to her new sphere of life and service.

Bible Schools and C.E. Exhibition.—The Exhibition was most successful. The one fault was that the hall was not nearly large enough either for the array of exhibits or the numbers who came to view them. Splendid service was given by Mr. Wotherspoon and Mr. Greenhalgh and other willing helpers. Work done by scholars was a revelation to many. Keen leaders were everywhere seen eagerly absorbing new ideas to take home to their schools. The Exhibition was made possible and successful by the efforts of many schools—a good token for increasing progress in many more schools.

Youth to Youth Evangelism.—These lectures on personal evangelism were most inspiring, and were highly appreciated. Although held in the middle of winter, the attendances were most encouraging. Such subjects as "Personal Preparation for Personal Evangelism," Mr. E. C. Hinrichsen; "The Meaning and Value of Personal Evangelism," Mr. Dan Wakeley; "The Technique of Approaching Men," Mr. Frank Hunting; "Saving the Convert," Mr. Roy Greenhalgh; could not and did not fail to inspire all who were privileged to hear them.

Directors' Conference.—An event likely to be of far-reaching importance was the meeting of all the youth directors in Melbourne. Decisions destined to affect the whole of our Australian youth movement, and indeed to make possible an Australian-wide Churches of Christ Youth Movement, were explored and set in motion. One of the achievements of the Conference was to reach decisions on changes in the presentation of teaching material. This will prove most helpful to wide-awake teachers.

"Happy Hours."—Up until the time of his illness, the Director continued to run "Happy Hours" in various Bible Schools. Mr. Ralph Amos took over the conduct of the Wollongong Happy Hour with signal success. Many schools have been able to use the Happy Hour as a stepping-off stone in a real forward drive.

Camps.—The camp at Narrabeen was an unqualified success. No one who has not been to an inspirational camp such as our Christmas Camp can imagine what this experience is like. It is sufficient to say that the results of our Christmas Camp will remain throughout the lifetime of many campers. In the years which lie ahead, churches will gradually discover that camps are returning them big dividends through the changed lives of the young people attending.

Christian Endeavour.—Christian Endeavour in our churches throughout the State has continued to hold its own. This is largely due to the fine lead being given by various leaders. In almost every venture of the department's programme, Christian Endeavourers have been to the fore. The splendid fellowship hikes have been organised by the Christian Endeavour section of the Committee, and the outstanding success of these is a tribute to the fine organisational work executed. Led by Mr. J. C. Cunningham, Vice-Chairman of the Y.P. Committee, and Miss Budgen, Secretary of C.E. section, C.E. throughout our churches has been receiving a fine lead.

Pi Fraternal.—Kappa and Phi Clubs have in some places struggled for existence. However, new life appears to be coming to the movement, and, with slight re-organisation, a new era of usefulness and service to the churches should be begun.

Our New Director.—From all over our brotherhood, messages and expressions of goodwill and congratulation are being received on the Committee's good fortune to secure Mr. Roy Greenhalgh as Director in place

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of Mr. Hunting. Mr. Greenhalgh brings to his new tasks a wide range of gifts and abilities which make him eminently suitable for the work he will be undertaking. Under his leadership, the Committee and the brotherhood is confidently looking forward to increasing progress in every phase of youth work.

Publications.—The very great need for specialist literature in youth work, and especially youth work as it exists in our churches, is being met by the department in its publications which have been increasing throughout the past three years. Three printed books and one duplicated book were published last year. "Forward With Christ," Studies in Discipleship, by Mr. Frank Hunting; "C.E. in Action," by Mr. Roy Greenhalgh; "Adventuring in Youth Evangelism." Four Practical Studies in Personal Evangelism. "Training for Teaching" was the duplicated book specially prepared to meet the needs of teachers.

Thanks.—A splendid band of friends and supporters have contributed to the advance of the department's work and programme. Without them, the above report, in all its various array, could never have been written. The invaluable help of Miss Jean Murray in the office has made it possible for the director to tackle a growing programme. Many times has it been necessary to call upon Mrs. Murray and her staff to help us over real catering difficulties.

College.—Throughout the past year the director has lectured to the students of the College on Religious Education. This vital aspect of church work is recognised by the College Board. A most happy and, it is believed, most profitable service has been made available to the students.

Committee.—Those privileged to enjoy the happy fellowship and service of the Committee were: Bible Schools Section, D. Wakeley (Chairman of Committee); S. O. Gole, Treasurer; B. E. Perkins, B.E., B. Sc. (resigned for R.A.A.F.); D. Verco, M.A., Dip. Ed.; A. C. MacLean, G. E. Knight. C.E. Section: J. C. Cunningham, Vice-Chairman; Ella Budgen, Secretary C.E. section; Joyce Button, Jean Day, Garth Maxwell, T. V. Weir. Co-opted members were: P. H. Morton, S. Morris, Howard Pollard, B.Sc., A.Mus.A., Ron Bartholomew. Mrs. P. D. McCallum and Roy Greenhalgh succeeded to the vacancies caused by the removal of B. E. Perkins (R.A.A.F.) and T. V. Weir (removal to Victoria). The Committee congratulates Mr. Barton Perkins on his gaining the B.E. Degree with honours at the Sydney University.

Finance.—The receipts from all sources for the twelve months ended January 31st, 1944, including a credit balance of £131/8/4, amounted to £835/15/8, and the expenditure to £790/12/10, thus showing a credit balance of £45/2/10. The annual offering from 40 churches amounted to £344, an increase of £18 on that of the previous year, and special donations came to £73. The offering from Bible Schools, Christian Endeavourers, and Clubs amounted to £42. Offerings under the Duplex System from 22 churches amounted to £188.

Cot Fund.—An amount of £30/2/- was received from 23 Schools, C.E. Societies and Clubs, towards the £40 required for the support of the Cot in the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children. We would stress the wonderful work of this great hospital in the ministry of healing to children from all over N.S.W., and urge the young people's organisations to greater efforts for its support during 1944.

- D. WAKELEY, Chairman.
- J. C. CUNNINGHAM, Vice-Chairman.
- S. O. GOLE, Treasurer.
- F. C. HUNTING, Director.

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BIBLE SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

Cash Statement for Period from 1/2/43 to 31/1/44.

RECEIPTS.

To Credit Balance brought forward from previous year
 " Annual Offering - Churches
 " Special Donations B.S., C.E., and Clubs
 " Churches, Duplex Offering
 " Annual Exam. Fees and Offering
 " Offering at Conference Demonstration
 " "Happy Hour," Youth Missions
 " Sale of Diaries
 " Miscellaneous

	£	s.	d.
To Credit Balance brought forward from previous year	131	8	4
" Annual Offering - Churches	271	11	0
" Special Donations B.S., C.E., and Clubs	73	0	0
" Churches, Duplex Offering	43	11	10
" Annual Exam. Fees and Offering	187	19	8
" Offering at Conference Demonstration	26	2	1
" "Happy Hour," Youth Missions	15	2	6
" Sale of Diaries	20	1	10
" Miscellaneous	20	18	5
	47	0	0
Total	£835	15	8

EXPENDITURE.

By Salary of Directors
 Travelling Expenses, Director
 Petty Cash, Postage, etc.
 Office Rent
 Telephone and General Office Expenses
 "The Christian Messenger" (propagation of cost)
 Printing, Stationery, etc.
 Supplies
 Proportion Cost of Duplex Envelopes
 Miscellaneous

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By Salary of Directors	390	15	0
Travelling Expenses, Director	48	7	10
Petty Cash, Postage, etc.	32	0	0
Office Rent	29	15	10
Telephone and General Office Expenses	17	5	5
"The Christian Messenger" (propagation of cost)	14	18	6
Printing, Stationery, etc.	121	8	7
Supplies	68	19	3
Proportion Cost of Duplex Envelopes	5	0	0
Miscellaneous	62	2	5
Total	£790	12	10
Credit Balance	45	2	10
Total	£835	15	8

L. K. WILSON, Hon. Auditor.
 S. O. GOLE, Hon. Treasurer.

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Addendum.—The Committee desires to place on record its grateful appreciation of the loyal, efficient, and truly consecrated service of Mr. Frank Hunting, who has served with signal success as Youth Director for the past three years. We thank God for His leadership of our work in this State, and as he leaves us for ministry with the Church at Ann Street, Brisbane, we pray that he may have much blessing in his new sphere of service.

