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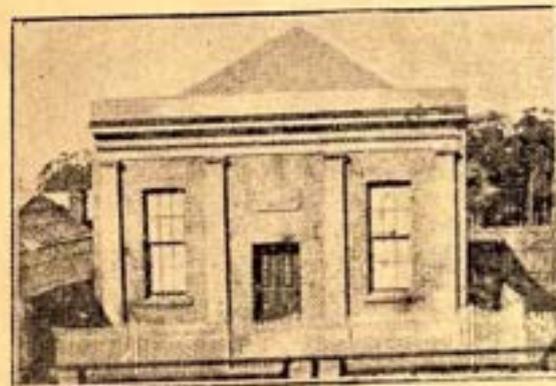
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Conference)



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YOUTH NIGHT!

Monday, March 12, 1945

7.30 p.m.,

**CITY TEMPLE
 CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY**

Chairman: Conference President,

A SPECIAL INVITATION
 to Conference Delegates, Church Members, Parents
 and Friends.

7.15 p.m.: Slides of Christmas Camp.

7.30 p.m.: Song Service Mr. Roy Greenhalgh

7.45 p.m.: Hymn "Saviour, While My Heart is Tender"

Prayer.

President's Remarks.

Offering for Y.P.D.

Camp Testimonies.

Hymn "Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep"

"THE MASTER'S CUP."

A Biblical Dramatisation in Five Incidents.
 (Scenes from the Life of Peter.)

"For even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also
 suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow
 His steps."

Hymn "Bear the Cup of Loving Service"
 (Unannounced)

BENEDICTION.

51st WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1945

The Tabernacle, Metropolitan Road, Enmore

MORNING SESSION: 10.30 o'clock.

President: Mrs. P. D. McCALLUM.
Devotional Leader: Mrs. B. DAY.

BUSINESS:

Welcome to Delegates Mrs. McCallum
Minutes of 1944 Conference Mrs. Palmer
Roll Call.

Hymn—"Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Superintendents' Reports: (1) Obituary, Mrs. Budgen, Prayer.
(2) Treasurer, Miss D. Verco.

Solo Mrs. D. Wakeley

Reports continued: (3) Ashwood House, Miss Ashwood, (4) New-
ington, Mrs. Torode, (5) Temperance and Social Service,
Mrs. Redman, (6) Isolated Sisters', Miss Elliot, (7)
Prayer Meeting, Mrs. Schofield, (8) Interchurch Council,
(9) Missionary Education, (10) Catering, Miss Flood,
(11) Pianiste, Mrs. P. Verco.

Hymn No. 9—"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken."

Home Missions Report Mrs. Maxwell

Overseas Missions Report Mrs. B. Day

Revision of Constitution.

Business.

Closing Meditation Mrs. W. Evan Lewis

Benediction.

Basket Lunch, Tea, Milk and Sugar provided.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2.15.

Hymn No. 20—"Jesus the Very Thought of Thee."

Scripture Reading Mrs. D. Main

Prayer for Empire.

Welcome Mrs. Palmer

Executive Report.

Greetings.

Representatives of other Churches.

Response Newcastle Representative

Duet Mrs. A. Copley and Mrs. Allen

Offering.

Hymn No. 22—"Join All the Glorious Names."

Prayer Mrs. Stirling

Address Mrs. P. M. Haslett

Hymn No. 23—"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun."

Prayer and Benediction.

Tea served at 5.30 — Cost 1/6.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 1945

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EVENING SESSION, 7.45.

President: Mrs. P. D. McCALLUM.

Devotional Leader: Mrs. G. E. BURNS.

Welcome.

Greeting, General President.

Solo—"Arise, O Sun" Miss Nancy Fisher

Chairman's Remarks.

Announcements of Conference Officers and Superintendents.

Duet—"Whenever I Think of Him" Misses Reilly

Address Miss Lillian Livingstone, B.A.
(Minister of Allawah Congregational Church)

Hymn No. 34—"The Day Thou Gavest."

Prayer Incoming President, Mrs. D. Wakeley

Benediction.

Secretary: Mrs. G. E. Knight.

Pianiste: Mrs. P. Verco.

OUR TASK — THE NEEDY

**SOCIAL SERVICE
DEMONSTRATION**

CITY TEMPLE
CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

Wednesday, 14th March, 1945

Chairman: Conference President.

PROGRAMME.

Song Service, 7.15 to 7.30.

Hymn No. 1

Prayer.

Anthem Marrickville Choir

Address: Dr. H. W. Dart, B.A. (Gen. Sec. Sydney Rescue Society)

Scripture Lesson Mr. R. Acland

Announcements and Offering.

Anthem Marrickville Choir

Address Mr. S. A. MacDonald, O.B.E.
(Gen. Sec. Sydney City Mission)

Hymn No. 25

Benediction.

Meeting timed to close at 9.15 p.m.

PREACHERS' SESSION

2.30 p.m.

Bible House, Bathurst Street

**Overseas and Aboriginal Mission
Demonstration**

CITY TEMPLE
CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1945

7.45 p.m.

Chairman: Conference President.

Hymn.

Prayer.

Solo. Mr. Gordon Lin

Scripture—Romans 10 Mr. P. C. Williams
(Chairman F.M. Com.)

Brief Historical Review of Mission Work.

Item: Recording of Hymns sung by Native Crew of Mission
Launch, Endeavour III.

Offering.

Hymn.

Address Mr. B. R. Wyllie, M.A. (Master Wesley College)

Solo Mr. Gordon Lin

Hymn.

Benediction.

**Opening Business Session of
General Conference**

Friday, March 16, 1945

**CITY TEMPLE
CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY**

Chairman: Conference President.

7.30 p.m.: Devotional D. R. Stirling

Admission of New Churches.

Inward and Outward Greetings.

Welcome to New Preachers.

President's Message.

Conference Executive Report.

Incorporation and Property Management.

Council of Churches.

BUSINESS SESSION

**ENMORE TABERNACLE
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE**

Saturday, March 17, 1945

- 9.30 a.m.: Devotional S. Vanham
- 9.45 a.m.: President takes the Chair.
Election of Scrutineers.
- 9.50 a.m.: Boys' Home Board Report.
- 10.20 a.m.: Aborigines' Mission Board Report.
- 10.50 a.m.: Amendments to Constitution and Notices of Motion.
- 11.25 a.m.: Distribution of Ballot Papers.
- 11.30 a.m.: Social Service Committee Report.
- 12.20 p.m.: Messenger Management Committee Report.
- 12.45 p.m.: Adjournment for Lunch (provided by Sisters' Conference — 1/6.)
- 2.00 p.m.: Bible Schools and Young People's Committee Report.
- 2.50 p.m.: Overseas Mission Committee Report.
- 3.40 p.m.: Home Mission Committee Report.
- 4.30 p.m.: Country Preachers' Session.
- 4.50 p.m.: New South Wales Bible College Report.
- 5.40 p.m.: Resolutions.
- 6.00 p.m.: Adjournment for Tea (provided by Sisters' Conference — 1/-)

HOME MISSION DEMONSTRATION

ENMORE TABERNACLE,
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

Saturday, March 17, 1945
7.15 p.m.

Chairman: Conference President.

Praise Service

Hymn—"Crown Him With Many Crowns."

Prayer.

Scripture Reading.

Announcement of Conference Officers and Committees.

Recognition of Retiring President.

Introduction of New President.

Hymn.

Prayer Bro. S. Vanham

Veteran Witnesses' Testimony.

Solo Miss Flood

Address Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen

Offering By Congregation

Sisters' Offering Sister Armstrong

A.B.C. Band Offering Bro. A. L. Carter

Hymn.

Benediction.

CONFERENCE SERMON

CITY TEMPLE,
CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

SUNDAY, 18th MARCH, 1945

President: R. H. WAKELEY.

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

3.00 p.m.: National Anthem.

Anthem: "At Even ere the Sun was Set"—Marrickville Choir.
Turner

Prayer E. Davis

Hymn: "All Hail the Power" No. 1

Offering for Preachers' Provident Fund.

Solo: "Forward to Christ" Miss Nancy Fisher

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13-23 R. W. Perkins

Hymn: "I will sing the wondrous story" No. 15

Address: "Regaining a lost power" P. E. Thomas, B.A.

Hymn: "Oh, Worship the King" No. 29

Benediction.

Conductor: Mr. Alan Rae.

Organist: Mr. Howard Pollard. Pianist: Miss Jessie Webster.

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Bible College Demonstration
AND
Presentation of Diplomas

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1945
7.30 p.m.

CITY TEMPLE
CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

Chairman: Conference President

Hymn.

Prayer A. W. Ladbroke, M.A., Dip.Ed.

Reading T. E. Rofe (Deputy Chairman)

Presentation of Diplomas Principal H. J. Patterson, M.A.

Response R. Wilson

Item College Students

Offering.

Representative of A.B.C. Band.

Response J. H. Adams (Treasurer)

Hymn.

Item College Students

Address: "IN THE YEAR 1945" Principal H. J. Patterson, M.A.

Hymn.

Prayer R. P. Arnott, M.A.

Benediction.

BUSINESS SESSION

CITY TEMPLE

CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

Tuesday, March 20, 1945

Chairman: Conference President.

7.30 p.m.: Devotional. L. Dewberry.

7.45 p.m.: Book Room Committee Report.

8.15 p.m.: Advisory Board Report.

Preachers' Provident Fund Report.

Building Advisory Board Report.

Chapel Extension Fund Report.

Unfinished Business.

YOUTH SPEAKS!

GREAT CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR RALLY

Wednesday, March 21, 1945

7.30 p.m. at CITY TEMPLE

Chairman: Conference President.

Theme: "Christ's Everyday."

"How much joy and comfort you can all bestow,
If you scatter sunshine everywhere you go."

"Living for Christ in a Material World."
—Geoff. Crossman.

"Accepting the Challenge of Christ for the Heights."
—(Miss) Rae Edwards.

Endeavourers will stand and repeat the Pledge.

SIXTY YEARS OF BROTHERHOOD WORK

By E. J. HILDER



HERE is little doubt that, in part, the beginning of the work of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales is indirectly attributable to the visit paid to England, in 1847, by Alexander Campbell. One of those who had come under the influence of his teaching was John Hodgson, who later decided to seek his fortune in far-away Australia, and began his long journey in the early part of 1850. Two of his fellow passengers particularly attracted his attention—a young couple named Stimson. They were Wesleyan Methodists, but became much interested in the story that Hodgson had to tell of the teaching of Alexander Campbell. The six-months' voyage gave them plenty of time to consider what their newly found friend told them. They were finally won over to the simplicity of the Gospel, and were baptised in Bathurst Street Baptist Church by Mr. John Ham, on 1st September, 1850. It is probable that they made their home at some distance from Sydney.

In 1859, meetings were held at Fairfield in the home of William Stimson, and probably John Hodgson was associated with them, as it is known that he at one time resided in that locality. Careful research indicates the baptism of the Stimsons as the starting point of our work; and this is supported by the fact that, whilst their baptism is recorded in the books of the Bathurst Street Baptist Church, no mention is made of their taking membership there. Later on these three people became members of the Church of Christ meeting at Newtown.

The beginning of our organised work is also traceable to English influence, being the direct result of the action of Eleazer Griffin, a member of the Church of Christ meeting in a hall in St. Pancras Road, London. This brother collected a number of issues of "The Millennial Harbinger" and other literature published by our British brethren, packed them all in a box, which he sent to his brother Albert, who had a grocery store in Sydney. Albert Griffin was a Wesleyan Methodist who had become unsettled, and indeed had reached a crisis in his beliefs when the box arrived. He eagerly read the books and papers, all his doubts were removed, and he was baptised in Bathurst Street Baptist Church in November, 1851. In the following year he

came into touch with two other disciples in the persons of Henry Mitchell and his wife, with the result that the three of them, on 16th November, 1852, met in the back room of Griffin's shop to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Out of that memorable meeting grew the present Sydney and Enmore Churches.

Our First Evangelist.

Early in 1865, the Churches at Sydney, Newtown, South Creek and Bethany (which was really Fairfield) formed an Evangelist Committee. At the request of that committee, Newtown Church met to call an evangelist, and the unanimous choice was Edward Lewis, a stone mason by trade, who became the first full-time preacher of our churches in New South Wales. He was formally set apart for the work by the laying on of hands by the elders around the Lord's Table and in the presence of a crowded company. Some years before this he, together with Joseph Kingsbury, John Standen and David Lewis, had met Albert Griffin, and after much debate and searching of the Scriptures, had decided to follow their Lord in baptism. They were baptised in Cooks River, Marrickville, by Albert Griffin, on Sunday morning, 4th September, 1853. One who knew Edward Lewis intimately in New Zealand spoke of him as "full of consecrated enthusiasm, firm in his faith in the adaptability of the primitive Gospel to the spiritual wants of the age, gentle in manner, genial in disposition, tender with the erring and full of sympathy for those in trouble." Bro. Lewis exercised a wonderful influence as a preacher and teacher. To the great regret of all his friends, he decided to make his home in New Zealand, and in May, 1866, he sailed away to do a splendid work which ultimately earned him the title of the "Grand Old Man of the New Zealand Churches."

The progress of the work is shown in a report to the first Victorian Conference in April, 1866, that there were then in New South Wales four Churches, 106 members, 72 Sunday School scholars and 12 teachers.

The next event of general importance was the erection by Newtown Church of a meeting house in King Street with a seating capacity of 300. The 40 feet of land cost £120, and the building £480, making a total expenditure of £600. This was the first building owned by the brotherhood, and it was a great boon, as it provided convenient facilities for conducting baptisms. Cooks River had been used for this purpose, as were also public baths in Woolloomooloo and also an open-air baptistery made in a corner of William Stimson's orchard at Fairfield. Later on the baptistery of the Bathurst Street Baptist Church was placed at the disposal of the brethren, who for a while were allowed to use it every Friday night.

The First Conference.

Conference records show that the officers of the Newtown Church convened a meeting of the five metropolitan churches on 15th May, 1885, to discuss the advisability of holding an annual conference to consider how best to make a united effort to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom. The brethren were unanimously in favour, and several meetings were held to frame a constitution and elect the first officers. The election resulted as follows: president, Joseph Kingsbury; vice-president, G. P. Jones; secretary, John Hindle; treasurer, William Stimson; assistant secretary, Edmund Gole; committee, G. W. Logan, C. Woollams, J. Halliday, T. Hawkins and William Wilson. The meetings were all held in the Christians' Meeting House in King Street, Newtown.

The first conference was held in Elizabeth Street chapel on Good Friday, 23rd April, 1886, with 40 delegates representing churches at Sydney, Newtown, Myrtle Street Darlington, Petersham, Rookwood, Lismore and Manning River. The president made an earnest appeal to the brethren to prosecute with vigour the work they had so successfully begun. The report dealt with the preceding six months, and showed a total membership of 684. The revenue for the period was £123/12/6, about half coming from 105 members who had been regularly giving one penny per week. R. C. Gilmour—the first evangelist engaged by the conference—gave his report for four months' work at Lismore and two at Rookwood. The church at Bungawalbyn was the first one established on the Richmond River. It originally met in the home of Bro. and Sister Stewart, whose son, in 1935, was the preacher at Wingham. Later the Lismore church, with about 25 members, held meetings in Walker's Crusade Hall, and small meetings were also held at Bexhill and Gunderimbah and other places. Bro. Gilmour's report included the following figures: miles travelled, 2140; discourses delivered, 134; visits paid, 326; immersions, 3; and hours reading, 568. Edward Bagley had been working at Petersham since 3rd January, 1886, with considerable success, 28 being added to the church in that time. After Conference business, the secretary read an essay prepared by G. B. Moysey, who had recently resigned as evangelist of Newtown church and returned to Melbourne. The subject was, "Our responsibility as the Stewards of God," and about 200 heard it read.

The second conference was held in the recently opened Enmore Tabernacle, which was only half the size that it is now, and Dr. Joseph Kingsbury presided, 55 delegates representing seven churches. The treasurer reported a deficiency on the year's working of £7/0/1. In those days there were no conference sermons on Easter Sunday, but essays were read on the

Good Friday night and were open to discussion and criticism. At this conference the essay was prepared and read by William Wilson, the subject being, "Our position in the religious world and how to strengthen it."

The third conference was held in Sydney and presided over by Thomas Hawkins. A discussion took place over a motion that a collection be taken up in conference for Brotherhood work. By a majority of one an amendment was carried, "That the collection be confined to members of the Church or immersed believers, and that the chairman should distinctly notify the same to the audience prior to the collection." The subsequent offering of £11 was considered a good one. This conference was unique in that all the business was over by 4.30 p.m., and delegates had nothing to do till tea time and the evening essay.

Advanced Proposals.

At the fourth conference, J. F. Floyd was president. The home missionary committee reported their inability to secure a conference evangelist; when half the year had passed, an American preacher, Alexander Johnstone, unexpectedly arrived on a health trip and his services were secured. Assistance had been given to the churches at Petersham, Chatham, Adamstown, Wagga Wagga, Moree and Camperdown. The conference decided to co-operate with the other colonies in the institution of an inter colonial conference. This was the forerunner of our Federal Conference. Joseph Stimson was appointed treasurer, but only served twelve months on that occasion.

The following conference was not a particularly happy one, because finances had been adversely affected by the severe depression that the colony was passing through. Alexander Johnstone had been obliged to return to the U.S.A. through continued ill-health, and William Donaldson was engaged. Jacob Saxby was the president.

The continued bad financial position of the colony made it impossible to report much progress at 1891 conference presided over by Charles Watt. D. McCrackett had succeeded William Donaldson. The conference, however, arrived at two important decisions. One, at the instigation of Edmund Gole, was "that at the next Intercolonial Conference the subject of foreign missions be placed on the programme for discussion." The second one, moved by C. A. Rofe, was "that this conference suggests to the churches the advisability of devoting one Lord's Day collection every year for the conference funds." This was the first conference to be spread over two days. One very important feature of the period in question was the organisation of foreign mission work in Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. G. L. Wharton and his wife, missionaries labouring in

India, under the direction of The Foreign Missionary Society of America, came to Australia on furlough; Brother Wharton visited the different colonies, and by his inspiring and educational addresses on world-wide evangelism kindled an enthusiasm that had not existed before, and a strong interest was aroused in Foreign Missions. Bro. Wharton's strong desire that the Australian churches should have a direct representative on the Indian mission field was realised in the following year, when the field force there was strengthened by the sweet influence and charming personality of Miss Mary Thompson.

The 1892 Conference, presided over by Charles Watt, was notable for a great improvement in the Home Mission receipts, which doubled those of the previous year. It was decided to ask the churches to appoint one collector for every 25 members and to plead for regular contributions. D. M. McCrackett had laboured successfully as State evangelist at Petersham and the Richmond River. Conference decided to establish a labour bureau for members who were out of work.

At the 1893 conference, presided over by John Kingsbury, it was reported that in May, 1892, nine members of Sydney church met at Woollahra to break bread and hold Gospel meetings, the speakers on the first occasion being John Crawford and George Bagley. This was the beginning of the Paddington church, and the credit of its foundation belongs to the Sydney brethren. Conference carried the following resolution: "That it is desirable that the disciples of Christ in the Australian colonies should establish a fund for old or worn-out preachers or evangelists who have spent their lives in the service of their Lord and Master." On May 17, 1892, the Bible School Union was formed, the schools at Enmore, Sydney and Petersham being represented; and the first secretary was D. R. Hall.

Beginning of Women's Conference.

