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MEETINGS AND REPORTS

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

G. J. ANDREWS

*The foreword to our Conference handbook must surely sound the note of thanksgiving to God for His marvellous enablement and sustaining grace in our day, as in all generations.*

*Duties of office in this Conference year included the honour of representing our churches at many civic and social functions. The most notable have been those associated with the Coronation of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II; and then later, events connected with the Royal Visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to this State. We are sure that the closer acquaintance afforded by the Queen's visit has served to reveal and further strengthen our loyalty to the throne. Moreover, we believe that we have been challenged to a far deeper sense of the Sovereignty of Almighty God our Heavenly Father.*

*Presidential visits to the majority of our churches, in city and country areas, have been paid with a view to encouraging local groups and testifying to the State-wide relationships and responsibilities in the fellowship of Christ Jesus the Lord. It is a matter of personal regret with most presidents that an entire coverage is scarcely possible in any one year, for a man who must still maintain a full-time ministry in his home church. Such service as I have been able to render has been due to the very loyal co-operation which I have had on the part of the church at Rockdale. I would certainly thank also a great many people over the State, for their memorable hospitality and acts of helpfulness.*

*One is constrained to remark on the really capable and sacrificial service of very many brethren and sisters, on Conference committees and throughout the churches. Their service, by the blessing of God maintains the thrill of a growing edge in our brotherhood. Thus we follow the Master who affirmed "My Father is working still, and I am working." Let none of us grow weary in this well-doing, forasmuch as we know that "our labours are not in vain in the Lord."*

*As we assemble in another annual Conference, it will be to review the year's work and to take counsel in regard to the future of certain creative projects in which we are involved in the name of Christ: Aborigines' Missions, Home Missions, Overseas Missions, Bible College, Bible Schools, Youth Activities, Home for Aged Women, Boys' Home, Social Service, Advisory Board, Preachers' Provident Fund, The Christian Messenger, Property Trust, Chapel Extension, City Temple Property Plan, Canberra Programme, Mark Rutherford Campaign, etc., etc.*

*A fervent interest in such things is surely to be expected of*

growing and maturing disciples of Christ. Not only does He seek to be known and honoured as He indwells the believer's heart; He desires also that we lovingly recognize and serve Him as He walks among the churches, leading separate congregations into the richer experience and the added power of a mighty brotherhood. "That they all may be one, that the world might believe."

May this be a Christ-honouring Conference! An experiencing of the challenge of open doors, with the remembrance also that we are a people to whom the Divine Master has entrusted precious keys.

### GOD'S OPEN DOOR

God is the author of the open door. He does not build a dead wall across any man's path, but a door, and He holds and keeps it open. In the Revelation, it says, "I have set before thee a door opened." That is true for every life. God is ever calling us to something better. He is not trying to keep us down, to hold us back, to make us unhappy, to brand us with failure. He is the God of the open door, the divinity of opportunity.—James I. Vance.

### OUR WORSHIP MEDITATION

The theme for our special worship sessions is "The Challenge of Open Doors"—(1) "The Christ of Open Doors"—R. V. Amos. (2) "Open Doors of the Heart"—A. W. Stephenson. (3) "Open Doors of Heaven"—A. G. Elliott. (4) "Open Doors Unto the Heathen"—E. W. Roffey.

## DIAMOND JUBILEE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Tuesday, 6th April, 1954

10.30 a.m.

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

President: Mrs. E. W. ROFFEY

Hymn No. 22

Prayer

We come to Delegates and General Conference President

Mrs. E. W. Roffey

Response by General Conference President

Mr. G. J. Andrews

Minutes, 1953 Conference

Mrs. A. W. Stephenson

Roll Call of Churches

Hymn No. 11

Obituary Report: Mrs. Budgen, Prayer.

Devotions: Leader, Mrs. R. V. Amos

Mrs. A. W. Stephenson

Executive Report

Miss F. Bell

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. F. Lelvenley

Solo

Election of Officers and Superintendents

Superintendents' Reports: Catering, Mrs. G. Milne; Home Missions,

Mrs. R. Webb; Overseas Missions, Mrs. B. Day; Aborigine Missions,

Mrs. H. Larcombe; Women's Inter-Church Council, Mrs. G. Knight;

Ashwood House, Mrs. C. R. Hall; Social Services, No Superintendent

Prayer.

LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION: 2 o'clock

President: Mrs. E. W. ROFFEY

Hymn No. 38

Prayer

Bible Reading

Mrs. C. Maxwell

Solo

Miss E. Whatman

Presentation of Jubilee Offering

Offering

Prayer

Hymn No. 28

Address: "Growing in Grace"

Mrs. W. J. E. Lewis

Prayer

Reports Continue: Young People's Department, Mrs. J. Atack; Good

Films and Radio League, Mrs. R. Wakeley; Newington Hospital,

Mrs. Powell; Isolated Sisters, Mrs. C. MacKellar; Newcastle District

Conference, Mrs. W. Fraser; Parramatta District Conference, Mrs.

Sim.

Hymn No. 21

Unfinished Business.

Introduction of Incoming Officers and Superintendents.

Dedicatory Prayer.

Hymn No. 3—"Blessed Be The Tie That Binds."

Benediction.

Mrs. C. A. SAXBY, Cor. Secretary

Mrs. P. G. VERCO, Pianiste

COMBINED DEMONSTRATION  
**SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

and

**CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, 7th April, 1954**

ENMORE TABERNACLE

METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

at 7.30 p.m.

Chairman: Conference President

Hymn

Prayer ..... W. Mansell

Chairman's Welcome

Anthem ..... Conference Choir

Announcements ..... S. Woolley

Scripture ..... W. Roffey

Solo ..... Miss D. Flood

Elocutionist ..... Mrs. R. Lowther

Demonstration by Pendle Hill Boys

Hymn

Address ..... Lloyd G. Read

Anthem ..... Conference Choir

Prayer and Benediction

**PREACHERS' SESSION**

Chairman: G. J. ANDREWS

**Thursday, 8th April, 1954**

3 p.m.

ENMORE TABERNACLE

METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

Speaker: RON McLEAN (New Hebrides)

OPENING BUSINESS SESSION OF  
GENERAL CONFERENCE

**Thursday, 8th April, 1954**

at 1.30 p.m.

ENMORE TABERNACLE

METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

Chairman: Conference President

Hymn and Prayer

President's Greeting

Inward and Outward Greetings

Reception of New Churches: Dubbo, Tamworth.

Welcome to New Personnel

Worship—"The Challenge of Open Doors"

(1) THE CHRIST OF OPEN DOORS—R. V. Amos.

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Principal A. W. Stephenson, M.A.

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# CONFERENCE SERMON

CITY TEMPLE

CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

Sunday, 11th April, 1954

President: G. J. ANDREWS

2.45 p.m. Praise Service.

3.00 p.m. Hymn  
Prayer  
Anthem ..... Conference Choir  
Offering for Preachers' Provident Fund.

Hymn  
Scripture Reading ..... S. H. Laney  
Anthem ..... Conference Choir  
Address ..... C. H. J. Wright  
Subject: "Jesus in the Midst."

Hymn  
Benediction.  
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# BUSINESS SESSION

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A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed.

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1.00 p.m.—Adjourn for Lunch (Provided by Sisters' Conference)  
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(4) OPEN DOORS UNTO THE HEATHEN—E. W. Roffey, B.A.

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6.00 p.m.—Adjourn for Tea.  
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7.15 p.m.—Announcement of Conference Officers and Committees.  
Introduction of Incoming President.  
Recognition of Retiring President.

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# HOME MISSIONARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE RALLY

Saturday, 10th April, 1954

7.30 p.m.

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

Chairman: Conference President

Hymn

Prayer ..... A. W. Stephenson, Principal, Bible College

Anthem ..... Conference Choir

Scripture Reading: Romans 10:1-15 ..... C. Bowser

Presenting College Interests ..... I. A. Paternoster

Hymn

Home Mission Appeal for Gospel Mission Tent

Reception of A.B.C. Band Offerings to Home Mission and Bible College.

Prayer ..... A. Baker Chairman, Home Missionary Committee

Anthem ..... Conference Choir

Address—"PERSONALITY PLUS" ..... E. T. HART  
Toowoomba, Queensland.

Hymn

Benediction.

# OVERSEAS AND ABORIGINES MISSIONS DEMONSTRATION

Monday, 12th April, 1954

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

Chairman: Conference President  
7.15 p.m. Pictures Overseas Missions

Hymn

Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Choir Item ..... Conference Choir

Hymn

Address ..... Mr. Maston Bell

Choir Item ..... Conference Choir

Address ..... Mr. Ron McLean

Doxology

Benediction.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT  
FINAL SESSION OF CONFERENCE

## Great Youth Evangelistic Rally

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

Tuesday April 13th, 1954

7.15 p.m.

MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE NIGHT FOR A GREAT  
YOUTH SPIRITUAL HARVEST

Speaker: R. GREENHALGH, Youth Director

Subject: "Three Open Doors for Youth"

Representatives of Villawood South, our newest Bible School, will be featured.

## N.S.W. WOMEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CONFERENCE

In presenting this 60th Annual Report, we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His guidance and blessing throughout the year.

Mrs. E. W. Koney, the resident, has given gracious leadership, and a time of rich fellowship has been enjoyed at our meetings. During the year Mrs. Koney has travelled many hundreds of miles, visiting all the women's groups throughout the State. Sincere appreciation of her visits has been expressed by many. The bond that binds us together has been strengthened. To Superintendents, Committee representatives and helpers, we express our sincere thanks, knowing that only by our united efforts can progress be made. The average attendance at monthly meetings held in lecture hall at City Temple has been 73.

Interstate and Country visitors have been welcomed. During the year Miss Vawser, of India, visited the State and spoke at the Women's Half yearly rally on June 19 and to a Youth meeting in the evening that was sponsored by the Women's Conference. A recommendation, accepted by Conference that Ashwood House be the object of special Diamond Jubilee Appeal has been kept in mind and funds are now being received.

A monthly news sheet entitled, 'News Review' has been introduced, copies of which are posted to all Women's meetings throughout the State, the object being to keep all informed of the work of the sisters and general brotherhood activities. Three meetings with the Finance Committee were held during the year.

Leaders of Devotional periods were Miss Bell, Miss Woodhouse, Mesdames Koffey, Amos, R. H. Wakeley, Saunders, Schofield and the speakers Messrs. Greenhaigh and Andrews, Mesdames Nerling, Corlett, D. Wakeley, Bothwell, Colbourne, Oswald, Leach, Frost and Misses Clift and Woodhouse.

Total receipts for year amounted to £1042/5/8. The amount received in 1953 for distribution under Budget was £603/17/10.

E. STEPHENSON, Rec. Sec.

**Obituary.**—Mrs. Budgen, Superintendent. In presenting my annual report to Conference, I would like to draw attention to the small number of letters I have written to those in sorrow, only twenty-one letters in all. I realize many have lost loved ones who have never been written to, because their names have not been sent to me by the churches. The death of two outstanding brethren occurred this year. Brother Escott and Brother Burns both have been used of God to win many to the Lord. We commend all lovingly to God to comfort and sustain in their sorrow.

**Home Missions.**—Mrs. R. Webb, Superintendent. I would like to thank our Home Missions Secretary-Superintendent and other Home Mission Committee members, for their help in supplying news of the various activities undertaken by the Committee this year. Through their co-operation a Home Missions report has been made possible each month in our 'News Review.' By this method we have endeavoured to stimulate interest among the women of our Country and Metropolitan churches. During the year we had a very interesting Home-Missions day, when two ladies gave us the history of the beginning of two of our new metropolitan churches, Caringbah and Padstow. This year the Women's Conference has helped support the preacher at Cardiff. Continue to pray and support this work.

**Overseas Missions.**—Mrs. B. Day, Superintendent. During the year visits were made to quite a number of Mission Band and Women's Fellowship meetings. I was privileged to be guest speaker at the Bowral Sister's Christmas party, where a very happy fellowship was enjoyed by all. The Committee wish to thank all who so generously responded to the Annual Gift appeal for the New Hebrides, India and Aborigines. Also thanks to the Sunday Schools and

young folk for their donations of school requisites for the New Hebrides. Several churches have sent food parcels to India this year. We praise God for the prayerful and practical support during the past year, and pray for His continued blessing this coming year.

**Aborigine Missions.**—Mrs. H. Larcombe, Superintendent. A most encouraging feature of the Aborigine Mission work is the hearty co-operation received from the many churches which I have been privileged to visit and the response in gifts of money, clothing and household linen etc. has been most gratifying. The sisters have displayed remarkable initiative and talent in making up articles of clothes etc. for use on the Mission stations. We feel that our Heavenly Father has bestowed His blessing on the work which we are endeavouring to do for the sake of the Aborigines.

**Living Links.**—This year we have been able to continue our support of Mr. Feiper of the College, at our Cardiff Church. Miss Dawn Wells has become the living link of the Women's Federal Conference, in place of Mrs. Arnold, who resigned on account of ill-health.

Mrs. Colin Thomas continues as the N.S.W. Living Link in India. During the year Mrs. A. Larcombe has been a member of the H.M. Committee, Mrs. B. Day and Mrs. Paterson, O.M. Committee and Mrs. H. Larcombe and Mrs. Hunter on the Aborigines' Committee.

**Catering.**—Mrs. G. Milne. There is only one event to report for the year. It was the Half-yearly Rally, held at City Temple on the 19th June, on the occasion of Miss Vawser's visit. Catering was for 90 at afternoon tea and 150 for the evening meal. Collection for afternoon tea amounted to £4/18/3. Total cost of both meals was £8/10/3. I would like to thank all those who helped to make this day such a success.

**Isolated Sisters.**—Mrs. MacKellar. The News Review has been a great help to our isolated sisters, as it keeps them up to date with the activities of all the Churches. I have sent 71 letters and received 34 acknowledgments, all expressing their appreciation of the News Review.

**Newington Hospital.**—Mrs. Powell, Superintendent. Once again we bring our report for another year of service. In doing so, I would like to thank the churches unable to attend owing to distance, for their donations, Christmas and Mother's day gifts. Also to thank those sisters and brothers who have helped each month to visit the sick and afterwards at the gospel meetings. Our Christmas visit was a very happy one. Over five hundred special gifts were distributed, bringing a little hope and sunshine into the lives of those lonely women. We need your prayers as we continue the work.

**Youth Department.**—Mrs. I. Atack, representative. It has been my privilege to represent the Women's Conference on the Youth Committee Monthly meetings. The Youth tea and Film evening, held on 19th June, was well represented when 150 young people were served with an evening meal, catered for by Mrs. Milne and her helpers. The highlight of the year was the opening of the Assembly Hall at the Youth Memorial Centre at Oak Flats, on 2nd January last. It is in the mind of the Youth Committee to make this Youth centre a short term college for Christian workers, as well as for fellowship and recreation. On the highest point of the ground an open air sanctuary is to be erected, provided for by the Sister's Conference. Further details of this will be found in the Youth Department report. The Women's Conference congratulate the Youth Director on the work accomplished this year.