Our new Director, Mr. Roy Greenhalgh, has been closely and actively associated with all phases of our youth work for some years, and will, therefore, be able to continue our present programme without delay or interruption. We bespeak for him the same measure of loyalty and co-operation as was accorded to Mr. Hunting.

On behalf of the Committee,

DAN WAKELEY, Chairman.

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FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

We close another year with deep thankfulness to God and to the brethren for guidance and help. Conscious of His leading, we face the New Year.

INDIA.

Personnel.—Dr. Lindsay Michael is still on military service, and is now in the Middle East. Miss Caldicott and Mr. and Mrs. Colin Thomas have returned to their Stations, and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Coventry have been added to the staff. Mr. and Mrs. Escott will take a short furlough in India, and Miss Vawser should be home by the time of Conference.

Additions to Church.—At the annual meeting, India, 1942, over one hundred baptisms were reported, and thirty-seven have been reported to November, 1943. "Our India" has average attendance (all centres) at Lord's Table, 340, with a total Christian community of about 1,000. Seven primary schools are in operation, with eighteen teachers and five hundred scholars.

Homes.—Approximately 160 boys and girls are maintained in our Homes at Baramati and Shrigonda. Better labour conditions have caused some erstwhile poverty-stricken parents to have their children with them once again, whilst their places have been taken by others that famine conditions have reduced to starvation. Nineteen baptisms were reported to last Indian Conference. Some of our senior girls from the Shrigonda Home are now at Dhond, and helping greatly because of the nursing shortage. Owing to high cost of living, an extra £200 was sent from Australia in June, and a further £200 was added to the new budget.

Dhond Hospital.—Dr. and Mrs. Oldfield and Miss Foreman have been kept very busy attending to record numbers of epidemic cases, whilst ordinary routine work has more than taxed their physical resources. Whilst record number of cases were treated, shortages in staff made the work exceptionally hard. Girls with any nursing experience whatsoever were taken into military service. An added strain was placed upon our medical staff during the severe illness of Mr. R. Bolduan, and in the midst of this strain, our leading nurse, Prabhwantibai, died, leaving the whole of the responsibility upon Miss Foreman.

Patients.—Inpatients, 502; outpatients, 6,326; re-treatments, 13,641. Of the total, 77 per cent. were free treatments. Because of help received, the Government gave an unasked-for grant of Rs. 500 (£50). Dr. Oldfield reported to the last annual meeting that, since its inception, the hospital has treated: Inpatients, 4,214; outpatients, 100,000.

The new chapel at Dhond has made the spiritual side of the work much easier, and with military personnel at Dhond, frequent services are conducted in English by Dr. Oldfield.

Baramati.—Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Coventry continued the general evangelistic work, including much follow-up work among the old settlers. Miss E. Vawser gave her attention to the work among the boys in the Home, but owing to furlough, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Thomas will have charge of the Boys' Home. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Coventry will locate at Baramati for language study. In addition to the above, Mr. J. Woodward and wife (Poona and Indian Village Mission) are stationed at Baramati, and have charge of the United Bible Training School.

Union Bible School.—The School was commenced with the object of training village preachers. Ten students were in training during the year. Mr. J. Woodward (P.I.V. Mission), Mr. H. R. Coventry and Mr. S. Hiwale are the teachers. The School should prove its usefulness in the future days.

Shrigonda.—Workers here comprise Miss F. Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Bolduan. Owing to sickness of Mr. Bolduan, much heavier responsibilities have rested upon Miss Cameron. Mr. and Mrs. Bolduan returned to field, August, 1943, but consideration is being given for them to return to Australia for furlough.

Evangelistic.—Earlier in the year, Bro. Bolduan presented a long report regarding village work in this area. Much has been done in partly Christian villages, though the illiteracy of the villagers makes the work hard. Many villages are definitely asking the way of Life, many asking for baptism. The whole area presents a great challenge, as the area borders on some of the groups where "mass" movements to Christ have taken place.

Miss Cameron.—It is fitting that some reference be made to Miss Cameron who, in addition to being mother to a large family of girls, had the supervision of the evangelistic work both at Shrigonda and the villages during the greater part of the year.

Diksal.—Mr. and Mrs. Escott continue in this area, having given the whole of this term (over seven years) to the area. In addition to the work at the Station, many villages have been reached. Bro. Escott has found the work increasingly hard, as village work is now done by bicycle. Much dispensary work has been undertaken by Bro. Escott.

NEW HEBRIDES.

Continuance of Work.—Mr. D. G. Hammer returned to Australia in April. Mr. Ron. Saunders, of the College of the Bible, Glen Iris, was sent to the Islands in July as companion to Mr. Finger. Miss M. Clipstone remains in Australia on extended leave of absence, whilst Miss V. Wakely (on account of her marriage) is no longer available for service.

After the return of Messrs. Hammer and Finger, much was accomplished. The training classes for young men were re-opened, places outback visited, and the Islands of Maewo and Pentecost were visited. Our missionaries praised the work of native teachers who continued faithfully during the absence of missionaries.

Growing in Grace.—Evidences on every hand show that there is a definite spiritual growth among the native Christians. The semi-inde-

pendent group have been seen more at special functions, whilst the people on Pentecost and Maewo showed no little kindness when visited by the missionaries. At the Christmas services over two hundred and fifty people were present, with thirteen baptisms reported. During the year prior to the return of the missionaries, eighty-three people (mostly young people) were baptised. We record the passing of Tarlee, faithful teacher on Maewo for over twenty years. About two hundred Christians and four or five churches bear eloquent testimony to the work of this devoted servant of God. The outstanding event of the year took place at Lolovangi. A new church building was opened, with hundreds attending the services on a Saturday and Sunday in May. Thirty-five people were baptised, twenty being the remnants of heathenism in the district, whilst fifteen were young people of Christian parents. After the building had been opened, thirty-eight lukewarm Christians were restored to fellowship.

CHINA.

Shanghai.—No further news has come to hand regarding the disbanded church. Being in "occupied China," communication to or from Shanghai is impossible. What applies to Shanghai also applies to the Australian supported Chinese work in Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Hueili.—No mails have been received from the Chinese Home Missionary Society, though some of our mails to China were accepted for transmission by the G.P.O. All that can be said is that our part of China is free from military disturbance, and work should be continuing as heretofore. Moneys for the support of the workers was transmitted through the China Inland Mission, and through their kind offices all amounts to December, 1943, were sent forward. We hope to continue regular payments in future. Now the way is more open we look forward to more than cable communications with the field.

Pearl Anderson.—Mails have been received from Pearl, but she can supply no information about the Hueili work. Pearl, with others, was called up for national service, and is now attached to an air-station near Chungking. She states that she is happy in the service of helping wounded airmen, and has opportunities for Christian witness. Though several letters have been received from Pearl, she has not received our letters or small parcels.

Prayer.—We should be instant in prayer on behalf of our work and workers, keeping in mind the starving millions in Central China.

FINANCE.

Federal.—The Board reports, June 30th, that two records were created: Record receipts and record expenditure. Receipts, £9,440; expenditure, £9,019—showing a credit balance of £421. In the expenditure side, £314 was paid into sinking fund, so position was more than £700 better off than June 30th last year. For all purposes, more than £11,000 was contributed by the Australian Brotherhood. Annual offering, July-August, 1943, created a further record, the amount of £6,495 being received as against £5,125 last year. Increased liabilities will absorb this additional income, but we are grateful that the Brotherhood are not unmindful of our problems. The extra giving has enabled the Board to send Indian workers forward without anxiety.

Endowment Fund.—The Federal Board draws attention to this Fund as a means whereby gifts may continue in the name of the donor long after the donors have passed from their earthly labours. The Fund is growing, having reached the total of £9,638.

N.B.—Missionaries' salaries were increased 10 per cent. during the year, and allowances 20 per cent. In addition, larger grants were made to the Indian field.

State Finance.—State finances have been larger than usual. The annual offering reached £700/5/1, and weekly giving £267/5/9, while Children's Day reached the total of £113/7/10. For this we thank the Y.P. Department. Income for all purposes has totalled £2,022/2/2.

PUBLICATIONS.

"Goodly Pearls."—This magazine continues its good work. From enquiries received it is apparent that many do not know of its existence. This paper is invaluable for youth groups and Sunday School leaders, and church families generally would be informed about our overseas work. The magazine is fresh and up-to-date.

