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Mr. N. H. MATTHEWS, Conference President.

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A PRESIDENTIAL WORD

NORMAN H. MATTHEWS.

Indeed, it has been a great honour to serve in this high office, and I desire to thank our Great Brotherhood for their confidence and many courtesies which have been showered upon me, but greater still I am anxious to express my gratitude to my beloved Heavenly Father for the wonderful privilege I have had in serving Him in so many avenues of service.

Serving on all committees has also been a wonderful inspiring experience, one is able to see and appreciate the magnificent work of the men and women of our Brotherhood who have consecrated their time and talents to the service of Christ and His Church, ever anxious in the winning of precious souls.

During the year I have kept in touch with the work of our Churches and glad to report that by the end of Conference Year I believe every Church and meeting place will have been visited, as well as many Bible Schools, Youth Activities, Conventions and other special functions.

In my visitations I have endeavoured to place before the Brotherhood the various phases of committee work in detail, and I have reasons to believe that it found favour and our combined work should benefit as the result thereof, in addition to emphasising that each Church and Auxiliary forms part of a great Brotherhood, our responsibility is tremendous, our undertaking is to love and serve the Christ in the cause of New Testament Christianity.

Visitations have also been made to Hospitals, Bible College, Children's Home, Aged Ladies' Home, isolated and sick members, and members unable to attend Church because of age, and altogether a lovely fellowship has been enjoyed.

The privilege has been mine to accept many invitations from His Excellency the Governor of N.S.W., Sir John Northcott and Lady Northcott, the Premier and Ministers of the State of New South Wales, the Lord Mayor of Sydney and Lady Mayoress, Remembrance Day, Antac Day, Hospital Meetings, Church functions and many other representative gatherings.

The reason mention is made is because I believe you should know that our Church is recognised, and you can be assured that representation of the Churches is valued by those in authority.

Recently one of our Federal Ministers said: "We are finding it necessary to consider the spiritual life of our Nation." Let us thank God for such a statement.

Let me say a word of appreciation to our preaching Brethren. Yes, they are, indeed, rendering a lovely service, ministering the gospel faithfully, ever upholding the honour of His name. To the whole Brotherhood let me say: "Thank you," also for your ministry, carry on and continue to show unswerving loyalty, love and witness to Christ, and be inspired by the divine ideals in seeking to render a faithful stewardship.

From experience of the year's work, so richly blessed of God by granting His sustaining grace, may I suggest we favourably consider the following:—

CIRCUIT WORK.

I am confident the time has arrived when serious consideration should be given in this regard. Could we aim to circuit the Western Line, say, Sydney to Lithgow, the North Coast Line—Lismore, Ballina, Tyalgum and surrounding districts? Of course, there are also suburban districts which are necessary to consider. The panel van, being purchased by the Home Missionary Committee used in conjunction with a State or Itinerant Evangelist, could foster such an important venture.

BEREAVEMENT.

Many of our beloved and esteemed members have been promoted to higher service, and to all who have been bereaved we commend you to our Heavenly Father. Remember, a good life lives on forever.

APPRECIATION.

Without mention of any names, please let me say to all how much I have appreciated the help and encouragement so willingly given in assisting me to carry into effect my presidential duties, the kindness, hospitality, Christian love and courtesy will always be remembered.

Really, I have had a lovely year of service; my life has been greatly enriched—I know God better.

The effectiveness of the witness for Christ and His Church, under the blessing of God, is demonstrated by the many phases of activity reported in this programme.

Encompassed by a great cloud of witnesses, encouraged by the success of the past, enriched by fruitful experience, enlarged in vision and devotion, let us thank God and, with a dedication of all we are and have, enter the New Year to serve Christ in the cause of New Testament Christianity.

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ASSEMBLY HALL

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MONDAY, 19th MARCH, 1951

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"Youth Aflame for Christ"

Showing in dramatisation the many sidedness of Youth Work, and climaxing with an Easter presentation.

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57th WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

ENMORE TABERNACLE
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

Tuesday, 20th March, 1951

President: Mrs. E. SNOW, B.A., Dip.Ed. Morning Session: 10.30. Devotional Leader: Mrs. D. Wakeley.

Welcome to Delegates	Mrs. Snow
Response	Mrs. Elliott
Minutes 1950 Conference	Mrs. R. Maxwell
Roll Call of Churches.	
Hymn No. 3: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."	
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Hymn No. 37 (2V).	
Treasurer's Report	Miss F. Bell
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Executive Report	Mrs. R. Maxwell
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Prayer M	irs. Barton, Taree
Basket Lunch: Tea, Milk and Sugar	provided.

AFTERNOON SESSION: 2 o'cle	
President: Mrs. E. SNOW, B.A., I	лр.ва.
Hymn No. 30. Prayer	Mrs. Commid
Scripture Reading	Mrs. Oswaid
Solo	Mrs. R. Hayward
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Prayer Reports continued: Social Service: Mrs. Frost.	
pital: Mrs. Powell; Ashwood House: Mrs. I House Treasurer's Report: Miss Ashwood.	awther; Ashwood
Hymn No. 25 (2V).	
Isolated Sisters: Mrs. MacKellar; Prayer Reeti Newcastle District Women's Conference: 1 Famatta District Women's Conference: Mr	Mrs. Fraser: Par-
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Unfinished Business.	
Hymn No. 40.	
Introduction of Incoming Officers and Superint	endents.
Dedicatory Prayer	Mrs. A. Larcombe
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OVERSEAS AND ABORIGINES MISSIONS DEMONSTRATION

Tuesday, 20th March, 1951

at 7.15 p.m.

ENMORE TABERNACLE METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

Chairman: Conference President.

7.15-7.45: Aborigine Pictures	Mr. G. E. Knight
Hymn.	2,4,470
Prayer	Mr. R. Mercer
Scripture, Isaiah 55	Mr. W. J. Casperson
Choir Item	Chatswood
Aborigine Committee Representat	tive Mrs. R. McCallum
Hymn.	
Address	Miss Win. Walker (of India)
Choir Item	Chatswood
Overseas Mission Committee Representative	Mr. I. A. Paternoster
Hymn.	

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PREACHERS' SESSION

Chairman: P. RETCHFORD

Wednesday, 21st March, 1950 3 p.m.

ENMORE TABERNACLE METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

> Speaker: E. L. WILLIAMS, M.A. Subject: "Preserving Our Plea."

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SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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ENMORE TABERNACLE METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

Wednesday, 21st March, 1951

at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman: Conference President.

Hymn.	Person
Prayer E.	Davis, Chairman, Social Service Department
Film	Presented by Social Service Committee
Musical Item	Lane Cove Young People
Prayer	J. L. Stimson, Chairman, College Board
Scripture	A. G. Elliott, Senior Lecturer
Item	Students
Address—"Preachers	for an Atomic Age"— Principal A. W. Stephenson
Hymn.	

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OPENING BUSINESS SESSION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, 22nd March, 1951

at 6 p.m

CITY TEMPLE

CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

Chairman: Conference President.

President's Reception.

(Price 2/-)

Devotional.

President's Greeting.

Admission of New Church: TOOWOON BAY.

Inward and Outward Greetings.

Welcome to New Preachers.

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ENMORE TABERNACLE
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

Friday, 23rd March, 1951

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7-15 p.m.	Introductio	n of New President
	Recognition	of Retiring President
Announcements: 7.30) p.m.	
Hymn 4.		
Prayer		N. D. Morris
Scripture, Luke 10: 1	-20	P. Verco
Quartet.		
Address: "The Churc	h: Its Missionary Fervo	ur" _ J. W. Brookes
Hymn 22.		
Address: "Home Miss	sions: Our Primary Res	ponsibility" A. Morris
Offering	s-Sisters' Conference.	
100	A.B.C. Band.	
	Cash and Promises.	
Prayer	-	W. J. Crossman
Hymn 16.		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Address: "Spreading t	he Evangel"	A. Norling
Hymn 9.		
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"LET THY WORK APPEAR UNTO THY SERVANTS

AND THY GLORY UPON THEIR CHILDREN"

CONFERENCE SERMON

CITY TEMPLE

CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

Sunday, 25th March, 1951

at 2.45 p.m.

President: N. H. MATTHEWS.

Praise Service ______ Conducted by Reg. Hayward

Hymn No. 4—"Crown Him with Many Crowns."

Prayer ______ P. E. Thomas

Quartet.

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

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-26 ______ G. E. Burns

Quartet.

Address: "I believe in the Church" _____ E. L. Williams, M.A.

(Principal, College of the Bible, Glen Iris)

Hymn No. 16—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

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NEW SOUTH WALES WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

57th Annual Conference

EXECUTIVE REPORT.

This report is presented with a feeling of deep gratitude to God, for we have been conscious of His leading and blessing throughout the period under review. We are mindful, too, of the wise and gracious leadership under review. Snow, and we place on record our sincere thanks to of our President, Mrs. Snow, and we place on record our sincere thanks to all who have led us to high spiritual levels in the devotional sessions of all who have led us to high spiritual levels in the devotional sessions.

Attendances at the monthly meetings have increased; the average this year has been 73, thus indicating a keener interest in the affairs of this year has been 73, thus indicating a keener interest in the affairs of this interest has also been borne out in the discussions in business sessions, and we are hopeful that in time it may so extend that business sessions, and we are hopeful that in time it may so extend that all of our women's organisations will unite with Conference and be represented at the meetings, thereby helping to further our efforts in service

A perusal of the reports will show that Superintendents and Committees have been active during the year in their various departments of mittees have been active during the year in their various departments of mittees have been active during the year in their various departments of motives, the country centres have been visited and linked up with Conference; the sick and shut-in have not been neglected; the isolated have been remembered and written to; and missionary work at home and abroad remembered and written to; and missionary work at home and abroad remembered attention. We have had our representatives on most of the Loommittees of General Conference and General Conference Executive. We have also joined forces with other Church bodies in such organisations as The Women's Inter-Church Council, Good Films and Radio League, as The Women's Inter-Church Council, Good Films and Radio League, women's Christian Temperance Union, and the Temperance Alliance, in an effort to combat social evils and bring about better conditions for Christian living; and we have, of course, made our contributions to brotherhood work through the Budget Offerings. We are grateful to all who have supported the work throughout the year.

Our speakers during the year included Miss Ruth Swann (Aborigines Mission work); Mr. Patterson (Bible College); Mrs. Brogden, who spoke on Religious Education in Public Schools, thus inspiring some of our members to enter a training class and take up this work. We were happy, also, to arrange a series of meetings in both Sydney and Newcastle with Mrs. Colin Thomas as guest speaker. Another speaker was Mr. P. E. Thomas, who very helpfully discussed the subject of "Stewardship," and on another occasion we had a talk by Miss Marjorie Fulton on the work of deaconesses connected with the Waverley Christian Community Centre of Waverley Methodist Church. We were glad to welcome a delegation of eleven members from the Newcastle district to our November meeting, and happy to have them take charge of the devotional session. As usual, the Christmas service in December was one of the highlights of the year. "The Christmas Message" was the theme, and the speakers were Mrs. Wylie, Mrs. MacCallum and Mrs. Lewis.

In looking back over the year, we feel that it has been one of high endeavour, with a measure of achievement and much happy fellowship, as we have unitedly striven for the things of the Kingdom. ALMA MAXWELL, Recording Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

Obituary.—Mrs. Budgen, Superintendent. In presenting this annual report of the Obituary work, during the period under review, many prominent and faithful servants have received the home call, and their loved ones have been written to. As a Women's Conference we lovingly commend all to our loving Heavenly Father for grace and comfort. I have written 33 letters, and received much encouragement in the work.

Prayer Meeting Report.—Mrs. Day, Superintendent, During the year a happy and helpful time of fellowship was spent with many "shut-in" folk and isolated members. Several were visited in hospital, and visits were also made to Doonside and North Sydney Societies.

Missions.—Mrs. Larcombe, Superintendent. The combining of Missions—Home, Overseas and Aborigines—affords the Superintendent a very wide scope, and enables her to bring to the sisters a comprehensive picture of the work being done.

HOME MISSIONS: We thank the preachers who have prepared Home Base Notes for distribution among the women's societies. A new Church has been opened at Gosford. All the meetings of the Home Missionary Committee have been attended by the Superintendent.

OVERSEAS: The visit of our Living Link, Mrs. Colin Thomas, was much appreciated. A reception was held in the Bible House, to which representatives of other Churches were invited. At an evening meeting the young people were invited to a tea, after which Mrs. Thomas addressed them. She also visited Newcastle District Conference. Parcels have been sent to India and the New Hebrides by the various Societies.

ABORIGINES: Miss Scherman, Women's Federal Conference Link, is busy with Craft activities, as well as in general missionary work. There are 15 missionaries now at the W.A. Missions. We wish to thank all who have sent in gifts for the Missions. Eight cases of goods have been sent from N.S.W.

It has been a real pleasure to visit the various societies to tell of the progress and needs of our Mission work. If any would care to write to Missionaries, names and addresses will be given. Please pray earnestly for our missionaries, both in the Homeland and Overseas, that they may be given strength for their difficult tasks. Members of Committee: Mrs. C. Maxwell and Mrs. H. Paterson.