**Good Films and Radio League.**—Mrs. R. H. Wakeley. Meetings of the Good Film and Radio League have been held regularly during the Year, but owing to lack of good leadership very little work of a concrete nature has been accomplished. However, Mr. Garlick of the Salvation Army has now consented to be president of the League and hopes are held that the services of a "live wire" Secretary may be obtained when meetings begin in March. It is hoped that a more fruitful year may be enjoyed in 1954.



**Women's Inter-Church Council.**—Mrs. G. E. Knight. Mrs. Lew of the Methodist Church is the President, having served a second term on account of our inability to elect a President from the Churches of Christ. It is hoped, therefore, that a suitable sister will be available in the coming year. Meetings are held on the last Friday of each month, and we are entitled to eight representatives. It is pleasing to note that the C. of C. is always well represented. The Annual meeting was held at Wesley Chapel, the speaker was Mrs. T. Kerr. She spoke about the need for social and moral rearmament, advocating Church life, home life, and parental control. Miss Needham, speaker at the September meeting is an officer working under the auspices of the World Council of Churches. She looks after Refugees and displaced persons when they arrive in this country. In October, Community Day was held at the Bible House, when the speaker was Mrs. Cocks. "Wybalena" Hostel is now fully furnished and has a full quota of guests. The financial position is quite satisfactory. Now that the Hostel is established it is the desire of the W.I.C.C. to assist where possible in helping New Australians to become good citizens, and to that end a small committee has been established to assist the New Settlers League.

**Parramatta District Conference.**—Mrs. I. Sim, Secretary. It is with thanks to our Heavenly Father for His Divine Guidance over the past year, that we are able to present this report. Meetings were held every second month, each Church taking their turn to have the meetings held in their building. At these meetings each guild brought a greeting and a report on their activities. We were responsible for the Afternoon Tea stall at the Boys' Home Fete, which was very successful. Our last meeting for 1953 was held at Ashwood House. It was attended by the Staff and Guests of the Home, who also received a gift from every guild represented. A delightful luncheon was provided by the sisters and enjoyed by all. In bringing this report to a close, we pray that God will guide and bless our work during the coming year.

**Newcastle District Conference.**—Mrs. G. Fraser, Secretary. The Diamond Jubilee Appeal for Ashwood House met with a ready response, the sum of £14 being collected. The old folk at Waratah and Dudley were visited regularly, where services were held and gifts distributed. Each patient received a Christmas parcel. A visit from the Conference President, Sister Roffey, to our September meeting was much appreciated. In June a special meeting was arranged for Miss Vawser who was visiting the District. The average attendance at the bi-monthly meetings continues around the twenty mark, representing four churches. Owing to the transfer of Bro. Burgin from the district, our President, Sister Burgin, has had to tender her resignation. She has been a wise and gracious leader.

Mrs. E. W. ROFFEY, President.  
Mrs. C. A. SAXBY, Secretary.  
Miss F. BELL, Treasurer.

## ASHWOOD HOUSE REPORT

Report for the year ended 31st December, 1953.

As we present the 16th Annual Report of Ashwood House we give grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for guidance throughout the year.

The Management Committee comprises three Trustees and four Members elected at Women's Conference. Mrs. A. Larcombe, President; Mrs. J. Hall, Vice-President; Miss F. M. Ashwood, Treasurer; Mrs. Winter; Miss D. Verco; Mrs. Knights and Mrs. Cecil Hall, Hon. Secretary.

**Obituary.**—In November, after three years of residence in Ashwood House, Mrs. A. Robinson passed peacefully to her rest.

**Staff.**—After several years of faithful service Miss Andrews, Matron and Miss Nelson, Sub-Matron, resigned. The Management Committee invited Miss Alice Woodhouse of the Epping Church to accept the office of Matron. Miss

Woodhouse who holds three Nursing Certificates has been in charge of the Home since July 3rd. Miss Daphne Short also joined the staff during 1953. Mrs. McEwen is a third member of the Staff who faithfully consider the welfare and happiness of the aged guests.

**Financial.**—The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure shows the total Receipts to be £2,897/1/8. Contributions were received from Churches as follows:—Belmore £15/1/11; Bexley North £3/5/6; Bexley North School £5/5/-; Duplex 6/3; Burwood £3/12/-; City Temple 7/6; Chatswood £20/10/-; Chatswood Christmas Cheer £1; Epping £5; Inverell £1/1/-; Lane Cove £10/3/-; Duplex £3/4/6; Marrickville Duplex £12/14/3; Mayfield £4/2/6; Mayfield School £4; Mosman £3/10/9; Paddington £5/-/5; Rockdale £5; Wiley Park £6/9/-; Donations:—Bankstown for Carpet Fund £10; Business Girls' £2/10/-; Mrs. Vawser £10; Mr. McFarlane £5; Anonymous £5; Order of Eastern Star £3; Mrs. Schofield 10/-; Donation Box £1; Anonymous 8/4; Jubilee Fund (on A/c) £35.

We sincerely thank all Collectors for Ashwood House and the Churches who have given through the Duplex envelopes. We greatly appreciate the practical help from a number of Guilds and Dorcas Societies, who have made gifts of pillow slips, towels and tea-towels as well as their usual gifts to cheer the aged ladies. Some Guilds are so faithful in this loving service, we assure them the guests truly appreciate their kindness, especially at the Christmas Season. Thank you also to the Churches who have sent provisions to the Home after their Harvest Festivals.

The aged guests have enjoyed the visits of the Endeavourers. The Committee sincerely thank Mr. Sattler and Mr. Cheatle for the picture night and concert they arranged for the guests just prior to Christmas. On this occasion the Committee Members were guests of the Matron and ladies of the Home, and all enjoyed the time of happy fellowship. We are thankful to Mr. Y. M. Middleton for again auditing our books and to Dr. A. Carter who professionally attends the ladies at the Home. Other gifts we gratefully acknowledge are 50 yards of hall carpet and under-felt, a brick incinerator and a lounge chair.

**The Churches of Christ Property Trust.**—The Management Committee has decided to bring the property at Pendle Hill under the Property Trust, and as an initial step has submitted to Women's Conference a notice of motion to amend the Constitution of Women's Conference of New South Wales.

**Hospital Benefits Scheme.**—During the year the Committee has given consideration to securing registration of the Home under the above scheme. At the time of reporting, the matter has not progressed sufficiently to say more.

**Conference Jubilee Fund.**—The Committee records its appreciation of the action of Conference, that this year of Women's Conference Diamond Jubilee, the offering be used for the Sisters' Aged Women's Home—Ashwood House.

We pray that the work in the New Year will be blessed by our Heavenly Father, and for those entrusted with the care of the Home, we ask God's blessing.

Mrs. A. LARCOMBE, President.  
Miss F. M. ASHWOOD, Treasurer.  
Mrs. CECIL HALL, Hon. Secretary.

### ADDENDUM

The Members of the Ashwood House Committee of Management desire to record their sincere and heartfelt appreciation of faithful and loyal service rendered during the years by their loved President and Secretary, Mrs. A. Larcombe and Mrs. C. R. Hall respectively.

J. HALL  
F. M. ASHWOOD



# ABORIGINES' MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

It is with gratitude to God for guidance and blessing that we present the following review of the work for 1953. The four spheres of our work are at Norseman and Carnarvon in Western Australia, and Fitzroy and Mooroopna in Victoria.

## COMMITTEE

The Committee as elected at last Conference was:—L. K. Wilson (chairman); G. E. Knight (treasurer); V. C. Muir (secretary); also sisters Mrs. K. Hunter, and Mrs. H. Larcombe, (representing the Ladies Conference), and brethren E. Oswald, B. Tabrett, E. Park.

## NORSEMAN AND CARNARVON WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Some changes in staff have taken place as follows:—

**Carnarvon.** Mr. and Mrs. Clapp resigned from service, Mr. and Mrs. S. Bruton came from Tasmania to give 12 months voluntary service, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Jones and Miss Grigg entered into service. The present staff is—Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Reeson (Mr. Reeson is superintendent); Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Reeson; Mr. and Mrs. S. Bruton; Mr. and Mrs. B. Monk; Miss L. Nelson; Mr. A. A. Davis; Miss H. Martin; Miss J. Grigg (double certificated nursing sister).

**Norseman.**—Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Park left the field after many years of service, and Mrs. F. Arnold resigned. Mr. E. Hudson entered service, and Mr. R. Schmitt came to the field to give 6 months voluntary service. Mrs. G. Milham took over the kitchen duties, but desired to serve a probationary period before applying for fulltime service. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Griffiths arrived in November. Mr. Griffiths to become superintendent. The present staff is—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Felton, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Barnett, Mr. E. Hudson, Mrs. G. Milham, Miss D. E. Wells (double certificated nursing sister).

Sickness among missionaries caused concern at times, but at the time of writing all were well. We praise God for many evidences of His provision through the help received from doctors and hospitals, much of it without charge.

**The Children.**—There are 33 native children at Carnarvon and 43 at Norseman. Except for epidemics of the usual childhood diseases, the general health of the children has been good.

Each year sees a growth in personality, and there have been some lovely triumphs for Christ during the year.

One of our ex-Carnarvon girls married a fine young Christian man from the Roelands Mission, and a Norseman girl married a native man who had experienced a sincere conversion under the ministry of the Norseman Mission. Another marriage between two ex-Norseman young folk was in prospect at time of writing. Two boys and a girl, all aged 17, went to satisfactory employment on sheep stations near Carnarvon, and arrangements were made for another girl to come to Perth to attend Perth Girls' High School. A boy and a girl go each day to the High School at Norseman. Another boy from Norseman went to employment with a Christian farmer.

**Buildings and Equipment.**—Our properties are now very valuable assets, and are covered by adequate insurance to the extent of £42,000. In February a team of 31 voluntary workers erected a large new kindergarten building at Carnarvon, and had a new girls' dormitory about two-thirds completed only to see 50% of their labour destroyed in a cyclone. The kindergarten building is one of the best of its kind in the State, and the girls' dormitory will be ready for occupation before this report reaches its readers. In addition, the superintendent's residence and store are completed. A new bathroom for the boys' dormitory was built at Norseman, and a tennis court there is now in use. Other more urgent building needs have delayed the finishing of the

court at Carnarvon. Large tubular steel tankstands have been erected at both Missions to carry storage tanks necessary to maintain continuity of water supply. Painting has preserved and beautified the buildings, and long rows of shade trees and shrubs have been planted.

Each Mission has its own generating plant for 250 volt electricity, Carnarvon water pumping plant still operates satisfactorily, and all the usual domestic equipment is maintained. By the time this report reaches Conference the building drives at Norseman and Carnarvon will be over, leaving in each place a new dormitory with missionaries' living quarters attached.

**Educational.**—School work has been under the control of the Government School teacher, Messrs. Jecks and Lindsay at Carnarvon, and Mr. Wild at Norseman. All three teachers have at all times sought the best interests of the children, and have worked in full harmony with the Mission staffs. They have contributed to the Mission life much beyond their normal duties as school teachers, because of the missionary interest in their work. The Board paid 10/- for each child for the year for the provision of school materials that could not be secured by the teachers from Government stores. At both Norseman and Carnarvon the older boys go each week to the State School centre for manual training, and the girls for domestic science.

**Spiritual Activities.**—All the normal activities that are carried on in local churches are pursued at the Missions, such as Communion and Gospel Services, Bible Schools, Christian Endeavour Societies, Prayer Meetings, and social Fellowship. In addition, daily devotions are taken after breakfast each morning, and evening prayers in the dormitories. But above and beyond these organised activities is the general spiritual tone of the Missions, with the day by day pressure of the Christian lives of the missionaries, and the constantly recurring opportunities for personal counselling and spiritual guidance.

**Agricultural.**—At each Mission every effort is made to grow as much food as possible, with the result that only a small proportion of the vegetable supplies have to be purchased. Norseman poultry project still continues to be a paying proposition after supplying the Mission with eggs. Carnarvon also supplies its own needs in this regard and sells the surplus. Carnarvon bananas are a source of nutritive food and of moderate income. Norseman goats supply milk for a large part of the year, but their upkeep and care present a problem at times. It is anticipated that the herd will be considerably reduced in the near future.

## FITZROY VICTORIA

Mr. F. Beale, while still continuing his studies at the Federal College of the Bible, has completed another year of excellent work in this centre. He is assisted by Mr. Doug Nicholls. Sunday evening meetings, a Bible School, and week-night fellowship for both spiritual and social purposes are held. Attendances vary considerably according to whether the people are "in town" or not. Work among the young people has a major emphasis, and this is helped considerably by the interest of some of the youth groups of our Melbourne churches. Mr. Beale carries out a large amount of personal pastoral work among the native fold, and this is bearing good fruit. There is no native church as yet in Fitzroy, but many of the native people are being led to know the Lord and to enjoy Christian fellowship.

The building is still being paid for at the rate of 25/- per week to the Victorian Properties Corporation, and the salary being paid Mr. Beale is that usually paid to a College student at his stage of the College course.

## MOOROOPNA, VICTORIA

There is no worker at Mooropna under direct engagement to the Federal Board. The Board pays £22/- per week for expenses in connection with the work, but it is supervised by Mr. T. V. Weir, minister of the Shepparton Church, Mr. Clydesdale, and other Shepparton folk. A fellowship meeting is held on Sunday mornings, and a gospel service with the Lord's Supper is held on Sunday evenings. Week-night Bible studies and Prayer Meetings are conducted, and the Bible School is conducted on Sunday afternoons by nurses

from the Mooroopna Hospital. Attendances at Mooroopna also vary a great deal, according to the seasonal occupations of people, but meetings up to 70 in number have been held, and there have been a number of decisions for Christ. Mr. Weir has a training class of, at present, two young men, who are making excellent progress towards competency in assisting in the work.

### FINANCE

Finances have remained fairly steady, though on two occasions the Federal Board had to seek a temporary overdraft at the Bank. The offerings from N.S.W. were in advance of that of the previous year. Child support is a fruitful source of income, and we thank all those who help through this avenue.

The Western Australian Government, in addition to providing the cost of the materials for new buildings, raised its weekly subsidy from 12/6 per child, per week, to 22/6 as from 1st July, 1953. The Commonwealth Government Child Endowment of 10/- per week, per child, is also received. The thought must not be entertained, however, that this Government assistance permits any slackening of support from our Churches. The subsidy and endowment cover only bare material needs of the children. The following should be borne in mind—The increase in subsidy is not as large as it at first appears, as there is now no free issue of blankets and certain articles of clothing from Government sources.

Government assistance for the buildings is for the actual buildings themselves, not for furniture of any kind, nor is any Government help received for missionaries' dwellings.

The salaries, housing and travelling expenses of the missionaries are wholly the responsibility of our Australian churches.

Equipment of all kinds must be provided from our own funds, though in some cases the W.A. Government has subsidised £1 for £1.