"Sharing Our Fellowship."—Copies of this booklet are still available. The book deals with the rise and growth of missions, including the genesis of our own work. Well written and full of information. Price 6d., postage extra.

"Mission Fields of the World."—This booklet brings together Mrs. W. F. Nankivell's fine articles, which first appeared in "Goodly Pearls," in an attractive manner. Seven of the leading mission fields of the world are discussed and profusely illustrated. Every home in the Brotherhood should have a copy. 6d. per copy, postage extra.

FAMINE RELIEF.

India, because of famine and lack of equal distribution, plus the needs of war, has suffered considerably during the past year. China, because of devastated fields and invaded areas, including China's famous "rice bowl," has faced starvation. Such special amounts sent forward for "famine relief" have been sent through our agencies to the country concerned. Additional amounts will be sent forward as received.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

Through the generosity of the Australian Brotherhood, the Indian field received £150, including gifts to missionaries. This would enable the people to share some good things for Christmas, including food and clothing. It is to be noted that these gifts have nothing to do with amounts sent forward as "famine relief." Our workers in the New Hebrides also shared in Christmas Cheer distribution.

THANKS.

Special thanks are expressed to Bro. R. H. Wakeley who, upon being elected a Vice-President of Conference, was not eligible for election on this Committee. Our brother for eleven years was the efficient treasurer, and his services were greatly missed.

CLEMENT A. VERCO, Chairman.

IRA A. PATERNOSTER, Secretary.

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

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year Ended 31st January, 1944.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, 1/2/43			37	2	3				
Weekly Offerings per Duplex Envelopes	267	5	9						
Annual Offering	700	5	1						
Children's Day	113	7	10						
Sundry Donations to General Fd.	53	10	2						
Support of Orphans	58	19	6						
Support of Native Teachers and Bible Women	103	6	0						
Dhond Hospital	173	12	4						
			1,470	6	8				
Rents from Stanmore Cottage	51	16	10						
1943 Conference Offering	7	16	10						
			59	13	8				
Subscriptions to "Goodly Pearls"	14	5	0						
Subscriptions to "Sharing Our Fellowship"	5	19	9						
Subscriptions to "Mission Fields of the World"	17	0							
			21	1	9				
Sisters' Conference, Living Link	143	0	0						
Sisters' Conference, Christmas Cheer	10	0	0						
Sisters' Conference, Milk Fund	10	0	0						
Sisters' Conference, Mrs. Coventry	3	10	0						
			166	10	0				
New Hebrides Missionaries' A/cs:									
D. Hammer	£16	18	6						
H. Finger	23	18	3						
R. Saunders	12	0	0						
			52	16	9				
Refund Fares, Burns Philp & Co.	23	15	2						
Federal Board Allowance, New Hebrides	89	18	4						
			166	10	3				
Sundry Gifts and Receipts	21	13	4						
Famine Relief and Milk Fund	24	17	0						
Legacy late Mrs. Farr	20	11	1						
			67	1	5				
Rent, Chinese Church	16	10	0						
Sale of Used Postage Stamps	13	14	2						
Refund, Phone Calls and Rentals	3	12	0						
			33	16	2				
			£2,022	2	2				
Cash remitted to Federal Board	1,212	15	11						
Payments made for Board	371	5	3						
Cash sent direct to Board	221	13	4						
			1,805	14	6				
Chinese Church, Sydney, Rent	50	8	0						
Chinese Church, Sydney, Electric Light	1	11	1						
			51	19	1				
Conference Committees—									
"Messenger"	15	1	5						
Executive	7	11	3						
Book Room	5	0	0						
Conference Expenses	4	5	0						
			31	17	8				
Secretarial—									
Telephone	10	18	9						
Fares	9	1	5						
Postage	5	10	6						
Cash Receipt Book and Maps	10	6							
Stationery and Duplicating	1	6	4						
Freight and Office Expenses	2	15	0						
Y.P. Dept. re C.D. Offering	5	17	6						
Globes for Lantern	1	10	10						
Cheque Book	10	0							
			38	0	10				
Refund, Sisters' Conference, Mrs. Coventry Fund			3	10	0				
National Missionary Council			2	5	0				
			1,933	7	1				
Balance on hand as per Bank Statement			88	15	1				
			£2,022	2	2				

I have examined the books and vouchers of the N.S.W. Churches of Christ Foreign Missionary Committee for the year ending 31st January, 1944, and certify that the above statement is correct and in accordance therewith.

IRA A. PATERNOSTER, Acting Treasurer.
2nd February, 1944.

A. G. ILLINGWORTH, Auditor.
8th February, 1944.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We have much for which we must thank our Heavenly Father. In the earlier part of the year Missions were almost impossible owing to the "brown-out." Now we can rejoice because the lights have come on again. It is possible for us to again speak of the One Who said, "I am the Light of the World," surrounded by light.

The Director spent the first part of the year with the Canterbury-Earlwood church. This little church had never had a preacher. It is now a healthy, flourishing, self-supporting church. They pay their full-time preacher, and have plans for building extensions to accommodate their school of nearly 300.

Missions.—Some Missions were conducted and, altogether, there were about three hundred baptisms. Most of these, however, were outside the State of N.S.W. This is in harmony with the original arrangements—that the Mission party be free to conduct two Missions each year outside of N.S.W.

The Dandenong Mission was wonderfully blessed. The marquee was more than crowded out again and again. Out of over 100 baptisms, almost 100 were adults who thought their way into the Kingdom. When the offering was taken up, about £300 more than mission expenses was received. Many others have decided for Christ since the mission. This is outside of N.S.W. statistics, but it is Home Mission work.

Fairfield.—This is a new centre. A short mission was conducted over the Christmas holidays. Land has been purchased, and it is hoped that a building will be erected this year. In the meantime the church is meeting in the Protestant Hall, and a student preacher is ministering in the district.

New Fields.—It is the hope of the Committee to start a number of new causes in the newer, outer suburbs, so that when Sydney grows after the war our churches may also grow.

Future Work.—Now that missions are again possible, this year should be, under God's blessing, a year of prosperity. At this moment a mission is in progress at Auburn. Other probable places are: Inverell, Merewether, Petersham, Punchbowl, Sans Souci, Grafton, etc.

Happy Fellowship.—The Director has had a year of the happiest fellowship with the Home Missionary Committee. He desires to thank each member for sympathetic support, especially certain business men, and the Chairman and Secretary.

To the whole Brotherhood he feels greatly indebted for the prayerful and financial support. His only regret is that he has not been able to do more.

May the Lord bless our united efforts during this coming year.

Finances.—Although the Home Missionary Committee has upon its pay sheet over a dozen names, and pays out nearly £40 per week, through the generosity of our splendid Brotherhood we are again able to come to Conference with a substantial credit balance.

The Armistice Appeal.—Many are putting aside money so that when peace is declared we can make a great offering for new fields.

The A.B.C. Band continues to raise money for a new field each year. Because this fund had given to the Committee £75 last year, Fairfield was enabled to keep £100 of their offering toward buying land for a church. If the Armistice Appeal Fund had been functioning, money could have been loaned for the building to commence immediately. We can all see the importance of planning ahead.

E. C. HINRICHSEN, Director.

The year 1943-4 has been a year of considerable progress in Home Mission work. We are pleased to say that we still have the services of Brethren E. C. Hinrichsen and V. B. Morris as our Evangelists, and much of the progress has resulted from their inspiring leadership and ministry. Brother Hinrichsen will report on the Evangelistic aspect of the work; but we would wish to pay our tribute to the splendid work our brethren have done during the past year. Thirteen churches have been helped financially by the Committee during the year, some of which have become self-supporting, and are now no longer liabilities; but definite assets to the Brotherhood. Some of those still being assisted have declared their intention of becoming self-supporting at the earliest possible moment. We appreciate this ambition, and feel that it shows the right spirit. Following are the churches which have received financial help, all of which we feel to have been fully justified: Georgetown, Hamilton, Kurri Kurri, Epping, Inverell, Grafton, Gilgandra, Albury, Granville, Manly, Canterbury-Earlwood, Erskineville and Fairfield. Of these, Georgetown, Hamilton, Granville, Fairfield and Canterbury-Earlwood are now on the self-supporting list, some of them having had only a brief period of support owing to special circumstances. In addition to the support given to the churches named, the Committee has co-operated with the Bible College Committee in the working of the various churches being served by the College Students. This has generally been very satisfactory, and has served to keep the two committees in the closest touch, and enabled the one to help the other when necessary. Early in the Conference year the Committee, acting upon a resolution of Conference two years ago, appointed Bro. P. J. Pond to the position of Itinerant Pastor, and as such he has served in Gilgandra with much acceptance for several months, rallying the brethren in a splendid manner, and preparing the church for the advent of a full-time pastor, to labour in the field. Brother Retchford, an Ex-student of Woolwich Bible College, was sent to replace Brother Pond in February, and has made an excellent beginning in this important country centre. Grafton, after the departure of Brother Wylie to Roma, Queensland, was without a preacher for a considerable time; but the Committee was finally able to send Brother Victor Parker, a prospective Student, to labour in this northern city, and splendid work was done by our young brother. In readiness for the opening of the College, Brother Pond was sent to Grafton to relieve Brother Parker, who is now in residence at Woolwich. Brother Pond has made a good beginning; but at time of writing it is too early to report any progress. The Committee is confident, however, that Brother Pond's ministry in Grafton will be both happy and profitable to the church.