Isolated Sisters.—Mrs. MacKellar, Superintendent. It is a pleasure to write our isolated sisters and advise them of the Women's Conference work during the year. Great interest is shown in missionary news and letters. Floods this year again caused much distress. I have written 61 letters and received 27 replies. More addresses would be welcomed.

Newington Hospital.—Mrs. Powell, Superintendent. It is with grateful hearts we present the report for Newington Hospital. We are encouraged by the support of 22 churches, some by donations and special Christmas and Mothers' Day gifts. Many of the sisters attend each month, helping with sick visitation work and at the Gospel meetings in the afternoon—in which the inmates are becoming more interested. We ask for your prayers as we continue in our work for the Master.

Women's Forward Movement.—Mrs. McCallum, Organiser. During 1950 the Organiser visited Gilgandra, Bowral, Wollongong, Lismore, Grafton, Byron Bay, Murwillumbah, Inverell, and Taree Women's Societies. At Taree members of the Wingham Ladies' Aid were present. The country centres appreciate the link with the Women's Conference. Seventy city and suburban meetings were attended. Isolated members have been called upon whenever possible. Several members in hospitals have been visited, and country societies are asked to notify either the Secretary of Women's Conference or the Organiser of Forward Movement if there is anyone in hospital they wish visited. As Organiser I wish to thank all who help in this work. The preachers of the country churches have all been generous of their time and in extending invitations to speak at Church services and mid-week meetings.

Women's Federal Missionary Education.—Mrs. McCallum. At Federal Conference in Hobart, October, 1950, the Missionary Education Department became the responsibility of the Women's Federal Conference Executive. In future there will be nine issues of "Topic Papers" instead of eleven as hitherto. Increased cost of printing has made this a necessity. The Women's Page in the "Australian Christian" continues with the Devotional meditation and programmes for meetings.

Women's Inter-Church Council.-Mrs. McCallum. Mrs. Absalom Women's Inter-Church Church, is the newly appointed President of Deans, of the Congregational Church, by was held in November in place of the Council. A World Community Day was held in November in place of the Council. A World Community be an inspiring day, and the luncheon the usual Rally. This proved to be an inspiring day, and the luncheon the usual Rally. This proved to waship. The World Day of Prayer was recess gave time for happy feetings were held in N.S.W. Five members held in February, when 60 meetings were held in N.S.W. Five members held in February, when so methods members of the Missionary Fellow. of the Inter-Church Council, with arrangements for the Day of Prayer in this ship, are responsible for the arrangement that Mrs. Miller as Chairman, State. The Wybelena Hostel Committee has Mrs. Miller as Chairman, State. The Wybelena Hoste C. Mrs. Margaret Watts opened the finanand Mrs. G. Knight as Secretary.
cial drive for funds, and a Citizens' Committee was formed. Mrs. Snow is one of the two representatives of the Council on the National Council is one of the two representatives to between the women of the seven of Women. The happy co-operation between the women of the seven or women. The nappy to helps to carry forth the aims of the Council Newcastle District Women's Conference.—Mrs. G. Fraser, Secretary

The bi-monthly meetings at Hamilton Chapel have been well attended during the year. Great interest is being shown in the visits to the Old Folks Home at Waratah. Each Church in turn leads the devotions at these meetings, which are held on the third Tuesday in each, month. Gifts distributed are greatly appreciated by the folk in the Home. Christmas parcels were made up and given to the 66 inmates. The Convener of this work is Sister Johnson, who does a great work and is much loved by the old folk. The President of Newcastle Conference this year was Mrs.

C. J. Mackenzie, a most gracious and capable leader.

Parramatta District Women's Conference,-Mrs. Bell, Secretary. The following eleven churches are affiliated with the Parramatta District Women's Conference: Auburn South, Auburn North, Canley Vale, Carramar, Fairfield, Granville, South Granville, Parramatta North, Pendle Hill. Doonside, and Loftus Park. Some interesting speakers have been heard during the year. Mrs. Reeson, mother of one of our missionaries at Carnarvon, gave a splendid talk on the work there, after returning from a visit to her son and his family. £5 was donated to the Y.P. Department Panel Van Appeal. Members of our Conference were invited by the Matron of Dunmore House to a lunch on 12th December. Sixty-four ladies made the trip, and then went to Ashwood House. After a service in the Chapel we had afternoon tea with the ladies there, and distributed Christmas gifts to the Matron, staff and inmates, also to the Matron and staff of the Boys' Home. Canley Vale had donated a beautiful Christmas cake for the ladies at Ashwood House.

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Women's Inter-Church Council.—Mrs. McCallum. Mrs. Absalom Deans, of the Congregational Church, is the newly appointed President of the Council. A World Community Day was held in November in place of the usual Rally. This proved to be an inspiring day, and the luncheon recess gave time for happy fellowship. The World Day of Prayer was held in February, when 60 meetings were held in Ns.W. Five members of the Inter-Church Council, with five members of the Missionary Fellowship, are responsible for the arrangements for the Day of Prayer in this State. The Wybelena Hostel Committee has Mrs. Miller as Chairman, and Mrs. G. Knight as Secretary. Mrs. Margaret Watts opened the financial drive for funds, and a Citizens' Committee was formed. Mrs. Snow is one of the two representatives of the Council on the National Council of Women. The happy co-operation between the women of the seven participating Church groups helps to carry forth the aims of the Council.

Newcastle District Women's Conference.—Mrs. G. Fraser, Secretary. The bi-monthly meetings at Hamilton Chapel have been well attended during the year. Great interest is being shown in the visits to the Old Folks Home at Waratah. Each Church in turn leads the devotions at these meetings, which are held on the third Tuesday in each month. Gifts distributed are greatly appreciated by the folk in the Home. Christmas parcels were made up and given to the 66 inmates. The Convener of this work is Sister Johnson, who does a great work and is much loved by the old folk. The President of Newcastle Conference this year was Mrs.

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F. BELL, Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the books and vouchers presented by the Women's Conference for the year ending 31st December, 1950, and I certify that the above statement is correct and is in accordance therewith.

22nd January, 1951.

H. V. ROFE, Hon. Auditor.

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ASHWOOD HOUSE REPORT

1st JANUARY TO 31st DECEMBER, 1950.

In presenting the 13th Annual Report of Ashwood House, Churches of Christ Home for Aged Women, we give grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for His guidance during the past year.

Our Committee of Management is the same as last year, with the exception that Mrs. Butler was reluctantly compelled to resign her active work. In appreciation of her long years of loving and faithful service we have elected her a life member, and hope to enjoy fellowship with her as opportunity permits.

Obituary.-Two of our aged guests received the Home Call during the year-Mrs. Rumbles, who was in her 95th year, on the 29th June; and Mrs. Petersen, on the 18th July.

Staff .- Miss Jack, who held the position of Matron from August, 1947, tendered her resignation in July, and was succeeded in September by Miss Hetherington. A presentation was made to Miss Jack by Mrs. Larcombe, expressing appreciation of her services on behalf of the Committee. Miss Smith, our Sub-Matron, also tendered her resignation prior to her marriage, and a present was also given her by Mrs. Larcombe from members of the Committee. Miss Jack and Miss Smith rendered valuable service during the three years they were at the Home. Miss Hetherington, our present Matron has had wide experience, and is qualified to care for our guests; she held the position as Matron of Warwick Hospital, in Queensland, for a number of years. Miss Andrews, who had Missionary experience in Japan, joined our staff as Sub-Matron in September, also Mrs. Nelson as cook; and Miss Nelson came early in October as housemaid. These are consecrated Christian women, and we are confident of the consideration our guests will receive in their care.

We are concerned about the number of elderly women who desire to enter the Home, and regret that we are unable to accommodate them immediately.

Finance.-The Statement of Receipts and Payments shows the total receipts to be £2,478/15/10. This includes the sum of £875, which has been on loan to the Boys' Home for the past twelve years. Contributions were received from Churches as follows: Bankstown £1/15/-, Belmore £7/17/10, Belmore Rug Fund £2, Burwood £1/17/-, Chatswood £19, City Temple £7, Epping £6/3/6, Epping Rug Fund £2, Lane Cove £3, Lane Cove Duplex £2/17/2, Lidcombe Rug Fund 10/-, Marrickville Duplex £8/4/-, Marrickville Rug Fund £2/10/-, Mosman £2/11/4, Mosman Rug Fund 10/-, Paddington £3/14/9, Rockdale £5.

Donations amounted to £16/8/3, as follows: Mayfield Bible School £6/7/9, Mr. Wadsworth £3/0/6, Mrs. Eggleton £2, Business Girls' Auxiliary £3. Mrs. Petersen £1/10/-, Youth House Party 10/-.

Thanks .- We again tender our sincere thanks to Dr. Carter for professional services, to Mr. Y. M. Middleton, Honorary Auditor, to Churches, Choirs, C.E. Societies, College Students, Women's Church Groups, who have so faithfully visited the Home during the year, also to friends for gifts of fruit and vegetables, cakes, etc., also to Churches for donations to our Rug Fund, and to collectors and contributors who have made regular efforts to support the work of our beloved Home.

Mrs. H. LARCOMBE (President).

Mrs. C. LAWTHER (Secretary).

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CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE REPORT

In presenting this report of the work of your Executive, we acknowledge the leading and guidance of our Heavenly Father in the affairs of the Brotherhood Work, and we offer our humble thanks for the blessings

As we come to our Sixty-sixth Annual Conference we praise God for and strength received. the progress made and for victories won in the various Brotherhood activities, and we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our deliberations.

LOYALTY TO THE THRONE.

We desire to re-affirm our loyalty to His Gracious Majesty, King George VI., and to acknowledge his genuine leadership in these difficult days. We rejoice in the continued improvement in health of our beloved Sovereign, and give thanks to our Father in Heaven for answered prayer on his behalf. We earnestly pray that he may be given guidance from the Holy Spirit in the administration of all matters of State. We pray that he, together with our beloved Queen and the Princess may be given journeying mercies in their proposed tour of our land in the early days of 1952. THE COMMITTEE.

Since last Conference the Committee has held nine regular meetings, . with an average attendance of thirteen. The following brethren have served on the Committee, and their attendances were as follows:—N. H. Matthews, President (9); G. E. Burns, President-Elect (8); W. R. Hayward, Vice-President (9); P. E. Thomas, Vice-President (7); T. W. Dunne, Treasurer (8); W. J. Modral, Assistant Secretary (9); S. C. Woolley, Secretary (8); Mrs. E. Snow, Women's Conference (6); P. Retchford, Home Missions (5); B. E. Cavill, Overseas Missions (2); A. C. Maclean, Social Service (5); P. H. Morton, Bible Schools and Young People's Committee (9); S. H. Laney, N.S.W. Bible College (6); G. E. Knight, Aborigines Missions (8); Mrs. G. E. Knight, deputising for Mrs. Snow (3); Mrs. McCallum, deputising for Bro. Knight (1); G. Morton, deputising for A. C. Maclean (3); I. A. Paternoster (2); and L. C. Yelds (1), deputised for B. E. Cavill; J. Boswell, deputised for S. H. Laney (1).

STATISTICS. During the year ended December 31, 1950, Churches reported 254 having been received into membership by Faith and Baptism. Details of any adjustments, and changes in Church statistics are as shown in the Register attached to this report appearing on page 72. At the close of the year the Roll Membership was shown as 6,280.

OBITUARY.

During the year we have been called upon to part with a number of brethren whom our Heavenly Father has been pleased to call into His presence, and to their eternal rest. The Churches have recorded 48 of these. To those who have been more closely associated with them we would express our sincere Christian sympathy, commending them to the loving care of our Heavenly Father, and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE,

The Half-yearly Conference was held at Penrith on Saturday, 11th November, with afternoon and evening sessions. The Conference President, Bro. N. H. Matthews, presided.

The afternoon session commenced at 2.45 p.m. in the C.W.A. Hall, with an attendance of about sixty members, representing 26 Churches from the Metropolitan and Newcastle areas, and was devoted to reports from Conference Committees.

The Conference adjourned at 5.45 p.m. to the Masonic Hall for tea, which was in the capable hands of the Sisters of Doonside and Penrith Churches, who had decorated the tables and waited upon those present with cups of tea.

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The Conference was continued after tea, with a bright Song Service, led by Bro. L. Thomas, of Marrickville, followed by some highlights of Federal Conference, presented by Sister Mrs. E. Snow, President of Women's Conference, and Bro. R. Greenhalgh. The Conference concluded with an address delivered by Bro, Crossman, entitled "Unconscious

The music for the Conference was arranged by Bro. J. Morris, with the assistance of the Marrickville Choir. Altogether, a very happy time of fellowship was enjoyed by all present.

QUARTERLY RALLY.

A quarterly rally was held on Friday, 1st September, 1950, in the City Temple, to which invitations were sent to Committees, Preachers, Secretaries and Treasurers of Churches in the Metropolitan, Wollongong, and Newcastle Districts. The subject, "Work of the Brotherhood," was splendidly presented by Bro. W. J. Crossman. The Devotional Session, by Bro. P. E. Thomas, was inspirational and greatly enjoyed.