Administration costs, insurances, freight, fuel, motor vehicle maintenance, printing and stationery, postages and telephone, are responsibilities which incur large amounts of expenditure.

In addition to its General Fund, the Federal Board maintains a Capital Fund, a Loan Redemption Fund (to which regular monthly payments are made from the General Fund), and a Fund for Specific Gifts, so that gifts made for specific purposes are not lost sight of in general revenue.

### THANKS

We thank Mrs. Larcombe for the wonderful work she has done on behalf of the committee in visiting churches. Personal visits have been made to the sisters of the Churches at Burwood, Belmore, Hurstville, Rockdale, Caringbah, Chatswood, Epping, Doonside, North Sydney, also Wollongong, Merewether, and surrounding churches. In response to special invitations, visits have been made to the Sunshine Club at C.E.N.E.F., Pitt Street, also a meeting of Methodist ladies who evidenced much interest in the work of the Churches of Christ missions. It has been gratifying to see the wonderful work displayed at the various Guilds, Dorcas meetings, Mission Bands, also the Boys' and Girls' Clubs. As a result of the activities of these and other wonderful bands of workers throughout N.S.W. we have sent 15 cases to Western Australia, (approximate value £900), containing over 4,000 articles, including toys, household linen, stationery, medical supplies, as well as garments. This is a magnificent effort, and on behalf of the Missionaries we say thank you to all who have made this possible.

Once again we praise God for His wise provision for the needs of His work, and pray for grace and courage to venture still further for Him.

L. K. WILSON, Chairman.  
V. C. MUIR, Secretary.

### NEW SOUTH WALES CHURCHES OF CHRIST ABORIGINES' MISSION COMMITTEE

Statement of Receipts and Payments Year ending 31st December, 1953

#### RECEIPTS

General Fund	49 3 11
Annual Offering	529 11 0
Duplex Offering	531 12 11
Child Support	61 15 4
C.E. Societies and Bible Schools	22 4 9
Sisters' Offering	48 0 0
Tennis Court Appeal	23 6 0
Childrens' Special Fund	6 3 6
Balance brought forward	£1252 17 5
	71 7 1
	£1334 4 6

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#### PAYMENTS

Federal Board	938 6 5
Monies paid on behalf of Fed. Board:	
Rudder's	71 12 0
Goods	32 9 6
Sisters' Federal Conference	48 0 0
Conference Expenses	25 10 0
Messenger Committee	25 15 0
Postage and Duplicating	6 2 5
Sundry Expenses	12 15 0
	£1160 10 4
Credit E.S. & A. Bank	173 14 2
	£1334 4 6

G. E. KNIGHT, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

T. W. DUNNE, F.I.C., Hon. Auditor.

# CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE REPORT

In presenting the Annual Report of the Conference Executive, we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for strength received, to enable us to continue the work of the Brotherhood in this State, and in this we acknowledge the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As we assemble in our Sixty-ninth Annual Conference, let us seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our deliberations, giving praise to our Father for the victories that have been won through His Name, in all departments of our Brotherhood work.

## LOYALTY TO THE THRONE

We, the members of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales, in Conference assembled, desire to re-affirm our loyalty to Her Excellent Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

We earnestly pray that she may be given strength and wisdom from our Heavenly Father and that the Holy Spirit may guide her in the discharge of her duties of State.

We also pray that she, together with her husband, His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, may enjoy to the full their stay in our land, that they may be given journeying mercies as they proceed homeward to meet their children and other members of the Royal family. God save the Queen.

## THE COMMITTEE

The following brethren have represented the Brotherhood on the Executive Committee during the year, and their attendances were as follows: G. J. Andrews, President (8); R. V. Amos, Past President (7); S. H. Laney, Vice-President (8); A. W. Stephenson, Vice-President (4); T. W. Dunne, Treasurer (7); E. F. Morris, Assistant Secretary (2); S. C. Woolley, Secretary (6); Mrs. E. W. Roffey, Women's Conference (6); P. E. Thomas, Home Mission Committee (7); R. Hilford, Overseas Mission Committee (2); P. A. Wynn, Social Service Committee (7); I. A. Paternoster, Bible College Board (3); G. E. Knight, Aborigines Mission Committee (8); J. Morris, Bible Schools and Young People's Committee (8); N. H. Matthews, Children's Homes Committee (8); W. H. Palmer (1), deputised for P. E. Thomas; Mrs. R. V. Amos (1), deputised for Mrs. Roffey; W. R. Hayward (2), deputised for I. A. Paternoster; L. Reed (1), deputised for P. A. Wynn.

Brother E. F. Morris was appointed to the position of Assistant Secretary in November.

## STATISTICS

During the year ended 31st December, 1953, Churches have reported 169 having been received into membership by Faith and Baptism. Details of any adjustments and changes in Church statistics are shown in the Statistical Register attached to this report, appearing on page 59.

At the close of the year the roll membership was shown as 5914.

## OBITUARY

During the year, Churches have reported 64 members having received the Home Call. We remember them for their faithfulness and their work over the years, and rejoice in the knowledge of their reward for Christian stewardship, and in the hope of meeting them in His Glorious presence.

To those who have been called upon to part with loved ones we extend our sincere Christian sympathy, commending them to the loving care of our Heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit, the Comforter.

The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

## BROADCASTING

Our representatives on the 2CH Broadcasting Committee have been R. V. Amos and I. A. Paternoster, who have regularly attended the meetings, and who have arranged "Daily Devotional", "Church Broadcasts" and some special

sessions. The Conference Executive has given financial aid to broadcast sessions in the Newcastle District, and (through the Home Mission Committee) in the Mountains. Late in the year help was also given to Dubbo Church. Some country churches conduct regular broadcasts, as for example, at Inverell.

## CHAPLAINCY

At the commencement of the Conference Year, Brethren B. E. Cavill and W. J. Crossman were appointed as our representatives on the United Board of Chaplains.

Brother Cavill served with the 12th and 19th Battalions, National Training Camp at Holdsworthy for some time and is now serving as Chaplain in the forces stationed in Japan.

Brother A. W. Morris has recently been appointed as Chaplain to the camp at Wagga Wagga.

We would express our thanks and appreciation to these brethren for their work on our behalf in the Military Camps in New South Wales.

## HALF YEARLY CONFERENCE

The Half Yearly Conference this year was held at the Enmore Tabernacle on 25th October, 1953, in conjunction with the visit of Dr. Ernest Bryan, World President of the Christian Endeavour Movement.

It was also recommended that future half yearly meetings be held in conjunction with some special activity of local churches, such as opening of new buildings, or school halls, or other special activity.

## CITY TEMPLE PROPERTY

During the year, the Committee has endeavoured to have several alterations made to the building, and we are happy to report that a new water service has been installed throughout; a start has been made to re-model the kitchen: we have already installed two new gas heaters, and new cupboards and a new servery. When this work is completed, the whole of the kitchen will be painted. We have also placed new doors on the back entrance and a new back fence is being erected. These improvements will cost approximately £300, and we have further plans in hand for future improvements to the Vestries and Auditorium.

Remember—this is your building, and these improvements are being made for your convenience; will you have a part in the financing of this work? The opportunity was given at the Annual offering for the Conference Executive, did your Church have a part in this? If not, why not now?

## FEDERAL CONFERENCE

The Twenty-fifth Federal Conference will be held (D.V.) in Brisbane, from August 19th to 26th, 1954, with Brother C. R. Burdeu as Conference President. Brother I. A. Paternoster, Vice-President for this State, has represented us on the Federal Executive since last Federal Conference and has attended the full committee meetings held in Melbourne.

This State will be entitled to send 30 delegates to the Conference, Registration Forms are available from local Church Secretaries or Conference Secretary. If you are planning to attend, would you advise the Conference Secretary, so that we may know who will be attending.

## VISIT OF MARK RUTHERFORD

The Federal Executive, after consulting with the several State Executives, has arranged with the Director of Men's work in United States, that Brother and Sister Mark Rutherford should conduct a Commonwealth Campaign among the men of the Churches. The dates of the visit to this State have been allotted as from July 26th to August 13th and farewell service will be held on Friday, August 27th, 1954. A Committee has been formed to care for the arrangements of the visit and will be contacting the Churches, seeking their co-operation.

Those of us who were privileged to hear our Brother at the World Convention in Melbourne will be anxious to hear him again, and those who did

not hear him then will not want to miss this opportunity. The Committee is as follows: Bro. A. W. Stephenson, Convenor; Sisters Mrs. E. W. Roffey, A. Larcombe; Bro. G. J. Andrews, R. V. Amos, S. H. Laney, E. F. Morris and S. C. Woolley.

#### CANBERRA

The ceremony of the laying of the Foundation Stone for the Buildings at Canberra, A.C.T., was held on Saturday, 5th September, 1953, the service being conducted by Brother T. A. Butler, and the laying of the Stone by Brother C. F. Aderman, M.H.R.

It is anticipated that the opening of the buildings will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, April 24th, 1954.

Brother G. R. Stirling has been appointed as the Preacher of the Church and will take up residence there early in the year.

This Conference of Churches in this State is committed to the task of raising its quota of £2,000, which has been underwritten by the Campbell Edwards Trust in Victoria.

The Conference Executive appointed Brethren I. A. Paternoster, Convenor, A. W. Stephenson and R. V. Amos as a Committee to approach the Churches for financial assistance for this worthy project. A letter has been sent to all Churches in the State, advising them of the need and also suggesting a quota to be raised over a period of three years. Has your Church considered this matter? If not, will you let us have your reply as early as possible, so that we will be able to fulfil our obligations in the coming year.

#### CONSERVING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

In accepting the direction of last Conference, namely, the formation of a definite plan to conserve the membership of the churches in this State, the Conference Executive has given much time and thought to the matter and present the following outline of their findings, in relation to Clause (a) of the Resolution.

#### WE MUST MAKE THEM WANT TO STAY WITH US

**THE NEED** Apart from the fact that defections from the ranks of the church occurred in the first experiences of the followers we, in this day, must face the problem and endeavour to arrive at a solution which will result in the retention of a much larger number of members than is the case at the present time. A review of the latest Conference returns shows that a number equivalent to 75% of the recorded increase was lost to the record by revision of roll.

**CAUSES OF LOSSES** For general consideration these may be grouped as:-

- (a) Unsound foundational Faith;
- (b) No genuine conviction but moved by emotion; social influence; selfish ideals.
- (c) Some well grounded in the Faith, on removal to a place where there is no established church of Christ, are deterred by inconvenience and/or cost of travel, and are absorbed into a local denomination or fade out altogether.
- (d) A group, sometimes overlooked, is the members recruited from "church homes" but who have not enjoyed the precise fundamental teaching which was received by their parents.

**SUGGESTED REMEDIES.** Accepting the above as causes, there is an unmistakable call for a thorough overhaul of the whole aspect of witnessing on the part of the whole church, and especially those who constitute Church Boards and/or are engaged in the Ministry of the Word. We remember that Faith "comes by hearing", study and influence of example. The right approach to this, in humility and loyalty, will solve the greater part of the other problems.

#### SUGGESTIONS.

1. That in every church in the State there will be action to:-
  - (a) hold each year (i) an evangelistic mission and (ii) a teaching mission;
  - (b) maintain a continuous campaign to develop in every member an individual and very personal loyalty to the BIBLE as the only and sufficient revelation of the WILL and PURPOSE of GOD for all mankind. This will inevitably include the undoubted pattern and authority of the New Testament church, to the exclusion of all denominational conceptions. There will then come to all, including ourselves, necessity to ensure that our own conception and practice conform to the Divine plan.
2. Each church to attack seriously the necessity to develop ELDERS for the proper government of the local church according to the New Testament pattern, and to train other men for the work of presiding, teaching and preaching.
3. Engage in publicity in the modern manner—distinctive literature, films, radio, public witness.
4. Encourage more extensive interchurch fellowship, and thus develop a stronger spirit of common brotherhood amongst those of like Faith.

Adoption of the foregoing as the basis of attack on a longstanding problem will produce a fighting front. The results will not be spectacular, but by consistent consecrated effort over a number of years, a worthwhile contribution will be made to remedying, in part, this crippling problem.

**APPLICATION:** The above programme can be implemented successfully only by the fullest co-operation of all concerned. Consequently it will be necessary to enlist every Church in the State in the programme. It will be necessary in some cases to "sell" the idea to some church Boards. While the obligation is mainly local, and must be discharged by the local church, the initiative for implementation can well be expressed by Conference. Accordingly it is recommended that action be taken along the following lines:

- (a) appoint a sub-committee to launch the campaign by—
  - (i) seeking to enlist in each church an influential brother to sponsor the programme in the local congregation;
  - (ii) working through the local church Board to arrange yearly mission for evangelism and for teaching of "first principles" (along the lines of the 1950 campaign);
- (b) a special sub-committee to—
  - (i) prepare a programme of publicity in the modern manner, and the material for the purpose, e.g. literature, radio, films, etc., devoted to distinctive New Testament witness;
  - (ii) encourage local churches to develop speaking talent in their midst, by preparation of suggestions for suitable material and methods, with consideration of a Woolwich College correspondence course at a moderate fee (this may overcome the present difficulty for some in clashing with Tech. and other courses, and other difficulties in travel and cost of attendance at central training places);
  - (iii) arrange regular district rallies to encourage a better and stronger tie of brotherhood amongst the churches;
  - (iv) encourage isolated members, including suburban isolation, to set up the Lord's Table in their own homes.

The foregoing is submitted with abundant recognition that "they labour in vain unless the Lord build the house", consequently the underlying basis must be humble and reliant prayer.

#### PASTORAL OVERSIGHT

The Resolution regarding pastoral oversight of members of churches from City and Country churches moving into isolated areas, is being considered by a sub-committee and we will confer with the Home Mission Committee as requested.



# CHRISTIAN MESSENGER REPORT

Report for the year ended 31st December, 1953

The Committee of Management has pleasure in presenting this record of its activities during the past year.

News of the Brotherhood and Conference Committee activities as well as helpful articles and editorials have been published regularly thanks to our Editor, A. W. Stephenson and his helpers.

To our printers, Messrs. Gowans and Giltrow we are indebted for their promptness, courtesy and help in many ways.

Faithful Service continues to be given by our Church agents whose work is of great help to us and subscribers.

The attached Revenue Account and Balance Sheet fully show the financial situation.

Circulation figures are as follows:—

PAYING SUBSCRIBERS	1077
COMPLIMENTARY COPIES (other Journals, Missions, Committees, etc.)	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>1137</b>

(Last year 1115).

Finally, we trust that the paper will prove a valuable service to the Brotherhood during the coming year.

For the Committee,  
**JOHN MORRIS, Chairman.**  
**NEIL MORRIS, Secretary.**

## CHILDRENS' HOME COMMITTEE

Report on the work of the Childrens' Home at Pendle Hill

**THANKS.**—With grateful thanks to God for blessings received, and to the Brotherhood in general for the ever-ready co-operation, we present this report for the year 1953. As we present it, we are mindful of the guidance and help received from our Heavenly Father who has inspired the Committee over difficult periods.