During the year Brother Roxburgh laboured at Erskineville; but terminated his work at the end of the year. Meanwhile, Brother G. Burns is acting as Superintendent in an honorary capacity until some more suitable arrangement can be made. That some satisfactory plan will be evolved, your Committee is confident, and we trust that, with the co-operation of the Y.P. Committee, which has been sought and readily granted, good results will follow throughout 1944. The present intention is to maintain the Bible School work, as anything beyond that seems, under prevailing conditions, quite out of the question. Helpers are urgently needed, and we would make this appeal to our young people to rally around, and we would like to pay tribute to Miss a very needy and challenging work. We would like to pay tribute to Miss Corbett, who has, throughout the years, given splendid service at considerable sacrifice to this field; but has now felt compelled to relinquish it. At the present time the Misses Edwards, of Epping, are the only regular helpers, and our thanks are due to them for taking up a task that must be purely a labour of love.

Brother Bergin's ministry at Inverell has been very happy and successful, and through the purchase of a car by the church he has been enabled to visit the outlying parts of the district regularly and give them suitable ministry.

We very much regret to report the death of our beloved Brother MacCallum, who had been our representative at Epping until his sickness made it impossible for him to continue. Our deepest sympathy goes out to our Sister MacCallum and family, and we pray that God might undertake for them in their sore trial. Brother Hayden MacCallum, who succeeded his father, has given excellent service, and the Epping work is today in a very healthy and happy condition.

Brother Jenner, who had served for some years in Inverell and then later at Kurri Kurri, received an invitation from the church in Wagga, which he was led to accept, and thus went off the staff of the Committee. We thank him for his faithful work in the past in the two fields mentioned. During the latter half of the year, Brother Walmsley transferred to a field in Victoria, thus vacating Albury, where he had done a fine work. Your Committee, in co-operation with the Victorian H.M. Committee, had great difficulty in filling this vacancy; but finally the services of Brother and Sister Hubert Edwards, of East Ballarat, were obtained, and they began their ministry in February of this year. During the College vacation, Brother Allan Morris went for a few weeks to help in this field, and greatly pleased the brethren by his earnest messages and pleasing personality.

Perhaps a special word would not be out of place regarding the work in Hamilton. After Brother G. Verco transferred to Granville, Brother Lloyd Jones, of Woolwich Bible College, was sent to this field, and his ministry has been much owned of the Lord to the quickening of the spiritual life of the church, and the work is in a very happy condition.

FINANCE.

(a) General Fund. Cash Statement is appended.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	642	18	3
Receipts	2,111	8	3
	2,754	6	6
Payments	2,131	10	9
E.S. and A. Bank Ltd.	£622	15	9
Deposit in Commonwealth Savings Bank	155	0	0
War Savings Certificates	25	0	0
Commonwealth Bond	50	0	0

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

Brought forward	305	0	4
Receipts	880	7	3
	1,185	7	7
Payments	709	18	6
E.S. and A. Bank Ltd.	£475	9	1
Commonwealth Bond	50	0	0

(c) Endowment Fund.—Commonwealth Bonds, £250; Loans on Mortgage, £775; Cash in Banks, £625.

(d) Tent Equipment Fund.—£55/14/0.

(e) Sundry Funds in Suspense for Special Purposes.—£150.

(f) Armistice Fund.—£128/10/-.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE—CASH STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1944. GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
1st Feb., 1943—Brought forward	642	18	3
Feb. 1st, 1943 to Jan. 31, 1944—			
Annual Offering, 1942 (Balance)	59	13	5
Annual Offering, 1943	305	14	11
Easter Offering	82	11	6
Donations	30	5	9
Duplex	263	5	3
Advertising	44	19	9
Mortgage Loan Repaid	100	0	0
Sundries	25	18	6
Interest and Rents	106	11	8
Assisted Churches	254	4	0
College (from Churches which are served by Students)	838	3	6
	£2,754	6	6
1944—Feb. 1, Balance	£622	15	9

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
1st Feb., 1943 to Jan. 31st, 1944—			
Salaries (Office Allowances)	78	0	0
Subsidies	902	8	6
Petty Cash	25	10	0
Rent	27	15	10
Sundries	61	13	4
Advertising	59	11	3
"Messenger"	27	4	0
Fares and Removal	25	14	5
Printing	28	9	6
Insurance	7	7	1
Duplex	5	0	0
Telephones	30	11	8
Cheque Books and Bank Fees	6	10	0
College (payments to Student Preachers and College)	845	15	2
Balance	622	15	9
	£2,754	6	6

CASH STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st JANUARY, 1944.

HINRICHSEN MISSION FUND.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
1943—Feb. 1: Balance forward	305	0	4
Feb. 1st, 1943 to Jan. 31, 1944— Donations (including special £6 from Canterbury-Earlwood)	116	5	0
A.B.C. Band	76	0	0
Easter Offering	91	0	0
Mission Refunds— Dandenong, Balwyn, Northcote and Fairfield	227	14	11
Balance Mission Refunds— From previous years—Tempe, Taree, Hamilton and Loftus Park	177	7	4
Canterbury-Earlwood	192	0	0
	£1,185	7	7

1944—Feb. 1: Balance £475 9 1

17th February, 1944.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Feb. 1st, 1943 to Jan. 31, 1944— Expenses and Salaries— Dandenong, Balwyn, Northcote and Fairfield Missions, and Holidays, and Canterbury-Earlwood	581	18	6
Subsidy	128	0	0
Balance	475	9	1
	£1,185	7	7

A. E. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Treasurer.

In conclusion, we would thank the brethren for their co-operation in the work of Home Missions. The generous remembrance of the work both in prayer and in giving to the various appeals which we have made from time to time, and especially by the weekly contributions through the Duplex Envelopes, have been an inspiration to your Committee to give of their best in fulfilling the work which you delegated to them. That we may count on your continued interest in this very vital department goes without saying, and we thank you, therefore, for the help you will be giving throughout 1944.

B. G. CORLETT, Chairman.
G. E. BURNS, Secretary.

It would not be fitting that this report should be concluded without some reference to the great loss which our dear brother, B. G. Corlett, sustained during the year. Our hearts have sorrowed with his in the departure of so very faithful and gracious a lady as his wife. That God has supplied the strength to bear the load has been abundantly evident, for not for a moment has he allowed the loss to lessen his work for the Kingdom, or to dampen his faith in the wisdom and kindness of the Lord. We earnestly pray for God's blessing to rest upon him in his continued ministry both in his church and on the Committee.

G. BURNS,
E. C. HINRICHSEN.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST BIBLE COLLEGE, N.S.W.

We have great cause for thankfulness and rejoicing in the wonderful way in which the Lord has provided and sustained the College, and the way in which the Students have been used to help the churches. The following have served on the Board of Management with keen interest in the welfare of the Institution:—Brethren E. C. Hinrichsen (Chairman), T. E. Rofe (Deputy Chairman), J. H. Adams (Treasurer), W. R. Avenall, Dr. E. A. Bardsley, A. C. Maclean, J. R. Little, J. L. Stimson, S. Stevens, B. G. Corlett, Ex-officio Principal A. R. Main, M.A., P. E. Thomas, Conference President.

We are thankful for the use of Mr. Rofe's office for Board meetings.

The property has been kept in good order. The coming of Mr. Paterson and family, and also to provide extra accommodation for additional Students, made it necessary to have certain alterations made. A bedroom upstairs has been converted into a kitchenette, and the garage into a very suitable room to accommodate three Students.