J. Colbourne was president of the 1894 conference. The new churches at Albury and Marrickville were admitted to the Association. Just a few days before this Conference, some 80 or 90 sisters met in the Elizabeth Street chapel at the invitation of Mrs. W. T. Clapham and they resolved, "that annual conferences of the sisters be held on the Monday before Easter of each year, to discuss the need and arrange for the more effective use of the talents of the Christian women in the Master's service." Mrs. Clapham was the first president of the Sisters' Conference, and she was succeeded by Mrs. D. A. Ewers, who held office whilst in the colony.

The 1895 Conference report revealed that the brotherhood was beginning to have growing pains, and was developing a

realisation of changing conditions, as the following quotation will show: "As time rolls on and circumstances change, modern efforts have been found necessary to meet our changed and modern conditions. Amongst the number we may mention the Temperance cause in connection with the churches, the Bible Society, the Home and Foreign Missions, the Christian Endeavour Society, and last, but not least, the establishment of a Sisters' Conference in New South Wales, which, although in its infancy, with the encouragement that it deserves, may be as great a power for good as any we have mentioned." The conference, which was presided over by James Hunter, passed a motion of congratulation to the sisters. The sisters that day provided the 67 male delegates with an excellent dinner free of charge. The Bible School Union was successful in its first competitive examination, in which Sydney and Enmore presented 53 scholars and gained five prizes and 28 certificates.

The 1896 conference, presided over by J. Colbourne, was notable as the first one held in the recently acquired City Temple. The building had been erected by the anti-Christian Thinkers of Sydney, but they were unable to hold it, and the Sydney church bought it much below cost. The Home Mission Committee reported a serious shortage of funds, and it seemed at one time as though the work would have to be suspended; but the position was saved by the action of Enmore church, which, being without a preacher at the time, took over the conference evangelist, W. T. Clapham. An interesting feature of the year was the return to the colony for a time of Edward Lewis in exchange with W. T. Clapham.

The Nineties

All through the nineties brotherhood work was greatly hindered by the financial depression. This is strikingly shown by the fact that from 1892 to 1898 individual contributions to Home Mission funds only amounted to £6/15/4, and that was all given in one year. The revenue came entirely from offerings at conference and the work of collectors. At the suggestion of the Sisters' Conference, meetings were held in the Domain on Eight Hours' Day for several years, and were well attended. Interest in Foreign Missions was increased by a visit by Archibald McLean, who was the secretary for that work for the American brethren. Prior to that conference, the conference secretarial work was performed on an honorary basis, but it was then decided to give the secretary an honorarium of £6 yearly. The position still continued to be honorary, however, as the secretaries either handed the money back to the funds or spent it in visiting the country churches. Previous to the 1897 conference, the debit balance on the Home Mission account had been small,

and had been advanced by the treasurer, but from that date it began to increase, and in the 1899-1900 period arrangements were made for a bank overdraft. James Hunter was the president for 1897 conference.

1898 conference was presided over by G. T. Walden. Thomas Bagley arrived from America in May, 1898, and the committee arranged for him to begin a ministry with Woollahra church.

First Annual Offering for Foreign Missions.

1899 Conference found P. A. Dickson in the presidential chair. It was an important year for the Foreign Mission Committee, for the first box of Christmas gifts was sent to India, the Sisters' Conference and the Christian Endeavour Societies helping materially. The first annual offering for Foreign Missions was taken up in that period, resulting in £29/6/11½ being received from 12 churches.

Meetings of the 1900 conference were planned for the City Temple under the presidency of D. A. Ewers. Just before Easter Conference an epidemic of bubonic plague broke out in Sydney, and the health authorities were much alarmed, and a general clean-up of the city followed. The Sisters' Conference was held as usual, and whilst the delegates were having tea, men were erecting barricades around the buildings opposite, as a plague case had been discovered there. In consequence the evening service was poorly attended. The meetings of general conference had to be hastily switched over to Enmore Tabernacle.

G. P. Jones was the chairman of 1901 conference. The year had been one of financial stringency, and the H.M. Committee only pulled through by lessening the help to assisted churches and by some special contributions from brethren and the Sydney and Enmore churches. In September, 1900, the Foreign Mission Committee took over the work amongst the local Chinese which had been going for about 18 months. The Temperance Committee made its first report. Conference was informed that the Sydney church had sold the Elizabeth Street property for £1,200, and that Paddington and Petersham churches had opened new buildings.

1902 conference was presided over by Walter Macindoe. Conference accepted, with some alterations, the findings of a special committee in regard to securing a site at the Federal Capital. One recommendation of the Home Mission committee gave rise to a very lively debate and was finally adopted. It read as follows: "That this Conference express its disapproval of the repeated use of the term 'Rev.' being applied to evangelists of the Church of Christ in newspapers and printed programmes." When the report of the Sunday School Union was

adopted, a recommendation was added that a special night in future conferences should be set apart for Sunday School work.

1903 conference was held on Anniversary Day to allow delegates to attend the Victorian Jubilee Conference, and that date so commended itself that it was retained for some years. It was not till 1908 that Easter time came into favour again as conference time. The year's working showed a deficit of £21/16/4, but a special offering at conference realised over £50. The president was G. T. Walden.

At the 1904 conference a number of intercolonial visitors were present, amongst them being the Victorian State evangelist, H. G. Harward, and his singing assistant, E. W. Pittman. These brethren afterwards held a successful mission for Enmore church. John Kingsbury presided over the conference.

The church at Lismore opened its new building just prior to the 1905 conference, which was presided over by A. E. Illingworth. New ground had been broken at North Sydney, where a number of brethren had gone to reside, the committee arranging for G. H. Browne to hold weekly meetings in one of the homes.

The 1906 conference changed the date of the annual Home Mission offering to the first Sunday in December, instead of January. Thomas Bagley had become State evangelist, and he reported several missions in the country and one at North Sydney, where a church had been organised and a local hall secured. The Foreign Mission committee had made a stride forward in opening a purely Australian Mission in the Bombay Presidency, under H. H. Strutton and his wife. This conference was presided over by James Hunter, it being his third term. James Hunter, G. T. Walden and H. G. Harward are the only brethren who have filled the presidential chair for three terms.

Churches of Christ Property Management Act.

The special feature of the 1907 conference was the intimation that the Churches of Christ Property Management Act had become law. This was a great boon to the brotherhood, as it secured the hold of churches on their properties. Previously the legal position was that church properties belonged to and were the private property of the people whose names appeared on the deeds; and the insolvency of one or more of them imperilled the property. Nine churches undertook the responsibility of framing the necessary Bill, finding upward of £100 expenses and seeing it through Parliament. Over 12 months was occupied in the work, and there were many meetings and plenty of scope for diplomatic finesse. The work was carried through by a special committee, altogether apart from conference, and is note-

worthy as being probably the first piece of co-operative work, apart from conference functioning, carried out by the brethren. A large number of our churches have since entered into the security of the Act. Conference was delighted to learn that the Lismore church had become self-supporting under the ministry of T. B. Fischer, and that Ethelbert Davis had been engaged to assist in the outlying districts. W. J. Williams, the president, was able to announce good progress. For some months past a few brethren had been meeting at Belmore and they were able with some assistance to purchase the only Protestant church building in that suburb and to occupy it for the first time on 4th November, 1906. The church that had been meeting at Chatham moved into a new chapel at Taree at a cost of £500. It held 220 people and was opened free of debt. The Paddington church had taken over the work at Lilyville so long conducted by John Fox and his sons. Land had been purchased for £110, and in the following May the first chapel was opened. Thomas Bagley held a mission at Erskineville at the request of the local mission band, and it resulted in 80 additions; later a church was organised, and G. H. Browne placed in charge. Inverell church had erected a fine brick chapel at a cost of £750. D. A. Ewers arrived in the colony in September, 1906, to become organising secretary and to also look after the North Sydney work.

The conference of 1908 was presided over by Thomas Hagger, who, in 1905, had come from the West to work with Paddington church. Ill health compelled D. A. Ewers to relinquish the position of State evangelist in 1908, and Thomas Hagger agreed to accept that position and act also as organising secretary. During the conference period a new cause was started at Hurstville in a local hall; North Sydney had bought a property and converted it into a chapel; and A. G. Day, on his return from U.S.A., was placed at Belmore and thus became the first evangelist in that field.

Centenary of Restoration Movement.

1909 was one of the Brotherhood's great years because of the celebrations in connection with the centenary of the Restoration Movement and the Federal Conference. It was a great compliment to the N.S.W. Brotherhood that both should be held here, and it rose to the occasion. S. G. Griffiths was the State president, and the report showed that a church had been organised at Mosman, and also one at Auburn. The special centenary meetings attracted 350 intercolonial and country visitors, who all received free accommodation in the homes of members. The outstanding feature was the combined communion service in

Sydney Town Hall on the Sunday morning. It was estimated that about 2,300 brethren and sisters partook of the emblems, and the organisation was entirely successful. T. J. Gore, of Adelaide, presided, the address was given by H. G. Harward, and the offering was £100. All meetings were special for the auspicious occasion, and were well attended.

G. T. Walden was chairman of the 1910 conference. It was decided to take up an annual offering for Bible Schools work and the Temperance Committee reported that owing to new legislation gambling, except on racecourses, had practically disappeared from the State.

Joseph Stimson guided the 1911 conference through its sessions, and the churches at Hornsby and Hamilton were admitted to association. Reference was gratefully made to the help to Foreign Missions through the visits of Bro. and Sister F. M. Rains from America and H. H. Strutton and his wife from India, and to the eminent services of Edmund Gole.

Joseph Stimson also presided over 1912 Conference, and material signs of progress were shown, as new chapels had been opened at Marrickville and North Auburn, and land was purchased at Erskineville, Hamilton and Mosman. The first annual offering for Bible School work amounted to £53/4/-. Thomas Hagger having resigned his work as State evangelist and organising secretary was succeeded by T. R. Coleman, of England.

1913 Conference, of which A. E. Illingworth was president, was notable for the rapid development of the work at Lilyville, where H. G. Harward, as State evangelist, had held a mission, the H.M. Committee afterwards placing F. T. Saunders there. William Gale was brought back to Sydney to become the first organising secretary of the Bible Schools Committee. The formation of the Chapel Extension Fund Ltd., was reported, and a few months later it was floated and began the helpful work that it has since carried on. The H.M. Committee, encouraged by the fact that about 40 brethren were living in Chatswood area, asked Thomas Bagley (then at City Temple) to undertake the establishment of a church there, and he started meetings in the School of Arts.

Active Building Operations.

A feature of the 1914 conference, over which T. Bagley presided, was the activity in building operations. Erskineville church had erected a chapel costing £1,250, Hornsby building had been enlarged, and St. Peters, Paddington, Marrickville and Enmore had made alterations, a total of nearly £4,000 being

spent. The foundation stone of the Mosman chapel was laid on Easter Monday, and the building was completed a few months later.

During the period under review at 1915 conference, the churches had the honour of a visit from Dr. and Mrs. Macklin, distinguished missionaries, representing the American Brotherhood in China. Conference was pleased to learn that Thomas Bagley had led the Chatswood church into possession of a chapel on the main street at a cost of £1,200. The H.M. Committee had agreed to subsidise the work by £3/5/- per week, but it was afterwards announced that the church had made arrangements to relieve the committee of any further expenditure. During the period the offices of Home Mission and Bible School organisers had been amalgamated, and William Gale accepted the dual position. Alan Price presided over the conference.

Returns to 1916 conference showed a total of 41 churches, with the same number of schools, and 29 buildings owned by the brethren. Hurstville church had erected the first part of their building. The first Reference and Credentials Committee was elected. H. G. Harward was president.

During the period considered by 1917 conference, a Chinese Sunday School was formed, being the first of its kind in the Commonwealth. William Gale resigned as joint organiser, and Charles Rush succeeded him. The church at Seven Hills tried to erect a building in one day, but wet weather prevented it. F. Collins had been elected president, but left for South Australia before the year was up, and the vice-president, Leo Russell, officiated at the conference.

At the next annual gathering the Bible Schools committee reported that the annual camp had become a growing feature, and that in the previous December, 42 men and boys had lived for a week in tents at Brisbane Water. Belmore church had completed its chapel, and the church at Lilyville had changed its name, and was to be known as South Kensington. H. G. Harward presided over the proceedings.

Establishment of Book Depot.

1919 Conference could not be held at Easter owing to a severe influenza epidemic, and for a while the Government insisted upon citizens wearing masks over the mouth and nostrils, and hand-shaking was prohibited. All church buildings were closed for the first two Sundays in February, and family meetings were therefore held. Later, services were permitted in the open air, but only for 30 minutes, members having to wear masks and sit three feet apart. The conference was held

in June, H. G. Harward presiding. It was announced that a Book Depot had been established in a room at the Bible House and that land had been purchased at Dumbleton, Blackheath, Loftus Park and Rockdale, also that Joseph Whelan had become the preacher of Chatswood church.

The 1920 conference, presided over by George Stimson, was memorable for the establishment of a Peace Fund in the interests of aggressive evangelism. It was started at a men's dinner and ultimately reached £1,700.

The conference of 1921 also had Geo. Stimson as president. A feature of the proceedings was the consideration of a report regarding meetings held with our Baptist brethren and the agreements there reached. The joint committee for union between the Baptists and ourselves reported further agreement to the 1922 conference, presided over by A. T. Eaton. Early in 1922, brethren living in Longueville district began to meet for worship in the local Masonic Hall.

John Crawford officiated over the meetings of 1923 conference. Soon after Charles Rush retired and H. G. Harward became organiser and State evangelist, and A. L. Haddon, Bible School organiser. The brethren at Chatswood, Rockdale, and Lismore entered into their new chapels.

Joseph Whelan conducted the proceedings of 1924 conference. Buildings at Cessnock and Hamilton had been completed. Members in the Ashfield district and also at Epping had begun to meet together, and Mrs. Cocks had opened a Bible School, at Granville, in October, Bankstown chapel was opened.

1925 Conference, presided over by T. E. Rofe, was informed that the Social Service committee was exploring the possibility of opening a children's orphanage and that the Granville building had been completed.

1926 conference had G. T. Fretwell as president. The Baker-Clay mission party, which had been holding a series of missions, had been compelled to close down its work owing to the committee's lack of funds. The new chapel of South Kensington church was opened soon after conference closed.

W. H. Hall was president of the 1927 conference. It was announced that H. G. Harward had resigned his position and would go to England to do mission work. Thomas Hagger had consented to fill the vacancy. During the year Jesse M. Bader, of U.S.A., visited Australia in the interests of the first World Conference of Disciples of Christ, to be held at Washington, D.C., in 1930. New buildings had been erected at Gilgandra and Burwood.

Early in 1928, the Home Mission Committee moved into the Bible House, and a few months before P. J. Pond became Bible

Schools organiser. R. Greenhalgh pioneered a new cause at Grafton, and the Children's Home at Tempe was opened. S. J. Southgate presided over the conference.

The 1929 conference was helped by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. L. Vawter, and Howard House, artist and pianist, from U.S.A. They held missions at city and country centres, including Albury, where a small cause had been started; as a result a church was organised and a preacher located. North Sydney chapel was completed. Lidcombe chapel was opened free of debt in 1929. A special conference was held during the year to consider alterations to the constitution, these being confirmed at another special one prior to the regular one in 1930. I. A. Paternoster presided, owing to the illness of the elected president, J. Chapple.

Constitutional Changes.

The conference of 1930, presided over by I. A. Paternoster, was held in June, on account of the Pentecost celebrations. The delegates were informed that the Social Service Committee had bought a property at Dundas and the children were afterwards moved there from Tempe, and that three churches had become self-supporting, viz., Mosman, North Sydney and Rockdale. The constitution that came into force at the close of the 1930 conference made a radical change in what had been operating for nearly 45 years, inasmuch as the Home Mission Committee ceased to be the chief executive, and an independent executive body (consisting of the conference officers and a representative of and from the main conference committees) separate from all other committees and possessing over-riding powers, took its place.

The 1931 conference, presided over by Ethelbert Davis, took place in June. The Executive had a busy time settling down to work under a new constitution, exploring its possibilities, making precedents and establishing new procedures. A step forward was made in the Illawarra suburbs by the opening of the North Bexley chapel.

1932 conference was held in June under the chairmanship of Dr. C. A. Verco. Hurstville church opened its altered building, and chapels were completed at Albury and North Parramatta.

At 1933 conference Joseph Whelan presided, and the conference executive featured the matter of broadcasting, which had been taken up by the Council of Churches.

The executive decided that future conferences should be held at Easter, and the 1934 one was so held under the chairmanship of A. Allen. The special committee which had further conferred with our Baptist brethren made an interesting report.

Conference adopted recommendations from the Executive relative to the taking over from the Home Missions Committee of the central office, book depot, "Christian Messenger," etc., as purely brotherhood concerns, and also appointed a special committee to inquire into the matter of a property trust and report to next conference.

The jubilee conference of 1935 was presided over by J. Clydesdale. Bro. William Wilson, of Victoria, attended as special visitor, he having been a delegate of the first conference and also the first treasurer and secretary. A special feature of the conference was a jubilee tea meeting, and a lantern lecture by E. J. Hilder on the story of the years, from which information in this historical sketch to this date has been prepared. In this year the Churches of Christ Homes Co-operative Society Ltd. was formed to take over and work the Boys' Home. Subsequently the property at Pendle Hill was bought and alterations made. It was officially opened on 4th April, 1936. A Brotherhood Stewardship Campaign, begun in the early part of the year, was very successful.

The Last Decade.

T. E. Role was president of 1936 conference. A special feature of the year was the visit to Australia of Mr. and Mrs. J. Milo Smith, fraternal delegates from the International Convention of Disciples, U.S.A., who were officially welcomed to this State at Enmore Tabernacle on 19th September, 1936.

At the 1937 conference, presided over by D. Wakeley, a committee was appointed to consider the formation of a Property Trust. The building of the Aged Women's Home was in course of erection, and on 11th December, a memorial tablet to the memory of Mrs. Ashwood was unveiled.

In 1938, Dr. C. A. Verco was conference president. The 150th Australian anniversary was celebrated by a combined church service on Sunday, 13th February, when J. Whelan spoke on "Our Glorious Heritages." On Easter Monday, 18th April, Ashwood House, erected through the generosity of Miss M. Ashwood in memory of her mother, was officially opened. A new church was reported at Mayfield. The Federal conference was held in Sydney and was attended by Dr. Jesse M. Bader, of U.S.A., secretary of the World Convention of Disciples of Christ.

F. E. Alcorn was president of 1939 conference. During the year our beloved Brother H. G. Harward retired from active service.

In 1940, W. R. Avenell was president. Conference granted recognition of the Boys' Home as a Brotherhood concern. P. J. Pond retired as organiser of the Young People's Department

after thirteen years' service. As a mark of loyalty to the Empire at a critical time, a Brotherhood Loyalty Rally was held in City Temple on 16th August, 1940.

1941 conference had W. J. Crossman as its president. The building of the new church at Wollongong was opened in May. The recommendation of the special committee dealing with the matter of a New South Wales Bible College was accepted, and the committee was authorised to proceed with the project. At a meeting held on 13th September, at Enmore Tabernacle, the sum of £4,500 was raised in cash and promises, and 13 young men volunteered as students. Conference also accepted a recommendation that the Book Depot be taken over as a Brotherhood Auxiliary, subject to the policy and business being acceptable to conference, and with the proviso that the conference did not accept any monetary responsibility.