The Committee sincerely appreciate the support given by individual members, Churches and Auxiliaries throughout the year, particularly at Christmas time when the boys are recipients of many presents and hospitality from members of the Church. Again we would like to place on record the wonderful effort of the good folk of Emore who again provided the Christmas tree and party for the boys.

**OBJECT.**—To provide a Christian home for, and to provide in whole or in part, for the maintenance and assistance of orphans, negligent children, children under unfit guardianship, and children whose parents, for various reasons are unable to give them proper care and attention.

**COMMITTEE.**—The Committee elected at last Conference comprised of Bren. G. Knight, Chairman; W. Mansell, Vice-Chairman; W. Hill, Secretary; F. Kimpston, Treasurer; P. Wynn, Fete Organiser; J. Tait, Recording Secretary; N. Matthews, investigating officer; J. Davidson, S. Bagley and G. Morton. The Home and Committee suffered a great loss in the passing of Bro. G. Morton, who for many years served the Brotherhood in a very practical way, and we take this opportunity of placing on record our sincere appreciation of our late esteemed brother. This committee honoured Bro. Morton by having a framed photograph of him hung in the Board room. The committee has now invited Bro. G. Hardimon to fill the vacancy.

### CHURCHES OF CHRIST MESSENGER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Revenue Account to 31st December, 1953

EXPENDITURE		INCOME
To Printing	386 10 0	
" Blocks	34 14 6	185 7 8
" Postage	24 0 0	29 18 7
" Conference 1953 Expenses	5 5 0	177 16 0
" Fares, Stamps, Sundry Expenses	8 9 0	
" Stationery, Wrappers, etc.	13 2 6	32 2 0
" Rent	1 10 0	
" Bank Fee	1 0 0	21 0 0
	474 11 0	21 15 6
	5474 11 0	
		74 17 6
		6 11 3
		5474 11 0

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1953

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ADVANCE—		SUNDRY DEBTORS—	
Churches	2 14 0	Churches	61 11 0
Personal	3 19 9	Personal	8 2 0
		Committees	1 19 0
Accumulated Fund 1/1/53	113 12 6	Blocks	4 10 0
Less loss for year	6 11 3	Advertising	8 5 0
Adjustment of Personal A/c.	5 18 4	Cash at Bank	84 7 0
	12 9 7		23 9 8
	101 2 11		5474 11 0
	5107 16 8		

G. E. MORRIS, Hon. Treasurer.

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

W. E. HUNTER, Auditor.



**THE STAFF.**—The committee desire to express their appreciation of the excellent and faithful service rendered by Bro. A. Dalton in the management of the home. His untiring efforts have not only endeared him to the boys, but to all who have come in contact with him. Mrs. Purdon our Matron, is not only a Matron, but a real Mother to the boys. To these good people, with the laundress and daily help we say a big "thank you."

**LADIES' AUXILIARY.**—During the year the committee invited the Sisters Conference to form an Auxiliary of six to advise this Committee on necessary improvements needed in the Home. Led by Sister Frost the Auxiliary have done a wonderful service in purchasing goods, crockery, carpets, cutlery and other articles which have been a great improvement to Dunmore House.

**THE BOYS.**—The average number of boys in residence was 22, and the standard of care and attention bestowed upon them has been reflected in the health and happiness which has been enjoyed. They have been received into homes, Churches have entertained them and invited them to evening services. Each Lord's Day they attend the Pendle Hill Church and Bible School, and during the week attend Christian Endeavour.

**FINANCE.**—The financial statement attached to this report shows a very successful year, and our thanks goes to Bro. F. Kimpton for the very efficient service rendered.

It will be noticed that this committee is now out of debt and showing a surplus. This has been brought about by the sale of land facing Wentworth Street.

**IMPROVEMENTS.**—Proceeds from the sale of land has made it possible to carry out extensive improvements to the property. The outside painting has been completed, and part of the interior has now been finished. The water service is now receiving attention, and a new fence is being erected. A new motor mower has been purchased and general maintenance is being carried out.

**FETE.**—The fete held in May was very successful. Credit is due to the Sisters of the different churches for their efforts, and the Churches for their support. Bro. P. Wynn and his sub-committee is to be congratulated for the labour and effort that has been put into the work. The nett proceeds were £320.

And so as this year closes we thank God for His many blessings, and pray for His leading and guidance for the coming year.

G. E. KNIGHT, Chairman.  
W. H. HILL, Secretary.

## ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

The Board has had a busy year owing to the fact that there have been many changes in the ranks of the preaching brethren. The help of the Board has been sought in a great many instances, and mutually acceptable arrangements between churches and preachers have been reached.

As in previous years the Conference President has regularized the list of men licensed to celebrate marriages, as required by the Registrar General.

At the close of the Board's year of service a feeling of concern has been felt by the members concerning the acute shortage of full-time preachers in this State. Many invitations have been extended to men interstate to join our ranks, but so far the result is very small.

During the year the Board suffered the loss by death of one of the keen members, in the person of our late Brother G. E. Burns. We record our appreciation of his work. The following brethren served during the year—Dr. C. A. Verco (Chairman); R. V. Amos (Secretary); W. J. Crossman; R. Greenhalgh; I. A. Paternoster, N. D. Morris, also G. J. Andrews (Conference President) and Principal A. W. Stephenson (College) have acted as ex-officio members. Regular monthly meetings were held.

CLEMENT A. VERCO, Chairman.  
R. V. AMOS, Secretary.

### CHURCHES OF CHRIST CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE DUNMORE HOUSE, DUNMORE STREET, PENDLE HILL

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st December, 1953

#### RECEIPTS

1953	To Balance	202 10 8	432 17 0
Jan. 1	Annual Offering	245 0 0	
Dec. 31	Board Fees	1515 8 0	
	Children's Maintenance	218 0 8	
	Donations—General	582 1 4	
	Duplex Envelopes	475 8 9	
	Endowment	325 10 10	
	Fete	11 0 5	
	Livestock	2 8 0	
	Sundry Receipts	3418 10 0	
	Sale of Land	7290 19 2	
			£7729 16 2

#### PAYMENTS

1953	By Chemist	16 2 4
Dec. 31	Churches of Christ Property Trust	100 0 0
	Conference Expenses	22 5 0
	Farm Produce	203 5 4
	Fete	27 16 8
	Fuel and Light	117 16 2
	Furniture, Fittings and Furnishings	88 10 11
	Insurance	0 9 0
	Interest	59 17 0
	Linen	135 3 11
	Loans	495 0 0
	Plant and Improvements	159 4 4
	Printing, Stationery and Advertising	58 8 10
	Provisions	682 13 5
	Repairs and Maintenance	190 13 1
	Recreation	13 12 0
	Repairs and Replacements of Shoes and	
	Clothing	31 14 2
	Secretary's Expenses	22 0 8
	Sundry Expenses	175 14 11
	Telephone	39 15 2
	Travelling Expenses	91 14 1
	Wages	1275 10 0
		4036 7 1
	Balance—Bank of New South Wales	3703 9 1
		£7739 16 2

F. KIMPTON, Hon. Treasurer.

We have prepared the above Statement of Receipts and Payments from the Books of Account of the Churches of Christ Children's Home Committee and certify same to be in accordance therewith.  
SYDNEY, 8th FEBRUARY, 1954.

MILNE & PERRY, Chartered Accountants (Aust.)



## SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

We are grateful to God for His many blessings and the grace that has enabled us to serve the brotherhood in so many ways, and report progress in this part of the Master's service.

There are growing demands on our time, talents and resources, and it is impossible to say what the future will demand of us. However we pray that God helping us and with your sympathetic understanding and co-operation we shall endeavour to follow His leading wherever it may be, and in whatsoever He may require of us.

### COMMITTEE

The following served on the committee:—Brethren L. C. Yelds (Chairman); B. F. Bradshaw (Vice Chairman); N. C. Reese (Secretary); Will C. Roffey (Organiser); C. A. Baker; R. Date; C. H. King; C. G. Lawrence (Treasurer); W. J. Lewis; A. R. Norling; Lincoln Reed; L. G. Read; P. A. Wynn, N. H. Matthews (C.F.A. Representative) and the Conference President G. J. Andrews ex-officio.

### HOMES FOR THE AGED

Entrusted by Conference with the task of expressing Christian love to those in need, and asked to define our policy in regard to Aged Couples' Homes, we have set aside 20% of all general income added to which special gifts and concert proceeds have helped us to set our aim at commencing the erection of the first unit as soon as possible.

### ORGANISER

During the year Bro. Will Roffey has continued the work he was engaged to undertake. His undoubted gifts as an organiser have been apparent in the increased activities and scope of the work at the depot generally, in the assistance extended to the needy in various ways, as well as in the organisation of District Rallies. Our participation in the Spring Fair held in the Town Hall, and in the concert helped to assist the fund for cottages for Aged Couples.

Much of the work done in C.F.A. is related to the activities of the Social Services Department, and, because of this, the Committee felt obliged to increase its portion of Bro. Roffey's allowance to equal that being paid by the C.F.A.

### DEPOT WORK

This includes the distribution of groceries, clothing, bedding and furniture, the interviewing of needy cases when arrangements have been made for hospital care, treatment of convalescents, accommodation for children suffering from malnutrition and from divided homes. Employment has been found for church members and others. Help has been given to ex-prisoners, eviction cases and pensioners in various ways. Opportunity is always sought to emphasise the fact that the cause of all ills is spiritual.

### FINANCIAL

The year that has just closed has been a very successful one as regards the financial support given by the Brotherhood and your Committee would express their sincere appreciation for the interest shown in the work of Social Service. During the year a total of £776/17/6 was received for the work. This has enabled the Committee to retain the services of Bro. Roffey as Organiser and thus more effectively carry on the work in hand. During the year £225 was distributed as relief in necessitous cases. The extent of assistance given cannot however be judged by this amount as an even greater work in the distribution of clothing has been made possible by the Committee being able to have the Depot open daily. This could not have been done without the assistance of an Organiser. At the commencement of the year the Committee decided to allocate an amount equal to 20% of its income, not given for a special purpose, to the Aged Couples Homes Fund in order that a start could be made with this very needy work, and during the year an amount of £133 has been transferred to this Fund which now stands at £653 and which will

now enable us to proceed with the acquisition of suitable land. When it is noted that the amount transferred to the Homes Fund amounted to the Balance at the commencement of the year it will be seen that our receipts and expenditure for the year were practically equal, consequently we look forward to the continued support of the Brotherhood in 1954 in order that we may continue the great work of Social Service.

Coronation Relief and Christmas Cheer received from the Government was distributed with additions from our own funds to many needy individuals and families.

### PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Apart from protesting by letter and telegram to the Premier and other officials against liquor abuses and commercialisation of the Lord's Day. We have co-operated with the Youth Temperance Educational Council, Council of Churches and New South Wales Council of Social Services in other avenues. Brethren W. J. E. Lewis and A. R. Norling have ably represented us on these matters.

### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

Interest is being revived with an increase of 150 new subscribers, making approximately 350 new subscribers to the fund since Bro. Roffey was engaged as organiser increasing our income by about £10 per week.

### THE FUTURE

The increasing calls at the depot are demanding more and more time and service, which means that liberal support must be given to maintain a full time organiser.

The necessary provision of cottage homes and welfare centres for the aged is essential.

The co-ordination of inter-church Social Service bodies helps combat all social evils and to fight for the reintroduction of local option.

The co-operation of all social service activities of the Brotherhood is always sought.

### TRIBUTE

We pay tribute to the memory of the late Bro. George Morton who spent himself in friendly and sympathetic service for many years is recorded in this report.

May the challenge of his life lead others to "follow in his steps."

Thanks is extended to all prayer partners, donors and helpers in any way.

L. C. YELDS, Chairman.  
N. C. REESE, Secretary.  
C. G. LAWRENCE, Treasurer.  
W. C. ROFFEY, Organiser.

PLAN TO BE PRESENT AT THE

OFFICIAL OPENING  
CANBERRA CHAPEL

SATURDAY, 24th APRIL, 1954

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES—SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1953

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Administrative Expenses—		Annual Offerings .....	209 7 11
Audit Fees .....	6 6 0	Donations .....	94 15 8
Cleaning .....	10 15 0	Duplex Envelope Offerings .....	360 4 11
Insurance .....	2 13 6	Interest Bank of New South Wales .....	3 5 3
Postage .....	11 5 7	Social Services Department .....	50 0 0
Printing and Stationery .....	13 15 2	Spring Pairs .....	60 9 0
Rent .....	61 18 4	Sundry Income .....	2 0 0
Sundry Office Expenses .....	15 17 7		
Telephone .....	18 1 8	Balance, being excess of expenditure over income, transferred to Accumulated Funds .....	780 2 9
Travelling Expenses .....	32 11 9		
Timber for Shelves .....	5 10 8		
Secretary's Allowance .....	178 15 3		
Conference and Annual Offering Expenses .....	242 5 0		
General Relief and Christmas Cheer .....	39 1 3		
"Christian Messenger" Contributions .....	230 14 5		
Social Propaganda .....	45 0 0		
Transfers to Aged Couples' Home Fund .....	17 18 6		
	133 15 6		
	<u>1887 9 11</u>		<u>1887 9 11</u>

**Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1953**

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS ACCOUNT—</b>		<b>Bank of New South Wales—Current Account: Crows</b>	
As at 31st December, 1952 .....	128 15 1	Nest Branch .....	16 7 11
Less Deficit for year .....	107 7 2	Bank of New South Wales: Aged Couples Home Fund .....	633 5 4
	21 7 11	Petty Cash on Hand: As at 31st December, 1953 .....	5 0 0
<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST AGED COUPLES HOME FUND—</b> (as per contra)			
As at 31st December, 1952 .....	459 4 0		
Add Transfers from General Funds .....	133 15 6		
Proceeds of Concert .....	37 6 7		
Donation .....	2 2 0		
Bank Interest .....	17 3		
	<u>635 5 4</u>		
	<u>654 13 3</u>		<u>654 13 3</u>

C. G. LAWRENCE, Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales—Social Services Committee and hereby certify that the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Statement of Income and Expenditure properly set out the financial position as disclosed thereby.

SYDNEY, 16th February, 1954.

ALAN H. SCOTT, Chartered Accountant (Aust.)  
of WATKINS, SCOTT & CO., Chartered Accountants (Aust.)