The Board wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to Bro. and Sister Little Winter for the work and time they have put in, in making these alterations.

Dr. Crisp has rendered valuable service to the Students, Faculty and Staff during the year. We feel that God has raised him up for this service. We sincerely say "thank you."

We thank our Auditor, Mr. J. Boswell, for the great amount of work he has given to the College during the year.

A.B.C. Band.—At last Conference this Band handed to the Board a cheque for £75, and we understand that they have another helpful amount in hand to pass over on Easter Monday night. Many thanks.

The Faculty.—The early years of a College are years of anxiety and unremitting toil on the part of the Faculty. The whole Brotherhood is very greatly indebted to Principal Main, M.A., and A. W. Ladbroke, M.A., who have been overworked, but have co-operated magnificently. Because of this, the College is on a very solid basis.

All were very greatly saddened at the sudden home-call of Mrs. Main.

Unfortunately, this sad loss will probably cause Bro. Main to relinquish his duties as Principal. He will, however, assist in other ways, it is with humble gratitude that we welcome Bro. H. J. Patterson, M.A., as Vice-Principal. In every way his coming will help not only the College, but the State work.

Visiting volunteer lecturers were C. E. Hinrichsen, B.A., F. Hunting, Harrison Allen, and E. C. Hinrichsen.

Students.—Most of the Students have done well in their studies. Having volunteered to become soldiers in the King's Army, they are as much in need of the Brotherhood's prayers as those fighting the nation's physical battles. Some have left lucrative positions, and cheerfully take up their cross. Last year there were eleven enrolled. This year there are seven new Students. Hence instructions will be given to 16 young men. Three of them are married men, who will not be boarding at College.

Bro. P. Retchford entered the College for a two years' course. He is our first exit student, and has been placed at Gilgandra.

Student Churches.—Students have rendered valuable service in many churches. Some have lifted both church and school considerably. It is a cause for rejoicing that many souls have been led to Christ. Most of the churches are very kind and understanding, and are a source of real help and encouragement to the Students. This year at least fifteen churches will receive regular week-end service from Students. Add to this the valuable service of Bro. Ladbroke at Hurstville and Bro. Patterson at Lane Cove, and it will be seen that the College is becoming more and more indispensable.

In some cases the smaller churches are not able to pay the full allowance for the Student. These receive a subsidy from the Home Missionary Committee.

There are a few churches which are able to pay more than the allowance. The small surplus each week goes toward College expenses. As no tuition fees are charged the Students, this little extra is much appreciated. The churches which are able and willing to help in this way are Canley Vale, Loftus Park, Hamilton, Bexley North, Hornsby and possibly Paddington. Feeling that they are receiving help from the College, they in turn help the College.

The Board expresses thanks to them, also others which have helped in the past. Co-operation in every good work is the Christian-like attitude.

It is pleasing to note that three churches have already intimated their desire to secure the full-time services of exit student at the end of the year. The churches needing students are greater than we can supply at present.

E. C. HINRICHSEN, Chairman.
B. G. CORLETT, Secretary.

Addendum.—The Board wishes to record its appreciation of the very valuable services rendered to the College during its early days by our late Sister, Mrs. Main. She gave of her experience, time and energy. We appreciated the gracious way in which she welcomed and entertained visitors to the College. Our prayers and hearts are with Bro. Main in his loss.

Mr. Main has asked us to "express his appreciation of the kindness of the Board, Faculty and Students, as well as of Brethren and Churches, manifested in these recent days. It has been very wonderful and very helpful."

E. C. HINRICHSEN, Chairman.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST BIBLE COLLEGE, N.S.W.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS from 1st February, 1943, to 31st January, 1944.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Sundry Income, Gifts, etc.	552 18 4	By Balance B/l.	1,816 3 7
" Annual Offering	284 1 5	" Travelling Expenses, Publicity, Salaries	627 13 10
" Payments from Churches	135 5 0	" General Maintenance—House	276 3 0
" Students' Board and Fees	509 2 0	" Interest, Insurance, Telephone	111 10 3
" Legacy—Est. late Ivy W. Payne	259 0 6	" Repairs, Renovations, Replacements	111 10 2
" Loan A/cs.	200 0 0	" Electric Light, Gas, Fuel	80 0 11
" Balance C/d.	1,163 16 1	" General Expenses	35 9 7
	£3,124 3 4	" Furniture, Fittings, Equipment	33 4 0
		" Printing, Stationery, Stamps, Telegrams	20 1 0
		" Library A/c.	8 7 0
		" Petty Cash Imprest A/c.	4 0 0
			£3,124 3 4
		By Balance—Overdrawn B/d.	1,163 16 1

Not included in the above Cash Receipts are

Treasury Bonds as under:—
£100 at 3½% due 15th September, 1959.
£10 at 2½% due 15th November, 1947.

J. H. ADAMS, Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the accounts of the Churches of Christ Bible College, N.S.W., for the year ended 31st January, 1944, and hereby certify that the above Statement of Receipts and Payments is a true record of all monies received and expended according to the books of the College.

15th March, 1944.

J. W. BOSWELL, A.A.A., Hon. Auditor.

CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

As we report what has been done we desire to acknowledge God's goodness and guiding hand in a successful term of office. After conference the usual meeting of the newly-elected members of the Committees concerned was held to appoint the Committee of Management, and the following were elected:—Chairman, I. A. Paternoster; Secretary-Treasurer, T. P. Dale; Editor, P. E. Thomas; Auditor, W. K. Hunter. The controlling Committees representatives were: G. E. Burns, L. C. Yelds, P. H. Morton and J. E. Dean. It was found unnecessary for the Committee to meet monthly, therefore meetings were held during the year as business required.

SUBSCRIBERS.

It was necessary to refuse the applications of a number of intending subscribers, as the authorities would not give us permission to print more copies. We suggested to the Churches that the only way out of the difficulty would be to get the present subscribers to share their copies with the new ones. Free copies are being sent to the service men and women through the co-operation of a number of subscribers, and these have been much appreciated.

FINANCE.

The financial position has been very steady, and though we finish the year with a slightly smaller credit, we have spent more on adding to the attractiveness of the paper. All the accounts have been paid regularly throughout the year. The income was £220/14/5, and the expenditure £222/4/3. The balance sheet shows Sundry Debtors (accounts owing by churches and advertisers), £9/17/2. Credit bank balance, £13/2/4, makes our actual credit £22/19/6. The accounts have been duly audited and found correct.

PUBLISHING.

Bro. Thomas has continued to edit the paper. Further improvement was made in style and appearance by the use of illustration blocks of interesting pictures, some of these being purchased by the Committee and others borrowed. Conference Committees' interests have been well catered for, special issues being given at appropriate times. This is a valuable means of bringing the work before the churches. Sub-editors have assisted in supplying articles on interesting subjects, and this has been helpful to the Editor. "Phillips" has conducted the children's page and the interest of the boys and girls is being well maintained. Several prizes were awarded for competition work, and we would like to congratulate the winners on their success. We want to say thanks to "Phillips" for her continued interest in the children. The space made available to churches to publish reports of local activities has added to the general interest.

GENERAL.

Because we were able to buy our paper supplies well ahead we have had no difficulty in maintaining publication. Although the paper position is getting a little more difficult now, we expect to be able to continue during the coming year. We now thank our readers, our advertisers, our auditor, agents in the churches, committee representatives, and all who have had a part in the work. We recommend to conference a continuance of the present arrangements for publication.

I. A. PATERNOSTER, Chairman.
T. P. DALE, Secretary.
P. E. THOMAS, Editor.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED JANUARY 31st, 1944.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance carried forward	14 12 2	By Printing	184 10 8
" Subscriptions	111 7 6	" Bulk Postage	6 2 0
" Advertisers	18 5 0	" Editor's Expenses	3 0 0
" Committees	91 1 11	" Secretary's Expenses	1 0 0
	220 14 5	" Blocks	10 1 5
		" Postage	3 5 3
		" Stationery	1 6 10
		" Paper	2 17 11
		" Conference Expenses	1 11 8
		" Children's Page Prizes	12 6
		" Office Accommodation	7 16 0
		" Bank Balance	13 2 4
	£235 6 7		£235 6 7

BALANCE SHEET.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance	22 19 6	Sundry Debtors—	8 17 2
		Subscribers	1 0 0
		Advertisers	13 2 4
	£22 19 6	Bank Credit	
			£22 19 6

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

I have examined the books, vouchers, etc., of the "Messenger" Management Committee, and the above statement is a true record of the financial transactions to the period ended January 31st, 1944, as disclosed therein.