In 1942 new churches at Cronulla, Georgetown and Wollongong were admitted to conference. J. L. Stimson was president. The N.S.W. Bible College was officially opened on 7th March. The Young Peoples' Department celebrated its jubilee by special meetings. Paddington church celebrated its jubilee on May 10.

S. Stevens presided over 1943 conference. The committee in charge of the matter of incorporation of the churches reported that they seen the Attorney General (State) regarding the Bill that had been drawn up, and he had advised that the consent of all the churches should be obtained. The church at Lidcombe celebrated its diamond jubilee early in November. Bro. Alfred Winter presented a fine cottage to Inverell church to be used as a manse.

In 1944 P. E. Thomas was president. The committee dealing with the incorporation matter reported that every church but one had consented to the proposed bill, and that it might soon be possible to have the bill officially drafted and presented to Parliament. The new principal of the College, H. J. Patterson, commenced his duties in February of this year.

Gospel Missions.

The work in New South Wales has been advanced by holding of special missions as well as by the regular proclamation of the Gospel by faithful preachers. The earliest mission of which there is any record was one conducted by G. T. Walden, assisted by P. A. Dickson, at Rookwood in December, 1897. There were two confessions. Frank Goode held a mission at Bungawalbyn in 1898, with three decisions. Gradually missions became more frequent, fluctuating from time to time in accordance with the financial conditions prevailing and the possibility of obtaining the services of suitable missionaries.

Records show that a total of 276 missions have been held in this State. Of these 114 were in the country, and 162 in the metropolitan area. The result of 54 missions was never recorded; these were mostly small efforts in the country. From the remaining 222 missions, reports of 6,553 confessions of Christ were received.

Many of our preachers rendered excellent help in occasional special missions. Brethren Thomas Bagley, Thomas Hagger, H. G. Harward and E. C. Hinrichsen (now Director of Evangelism) have given outstanding service. Some American evangelists, John T. Brown, Chas. Reign Scoville and the C. R. L. Vawter party also conducted successful missions during their visit to the State.

Conferences with Baptist Brethren.

In these days when the desire for Christian union is increasing, it is well to note the conferences held between representatives of the Baptist Union and of Churches of Christ. Our 1921 conference received a report that agreement had been reached by the representatives on the following points:

1. The only subject for baptism is a penitent believer in Christ.
2. The Holy Spirit is the active agent in baptism; there is no true baptism without the Holy Spirit.
3. Baptism is one of the conditions upon which salvation is promised in the Scriptures, or according to the New Testament the evidence of faith lies in obedience.

At 1922 conference the joint committee reported that the following additional agreement had been arrived at:

1. That it be a recommendation to both bodies that the preachers of both churches interchange platforms.
2. That it be a recommendation to both bodies to grant transfer of membership to and from the churches of each body.
3. That it be a recommendation to both bodies to arrange to receive delegations from the other body at meetings of the Assembly and Conference and on all suitable occasions.
4. That it be a recommendation to both bodies that no new church shall be opened in any field where a church belonging to the other body is in existence without a joint conference of both bodies.

The special committee which had been appointed to confer with the Baptists reported to the 1934 conference that agreement had been reached on the following points:

1. That any division amongst God's people is contrary to the mind of Christ.

2. That the New Testament is the final court of appeal in all matters of faith and practice.
3. On the spiritual significance of baptism, the only subjects for baptism being repentant believers.
4. That the Holy Spirit does not lead or guide or speak in conflict with His own word.
5. That an interchange of platforms be arranged, and that a united inspirational meeting be held at an early date, the Baptist organiser to act as convenor.

At the Jubilee Conference of 1935, the committee reported as follows: "A united meeting was held on July 10, 1934, when your representatives presented the following points:—

- "1. That we suggest to our churches that where assemblies are in the same districts, united prayer meetings be held.
- "2. That we recommend to each fraternal that a united meeting of ministers be held.
- "3. That we recommend to the Conference Executive that there be an interchange of speakers at annual conferences.
- "4. That we recommend to the editors of 'The Australian Baptist' and 'Australian Christian,' the printing of a bi-monthly letter, giving information of the other body's activities."

On 1st November, 1934, a united inspirational meeting was held in the Assembly Hall. The theme was "The Pre-eminence of Christ," and the speakers were Messrs. A. Jolly and the late Joseph Whelan.

The fraternal conferences doubtless did much good in the way of fostering a brotherly spirit and leading to a mutual understanding, though not all of the recommendations arrived at have been put into practice.

Statistical Comparisons.

	1886.	1945.
Number of Churches	9	57
Number of Members	684	6,460
Full-time Preachers	2	28
Number of Bible Schools	6	55
Number of Scholars	325	4,880
Number of Teachers	36	609
Number of Church Buildings	3	45 (approx.)
Number of Manses	0	10 (approx.)

The words with which that great Christian warrior and beloved brother, D. A. Ewers, closed his presidential address at 1899 conference, may form a fitting conclusion to this brief sketch. May the saintly influence of their author still linger with us, and encourage us to go forward in the faith and consecrated strength that distinguished so many of the brothers and sisters who, 46 years ago, listened to these words: "In looking back over our past history we cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that the principles laid down at the inception of the reformatory movement have stood the test. When the Campbells, Stone, Scott and their pious coadjutors pleaded for a return to primitive Christianity they were venturing on ground that had been untrodden for centuries. It was believed by many that opposed them, that instead of reaching the Canaan of promise, they would be lost in the wilderness, but now we see a mighty host who have come out from all religious parties and from the world, compactly united together upon the infallible creed, the creed that needs no revision—the Lord Jesus Christ.

... We may learn from the past to hold fast with renewed confidence, and to advocate with unabated vigour and unswerving fidelity, the principles laid down by the pioneers of this movement. And while we look back, it is well also to look forward and see by the eye of faith, brightened by the visions of the past, the ultimate complete success of the cause we love, when every plant which our heavenly Father hath not planted shall be rooted up and the Christianity of Christ and his apostles shall reign triumphant.

" For right is right since God is God,
And right the day must win,
To doubt would be disloyalty
To falter would be sin."

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONFERENCE

51st Annual Conference, 1944-1945.

In presenting this, the 51st, annual report, we desire to acknowledge the help and guidance of our Heavenly Father, in all our activities during the year.

Under the capable and gracious leadership of our President, Mrs. McCallum, and the Vice-Presidents, Mrs. D. Wakeley and Mrs. Youens, interest in all departments has been maintained.

The attendance at the monthly meetings has been satisfactory, members and friends finding comfort and fellowship in this brief respite from a world still at war.

During the year we were privileged to welcome the following visiting speakers: Mrs. Matheson, of the Children's Library Movement; Miss Benjamin, of the Free Kindergarten Union; Mrs. Waterman, and Miss Clipstone, who were on their way to the New Hebrides; Mrs. Stirling, Wollongong; and Bro. I. A. Paternoster.

Conference was again represented on the Women's Inter-church Council, the Women's Missionary Council, and the Sunshine Fair Committee, also on some of the General Conference Committees.

A delegation of women from the Wollongong Church attended the August meeting, and prior to taking part in the afternoon, were entertained at lunch by the Executive.

The Federal Conference was held in Sydney this year, and the catering arrangements carried out by the Women's Conference was a tribute to the co-operation and resourcefulness of the women of the various churches who assisted. To them, and the B. and F. Bible Society, for the use of the room, we are very grateful.

During Federal Conference the women delegates were entertained at morning tea, and a visit was also arranged to Ashwood House, at Pendle Hill.

Regarding the activities of the Committees. A perusal of the superintendents' reports will show the amount of time and effort expended to achieve the excellent results recorded. To the Superintendents and their committees we express deep appreciation for their happy fellowship, and co-operation during the year. To those of our members who have been bereaved, and to those who have suffered anxiety and loss of loved ones on active service we offer our heartfelt sympathy, and pray that the God of all comfort may be their constant companion.

The Missionary Education Topic Papers, prepared by Mrs. McCallum, and sent out to the Mission Bands in all the States, under the auspices of the Federal Women's Conference, are still proving a great stimulus to the work of Home and Overseas Missions.

We would express our appreciation to the President, Mrs. McCallum, for her selfless devotion during her year of office, also to Dr. Bardsley for his generous gift in meeting the catering expenses of the Easter Conference. We thank the officers of the City Temple, and Enmore Tabernacle for the facilities afforded us in the use of Church Buildings during the year.

To the leaders of the Devotional Sessions, the pianiste, Mrs. P. Verco, Miss Flood, caterer, and to the many others who have done so much to help carry on the work, we offer grateful appreciation, and a personal appreciation for the ever-ready co-operation of the Secretary, Mrs. Knight.

Financial.—The total receipts shown in the general account amounts to £1,325/6/3, of which £127 was for Home Missions, £227 for Overseas Missions, and £285 for the special Jubilee Fund.

In conclusion, we express the hope that ere long the nations will seek peace, and that as Christian women we will be up and doing to meet the problems that may prove greater in peace than in war.

J. PALMER, Recording Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

Obituary.—Mrs. Budgen. As I present my obituary report for the past year I would like to thank the churches that have been so willing to co-operate with me in this difficult work, by sending me the necessary information. I have written 51 letters of sympathy, and I have received many letters of thanks for help received. We earnestly pray all lonely and sad hearts may be comforted by God's abiding presence in these dark days.

Home Missions.—Mrs. Maxwell, Superintendent. The decision to hold Conference earlier this year and the subsequent earlier closing of the books, and writing of reports in December—instead of January as hitherto—has had its effect on this Department, and this report can only be regarded as an interim statement of progress. A full report will be presented at Conference, and a circular sent out to the various women's organisations later on, so that we may start our Conference year with a full knowledge of the position. At present only about half our regular contributions have had an opportunity of finalising their effort, but the amount in hand—£123 approximately—compares very favourably with that in hand at this date last year. I am happy to report that everywhere there is evidence of an increased interest in the work of Home Missions, and a greater number of our women's societies have arranged special functions on behalf of our special effort.

Overseas Mission.—Mrs. Day, Superintendent. The Overseas work during the past year has been well supported by the sisters. Donations in all amounted to 242/7/7½. We have had as visitors and speakers Mrs. Waterman, Mrs. Finger, and the Misses Vawser and Roxburgh. £25 was donated towards fare for Missionaries to the New Hebrides. A wedding gift of ten guineas, and a wedding cake was made to Miss Clipstone. A gift of money was made to Miss Roxburgh, and £70 was contributed towards fare for Mrs. Coventry's return to Australia. The sum of £18 was contributed to the Aborigine work. Chatswood Sisters donated £12 for famine relief in India. A successful Rally was held on September 1st, when Mr. Paternoster gave the address. We thank all sisters who have by prayer and sacrifice answered the Master's call "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel."

Prayer Meeting Committee.—Mrs. Schofield, Superintendent. We have had a very happy year of service. Several members of the Committee were not able to be with us this year, but others have taken their places, and we have a Committee of 22, including the Superintendent. It has been a pleasure to work with every member—they all do their share to make the meetings happy and successful. We have enjoyed the fellowship of the sisters from the various churches, and hope that we have been of some help to them. Twenty-one churches have been visited in seven months, and the attendance has been better than last year. There has been a deep sense of the presence of the Holy Spirit in these meetings. We concluded our year with a social afternoon for the Committee in the home of Mrs. J. Knights, Belmont. We ask for your prayers on behalf of the Committee, that we may grow in grace as well as numbers. We will welcome any new members who would like to join us.

Newington Hospital.—Mrs. Torode, Superintendent. The work at meetings has been wonderfully blessed. We thank God for the speakers and soloists who have come so willingly to help make the day a great success. The inmates show their appreciation by an average attendance of 46 at the meetings throughout the year. We have paid 11 visits to the hospital, with an average of 13 sisters each month. Nineteen churches have helped, and we were able to distribute many extra comforts, such as sweets, books, texts, clothing, etc. We thank our Heavenly Father for the help and encouragement given by the Superintendent and Staff, and pray that we shall accomplish much more in the future for Him, Who gave His life for us.

Isolated Sisters.—Miss G. Elliot, Superintendent. My report for the Isolated Sisters, ended December, 1944, has been, to me, very disappointing, as I know I have not been able to do as much as I should have done, and I feel it would be best for someone else to take my place. During the year I wrote 30 letters, and received 19 replies. Many of the folk have been troubled with wartime conditions—some having men-folk away—the drought has made it so much harder that one wonders how they carry on. All seem interested in church and conference work, and pray that they may be able to continue in their work, and gain the victory.

Temperance and Social Service.—Mrs. Redman, Superintendent. I have to thank my Heavenly Father that I am permitted to make this, another report for the Social Service activities ended December, 1944. We had great pleasure in visiting several churches in connection with the Social Service Aim, viz., the furnishing of the Rest Home. Each church visited made liberal contributions, for which we thank them, and we hope to visit at least ten more churches in the coming year. We again assisted the Temperance Alliance with the annual fete by looking after the refreshment stall, from which the sum of £27 was raised.

Missionary Education.—Mrs. McCallum and Mrs. Perkins, representing the Federal Missionary Education Committee. Great interest has been taken in the Topic Papers, which are a decided help in conducting Mission Band meetings. The Federal Executive has been transferred from Queensland to South Australia.

Catering.—Miss Flood, Superintendent. Meals were prepared on the occasion of the Women's Golden Jubilee Conference, lunch and tea for General Conference on Good Friday, and for the reception tea for Federal Conference. All this work was carried out in an efficient manner, and we are very grateful to our caterer, and her band of workers for this splendid service.

J. PALMER, Recording Secretary.

ASHWOOD HOUSE REPORT

1st February to 31st December, 1944.

This report and financial statement are for eleven months only. "Truly the Lord hath been our helper."

The Committee of Management comprises the following: Mrs. W. H. Hall (President), Mrs. R. Blackburn (Vice-President), Mrs. A. F. Butler (Treasurer), Miss F. M. Ashwood (Secretary), Mrs. P. Winter, Miss I. Elliot, Miss H. Brown.

Mrs. Rush's resignation from the Committee, through illness, was received with much regret. During her six years as President, Mrs. Rush gave willing and whole-hearted service in promoting the best interests of the Home and the welfare of the guests, thus endearing herself to all.

Obituary.—Two of our guests received the "Home Call." Miss Collins, who was ill for several months, passed away in August. She has been greatly missed by all, for she was one who was ever willing to render a service or to undertake small tasks, often disagreeable, for other guests. Our aged sister, Mrs. Lawther, passed peacefully to her rest in September last.

Guests.—Quite a number of our elderly guests are failing, and as time passes will need more and more loving care and attention. Mrs. James is in her 91st year, several others are nearing their 90th birthdays. Our hearts go out to our blind sisters, Mrs. Huntington and Mrs. Turner, who, trusting in their Lord, are awaiting the summons to His presence.

Financial.—Our financial statement herewith shows the total income from all sources for the 11 months to be £1,069/13/9. Contributions to Id. Fund amount to £73/1/11, received from Churches as follows: Belmore, £15/13/7; Bexley, 12/6; Burwood, £1/17/10; Chatswood, £16/8/6; City Temple, £6/4/-; Epping, £4/1/6; Hurstville, £1/10/-; Kingsford, £2/9/-; Lane Cove (including Duplex), £5/7/6; Loftus Park, £1/10/-; Marwickville (Duplex), £5/18/-; Mosman, £1/4/-; Paddington, £5/3/-; Rockdale, £5/2/6. Donations total £31/8/3, as follows: Anonymous £10, Mrs. Lawther £10, Mr. McAlister £2/10/-, Mr. W. Thompson £2, Mrs. Warner £1/10/-, Mrs. Chasold £1, Belmore C.E. Society £1/15/6, Rockdale C.E. Society £1/12/9, Hurstville C.E. Society £1, Ashwood House Business Girls' Auxiliary £5. We gratefully acknowledge the foregoing amounts and sincerely thank all who have contributed.

Staff.—For several months the Home was under-staffed through lack of a permanent cook, and prior to this we were without a laundress; therefore, a lot of extra work has fallen upon the Matron, Miss Maiden, and Miss Wood, her faithful helper. We cannot too highly praise the way these two fine women have shown their devotion; and although feeling, at times, greatly overworked, have nobly carried on, ministering not only to the physical, but also to the spiritual, needs of our guests.

We are happy to report that relief came a fortnight before Christmas, when we secured the services of Miss Allison as cook. Her timely arrival enabled Miss Maiden to have a few days away with friends at Christmas.

Miss Gray kindly gave her assistance on many occasions; we are indebted also to Miss E. Wilson and to Miss Allen for their help.

Our thanks are extended to Dr. Carter and Dr. Aitken for professional services rendered, to Mr. T. E. Rofe, to Mr. F. Thompson and Mr. Y. M. Middleton, honorary auditors. We would thank, too, the members of the Committee for their loyal co-operation in giving of their time and attention to the business of the Home.

In closing, we offer grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father, and acknowledge our dependence upon Him.

Mrs. W. H. HALL (President).

Miss F. M. ASHWOOD (Secretary).

Appreciation.—The members of the Committee desire to express their sincere appreciation of the work and interest of Miss Ashwood as Secretary of the Committee. Her gracious leadership has been an inspiration to us all, and her thoughtfulness for the welfare of the guests has been much appreciated by them all. On behalf of the Committee—(Mrs.) Jessie S. Hall, President; (Mrs.) A. F. Butler, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE REPORT

In presenting this report, your Executive desires to acknowledge the leading of our Heavenly Father and to thank Him for His help and comfort during yet another year of the world war, which has now been raging for five and a half years. As we come to our Diamond Jubilee Conference, we praise God for the progress made and victories won in our various brotherhood activities and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our deliberations.

To mark the occasion of our Jubilee, we have included in this report a brief history of the brotherhood in this State, and in doing so, acknowledge our thanks to Bro. E. J. Hilder for his splendid work in the preparation of same.

1.—LOYALTY TO THE THRONE.

We desire to affirm our loyalty to His Gracious Majesty, King George VI, and to acknowledge our admiration of his leadership during this period of national anxiety. We are happy to welcome again to our shores the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and rejoice in this further link with the Royal Family, as they enter upon the duties associated with the office of Governor-General.

2.—THOSE IN THE SERVICES.

We are grateful to God for the way our nation has been spared many of the horrors of war, and thank Him for the brighter prospects for the return to peace. We again express our appreciation to those who have endured great hardship and suffering, not only in the defence services, but in whatever way they may have been called upon to sacrifice and suffer for us, that we might continue to maintain the safety and security that has been our blessed privilege to enjoy. We commend to our Heavenly Father's loving care any who are wounded or in danger, and remember in love those who have been called upon to lose a loved one in the cause of King and Country.

3.—THE COMMITTEE.

Since April, 1944, the Committee has held nine regular meetings and two special meetings, with an average attendance of nine. The following Brethren comprised the Committee during the year, and the attendances were as follow: R. H. Wakeley, President (9); P. E. Thomas, Past President (8); E. Davis, Vice-President (5); R. W. Perkins, Vice-President (6); T. W. Dunne, Treasurer (7); W. J. Modral, Assistant Secretary (9); S. C. Woolley, Secretary (9); S. Stevens, Home Missions (9); I. A. Paternoster, Overseas Missions (8); G. E. Burns, Social Service (5); D. Wakeley, Bible Schools and Y.P. Dept. (2); E. C. Hinrichsen, N.S.W. Bible College (4); J. C. Cunningham (4) and R. Greenhalgh (1) deputised for D. Wakeley, while away on Chaplaincy work; W. R. Avenell (1) and B. G. Corlett (2) deputised for E. C. Hinrichsen, while engaged in Mission work.