The Auburn Sisters attended to the catering of a buffet tea, which

was enjoyed by 46 who were present.

BROADCASTING.

Bren, G. E. Burns, E. Davis, A. C. Maclean and S. Stevens were appointed to care for the arranging of broadcast services. Church Services and Devotional Sessions have been arranged throughout the year. and thanks are expressed to the Churches and Preachers for their cooperation.

CHAPLAINCY.

Chaplain M. MacCulloch, of the Baptist Union, has resigned his position as Senior Chaplain of the United Chaplaincy Board, on account of his removal to Victoria; this position is now held by H. S. Searle, of Wollongong Congregational Church.

During the year we have sought to increase our number to four, serving under the Board, but have only been able to forward one name so far. Bro. A. W. Morris has been accepted by the Victorian Executive as their

nomination, as Albury comes under the Southern Command.

Bren, Crossman and Maclean are our representatives on the United

Chaplaincy Board.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE.

The Twenty-third Federal Conference was held at Hobart, Tasmania, from October 6 to 13, 1950, with Bro. J. Park as Conference President. This State was represented at the Conference by the following brethren: R. Greenhalgh (Leader of Delegation), I. A. Paternoster, R. V. Amos, A. C. Morris, R. W. Saunders, L. C. Yelds, Bro. and Sis. W. L. Caspersonn, Bro. und Sis, J. Wilkie Thomson, Bro. and Sis. A. Graham, Bro. and Sis. W. founghusband, Sisters E. Snow, R. W. MacCallum, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Perkins, Miss Phillips, all of whom reported an enjoyable time of fellowship and inspiration from all meetings. Bro. W. J. Crossman was appointed Vice-President for this State for the incoming term. The next Conference will be held (D.V.) in Melbourne, in 1952.

WORLD CONVENTION OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST.

It has now been definitely planned to hold the next World Convention in Melbourne in 1952. The dates decided by the International Executive

of the Convention are August 5 to 10, 1952.

It is the desire of the Australian Committee to bring before all State Conferences the fact that the Convention is now a fact, and that they are proceeding with local plans. The Melbourne Town Hall has been reserved from Tuesday to Friday, Saturday is reserved for a special feature, and it s hoped to secure the Exhibition Building for the Sunday Services.

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As the Convention will be a great landmark in the history of the Brotherhood of Australia, it is not too early to plan to be present.

Bro. Reg. Enniss, of Melbourne, is the President of the Convention, with Bro. Jesse M. Bader as General Secretary, and Bro. F. N. Lee as Secretary of the Australian Committee, the personnel of which is as follows: Bren. A. W. Cleland, H. Earle, K. A. Jones, W. A. Kemp, H. Kingsbury, A. R. Lloyd, W. F. Nankivell, R. S. Ryall, E. L. Williams, A. B. Withers, Sisters Mrs. E. McCann and Mrs. J. Turner. CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.

During the year the matter of the Centenary of the work of the Brotherhood in New South Wales was considered by this Executive, and we have appointed a Sub-committee, consisting of the Conference President, President-Elect and Secretary, together with two representatives from the City Temple and Enmore Churches, and one representative from each of the Conference Committees, to draw up suitable programme of events and any other suggestions which may come to us.

We have also written to all Churches for information of local work,

so that this can be incorporated in a suitable booklet, which has been

suggested to mark the occasion.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

At the request of the Young People's Committee, and after consideration by Bren. Burns, Crossman and Greenhalgh, on the question of literature being distributed by other religious organisations, it was decided to appoint a select committee to prepare a suitable Bible Study Course, which could be supplied to Churches desirous of educating their members along the lines of the New Testament teaching.

This Committee has submitted an outline of Studies for consideration, and these have been adopted. Churches and Preachers are being advised

and asked for support of this work.

The Select Committee appointed for this work consists of Bren. G. E. Burns, R. Greenhalgh, R. W. Saunders and D. Craig.

CANBERRA APPEAL.

Having accepted the Federal Conference's endorsement of the work at Canberra, we also accept our responsibility for our share in the financing of the buildings. The Federal Executive have allotted this State a quota of £1,600, and your Executive have appointed a Select Committee to advise on ways and means of raising our objective, and we seek your co-operation in the appeal when launched.

CITY TEMPLE PROPERTY. At the invitation of the Officers of the City Temple, a conference was arranged between representatives of the Conference Executive and the City Temple Church to consider the question of the City Temple property being handed over to the Brotherhood. At this conference suggestions submitted on behalf of the City Temple Officers formed the basis of discussion.

After full discussion on all matters, it was decided that the following procedure be adopted. In lieu of the formal agreement being entered into, it would be sufficient for the City Temple Church to pass a special resolution, embodying all conditions necessary and the Conference passes a special resolution, agreeing to accept control of the property, subject to the conditions set out in the special resolution passed by the City Temple Church,

It was therefore resolved by the Conference Executive that the special resolutions appearing on pages 25 and 27 of this report be

presented for consideration of Conference. FINANCE.

Thank you. Our sincere appreciation is extended to all our brethren who took heed of our appeals at this time last year and enabled us to improve our finances by £100. A debit balance of £66 has been turned into a credit balance of £34. It is gratifying to notice that 13 more churches contributed to our finances this year in comparison with last year. However, in common with other comittees, we find that costs have risen considerably and expect our expenses to be even higher next year, so trust that we will continue to receive your fullest co-operation.

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-CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE. CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN N.S.W. Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for

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APPRECIATION.

We have pleasure once again of expressing our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Women's Conférence, the Ladies' Social Service Auxiliary, the Sisters of the Churches at Auburn, Doonside and Penrith, for their valued help in catering at Conference and at other times throughs out the year; also to the officers of the City Temple, Enmore Tabernacie and Penrith, for the use of their buildings during the Annual Conference, 1950, the Half-Yearly Conference and at other times during the year; to Bro. Rugendyke for acting as Hon. Auditor; to Sis. Mrs. Wakely and the Supplies Department, and to any others who have assisted the Executive in any other way.

To Bro. W. J. Modral for his untiring work as Assistant Secretary we would again express our sincere appreciation for his loyal and devoted service, so ably rendered throughout the year, and say thank you;; also to our Treasurer, Bro. T. W. Dunne, for his continued interest in safeguarding the funds entrusted to this Committee by the Brotherhood.

> N. H. MATTHEWS, President. T. W. DUNNE, F.I.C.R., Treasurer. S. C. WOOLLEY, Secretary.

ADDENDUM.

It would not be fitting to conclude this Executive Report without some reference being made to the year's activities of our retiring President, Brother Norman Matthews. There has been no President who has taken up the task more earnestly and pursued its obligations with greater earnestness and zeal than Brother Matthews. At the inception of his year of office he assured the Brotherhood that he deemed it a great honour and privilege to serve the churches in that capacity, and that he would endeavour to personally visit every church in New South Wales. At the time of writing, it is not known whether he has quite accomplished that task, but it is known that he has not spared himself, nor has he failed to impress everyone who has met him with the deep earnestness and love for the Church of Christ which has inspired him in all his activities. The whole Brotherhood joins, I am sure, in a hearty "Thank you, Brother Matthews, for a year of faithful service."

G. E. BURNS, President-Elect.

The Special Resolutions for submission to Annual Conference, 1951, read as follows:-

1. That this meeting of the Conference of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales accepts the control and management of the property known as the City Temple, Campbell Street, Sydney, subject to the terms of the special resolution of the City Temple Church, copy of which is appended hereto, and hereby appoints the Churches of Christ

Property Trust as its Trustees in respect of the said property. "That this meeting of the Church of Christ, City Temple, Campbell Street, Sydney, duly convened in accordance with the provisions of Part V. of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales Incorporation Act 1947, hereby resolves that the Trustees (the Churches of Christ Property Trust) shall hereafter hold the real estate belonging to the Church, being the land and building known as the City Temple, situated in Campbell Street, Sydney, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Definitions: In this resolution the term "Church" whenever used shall refer to the City Temple Church. The term "Conference" shall refer to the Conference of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales and the Federal Capital Territory, and the term "property" shall refer to the property known as the City Temple, situated at Campbell Street, Sydney.

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2. The Conference shall take over the full responsibility for the usa and maintenance of the property, including the payment of rates taxes, insurance, repairs, cleaning, lighting and all other expenses incurred in the upkeep and use of the property.

3. The Conference shall hold itself responsible for the debt of £1,300 against the property, together with all interest and other charges

in connection therewith.

4. The Conference shall be entitled to all income arising from the use of the property and to all gifts, bequests and other amounts

received in respect of the property.

5. The Conference may at any time at its discretion, convert the property or make any alterations or additions thereto, so that it may be used more effectively as a Brotherhood Centre or for any other purpose that the Conference in its d'scretion may decide.

6. The Conference shall have power to direct the Trustees to sell the property and to apply the proceeds to the purchase of another property in the City of Sydney or to hold the proceeds in Trust under

the following conditions, namely,

- (a) The sum of £10,000, or the proceeds of the property. whichever is the lesser, shall be held by the Churches of Christ Property Trust as a Trust Fund to be known as the City Temple Trust. The Property Trust may invest the principal in loans to Churches or in any security authorised by Section 19, Paragraph (h), of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales Incorporation Act and the interest earned shall be credited to the Chapel Extension Committee of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales, and
- (b) If the property is sold for a greater sum than £10,000 the amount in excess of that sum shall be held by the Trustees in Trust for Conference and shall be used as directed by Con-
- 7. The Conference Executive on behalf of Conference, shall act as the Building Committee to manage the building and approve of applications for its use.
- 8. The City Temple Congregation shall have the right to use the building for regular worship services, free of charge, but may make any contribution towards lighting, cleaning and maintenance at their absolute discretion. This right shall also extend to the free use for purposes of worship to any building that may be secured by Conference in substitution for the present building but shall lapse if the City Temple Congregation at any time ceases to continue as a Church or if the present building is sold and no other building secured in the City of Sydney to take its place.
- 9. The Trustees shall not put into effect any resolution of Conference authorising the sale of the property or authorising the borrowing of money against the security of the property unless such resolution has been passed at a properly constituted meeting of Conference, the notice convening the meeting fully setting out the resolution to be considered and the resolution carried by three-fourths of the members present and entitled to vote, voting in favour of the resolution.
- 10. This resolution shall commence to operate as from the 1st July, 1951, but only provided that the Conference shall at its annual meeting in 1951, have passed a resolution carried by a threefourths majority agreeing to accept control of the said property in accordance with the terms of this special resolution of the Church and appointing the Churches of Christ Property Trust as its Trustees of the said property. The passing of the above resolution shall make these conditions irrevocably binding upon the Church and Conference."

2. That the Conference Executive be authorised to borrow a sum not exceeding £700 in addition to the existing mortgage on the City Temple property making a total debt of £2,000, the money raised to be used for effecting any necessary repairs and to provide a working fund for the management of the property.

3. That the Conference Executive be instructed to explore the possibility of making alterations or addition to the City Temple in order to make it more effective as a Brotherhood Centre and to report its recommen-

dations to next Conference.

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN N.S.W.

Opportunity comes to give brief references to some activities of the Council; to express regret that so little has been accomplished, and to acknowledge to God a sense of privilege in serving so noble a cause. Tasks undertaken comprise two classes: One constituting an opposition to evil, and the other one is constructive-designed to aid the establishment of righteousness.

The public announcement that the Federal Government had entered into an agreement with the Italian Government whereby half a million citizens of that country should come to Australia within the next few years, led to a decision to go on deputation to the Minister. Among other things, it was felt that such folk would be less desirable citizens

than people from the Western world.

At the request of the Premier, and to celebrate the Jubilee of the Commonwealth, a United Service was held in St. Andrew's Cathedral. Mr. N. H. Matthews represented the Brotherhood.

In a lengthy statement in the Press, explanation of our opposition to a proposal that State aid should be given to denominational schools was

signed by the leaders of the churches which comprise the council.

It will be of interest to know that the Australian Broadcasting Control Board has taken steps, according to a Federal Act, requiring that commercial radio stations shall broadcast each Sunday or on a week-day a church service of specific duration and content.

The Federal Council of Churches constitutes a link between the respective State councils and comprises its membership, concerning itself

with Australia-wide issues.

Councils of several States, and also the Federal Council, wrote the Minister for the Army, Mr. J. Francis, requesting that the Liquor Act be rigidly enforced. The reply was most satisfactory.

The Premier has expressed appreciation of our letter congratulating the Government on its action in continuing its ban on mid-week racing

in the metropolitan area. Each year council arranges a united church service at the request of the N.S.W. Churches Cricket Union, which constitutes nearly three hundred clubs and a membership of well over three thousand players.

Last year the council's United Services on Good Friday were held in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, with a record attendance and offertory. Without intermission council has continued its opposition to the ever-

growing practice of the misuse of the Lord's Day; a like attitude is taken anent public entertainment on stage and screen. At present we are in the throes of a fight with the Chief Secretary, Mr. Clive Evatt, on the

All normal functions of the council are being maintained. Representing conference on the council are Brethren N. H. Matthews (Conference and Vice-President of Council), Dr. E. A. Bardsley, A. C. Maclean, W. J.