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

BOOK ROOM AND CHURCH STORES

In presenting this report on behalf of the Book Room Committee, we recognise God's goodness, grace and His guiding hand during the year. There is nothing of special interest we can report. Trading has been difficult, mainly because of the acute shortage of books and other supplies, but, in spite of this, our sales have been well maintained.

Business: The sales this year amounted to £535/11/5, which is about £20 below those of last year. The gross profit earned is £143/18/7, being about 26½% of the total sales. This is a very low margin for a retail business, brought about mainly by war conditions. Though costs have increased considerably, we have not been able to get corresponding increases in the selling prices, which, of course, affects the percentage of profit earned. Another important feature we would point out is that the overhead expenses incurred in running the business are high, because twice the amount of business could be handled for approximately the same cost, or perhaps a very small increase. This is where the churches and individual members could assist the book room, to not only make the business a profitable one, but to increase its usefulness as a Brotherhood department. We would like to point out, and we would ask Conference to seriously consider, this aspect, that, without this book room as a central clearing house for all our Brotherhood activities, and a very great convenience for our Preachers and members generally, it would be found that it serves a very important need for the successful planning of our work. This service to our Brotherhood, the greater part of which is done free to all, is not fully appreciated by the members, but if it ceased to function it would then soon be realised that it serves a very great need. Because of this, we would ask for greater practical support, with less criticism, more sympathy in our difficulties, and more generosity in accepting the prices asked for our goods. If we could get this co-operation, the business could be made a very profitable one.

Management Committee: The following have continued to serve on the Management Committee: Chairman, P. J. Pond. Vice-Chairman, L. C. Yelds. Secretary, C. C. King. Treasurer, E. T. Vears. Sales Superintendent, Miss C. E. Verco. Bookkeeper, T. P. Dale. Through the absence of Bro. Pond in the country, the Committee have only met as circumstances warranted, and all matters that needed attention have been satisfactorily dealt with. Miss Verco has given very loyal service to the Committee. Not only has she to look after the sales, but also has the responsibility of the buying, which is a very difficult job under the present conditions. We want to express our highest appreciation of her loyalty to her task. Her untiring efforts to serve not only our customers, but the many enquirers who continually come throughout the year, deserve our very best thanks.

Thanks: We would record our thanks to all who have assisted us throughout the year. Those who have patronised the book room for their church supplies. To the Committees who have made contributions towards the office expenses. To Brother Dale for his work as bookkeeper; the regular sending out of the accounts has enabled us to receive prompt payment, which has helped to make the finance easier. So to all who have been interested in the book room, we say "Thank you."

Recommendations: We again make the following recommendations to Conference:—

- (a) That the book depot be continued in its service to the Brotherhood as at present constituted.
- (b) That the members of the present Committee, having given consent to act, be elected to serve for the ensuing year.
- (c) That Conference endorse the appeal for increased support to be given by churches, auxiliaries and individual church members to the Brotherhood Depot.

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

BOOK DEPOT AND CHURCH STORES.

Trading and Profit and Loss Account for 12 Months ended 31st January, 1944.

	£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1/2/43	257	8	6
" Purchases	361	14	1
" Gross Profit carried down	143	18	7
	£763	1	2
To Salaries	145	12	0
" Rent	32	10	0
" Telephone Rent and Calls	34	7	10
" Conference Programme	1	11	8
" Freight and Cartage	7	3	11
" Interest, Discount and Exchange	7	1	9
" Printing and Stationery	2	6	2
" Postages and General Expenses	5	13	8
	£236	7	0
By Sales	535	11	5
" Stock, 31/1/44	227	9	9
	£763	1	2
By Gross Profit brought down	143	18	7
" Contributions and Donations to Rental and Office Assistance	57	1	8
" Telephone Expenses	26	1	4
" Net Loss	9	5	5
	£236	7	0

Balance Sheet as at 31st January, 1944.

	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	146	8	3
Advance Account	115	18	7
Capital Account	78	18	8
	£341	5	6
Cash at Bank	28	12	8
Sundry Debtors	53	19	4
Typewriter	£31	15	0
Less Depreciation	3	3	6
Share of Safe	2	12	3
Stock	227	9	9
	£341	5	6

ADVISORY BOARD

Work of a confidential nature has been done during the year in assisting churches and preachers.

The Board has also dealt with marriage licences, and reported its findings to the President of Conference.

The churches and preachers which have come to the Board for assistance are to be complimented for their desire for information, and it is to be hoped that increased use of it will be availed of in the future.

E. DAVIS, Chairman.
CLEMENT A. VERCO, Secretary.

CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE, YEAR ENDED 31st JAN., 1944.

At the commencement of the year the Committee's funds amounted to £1,350/19/1. To this the sum of £55/7/- has been added during the year, and the accumulated funds now amount to £1,406/6/-.

Of this amount the sum of £1,102/6/10 is invested in loans, as shown in the accompanying financial statement, leaving the balance at bankers available for reinvestment.

On behalf of the Chapel Extension Committee,
E. J. W. CALDECOAT, Hon. Secretary.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Committees.

Clause 10: Committees.—Insert the following in paragraph (f), after the word "action," at the end of the second sentence:—

In the event of any affiliated church calling to its pastoral oversight any brother not being in the full time ministry, the following rules shall apply:—

1. If the Brother so appointed has been a member of the Churches of Christ in good standing for at least twelve months prior to his appointment, he may be given registration after serving the Church for two years, upon application being made by two-thirds of the members of the Church where he is serving, as shown by the Conference Statistical Returns, published in the preceding year's Conference Report. Should he not have been a member of the Churches of Christ for a full year prior to his appointment, the period of trial shall be a full three years, before registration is granted.
2. Such registration shall apply only to the Church making such application, and shall be cancelled immediately upon his ceasing to minister to the Church concerned.
3. In the event of any part-time minister who has been registered as above being called to another affiliated Church, his further registration shall be considered on its merits, and the Advisory Board may recommend that the de-registration be not proceeded with if thought advisable.
4. It shall be the function of the Advisory Board, through its Secretary, to attend to the registration and cancellation of such registrations in the usual way.

G. E. BURNS.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST, N.S.W.—CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

Financial Statement, Year Ended 31st January, 1944.

	£	s.	d.
Dr. Accumulated Funds as at 31st Jan., 1943	1,350	19	0
To Interest Earnings, year ended 31st Jan., 1943	56	12	4
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	1,407	11	4

	£	s.	d.
Cr. By Loan Balances as at 31/1/44—	405	15	0
Grafton Church	511	13	10
Tempe Church	82	0	0
Mosman Church	102	18	0
Chapel Extension Fund Ltd.	1	5	4
Advertising—Conference Agenda	303	19	2
Bank of N.S. Wales	<hr/>		
	1,407	11	4

E. J. CALDECOAT, Hon. Secretary.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES CONSTITUTION.

As Amended, and including Amendments passed at 1943 Conference.

1. Name:

The name shall be "The Conference of Churches of Christ in New South Wales, and the Federal Capital Territory."

2. Objects:

- (a) To promote and sustain fraternal intercourse amongst the Churches.
- (b) To co-operate for the evangelisation of the State and world-wide missionary activity on the basis of the New Testament.
- (c) To promote work in the Bible Schools and amongst young people.
- (d) To assist in combating social evils, engage in philanthropic work, and to unite with others wherever such action is necessary or desirable.

3. Constituents:

The Conference shall consist of all Churches of Christ at present associated, and such other churches as may from time to time be admitted in the manner hereinafter provided. The Conference may at any time disassociate itself from any church that has previously been admitted to association under the Conference if a majority of the representatives consider that the church in question is pursuing a line of conduct likely to bring discredit upon the brotherhood, or has departed from the New Testament truth.

4. Conference Expenses:

Each church forming a conference shall contribute towards the expenses of Conference the sum of ten shillings (10/-) per annum for each 25 (twenty-five) members or portion thereof. Isolated members or those on the supplementary list not to be included in this quota. Any balance required to meet conference expenses to be divided between the different participating committees according to the space taken on the printed programme.