4.—STATISTICS.

During the 11 months ended December 31st, 1944, the Churches have added 403 by faith and baptism, 193 by letter, 47 as baptised believers, 41 by restoration, a total of 594. The following losses have been recorded: 111 by letter, 58 by death, 259 by revision of roll; a total of 428. The membership at the end of Conference Year being 6,460. This constitutes a gain of 166 for the year.

The Executive is pleased to report the admission of the Church at Fairfield for affiliation with Conference.

5.—OBITUARY.

During the year, 58 members have received the Home Call, some after many years of happy fellowship, others perhaps with shorter periods, with the Churches. It is not possible to give a complete list of all who have passed to their reward, but we would express our loving Christian sympathy with all those who have been bereaved of loved ones, and pray that the Divine Comforter may be sufficient in these dark hours of bereavement.

6.—HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE.

The Half-yearly Conference was held at Wollongong, on Saturday, September 16, 1944. The theme of the meeting being, "The Cultivation and Development of Spiritual Life." Helpful messages being given by Bren. G. E. Burns, P. E. Thomas and H. J. Patterson. Vocal items being rendered by Mrs. W. J. Lewis, Mr. F. Horsey and the Sisters of the Wollongong Church. The occasion coincided with the opening of the School Room, the ceremony being performed during the tea adjournment by the Federal President, Mr. C. F. Aderman, M.H.R.

We would express our thanks to the Brethren and Sisters for their co-operation and attendance, and to the Church at Wollongong for a very happy Conference gathering.

7. UNITED CHAPLAINCY BOARD.

Though slightly altered in name, the Board, with Bren. D. Wakeley and S. Stevens as our representatives, continues to perform a valued ministry for the "Services," with Chaplain-General Allen Brooke in charge of a large group of efficient and devoted men. It is five years since Chaplain F. E. Alcorn was called into service in the present war, and is now posted in N.S.W., though he expects to be retired early in 1945. Chaplain W. J. Crossman, who was a combatant and Chaplain in the first World War, and remained in continuous service as a Chaplain, has been posted at Sydney Showground for more than a year, is now notified of his transfer to a Northern Area. During the year, Chaplain Lloyd Read, R.A.A.F., retired, and is now continuing his studies at Sydney University. Chaplain D. Wakeley, who also served in the ranks during last war, and as a Chaplain since then, has been on "Special Duty" in recent months. Accompanied by a Medical Officer and a Film Operator, he visited all camps in South Queensland. Reports to hand indicate that his messages were well received. Similar campaigns were conducted in other States by other teams. Each man has done a splendid job. A.G.H. 113th now has a Chapel wherein Ministers may conduct regular services. Towards the cost of furnishing this place, the Executive made an allotted amount. It might well be that Conference should seek ways in which it can help to place men and women back again in a firm and effective membership.

8.—PRESIDENTIAL.

I desire to express my thanks to those who so graciously opened their homes to me in our country centres, and to the Preachers and Officers who co-operated fully and made it possible for me to meet so many of our country brethren and learn much about their work. The restricted travelling arrangements made it necessary for me to spend more time than usual away from my home Church, but I was able to visit practically all our Churches, both metropolitan and country, and thank the brethren everywhere for their warm-hearted welcome and enthusiastic interest in the work of the brotherhood generally.

I would like to acknowledge my appreciation of the work of the brethren who have served on the Executive and on the other Committees of Conference. As far as possible I have attended the meetings of the various Committees and pay a tribute to the interest manifested by those called to serve in this way. The Conference Officers, Bro. S. C. Woolley, Secretary, Bro. W. J. Modral, Assistant Secretary, and Bro. T. W. Dunne, Treasurer, have been most loyal and helpful in their work, and to them I desire to express my appreciation. Bro. Dunne has worked particularly hard to see that all accounts have been paid, and his successful efforts merit the thanks of the brotherhood.

During my term as Vice-President and as your President, I have been happy to have the fellowship and support of Bro. R. W. Perkins, who has served as Vice-President for the past two years. At considerable personal sacrifice, owing to Mrs. Perkins' ill-health and his own important business activities, Bro. Perkins gave us splendid help, and his advice was always worth while. It is to be regretted that our Brother has found it necessary to decline nomination for office this year, and I hope that on some future occasion he will be able to serve the brotherhood once more. During my absence in the country, Bro. Perkins represented me at various public engagements, and I desire to express my appreciation for his splendid help.

9.—BROADCASTING.

Brethren T. P. Dale and S. Stevens have served Conference in this sphere. Excepting for a few minor matters, the work does not vary from time to time, as the allotment of opportunity for service is upon an agreed basis. In support of the expenses involved in running 2CH, our Executive contributes the sum of £50 annually.

But for P.M.G. charges, Churches broadcasting have a free service. The standard of our contribution in service is acknowledged as high. Our W.A. brethren pay £9 per week for fewer hours than those allotted to us in this State through 2CH.

The action of the Editor of the "Christian Messenger" in publishing details of broadcasting arrangements made is appreciated.

Alignment with the Council of Churches enables a ministry "over the air" to thousands of grateful people.

10.—ISOLATED MEMBERS' FELLOWSHIP.

Many months have been spent in trying to locate the hundreds whose names are on the old Isolated Members' Roll. As there has been no response from so many of them, it is felt that we should now concentrate on those who have been located and build up from them, and add as others are discovered. Already some others have been found through those who have replied to letters sent out.

11.—APPRECIATION.

Once again 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 help during the year, especially during the Federal Conference; to the Deacons of the City Temple, Enmore Tabernacle and Wollongong Churches for the use of their buildings during the Annual Conference, 1944, the Half-yearly Conference, the Federal Conference, and at other times; to the Hon. Auditor, Bro. Rugendyke; to Sis. Miss Verco, for her work at the office for the Executive; to Mrs. Wakeley, for typing, and to all who have helped us during the year.

To the Assistant Secretary, Bro. Modral, we would again express our thanks and appreciation for his valued assistance in the recording of Conference and Committee minutes, and in many other ways during the year. To the Treasurer, Bro. Dunne, for his untiring efforts in safeguarding the brotherhood interests and in the presentation of his monthly financial statements.

12.—FINANCE.

It is again our pleasure to report all monies outstanding have been received for the year 1944, and all accounts have been paid. We sincerely thank the Treasurers of our Churches, and Committees, for this happy state of affairs.

The salary of the office assistant is now a brotherhood responsibility, being regularly paid by your Executive. This has relieved the strain on the Book Room Committee and is acceptable to all Committees concerned.

Although the Annual Offering is less than that contributed in previous years, this has been offset by increased offerings per medium of the Duplex Envelopes, and we trust that more Churches shall financially assist us in this manner in the future.

We look forward, too, to the continued support for the Broadcasting and Chaplaincy Funds, for we realise the greater the amount received, more extensive can be the distribution of these worthy demands, and unlimited are the results that can be obtained.

13.—PROTESTANT FEDERATION.

"The United Council of Protestant Action" has continued its work of seeking to co-ordinate all the forces, but is finding that the task is a formidable one, for the reason that many appear unwilling to make the major aim of unity the sole present objective. It is the belief that solidarity is a prelude to success. It is also felt that alien forces are as obvious and threatening that such might well be the power to force together those who still remain apart. Clear is it that only as Christians unite to promote vital Christianity is there hope of firmness in our social order and advancement of righteousness possible.

14.—COUNCIL FOR U.N.R.R.A., Etc.

During the year there has been much activity in preparation for post-war problems, and the formation of the Council for U.N.R.R.A. in July last is brought under notice. This Council has been formed by the various Churches, the Red Cross, Y.M.C.A. and other charitable organisations, with a view to assisting in the relief of the various parts of the world as they become freed from enemy occupation. A branch of U.N.R.R.A. has now been established in Sydney to serve the South-west Pacific area, and personnel, both voluntary and otherwise, are being recruited for service overseas. It is expected that in the near future there will be increasing interest in these activities, and the Church will have an opportunity of having a share in helping to restore the devastated areas of the world.

Mr. R. H. Wakeley has been our representative on this Council, and has also represented us on the Council of Christians and Jews, who are now engaged on plans to combat the false reports repeatedly circulated concerning our Jewish brethren in every part of the world. It is proposed to hold a "Brotherhood Week" shortly, when public attention will be called to the need for a more kindly interest being shown towards all our fellow men.

15.—FEDERAL CONFERENCE.

After consulting all the States, the Federal Executive in Queensland asked us to hold the 29th Federal Conference in Sydney. This we agreed to do, in co-operation with them. The Conference was held from 3rd to 8th October, 1944.

Owing to travel priorities, it was not possible for all States to be fully represented, but it was generally agreed by all those who attended from other States that the Conference was fully justified and very successful.

The President, Mr. C. F. Aderman, M.H.R., who presided at all sessions of Conference, expressed the thanks of the Federal Executive to the N.S.W. brethren for their help in arranging the meetings and for their support throughout the Conference.

The next Conference will be held (D.V.) in Adelaide during 1946, and the following officers were elected: President, Chas. Schwab; Vice-President, Dr. P. S. Messent; Secretary, H. R. Taylor; Assistant Secretary, D. G. Hammer; Treasurer, S. P. Langlois.

The following motions were passed, which directly concern this State:—

- (a) **Post-War Reconstruction.**—It was decided that a post-war reconstruction committee be formed in each State to cover every aspect of reconstruction matters, and definitely to include immigration.
- (b) **Christian Unity.**—1. It was decided that this Federal Conference commend to each State Executive the formation of a committee for the promotion of Christian Unity, where such committees are not already in existence.
2. Federal Conference urges every congregation to appoint a representative or form a committee to keep the matter of Christian Unity alive in each congregation.
3. The Christian Unity Committee in Victoria shall be the Federal Christian Unity Committee.
- (c) **Youth Work.**—States should note that in adopting the Federal Bible School and Young People's Department report, they were urged to consider making youth leaders available for greater work by relieving them of routine, and where States have not an organiser, the suggesting of appointing one should be brought before them.
- (d) **College of the Bible.**—It was agreed that we strongly urge that consideration be given to the establishment of more training colleges for preachers with the objective of one college for each State, all under the auspices of the Federal College Board, or failing this plan, we suggest that some other scheme be adopted which shall be approved of by the Federal Conference.
- (e) **Canberra.**—Any State attempting to make an effort to re-establish work in Canberra shall do so in co-operation with the present Canberra Committee.
- (f) **Christian Fellowship Association.**—This Conference, seized with the importance of the Christian Fellowship Association as an auxiliary of Social Service Committee, in effecting social reforms, in executing plans and in meeting financial obligations associated therewith, and also in providing and maintaining such social institutions as any of the States or the Federal Social Questions and Services Board after consulting with the States may consider advisable and necessary, gives endorsement to the movement and commends it to the States for commendation to the Churches.

R. H. WAKELEY, President.
S. C. WOOLLEY, Secretary.
T. W. DUNNE, A.I.C.R., Treasurer.

ADDENDUM.

Custom often prompts the writing of such an addendum to the Annual Report, but sincere appreciation of the untiring efforts, during the year, of our President, R. H. Wakeley, makes the writing of this tribute a real pleasure. The Conference Executive desire to place on record their appreciation of the service rendered to the Brotherhood by the President. This service was given willingly, though at great personal sacrifice. We pray the blessing of God may continue with him.

ETHELBERT DAVIS, }
R. W. PERKINS, } Vice Presidents

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the above Committee, held on July 26th, 1944, decided that the recommendation of the Parliamentary draftsman, "that we eliminate certain portions of the proposed Bill," should be acceded to and that this be placed before the Conference Executive.

This was done and was approved of by the Executive, and the Conference President wrote to the Attorney-General informing him of what had been done, and asking that if possible the Bill might be prepared and passed before the next Conference. This was acknowledged.

The Committee is still awaiting word from the Attorney-General, and maintaining communication with his Department in order to expedite the matter.

CLEMENT A. VERCO, Secretary.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN N.S.W.

Brethren will know that the organisation comprises representatives of various religious groups joined to effect certain results set out in the Constitution.

Those appointed to the Council by Conference were Brethren G. E. Burns, T. P. Dale, A. C. Maclean and S. Stevens. The selected President of the Council is A. C. Maclean, whose leadership, service and loyalty have been acknowledged.

The work performed by the movement covers an extensive field, including attendance at various religious and civic functions, and "courtesy calls" upon the State Governor, the Premier, the Lord Mayor, and the Archbishop.

Spiritual tasks undertaken involved the arranging of "The Universal Week of Prayer" in Sydney and suburbs, covering seventeen united gatherings held within a week; the arranging of a weekly Intercessory Service in the city; as always, the major service is the caring for the expanding ministry through radio station 2CH.

The Council also serves through such organisations as "The League of Nations Union"; U.N.R.R.A.; "Australian Society for combating V.D."; Temperance Alliance; Good Film League; is an integral part of the Australian Council of Churches.

Council also holds a United Communion and Worship Service in the city on Good Friday, and has arranged, with others, for a United Town Hall meeting designed to set forth "A Layman's View of Religion and Life"; it has also completed a plan for the holding of an Evangelistic Campaign in March.

The Council is unwearied in its efforts to combat desecration of the Lord's Day, the incidence of the Liquor Traffic, the prevalence of immorality, the lowered tone of public entertainment and insidious power and growth of gambling.

Thus it seeks to overthrow wrong and promote the forces of righteousness. In this there is fellowship and a task worthy of all who wish to make it harder for men to do wrong and easier for them to do right.

STUART STEVENS, Secretary.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOMES CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.

The year 1944 was one of many difficulties in the conduct of the affairs of the Home, but before it closed, some of our problems had been solved, so that we present this report with thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for blessing and guidance.

The Board consists of the following: Mrs. A. F. Butler, and Messrs. J. L. Stimson (Chairman), A. C. Maclean (Vice-Chairman and Advisory Director), Geo. Morton, Secretary, R. E. Jeffery, A. MacAllister, P. Winter, and L. C. Yelds. The resignation of Miss P. M. Ashwood was received early in the year with regret. Brethren Alfred Winter (Inverell) and G. Knight (Marrickville) have been elected to complete the number of Directors.

Origin.—In 1925, "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 the Society, must be members of Churches of Christ in N.S.W.

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."

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.

Staff.—In June, 1944, the late Superintendent's engagement terminated and the matron, Miss Flatters, had previously resigned; at this stage the staffing problem had been insurmountable, but for the immediate assistance rendered by Miss Gray, Miss Maiden (Matron of Ashwood House) and Mrs. Ferguson. This was followed by the appointment of Mrs. Callaghan as sub-matron. We owe a great debt of gratitude to these four ladies for invaluable help at a critical period. Miss McAulay was appointed matron in June, and carried on with Mrs. Callaghan's assistance and intermittent domestic help until she had to resign in September on account of illness at her home. Mrs. Callaghan then carried on for some weeks, almost single-handed. Finally, after much prayer we were led to approach Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, and they took over the joint positions of Superintendent and Matron during November. We believe that they are the right people, and will have the full confidence of the brotherhood. Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn have made sacrifices to answer the call to this difficult and important work; the prayerful and material support of the churches will ensure a successful ministry for them under God's blessing. A very happy welcome and recognition service was tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn at Dunmore House in December. The Conference President, the President of the Women's Conference, Miss Ashwood, representing Ashwood House, and A. C. Maclean for the Board, took part. Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn responded.

The Boys.—At the close of the year 16 boys were in residence. This number will be materially increased when renovations and improvements now in hand have been completed. With due regard to the objects quoted above, our aim is to help orphans and fatherless children, especially of men of the services and also British immigrant children if possible. In the last connection, negotiations are now in progress. At the annual meeting A. C. Maclean (Vice-Chairman) was appointed Advisory Director to supervise all matters of admissions, and the religious and vocational training of the boys. The development of the work as indicated to last Conference can soon be put in hand with the augmented

staff led by Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, and the completion of renovations and improvements which have been commenced since Mr. Blackburn came to Dunmore.

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

Gifts. During the year a number of city and country country churches have helped materially both in money and goods, and our thanks are extended to all who participated.

Dorcas Work.—Visiting Societies and sisters from several Dorcas classes have helped with the mending and supply of clothing; the matron and Board appreciate very much this valuable work.

Ashwood House.—The Board also desires to tender its thanks to the Matron and Board of Ashwood House for their support and assistance during a critical time.

Christmas Cheer.—The Board appreciates the many gifts of clothing, toys and money supplied for outings during the holidays. Our thanks are hereby specially tendered to the Enmore Young People, who, year after year, bring cheer to the boys and the staff at the time of goodwill.

Assets—Dunmore Home.—The home stands in 16 acres of ground, and is valued at about £1,000; there is a mortgage of £875, held by the Trustees of Ashwood House. Since the appointment of Mr. R. Blackburn as Superintendent, repairs and improvements have been taken in hand. G. E. Knight, of the Building Advisory Committee of Conference, has been co-operating with the Superintendent, and much good work has been accomplished. Plans have been made for further improvements, and additions, which will increase the value and accommodation of the Home. During the current year, improvements and beautification of the grounds will be attended to as soon as further help can be obtained. Adding to the assets, we have, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jeffery and family, provided an up-to-date hospital room. This is dedicated to the memory of their late son, L.A.C. Horace Jeffery, R.A.A.F.

Finances.—The Balance Sheet attached to this Report is the audited Balance Sheet for the official year ended 30th June, 1944; this has been approved by the Chief Secretary's Department under the Charities Act and the Registrar of the Community Settlement Act. The receipts for the six months to 31st December, 1944, were £864/11/2, made up of Maintenance, £120/16/-; Endowment, £80/5/7; Duplex, £64/12/10; Donations, £161/5/3; Loans, £300; Miscellaneous, £40/10/2; balance brought forward, £97/1/4. The expenditure was £559/9/1, made up of Wages, £199/19/-; Provisions, £172/0/7; Interest, £19/14/-; Secretary's Expenses, £6/2/8; Maintenance, £6/13/11; Telephone, Insurance, Rates, £35/10/1; Miscellaneous, £119/8/10. Balance in hand, £305/2/1. The finances are in good order, all accounts being paid promptly. Increased amounts have been received from maintenance and endowment; another pleasing feature is the definite increase from duplex envelopes.

Improvements and Renovations.—The Board has obtained loans totalling 300, free of interest for these important items, £100 from the Christian Fellowship Association, and £200 from an anonymous member; these are being repaid regularly each month by 15 per cent. of revenue; already £37 have been repaid to C.F.A. in two months. We urge the Churches to increase their gifts so that the development of the Home can be accelerated.

Thanks.—Thanks are due to Dr. C. Verco and Dr. Carter, Parramatta Hospital, and all who helped in any way to assist in the conduct of the Home and the care of the boys.

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

12th January, 1945.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOMES CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED.
Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 30th June, 1944.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Annual Offering	163	7	1
Maintenance	376	7	2
Duplex	185	19	0
Donations	93	14	8
Endowment	206	14	3
Flour Tax Refunds	10	12	11
Income from Farm	49	7	2
Excess of Expenditure over Income	57	15	8
	£1,143	17	11

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Wages	380	16	6
Provisions	418	11	6
Feed — Farm	36	12	10
Fuel and Light	49	3	5
Clothes, Shoes and Repairs	29	19	6
Chemist	11	14	8
Printing, Stationery and Stamps	39	2	9
Insurance	6	8	2
Interest on Mortgage	39	8	0
Secretarial—Duplex and Fees	11	12	0
Repairs and Maintenance	34	15	3
Telephone	9	11	1
Sundry Expenses	39	5	5
Depreciation—			
Furniture, 10%	21	10	0
Linen, 20%	2	19	0
Crockery, 20%	2	0	7
Plant, 20%	4	15	0
Livestock	5	12	1
	£1,143	17	11

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Balance Sheet at at 30th June, 1944.