E. Lewis, and

STUART STEVENS, Hon. Secretary.

CHILDREN'S HOMES COMMITTEE

BEPORT ON THE WORK OF BOYS' HOME AT PENDLE HILL FOR 1950.

This report is submitted on behalf of the Committee for endorsement. We return thanks to God for His blessing and guidance, and to the brotherhood for its support.

The Committee.—The Committee was elected by last Conference for the first time, and comprised Mrs. A. F. Butler, Miss I. Bye and, Messra, W. Hill, R. F. Kimpton, G. E. Knight, A. C. Maclean (Vice-Chairman and Chaplain), Geo. Morton (Secretary-Treasurer), J. L. Stimson (Chairman), E. W. Taylor and P. Winter. Early in the Conference year, E. W. Taylor found he was unable to continue, and his resignation was accepted with regret; J. Davidson was appointed to the vacancy.

Change of Administration Completed.—During the year the voluntary liquidation of the Churches of Christ Homes Co-operative Society Limited was completed, and the remaining assets were transferred to the Committee last July by the liquidator, Mr. Geo. Morton, as directed by the Society; the property of 16 acres at Pendle Hill had previously been transferred by the Society to the Churches of Christ Property Trust in trust for the Children's Homes Committee as indicated in the report to the 1950 Conference. Thus the handing over of a going concern to the brotherhood has been finalised; we trust that a sense of proprietorship will be felt by the whole of the membership, with a full acceptance of stewardship which is involved. Ownership of the property alone brings its responsibility, but how much more so the going concern of a Christian Home for boys individually denied the inherent right to a family home.

The consummation of this gift calls for acknowledgment of the Godinspired faith and vision of the original directors of the society, who acquired the property and established the Home thereon sixteen years ago. One of these brethren, G. E. Knight, we are happy to note, is on the Committee to-day.

Staff .- Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, Superintendent and Matron, have rendered a fine service at Dunmore for yet another year in face of difficulties courageously overcome. The handicap of insufficient staff seems to be ever with us, as is the case in so many ordinary business concerns. Recently the services of a Dutch migrant couple were obtained with the hope that they will prove suitable and become permanent. The help rendered by the Knowles family is greatly appreciated as also that given in return for accommodation, by a young man who works in the neighbourhood. Visitors to Dunmore invariably praised the neat and homely condition of the house, as well as the behaviour and healthy happiness of the boys.

The Boys.-During most of the year, Dunmore accommodated more than its full quota of 35; recently it was found necessary to accommodate five of the older lads, who are now in employment, in the cottage; this might well be regarded as the commencement of a hostel for young men going to business, but any extension would require capital for the erection of a new home, with modern equipment and adequate separate staff. The average number of younger lads throughout the year was about 32. Fifteen are Legacy Boys, who lost their fathers in the war,

Particular attention was paid to their secular and religious education by the Superintendent and Matron in consultation with the Chaplain, A. C. Maclean. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson conducted a Christian Endeavour Society throughout the year. The boys attend worship and Bible School conducted by the Pendle Hill Church in the chapel at Ashwood House. Some churches invited the boys to tea and Gospel Service on Lord's Days and also to picnics.

As happy and healthy boys they are interested in sport, having ample ground space for the purpose. Last year they entered a team in the Protestant Churches Soccer Competition; it is hoped to enter a similar com-

petition in cricket later on. Finance.—Attention is invited to the balance sheet and financial statement attached to this report. These reveal a surplus on the year's operations of £121, after allowing £204 for depreciation. Income from all sources was £3,792 and expenditure £3,466. Total receipts from purely Brotherhood sources were £985—a record; in this regard the Annual Offering was £71 less than for the previous year, but duplex offerings advanced by £60 and donations by £101. Maintenance and endowments receipts increased by £772. The cost of liquidation of the Co-operative Society was about £50.

As forecasted at last Conference, the mortgage and unsecured loans were all repaid by securing accommodation from the Bank of New South Wales for this purpose, and to finance improvements and maintenance of the property; the overdraft limit was fixed at £2,400, to be reduced by not less than £100 per annum; the balance at the end of the year stood at £1,731 after an expenditure of about £630 on improvements and repairs, including a new septic tank, wardrobe cupboards in each dormitory and

new kitchen equipment.

Property.-The land and buildings are valued in the balance sheet at £6,250, as determined in 1949 by the Valuer-General; a conservative esti-

mate to-day may be placed at not less than £8,000.

During the year the Committee agreed to transfer a corner site (100 ft. x 160 ft.) to the Pendle Hill Church for a meeting place and manse; this will be carried out as soon as the Church becomes registered under the Churches of Christ Incorporation Act and appoints the Property Trust

The Committee has also taken in hand the matter of a design plan for as its trustees. the property to ensure the most effective use of it for the Master by the

As soon as materials can be obtained, new guttering, roof repairs and painting are to be undertaken as essential maintenance. A workshop is also to be erected as a preliminary to the erection of the Recreation Hall,

Thanks.-The Committee records thanks and appreciation for numerous gifts from Churches, Auxiliaries and individuals, also for kindnesses and appreciation extended to Mr. and Mrs. Knowles. We especially appreciate those Churches which invited the boys to their services and picnic, and members who took boys into their homes for part of the holidays. Enmore folk, led by Miss Flood, again provided a lovely Christmas Tree and Party; this they have done for fifteen years, ever since Dunmore Home was established; God will bless them for their many kindnesses over the years. We thankfully acknowledge the professional service of Dr. Carter, of Wentworthville, and the continued interest of Dr. C. A. Verco,

We make special mention of the continued sacrificial work of the Superintendent and Matron, who have bestowed such loving care and attention on these boys, who have thus been enabled to enjoy a Christian

home and atmosphere which otherwise had been denied them.

In conclusion, we thank Conference for giving us this opportunity for fellowship in this service for the Master. Brethren, pray with us for God's blessing on the boys and staff.

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

ADDENDUM.

The Committee desires me to record here the very valuable services performed by A. C. Maclean and Geo, Morton, the former as Chap'ain and particularly as Investigating Officer, and the latter as Secretary-Treasurer, and as liquidator of the old society. J.L.S.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST CHILDREN'S HOMES COMMITTEE, DUNMORE HOUSE, DUNMORE STREET, PENDLE HILL. Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1950.

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REPORT AUDITORS'

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND

The Preachers' Provident Fund is in a continuing sound position financially. Receipts from all sources during the year ending 31/12/50 were £2,572/2/11, and payments £1,858/11/6, including a sum of £1,500 invested in Commonwealth loans. There was a surplus of £797/16/11, which, added to the credit brought forward, gave a total credit of £1,746/6/8.

The present total cash assets of the Fund amount to over £23,000. Of this sum £16,000 is held in trust for contributors in the Endowment Fund. During the year contributors increased their credit balances to the extent of £1,200. Approximately £21,000 is held in Government securities, which, being readily convertible, places the committee in a position to meet any demand made by contributors.

A legacy of £200 was received from the estate of the late Brother F. Steer. This form of support for this phase of the work is commended to the brotherhood. It is a practical and continuing memorial of interest in the spread of the Gospel by preaching.

The Fund continues to be attractive to preachers as is shown by the amount of their deposits in the Endowment Fund, and by the increase in

the number of contributors to the present figure of 160. An amount of £290 was received in the General Fund, with which to provide relief to needy preachers and dependents; to subsidise preachers' contributions, and meet the costs associated with the operation of the Fund. Of this amount £148 came from New South Wales, which represents 51d. per member for the whole year. The other States did not do so well. The benefits of the Fund are for all preachers in full time service, who are contributors to the Endowment Fund, and to preachers and their dependents who are in need resulting from age, ill-health, or in the case of dependents, the death of a preacher. Although receipts from saints and churches are more than the previous year, they still represent a meagre provision to discharge a Christian liability to men who have sacrificed greatly that, in our stead, they may preach the Gospel.

The committee would commend to individual members and to the churches, the objectives of the Fund, and solicit continued support that the activity may become more effective. Churches are urged to undertake some of the burden of the contribution a preacher must make to be a partaker of the benefits provided under the Fund. This could well be made a provision in the conditions of engagement of each preacher.

Attention is invited to a notable addition to the benefits offered to contributors. Each preacher on becoming a contributor is covered for an amount of £150, payable to his estate on death provided he has continued to pay to his credit in the Endowment Fund an amount of £10 per year. The Fund will provide any difference between the total credit of the contributor, at the time of death, and £150.

C. A. VERCO, Chairman. S. LANEY, Secretary.

PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND

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

Members of Committee: Dr. C. A. Verco (Chairman), S. Laney (Secretary), E. Bell (Treasurer), C. M. Graham, R. Greenhalgh, J. L. Stimson and K. Hunter.

The Objects of the Fund.

To assist financially aged and infirm and retired preachers.

To control and manage an Endowment Fund, to which preachers may contribute. In order to carry out these objectives effectively, the Committee needs the practical support of all churches and church members throughout the Commonwealth. Subsidies (on materity); interest on contributions and payments to incapacitated preachers must come from earnings of capital and from your votive offerings for the Fund. Help discharge your responsibility to the preachers by making regular contributions to this Fund. by means of Duplex envelopes or other means.

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

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th January, 1951

Treasurer

BELL,

ADVISORY BOARD

"Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth." That principle has to be carefully regarded in the ministries of the Advisory Board, especially where we are seeking to prepare the way for mutual decisions and engagements between churches and preachers in the ministry of the Word. This is fulfilled with a prior sense of responsibility to the Holy Spirit as well as of obligation to individuals and congregations. Our work is essentially advisory and confidential, and we would that the whole Brotherhood could maintain the faithful, prayerful approach to this aspect of our life and service.

Brethren elected to the Board at last Conference were G. J. Andrews (Secretary), Geo. E. Burns, W. J. Crossman, A. C. Maclean, N. D. Morris, J. L. Stimson and Dr. C. A. Verco (Chairman). Ex-officio members were the Conference President (Bro. N. H. Matthews), and the Woolwich College Principal (Bro. H. J. Patterson, M.A.) until his removal to Victoria.

More than fifty inward letters, besides verbal communications, have engaged attention at our regular monthly meetings. This, and the fact that quite a number of our churches and preachers were helped to their happy mutual arrangement by the Board this year shows that we are an instrument of usefulness.

Several suggestions arising from group discussion of Federal Conference in Hobart are being carefully considered and investigated.

Thanks be to our Heavenly Father for the privilege of service, and

C. A. VERCO (Chairman). G. J. ANDREWS (Secretary).

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

CLAUSE 10-COMMITTEES.

CLAUSE 10—Sub-clause (f).—Delete last sentence and insert: "This Committee shall consist of eight members, seven to be elected by General Conference and one by the Sisters' Conference. Five members shall form a quorum."

-G. E. KNIGHT.

CLAUSE 10—Sub-clause(c).—That the following words be deleted:

"Six as Bible School representatives and six as Christian Endeavour representatives."

-R. GREENHALGH.

NOTICE OF MOTION

G. E. BURNS: "That, in view of the repadily-increasing population of Sydney and New South Wales generally, and the lack of funds in the Brotherhood for the establishment of new churches, the incoming Executive be instructed to appoint a Committee of Experts to devise a plan for the safe and voluntary pooling of our material resources so that advantage may be taken of opportunities that present themselves in new settlements and other areas where, in the opinion of the Executive in consultation with the Home Missionary Committee and the Youth Department, such work should be commenced. That the funds so provided be advanced to established Churches for the erection of Church and Bible School buildings on safe security, who are prepared to sponsor the opening of such enterprise, on terms that will be satisfactory to all parties. The Chapel Extension Committee shall be the custodians of such funds as may be raised."

THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST PROPERTY TRUST REPORT

We have pleasure in submitting our report to Conference on the actlvities of the Property Trust during the year ended 31st December, 1950

The following Brethren have served on the Trust (the number after each name indicates the number of meetings attended):

W. K. Hunter (Treasurer) 12, N. D. Morris (Vice-Chairman) 11, P. H. Morton (Secretary) 11, J. L. Stimson (Chairman) 11, A. McK. Surtees (Securities Officer) 10, Dr. C. A. Verco (Registrar) 10, R. H. Wakeley 10, S. C. Woolley 10, R. Bartholomew (Assistant Secretary), appointed Conference, 1950, and attended 8 out of 9 meetings. The Conference President attended practically all the meetings by invitation.

Sixty Churches are registered under the Act. Of these 41 have appointed the Property Trust as their Trustees; 14 have registered Trustees from their own membership, and 5 have not yet made any registration of Trustees. There are 7 Churches affiliated with Conference, and owning land, which are not registered under the Act, but in two of these cases the Property Trust is Trustee for the Church property. The Trust also acts as Trustee for the property of the Bible College, Home Mission Committee, Children's Homes Committee, and Chapel Extension Committee.