5. Representation:

Churches associated shall be entitled to be represented at all business sessions of Conference upon the following basis:—

- (a) Two representatives for the first 25 (twenty-five) members or portion thereof provided that no church shall have more than twenty-one representatives; also provided that only representatives of those churches which have paid all conference dues, or those showing reasonable cause for not being able to do so, shall be entitled to vote.
- (b) Each church shall send her list of representatives to the Conference Secretary at least one week prior to Conference.
- (c) Any church through her Secretary, or other accredited representative appointed for the purpose, shall be entitled to alter her list of representatives up to one hour before the election of Conference Officers and Committees.

6. Mode of Admission:

Any Church desirous of admission to Conference shall forward to the Conference Secretary an application for admission, which shall be dealt with at the next Annual Conference, provided that no objections have been lodged under Clause 7; such applications to be in the hands of the Conference Secretary six weeks before the date of such Conference, and the name of each Church applying for admission shall, within not less than four weeks of Conference, be sent to each Church associated.

7. Objections to Admission:

Any objection by a Church associated to any Church applying for admission must be clearly stated in writing and be in the hands of the Conference Secretary three weeks prior to the Annual Conference. The Conference Executive shall then meet the representatives of both applying and objecting Churches, shall hear the evidence relating to such objections, and decide whether the application for admission shall go before the Conference or not. No discussion in reference to any objection shall be allowed at any Conference meeting.

8. Individual Members:

Any member of any Church of Christ associated with the Conference in good standing may take part in the deliberations, but only appointed representatives may vote on any question arising. A similar privilege may be extended by consent of Conference to visiting members of Churches of Christ from elsewhere.

9. Conference Officers:

The following officers shall be elected at each Annual Conference: President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer; these, together with the Immediate Past President, shall constitute the Conference Officers. No Conference Officer shall be eligible for election to any of the four main Committees. The President shall be ex-officio a member of all Committees. Should any vacancy occur, the remaining office-bearers shall have power to appoint a substitute.

10. Committees:

The following Committees shall be elected annually by Conference:—

- (a) A Home Missionary Committee, charged with the conduct of evangelisation in the State of New South Wales, Federal Capital Territory, and border districts, and the collection and disbursement of funds for that purpose. This Committee shall consist of ten members, six of whom shall form a quorum.
- (b) A Foreign Missionary Committee, entrusted with the work in foreign lands and amongst alien people in the home land, and the collection and disbursement of funds for that purpose in association with the Federal Foreign Missionary Committee. This Committee shall consist of ten members, seven to be elected by the General Conference, and three by Sisters' Conference. The quorum shall consist of six members.
- (c) A Bible Schools and Young People's Committee, charged with the promotion of the work in the Bible Schools, Christian Endeavour Societies, and service among the young generally, and the collection and disbursement of funds for that purpose. This Committee shall consist of sixteen members, nine of whom shall form a quorum. 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.
- (d) A Social Service Committee, charged with the work of promoting total abstinence from, and prohibition of intoxicating liquors, combating social evils and doing philanthropic work and the collection and disbursement of funds for that purpose. This Committee shall consist of ten members, six of whom shall form a quorum.
- (e) 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 Confer-

ence from accredited members of the 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 Conference in 1942, shall be nominated in open Conference, and forthwith chosen by ballot.

- (f) An Advisory Board, consisting of seven members who shall supply to enquiring Churches information as to the standing of preachers, and may, if called upon, assist preachers to find a suitable field, and Churches to find suitable preachers. The Board shall arrange the list of preachers authorised to celebrate marriages; the decisions of the Board with regard thereto shall be forwarded to the Conference President for action. Membership on any other Committee shall not debar any brother from being elected to this Committee. Four to form a quorum.
- (g) A Chapel Extension Committee, which shall consist of the Directors of the Chapel Extension Fund Ltd.
- (h) A Boys' Home Committee, which shall consist of the Board of Directors of the Churches of Christ Homes Co-operative Society Limited.
- (i) A Building Advisory Committee to help in an advisory capacity any of our Churches contemplating the purchasing of land, the erection of new buildings, or the carrying out of structural alterations of any description. It shall consist of three members. Membership on any other Committee shall not debar any brother from being elected to this Committee.
- (j) Any other Committee or Committees as the Conference may, from time to time, determine; such Committee or Committees to have such powers and duties as the Conference in electing them shall decide, and during their term of office shall report to the Conference Executive.
- (k) Any member of a Committee absenting himself from two consecutive meetings of that Committee, without stating a reason that shall be considered satisfactory to the Committee concerned shall be liable to forfeit his position at the discretion of the Committee, which shall then proceed to fill the vacancy. Vacancies occurring through any other reason shall also be filled by the Committee concerned.
- (l) The President, or, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all business meetings of the Conference Executive. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees.
- (m) Each Committee shall appoint its own chairman, secretary and treasurer, and such other officers as may be necessary. It may employ whatever service may be necessary for effective work in its department. It shall be responsible to Conference and duly report thereto. In its financial appeals such Committee shall be governed by the decisions and directions of Conference. The Aborigines Committee, the Boys' Home Committee, the Social Service Committee, the Bible Schools and Young People's Committee, the Foreign Missionary Committee, the Conference Executive, the Board of Management of the Churches of Christ Bible College, N.S.W., and the Home Missionary Committee may each

make an annual appeal for funds on the following days, namely, the first Lord's Day in February, March, April, May, July, September, October and December respectively, the Home Missionary Committee to have the right to make an appeal at Easter in addition. No other Committee shall, without permission of the Conference Executive, make any other direct appeal to churches or church auxiliaries.

11. Conference Executive:

The Executive Committee of Conference shall consist of the Conference Officers as provided in Article 9, and one member from each of the 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 New South Wales. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for:—

- (a) The convening and orderly conduct of all meetings of the Conference.
- (b) The proper carrying out of all decisions of Conference, not referred to the province of any other Committee.
- (c) The sympathetic co-operation with all committees in the furthering of the objects of Conference as set forth in Article 2.
- (d) The arranging of a quarterly meeting with the four standing committees, and such other auxiliaries as may be invited by the Executive, for prayer and general consideration of Conference work.
- (e) The planning of such other united brotherhood meetings as shall contribute to the development of the work of the churches, and the spiritual growth of the members.
- (g) Every member of the Conference Executive shall have one vote, and the President, Vice-President, or Chairman presiding, a casting vote in addition to the deliberative one.

12. Nominations:

Nominations for Conference Officers and standing committees shall be received in writing from Churches, or from individual brethren up to two weeks before the meeting of such Conference, such nominations to have the written consent of the nominees attached. The Conference Executive shall make up any deficiencies in the number of nominations received by nominating sufficient brethren to provide a ballot.

13. Election of Officers:

- (a) Any member of the Churches associated in good standing shall be eligible for election to not more than two of the Committees referred to in Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of Clause 10. He may, however, hold in addition any office on any other Committee.
- (b) That the voting for election of Conference Officers and Conference Committees appointed by Conference shall be by ballot, that in the event of a tie between two or more that effects the number to be elected, another ballot be taken between those tying. In the event of a tie on the second ballot the chairman shall give his casting vote.

14. Conference Meetings:

The Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be held at such time and place as may have been selected by the Conference Executive. At least two months' notice shall be given by the Executive to the Churches associated of the time and place of such meetings.

15. Special Meetings:

Special meetings of Conference may be called as often as necessary by the Conference Executive, and shall also be summoned upon a requisition in writing, signed on behalf of at least eight of the

Churches associated, such requisition to set forth fully the business proposed, to be brought forward at such meeting. At least one month's notice shall be given by the Conference Executive to the Churches associated of the time and place and business to be considered at such meetings. No business shall be entertained or discussed at such special meeting other than that specified upon the Executive's notice convening such special meeting.

16. Notice of Business:

That six weeks' notice in writing shall be given to the Conference Executive of all business to be brought forward at any meeting of the Annual Conference; such notice to set forth fully the motion to be moved and to be signed by the proposer; and no matter of which such notice has not been given shall be discussed at any such meeting. This clause shall not be construed to apply to any matter of business presented in or arising out of the report of the Executive appointed by Conference. Provided always that at the discretion of the President, Conference may set apart certain of its time for general business when this rule shall not apply.

17. Standing Orders:

(a) That such standing orders as may be necessary to the orderly conduct of the deliberations of the Conference shall be framed by the Executive and approved by the vote of Conference, and shall, thereafter, be construed as part of this Constitution.