	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	12	0	0
Mortgage on Realty	875	0	0
Capital	202	17	6
Reserve Fund	469	0	7
	£1,558	18	1

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	£	s.	d.
Sundry Debtors	97	1	4
Bank	6	0	0
Deposits	11	14	10
Linen	8	4	0
Crockery and Cutlery	59	7	3
Plant and Tools	194	5	11
Furniture	5	0	0
Petty Cash — Morton	1,176	13	3
Land and Buildings			
	£1,558	18	1

GEO. MORTON, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited: (Sgd) A. E. ARMSTRONG.

ABORIGINES BOARD REPORT

We gratefully acknowledge the ready co-operation of the churches and all who have contributed to this overdue enterprise. Withal, we attribute praise to God for anything accomplished, and for a vision of things yet to be done.

Federal Conference.—The Federal Conference, held in Sydney, October, 1944, gave very sympathetic attention to the aborigine question. It revised the Constitution of the Federal Board, making the State Committees a more essential factor in this department of Brotherhood work.

Mission Personnel.—It is more than a year since Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Roberts were united in marriage, and Mr. Roberts assumed the Superintendency of the Norseman Mission Station. These devoted workers have persevered untiringly in their ministry. Miss Elsie Roxburgh has completed two years of service. As matron of the Dormitory and mother of her otherwise lonely little family of dark children, she is greatly loved.

THE FIELDS.

Norseman.—This is the first place of interest and the point upon which thought and prayer have been focussed. Here our three whole-time missionaries labour. Their activities consist in evangelistic meetings for camp natives, school teaching for the children of the dormitory and for those of the camp and the training of the children of the dormitory.

Since the advent of Mr. Roberts, the property has been greatly improved, is neatly fenced, and a useful garden is yielding considerable support for the Mission. A herd of goats provides milk for the Mission, and to a considerable degree supplies meat.

The Government has agreed to make twenty thousand acres of land available for the extension of the work as may be required.

Mr. Roberts recently made a tour to seek for more needy children for the dormitory. It is hoped to build this section of the work up very much higher. There are at present eight little ones in residence.

Carnarvon.—This centre is located 600 miles from Perth, in the north. The Native Affairs Department of W.A. requested that we undertake a work for the natives here. A full inspection of the area was made, a small cottage in Carnarvon township was purchased, and an application for the excisement of 10,000 acres at Rocky Pool was submitted to the Minister. At the moment the application is not succeeding, but the door of entrance is not closed altogether.

Fitzroy.—This work is located in Melbourne, and was brought under the notice of the Board by the Victorian Committee and by them commended for assistance. Accordingly, Bro. Doug. Nicholls was appointed Honorary Missioner and the Board has agreed to payment of the rent of the building as required and to an honorarium to meet the expenses of the Missioner. Reports show that there are upwards of fifty native people interested in this centre, and Bro. Nicholls is exerting a very good influence.

Bassendean.—Near to this Perth suburb, for very many years, natives have been accustomed to camp. Their conditions have evoked an outcry on several occasions. Little children live under conditions too sad to describe. The Board was asked by the Native Affairs Department to co-operate with a view to establishing a Mission Hostel in the outskirts of the suburb. Ten acres of land have been bought, and plans for the necessary building have been prepared and the release of the materials is being sought. This work will bring us into contact at times with natives from far inland, and we hope will lead to extensive usefulness.

FINANCE.

The Brotherhood throughout Australia from the inception of this work has shown a predisposition to support it liberally. Their liberality has been a distinct challenge to the leaders in this work to advance. Having the urge of the brotherhood on the one hand and the hindrances, governmental and otherwise, on the other, the Board confesses to a mild embarrassment.

At the Federal Conference of October, 1944, it was reported that the receipts, inclusive of an amount of £91/18/4, which had been paid in child endowment, and a small grant from the W.A. Government on account of the children housed at Norseman, were £3,298/7/10. This amount had been received by the Federal Board from the commencement of the work up to June 30th, 1944.

Expenditure had been for the same period, £2,093/18/10. Of this amount, £651/19/11 had been spent in Mission buildings and equipment. On 30th June, 1944, there was a credit of £1,204/9/-.

Early in planning for work among the aborigines, the women of the Commonwealth decided to support as their "Living Link" Miss Joan Saunders, now Mrs. K. N. Roberts. They have not only subscribed the £185 yearly, but have added numerous gifts which have greatly increased the comfort of the Missionaries. At a cost of £100 the W.A. Women's Conference purchased, through the Board, a Kelvinator. The women of Tasmania assisted in the purchase of a horse and cart. Those of Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia have made special useful gifts, and the Victorian Women's Conference recently subscribed the money for the purchase of a piano.

For the eleven months ending December 31st, 1944, the New South Wales Brotherhood raised £312/3/9 for Aborigine work.

IRA A. PATERNOSTER, Chairman.
(Mrs. P. D.) RUBY W. McCALLUM, Sec.

NOTICES OF MOTION

R. Greenhalgh: "That this Conference instruct the incoming Executive to open a fund for the receipt of donations towards ultimately procuring a property to be used for City Church services and Brotherhood Offices more adequate to the needs of the Brotherhood than that now being used."

R. Greenhalgh: "That this Conference requests the incoming Executive to consider the matter of formulating some scheme whereby the removal expenses of Preachers transferring from any distant centre be shared by the Brotherhood which shall benefit by their services."

L. R. Thomas: "That reading of reports at Conference, considered a waste of time, and that it be dispensed with. Reports be taken as read, and question time be extended by at least 10 minutes for discussion."

Ira A. Paternoster—"That this Conference, believing those men who are qualified according to Scripture to preach the Word should be solemnly set apart for that purpose by the Church in a Scriptural manner, and desiring to study further the best means of procedure, appoint a Committee of five Brethren, who shall report to next Conference."

NEW SOUTH WALES CHURCHES OF CHRIST — ABORIGINES' MISSION BOARD.

Statement of Receipts and Payments Ending 31st December, 1944.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Bank Balance (1/2/44)	10	10	6
Annual Offering	200	5	2
Duplex Envelopes	67	11	7
C.E. Societies	6	18	0
Bible Schools	1	0	0
Sisters	8	13	0
Marrickville Life Gift	6	5	0
Individuals	14	19	0
Conference Offering	8	10	0
Katoomba Christian Conference	2	0	0
Crusader Union	2	10	0
Treasury Bond Interest			2
	£329	4	3

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
Federal Board	225	0	0
Conference Programmes	2	0	0
Duplex Envelopes	6	2	3
Proportion Church Office Expenses	2	10	0
Stationery	9	0	0
Postage	8	4	
Telephone	9	8	
Telegrams	7	4	
Fares	12	8	
Missionary Books	1	11	0
Christmas Gifts to Norseman Sisters	1	11	6
Bank Charges	10	0	
Balance carried forward	87	12	6
	£329	4	3

I have examined the books and vouchers of the N.S.W. Churches of Christ—Aborigines' Board, for the year ended 31st December, 1944, and certify that the above is in accordance therewith.

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

SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT

PREAMBLE.

With gratitude to God for unfailing mercies your Committee presents this Annual Report of Social Service activities throughout the year 1944-45.

Members of your Committee have shared in happy fellowship during the year.

With the members of the Brotherhood we would express our gratitude for the noble example of Christian fortitude and deep humility in the days of national peril and sorrow, set by their Majesties, the King and Queen. We are not unmindful of the many excellent men among the leaders of the Empire, who, by their words and example, would lead the people to walk humbly before their God.

COMMITTEE.

The following were elected at the Conference to serve on the Committee: Bren. A. C. MacLean, H. T. Edwards, G. E. Burns, T. P. Dale, G. Morris, Nutt, W. Armstrong, G. Morton, and Mesdames Redman and MacArthur. All meetings were fairly well attended.

At the first Committee meeting the Conference President, Bro. R. H. Wakeley, presided, and the following officers were elected: Chairman: A. C. MacLean. Vice-Chairman: G. E. Burns. Secretary: T. P. Dale. Treasurer: H. T. Edwards. Asst. Secretary: Geo. Morton. Auditor: C. H. Caspersonn.

The usual method of allocating the special work to be done was carried out again this year. The leaders were as follows: Prayer Meeting: Bren. Edwards and Morris. Soldiers' Correspondence: Mesdames Redman and MacArthur. Messenger Representative: Bro. W. Armstrong. Conference Executive Representative: Bro. G. E. Burns. Temperance Alliance Representative: Bro. T. P. Dale. Propoganda: Bren. Morton, MacLean and Edwards. Public Questions were to be dealt with by the Executive of the Committee as a body.

During the latter part of the year, due to the serious illness and death of his wife, our Secretary, Bro. T. P. Dale, was unable to give the attention demanded by his office and to attend at our office. He eventually asked for, and was given, four months' leave of absence. We found it impossible to keep our office open full time, but were able by the co-operation of members of the Committee to open it some time during every day, and to look after the duties attached thereto. Mrs. Wakeley was approached in reference to taking on the work of the office again, but expressed regret that she was unable to do it, as she was engaged in other work.

BENEVOLENCE.

Having no one in charge of this actual work, we have not been called upon to the same extent as in the years that have gone by. We have had many garments, both for men and women, sent to us, and have had the pleasure of giving them to needy and deserving cases who have applied for same. We made our usual Christmas Appeal to the Churches throughout the State and received the sum of £25/19/5, besides a goodly supply of groceries and toys, which, together with a gift of £25 from the Government Social Services, was distributed. Ten of our Churches were helped in this special way. The City Temple Saturday Night Men's Christmas Meeting, at which 100 men sat down to tea, and the Monday Afternoon Women's Meeting, at which 36 were present, were both catered for out of the money provided from the above fund. This Report does not indicate at all the benevolent work done by the Churches in their own districts.

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP.

We have felt the need and co-operation of our brethren throughout the State with regard to our work, and to this end we believe that the fellowship of prayer is essential. During the year we have had the joy of conducting Prayer meetings in many of our Churches; we believe to mutual advantage. We would be delighted to visit any of our Churches in the State where possible, and put the claims of our work to the brethren and sisters.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

We feel that this Committee is the voice of our Churches on all matters dealing with the Social life of the community, and we have continued throughout the year in protesting against open sin, wickedness and crime. We have written letters of protest to the Federal and State Governments, to members of both Parliaments, to the Commissioner of Railways against smoking in trains and restaurants, to the Chief Secretary in reference to Sunday Sport, to the A.B.C. re some features of broadcasting, to the Chief of Fire Brigades re smoking in theatres. Our Chairman is the President of the Council of Churches. Our Secretary represents us on the N.S.W. Temperance Alliance, and our Asst. Secretary on the N.S.W. Band of Hope Union. We are also represented on the Council of the Alliance of Honour.

PROPAGANDA.

Throughout the year we have continued to publish our pamphlet, "The Voice in the Wilderness." This goes to every Church in the State, and in many cases is eagerly sought after. Through its pages we aim to fight especially the drink traffic, the smouldering menace and the gambling evil, which are making more headway into our community life every day. By the time this report is in print, we will have launched an extensive scheme of attack against these evils amongst our Youth, and we trust you will give it all your help and support.

"CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

We still continue to share in the publication of the "Christian Messenger" and congratulate the Editor, P. E. Thomas, and all concerned in the improvement of the paper.

SERVICES CORRESPONDENCE.

We have continued this service again throughout the year, and the letters we have received in reply from all parts of the world show they are appreciated. We have about 300 names on our list and every member of the Committee takes his or her place in writing letters during the year. The addressing and folding, etc., of these letters is the entire responsibility of the two ladies on the Committee. It is a worthwhile work well done.

LADIES' AUXILIARY.

During the year we have had the continued help of the Ladies' Auxiliary. They arrange and supervise all our catering at all functions. They are busy, too, in the raising of necessary money to furnish the Christian Fellowship Association Holiday Home. We are indeed thankful for the help of such a splendid body of ladies.

FINANCE.

A perusal of the Social Service Financial Statement will show that, as in previous years, the Brotherhood have given to the Committee according as its needs have been. The return, of course, is for only 11 months on account of the earlier date of Conference. Two items are notable—firstly, the amount collected for Christmas Cheer, and the Christmas relief given are both considerably greater than in past years; secondly, the amount spent on Social Propaganda and Education (including the "Voice in the Wilderness") is greater than the amount for relief, due to a concentration by the Committee on this aspect of their work under wartime conditions. The financial statement reveals clearly the allocation of funds for the period just closed and needs no explanation. The Committee commends the Brotherhood for their faithful support during 1944 and earnestly pleads

for "the last shilling" during 1945 so that the extensive, progressive, programme planned for the year ahead, and revealed in other parts of the report, may be successfully and satisfactorily carried out.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION.

A very encouraging aspect of our year's work is the satisfactory state of the C.F.A.'s finances. The contributors have been amazingly faithful in their contributions. Few have ceased to contribute, and a number of new contributors have joined the Association. There are over 600 regular givers. The loans granted during the year total £621. This item alone indicates the value of C.F.A. to the Brotherhood, and is worthy of the serious consideration of every Church member. Of the amount of £758/6/10, outstanding loans, the remarkably small sum of £23/2/- will probably be written off as non recoverable, a splendid testimony to the able management of the funds of the Association in past years.

As from the 1st January, 1945, the smaller items of expenditure, such as Organiser's salary, office rent, "Christian Messenger" subsidy, telephone, etc., will not be a charge to the Association funds as the Social Service Committee have decided to bear the whole of these items in the future. A word of commendation is due, too, to the various Church Agents for their faithful and accurate collecting and handling of the members' contributions, an onerous and thankless job, which has been done faithfully and well. With much gratification the financial statement is commended to the Brotherhood for their approval, with the earnest request for even greater support in the ensuing year.

THANKS.

We take this opportunity of thanking all members of the Brotherhood who have faithfully given of their means to the work of Social Service and Christian Fellowship Association, and who have been our strength throughout the year.

To all Church officers who have advocated our work in their churches throughout the State, for the sympathetic help and words of encouragement given our work by our preaching brethren. Finally, to the ladies of our Auxiliary, to the Deacons of the City Temple and Enmore Tabernacle for the use of their buildings, to D. R. Hall & Co., for legal advice, and to our Auditor, Bro. Caspersonn.

It is with regret, as we go to print, that the resignation of Bro. Dale, who has been so actively engaged in Social Service and C.F.A. work of the Brotherhood, has come to hand. Bro. Dale, we understand, contemplates going interstate for business reasons, in which case he will be absent for long periods at a time, and for this reason he finds it necessary to withdraw from active service with the Social Service Department.

We much regret this decision, and would like to take this opportunity of expressing our deepest appreciation for his valued services and Brotherly interest over a long period of years. He will be greatly missed in all our work.

We pray God's richest blessing to rest with him, and that daily guidance will be given him in the days to come.

AIMS WHICH WE VISUALISE FOR 1945.

- (1) Establishing on a sound basis a Policy and a Fund for the Rehabilitation of the men and women of our Services.
- (2) Establishing of a Men's Hostel with accommodation for at least 50 men.
- (3) Make a determined effort to introduce C.F.A. to all members of all our Churches on the principle that C.F.A. is to help needy saints.
- (4) For increased interest in Social Service work, for the relief of the poor and needy outside the Church, and to carry out a plan of campaign against all Social Evils, especially amongst the youth of our land.

A. C. MACLEAN, Chairman.
GEO. MORTON, Asst. Secretary.
H. T. EDWARDS, Treasurer.

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

H. T. EDWARDS, Hon. Treasurer.

I certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Social Service Committee, and compared the accounts with the foregoing statement, and find same in accordance therewith, and that the Balance Sheet shows the true position as at 31st December, 1944.

£425 15 1

132 18 5	By Office Rent	£ 8. d.
34 1 2	Organiser's Salary	16 5 0
8 18 3	Relief, including Christmas Cheer	23 0 0
13 19 9	Messenger Management Com. Subsidy	72 0 0
23 0 0	Social and Public Questions Propaganda	6 0 0
53 15 6	Vic. Tracts, S.S. Paper, Fees, etc.	63 15 6
	Conference Expenses, including Tea, Pro-grammes, etc.	23 0 0
	Office Expenses, including Duplicator Sup-plies, Stationery, etc.	13 19 9
	Postage, Telegrams, Fares, Phones, etc.	8 18 3
	General Printing, including Duplex Envel-opes, Annual Offerings, Literature, etc.	34 1 2
	Cash at Bank (including Hut Fund, £119/14/11, and Funeral Trust Fund, £9/10/-)	132 18 5

PAYMENTS.

1944—Feb. 1.

£425 15 1

£ 8. d.	To Bank Balance, 31/1/44	£ 138 0 3
	Annual Offerings	113 15 6
	Duplex Envelope Offerings	74 5 8
	Cash Donations	32 15 6
	Special Appeals (including Christmas Cheer)	25 19 5
	Conference Demonstration Offerings	12 5 0
	Miscellaneous Small Receipts, Loan Re-payments, Messenger Management Committee, Rent, Funeral Trust Fund, etc.	29 13 9

RECEIPTS.

1944—Feb. 1.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for 11 months, February 1st, 1944, to December 31st, 1944.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN N.S.W.—SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.

NEW SOUTH WALES CHURCHES OF CHRIST—CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st December, 1944.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance forward, 31/12/43	1,005	3	10	By Loans Granted	621	0	0
Members' Contributions	329	11	10	Organiser's Salary	45	0	0
Loan Repayments	120	7	6	Office Rent	16	5	0
Special Donations	8	0	2	Annual Meeting and Christmas Greetings (1945) Expenses	2	18	8
Bank Interest	19	11	7	Printing	21	14	3
Account Adjustment	3	0	0	Christian Messenger Subsidy	6	0	0
				Travelling and Office Expenses	2	10	0
				Telephone	2	2	11
				Agents' Expenses and Postage	3	2	11
				Account Adjustment	3	6	0
				Bank Balance, 31/12/44	782	1	2
	£1,505	0	11		£1,505	0	11

Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

By Bank Balance, 31/12/44	£	s.	d.
Outstanding Loans	782	1	2
	758	6	10
	1,540	8	0

I certify that I have examined the books and vouchers of the Christian Fellowship Association, and compared the accounts with the foregoing statement, and find same in accordance therewith, and that the Balance Sheet shows the true position of the Association as at 31st December, 1944.

H. T. EDWARDS, Acting Treasurer.
A. C. MACLEAN, Chairman.

W. K. HUNTER,
Hon. Auditor.

CHRISTIAN MESSENGER

As we come to report another year's work in the publication of the "Christian Messenger," we are not unmindful of the goodness of God and His gracious leading in all the various phases of our operations. Many messages of commendation have been received from interested readers, thus giving the Committee further evidence of the value the paper is to our Brotherhood, particularly to the many isolated members who have no other means of knowing of the activities of the churches.

Committee.—The following were elected as the Management Committee: Chairman, I. A. Paternoster; Secretary-Treasurer, T. P. Dale; Auditor, W. K. Hunter; Editor, P. E. Thomas, B.A. The Committee also consisted of a representative of the four controlling committees. Meetings were held throughout the year as the occasion demanded, thus the business was faithfully attended to.