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN N.S.W. CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION**  
Statement of Receipts and Expenditure Year ending 31st December, 1953.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
31/12/52 Credit Balance .....	970 18 0	Loans Issued .....	2111 5 0
Members' Contributions .....	563 10 2	Relief Granted .....	23 10 0
Donations .....	71 13 3	Victorian Soc. Service Dept. (Diaries) .....	98 15 2
Sale of Diaries .....	109 14 11	H. C. Gowans Printing .....	18 9 2
Sale of Badges .....	1 6	Commonwealth Bonds .....	110 0 0
Loan Repayments .....	1624 0 0	Salaries and Allowances .....	265 0 0
Bank Interest .....	26 12 7	Postages, Telephone, Travelling Expenses etc .....	20 1 3
Interest on Bonds .....	1 15 2	Advances to Social Service Dept. .....	33 7 6
Refund from Social Service .....	33 7 0	Transport, Duplicating and Incidentals .....	4 16 6
	<u>2430 14 9</u>		<u>2685 4 7</u>
	<u>£3401 12 9</u>		<u>716 8 2</u>
			<u>£3401 12 9</u>

**ASSETS OF THE ASSOCIATION as at 31st Dec., 1953**

Cash at Bank and on hand .....	716 8 2
Commonwealth Bonds .....	110 0 0
Loan Balances .....	3114 11 10
Stationery Supplies, etc. ....	50 6 6
Sundry Debtors re diaries .....	22 0 0
	<u>£4013 6 6</u>

W. C. ROFFEY, Treasurer.

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Christian Fellowship Association, and hereby certify that the above Statement of Receipts and Disbursements and the accompanying Statement of Assets properly set out the position of the Association.

3rd March, 1954.

W. K. HUNTER, Auditor.

# OVERSEAS' MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

## THANKS

We gladly acknowledge the goodness of God in blessing the work undertaken in His name as we present the report of another year's activities.

## PERSONNEL

Mrs. Bruce Coventry returned to India with her three girls. We rejoice that Margaret's eyes were successfully treated and are almost normal.

Miss Edna Vawser, after an extended visitation among the Churches arrived in India in September and has been given leave to assist as Acting Principal of the Language School for missionaries in the Marathi speaking area.

Miss F. Kennedy returned to the medical work on Aoba and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Jones are now on Pentecost allowing Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith to return on furlough. Mr. and Mrs. Ron McLean also are home on furlough.

Miss Hazel Skuce is expected home from India prior to Easter.

The visit of the Federal Secretary to India in connection with the Indianisation scheme greatly facilitated that business and also encouraged the workers on the field.

## FIELDS

### INDIA

**Indianisation.**—A draft constitution has been adopted allowing for the complete Indianisation of the work within ten years. During the interim period the Indian Conference will have the power to increase the number of their representatives to the Committee of Management. Two factors are to be borne in mind:

(1) Under Indianisation our financial responsibilities are likely to increase for a period, rather than decrease.

(2) For a period of years the missionary strength on the Field is likely to be maintained—perhaps along some lines to be increased.

**Famine.**—The year has been a critical one and the generosity of the Australian Brotherhood in the response to the general appeal was a great blessing to the people of "Our India." Over £5,000 was given in cash for famine relief and about 10 tons of foodstuffs. For a period, over one thousand people a day were provided with milk and grain; wells were deepened; seed grain provided, and in many other ways help provided. N.S.W. share was £458.

**Evangelistic.**—Village evangelism was somewhat disturbed because of famine, but during the year nearly sixty baptisms were reported at the Annual Meetings in August and later word tells of thirty more people who confessed their faith in Christ.

**Medical.**—The work at Dhond has faced unusual difficulties this year. Dr. Patil was out of action during most of the year, whilst Dr. Parkhe resigned from hospital service. Famine affected the income of the hospital. Dr. Michael's report reveals the following figures:—

Patients treated .....	49,000
In-patients .....	9,544
Operations .....	213
Maternity cases .....	240

The dispensary at Baramati and help given at Bhigwan (Diksal) by Mr. and Mrs. Munro reach many who could not reach the Hospital.

**Building Project at Dhond.**—Plans have been accepted for Maternity and Children's Ward blocks at an estimated cost of £3,750. Most of these monies will come from legacies.

**Educational.**—The school work at Baramati has grown until there are over six hundred attending. Plans are under way for additional classrooms and a lady teachers' hostel, the estimated cost being £2,350. This money will come from the sale of certain land at Baramati.

**Orphan Homes.**—The Government are taking a keener interest in our homes and send children to our care, paying a reasonable sum for their upkeep. These Homes have been the primary source from whence co-workers for the Mission come.

**Friendship Centres.**—These Centres function at Dhond, Baramati and Indapur. The numbers attending continue to grow and many non-Christians have expressed their appreciation of the facilities offered. Some who have attended have accepted Christ and others are asking for information about "The Way."

## NEW HEBRIDES

**Indigenous Work.**—This work continues and more Churches have been added and several more won to Christ. Many of these had little previous opportunity of hearing the message. Teachers from Aoban Churches have been placed in several areas. One of the Churches opened was on a French plantation where the owner felt something ought to be done to help men, most of whom have come from our own Island group and need spiritual guidance. This work is carried out and financed by the Island Christians.

**Missionary Staff.**—The addition of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Jones to the Island staff makes a total of ten workers, the highest number our Mission has had, and giving for the first time two missionary couples for the Pentecost work.

**Baptisms.**—Complete figures are not available, but quite a number were added in the outside places through the indigenous work and some were recorded at Pentecost. Latest figures from Aoba are 42.

**Island Offerings.**—The generosity of the Island people was again demonstrated. Apart from supporting their own indigenous work and their willingness to pay something towards drugs, the purchase of Bibles and hymnbooks, etc. the following offerings were made:

Aoba-Maewo Annual Offering .....	£1,265
Pentecost Annual Offering .....	£335

During this period the Islanders were suffering from the financial effects of the severe hurricane of the previous year. Aoban Churches also gave £111 towards the Restoration Appeal for Westminster Abbey and sent a gift of £50 as a gift to the College of the Bible, Glen Iris.

**Aoba-Maewo.**—The hospital continues to meet a great need and since her return Miss Kennedy has been in charge.

Miss Win. Waterman is settling into the work of the Primary School. Mr. and Mrs. McLean report good progress at the Londua Training School. The work on Maewo has had more attention during the year, Mr. and Mrs. Finger spending several months with the people. It is intended to repeat this visit later on.

**Pentecost.**—Mr. and Mrs. Smith have greatly extended the work here. Extensions have been made to the medical buildings at Ranmawat and a dispensary has been erected in the northern area at Lekal. Practically every boy from the south over the age of seven years is attending school and more rooms have to be built.

## FINANCES

The total income from Australia was again a record, enabling the Board to finish the year with a small credit balance. General Funds giving for the year ending June 30th last was £23,045. New South Wales' share of this has been:

Annual offering: £1076/14/10
Duplex offering: £940/12/10
All other sources: £1686/15/3

**Goodly Pearls.**—This paper is of great value in keeping Churches informed concerning the work on the fields and more subscribers are sought. The cost is only 4d. per copy, issued quarterly through Church Agents.

N.S.W. CHURCHES OF CHRIST OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

Cash Statement to 31st December, 1953

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Annual Offerings	1076 14 10	Cash Remitted to Federal Board	1798 10 7
Weekly Offerings	940 12 10	Cash Received direct by Board	569 17 2
Goodly Pearls	20 4 10	Cash Paid on behalf of Board	836 16 0
Jobbs' Hospital	140 6 11	Chinese Rent and Light	53 17 8
Orphans	66 8 0	Conf. Executive etc.:	
Native Teachers	139 1 0	Rent, Messenger, etc.	55 17 0
Children's Day	6 5 9	Petty Cash and Alice	66 1 10
SISTERS' CONFERENCE:		Paras	21 11 5
Living Link	143 0 0	Camera Supplies	29 3 9
Milk Fund	23 0 0	Telephone	12 8 9
YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.:		National Missionary Council	6 16 6
Café Fund	106 0 0	Visiting Missionaries	19 9 8
RENTS—Shammore	58 15 0	Postages	12 0 10
Chinese	26 0 0	Bank Balance	209 12 5
S.A.L.E.S.—Stamps	20 13 3		
Maps	16 0 0		
LEGACIES—Miss Edwards	100 0 0		
Mr. Bels	25 0 0		
DONATIONS—Milk and Food Fund.	125 0 0		
REFUNDS—Batter and Literature	458 2 0		
SPECIAL DONATIONS	30 10 0		
SPECIAL DONATIONS—Miss Vawser's	326 17 6		
Visit	92 9 7		
Bank Balance carried forward from last year	100 0 0		
	2288 14 2		
			£1504 2 11

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Miss H. V. ROFE, Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the books and vouchers of the N.S.W. Churches of Christ Overseas Committee for the year ending 31st December, 1953, and I certify that the above statement is correct and in accordance therewith.

P. VERCO, Auditor

COMMITTEE

The following Members have constituted the Committee during the year:  
 Chairman: Mr. C. R. M. Graham.  
 Treasurer: Miss H. V. Rofe  
 Secretary: Ira A. Paternoster  
 together with Bren. A. C. Morris, Casperson, Piper, Beadle, Mrs. Paterson,  
 Mrs. B. Day and Miss Winks.  
 Grateful thanks is expressed to all who have shared in the year's activities,  
 especially to our Hon. Auditor, Mr. P. Verco.

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

YOUTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

We thank God for the privilege of service, and for the consciousness of His presence. In the spirit of gratitude to Him we present this report.

**BIBLE SCHOOLS.**—It has been a joy to welcome the following new schools at Seaforth, Villawood South and Tamworth.

We have 76 schools with an enrolment of 5864 scholars including Isolated Cradle Scholars and isolated scholars, an increase of 141

**Torch Efficiency Campaign.**—This is still supplying inspiration to schools and flames are regularly awarded.

**Annual Scripture Examination.**—J. Hunter, Supervisor. This was very encouraging in its new set-up. Very valuable teaching is being presented in its preparation and we hope ALL schools will enter this year. Thirty-two schools entered and 483 scholars sat for the exam.

**Bible School Workers' Conferences** have been regularly held and nearly 500 teachers and staff have been helped during the year. C. Hillier is Supervisor and has even bigger plans for 1954.

**Training Classes for Kindergarten Teachers** have been held regularly by Miss Hand, Kindergarten Supervisor.

**New Schools** have been supplied with Austral Graded Lesson books free of charge for twelve months, together with Secretary's Report Book and Weather Chart for Kinders made and kindly donated by Mrs. T. Roberts, Marrickville.

**Isolated Scholars.**—Miss M. Cox, Isolated Scholar Roll, and Mrs. E. L. Button, Isolated Cradle Roll have both done magnificent service in contacting isolated children and parents. Miss Cox edits and sends out the "Home Scholar's Own", a monthly paper for isolated scholars.

**CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.**—Kevin Crawford, Secretary. We have 32 J.C.E. Societies with 656 members; 15 C.E. Societies with 212 members and 11 Y.P.S.C.E. Societies with 182 members. During the year an effort was made to increase the number of societies and all Churches were written to concerning the formation of other societies but the response was very disappointing.

The City Temple Brotherhood Y.P.S.C.E. is a very much alive group and would welcome new members. It is composed of all young people from all Churches who can meet as Endeavourers 6.15 to 7.15 each Wednesday night.

**CLUBS.**—K. Fennell, Secretary. Club work is gradually becoming stronger. The P.C.F.O. and Explorer movements are showing great virility. This year there have been four companies of the British Empire Girls' Life Brigade enrolled, Bexley North, Canley Vale, Bankstown and Tempe. A Boys' Brigade Company has been established at Dunmore House.

Club enrolment shows 415 boys and 615 girls with 44 Clubs.

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**Youth Evangelism.**—This key work of the Department continues to show the wisdom of this God honouring aim. This year 144 have been baptized into Christ.

**Youth Gospel Van.**—By the time this is printed Aussie the second should be on the road. We express very great appreciation to those who have taken "Pennies for Petrol" money boxes and who have contributed so liberally to the maintenance and the new Van. We acknowledge with gratitude £50 from the Campbell Edwards Foundation and £122 from concerts arranged by Brethren French and Newbery. Again we express sincere thanks to all who have helped with mechanical, electrical and tyre maintenance.

**War Memorial Youth Centre.**—This has occupied much time this year but we praise God for results. Fifty-six Kurrajong Gums, a gift from Blakehurst Nursery, were planted, other donors gave an assortment of other trees. Mosman young people painted the outside of the cottage. Mr. Maher, of Asquith, with the voluntary assistance of a host of workers each week-end erected the Assembly Hall which was opened and dedicated on January 2nd and which will be known as "Perkins Hall". The caretakers, Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, have now entered into residence. Our thanks are conveyed to a host of friends who have worked in many ways and who have given many gifts of cash and kind for the Youth Centre.

**Religious Education in Day Schools.**—Co-operating with the Council for Christian Education in Day Schools the Committee arranged for four of our preachers to attend the special series of classes at the Teacher's College. This was most successful and it is hoped it will be a yearly series.

**Happy Hours.**—These were held at Dubbo, Wagga, Caringbah and Padstow, and the Y.P. equipment was used at Ashfield. Many applications have been made for 1954.

## FINANCIAL

We continue to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His blessings during the past year, and to express our appreciation to all those, who have shown, by their continued financial support, an appreciation of the work which the Department is trying to do in His Name.

Receipts from all sources have again shown an increase over last year, being £2160/13/8 as against £2102/4/4 last year. However the expenditure was £2317/10/4, which together with a debit of £80/10/11 brought forward, leaves the department in debt to the extent of £237/1/1.

This position does cause us grave concern, as every economy has been observed, but with the increasing costs, salaries, postages, etc., all of which are well known to you, we have not been able to live within our income, and we appeal to the brotherhood for an increase in giving throughout the year. An increase of one penny per person per week will enable this deficit to be overcome.

We express our sincere appreciation for the special efforts of Bren, French and Newberry which resulted in the sum of £119/13/- being credited to the fund for the new van to replace "Aussie" which has done such a valued service for the Brotherhood, through the Y.P.D. A deposit has been paid on the new van, which will be ready for display at this Conference.

Annual Offerings were £313/6/5 with 34 churches taking part (last year £326/1/- and 36) while Duplex Offerings were £820/7/10 from 38 churches (£820/-/4 and 39 churches).

We again thank all who have assisted and further commend the regular use of the Duplex envelopes.

Personal donations were again higher than last year, being £267/8/7, and we sincerely thank all who helped in this way. Without this special help, the position, financially, would have been a most tragic one.

Donations for the Camperdown Cot amounted to £37/10/6, and donations for the Missions Cot amounted to £21/18/-. Postages were £1/1/- and this leaves a credit of £20/17/- which will be handed to the Overseas Mission Committee at this Conference. We are happy to have this special link with the Overseas Mission Committee.

The credit balance in the Publications Fund is now £60/11/4 with approx. £130 of stock still in hand.

The credit balance in the S.O. Gole Fund is now £7/15/11. This library is now probably the best Christian youth workers' Reference Library in Sydney, and all interested are urged to make use of it.

The Gospel Van continued to be a wonderful asset in the work of the Master. Expenses were £182/11/6 and income £172/2/10, leaving a debit for the year of approx. £10. We do thank all those who have continued to give through the Pennies for Petrol tins. Half of the proceeds go to the New Van Fund and half for running expenses. Each fund benefited by £84/12/7 this year. Thank you all again.