During the year land for the erection of Church buildings has been secured in three centres, and five churches have either purchased or erected manses. The building at Cessnock, which has been out of use for about three years, has now been sold, and after paying off the mortgage on the property, the balance, when received, will be credited to the Chapel Extension Fund. By special resolution of the Church at Petersham, arrangements are in hand to sell the Petersham Chapel, the proceeds to be handed over to the Chapel Extension Committee to help in the securing and erection of buildings in other centres.

We thank those who have placed their insurance business through our Agency with the Queensland Insurance Company. Commissions amounting to £75/14/10, earned on this business, have been given to the Chapel Extension Fund.

The year closed with a balance in our General Fund of £102/15/8, comprising £84/0/2 in current account at the Bank, and £18/15/6 sundry debtors. In our Trust Account we have a credit balance of £452/7/5, comprising various Trust Funds.

Our thanks are extended to the Social Service Committee for use of office in the City Temple.

Brethren Hunter, Surtees and Woolley are the retiring Trustees, and are eligible for nomination at the Annual Conference.

The Property Trust is continuing to render a valuable service to Caurches and Conference Committee, and we thank our Heavenly Father. for the opportunity of serving Him in this way.

> J. L. STIMSON, Chairman. P. H. MORTON, Secretary,

ABORIGINES' MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

We present this report with gratitude to God for the progress made in the Brotherhood's work among the Aborigines.

Personal.

On December 31, 1950, there were on the fields:-

NORSEMAN: 3 married missionary couples, 2 single lady mission-

aries, 18 native boys, and 20 native girls, 1 native helper.

CARNARVON: 2 married missionary couples, 3 single lady missionaries, 1 single male missionary worker, 46 native boys, and 30 native girls.

FITZROY, VIC .: 1 native pastor. MOOROOPNA, VIC.: 1 native pastor.

Six missionaries came from New South Wales.

Additions to Mission Equipment.

In March a team of voluntary workers erected at Norseman a school building, added two rooms, bathroom and verandah on to the two-roomed "Bethany" building, and constructed a verandah around the living quarters of the central block. Subsequently the missionaries improved these living quarters with inclusion of hall, living-room, kitchen, and sleep-out. Then the dining-room and two other living-rooms were lined and ceiled.

At Carnarvon two additional living-rooms were completed on to the boys' dormitory and in November water was pumped from the river through the water supply lines after two years' gruelling effort to estab-lish this. Direction and advice for this project was freely given by the W.A. Government Engineer for the North-West; but to Bro. Sydney Reeson and his helpers, the Brotherhood owes a debt of gratitude it will never be able to repay. Probably few would have insisted on perfection of installation so tenaciously as Mr. Reeson, and the magnificent achievement has called out the admiration and respect of the whole district. The mis-sion is now assured of an ample and regular supply of fresh water on sound engineering lines.

Two Simpson washing machines were installed at Norseman by the Federal Women's Conference, and one Electrice at Carnarvon by gift

money from Doonside Church. These are proving invaluable.

Education.

Children at Carnarvon greatly advanced under the tuition of Mrs. Brenchley, Government appointed teacher, who has been highly com-mended for her work among native children. Children at Norseman have not yet had such experienced teaching, but have shown improvement un-der the correspondence tuition, guided by the missionaries. The problem of education is not yet solved at Norseman. The ideal solution is a Christian missionary worker willing to undertake this as a specialised sphere of service.

Technical Training and Leisure Time,

As the young people advance there is need for development of manual and technical training to be incorporated in the programme. An early effort should be made to provide these avenues to suit the requirements of several boys and girls already in the adolescent stage. Also additional facilities for entertainment and playground interests.

Kindergarten and Nursery.

The plight of the very young children and the advantage of early mission care and training pressed so insistently on both missions that tiny children have had to be admitted. Miss Martin, at Carnarvon, under most discouraging housing conditions, has six kindergarteners, plus a baby, on nursery fare. Both Mrs. Reeson and Mrs. Clapp cared for tiny bables at death's door. The attention needed for these bables, in addition to that of their own families, has meant a lot of extra work. The need

Industrial.

Norseman, W.A.

The poultry, gardening and goat herd ventures have been expanded, giving considerable economy in working expenses. (There are over 800 fowls and 600 goats). Sale for surplus egges, dressed poultry and vegetables has been established in the district. At Carnarvon, two acres of garden have been well fenced, and one acre of bananas planted. Vegetables and lucerne growing will be made possible by the water scheme. The missions can never be expected to pay their way entirely by commercial enterprise, for an over emphasis on industry to the exclusion of training boys and girls in the art of living, would be fatal and futile.

Fitzroy, Vic.

Mr. Doug. Nicholls is doing a splendid work among his own people in this industrial centre of Melbourne. He is preacher, counsellor, and social worker to them. Meetings have been commenced of a Sunday morning for worship.

Mooroopna, Vic.

Mr. Atkinson has the assistance of the Shepparton Church in caring for the native people in this country area. His devoted service in a difficult field is appreciated.

Finance.

The Committee is appreciative of the support given by the churches and individuals to this work. The contributions from this State have increased in 1950 by £286/14/11.

The audited financial statements of the Federal Board are presented

at the Federal Conference.

Exemption from Sales Tax on goods purchased for missions has been granted by the Federal Treasurer. Efforts with a sympathetic Commissioner are in progress for increased subsidy for each child. Subsidy for a white child of the Child Welfare Department is 18/6 per week, but for a native child only 4/-. It is hoped this disparity will shortly be at least decreased if not removed altogether.

The Board's Capital Fund has enabled much of the advance reported above. Without this fund Carnarvon water, and many of the buildings would still be visionary. The aim was £3,000. To date £2,250 has been subscribed, and of this £1,700 is from W.A. A loan sinking fund, with monthly bankings, has been established to redeem this liability in a pro-

per way. Organiser.

Mr. D. G. Hammer found it necessary to relinquish his work last November, and Mr. J. K. Robinson has been appointed to the position. Suitable appreciation was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Hammer for their five years of missionary labours.

Committee.

Chairman, Mr. R. Mercer, Treasurer, Mr. G. Knight, Messrs. R. H. Wakeley, L. K. Wilson, the Misses F. Bell (Assistant Secretary), and D. Tabrett, and Mrs. McCallum, have attended the meetings regularly. Conclusion.

Additional to such material and educational progress reported, considerable spiritual growth is noticeable. All of the children have received a new outlook, and many of them have experienced the joy of knowing Christ as their Saviour, for which we give God the praise.

(Mrs.) R. McCALLUM, Secretary, R. MERCER, Chairman.

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-ABORIGINEES' MISSION COMMITTEE NEW SOUTH WALES CHURCHES OF CHRIST

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YOUTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

We express sincere thanks to our Heavenly Father for His manifest blessings in youth work and appreciation for the many friends of youth who have been His instruments of blessing.

Youth work figures will be seen in the Statistical Register.

An analysis of the Statistics shows the following: We have 70 schools, totalling 5,731 scholars, including isolated Cradle Roll and scholar figures.

Despite the closing of City Temple (Cradle Roll), Grafton, Lowanna, Petersham and Seven Hills North Schools, we have made a gain of 208

scholars, but a loss of 13 teachers.

New schools at Albury (Mungabareena), 30; Gosford (Wyoming), 28, (Toowoon Bay) 21, (Holgate) 6; Pearl Beach, 20; Warrawong, 85; have added a total of 190. The heavy losses in some schools is cause for grave concern, as is also the loss in teachers.

The splendid enrolment in the Cradle Roll section is encouraging, yet disturbing, when it is seen that the Cradle Roll in some schools is half

to one-third the total school enrolment.

Christian Endeavour shows J.C.E. 37 (29) Societies, 629 (668) members; Intermediate 24 (20) Societies, 269 (272) members; Young People 14 (21) Societies, 229 (323) members. (Last year's figures are shown in parentheses.)

Clubs.-We have 63 (56) Clubs, with a membership of 1,305 (1,220). Young Worshippers' League.-We urge Churches to use this more.

We have only 8 (10) Y.W.L. listed with 122 (131) members.

Youth Evangelism.-This year 114 were won to the Lord from the ranks of youth, as compared with 176 last year. The new lesson material will greatly assist in youth evangelism,

Outstanding Features of the Year.

Visit by Director and Bro. S. Laney to Churches and isolated members and scholars on North Coast and Inverell.

Completion of first year Christian Workers' Training Course, when

24 graduated and received certificates.

Publication of two new books by R. Greenhalgh, "Junior C.E. Handbook," 9d.; and "C.E. Leader's Handbook," 3/6.

Visit of group of cricketers and tennis players from Melbourne in

competition with the N.S.W. young people at Christmas, 1950.

Contribution of £137/19/8 from youth auxiliaries through the Youth

Department for a Panel Van for Dhond, India.

Anonymous gift of £500 for Youth Evangelistic Unit, and promise of \$100 from the Campbell Edwards Trust provided we raise £200. An order has been placed for an Austin 40 Estate Waggon as a Gospel Waggon. Conduct of special "Intermediate Year" campaign.

In co-operation with the Women's Conference, a series of classes to train sisters in giving religious instruction in day school was conducted

by Mrs. Brogden, of Beverly Hills, organised by the Y.P.D.

Mortdale supervision has resulted in speakers being provided, 30 new hymn books, and 8 new seats. Mortdale members have now paid the final instalment on the building debt.

Presentation of up-to-date Christ-centred, Bible-centred, Child-centred lesson material for Junior and Intermediate Teachers and Scholars,

through the Federal Youth Department.

Conduct of Auburn Christian Endeavour Cup Competition, when Beverly Hills J.C.E. were winners, and Bexley North I.C.E. were runners-

Conduct of first year Teachers' Diploma Course.

Organisation of Talent Quest among the young people, and Talent Quest Concert.

The N.S.W. Committee prepared the programme for the Youth Night of Federal Conference at Hobart.

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Happy Hours and missions at Bowral and Naremburn.

Campaign for 2,000 subscribers at 3d. per week for youth work through duplex envelopes.

The second Youth Conference, April 25th, at Enmore, which was an

outstanding success.

Items of Importance.

Much investigation has failed to secure a site for a Youth Centre.

With the promise of a vehicle this year it is hoped our objective will be gained.

With great regret the resignation of the Chairman of the Y.P.D. and Treasurer of the Supplies Department, Bro. B. E. Perkins, was accepted. Bro. Perkins is now General Manager of National Forge and Engineering, Melbourne. He left for America in December. Bro. Perkins has been a tower of strength on the Committee. We rejoice in his promotion, but regret his resignation.

Miss Verlie Piper had to resign from the Department through illhealth. We greatly regret her leaving through sickness, and wish her good health and the Lord's blessing in other activities.

Very sincere appreciation to the many folk who have assisted in youth activities as voluntary workers in the office, or in their homes, to voluntary typists, to Supervisors and Examiners, to our friends for cars for transport, to City Temple and Enmore for accommodation, to Secretaries and Churches for their co-operation.

Finance.

The receipts from all sources this year, to the General Fund, were £1.842/7/9, and the expenditure was £1,933/7/3, leaving a debit of £90/19/6-a slight increase on last year's debit of £73/5/4. However, this is partially offset by the fact that quite late in the year £100 was spent on stationery, which has saved the Committee at least £30 due to present increased prices, and at the time of writing we still have approximately £70 worth of this paper in hand.

During the year a special effort by Bren. French and Newberry resulted in £58/6/2 being raised by a concert in the Rockdale Town Hall. to reduce the debit brought forward, and we are very grateful to all who assisted.

The Annual Offering was £264/7/7, 37 Churches taking part, while on the other hand, the Duplex Offerings reached the all time record of £540/0/1, with 36 Churches taking part. We are of the opinion that this improved position is a direct result of the "2,000 Drive," and we are sure that this system of regular giving has benefited not only this Committee, but also other phases of Brotherhood work.

We again commend to you all the regular use of the Duplex Envelopes, and thank all who have assisted during the year, not only in this way, but also those who have been responsible for personal gifts, which amounted to £169/18/9.

The donations to the Camperdown Cot have continued to improve, and have enabled us to meet our subsidy of £40, and the balance of £16/7/8 was transferred to the General Fund. This will help to offset the advances made to the Cot Fund from the General Fund over a number of years.

During the year £31 was paid to the Overseas Missions Committee from the Mission Cot Fund, and the balance carried forward is £25/0/1.

The Youth Centre Fund has increased by £6/18/11, to a total of £1,745/10/7.

The Dhond Panel Van Appeal resulted in the sum of £135/5/8 being

handed to the Overseas Mission Committee.

A special appeal for a Gospel Van for the Y.P.D. work has been launched, and donations to date have been £561/9/6, and a special legacy from the F. S. Steer estate has been earmarked as the nucleus of a fund

for the maintenance of the Van when it comes into use.

During the year two publications were printed by our Publications Fund at a total cost of £176/8/8. This leaves a debit of £97/10/-, but stock in hand is approximately worth £220, so that the position is quite satisfactory. In this regard we must again place on record our appreciation of the work of our Director, Bro. Greenhalgh, who was responsible for the preparation of the two booklets.

In conclusion, we would again thank all who helped in connection

with the finances of the Youth Department.

Future Work,

Christian Workers' Training Course, second year, commencing March 5th, in conjunction with the Home Missionary Committee and the Bible

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Definite effort to secure a site for a youth centre.