Publication.—No difficulty was experienced in maintaining the monthly publication. Early in the year consideration was given to the question of the distribution on the first Sunday in each month instead of the second, but it was found impossible to do this on account of the natural change in the calendar dates of the day. A further alteration had to be made in the quality of the paper used, owing to government regulation, but this change was not very noticeable, though it did interfere with the appearance of the illustration blocks. We were able to maintain the high standard previously reached, and under the prevailing circumstances the Committee feel their efforts have been a success.

Editors.—Brother P. E. Thomas continued faithfully as Editor, and in the same satisfactory way dealt impartially with all the articles sent in for publication, and his work was much appreciated by the Committee. We regret, however, that owing to pressure of his own local work he found it necessary to resign, and the October issue was his last charge. Brother Haydon McCallum was appointed in his place, and though he has only acted since the November issue, he has proved capable of carrying out the duties successfully. There has been a steady increase in the list of subscribers throughout the year. In the early months it was found necessary to refuse some applications because our paper quota was not sufficient to increase the number of papers published, but at the latter part of the year, by an adjustment of paper, we were able to increase the circulation and so accept further subscriptions.

Finance.—The financial part of the work continued satisfactorily. The income from all sources was £245/8/2, and the expenditure £232/0/1, leaving a credit cash bank balance of £13/8/1. On account of the change of the date of Conference, the books of the other committees were closed at the 31st December, 1944, but as it was difficult for our figures to be compiled as at 31st December, they have been made up to the 31st January as heretofore. Difficulty was still experienced in getting churches and individuals to pay their accounts promptly, and we would again appeal to all our subscribers to give attention to this matter in the New Year. All subscriptions are payable in advance either yearly or quarterly, and it would help the Committee if our subscribers would abide by this rule. The cost of production was slightly higher than former years, which reduced our surplus in the balance sheet to £7/0/8.

Appreciation.—We would express our appreciation for the valuable service given by Bro. Thomas and Bro. McCallum as Editors; to Bro. Gowans, our Printer, who has always co-operated in a special way when

MESENGER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Financial Statement and Balance Sheet to January 31st, 1945.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance forward	£	s.	d.
" Contributions	118	5	4
" Committees' Subsidies	88	3	0
" Advertisers	15	12	6
" Blocks	10	5	0
	£245	8	2

EXPENDITURE.

By Printing	£	s.	d.
" Bulk Postage	179	0	0
" Blocks	5	18	6
" Stationery	27	6	0
" Postage	3	4	6
" Conference Programme	2	9	4
" Prizes (Children's Page)	1	12	0
" Editor's Expenses	1	8	9
" Secretary's Expenses	2	15	0
" Office Accommodation	7	16	0
" Balance	13	8	1
	£245	8	2

BALANCE SHEET.

To Sundry Creditors—H. C. Gowans	£	s.	d.
" Balance	23	11	6
	11	2	6
	£24	14	0

ASSETS.

By Sundry Debtors—	£	s.	d.
Contributions	11	4	11
Advertisers	4	10	0
Committees	7	1	0
Bank Credit	13	8	1
Cash in Hand	10	0	0
	£34	14	0

Balance carried down	£	s.	d.
Less contributions paid in advance	11	2	6
Credit Balance	£7	0	8

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE.

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Messenger Management Committee and I certify that the above statement and balance sheet is in accordance therewith, and presents a true condition of the Committee's financial transactions to the 31st January, 1945.

(Signed) W. K. HUNTER, Auditor.

difficulties have had to be overcome to get the paper out on time. To Bro. Hunter, for his work as Auditor; to the various correspondents in the churches, and to the Editors of Committee pages, and to all who have had a part in the successful publication of the "Messenger."

Recommendation.—We recommend to Conference that the publication of the paper be continued, and that the same four Committees be given control of its operations.

On behalf of the Committee,

I. A. PATERNOSTER, Chairman.
T. P. DALE, Secretary-Treasurer.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Conference Officers.

Clause 9:—Delete the words, "four main Committees," and insert in lieu thereof the words, "five Committees referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e), of Clause 10."

—J. L. STIMSON.

Committees.

Clause 10 (f):—

1. Insert in paragraph (f) of Clause 10, after the word, "members," the words, "Together with the Principal of Churches of Christ Bible College in N.S.W., who shall be a member ex officio";
2. Delete the word, "who," from the first line of paragraph (f) and insert in lieu thereof the words, "the Board";
3. Substitute the word, "five," for the word, "four," in the last line of paragraph (f).

—J. L. STIMSON.

Clause 10 (m):—In paragraph (m) of Clause 10, substitute the words, "the Annual Meeting of Conference," for the word, "Easter," in the fourth last line of the paragraph.

—J. L. STIMSON.

Life Members of Committees.

New Clause 10A:—Insert the following new clause after Clause 10, viz.:

10A. Life Members of Committees:

Conference may, by resolution, at its Annual Meeting appoint not more than three life members to any Committee referred to in Clause 10, on the recommendation of the Committee concerned; provided that there shall not be more than three life members of any Committee at any one time. Life Members of Committees shall be in addition to elected and ex officio members of such Committees; such Life Members may take part in the deliberations of the respective Committees, but shall not be entitled to vote.

—J. L. STIMSON.

Conference Officers.

Clause 9:—That Clause 9 be amended to read after "four main Committees," "except in the case of the Past President, who may be elected to any Conference Committee."

—G. E. BURNS.

Conference Executive.

Clause 11:—That Clause 11 be amended by inserting the words, "Women's Auxiliary Conference," after the words, "New South Wales," in the first paragraph.

—Mrs. R. W. McCALLUM.

Clause 11—That Clause 11 be amended by inserting the words, "Aborigines Mission Board," after the words, "New South Wales," in the first paragraph.

—I. A. PATERNOSTER.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

We recognise and gratefully acknowledge the blessing of Almighty God as we have laboured for Him. The year has been marked with progress and the future is bright with promise.

Committee Personnel.—Serving the Brotherhood with harmony and zeal were the following: BIBLE SCHOOLS SECTION: D. Wakeley, Chairman; Miss Jean Murray, Secretary; S. O. Gole, Treasurer; Mrs. E. McCallum, Mrs. W. H. Palmer (resigned), P. H. Morton, G. E. Knight, K. A. Rae, R. Watson, Newcastle Representative, R. Wotherspoon and W. French.

C.E. SECTION: J. C. Cunningham, Vice-Chairman; Miss D. Small, Secretary; Garth Maxwell, Miss Joyce Button, Miss E. Hameister.

Bible Schools.—Our Brotherhood has a splendid band of faithful workers in this field. Many holding on in the outpost outer suburbs and laying solid foundations for future flourishing Churches. Many are labouring under difficulties of restricted space and lack of staff, yet they carry on faithfully and do good work.

We have 55 Schools and 4,880 Scholars and 609 Teachers.

(a) **States-wide Scholar Drive.**—As a result of the Directors' Conference of 1943, four States, South Australia, Victoria, N.S.W. and Queensland, participated in the Scholar Drive. The "Faithful Fishermen" Campaign was the inspiration and work of Bro. Ron Wotherspoon, of Penhurst. Results from other States are not to hand, but for N.S.W. the Department has been notified of 328 new scholars gained through the campaign.

(b) **Examinations.**—Entries for 1943 promised to be record for some years, 1,325 entering, but a bitterly cold day and other reasons reduced the number actually entering to 775. Two Federal Prizes were gained. A Shield Competition was substituted for the Banner Competition. Every school gaining certain percentages could gain either an "Honour," "A" Class, or "B" Class Shield. Shields were awarded to: Paddington, "A" Class; Bexley North, "B" Class, and Canley Vale, "B" Class.

Bro. P. H. Morton, Examination Supervisor, is seized with the importance of the examination and has made valuable suggestions for better examination conditions.

(c) **Visual.**—The eye gate is the most effective approach to the mind. We learn more by sight than through the other four senses. Visual education is more than using a lantern to show pictures, but the use of the lantern is usually the first appreciation of the eye gate. Many schools are using lanterns successfully, and others are trying to obtain them.

(d) **Departmental Supervisors.**—To ensure co-ordination and progress in all departments, the Committee appointed Departmental Supervisors. The following were appointed: Miss E. Hameister, Cradle Roll and Kindergarten; Mr. K. A. Rae, General School, and Mr. D. Wakeley, Bible Class.

Miss Hameister has been particularly successful in inspiring Cradle Roll Superintendents, and because of her work in that Department has not been able to touch the Kindergarten section.

Mr. Wakeley's Chaplaincy duties prevented him from doing anything active in the Bible Class section.

Mr. Rae was instrumental in forming a Guild of General Superintendents. Every Superintendent in the State Brotherhood is reckoned a member and receives a copy of the minutes and programme. At this meeting, which is bi-monthly, programmes are presented, ideas exchanged, and problems discussed.

Country Superintendents may write out their problems for discussion. It is regretted that more suburban Superintendents do not attend. Newcastle usually has representatives.

(e) "The Parent" is a monthly publication, especially designed to interest and influence parents. The initial price to schools was 8/- per 100 or proportionately, plus postage. So many schools in N.S.W. have taken it up and later the States of Victoria and Queensland and now South Australia is inquiring, that the price has been reduced to 7/- per 100, plus postage; a further reduction is contemplated.

Programme Committee.—This Committee, under the leadership of Bro. G. E. Knight, has done invaluable work. Future plans include the discovering and developing of the youth talent of the Brotherhood, and the establishment of a Committee of Advice on Anniversary and Concert Programmes in the local Church.

Five-Year Plan.—At the "Key Men's Tea," held during Youth Week—May, 1944, suggestions were made for a Five-Year Plan. This was prepared and presented at a further "Key Men's Tea." As far as the exigencies of the times have permitted, the items of the first year will have been commenced by the time Conference is held.

The second year's programme appears under "Future Plans."

Bible Schools, C.E., and Clubs' Exhibition.—This was fairly successful; the exhibits were excellent, but attendances were small.

The Exhibition was taken to Newcastle with splendid results. Misses D. Button and M. Reilly and Mr. Ron Wotherspoon gave very appreciated lectures each night in Sydney and Newcastle.

Youth to Youth Evangelism.—Special emphasis was placed on winning youth for Christ, and Churches have reported 150 young people added to the Church during the Conference Year.

Directors' Conference.—Deliberating for two days, the three full-time Youth Directors sought to co-ordinate Commonwealth Youth interests. Far-reaching and vital suggestions were made to State and Federal Committees.

"Happy Hours."—These have been conducted by the Director with excellent attendances all through. The following Schools were served: East Lambton, Burwood, Bexley North, Tempe and Hurstville. The Director teamed with the Chairman, Bro. Wakeley, in a mission at Georgetown, and with Bro. Amos at Burwood, and conducted evening mission meetings at Tempe (one decision) and Hurstville (18 decisions). All Schools report increased attendances as a result of the special effort.

Camps.—The Easter and Christmas Camps have left indelible marks upon the souls of those who attended. At the Christmas Camp three girls confirmed their decision about the mission field. At the Sunday evening Gospel Service one other girl made her decision for Christ. One young man said, "I'd been slipping, but as a result of the Camp I've got my hands firmly on the plough." A leader said he went from a sense of duty, but acknowledged that the camp had added years to his life. Special thanks is given to Mrs. Murray and her staff for consecrated, sacrificial catering service.

Special appreciation is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. E. Oldfield for the privilege of taking "House Parties" as their guests to "Joyhome," Sans Souci. Decisions for Christ have been registered here.

Christian Endeavour.—The Endeavour section, led by Bro. J. C. Cunningham, Vice-Chairman of the Y.P. Committee, and Miss Dora Small, Secretary of the C.E. Section, have done splendid work in organisation. They recognise that much needs to be done to make C.E. militant against sin and of service to the Church, and plans are in hand to that end. C.E. membership is as follows: Junior, 680; Intermediate, 209; Young 309.

Clubs.—The Pi Fraternal Orders have been quietly organising their forces; new Clubs have been added at Tempe and Mayfield. The broader vision, taking in all Clubs, was taken when, for the P.C.F.O. Field Day, all Clubs, irrespective of name, were invited to participate.

We have many individual clubs in our Churches doing splendid work. Mr. J. C. Cunningham is the Committee's "Clubs Supervisor."

Publications.—There have been no new publications this year. "Advancing in Youth Evangelism" has now been sold out. There are still supplies of "C.E. in Action," by R. Greenhalgh, and "Forward with Christ: Studies in Discipleship," by F. C. Hunting.

Office Assistance.—Miss Jean Murray has given many hours each week to voluntary office assistance, then going on to her ordinary work. This splendid gesture is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. French, of Hurstville, gives every Thursday to service in the office, and others have helped as they were able. We are very grateful for this interest and service. In addition to all this, there is the need for a permanent office assistant; the only hindrance is finance.

Thanks.—In addition to the above there are numerous friends of Youth to whom we owe much. Without them our work would suffer severely. Fear of missing some prevents us naming any; they are known by name to Him Who sees in secret and rewards openly. The best reward is in seeing the leaders of to-morrow as they rise from the Ranks of Youth. To our friends, one and all, we say "Thank you," both for your splendid help in the past and for what you are going to do in the future.

College.—From May the Director has lectured on Religious Education at the College. The opportunity is appreciated and the occasion taken to render profitable service, which we believe is gratefully received.

FUTURE PLANS.

(a) **Bible School Specialists.**—Almost every School is short staffed, and many teachers lack training. To overcome this difficulty two features have been decided upon, of which the appointment and training of Bible School Specialists is one. Ten applications have been received to date. These young people will be intensively trained in basic Bible School work, and will then specialise on one particular phase or section. They will not be experts, professing to know everything, but specialists who are ever learning and spreading their knowledge. They will be at the service of the Brotherhood, when trained, for assistance in Bible School matters.

(b) **Correspondence Teacher Training Course.**—This is the second feature to assist our teachers. It was hoped to make this a Federal matter, but not found practicable. Queensland and N.S.W. are now co-operating in its production, and Bren. Hunting and Greenhalgh are preparing the material.

It is hoped to commence in March, if paper supplies are available.

It is desirable that every teacher and superintendent take the course, as also those who hope to be teachers.

(c) **Youth Week.**—This is planned for April 29th to May 6th. It is hoped that the week will be opened as before with a Combined Schools' Broadcast on April 29th.

During the week we aim to discover and encourage our Youth Talent through a Junior Eisteddfod.

The "Key Men's Tea" is planned for May 4th. Saturday, May 5th, is marked for a concert of the winners of the Junior Eisteddfod.

On Sunday, May 6th, it is hoped and requested that every Church will use as many young people as possible in the services.

(d) **Second Year's Features of "Five Year Plan."**—
 Establishment of Bible School Workers' Travelling Library.
 Christian Endeavour Membership Drive.
 Establishment of Youth Fellowship amongst:
 Technical School Students,
 High School Students,
 University Students,
 School Teachers,
 Christian Nurses.

Inter-Church Youth Fellowship Socials.

"League of Five Hundred pledged to make a gift for the erection or purchase of suitable accommodation when a new school is opened. Not to operate until the full 500 are obtained, and only to operate under the control of the Department." (Suggested by Newcastle Youth Council.)

Campaign for Better Religious Instruction in Day Schools.

Training, equipping and appointing a teaching sisterhood.

Youth Councils in every Church.

Finance.—The receipts from all sources for the eleven months ended 31st December, 1944, including a credit balance of £45/2/10, amounted to £913/1/4½, and the expenditure to £848/9/10, thus showing a credit balance of £64/11/6½. The annual offering from 34 Churches amounted to £365, a decrease of 6 Churches, but an increased amount of £21, on that of the previous year, and special donations were £188, an increase of £115 on last year. The offering from Bible Schools, Christian Endeavour Societies and Clubs amounted to £48, an increase of £6 on last year. Offerings from the Duplex system from 25 Churches amounted to £216, an increase of £28 on 1943.

Cot Fund.—An amount of £47/13/11 was received from 36 Schools, C.E. Societies and Clubs, towards the £40 required for the support of the Cot in the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children. This is the highest amount received for some years past. We trust that a similar interest in the wonderful work of this great hospital in the ministry of healing to children from all over New South Wales will continue during 1945.

D. WAKELEY, Chairman.
 J. C. CUNNINGHAM, Vice-Chairman.
 S. O. GOLE, Treasurer.
 R. GREENHALGH, Director.

ADDENDUM.

The members of the Committee desire to express their complete confidence in the Director, Bro. Roy Greenhalgh, and to record their appreciation of his able and inspiring leadership during his first year in that office.

DAN. WAKELEY, Chairman.

BIBLE SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Cash Statement for period from 1/2/44 to 31/12/44.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Credit Balance brought forward from last year	45	2	10
Annual Offering—			
Churches	176	16	7
Special Donations	188	10	0
B.S., C.E. and Clubs	48	0	9
Churches, Duplex Offering	216	0	1
Annals Exam., Fees and Offering	27	17	0
Offerings at Conference Demonstrations	26	12	1
Happy Hour Youth Missions	20	18	1
Sale of Diaries and Booklets	126	7	10½
Miscellaneous	36	16	1
	£913	1	4½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Salary of Director	350	15	0
Travelling Expenses	23	15	0
Petty Cash and Postage	50	10	0
Office Rent	33	5	6
Telephone and General Office Expenses	33	18	7
Christian Messenger (prop. of cost)	19	10	0
Printing, Stationery, etc.	101	9	1
Supplies	157	5	6
Proportion Cost Duplex Envelopes	6	2	3
Miscellaneous	71	18	11
	£848	9	10
.. Credit Balance	64	11	6½
	£913	1	4½

Audited.
 L. K. WILSON. 10/1/45.

S. O. GOLE,
 Hon. Treasurer.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

In grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for blessings over the past year and in deep appreciation of the co-operation of the Brotherhood generally, we present this report to Conference.

INDIA.

Encouraging reports are to hand covering the year's activities. The latest statistics show a church membership of 511, made up as follows: Baramati 298, Shrigonda 120, Dhond 73, Diksal 20. Baptisms numbered 65. Of these, Baramati reported 27, Shrigonda 23, Dhond 15.

In the Homes there are over 100 boys at Baramati, and 80 girls at Shrigonda. The boys did well in recent exams., with 90 per cent. class passes, leaving eight out of ten High School boys pass.

The Hospital at Dhond has had another busy year. A total of 682 in-patients, and 24,000 out-patients have been treated. Among these were 592 new patients, 285 operations, 1,534 injections, and 132 maternity cases. The hospital is 78 per cent. self supporting, £1,460 coming from India, and £400 from Australia. Not all patients are able to pay for treatment, but naturally none are refused because of this. During the year there were 30 per cent. free treatments.

WORKERS.

During the year Miss Vawser has been home on furlough, and it is hoped she will return early this year. With her will go Sister Winifred Walker, a trained nurse, and member of the Church at Margaret St., Launceston, Tasmania, and Sister Kathleen Taylor, a State School teacher and member of the church at Fremantle, W.A.

Mrs. Coventry and her two daughters arrived home during January of this year, and Mr. and Mrs. Bolduan and family are expected shortly. We deeply regret the illness of our beloved veteran missionary, Bro. T. Escott, but rejoice in that he has sufficiently recovered to return to Diksal. We thank God for all the years he has spared Bro. and Sister Escott to India.

Dr. Michael is still absent on leave to the military.

FINANCIAL.

The balance sheet for this State is to be found on page 70. From it will be learned the sum of £2,090/10/10 was actually received. This, together with refunds, balance from last year and rent from the Chinese Church, gives a grand total of £2,430/16/7. The Sisters are especially thanked for their gift of £250.