(b) No Standing Order shall be of any force if it be contrary to the spirit of this Constitution.

(c) That, subject to the preceding provisions, the Conference may at any time at its own discretion, suspend, amend, or rescind, any or all of such Standing Orders.

18. Amendment of Constitution:

That no amendment of the Constitution shall be entertained except at an Annual Conference. Six weeks' notice of intention to propose any amendment of the Constitution shall be given in writing, signed by the proposer, such notice to set forth fully the term and nature of the proposed amendment.

19. Auditors:

At the Annual Conference, the Conference shall nominate and elect such Auditor or Auditors as it shall deem necessary to audit the books and accounts made necessary by this Constitution, and such Auditor or Auditors shall present a report of their audit at the succeeding Annual Conference. Provided that any vacancy in the position of Auditor or Auditors in the interim shall be filled by the Conference Executive.

20. Old Constitution:

All existing resolutions of Conference defining its Constitution shall be and are hereby rescinded.

21. Reservation:

The Conference, being purely for evangelistic purposes, shall have no control over the Churches, nor power to settle matters of discipline or dispute of any Church, but the Conference Executive may counsel in any dispute when requested by the parties so to do.

22. This Constitution to take effect as from 1st March, 1937.

STANDING ORDERS.

1. The ordinary rules of debate shall regulate the proceedings of this Conference so far as they do not conflict with this Constitution.
2. All members of the Conference shall enjoy equal rights in the discussion of all matters that may engage the attention of Conference.
3. Each representative, even though he may represent more than one Church, shall have one vote.
4. Any ten (10) representatives shall be entitled to call for a division upon any question put to vote when a division of representatives shall be taken.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

- ALBURY.**—David Street.
 Preacher: H. Edwards.
 Secretary: W. Combridge, 642 Sackville Street, Albury.
- ASHFIELD.**—167 Norton Street.
 Preacher: R. P. Arnott, 68 Holden Street, Ashfield. UA 3034.
 Secretary: J. Fraser, 87 Milton Street, Ashfield.
- AUBURN.**—Auburn Road.
 Preacher: E. Davis, 51 Park Road, Auburn. UX 6412.
 Secretary: R. Bartholomew, 99 Vaughan Street, Lidcombe.
- AUBURN NORTH.**—Parramatta Road.
 Preacher: C. J. Beale, Church of Christ Bible College, Woolwich. Hunter 954.
 Secretary: Miss E. E. Adams, "Reno," Day Street, North Lidcombe.
- AUSTRAL.**—Opposite Public School.
 Secretary: J. Goldfinch, 7th Avenue, Austral, via Liverpool.
- BANGALOW.**—Temperance Hall.
 Preacher: — Hopper, 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. UL 2556.
- BELMORE.**—Cr. Burwood Road and Chalmers Street.
 Preacher: B. G. Corlett, 11 McCourt Street, Lakemba. UL 2361.
 Secretary: T. Hawkins, 31 St. Albans Road, Belmore.
- BEVERLY HILLS.**—Stoney Creek Road.
 Preacher: J. B. Grant, Church of Christ Bible College, Woolwich. Hunter 954.
 Secretary: L. Wheat, 103 Dumbleton Road, Penshurst.
- BEXLEY NORTH.**—New Illawarra Road.
 Preacher: J. Henderson, Church of Christ Bible College, Woolwich. Hunter 954.
 Secretary: T. W. G. Bagley, 11 Handley Avenue, Bexley North. LX 3186
- BLACKHEATH.**—Wentworth Street.
 Secretary: Mrs. B. Field, 13 Lookout Street, Blackheath.
- BURWOOD.**—Clarence Street.
 Preacher: D. Wakeley, 18 Clarence Street, Burwood. UJ 4837.
 Secretary: T. A. Button, 4 Undine Street, Five Dock. WA 1398.
- CANLEY VALE.**—Canley Vale Road.
 Preacher: — Parker, Church of Christ, Bible College, Woolwich. Hunter 954.
 Secretary: E. Christopherson, 108 Canley Vale Road, Canley Vale.
- CANTERBURY-EARLWOOD.**—Burlington Avenue.
 Preacher: A. Hinrichsen, 72 Gibbs Street, Rockdale. LX 2181.
 Secretary: W. L. Caspersen, 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, 282 Maitland Road, Cessnock.
- CHATSWOOD.**—Victoria Avenue.
 Preacher: F. A. Youens, 45 Victoria Street, Chatswood. JA 1517.
 Secretary: F. W. Woodward, 27 Peckham Avenue, Chatswood. JA 3783.
- DOONSIDE.**—Kildare Street.
 Secretary: F. J. Reeson, Kildare Street, Doonside.
- ENMORE.**—Metropolitan Road.
 Preacher: S. Stevens, 61 Cambridge Street, Stanmore. LA 1818.
 Secretary: Dr. E. A. Bardsley, Eastern Road, Turramurra. JW 3147.
- EPPING.**—Bridge Road.
 Preacher: H. McCallum, 45 Victoria Street, Epping. Epping 942.
 Secretary: S. Morris, 39 Eastwood Avenue, Eastwood. Epping 2367.
- ERSKINEVILLE.**—John Street.
 Secretary: G. E. Burns, City Temple, Campbell Street, Sydney.
- FAIRFIELD.**—
 Preachers: A. W. Morris and A. Norling, Church of Christ Bible College, Woolwich. Hunter 954.
 Secretary: Mrs. Lewis, 118 Smithfield Road, Fairfield. UB 1283.
- GEORGETOWN.**—Georgetown Road.
 Preacher: R. V. Amos, 12 Cowper Street, Georgetown.
 Secretary: W. H. Fraser, 4 David Street, Georgetown.
- GILGANDRA.**—Warren Road.
 Preacher: P. Retchford.
 Secretary: A. R. Burrill, "Windsor," Gilgandra.
- GRAFTON.**—Bacon Street.
 Preacher: P. J. Pond, B.A., 157 Pound Street, Grafton.
 Secretary: F. P. Fernance, 137 Alice Street, Grafton.
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 Preacher: G. D. Verco, 79 Prospect Street, Granville.
 Secretary: R. Kenyon, 11 Birmingham Street, Merrylands.
- GRANVILLE SOUTH.**—John Street.
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 Secretary: S. B. Hibbard, 29 John Street, Granville.
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 Secretary: R. Dickens, 56 Hunter Street, Hornsby.

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Preacher: C. Latimer, Church of Christ Bible College, Woolwich. Hunter 954.
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Preacher: R. Acland, 101 Diadem Street, Lismore.
Secretary: R. R. Wotherspoon, 9 Garden Street, Lismore.
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Preacher: G. Brown, Church of Christ Bible College, Woolwich. Hun. 954.
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- MANLY.**—Eustace Street (Hall).
Preacher: R. Wilson, Church of Christ Bible College, Woolwich. Hun. 954.
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Secretary: W. Donaldson, 5 Cabramatta Road, Mosman.
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Secretary: C. Coomber, Slade Street, North Sydney.
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Secretary: R. Kenyon, 11 Birmingham Street, Merrylands.
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Secretary: H. L. Illife, Bringelly Road, via Liverpool.
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Secretary: G. L. Piper, 214 Seven Hills Road, Seven Hills.
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Preacher: A. C. Maclean, 60 Sloan Street, Haberfield. UA 1768.
Secretary: A. C. Morris, Bayview Street, Northwood.
- SYDNEY CHINESE.**—Campbell Street.
Secretary: W. H. Wong, 145 Parramatta Road, Annandale.
- TAREE.**—Victoria Street.
Preacher: A. G. Saunders, 95 Victoria Street, Taree. Phone 308.
Secretary: A. W. Billingham, Box 171, P.O., Taree.
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Secretary: L. P. W. Smith, 23 Brooklyn Street, Tempe.
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Secretary: F. C. Brown, Tyalgum, Tweed River.
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Preacher: S. Jenner, 89 Fox Street, Wagga Wagga.
Secretary: G. B. Brown, 23 Norman Street, Wagga Wagga.
- WINGHAM.**—Dingo Street.
Preacher: A. G. Saunders, 95 Victoria Street, Taree. Phone 308.
Secretary: K. E. W. Cross, "Pretoria," Wingham.
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Preacher: D. R. Stirling, 29 Lucindon Street, Wollongong.
Secretary: E. J. Bignill, Hillview Avenue, North Wollongong.