The Youth Centre has this year taken up a tremendous amount of the time and energy of members of the Committee, but a particular tribute must be paid to our Director, Bro. R. Greenhalgh for his untiring efforts. The balance brought forward was £1186/-/5 and the income from all sources (including £1600 in interest free loans) amounted to £2140/9/2.

Expenditure, including the finalisation of the purchase of the land was £4325/9/7. This leaves a debit balance of £2246/10/1, together with the £1600 interest free loans already referred to.

We are grateful to God for the completion, thus far, of this War Memorial Youth Centre and commend it to the interest and support of you all.

During the year, the department undertook the responsibility of borrowing £300 from the Property Trust, to erect a portable hut to house a growing school at Villawood. Of this amount £6/4/- has been repaid by the C.T.B. Y.P.S.C.E. which has promised to repay this amount. This Christian Endeavour Society only undertook this responsibility late in the year, and we thank them for their consecrated efforts.

Following last Conference, at which it was announced that the Y.P.D. had agreed for its Director, Bro. R. Greenhalgh, acting as the Secretary-Organiser of the H.M. Dept., it was necessary to engage extra staff to handle the joint work. Some of the work of the Y.P.D. has previously been done by a Junior Assistant, but the new arrangement meant that the services of a permanent adult assistant, were now necessary, and Miss Ethel Dwyer was appointed to this work. This naturally meant increases in salaries, and during the year the Home Missions Committee paid part of these increased salaries. The sum of £246 was paid to the Y.P.D. and at the date of closing of our books £240 had been paid to those concerned.

In concluding this section of our report, we wish to pay a very sincere tribute to Miss Bell, who acted as assistant Treasurer and part time office assistant.

During the year it became necessary to replace our duplicator and after extensive enquiries one was purchased for £200. Of this amount, £122 has actually been paid, including £27 donated by the Sisters' Conference, and other donations for this special purpose amounted to £41/19/6.

Difficulty has always been experienced in completing this financial report in time for Conference, and over recent years the work has increased tenfold. As a result of a suggestion from the Treasurer, the Committee has agreed to closing the Y.P.D. Books in future years on the 30th November, and all churches and auxiliaries are asked to assist by sending in finance each year prior to that date.

**APPRECIATION.** In conclusion we would like to thank all those who have helped in a voluntary capacity either at their homes or at the office, and to those who have given time, talents, or co-operated in prayer we do say "Thank You."

## SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

The figures presented are for the period of twelve months ending 30th November, 1953. The total Sales were £2497 as compared with £1770 for 11 months of the previous year. After making allowance for all expenses we have been able to show a net profit of £135 as compared with £110 for the 11 months of the preceding year. Our Capital Account now stands at £1251. The operation of the Supplies Department over the past 6½ years has proved very successful, an evidence of the careful management of the Department and the support given to it by the Brotherhood.

**APPRECIATION.**—We express our gratitude to the host of voluntary workers who in their homes and in the office assist us to carry out the youth programme. Without them our work would be impossible.

### FEDERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Department is represented on the Federal Board by the Director, while W. R. Hibbert, E. A. Lewis (Treasurer), F. T. Morgan (Chairman) and R. C. McKenzie have served on the executive.

The second cycle of the new series Austral Lessons began in 1954, syllabus and lesson presentation and format being considerably revised. Board has issued Class Quiz Sheets for quarterly class tests.

Volume 5 of "The Leader's Kit" was published in 1953. Commencing January, 1953, Kindergarten Activity Sheets have been provided by the Board. Other publications included study booklets "The Will of God" and "What Can I Believe?", these being used in camps in all States. The 1953 Conference of the Board was held at youth camp Longwood, S.A., all States being represented by their youth directors. For some time the need had been expressed for a badge symbolising the unity of Churches of Christ youth throughout the Commonwealth. At this conference it was decided to produce the badge and this is now appearing in the States. It is hoped that the C.Y.F. badge will help to extend and strengthen our youth movement.

V. C. Stafford serves as director and editor; Miss M. Deane as secretary.

**FUTURE WORK.**—Continuation and intensification of Torch Efficiency Campaign. Assistance for young converts. Extension of Bible School Workers Guild activities. Continuation of Happy Hour Sessions. Development of C.E. and Clubs through State Secretaries. Youth Centre development through huts and beautification of grounds and making of tennis courts. Visitation of auxiliaries. Open Air work with Van. Use of Youth Centre for House Parties and conferences as well as camps. Endeavour to break into the 7000 mark for Bible School enrolment.

P. H. MORTON, Chairman.  
R. GREENHALGH, Director.  
WILLIAM H. SMALL, Treasurer.

### ADDENDUM

I have been asked by the Committee to express on its behalf our thanks to Bro. Greenhalgh for his efficient and faithful service, his excellent leadership and untiring energy in the interests of Youth and the work of the Master. We also thank Miss Jean Murray who has cheerfully assumed greater responsibility to relieve the Director and very ably carried out her duties.

P. H. MORTON, Chairman.

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN N.S.W. YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

Statement of Income and Expenditure, Year ending 31st December, 1953

### EXPENDITURE

By Debit, Balance brought forward .....	80	10	11
Parent—Printing and Publishing .....	194	12	0
Happy Hour Expenses .....	17	19	7
Youth Magazine—Printing and Stationery .....	78	3	10
Exam—Quis—Papers, Certificates, etc. ....	43	4	2
Kindergarten, Supplies, Papers, etc. ....	1	17	6
Supplies, Badges, Goods, etc. ....	35	6	6
Salaries .....	1278	6	9
Director Expenses .....	78	5	3
Conference Exec. Committee—Rent .....	45	10	0
Conference Exec. Committee—Phone .....	24	3	0
Conference Exec. Committee—Duplex .....	10	0	0
Conferences Exec. Committee—Cost of Programme .....	21	0	0
Insurance .....	20	8	5
Office Expenses .....	32	4	10
Printing .....	11	6	2
Subsidiary Board of Christian Education .....	70	0	0
Special Planimetergraph, Supplies .....	38	15	4
Lesson Supplies to Isolated Scholars and New Schools .....	63	17	0
Aborigines' Missionette—Carnarvon Tennis Courts .....	4	14	0
Miscellaneous .....	10	15	9
Slaters' Conf, Don, Paid towards cost of new Duplicator .....	27	0	0
Payments towards New Duplicator .....	56	0	0
Accessories Management C'ttee, Subsidy £55, Blocks 8/13/10 .....	28	13	10
Stationery .....	71	0	2
Expenses—Yth Demonstration & Yth Convention .....	14	10	7
Silver Plaques Appeal (1953) Expenses .....	19	10	0
Postages and Petty Cash .....	57	10	8
£2395 1 3			

### RECEIPTS

To Churches, Annual Offerings .....	313	6	5
Churches, Duplex Offerings .....	820	7	10
Personal Donations .....	267	8	7
Donations from Clubs, C.E. and B.S. ....	12	3	10
Balance 1952 Youth Appeal .....	37	10	3
Silver Plaques (1953 Appeal) .....	105	6	8
Duplicating .....	23	10	8
Happy Hour Receipts .....	33	16	1
Youth Magazine Subscription .....	78	3	7
Parent Subscriptions .....	96	6	3
Exam—Quis, Fees .....	31	1	0
Kindergarten, Supplies .....	6	7	6
Supplies Receipts .....	13	7	3
Director Expenses Refunds .....	1	16	31
Refund Printing Conf, Exec. Committee .....	1	6	6
Refunds Special Planimetergraph Supplies .....	35	0	0
Donations towards cost of new Duplicator .....	98	19	0
Donation Slaters Conference towards Duplicator .....	27	0	0
Offering—Youth Conference Night .....	47	12	3
Donations, Tennis Courts, Aborig. Committee .....	4	14	0
Conference Exec. Committee—Donations towards Cleaning .....	26	0	0
Miscellaneous .....	20	12	0
Torch Efficiency Competition .....	4	18	7
Stationery Refunds .....	17	11	7
Youth Demonstration and Convention Receipts .....	25	0	11
Postages and P/C refunded .....	0	11	6
Yth Balance Carried Forward .....	237	7	7

I have examined all books, papers, vouchers, etc., of the Churches of Christ in N.S.W., Young People's Department, and certify that they are in accordance with the above Statement.

WILLIAM H. SMALL, Hon. Treasurer.

(Signed) G. MARLEY.



**SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT**

**Trading Account for Twelve Months ending 30th November, 1953**

	£	s.	d.
To Stock, 1st December, 1952	1808	13	0
By Purchase	1095	1	0
By Gross Profit transferred to Profit & Loss Account	639	16	6
	£1184	11	8
By Sales	2497	0	9
By Stock, 30th November, 1953	1687	10	11
	£4184	11	8

**Profit and Loss Account for Eleven Months ending 30th November, 1953**

	£	s.	d.
To Rent	45	10	0
Salaries	369	0	11
Advertising	15	0	0
Telephone	20	0	0
Postages	21	10	11
Freight	7	0	0
General Expenses	19	14	1
Bank Charges	4	15	0
Stationery	2	15	0
Depreciation	135	10	8
Nett Profit transferred to Capital Account	£620	16	6

**Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1953**

	£	s.	d.
Capital Account	1251	18	8
Loan Account	300	0	0
Sundry Creditors	495	7	11
	£2047	6	7
Office Equipment	18	4	0
Stock	1687	10	11
Sundry Debtors	241	11	3
Cash	16	0	0
English, Scottish & Australasian Bank	60	0	5
	£2047	6	7

**LIABILITIES**

**ASSETS**

**JOHN H. CHRISTISON, Treasurer.**

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Supplies Department and hereby certify that the above Balance Sheet and accompanying statements properly set out the position as disclosed thereby.

(Signed) KEVIN E. CRAWFORD, A.A.S.A., A.S.T.C.

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST BIBLE COLLEGE NEW SOUTH WALES

In submitting the College report for 1953, the Board does so with thanksgiving to God for His guidance and blessing in the work of the College.

### BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 1953-54

Ex-officio Members: G. J. Andrews, Conference President and Principal A. W. Stephenson, M.A.

Elected Members: J. A. Boswell, F.A.A. (Hon. Treasurer); B. G. Corlett, (Hon. Sec.); A. W. Cust; E. Davis (Vice-Chairman); R. Greenhalgh; R. W. Hayward; I. A. Paternoster; C. A. Saxby, B.Sc.; J. L. Stimson (Chairman); D. Verco, M.A.

During the year Bro. Stimson was forced to resign, owing to illness. His work over the year has been much appreciated and it was with regret that the Board accepted his resignation. E. Davis was appointed Chairman.

### FACULTY

Lecturers and their subjects—

Principal A. W. Stephenson: New Testament, Christian Doctrine, Voice Production, Essay Work, and General Administration.

A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., (Sen. Lect.) Old Testament, Church History, Christian Ethics, Hermeneutics.

I. A. Paternoster: Comparative Religion.

R. V. Amos: Homiletics.

R. Greenhalgh: Religious Education.

E. W. Roffey: Exegesis (Greek III).

C. Bowser, B.A., Dip.Ed.: Greek and Ancient History.

Psychology was added to course. Students attended evening lectures at Hunters Hill, arranged by Workers' Education Association.

D. Verco, M.A., gave supplementary lectures at College.

### STUDENTS 1953

K. N. Beadle, G. H. Benjamin, G. L. Benjamin, G. E. Gibson, N. Hodgekiss, W. E. Hoffman, D. Kassel, F. Leivesley, D. Mortimer, P. E. Perry, M. H. A. Pieper, A. Rae, B. A. Roberts, Miss L. Roach, C. Wheat, G. Wladysiuk, P. C. Woolford.

Churches served by students during year were:—Asquith-Hornsby, Nth. Auburn, Bowral, City Temple, Enmore, Caramar, Earlwood, Padstow, Paddington, Seven Hills, Loftus Park, Fairfield, Pendle Hill, Nth. Parramatta, Tempe, Belrose, Cardiff. Students also helped in missions.

The College Diploma was secured by P. E. Perry and the Missionary Certificate by Miss L. Roach. C. Wheat and G. L. Benjamin will qualify for the Diploma very shortly. Mr. Benjamin needs one secular subject to complete course.

Mr. Perry has been called to a church in West Australia. Mr. Benjamin to Wentworth Falls and C. Wheat to Paddington.

### NEW STUDENTS

L. F. Barker, J. A. Blankley, Miss E. A. Bunns, G. D. Chislett, D. J. D. Creeper, G. F. Davis, Miss P. A. Jones, D. M. Nowitzke, B. S. Hine, D. G. Willis.

This will bring the total enrolled to 24, a record. To meet this situation extensive additions had to be made to accommodate all the students. This has involved the college in much expense, but it is accepted that the brotherhood is ready to help out in this new work for a growing College.

### FINANCE

The excess of Income over Expenditure for the year, after bringing into account all outstanding amounts, was £288 as disclosed by the accompanying statements.

Income from all sources decreased by £40 on that of the previous year, the variations being:—

	Increase	Decrease
Students' Board .....	49	—
Annual Offering .....	330	—
Duplex Offerings .....	—	27
Sundry Income .....	—	392
	379	419
	Decrease	40

Although income from Duplex Offerings eased slightly, the response to the Annual Appeal was most encouraging and with receipts from this source amounting to £687 is the best offering on record for several years. The falling off in sundry income of £392 was mostly due to the inclusion in the previous year of a substantial Legacy and a special gift to the General Fund.

An appeal was made to Conference in 1953 for a gift to form the nucleus of an Endowment Fund and an anonymous donor very generously gave £200 for this purpose. This amount was invested in the Sydney County Council Electricity Supply Loan at 4½%.

Legacies received during the year were from the Estates of the late Clara Bagley £125 and Alice Whitmore £16/5/4. In accordance with the policy of the Board 10% of this amount was credited to the Endowment Fund which now stands at £214, the balance was included in income.

Expenses of running and maintaining the College and properties decreased by £129, the main variations being as under:—

	Increase	Decrease
House Maintenance .....	—	32
Salaries and Lecture Fees .....	28	—
Repairs .....	—	78
Electric Light, Gas and Fuel .....	14	—
Printing, Stationery, Stamps .....	—	24
Travelling Expenses and Publicity .....	16	—
Sundry Expenses .....	—	53
	58	187
	—	58
	Decrease	129

With the additional accommodation to be provided for a record number of resident students this year the resources of the College will be taxed to the utmost capacity and an assured regular income a necessity.

**Property.**—The College building and the adjoining properties have been kept in a good state of repair and expenditure in this direction was £78 less than that of the previous year.

#### FUTURE ENTRANTS

Those desiring to enter college in future years are urged to do their best to qualify up to the Leaving Certificate standard, giving particular attention to English.

#### GENERAL

To the Board, one of the most gratifying features of the college is the continually increasing interest being displayed by members of the churches. This is manifested in the large number attending the opening session at Woolwich, in the increased offerings for the year, in the appreciation expressed on every hand, and in the fact that the last Demonstration, and the offering there at, were the best yet. In addition there is the growing number of young people now entering College or planning to do so in the near future. This growth of the college is calling for more and more financial help from the brotherhood.