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Complete co-operation in National C.E. Convention, Sydney, August

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The Committee has asked me to express its appreciation of the efficient leadership and the untiring and consecrated service that Bro. Roy Greenhalgh is rendering to the Brotherhood and to the young people of our churches. Also to thank Miss Jean Murray for her valuable and efficient service.

P. H. MORTON, Vice-Chairman.

SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

The total sales during the period were £2,063, as compared with last year £1,633, and the total profit, after making allowance for all expenses (including the full support of junior assistant), depreciation, amounted to £193/8/9, which has been carried forward to the Capital Account.

In view of the small capital available to conduct the Supplies Department, it would be helpful to the Committee if the Brotherhood would pay their accounts promptly and thus reduce amounts outstanding shown

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R. GREENHALGH, Manager.

YOUNG PEOPLES! DEPARTMENT

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CHURCHES OF CHRIST CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee has met monthly throughout the year, the personnel of the Committee being the same, and the attendance the same as shown in the Property Trust Report.

During the year we have helped to finance the purchase of land in two suburbs.

There are a number of centres that are considering the erection of buildings, and we hope to be able to use the funds which will be available to assist these Churches.

The 500 Appeal was inaugurated during the year and has resulted in £198/5/2 available to the Caringbah Church to assist them in the erection of their building. Plans are being prepared, and it is expected that before Conference, the erection of this building will be commenced. The response to the 500 Appeal has been somewhat disappointing and we trust that when the Appeal is launched this year for another centre to be selected by the Conference Executive, a more worthy response will be forthcoming.

J. L. STIMSON, Chairman. P. H. MORTON, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIAN UNION

Committee Meetings.-Four have been held.

Personnel.—H. J. Patterson (Chairman), I. A. Paternoster, E. Roffey, D. Horsey, G. Andrews, G. Maxwell, P. Retchford, B. Cavill, L. Flett, R. W. Saunders (Secretary).

Venue.—Through the courtesy of City Temple deacons, we have met here free of charge.

Work.—We are in receipt of Federal Committee minutes. We note that they are preparing special literature to educate our people concerning the Ecumenical Movement, and that they are receiving contributions towards a fund to send a representative of the Australian Churches of Christ to the next World Council Conference.

Bro. Paternoster attended the Commission on Faith and Order at Gilbulla as a representative of the Federal Conference. He ably stated the case for the Restoration Movement.

We forwarded to each affiliated Church a circular concerning the World-wide Communion Sunday.

Many interested Christians have joined the World Church Fellowship.

We regret the resignation of Bro. Patterson as Chairman; his faith
and vision were a help to us all.

We have 16/11 in hand.

RON SAUNDERS, Secretary.

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THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1950.

	LIABILITIES.			ASSET	NS.
Accumulated Funds		1,386 17		Cash in Bank	
		£1,386 17	5		£1,386 17 5

I certify that I have conducted a Cash Audit of the books of account of the CHURCHES OF CHRIST CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE for the year ended 31st December, 1950, and, in my opinion, the above Balance Sheet is full and fair, and sets out a true and correct statement of the position of the Committee as at 31st December, 1950, according to the books of account and the explanations and information given to me.

J. W. BOSWELL, F.A.A., Auditor.

THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Year ended 31st December, 1950.

RECEIPTS.						DISBURSEMENTS.			
To Balance brought for'd, 1/1/50 Loans Repaid Interest received on Loans Commission	10	d. 8 0 10	156	8. 6	d. 6	By General Expenses f. s. d 3 17 : "Portion Organising Expenses "Chapel-a-Year" Appeal, '50 20 0 : "Loans to Churches 885 16	L £	s.	d,
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			£950	1	0		£950	1	0

W. K. HUNTER, Treasurer.

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CHURCHES OF CHRIST, MESSENGER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. Revenue Account to 31st December, 1950.

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	LIABILITIES. Subscriptions in Advance Accumulated Funds, 31/12/1949 Less: Loss for Year	£ 97	8. 11 18		£ 5	s. 8	d. 4	ASSETS. Sundry Debtors— Churches Personal	£ 32	8. 6 18	d. 9	£	8,	•

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I certify that I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Churches of Christ Messenger Management Committee and compared them with the foregoing statements, and find them in accordance therewith.

9th February, 1951.

W. K. HUNTER, Auditor.

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Advertising

Cash at Bank, 31/12/50

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CHRISTIAN MESSENGER REPORT

We have pleasure in presenting this report of our activities during the year fust ended.

We have met at regular monthly meetings to discuss matters affect-ing the running of the paper, which we feel to be of much value and

interest to its readers among the Brotherhood.

The Committee and Executive Officers, elected at the last Annual Meeting, have sought to maintain the high standard and efficient management of the paper. We are grateful for the willing co-operation of our printer, Bro, H. Gowans, and the service given by contributors and

Church representatives.

During the year Bro. Surtees found it necessary to relinquish his position as Editor, and we put on record appreciation of his unstinted service to the Brotherhood in this capacity. He was succeeded by Bro. G. J. Andrews, whose thought and work are reflected in the standard of the publications now being issued. To ease the onerous task he has assumed, we appeal to all contributors to send in their material punctually each

In presenting the Financial Report to the Management Committee of the "Messenger," the Treasurer pointed out the position of rising costs of printing and postage and other expenses over the last years and moved

the following motion, which was carried:-

"At a meeting of the 'Messenger' Management Committee, the Treasurer stated that, owing to increased costs of printing and postage of the 'Messenger,' publication was being made at a loss and it was reluctantly resolved to increase the subscription rate to 4/- per annum (5/posted), such increase to date from January, 1951, issue." The financial affairs of "The Messenger" are presented in the attached

statements and are being given the earnest attention of the Committee. In addition to the Committee Members we desire to thank Bro.

Matthews, who as Conference President, has maintained a regular interest in our affairs throughout the year. A. C. MACLEAN, Chairman.

NEIL MORRIS, Secretary. G. E. MORRIS, Treasurer.

BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Caringbah.-This site has been inspected, and is considered to be in an excellent position, and could be used to advantage when planning the completed scheme of a Church and School Hall. Plans of the latter have been forwarded for consideration and are at present being commented

upon, and by Conference further information can be submitted.

Carramar,-These folk have visualised a scheme for the extension of the existing School Hall, a new Church and a Manse. Because of a "local feature" of the natural site, the Committee suggested preparing a lay-outblock plan of the proposals be submitted, firstly, to the Local Council to get their reaction before preparing final working drawings for the buildings. This has been done, and the matter is now under consideration, and we trust that a successful scheme will eventuate. It is proposed to proceed immediately with the extension of the School Hall and Manse.

Generally.-It is felt that the high cost of construction is perhaps deterring some Churches from proceeding with their schemes, but the Committee is willing to assist with advice on such matters and also the

For the Committee,

selection of sites for future buildings.

A. CAMPBELL MORRIS.

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SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

It is with gratitude to God for His goodness that we submit this annual Report to Conference.

COMMITTEE.

The following were elected to serve on the Committee: Bren. E. Davis (Chairman), W. J. Crossman, H. T. Edwards, W. J. E. Lewis, G. Morton, W. C. Roffey, E. Oswald, T. Hawkins, A. C. Maclean, Mrs. Frost and N. H. Matthews, Conference President, member ex officio.

The work of this Committee is not spectacular, yet none the less valuable. The work of relief and helping in distress has been carried out

in a confidential way.

In the wider sphere of the work we are indebted to Bren. W. J. Crossman and W. J. E. Lewis for their advice and guidance on many matters of vital importance.

FLOOD RELIEF (SPECIAL).

During the year the Committee were able to render considerable relief to Brethren of the flooded areas, and an amount of £140 was sent direct. In addition to this, we sent donations of £25 each to the "Herald" Relief and Lord Mayor's Fund. We are grateful for the very splendid response made by the Brotherhood to the S.O.S. Appeal.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

An amount of £39 was distributed to Pensioners and needy cases to help with a little extra for the festive season. A donation to this fund amounting to £25 was received from the Government Department.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION.

At the completion of the past year the bank balance is double that of the preceding year. This is due mainly to the larger amounts received in repayment of outstanding loans, and also because the amount of loans

granted is less than half during the same period.

It may be that the day is drawing near in this State, as in Victoria when C.F.A., as well as alleviating individual needs of the members in small loans, may be able to provide capital funds to finance large Social Service ventures, such as Homes for Aged Couples and Hostels for Young People. Such institutions financed by C.F.A. capital in Victoria have not only repaid capital loans to C.F.A., but they have become completely selfsupporting.

One disappointing feature of a comparison with last year's figures is that members' contributions have fallen slightly, although new agencies

have been brought into existence.

These are days in which many of the smaller regular payments could " be increased. "Even one penny per week" was a slogan in the early days of C.F.A., but it is felt that in these days possibly most members could contribute at least threepence per week; this could be a voluntary decision effected by the contributor with the agent.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation of the loyal and faithful co-operation of the agents in collecting and forwarding contributions, also to all who have shared in any way in this part of the Master's

Service.

TEMPERANCE WORK.

We are represented on the N.S.W. Alliance, Band of Hope, who conduct Temperance Examinations in all Public Schools. In this particular work we endeavour to make our voice heard in all Social Questions,

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

In connection with Public Questions, this department has sent letters to the Press, protesting against the use of its pages for liquor propaganda. In this connection our correspondent, Bro, W. J. E. Lewis, wrote the Federal Authorities, protesting against the practice of providing liquor in the Cadet School at Duntroon. This correspondence is still proceeding. Bro, Lewis is constantly urging the Federal Health Department, in the interests of national health and efficiency, to endeavour to introduce legislation aiming at the education of our Young People to the full realisation of the effects, on our national life and health, of the drink traffic.

Gambling, too, has engaged the attention of this department, and protests have been made against gambling at night trotting races, and encouragement given generally to gambling by the authorities.

FINANCIAL,

We are most grateful to all our Churches for their loyal support throughout the year, both through Duplex System and Annual Offering.

The Financial Statement has been duly audited, and appears herewith. During the year many and State-wide appeals are made, and all Churches that respond to these appeals are urged to send it through your own Church Committee, who in turn will forward it on. In this way the world will realise that your Church is interested in others, and are ready and willing to share others' burdens.

THANKS.

In connection with the C.F.A., our special thanks are given to all Agents for their untiring efforts throughout the year.

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.

To the Church Officers, who have advocated our work, for help given by preaching brethren; to our Conference President for his keen interest and eagerness to help and for his helpful and wise counsel; to the Editors of the "Christian Messenger" and "Australian Christian."

To the Officers of City Temple and Enmore Tabernacle for the use of their buildings for Conference purposes and committee meetings, etc.

AIMS FOR 1951-52.

- 1. Co-ordination of all Social Service Activities of the Brotherhood.
- 2. Appointment of Special Hospital Visitor.
- 3. Provision of Cottage Homes for Aged Couples.
- A determined effort to introduce C.F.A. to all members of all Churches in the principle that C.F.A. is to help needy saints.

5. A determined Campaign against all social evils.

Note: The particular question of Cottages for Aged Couples has engaged the Committee's attention during the year, but many difficulties have to be got over, such as building materials and provision of labour. The Boys' Home Committee is willing to assist every way in providing suitable land at Pendle Hill for such a project.

Hospital visiting has been carried out, and it is found that such an appointment is essential, and by a system of regular visitation, closer contact could be established with the Brethren from country districts.

GENERAL.

The Brotherhood can be assured of the fact that this Committee, through its individual members, is rendering a valuable service in giving advice on legal and domestic matters, and questions relating to Invalid and Aged Pensioners, and many other fields of service which cannot be tabulated.

E. DAVIS, Chairman.

A. C. MACLEAN, Hon, Secretary.

H. T. EDWARDS, Hon. Treasurer. W. C. ROFFEY, Hon. Sec. and Treas., C.F.A.

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CHRIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES-THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION. ended 31st December, 1950. for the CHURCHES OF

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ASSETS OF ASSOCIATION as at 31st December, 1950.

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THANKS.

We thank God for the privilege of another year of service. Without His unfailing aid we labour in vain.

To those who have assisted in so many ways to make the year's work easier, we are deeply grateful.

INDIA.

Steady progress has been made among the villages, helped greatly by motor transport and the Sound-equipment. The introduction of these modern methods has greatly widened the scope of influence.

The appeal made by Mr. B. V. Coventry for a pumping plant for Shrigonda brought in slightly over £1,000, and a start has been made on

this, and also on a building at Dhoraja.

The motor equipment for Baramati is also assured. It will require more than £1,000 to complete the purchase and equipment, but £900 is

already in hand and more promised.

The completion of the Nurses' quarters at Dhond has brought great rejoicing to the staff of the hospital, as it will greatly add to the comfort

and therefore the efficiency of the work.

There are at present twenty-one Missionaries on the field, the largest number we have had at one time. The return of Mr. Hariba Waghmodi created special interest this year, and his marriage to Shalinibai, one of our girls from Shrigonda, was a very happy occasion. These young people are now at Indapur, thus fulfilling the desire of years for a resident missionary at this station.