In connection with finance, a note from the Federal Treasurer should be carefully read:

Federal Income.—Whilst we can report finances are in fair heart, it should be pointed out that for the first six months of the Federal financial year (July 1st, 1944-31st December, 1944), a decrease in finances is shown over the same period in 1943, of £470; i.e., 1943, £8,225; 1944, £7,755. It should be further pointed out that despite the fact that the 1944 annual income was a record and at the end of August, 1944, our receipts were actually in advance over 1943, by £175. Thus during the next four months, the comparative loss in income was well over £600. There may be reasons for this which are only temporary, and notice is drawn to this fact because the going of new workers and building projects already outlined will convince the Brotherhood that income must be maintained at high level giving if we are to continue the present satisfactory condition.

Indian Co-workers' Pension Scheme.—The Federal Conference, October, 1944, showed sympathetic understanding toward making provision

for co-workers. At present, Indian Christian workers are making payments into a fund which is subsidised by the Australian Brotherhood. During the past twelve months, the Brotherhood subsidies have increased by 100 per cent. Despite this fact, the benefits to workers and old age retiring allowances are totally inadequate. A more ambitious scheme is now under way, and suggestions have already been made to the Committee of Management, India, regarding the proposal.

NEW HEBRIDES.

Development is seen so far as this work is concerned. During the year Miss Clipstone returned to the Islands, and was married to Bro. Harold Finger, and to these young people we extend our sincere good wishes, and pray the blessing of the Father on their united service for Him. Miss Clipstone was accompanied by Mrs. Grace Waterman, and together these workers are seeking to consolidate and extend the influence of the Mission. Prospects at the moment are brighter than at possibly any other period of our Island work.

The future, however, will depend upon the measure of financial support forthcoming.

A building programme is being undertaken and soon it is hoped to have plans ready for a hospital.

Bro. Ron. Saunders, after nearly two years on Aoba, has returned to Melbourne to complete his studies at Glen Iria. The thanks of the Board are extended to him for his great help.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

The Y.P. Department kindly assisted again this year, and £45/1/5 was received. Not many schools co-operated, with the result £68/6/5 less was received.

CHINA.

The Federal Board is still able to send money to the China H.M. Society for the work at Hurili, and for the support of Pearl Anderson, who was hopeful of soon returning to mission work at the C.M.S. Mission Hospital in Kunming.

LEGACY.

We are glad to report to Conference that our late Bro. Crosswaite in his will left house and furniture, valued at over £900, to the Committee. A sister is to be allowed the use of it so long as she is able to occupy it. We are grateful for this gracious act on the part of our late brother, and commend his action to others.

THANKS.

At last Conference Dr. C. A. Verco did not seek re-election to the Committee, and so ended his long and valued service as chairman. Grateful thanks is extended for all the help given.

P. C. WILLIAMS, Chairman.
IRA A. PATERNOSTER, Secretary.

N.S.W. CHURCHES OF CHRIST FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE.
Statement of Receipts and Payments for 11 Months for the Conference Year Ended 31st December, 1944.

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Weekly Offerings, Dup. Env.	339	19	3			
Annual Offering	751	16	1			
Children's Day	45	1	5			
Orphan Support	46	16	7			
Native Teacher Support	85	6	0			
Dhond Hospital	81	2	5			
Famine Relief Donations	65	8	5			
Milk Fund Donations	11	19	9			
Sundry Donations to Gen. Fund	322	8	5	1,749	18	4
Sisters' Conference—						
Famine Relief	12	0	0			
Fareo	35	0	0			
Fares, Mrs. Coventry	70	0	0			
Living Link Fund	143	0	0			
Rent from Stanmore Cottage	59	7	2			
Rent Refund Chinese	15	0	0			
Conference Offering	8	10	0			
Sale of Stamps	1	10	0			
Federal Board Allowance	105	0	0			
Refund New Hebrides A/cs.	110	10	8			
Federal Board Refund	12	0	0			
Subscriptions—				236	10	8
Goody Pearls	15	9	0			
Mission Fields	5	16	4			
Bank Balance as at 1st Feb., '44				21	5	4
				88	15	1
				£2,430	16	7

I have examined the books and vouchers of the N.S.W. Churches of Christ Foreign Mission Committee for the Conference year ended 31st December, 1944, and I certify that the above statement is correct and in accordance therewith.
A. G. HILLINGWORTH, Auditor.

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash remitted to Federal Board	789	10	3			
Federal Board Allowance, as per contra	105	0	0			
Cash Received Direct by Federal Board	478	4	0			
Payments made on behalf of Board	492	14	7			
Payments made on behalf of Mission Accounts	171	3	8½	2,036	12	6½
Chinese Church Rent and Electric Light				39	3	2
Conference Committees—						
Messenger	13	5	0			
Duplex Envelopes	5	0	0			
Conference Executive	18	18	3			
Secretarial Expenses—						
Fares	11	12	9			
Postages	5	3	2			
Stationery	3	13	6			
Telephone	9	4	6			
Customs Charges	10	5				
Sundry Purchases	14	1				
Petty Cash	1	12	2½			
National Missionary Council	1	12	6			
Visiting Missionaries' Exx.	3	4	6			
Cheque Book			10			
Customs Deposit Account				37	17	7½
Bank Balance as at 31/12/44				2	0	4
				277	19	8
				£2,430	16	7

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

During the past year it has been the privilege and the joy of your Committee to further the preaching of the Gospel in quite a number of centres where otherwise a less effective work might have been done. We thank God that through the generosity of a big-hearted Brotherhood this has been made possible. The co-operation between the College Committee and the Home Mission Committee has continued, and this fellowship has been blessed in the gathering in of souls and the smooth working of the Students and the Churches, to which they minister. Our Director, with his Assistant and Song Leader, has been busy during the year, and the returns will show that satisfactory work has been done in those centres where he has been labouring. The result of the Inverell Mission, where the Mission Party was labouring at the time of the 1944 Conference, was most gratifying. In spite of many difficulties, chief of which was the sudden and serious illness of the resident preacher, Bro. Burgin, the Mission concluded with a very substantial number of additions, and a thank offering, which fully met the mission costs and gave a considerable surplus, which was shared by the local Church and the H.M. Committee equally. Perhaps the most gratifying result, however, was the accession of members, was able to be that Inverell, following the large accession of members, was able to come self-supporting after many years of dependence on the Committee for help. Since the mission the work has been progressing under the able ministry of Bro. Burgin, and a capable band of Officers and other helpers. Reference to Inverell should not close without grateful mention of the help given by Bro. A. Baker, who travelled long distances from and to his home in Bangalow in order to assist Bro. Hinrichsen in Bro. Burgin's absence through sickness. This was much appreciated by the Church and Committee. Following the Inverell mission, Bro. Hinrichsen, at the urgent plea of the Burwood and Petersham Officers, went into a period of ministry at Petersham. This seemed to be the last hope of raising Petersham to a satisfactory status, and though many and urgent requests for the Director's services were received, your Committee felt that Petersham's call was paramount, and so the plea of the Burwood Officers was acceded to.

Though the work of restoring a struggling cause is perhaps the most difficult that can be undertaken, Bro. Hinrichsen faced up to the task with determination and his usual ability. Rallying several enthusiastic helpers along with the loyal band who had faithfully held the fort for years, a most successful period of ministry was continued throughout the winter months, resulting in the restoration of the old historic Church at Cannon Street to a relatively healthy and strong condition. At the conclusion of Bro. Hinrichsen's ministry Bro. Lloyd Jones was called from Hamilton to take up the work with most hopeful results. Special prayer is sought for Petersham that God will raise up a successor to Bro. Jones who will leave for New Zealand early this year.

Fairfield, where a new Church was started just prior to last Conference, was assisted in its building project by a small temporary loan to enable them to carry on while financial arrangements were being made with the Bank. The result was the erection and dedication of a very fine building, where Bro. A. Morris has continued to give satisfactory ministry. The Committee feels gratified that it was able to render this temporary help to this "baby" Church.

Financial help has been given during the year to the following Churches: Hamilton, Epping, Albury, Grafton, Manly, Kurri, Gligandra, North Auburn, Petersham and Mortdale. At the present time, however, Hamilton, Manly and Kurri are not receiving any financial assistance.

Albury is still being served by Bro. Edwards with pleasing success. Grafton has benefited much by Bro. Pond's ministry, and it is hoped that during the coming year the work in this field will be built up greatly as a result of a mission conducted by Bren. Hinrichsen and Morris. Pray much for this field, where a worthy Church should be operating.

Bro. Reichford has continued his ministry at Gilgandra during the year with much acceptance, and has attracted a number of strangers to his meetings. North Auburn and Mortdale are being served by Bren. Beale and Norling respectively, and their ministry is much appreciated by the brethren meeting in those centres. Epping is being served acceptably by Bro. Hayden MacCallum, and the past year has in every way been the most effective of his ministry in that field.

For the future we are hopeful that, with the ending of the war, greater opportunities will be presented for aggressive evangelism, and that with the prayerful backing of a loving Brotherhood, much more might be done than in the year that has now become history.

Brethren, permit us to urge you to make prayer the keynote of your church life in 1945. A praying Brotherhood and a Brotherhood dedicated to the glory of God and the Salvation of souls will be an irresistible force in the life of any nation.

FINANCE.

(a) General Fund. Cash Statement is appended.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	622	15	9
Receipts	2,266	13	2
	2,889	8	11
Payments	2,623	6	11
E.S. and A. Bank Ltd.	£266	2	0
Deposit in Commonwealth Savings Bank	213	0	0
War Savings Certificates	25	0	0
Commonwealth Government Bond	50	0	0
Loan on Mortgage	267	0	0

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

Brought forward	475	9	1
Receipts	880	18	0
	1,356	7	1
Payments	845	14	3
E.S. and A. Bank Ltd	510	12	10
Commonwealth Government Bond	£50	0	0

(c) Endowment Fund. Commonwealth Government Bonds, £250; Loans on mortgage, £470; Cash in Banks, £503.

(d) Tent Equipment Fund.—£2/0/10.

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

(f) Armistice Fund.—£139/10/-.

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

THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

Another year has gone, and with profound gratitude to God for His goodness we again come to Conference.

The terrible war is still with us. Consequently the work has been carried on under many handicaps. Still, the blessing of God has been upon our united efforts. On the other hand, if cars were available, and overtime reduced, and the thousands of men and women in the services were back with us, a greater work could be accomplished. We are praying for peace, with its accompanying opportunities and obligations.

During the year the Director has had the joy of taking the confession of between three and four hundred people. Of course, not all of them were in N.S.W. Nevertheless, the souls have been added to the Lord.

After the mission a new building was erected at Fairfield. Both the building and the cause are a credit to the Brotherhood. Successful verell had been assisted by the Home Missionary Committee for over 20 years. The mission lifted it to where it is now, self-supporting. The Church has been enabled to increase Bro. Burgin's salary. He is much loved and respected, and is doing a magnificent work.

During the winter months the Director helped the Church at Peter-sham. There were many decisions, and the church is on the up grade. It is hoped that by next Conference this Church will be self-supporting with its full-time preacher.

A mission was in progress at Wollongong when a strong gale destroyed the marquee. This necessitated a move on the part of the missionaries to Bentleigh, where a wonderful mission was conducted. On the last night, owing to the greatness of the crowd, it was necessary to have the service in the open air—even in the open air fifteen people confessed faith in Christ.

A new tent has been ordered, and by the time Conference is on another mission will have been conducted at Merewether. A full year of missions has been planned.

Apart from missions the Director has been busy in many other avenues of service.

He would like to thank every member of the Home Missions Committee for whole-hearted co-operation—especially thanking the Chairman, Bro. B. G. Corlett, and Secretary, Bro. G. Burns.

To the whole Brotherhood he feels much indebted, and wishes he could do more for the great cause which we all love.

E. C. HINRICHEEN,
Director of Evangelism.

N.S.W. BIBLE COLLEGE

"This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes," is particularly applicable to our College.

With due gratitude to our Heavenly Father, we present our report to Conference.

"A threefold cord is not easily broken," says the inspired writer. Here is a fivefold cord of gratitude linking our work with Heaven itself.

1. Our student preachers had scores of converts during the year.
2. Bro. H. J. Patterson, M.A., our new Principal, has worked hard and is efficiently discharging his duties, being loyally supported by Mrs. Patterson.

3. Our first batch of exit students have gone forth into His field.
4. By a special effort and generous giving we were able to wipe out the overdraft.

5. The College Property has been extended. Adjoining the College a fine property was put on the market. Knowing that some day the College would need to extend and, fearing that lest a magnificent opportunity should be lost, the Board acted promptly. It would have preferred to wait some time before further launching out, but immediate action was necessary. It provides the College with 14 additional rooms. The cost was £2,450, about half of this was subscribed by eight people in a few minutes.

The Faculty.—Along with Principal Bro. A. W. Ladbrook's work is very much appreciated. Visiting lecturers were: Brethren Haydon McCallum, Ira Paternoster, Ethelbert Davis, E. C. Hinrichsen, F. Youens, P. E. Thomas, Harrison Allan, and R. Greenhalgh.

The Board hopes to be able to extend the faculty this year by giving more secular studies. The Board was pleased to receive fellowship and help from our esteemed past Principal, A. R. Main, during the year.

Students.—There were 16 students during the year. Bro. Hallop has temporarily gone into Y.M.C.A. work. Five others have finished their course.

This year there are four new students, making a total of 14.

Domestic.—Mrs. Cocks has rendered efficient service along with Mrs. Martin.

Student Churches.—Some of the Churches have given a little extra each week toward College expenses. This is very much appreciated. On the other hand, some Churches are unable to raise enough to pay the student's allowance, in which case the Home Mission Committee assists.

During the year the following churches and students worked together: J. Henderson, who has rendered a fine service at Bexley North, will remain with the Church as a full-time preacher. The same is true of Bro. Wilson, at Paddington. L. Jones for the greater part of the year served at Hamilton, but lately at Petersham, and in the New Year proceeds to the work at Dunedin, N.Z. A. Gilbertson has served at Tempe. Others and their Churches are as follows: G. H. Eager (Penshurst), C. Beale (North Auburn), L. Dewberry (Hamilton), P. Flint (Greystanes), J. Grant (Beverly Hills), C. Latimer (Bankstown), A. Morris (Fairfield), A. Norling (Mortdale), V. Parker (Canley Vale), J. Moran (Manly).

The Brotherhood.—This is a Brotherhood institution and many support it helpfully. There are some Churches and individuals, however, who have not come up to expectations. We pray that the Lord will open their eyes to an unusual privilege and unprecedented opportunity.

The Board. To conduct such an institution is not an easy task. There have been problems. These have been dealt with, we trust, under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit.

The Future. Please make a place in your prayers and your budget for this God-established institution.

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

CHURCHES OF CHRIST BIBLE COLLEGE, N.S.W. Statement of Receipts and Payments, from 1st February, 1944, to 31st December, 1944.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
RECEIPTS.						
To Sundry Income, Gifts, etc.	119	13	10			
" Annual Offering	1,117	4	2			
" A.B.C. Band	100	0	0			
" Duplex Envelopes	133	11	10			
" Payments from Student Churches				1,470	9	10
" Students' Board and Fees				206	10	0
" Loan Accounts				609	0	0
" Interest Receivable				250	0	0
" Sale of Text Books				1	17	6
				18	13	9
				£2,556	11	1
To Balance brought down (Credit)						
Note.—Not included in the above cash receipts are amounts as under:—				£161	4	5
Treasury Bond, £50, at 3½%, due 15th October, 1960.						
War Savings Certificate, 16/.						

I have examined the accounts of the Churches of Christ Bible College, N.S.W., for the eleven months ended 31st December, 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.
2nd February, 1945.

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

J. H. ADAMS,
Hon. Treasurer.

	£	s.	d.
PAYMENTS.			
By Balance, brought forward	1,163	16	1
" Travelling Expenses, Publicity and Salaries	538	7	6
" Furniture, Fittings and Equipment	129	15	3
" House Expenses, Foodstuffs, etc.	318	7	4
" Repairs, Renovations and Replacements	42	14	11
" Interest, Insurance and Telephone	90	19	6
" Electric Light, Gas and Fuel	57	5	1
" Printing, Stationery, Stamps and Telegrams			
" General Expenses	23	12	5
" Purchase of Text Books	14	14	1
" Balance, carried down	15	14	6
	161	4	5
	£2,556	11	1

BOOK ROOM AND CHURCH STORES

We have pleasure in presenting this report of the trading of the Book Room on behalf of the Committee, and we recognise again the leading of the spirit of God, and express our thanks for His gracious leading. This report covers a period of eleven months only, ending 31st December, 1944, and though trading has been just as difficult as in former war years, sales have increased and a greater profit earned. There has been a slight easing of the position in regard to the importation of books, though other lines have been very difficult to obtain. Further than this, there is nothing of special interest to report.

Business.—The sales this year (11 months period) amounted to £581/3/11, against the sales for 12 months last year, £535/11/5, which gave us an increased gross profit of £10/18/-. It is still difficult to maintain a reasonable rate of profit and we feel, in view of the conditions under which we work, the result is very satisfactory. In our last report there were two factors which we referred to with regard to the result of the year's trading, and which we could well repeat. First, our overhead expenses are high for the amount of business we do. It is impossible to reduce these expenses, but if our churches and individual members would support the book room more than they do, we would be able to handle the increased business without having to increase the overhead. Therefore, we appeal to all to be faithful to our own book room and place their orders with us instead of going elsewhere. Second, we wish to point out again that this book room is actually the clearing house for all our Brotherhood activities, and a very great convenience to preachers and the church members generally. This service to our Brotherhood, the greater part of which is done without any charge, is not fully appreciated, but if it ceased to function it would then be realised that it serves a very great need. Let us say again. May we ask for more loyal support, with less criticism, more sympathy in our difficulties, and more generosity in paying the prices asked for our goods. If we could get this co-operation, the business could be made a very profitable one. Commencing from November last an arrangement was made with the Conference Executive whereby some of the overhead expenses would be paid by them, and this is going to have a marked effect on our next year's trading, providing we are able to maintain sales and obtain supplies as successfully as we have in the past.

Management Committee.—The Committee elected at last Conference were as follows: Chairman, P. J. Pond; Vice-Chairman, L. C. Yelds; Secretary, C. C. King; Treasurer, E. T. Vears; Sales Superintendent, Miss C. E. Verco; Book-keeper, T. P. Dale. Meetings have been held at times when necessary, including one with representatives of the Conference Executive. Miss Verco has again been very loyal in her work, and we want to express our thanks to her for all that she has been willing to do, not only for the business itself, but for the many who call on her services continually throughout the year. We regret to report that we are losing the services of Bro. Dale as book-keeper, owing to his periodical absence from the State, and we would issue an appeal for someone who could fill this position.

Thanks.—We record our thanks again for all the help we have received from those who have traded with us. To the Committees who have made contributions towards our office expenses. To Bro. Dale for his work as book-keeper, and to all who have been interested in the work we say, "thank you."

BOOK DEPOT AND CHURCH STORES. Trading and Profit and Loss Account for 11 Months Ended 31st December, 1944.