During the year the students produced their first Annual Magazine. This journal won considerable praise. It brought the college under favourable notice to many throughout Australia.

#### APPRECIATION

There have been many instances of help and encouragement. We are glad to report the gift of £200 for the setting up of an endowment fund. Ten per cent of all gifts will be set aside to build up a reserve for future use.

Many have added gifts of books to the College Library. We are grateful to A. N. Hinrichsen, of America, who has supplied many valuable volumes to our library. He also helped to secure for us a gift of £100 worth of books for the college. This came from the Christian Board of Publication in America.

The Campbell Edwards Trust donated a tape-recorder for use in the training of students in the art of speech. We appreciate this assistance.

Mrs. Winter-Little made a caravan available to enable us make temporary accommodation for extra students.

The work of the Principal and Mrs. Stephenson was again beyond praise; their dignified and warm reception of a record number and variety of visitors, coupled with the Principal's efficient administration and wise spiritual leadership at Woolwich, has been not only a source of general gratification, but has endeared them to the students, faculty and Board, and the whole brotherhood.

Again we cannot speak too highly of the work of the Senior Lecturer and the Honorary Lecturers. We also thank Dr. Crisp (Hon. Physician), Mr. Hunter (Hon. Dentist), and A. W. M. Dickinson, L.L.B. (Hon. Solicitor), whose professional help has assisted greatly.

We express appreciation to Mrs. Agnew and Mrs. Leivesley, housekeeper, for faithful service. We are grateful for the help of the "Christian Messenger" and the "Australian Christian." The Conference President has given encouragement at public and college meetings.

The students have continued to give valuable help in keeping college grounds in order. In 1953 they helped to rebuild a retaining wall that had been washed away in a storm.

E. DAVIS, Chairman.

B. G. CORLETT, Secretary.

## JULY/AUGUST "??"—WATCH FOR IT!

WHAT IS THE FOUR POINT PROGRAMME  
FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE?

YOU DON'T KNOW? THEN BE SURE TO HEAR MR. & MRS.

**MARK RUTHERFORD**

WHEN THEY VISIT YOUR CENTRE

SOME TIME BETWEEN JULY 26th AND AUGUST 13th

Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford come from the United States of America at your invitation. They have vital messages for the man and women of our Churches.

WATCH FOR THE DATE WHEN THEY VISIT YOUR CENTRE,  
AND PLAN NOW TO BE THERE—

SO YOU CAN HAVE A PART IN THE  
FORWARD MOVEMENT OF CHRIST'S CHURCH

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

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1953

EXPENDITURE	INCOME
To House Maintenance Expenses .....	By Students' Board .....
Salaries and Lecture Fees .....	Annual Offering .....
Repairs, Renovations and Replacements .....	Duplex Offerings .....
Interest, Insurance and Telephone .....	Steadily Income .....
Electric Light, Gas and Fuel .....	
Printing, Stationery, Stamps .....	
Traveling Expenses and Publicity .....	
Municipal and Water Rates .....	
General Expenses .....	
Depreciation .....	
Balance—Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Funds .....	
288	11066
1706	887
56	466
129	1179
101	
20	
111	
71	
22	
37	
288	
1376	

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1953

LIABILITIES	ASSETS
SUNDRY CREDITORS—	LAND AND BUILDINGS:
Loan Accounts .....	31/53 and 57 The Point Road, Woolwich—At cost ...
Trade and Accrued A/c's .....	FURNITURE, FITTINGS & EQUIPMENT:
1822	At cost, less Depreciation .....
207	448
	47
	62
	200
	129
	129
	32
ENDOWMENT FUND .....	At cost, less Depreciation .....
LIBRARY FUND .....	1029
MEDICAL FUND .....	214
ACCUMULATED FUNDS—	68
Balance 31/12/52 .....	12
2887	
ADD excess Income over Expenditure for the year ended 31st December, 1953 .....	
288	
6175	
17493	

J. W. BOSWELL, F.A.S.A., A.C.I.S., Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Churches of Christ Bible College, N.S.W., for the year ended 31st December, 1953 and having received all information and explanations required, hereby certify that the above Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet set out the position of the College as disclosed by the books at that date.

28th January, 1954.

H. P. HARTHOLOMEW, A.C.M.A., Hon. Auditor.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

It is with gratitude to God for His blessing and guidance that we present this report to Conference and rejoice in the work that has been accomplished.

**Committee Personnel.**—The following brethren have served on the Committee for the past year:—A. Baker, Chairman; N. H. Matthews, Vice Chairman; R. H. Wakeley, Treasurer; Mrs. A. Larcombe; Brethren L. S. Dewberry, M. McArthur, C. Bowser, N. D. Morris, P. E. Thomas, H. Palmer. The Conference President, Bro. G. J. Andrews has been in attendance as regularly as his presidential duties would permit. His counsel and advice has been greatly appreciated.

**Co-operation with Youth Department.**—Because of overlapping interests an arrangement was made with the Youth Department whereby Bro. R. Greenhalgh became the Secretary-Superintendent of the Home Missionary Committee. This was for a period of twelve months. This was reviewed at the end of six months and the term extended for a further three years.

**Three Year Plan.**—The work of the Committee was resolved into a Three Year Plan and as a result there has been closer co-operation with the Home Mission preachers, the preparation of a plan for the Eldership in each Church, simultaneous missions, and preparations for a plan for Secretarial assistance, and one Church enabled to go self supporting.

**Evangelism.**—An evangelistic drive was arranged during the month of September. Missions were arranged at Caringbah, Padstow, Parramatta North and Seaforth. Four decisions were registered at Padstow. One of the outstanding results of these missions was the intensified fellowship as the district Churches responded and supported the various missions. Appreciation is expressed to the missionaries, song leaders, pianists and messengers of song, as well as loyal members.

**Mission Tent.**—As a result of gale force wind at the Parramatta North mission the tent was irreparably damaged. A new marquee will cost approximately £500. This has been ordered in faith that the Brotherhood will respond to the need. Already several missions have been requested. The offering at the Home Mission Demonstration at Conference will be applied to the payment for the new marquee.

**Gospel Van.**—Since there is no itinerant evangelist it was decided to sell the gospel van which realised £485.

SUBSIDISED CHURCHES

**Lidcombe.**—As a result of the Three Year Plan, Lidcombe accepted the challenge of self support. Through personal membership sacrifice and the Committee's assistance Lidcombe went self-supporting on January 1st, 1954. We congratulate them on this forward move.

**Loftus Park.**—After conference with the Loftus Park members the Committee granted a subsidy for the calling of a preacher. Bro. Dan Wakeley accepted the invitation and commenced his ministry on November 29th, 1953. Already the work is responding.

**Asquith-Hornsby.**—Bro. Ken Fennell is ministering in this circuit and the work is responding to his leadership.

**Belrose.**—A conference with the Church resulted in certain decisions. The big need is for a full-time man to work in the French's Forest area. Finance is the only hindrance.

**Cardiff.**—This work has continued steadily. Two new workers were recently added by transfer from Eunore. This work is supported by the Sisters' Conference.

**Gosford/Wyoming.**—During the year the Committee increased the subsidy so that Bro. Flint could give more time to visitation. By the time this is printed the building will have been completed and gospel services commenced. The building was made possible by loan money from the Grafton Trust Fund.

**Gilgandra-Dubbo.**—Gilgandra is subsidised to assist in transport of workers to Dubbo. Dubbo is growing steadily, over 30 decisions were recorded for the year. Judge McKillop, a District Court Judge, visited the Bible School and

highly commended the work and workers.

**Merewether.**—Despite losses by removal a steady work has been maintained. The building has been renovated and made much more attractive. Bro. Howard continues a good witness.

**Padstow-Bankstown.**—Bankstown is subsidised to allow Bro. Geoff Crossman to do visitation work at Padstow. Padstow is served by student preacher Keith Beadle and the work is showing progress. A recently erected Kinder hall has helped in Bible School work. There were four decisions as a result of the mission in September.

**Wentworth Falls-Lawson.**—On the resignation of Bro. Alf Hinrichsen, Brethren Lyall Wylie and Basil Goldstein entered upon interim ministries. On Jan. 24th Bro. Graham Benjamin commenced his full time ministry. The weekly broadcast session over 2KA is maintained.

**Beverly Hills.**—At the beginning of 1953 a subsidy was paid to enable the engagement of a full time preacher. The work has so prospered under Bro. Noel Reese that the Church assumed further responsibility and reduced the subsidy by £1 per week.

**Grafton Members.**—After the Church ceased the six remaining members met in the home of Mrs. Fabian each Lord's Day for breaking of bread. They have faithfully supported all Brotherhood work financially and prayerfully. They have recently decided to link up as isolated members of Tamworth. Two Tape Recorders were purchased from Grafton Trust Funds and services will be recorded in Sydney and used for worship with the group. Of the Grafton Trust Fund £900 has been lent to Tamworth and £600 to Wyoming.

**Tamworth.**—On Nov. 22nd breaking of bread services were commenced in the home of Bro. and Sis. C. Love, 1 Willis St., Tamworth South, and gospel services in the small Town Hall, Tamworth. Thirteen members signed the covenant. Inverell, through its preacher, E. McIlhagger, initiated the move. In addition to loans from the Grafton Trust as above, the Committee gave £100 for land as follows:—£37/2/6 from the Blackheath Fund and £62/17/6 from the Armistice Fund. £50 was received from the Campbell Edwards Foundation. A building is planned in the near future. A tent mission with E. T. Hart, Queensland, is planned for Feb. 28 to April 5.

**Volunteer Missions.**—We record our gratitude to the preachers, song leaders, workers, and Churches who released their preachers for the missions held at Parramatta North, Padstow, Seaforth, Caringbah. These were arranged by the Committee. We record our pleasure at the missions held at Lismore with E.C. Hinrichsen using the Home Mission Tent, and at Hamilton by F. Hunting.

**Conferences with Church Officers.**—A feature of the year's activities has been conferences between representatives of the Committee and the officers of Mosman, in connection with Seaforth; Paddington, Loftus Park, Beverly Hills and the members of Belrose and Austral.

**Appreciation of Students.**—The Committee is greatly appreciative of the work of the Woolwich Bible Students as they serve in the work of the Lord in Home Missions.

**Committee policy and future work.**—The Committee is charged with the conduct of evangelism in the State and seeks to be faithful to the charge through subsidised Churches, voluntary missions, the printed page and other opportune ways.

The Committee offers its services to all Churches for conference, advice and assistance as may be required.

The Committee will encourage and is prepared to assist Churches to open new fields.

The resources of the Committee are available to strengthen weak causes. The Committee aims to have all Churches strong and self supporting. It aims to have one Home Mission subsidised Church become self supporting each year.

#### FINANCE

The Committee appreciates the increased support received during the year,

and reports indicate that the Annual Offering will be the biggest for many years, and should reach £800 when it has all been received. While this is a long way short of our needs, we feel that the brethren are beginning to revive some of the old Home Mission fervour. The duplex offerings increased by over 10% on last year's figure which was well ahead of previous years.

However our commitments for this coming year for subsidies are over £40 per week, and other expenses involve £15 per week, making our outgoings £1,850 per annum. Added to this we have had to arrange for the purchase of a new marquee to replace the one destroyed by wind at Parramatta North. The insurance to be paid will go towards the cost of the new one. We are looking to this Conference to rally to our aid to meet the difference so that the missions planned can go ahead.

Our annual offering being received at the close of the year, we find that many amounts are not received until the following year, but we are only able to include in our figures the amounts received during the conference year. Thirty-three Churches have forwarded annual offerings and 34 have sent in duplex offerings. Some have not dissected the amounts forwarded and these have been included with duplex.

We thank all who have given, many supporting the various committees regularly as a sacrifice to the Lord we serve, and we deeply appreciate their interest and loyalty. We also express our thanks to the Auditor, Bro. H. Atkinson, who although hampered by physical injuries, carried out the work in his usual efficient style.

In addition to the funds in the hands of the Committee as set out in the statements appended, there is an item of £228/4/10 for a loan made many years ago in connection with the building at Tempe.

#### STATEMENT OF SUNDRY FUNDS, 1953 GRAFTON FUND

1/1/53		Advance to Gos-	
Cash in Commth		ford/Wyoming ..	450 0 0
Bank .....	1000 0 0	Advance to Tam-	
Cash in Nat.		worth .....	900 0 0
Bank .....	1540 16 6		1350 0 0
	2540 16 6	Purchase of Tape	
Paid off Piano		Recorder .....	102 12 6
sold (Balance		Legal Casts .....	2 2 0
£95/2/-) .....	48 18 0	Fares .....	20 0 0
Bank Interest ...	15 0 0		124 14 6
	63 18 0	Balance on Hand	
		31/12/53 .....	1130 0 0
			£2604 14 6

#### HAZELBROOK FUND

Balance 1/1/53 .....	£20 0 0	Paid Lawson Church	10 0 0
		Paid Wentworth	
		Falls Church .....	10 0 0
			20 0 0

#### BLACKHEATH FUND

Balance 1/1/53 .....	£37 2 6	Paid for Tamworth Ch.	
		towards deposit on land	£37 2 6

#### ARMISTICE FUND

Balance 1/1/53 .....	84 11 0	Paid for balance of deposit	
Donations (2) re-		on Tamworth land .....	62 17 6
ceived .....	5 0 0	Balance 31/12/53 .....	26 13 6
	89 11 0		
	£89 11 0		£89 11 0

**N.S.W. CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOME MISSION COMMITTEE**  
Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31/12/53

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Annual Offering, 1952 (=1628/16/11)	319 17 5	Subsidies (14 Churches)	1755 17 6
1953—to date	510 5 3	Subsidies—Broadcasting over 2KA	51 0 0
Duplex envelopes (14 Churches)	830 2 8	Evangelist's Salary	218 0 0
<b>DONATIONS:—</b>	<b>752 16 5</b>	Evangelist's Truck Expenses	79 11 0
A.B.C. Band	15 15 0	Secretary's Allowance:—	
Sisters' Conference Offering	194 0 0	Direct	48 0 0
Annual Conference Offering	53 16 7	per Y.P. Committee	246 0 0
Request, Sarah Edwards	190 0 0	Office Rent	294 0 0
Request, E. C. Beiz	25 0 0	Y.P. Committee Van expenses (other than for September Missions)	45 10 0
Request, Alice Whitmore	18 5 5		10 13 0
Ashwood Trust	125 0 0	Fares	16 1 6
Sundry personal gifts	11 7 0	Postages	22 7 3
Rents—Stannore Cottage (nett)	74 12 7	Telephones and Telegrams	7 7 4
Glebe Cottage	40 0 0	Exchange, 16/11. Cheque Book, 12	2 10 11
Interest on Commonwealth Bonds	114 12 7	Stationery and Printing	78 16 4
Asquith Mission Thank Offering	85 0 1	Office Sundries	18 0
Less local expenses	143 5 8	Other Expenses on Missions:—	
Hornsby Mission Thank Offering	107 13 4	Asquith	7 12 0
Less local expenses	48 0 7	Hornsby	5 0 0
Refunds of subsidies to Churches:—	50 12 9	North Parramatta	92 17 11
Lawson	82 0 0	Seaforth	15 13 11
Wentworth Falls	128 0 0	Padstow	14 18 11
Refunds from Churches for advertising	210 0 0	Caringbah	14 19 0
Insurance payment for damage to marquee	51 3 4	Equipment for Marquee	10 4 8
Refund of advance for Evangelist's exes.	13 19 2	Insurance on Marquee	20 0 0
Refund of Petty Cash advance by Actg. Secretary	20 0 0	Repairs to Marquee (storm damage)	13 19 2
Sale of Gospel Waggon	2 0 0	Gift to Caringbah Piano Fund	44 3 8
Deposit on Sale of Stannore property	483 0 0	Presentations	20 0 0
	50 0 0	Wreath	6 0 7
Balance brought forward 1/1/53.	3212 4 4	Repairs to Urn from Grafton for Seaforth	7 5 7
General Fund	272 18 7	Share cost of 1952 H.M. number of "Christian"	1 8 0
Sisters' Fund (Cardiff)	28 0 0	Conference Executive—	3 5 3
	300 18 7	Share 'phone	7 14 9
		1953 Conference expenses	19 5 0
		Duplex envelopes	19 0 0