At Diksal, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Heard are stationed. This field was vacant after the return of Mr. and Mrs. Escott, and the renovating of Diksal and Indapur buildings to make them habitable has entailed consid-

erable expenditure.

Mr. John Bairagi is in charge of the Baramati School, which this year

gained the highest percentage of passes throughout the area.

The high cost of living and the continued near famine conditions has brought more applications for admission to our Homes than we can cope with. It is the policy of the Mission, however, that no really needy child shall be turned away. We would appeal to many more to provide the cost of the support of one or more of these children. \$10 per annum is not a large amount to give for this purpose.

Dhond Hospital has again proved its value, and doctors, nurses and staff have worked at full pressure. The following figures will give some

idea of the task:

New patients	18,529
Re-treatments	67,901
Free treatments	4,375
Total outpatients	38,853
In-patients	1,561

It was a great delight to us to have Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Coventry and Mrs. Colin Thomas visit us during the year. Their presence greatly stim-

ulated interest in "Our India."

NEW HEBRIDES.

During the year the Federal Secretary visited the Island churches, greatly encouraging them and bringing home encouraging reports of the work being done. Statistics reveal approximately 1,500 Christians, 1,050 under instruction and 50 churches.

Much useful medical work has been done both on Aoba and Pentecost. The capacity of the Aoba Hospital is often taxed to capacity, and attention will have to be given to the providing of a new ward for male

patients.

Mr. Finger and Miss Henderson are responsible for the primary school at Ndui Ndui, while at Londua the buildings are ready for commencement of the Training School on the return of Mr. and Mrs. McLean. This will mark an important and new development in our Island work.

BAPTISMS.

At the annual meetings held in India it was reported that during the

year 28 had been baptised.

In the New Hebrides, 23 baptisms are reported from Aoba and 79 from Pentecost. In the latter case most of these came from a new v.l'age where the people recently accepted the Christian teaching.

FINANCIAL.

Owing to increasing cost of living all Missionary salaries were increased 10 per cent, during the year. This one item will add more than

£600 to the budget.

Mention must be made of the splendid giving of the New Hebridian Christians. For three years in succession more than £1,000 have been given, and over £213 was donated toward the cost of the Federal Secretaries' visit. The Aoban Traders or small storekeepers gave £1,000 in the past two years to be held in trust to ensure the future stability of the work, and to help with Aoba Hospital and School projects the members have given over £600.

STATE FINANCES.

This year the total income from all sources is £5,177/18/1. Of this amount the annual offering was £797/13/9, and the weekly giving £529/4/5. In addition, some gifts have been forwarded direct to the Federal Board, including £200 for the Panel Van. Here we would especially thank the Young People of the State and the Y.P. Department for their splendid co-operation in raising the large amount for the Panel Van. We would also thank the Sisters for their great help.

The credit balance showing at the end of the financial statements represents money being held on behalf of the Federal Board to pay for

the House recently sent to Pentecost.

COMMITTEE.

During the year the following have faithfully served as members of the Committee: Mr. C. R. Graham, Chairman; Miss H. V. Rofe, Treasurer; Ira A. Pasternoster, Secretary; Bren. Casperson, Morris, Wynn, Cavill, Yelds, Sisters Mrs. McCallum, Miss Winks and Mrs. Maxwell.

The future we know is in the Father's keeping. In spite of present world conditions. He is still saying to us, "Go ye into all the world and

preach the Gospel to every creature."

C. R. GRAHAM, Chairman. IRA A. PATERNOSTER, Secretary.

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HOME MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Whose parting charge to His Disciples-"GO"-is the authority for our work and its responsibilities. Ours is a Mission. The word implies that some one has sent us. Above us, always with us is the Unseen Master. His work we would do. The Home Mission Committee presents this report to Conference. Whatever has been attempted or accomplished has been by Divine Grace, and to our God we give the praise, the honour and glory.

THE COMMITTEE.

At the 1950 Conference the following were elected to serve on the Home Mission Committee: A. Baker, A. L. Carter, B. G. Corlet, W. J. Crossman, L. S. Dewberry, L. M. Fisher, Mrs. A. Larcombe, N. D. Morris, P. Retchford, R. H. Wakeley. N. D. Morris was appointed Chairman, A. Baker Vice-Chairman, W. J. Crossman Secretary, L. M. Fisher Assistant Secretary, R. H. Wakeley Treasurer. Bro. L. M. Fisher resigned during the year owing to his removal to Melbourne. Bro. Phil. Verco was appointed in his place. The members have been most faithful in attendance upon committee meetings, and have only been absent through sickness, or absence from the city.

Bro. N. D. Matthews, Conference President, has attended most regularly all meetings; he has been a wise and helpful counsellor.

POLICY OF COMMITTEE.

Recognising that Home Mission work is of vital importance to our Churches, the Committee sought to formulate a policy. Our purpose is twofold; to evangelise needy districts and to establish the Church.

Our policy must be to make our witness and testimony heard in every

part of the State.

The Committee sought the co-operation of each Board of Officers to make a special effort to put into operation the following suggestions-the Committee agreeing to do all in its power to assist:

(1) A Teaching Mission to be conducted in the local Church during

September-December, 1950, with an interchange of preachers.

(2) Distribution of special literature both for evangelism and spiritual

(3) A Home Mission representative to visit the Churches in the interests of our Primary Responsibility (Evangelism).

(4) Circuit System to be explored; with a desire to encourage formation of group churches, and ways and means of putting same into effect.

(5) Promotion of a deeper spiritual life in the Churches as a first requirement in all our work.

(6) Churches to be requested to release their preacher to conduct an evangelistic or teaching mission.

(7) Panel of Speakers to assist in case of emergency.

(8) Subsidising weak Churches.

(9) Appointment of an Itinerant Evangelist for our State work.

(10) To envisage new communities in metropolitan areas and country centres established through the agency of the Housing Commission. (We are watching these developments, and preparing for an aggressive policy of Evangelism and Church Extension).

OUR FIELDS OF SERVICE.

There has been little change in the operations of the Committee. We

believe that most of the fields are striving toward self support.

Albury .- This border city continued under the direction of the Committee for many years. The splendid results of a mission, conducted by Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen, and the fine work still being carried on by Bro. A. Morris, has made it possible for this field to be self-supporting during the past year.

Blackheath.—Bro. Nielsen served the Church for several months on the Lord's Day, the subsidy being £4 per month. During the month of Novemher he closed his ministry. A circuit has now been formed with Lawson and Wentworth Falls, under the superintendency of Bro. Carter, This should prove to be most effective.

Epping.—The church is in a very happy condition, and is making very good progress in all departments. Due largely to the fine piece of work by Bro. A. C. Maclean, the work became self-supporting during October. 1950. Additions: 5 by Baptism, 7 Letter.

Grafton.-The work in this city has caused the Committee some concern for a long period; many difficulties have been encountered. Heavy goods last year caused extensive damage to the church property. The Social Service Department and individual members made valuable gifts. This generous help was fully appreciated. Bro. L. Wylie announced his resignation on 14th May, 1950, taking effect three months later. Your Committee has endeavoured in every way to save this work, but this was not possible, and so, with much regret the work closes. At the time of writing this report, the Conference President was at Grafton, helping the church with its final decisions. We crave your prayers for the few loval members who remain.

Lidcombe,-Bro. Arthur Baker continues a much appreciated ministry in this large suburban industrial centre. The work is in a healthy condition. The Committee has recently increased the subsidy, thus setting an example with its policy for increased salaries to meet the demands of increased living costs. The church has agreed to seek to reduce the subsidy from time to time. Present subsidy, £2/15/- per week.

Mudgee.-This faithful but small band carries on under difficulties. During part of the year a speaker from Sydney paid a visit once a month. The proposed mission has been deferred for the present. In future, speakers will be supplied from Wentworth Falls.

North Auburn.-During part of the College vacation the Committee subsidised this field to the extent of £4 per week. Bro. D. Mansell is the student preacher. A good work is being maintained.

Petersham.—This work was commenced in the year 1884. For years a virile work was maintained; through the years many new fields received into fellowship members who had been grounded in the "Truth" as a result of the faithful ministry of this field. With the passing of the years, changing conditions have caused an ebb tide. Towards the close of the last year, members were called together to prayerfully consider the future of the work. It was decided to close the work and the property be sold. The sale of the property being left in the hands of the Property Trust, Bro. Reese, a student of the College, ministered during 1950.

Toowoon Bay-Gosford,-A year ago, services for breaking of bread were commenced in the home of Major and Mrs. Purves, at Toowoon Bay, Tuggerah, with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brooks. On Sunday, 26th September, the Conference President, accompanied by B. G. Corlett and R. Greenhalgh, constituted the Church at Gosford. The committee is giving practical support, enabling Bro. Brookes to carry on the work in a large district, with great possibilities. Subsidy will be continued.

Visitors during holiday periods will receive a warm welcome at services, held in the C.W.A. Hall, Gosford; or at Toowoon Bay.

THE VOICE OF THE MOUNTAINS.

The work on the Blue Mountains is progressing favourably under the leadership of Bro. A. L. Carter (a member of the Home Missionary Committee). The radio has helped in a very wonderful way; each Sunday afternoon the Gospel is presented from Station 2KA. The Name and Messages of the Church are faithfully presented in these sessions. This has certainly proved a splendid venture. The cost of broadcasting is borne by the church at Wentworth Falls and the Home Missionary Committee. The time is ripe for a great forward movement. Land is available on the mountains. Opportunities are presented to us at Hazelbrook and Springwood. Bro. Carter and his splendid workers are to be commended for their enterprise. Circuit: Lawson, Wentworth Falls, Blackbeath.

EVANGELISTIC.

Two members of the Committee, who have endowments which qualify them to render a service in evangelism, have been used of God during the

year.

Bro. Peter Retchford led in special campaigns at Canley Vale, Invereil and Bankstown. Forty-six decisions were recorded. Bro. Arthur Baker conducted a tent mission at Penrith during the month of October. There were no additions to the church as a result of the mission, but three young people from Auburn made the good confession. Thousands of tracts were distributed. The small band of workers at Penrith are loyal to New Testament Teaching. Bro. H. C. Gowans is rendering a sacrificial service each Lord's Day morning.

Happy results have been gained by other churches who arranged their

own campaigns.

TEACHING MISSIONS.

A number of preachers engaged in Teaching Missions during the year with satisfactory results.

ITINERANT EVANGELIST.

Consideration has been prayerfully given to the question of a suitable brother to take up the work as Itinerant Evangelist.

PANEL VAN.

It has been decided to purchase a suitable van.

CIRCUITS.

Groups of churches have been invited to arrange a circuit of preaching places.

SALARIES.

The Committee forwarded to the Conference Executive for action and recommendation to the churches, that preachers' salaries be increased to meet present demands.

ISOLATED MEMBERS.

Churches were invited to forward a list of isolated members living where we have no Church; in several instances reports indicated that contacts are made. An endeavour has been made to secure a list of names, but the results have not been forthcoming to any marked degree.

INSPIRATIONAL.

Bro. K. A. Macnaughton, of Melbourne, was the guest of the Committee during the month of October. His address at a Rally held in the City Temple, was of a high order; he also conducted a series of meetings at Belmore, and a United Rally at Newcastle.

FINANCES.

The Committee expresses thanks to those who have given consistently towards Home Missions, and the increase in the Duplex offerings is gratifying. In 1948 £350/10/1 was received from this source, and in 1949. £393/6/3; and 1950, £452/0/1. The annual offering being taken late in the year, many of the offerings are not received until the following year, but after adjusting the income from this source to the actual offering period, it is found that the offerings received are irregular; in 1948 we received £523/1/7, 1949 offering was only £288/14/7. To the end of the year, £263/18/5 had been received for the 1950 offering.

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We are happy to acknowledge receipt of £200 from the estate of late gro. F. S. Steer, who had been a good supporter of our work, and served for many years on the Committee.

There will need to be an increase in our income in the next 12 months to meet the cost of purchase and equipping of our mission van, and support of itinerant evangelist, but it is anticipated that many of our isolated brethren will be restored to active support of the work generally as a result of this work. Tent missions to be held and new causes to be developed will also require financial help.

During the year 9 churches were helped with subsidies, and £570/14/was expended in this way. We rejoice with Albury and Epping on their

becoming self-supporting after long years of support.

Gifts from the Armistice Fund were made to: Wollongong Church for Warrawong, £50; Belmore for Padstow, £50; Bankstown for Panania, £50.

STATEMENT OF SPECIAL FUNDS, AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1950.

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FUTURE WORK.

The retiring Committee recommends-

A continuation of subsidies to causes needing assistance.
 A special effort in subsidised Churches to attain self support.

(3) Evangelistic Missions.

- (4) Teaching Missions.
- (5) Encouraging Small Groups.
- (6) Supporting Enterprise.
- (7) Literature Distribution.
- (8) Circuit or District Work.

(9) Visitation.

Co-operation for service to make known the "Salvation of our God."