	£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1/2/44	227	9	0
Purchases	437	13	2
Gross Profit carried down	154	15	7
	819	19	6
To Salaries	125	18	6
Rent	32	10	0
Telephone, Rent and Calls	37	7	4
Conference Programme	1	12	0
Freight and Cartage	7	5	0
Interest, Discount and Exchange	9	2	5
Printing and Stationery	2	10	0
Postages and General Expenses	5	12	6
	£221	17	9
By Sales	581	3	11
Stock, 31/12/44	238	15	7
	819	19	6
By Gross Profit brought down	154	16	7
Contributions and Donations to Rental and Office Assistance	34	7	6
Telephone Expenses	28	12	5
Net Loss	4	1	3
	£221	17	9

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1944.

	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors	156	15	3
Bills Payable	7	5	11
E.S. & A. Bank Ltd.	58	3	5
Advance Account	121	4	10
Capital Account	£78	16	8
Less Loss for period	4	1	3
	74	17	5
Cash in Hand	£418	6	10
Sundry Debtors	5	15	7
Typewriter	142	11	11
Less Depreciation	31	15	0
Share of Safe	3	3	6
Stock	28	11	6
	2	12	3
	238	15	7
	£418	6	10

Subject to Audit.

E. T. VEARS,
Hon. Treasurer. 20/2/45.

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

- That the book room be continued in its service to the Brotherhood in its present form.
- That the members of the present Committee, having given consent to act, be elected for the coming year.
- 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.

ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

Meetings held during the year dealt with changes in the list of preachers holding marriage licences, as well as other problems presented to the Board by churches and preachers.

The Board is only able to advise, and believes that it could be of greater help if only churches and preachers would seek its advice before entering into any negotiations.

CLEMENT A. VERCO, Secretary.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND

Receipts from all sources during the year ended 31st December, 1944, totalled £2,581/4/6, and payments £2,106/16/2 (including purchase of £1,500 Commonwealth Bonds.) Taking into account the balance in hand at the 31st December, 1943, of £1,084/19/7, there remained a balance in hand at 31st December, 1944, of £1,559/4/11.

The only legacy received during the year was £50 from the Estate of the late Robert Lyall, which is gratefully acknowledged. We commend to Brethren and Sisters in making their wills that they remember the above Fund, so as to enable the Committee to help our Preachers as heretofore.

Contributions by Preachers to the Endowment Fund total £1,144/13/10, being an increase of nearly £300 over the previous year. The number

Preachers' Provident Fund

[with which is incorporated the Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Trust]

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

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

THE OBJECTS OF THE FUND ARE:—

- To assist financially aged and infirm and retired preachers.
 - To control and manage an Endowment Fund to which preachers may contribute.
- In order to do this effectively, the Committee needs the practical support of all the Churches and brethren throughout the Commonwealth. The Committee suggests that all contribute to the Fund each week through the Duplex Envelopes. Will members please keep this Fund in mind when making their Wills.

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

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND. CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA.

Summarised Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended 31st December, 1944.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
To Contributions—	£ s. d.	By Relief	£ s. d.
New South Wales	84 13 3	Management Expenses	458 1 8
Victoria	64 9 6	" Endowment Fund Repayments	75 4 8
South Australia	6 10 0	" Purchase £1,500 Common-	75 9 10
West Australia	31 1 9	wealth Stock, 31%, 1960	1,500 0 0
Queensland	5 0 0	Balance at Commonwealth Sav-	2,106 16 2
Interest on Investments, etc.	191 14 6	ings Bank of Australia at	
" Loans Repaid	750 13 0	31st Dec., 1944	1,559 4 11
Conference Executive	50 0 0		
Chatswood Church	100 0 0		
Mortgagee	227 6 8		
Endowment Fund Contribu-	377 6 8		
tions	1,144 13 10		
Exors. of late Robert Lyall	50 0 0		
Bequest	66 13 6		
Special Fund Contributions	2,581 1 6		
and Sundries	1,084 19 7		
Balance at Bank, 31st Dec.,	£3,666 1 1		
1943			

CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

Financial Statement to 31st January, 1945.

	£	s.	d.	Cr.
Dr. To Accumulated Funds	1,308	4	11	
				£1,308 4 11
By Loan Balances—				
Grafton	405	15	0	
Tempe	511	13	10	
By Chapel Extension Fund Ltd.	183	7	7	
" Sundry Expenses	6	3	4	
" Bank of N.S.W.	201	5	2	
				£1,308 4 11

E. J. W. CALDECOAT,

Acting Hon. Secretary.

of contributions increased from 116 to 140; further applications have since been received.

Allowances made to aged and infirm preachers during the year amounted to £456/1/8.

Assets owned by the Fund at 31st December, 1944, amounted to approximately £18,200. In addition, there are two settlements totalling £3,600, from which the Fund receives interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

The sum held by the Fund on behalf of contributors to the Endowment Fund at 31st December, 1944, was £12,036/14/11, to which has to be added subsidies and interest for the year 1944. This amount represents the total liability of the Fund.

Quite a number of churches are paying £5 per annum towards their preachers' annual contribution. It is suggested that all churches help in this way and thus make it possible for their preacher to provide for old age.

F. S. STEER, Hon. Secretary.

CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE

There has been no new developments during the year. Of the Committee's funds about £400 is available for investment for the help of Church extensions. The sum of £917 remains invested in existing Church properties.

E. J. W. CALDECOAT,
Acting 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 and one for each additional 25 (twenty-five) 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. This 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 Conference 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.

In the event of any affiliated church calling to its pastoral oversight any brother not being in the full 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.
- 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.

STATISTICAL REGISTER, 1944

CHURCH LOCATION.	ADDITIONS					LOSSES			GENERAL			Average Attendance				
	Year Organised	Membership, 31/1/44	Faith and Baptism	Letter Baptized Believers	Restoration	Letter	Death	reversion of Roll	Isolated Members	Supplementary Roll	Membership, 31/12/44		Increase	Decrease		
Albury	1928	74	6	2												
Ashfield	1924	64														
Auburn	1908	162	26	3	8	4	4	1	2	16	10	76	4	13	23	
Auburn North	1912	40				4	2	1		4	9	49			62	
Bangalow	1910	17								3	19	41	1		16	
Bankstown	1921	165	8							1		17			12	
Balmore	1906	250	19	4		9	2	4		8	44	165			45	
Bevelly Hills	1919	61	2					16	35	10	260	10			148	
Bexley North	1931	89		6				5		2	9	57		4	29	
Blackheath	1919	12					6	2	9	10	9	78		11	30	
Barwood	1920	224	6	7	1			1		2	9	11		1	5	
Canley Vale	1902	93	7				3	2		39	47	235	9		112	
Casterbury-Earlwood	1912	95	7				9					91		12	44	
Craneok		4			4	1				4	16	107	2		63	
Chatswood	1914	308	10	1	1			1		62	63	318	10		130	
Doonside	1938	22	13	5	1			3				38			28	
Emsore	1852	282	4		4	6	6	1	53	30	281		1		91	
Epping	1923	125	7	3			4			41	131	6			55	
Fairfield	1944	28	11	3	1			1				42	14		25	
Georgetown	1940	134	11		6	1	2		14	19	18	136	2		95	
Gilgandra	1915	61	2	2	1		1					65	4		36	
Grafton	1926	39	2		3	7				5		46	7		26	
Granville	1923	59	5	2	1		6	1		11	4	60	1		31	
Granville South	1942	20						3				17			12	
Greystanes	1942	18						18						18		
Fendle Hill	1938	9		1	3			1				12	3		18	
Hamilton	1923	101	10					12	12	12	99			2	30	
Hornsby	1910	82						32			50			32	39	
Hurstville	1907	141	15	2		3	1	2	5	34	153	12			54	
Inverell	1905	133	62	2	1	2		1			199	66				
Kingsford	1907	186	10	2	1	2				27	68	197	11		80	
Kurri Kurri	1927	35					10			2	25			10	14	
Lane Cove	1922	111	4		1	1				32	133	2			45	
Lifecomb-Carramar	1883	137	9		1	1	1	20	5	11	125			12	55	
Lismore	1885	227	1			8	2	2	14		216			11	70	
Loftus Park	1917	80	3			1					82	2			30	
Manly	1937	39	4	2							44	6			35	
Marrickville	1893	254			1		5	8	45	16	261	7			171	
Mayfield	1937	159	9	3	2	1	1	1	4	33	28	168	9		67	
Merewether	1886	39	7	1		2			2		47	8			29	
Mortdale	1916	15									12					
Mosman	1908	127	5				6	4	13	4	13	109			70	
Naremburn		27									27					
North Dorrigo	1947	12									12				8	
North Sydney	1905	123	9		1			1		16	20	132	9		70	
Paddington	1892	219	7				6	2		63	34	227	8		80	
Penshurst	1931	37	8		2					5	7	47	10			
Petersham	1884	34	23	17	1	1	2		2	7	4	72	38		35	
Rockdale	1918	284	23	9			6		48	24	47	266			20	120
Rockdale Hills	1920	25	2				2		2	7	2	29		2	23	
Sydney	1851	268	7	3			2				276	8				
Sydney Chinese	1899	32									32					
Taree	1863	164	3			3	3		72		181		3		60	
Tempe	1928	25	2		1		3			2	25					
Tyalgum	1907	15									15					
Wagga Wagga		220	7			1		6	36	48	220				70	
Winham	1879	45									45					
Wollongong	1941	153	22		2		2		15		175	22			92	
Isolated Members		250									250					
TOTALS																

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR CLUBS.

CHURCH LOCATION	Scholars in Roll, 1944.	Cradle Roll.	Scholars.	Gain.	Loss.	Teachers.	Teachers.	Gain.	Loss.	Additions through Scholar Drive.	Junior.	Intermediate.	Young People.	Boys.	Girls.	Young Worshipers League.	Additions to Church from Youth.
Albury	94	1	54	—	40	10	10	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	—	—	—
Ashfield	47	1	37	—	10	7	9	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Auburn South	98	14	108	24	—	17	18	11	—	4	25	—	20	*48	—	22	12
Auburn North	85	—	58	—	27	9	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bankstown	104	14	101	11	—	14	15	1	—	4	—	—	35	*20	—	15	3
Belmore	178	30	210	62	—	27	30	3	—	20	120	—	26	50	—	—	—
Belrose†	—	18	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Beverly Hills	134	18	125	9	—	16	18	2	—	4	35	20	—	—	—	—	—
Bexley North	155	34	169	48	—	12	16	—	—	1	13	22	—	—	*25	18	2
Burwood	94	20	69	—	5	20	15	—	—	5	12	18	—	—	—	6	1
Canley Vale	75	25	83	33	—	11	11	—	—	5	23	—	12	15	—	—	—
Canterbury-Earlwood	190	26	182	18	—	26	17	—	—	9	29	28	30	—	—	23	1
Cardiff	—	—	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carramar†	—	39	83	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	35	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chatawood	108	30	104	26	—	18	18	—	—	9	8	15	—	—	—	16	3
Doonside	43	—	45	2	—	6	5	—	—	1	—	—	30	—	—	—	—
East Lambton†	—	—	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enmore	140	13	60	—	67	26	12	—	—	14	—	—	20	8	—	12	24
Epping	42	6	44	8	—	10	12	2	—	—	12	14	15	—	—	—	—
Fairfield‡	—	12	42	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	10	—	—	—	—
Georgetown	203	27	227	51	—	28	28	—	—	—	41	27	28	34	25	—	15
Gilgandra	50	13	64	27	—	12	13	1	—	8	30	—	—	15	15	—	—
Grafton	28	—	52	24	—	5	6	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Granville	82	21	83	22	—	13	9	—	—	4	18	12	—	—	—	—	—
Granville South	25	—	14	—	11	4	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Greystanes	28	—	15	—	13	4	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hamilton	46	9	64	27	—	12	10	—	—	2	2	—	—	16	22	—	8
Hornsby	93	—	25	—	68	12	1	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hurstville	70	48	100	78	—	15	18	3	—	18	15	11	—	*40	—	15	13
Inverell	48	—	48	—	—	8	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kingsford	140	1	117	—	17	15	—	—	—	2	8	25	—	36	15	40	12
Kurri Kurri	39	2	26	—	11	12	4	—	—	8	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lane Cove	36	—	43	7	—	9	7	—	—	2	—	—	—	14	12	—	—
Lidcombe	210	69	128	—	13	18	10	—	—	8	21	15	—	—	—	—	—
Lismore	48	27	49	28	—	10	6	—	—	4	12	10	10	—	—	—	—
Loftus Park	150	16	120	—	14	21	19	—	—	2	8	38	20	—	—	—	—
Manly	19	—	11	—	8	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Marrickville	187	45	167	25	—	33	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mayfield	77	22	69	14	—	13	10	—	—	1	20	35	18	25	37	24	27
Merewether	72	18	80	26	—	10	10	—	—	3	5	16	—	—	15	—	—
Mortdale	50	—	50	—	—	5	5	—	—	5	35	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mosman	84	19	76	11	—	12	11	—	—	1	5	—	—	9	22	—	—
North Sydney	54	20	50	16	—	12	13	—	—	1	4	—	—	16	—	—	—
Paddington	68	50	90	72	—	16	16	—	—	20	—	—	—	25	—	—	—
Pendle Hill	16	—	15	—	1	5	5	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Penshurst	51	15	52	16	—	10	9	—	—	1	9	8	5	9	*20	—	—
Petersham	36	11	57	32	—	7	8	—	—	1	5	18	—	—	—	—	—
Raby‡	—	—	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rockdale	113	22	112	21	—	27	26	—	—	1	22	30	30	19	—	17	22
Sans Souci‡	—	—	67	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Seven Hills	47	1	33	—	14	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Taree	64	10	66	12	—	14	12	—	—	2	—	16	—	—	*24	—	—
Tempe	63	9	90	34	—	10	17	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	16	—	—
Wagga	45	1	42	—	3	9	10	—	—	1	—	—	—	10	—	—	—
Wollongong	94	23	84	13	—	11	10	—	—	1	3	10	30	—	—	—	—

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For 1945 Enrolment add Cradle Roll and Scholar figures together.

* Mixed Clubs.

† Cradle Roll in School, but no figures returned.

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	Conference Executive.	Home Missions.	Overseas Mission.	Bible Schools.	Social Services.	N.S.W. Bible College.	Boys' Home.
Albury	16 6	2 0 0	—	—	—	—	—
Ashfield	1 7 2	3 19 9	4 2 3	1 0 6	—	—	—
Auburn	—	7 19 11	8 11 8	1 17 11	1 8 0	1 4 0	1 6 0
Auburn North	—	—	1 18 0	2 7 3	2 8 3	1 15 0	1 0 0
Bankstown	1 0 0	2 1 0	1 0 0	7 2 2	5 0 0	3 4 2	2 15 10
Belmore	3 14 10	1 9 0	26 4 0	15 0 0	15 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Belrose	9 18 3	55 7 11	44 15 5	8 7 0	4 0 0	1 0 0	6 10 0
Beverly Hills	13 0	19 9	10 0 0	10 13 0	14 1 6	10 14 3	6 11 11
Bexley North	4 4 6	4 14 7	14 0 3	3 5 0	2 6 0	35 10 1	14 3 11
Blackheath	2 7 7	—	2 13 5	11 6 7	8 4 11	4 5 0	4 0 0
Burwood	17 0 8	39 2 2	49 9 3	2 7 0	2 2 0	5 17 5	16 17 5
Canley Vale	2 0 0	3 12 3	23 3 7	42 12 4	13 18 0	2 2 7	4 1 5
Canterbury-Earlwood	2 11 0	23 17 6	9 18 2	5 19 9	4 12 0	19 18 11	20 0 9
Cardiff	—	—	—	7 6 3	1 17 4	9 4 11	4 19 11
Carramar†	—	—	—	—	—	7 15 5	—
Chatawood	22 11 10	42 14 11	119 14 5	66 19 1	21 5 8	11 10 2	20 19 3
Doonside	3 0 1	2 16 9	23 5 10	4 10 0	2 17 0	3 11 0	—
Enmore	—	2 10 4	—	3 17 5	4 8 10	12 19 6	4 1 2
Epping	—	—	—	2 1 0	1 6 10	3 12 6	—
Fairfield‡	—	—	—	16 6 4	—	—	1 2 0
Georgetown	—	—	—	40 6 0	—	—	—
Gilgandra	3 8 3	—	—	1 13 10	—	—	—
Grafton	—	—	—	4 17 6	—	—	—
Granville	1 2 8	7 5 7	16 10 5	13 18 9	1 0 0	6 2 9	4 1 9
Granville South	2 0 0	—	—	1 12 6	1 11 6	—	3 4 7
Greystanes	—	—	—	2 10 7	5 11 9	4 9 10	2 16 6
Hamilton	—	2 6 6	—	—	13 0	—	—
Hornsby	1 17 6	5 9	24 0 0	10 11 6	—	32 10 9	—
Hurstville	3 4 4	1 17 2	6 4 6	26 7 9	—	5 6 9	10 0
Inverell	4 3	7 15 11	12 10 6	7 11 1	3 4 0	5 0 0	1 0 0
Kingsford	—	—	5 0 0	5 0 0	2 19 3	5 0 0	16 17 0
Kurri Kurri	3 8	2 13 0	22 8 3	15 0 0	1 3	6 16 7	4 13 1
Lane Cove	2 14 8	8 18 2	35 17 9	—	—	8 1 1	—
Lidcombe	6 16 0	13 16 2	12 3 8	12 8 8	6 0 7	10 13 3	6 17 8
Lismore	—	8 6 6	—	9 10 1	6 5 2	10 5 3	11 3 3
Loftus Park	—	—	—	15 10 9	—	—	5 2 0
Manly	—	20 11 3	69 18 5	1 7 1	12 6	1 0 0	—
Marrickville	11 10 5	48 11 8	5 3 6	2 14 3	1 9 0	5 1 6	5 0 0
Mayfield	—	6 10 0	4 3 0	35 1 9	9 16 10	12 15 2	22 9 9
Merewether	—	—	—	—	—	—	4 6 6
Mortdale	—	—	—	—	—	—	3 13 3
Mosman	7 7 1	7 4 6	1 0 0	25 3 6	—	—	—
North Dorrigo	—	9 13 0	57 15 8	19 10 11	10 15 0	24 9 6	21 13 1
North Sydney	7 1 8	3 12 4	43 19 6	2 2 6	—	3 14 6	2 5 0
Paddington	6 8 6	33 18 5	12 8 4	9 5 6	7 7 2	9 3 1	3 17 9
Penshurst	4 19 6	5 5 4	5 0 0	25 18 9	19 13 8	19 14 7	15 7 10
Petersham	—	—	—	5 17 6	4 5 2	5 19 10	6 0 5
Rockdale	10 16 10	45 8 0	27 3 9	3 18 0	1 16 0	19 0 0	2 0 0
Seven Hills	—	11 8 0	53 17 9	34 1 1	18 4 0	23 5 2	32 17 10
Sidney	—	6 6	67 8 7	11 4 0	2 4 0	15 0 0	1 10 0
Sidney Chinese	—	—	—	29 3 9	2 16 0	52 17 0	12 17 1
Tempe	—	11 0 0	—	1 0 0	—	1 0 0	—
Tralgon	—	—	—	5 0 0	1 0 0	29 1 0	2 0 10
Wagga	2 0 0	—	—	7 19 0	—	—	—
Wingham	3 17 6	19 15 8	—	25 0 6	4 0 0	6 0 0	4 0 0
Wollongong	—	—	—	12 0	7 5 2	10 14 3	5 18 0
TOTALS	147 4 9	540 8 5	1115 8 7	422 16 0	204 11 1	517 17 8	318 19 2

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