The thanks of the Committee are tendered to the Sisters' Auxiliary Conference for their splendid co-operation, the Churches at City Temple and Enmore for the use of their buildings, to the churches generally for their valued help, to the Honorary Auditor, Bro. H. Atkinson, F.B.A.S., I.C.A., and to all who have helped in any way in the Primary Responsibility of the Church.

N. D. MORRIS, Chairman. W. J. CROSSMAN, Secretary.

R. H. WAKELEY, Treasurer.

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N.S.W. CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOME MISSION COMMITTEE,

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st December, 1950.

General Fund.

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N.S.W. CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOME MISSION COMMITTEE, 1950. Statement of Receipts and Payments in Special Funds during Year ended 31st December, 1950. Evangelists' Fund.

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I have examined the Books, Vouchers and Bank Deposits of the Books of the N.S.W. Churches of Christ Home Mission Committee for the year ending December 31st, 1950, and hereby certify they are in accordance H. ATKINSON, F.B.A.S., F.A.B.I., F.F.C.A.

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

The Board of Management presents the report for the year 1950. being the ninth year of the College; and we would call on Conference to return thanks to God for His favour and blessing through yet another year.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1950-51.

Ex-officio Members: N. H. Matthews, Conference President, and

Principal H. J. Patterson, M.A.

Elected Members: W. R. Avenell, J. Boswell, F.A.A. (Hon. Treas.), B. G. Corlett (Hon. Sec.), E. Davis (Vice-Chairman), C. Gers, E. C. Hinrichsen, S. Laney, N. D. Morris, W. C. Roffey, J. L. Stimson (Chariman).

FACULTY.

Lecturers and their subjects, 1950:-

Principal H. J. Patterson, M.A.: New Testament, Apologetics, Ancient History, Christian Doctrine.

A. W. Ladbrook, M.A., Dip. Ed. (Senior Lecturer): Old Testament. Logic, Church History, Hermeneutics and Exegesis.

I. A. Paternoster: Comparative Religion.

E. Davis: Restoration Movement. E. C. Hinrichsen: Evangelism.

R. Greenhalgh: Religious Education.

E. W. Roffey, B.A.: Greek I. and II. and Leaving English.

R. V. Amos: Homiletics II. and III.

STUDENTS, 1950.

R. W. Beadle, E. F. Cook, J. V. Ellerby, K. R. Fennell, P. Goodger, W. D. Howard, D. B. Howell, R. W. Hume, D. W. Mansell, N. Martin, D. H. Paddon, P. E. Perry, N. C. Reese, W. R. Rugendyke, and M. R. Smith. During the year D. H. Paddon and D. B. Howell (probationary stu-

dents) discontinued their studies.

Churches served by students: Auburn North, Belrose, Bowral, Fairfield, Granville, Hornsby, Lane Cove, Manly, Merewether, North Sydney, Parramatta North, Pendle Hill, Petersham, Seven Hills, and Tempe.

No diplomas were awarded in 1950, as all third year men had commenced at Woolwich in 1948, when the new four year course, now re-

quired for graduation, began to operate.

Appreciation is here recorded of the enthusiasm and consecrated service of the students throughout the year, which has been a strenuous one for these young men, all of whom had, in addition to lectures and studies. the care of a Church at week-ends; we also give thanks for the material sacrifices made by them so as to fit themselves for the ministry of the Word. We plead for understanding and encouragement on their behalf throughout the Brotherhood.

NEW STUDENTS, 1951.

Miss E. T. Lincoln (Beverly Hills) and Messrs. G. E. Gibson (Boona. Queensland), Hotchkias (Gilgandra), J. D. Kennedy (Marrickville), Peiper (Lowood, Queensland), J. A. Rae (Belmore), and C. Wheat (Beverly Hills).

SYLLABUS.

The Board decided to provide a missionary course for lady students, and the first of these will go into residence in 1951. It has also been decided to arrange for tuition in secular subjects to be obtained at the Technical College by students who need to qualify therein prior to graduation; the Board is indebted to E. W. Roffey, B.A., for advice and assistance in this regard.

FINANCE.

The excess of income over expenditure for the year, after bringing into account all outstanding amounts, was £52, as disclosed by the accompanying statements.

Expenses of running and maintaining the College and properties inereased by £735 on the previous year. This was due to the rising costs of creased by 1730 of the previous year. This was due to the rising costs of goods and services. Other contributing factors were the additional cost of maintaining the Principal on a full-time basis for portion of the year, the exterior painting of the adjoining properties, and special renovations in the main College building.

Income increased by £171. A most encouraging feature was the increased receipts from Brotherhood sources, this accounting for an increase of £284 on the previous year. The Board was greatly heartened by the of 1234 on the part of the Brotherhood to the appeal for increased regular support. Legacies amounting to £239 were received during the year. and included in the income.

The increase in income was, however, offset by a fall of £69 in Board and Fees, and £283 in respect of the Fete, held in 1949, no such function

having been held in the year under review.

The ladies of Chatswood Church donated £47 for the Principal to use in the purchasing of suitable reference books for the College Library. This amount was not included in the income, but was credited to the Library Fund; to date £11 has been expended.

During 1951 the Board is faced with substantial expenditure occasioned by the coming of Bren. Stephenson and Elliott, together with the carrying out of the necessary maintenance work, such as painting of the main College building, and plumbing repairs. Accommodation for additional students will also entail alterations to the basement of the College property at No. 53.

Bro. E. Leach was unable to continue as Auditor, so that the attached statement could not be audited in time for publication of certificate herewith. Bro. R. Bartholomew has consented at short notice to complete the work, and his certificate will be presented to Conference.

CONFERENCE PICNIC.

The Principal and Mrs. Patterson and the Board were pleased to welcome visitors to Woolwich on the occasion of the Conference Picnic, on Easter Monday; it was an enjoyable time of fellowship for all who came.

RESIGNATIONS OF PRINCIPAL AND SENIOR LECTURER AND APPOINTMENT OF SUCCESSORS.

Last July A. W. Ladbrook, M.A., Dip. Ed., resigned as Senior Lecturer to undertake more extensive educational and evangelistic work in the training of native teachers and evangelists in Southern Rhodesia, on behalf of our New Zealand Churches; we quote an extract from his letter of resignation, viz.: "It has been a great joy and privilege to have a part in these early days at Woolwich, and I shall always be grateful to the brotherhood in general and to the College Board in particular for the opportunity to serve the Lord and the Churches in this way." Mr. Ladbrook had come to Woolwich from South Africa in 1943 and thus was able to influence and train many students by his consecrated spiritual and academic attainments; he was presented with a cheque and book on behalf of the Board as tokens of appreciation. The Board was fortunately able to secure the services of A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., the preacher of Subiaco Church in Western Australia, as successor to Bro. Ladbrook as from the commencement of 1951; the appointment was confirmed in October.

It was somewhat of a surprise to the Board when it later on received Bro. H. J. Patterson's resignation as Principal; this was dated 17th October, 1950, following his acceptance of a call to labour with the Church at Hartwell, in Victoria. Every effort was made by the Board personally and collectively to induce him to withdraw the resignation, without success,

and it was, therefore, accepted with very great regret. A public farewell was arranged in conjunction with the closing service of the College year. last November, when Bro. Patterson was presented with a cheque by the Conference President for the Brotherhood and an illuminated memento by the Chairman on behalf of the Board. Just prior to their departure, Bro. and Sister Patterson were tendered a special farewell at Woolwich by members of the Board and Faculty and their wives and the Students, the Women's Conference being represented by the President, Mrs. Snow, who presented a memento to Mrs. Patterson.

The Board, by the blessing and guidance of God in answer to much earnest prayer, was able to announce at the above service that A. W. Stephenson, M.A., Editor of "The Australian Christian," had agreed to succeed Bro. Patterson as Principal. We are thus enabled, in this connection, to report to Conference that the Lord has manifestly continued to

bless the College.

THANKS.

Special mention must be recorded of the fine work of Principal H. J. Patterson, M.A., who has, through the past seven years, consolidated the work of this institution, inaugurated in 1942 by the late A. R. Main, M.A., the first Principal of Woolwich; a high standard has been maintained there throughout that period. The loyalty and support of the Senior Lecturer. Bro. Ladbrook, were always available and given without stint. We also return thanks to the honorary lecturers for valued consecrated service.

Mrs. Patterson gave willing support, and by her gracious hospitality. extended to visitors, made a great contribution to the success of the Col-lege generally, and of the Principal's term of office in particular. We also thank Miss E. Verco for her invaluable help as housekeeper;

she came to our aid when Miss Wagener, early in the year, found she was

unable to continue.

With gratitude we mention, also, A. W. M. Dickenson, LL.B., for his service as Hon. Solicitor, and Gar, Maxwell and K. R. Fennell, for photographs. N. H. Matthews, Conference President, was very helpful throughout his term of office.

The Board highly appreciates numerous gifts and kindly expressions concerning the students and College. We thank Chatswood ladies for

their gift of £47 for the library, previously referred to herein.

On behalf of the Board, we express thanks for the opportunity of this service, and pray for God's blessing on the united work of the Brother-

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CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

CONSTITUTION

As Amended, and including Amendments passed at 1950 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 dissociate 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.

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.

Kepresentation:

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 Con-

ference 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 at least twelve weeks before the date of the next Annual Conference an application for admission. The name of each Church applying for admission shall within not less than ten weeks of such Conference be sent to each Church associated. The Executive Committee of Conference shall consider the application and shall make a recommendation to such Conference. Each Church seeking admission be advised to agree that any property held or to be acquired will be registered under The Churches of Christ Incorporation Act, 1947, and if private trustees are appointed then a peclaration of Trust must be lodged with the Registrar-General.

7. Objections to Admission:

Any objections 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 six 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.

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 five Committees referred to in paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e), of Clause 10, except in the case of the Past President, who may be elected to any Conference Committee. 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 evangelism in the State of New South Wales, Federal Capital Territory, and border districts, and to institute and develop the circuit system where possible and advisable, and the collection and disbursement of funds for that purpose. This Committee shall consist of ten members, six of whom shall form a quorum.

(b) A Foreign Missionary Committee, entrusted with the work in foreign lands and amongst alien people in the home land, and the collection and disbursement of funds for that purpose in association with the Federal Foreign Missionary Committee. This Committee shall consist of ten members, seven to be elected by the General Conference, and three by Sisters' Conference. The quorum

shall consist of six members.

(c) A Bible Schools and Young People's Committee, charged with the promotion of the work in the Bible Schools, Christian Endeavour Societies, and service among the young generally, and the collection and disbursement of funds for that purpose. This Committee shall consist of sixteen members, nine of whom shall form a quorum. Twelve members of the Committee shall be appointed by Conference, six as Bible School representatives, and six as Christian Endeavour representatives, the twelve elected representatives having the power to appoint the four remaining members as representatives of affiliated youth activities.

(d) A Social Service Committee, charged with the work of promoting total abstinence from, and prohibition of intoxicating liquors, combating social evils and doing philanthropic work and the collection and disbursement of funds for that purpose. The 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 he 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 mortgages 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 Aborigines Mission Committee, entrusted with the work amongst the Aborigines of Australia, and the collection and disbursement of funds for that purpose in association with the Federal Aborigines Mission Board. This Committee shall consist of seven members, four of whom shall form a quorum.
- (g) An Advisory Board, consisting of seven members, together with the Principal of Churches of Christ Bible College in New South Wales, who shall be a member ex-officio. The Board 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 at the commencement of the final year at the Bible College of probable diplomas and/or exit students, endeavour to seek placements for them, and to follow and interest itself in the student's career for a reasonable period. 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 assist in 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. Provided that in the case of a brother of long and good standing in the membership of the Churches of Christ, the aforesaid period of two years may be reduced or dispensed with, at the discretion of the Advisory Board.
- 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 desirable.

 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. Five to form a quorum.

- (h) A Chapel Extension Committee, which shall consist of the members of The Churches of Christ Property Trust.
- (i) A Children's Home Committee, which shall consist of ten members, six of whom shall form a quorum. The functions of the Committee shall be 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.
- (j) 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.
- (k) A Nomination Committee to seek out and nominate as many brethren as possible for election to Committees of Conference. It shall consist of five members, three to form a quorum.
- (1) 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.
- (m) 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.
- (n) 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.
- (o) 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 School 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, or any day as may be mutually agreed on between the Committees concerned and the Conference Executive, the Home Missionary Committee to have the right to make an appeal at the Annual Meeting of Conference in addition. No other Committee shall, without permission of the Conference Executive, make any 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, Bole Schools and Young People's Committee, Social Service Committee, Board of Management of Churches of Christ Bible College in New South Wales, Women's Auxiliary Conference and Aborigines Mission Board.

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.
- (f) 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 deliberate one.

12. Nominations:

Nominations for Conference Officers and standing committees, and for the Churches of Christ Property Trust as constituted under Churches of Christ in New South Wales Incorporation Act, 1947, shall be received in writing from Churches, or from individual brethren or from the Nominations Committee up to two weeks before the meeting of such Conference, such nominations to have the written consent of the nominees attached.

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), (e) and (f) 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 affects 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 the 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.

- The ordinary rules of debate shall regulate the proceedings of this Conference so far as they do not conflict with this Constitution.
- 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.
- 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.

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