Office cleaning	13 0 0		
Property Trust Fee		49 19 9	
Subscription to "Christian Messenger"		10 0	
Advertising in "Sydney Morning Herald"		30 0 0	
Advances for Petty Cash		44 12 0	
Purchase of Typewriter	45 0 0	2 0 0	
Purchase of Office Furniture	33 2 5		
		78 2 5	
Balances carried forward 31/12/53—		3005 8 2	
General Fund	423 14 9		
Sisters' Fund	34 0 0		
Stannore Property	50 0 0		
		507 14 9	
	£3513 2 11		£3513 2 11

**Summary of Bank Balances**

Balance in General Fund	507 14 9	Credit Bal. in Commonwealth Bank S/Act.	2124 16 0
Grafton Funds	1150 0 0	Overdraft in National Bank, Gen. Fund	23 1 3
Armistice Funds	28 13 6	Less credit in Armistice Fund	28 13 6
Special Funds	454 0 0		Cr. 6 7 9
	£2118 8 2		£2118 8 2

**STATEMENT OF OTHER ASSETS HELD BY THE COMMITTEE**

at 31st December, 1953

Commonwealth Bonds (at face value)	2000 0 0
Cottage at Stannore sold—balance to come—approx.	1100 0 0
Cottage at Glebe. (approx. value of equity)	500 0 0
Marquee (destroyed in storm) and equipment. (say)	200 0 0
Office furniture and typewriter. (cost less 10%)	70 0 0
	£3870 0 0

H. H. WAKELEY, Treasurer—13/1/54.

I have examined the Books, Vouchers and Bank Deposits of the N.S.W. Churches of Christ Home Mission Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1953, and hereby certify that they are in accordance herewith.

H. ATKINSON, F.R.A.S., F.A.B.I., F.P.C.A., 8th March, 1954

**SPECIAL FUNDS**

Bal. in "Special Mission" Fund 1/1/53 .....	104 0 0		
Bal. Walter & Eliza Winter Memorial Fund .....	300 0 0		
	<u>404 0 0</u>		
Received from Campbell Edward Foundation for Gosford/Wyoming .....	300 0 0		
for Tamworth ..	50 0 0		
	<u>£654 0 0</u>		
		Paid to Gosford/Wyoming Act. . . . .	200 0 0
		Bal. Special Mission 31/12/53 .....	104 0 0
		Winter Memorial ..	300 0 0
		Tamworth Fund ..	50 0 0
			<u>454 0 0</u>
			<u>£654 0 0</u>

A. BAKER, Chairman.  
R. H. WAKELEY, Treasurer.  
R. GREENHALGH, Secretary.

**CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT**

During the year ended 31/12/53 twelve meetings were held with an average attendance of nine at each meeting. The membership and meetings attended are as follows:

J. L. Stimson (Chairman) 5; P. H. Morton 11; W. K. Hunter (Treasurer) 12; S. C. Woolley 8; N. D. Morris (Deputy Chairman) 11; A. McK. Surtees 10; Dr. Verco 7; R. H. Wakeley 10; J. Hughes 8; R. Souness 4; G. J. Andrews (Conference President) 7; R. F. Bartholomew (Secretary) 11.

The committee sincerely regretted the absence for the latter part of the year of its esteemed chairman, Brother J. L. Stimson. In his absence, Brother N. D. Morris has acted as chairman.

During the year two new members (Brethren R. Souness and J. Hughes) were added to the committee by direction of Conference. These brethren have been a valuable acquisition to the committee.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. J. Hughes has been assisting in the capacity of Stenographer and this facility adds greatly to the efficiency of the recording of discussion and minutes.

To the 31/12/53 a total of £13,875 had been applied for by 22 Churches. Of this sum an amount of £11,625 had been approved of which £7,825 has actually been paid out to the Churches concerned. Several Churches have unfortunately been unable to obtain assistance from the committee through lack of available funds.

Calls are being received continually and prompt repayment of loans by Churches already assisted is requested to enable the committee to help other centres. Repayments are spread over several years and interest only covers expenses.

The committee is sponsoring the Chapel a Year Appeal and the centre being assisted is Gosford-Wyoming. The appeal was made this year during the month of December, 1953.

The final result of the appeal for Pendle Hill which closed with the 1953 Conference amounted to £134/12/6.

N. D. MORRIS, Deputy Chairman.  
R. F. BARTHOLOMEW, Secretary.

**THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE**  
Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st December, 1953

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>INCOME</b>	
Audit Fee .....	2 2 0	Insurance Agency .....	148 12 9
Conference Expenses 1953 .....	5 5 0	Interest .....	74 1 4
Office Rent .....	1 10 0		
Cheque Book .....	5 0		
Excess of Income over Expenditure transferred to Accumulated Fund .....	9 2 0		
	<u>213 12 1</u>		<u>£222 14 1</u>
	<u>£222 14 1</u>		
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1953			
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		<b>ASSETS</b>	
Home Mission Committee Trust Fund (Tamworth) .....	1000 0 0	Loans to Churches .....	732 2 7
Dorriggo Trust Fund .....	300 0 0	Bank Interest Accrued .....	13 10 10
Accumulated Funds as at 1/1/53 .....	10162 4 2	Cash—Savings Bank .....	2500 0 0
Add Gift .....	910 0 0	Fixed Deposit .....	500 0 0
Add Excess transferred from Income and Expenditure Account .....	213 12 1	Current Account .....	2240 2 10
	<u>11285 15 3</u>		<u>£12585 16 3</u>
	<u>£12585 16 3</u>		

W. K. HUNTER, Hon. Treasurer.

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, 1953, 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 the 31st December, 1953, according to the books of account and the explanations and information given to me.

J. W. BOSWELL, F.A.A., A.C.I.S.,  
Auditor.

# THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST PROPERTY TRUST ANNUAL REPORT

There were twelve meetings held during the year with an average attendance of nine members. The following brethren served during the year and attended as follows: J. L. Stimson (Chairman) 5, N. D. Morris (Deputy Chairman) 11; P. H. Morton 11; W. K. Hunter (Treasurer) 12; S. C. Woolley 8; A. Sick, Surtees (Securities Officer) 10; C. A. Verco (Registrar) 7; R. H. Wakeley 10, R. F. Bartholomew (Secretary) 11. The Conference President and Brethren J. Hughes and R. Souness attended by invitation.

The members of the Trust record their regret that Brother J. L. Stimson has been unable to be present during the latter part of the year. Brother Stimson's service to the brotherhood and the Trust during the past years has been invaluable because of his special knowledge and ability.

Sixty-five Churches are now registered under the Act and of these forty-six have appointed the Property Trust their trustees. Four Churches have not registered trustees at all.

During the year several deputations from various Churches have met the Trust to discuss their problems and every effort is made to assist the brotherhood in an advisory capacity.

The Trust has acted in the matter of some thirty-nine transactions connected with brotherhood properties, some of which were extremely involved and necessitated a great deal of research. It is emphasised that the Trust can only act where it is the Registered Trustee of any property concerned and by direction of the Church or Committee.

We would express appreciation to Mrs. J. Hughes for her assistance as stenographer and Minutes Recorder.

Appreciation is also expressed to all who have assisted through the medium of the Queensland Insurance Co. Ltd. agency, and in this connection, particular mention is made of splendid support of Brother R. Taylor of this Company. The total commission amounted to £18/10/3 of which £148/12/9 was credited to the Chapel Extension Committee.

N. D. MORRIS, Deputy Chairman.  
R. F. BARTHOLOMEW, Secretary.

## NOTICE OF MOTION

R. GREENHALGH.—That the 'Chapel-A-Year' Committee be permitted to enrol subscribers at any time during the year, and that Churches be requested to allow the appointment of agents for this purpose in each Church."

## AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

### CLAUSE 10—COMMITTEES.

CLAUSE 10, Sub-Clause (i)—Delete "A Children's", and insert "A Boys'", and after the words neglected, and, in the fourth and fifth lines, delete the words "children" and insert "Boys'". — G. E. KNIGHT.

CLAUSE 10, Sub-Clause (c).—After the word "auxiliary" in the last line, a new sentence to read, "It is optional for any Conference Committee to take an offering for their work at their session of Conference."—R. GREENHALGH.

# FINANCIAL REGISTER, 1953

CHURCH	Home Missions		Overseas Missions		Bible Schools & Y.F. Depts.		N.S.W. Bible College	Abercrombie's Missions		Boys' Home		Social Service	
	Home	Missions	Overseas	Missions	Bible Schools	Y.F. Depts.		Missions	Missions	Boys' Home	Home	Social	Service
Albury	15	0	27	8	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashfield	4	0	15	7	6	31	0	8	15	0	32	10	0
Asquith	27	19	6	3	18	6	1	17	0	0	17	0	0
Auburn	7	16	11	117	0	7	8	16	2	21	32	5	10
Auburn Nth	—	—	—	—	—	13	3	9	—	—	—	—	—
Austral	12	14	0	15	16	4	—	—	—	—	7	0	0
Bangalow	—	—	—	5	0	0	—	—	—	—	1	1	0
Bankstown	10	17	6	30	11	8	16	5	9	9	12	0	0
Belmore	123	15	7	119	14	11	50	11	7	113	14	9	0
Belrose	7	2	0	2	19	6	11	14	9	1	4	9	0
Beverly Hills	27	14	1	30	18	8	30	7	0	18	0	11	0
Bexley North	40	0	0	90	10	0	64	0	0	31	8	0	0
Bowral	6	8	0	5	17	0	3	17	3	3	17	3	0
Burwood	142	15	8	137	7	1	130	17	2	71	0	4	0
Canley Vale	4	4	0	17	8	7	15	10	9	3	18	3	0
Cardiff	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Caringbah	13	3	7	15	18	5	10	10	0	5	3	7	0
Carramar	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chatswood	123	12	11	221	1	3	87	12	9	51	2	8	0
Doonside	—	—	—	13	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Karlwood	25	2	2	37	1	4	27	19	2	23	18	3	0
Enmore	20	0	0	34	15	8	15	17	1	26	2	0	0
Epping	26	18	2	117	4	0	48	18	6	27	15	3	0
Fairfield	1	4	0	7	8	9	10	3	10	2	5	3	0
Gorogtown	36	16	0	31	0	12	11	8	0	35	10	0	0
Gilgandra	11	16	2	60	0	0	5	5	10	5	7	0	0
Granville	—	—	—	22	0	0	12	19	0	11	10	0	0
Granville South	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hamilton	—	—	—	10	10	0	17	0	0	2	0	0	0
Hornsby	11	7	7	39	10	3	24	7	6	37	1	8	0
Hurstville	6	4	0	53	8	0	—	—	—	11	0	0	0
Inverell	25	16	8	56	10	0	17	2	8	105	11	9	0
Kingsford	28	0	0	42	4	0	20	0	0	13	0	0	0
Kurri Kurri	30	10	0	7	11	3	3	11	9	4	13	0	0
Lane Cove	35	12	0	143	6	3	19	12	11	70	14	6	0
Lawson	10	4	3	9	15	5	5	11	3	4	0	0	0
Lilcombe	9	7	1	3	6	11	7	7	0	14	9	0	0
Lismore	—	—	—	41	11	0	3	17	0	24	11	0	0
Loftus Park	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	0	0
Manly	2	0	0	24	10	0	3	15	0	12	2	0	0
Marrickville	86	8	0	157	3	5	46	9	8	24	2	1	0
Mayfield	15	10	6	18	11	6	1	8	6	6	18	6	0
Merewether	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	18	6	0
Mosman	36	17	7	55	9	5	29	11	6	26	19	8	0
Mudgee	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	0	0
Nth Sydney	176	8	9	307	3	5	75	0	0	141	14	1	0
Paddington	10	9	0	24	4	9	12	12	5	17	0	2	0
Padstow	—	—	—	5	15	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Parramatta Nth	—	—	—	7	3	9	1	4	1	3	2	6	0
Pendle Hill	7	2	0	15	1	11	15	10	—	12	3	8	0
Penrith	4	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	3	2	0	0
Penshurst	7	7	10	15	3	3	12	18	6	6	10	2	0
Rockdale	35	18	7	134	15	1	52	17	5	34	10	7	0
Seven Hills	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sydney City T.	68	6	3	445	17	1	12	1	7	35	8	10	0
Sydney Chinese	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	0	0	0
Taree	79	19	3	49	15	0	30	14	0	43	12	11	0
Tempe	2	17	6	5	6	10	5	16	0	4	19	0	0
Tyalgum	25	0	0	14	16	0	—	—	—	4	16	0	0
Wagga Wagga	62	2	0	122	16	10	38	4	8	41	1	6	0
Wiley Park	21	2	2	17	3	4	20	1	8	15	1	2	0
Wentworth Falls	12	13	0	5	7	10	3	3	8	22	6	11	0
Wingham	—	—	—	3	14	11	1	8	0	3	2	6	0
Woolongong	35	11	7	45	10	4	22	12	2	31	1	6	0
Warrawong	—	—	—	2	0	0	4	0	0	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	26	17	6	16	15	8	7	5	6	5	0	6	0
TOTALS	1362	10	1366	4	5113	14	31	1207	5	11128	4	6198	0

# STATISTICAL REGISTER, 1953

## CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

### CONSTITUTION

CHURCH LOCATION	ADDITIONS		DELETION		GENERAL											
	Year Organised	Year Affiliated	Membership 31/12/53	Faith and Baptism 31/12/53	Baptised Believers	Restoration	Transfer	Death	Letter	Revision of Roll	Increase	Decrease	Membership 31/12/52	Average Attendance	Isolated Members	Sup'ry Roll
1 Albury	1928	1929	93	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	94	55	—	24
2 Ashfield	1924	1924	41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	17	—	1
3 Asquith	1947	1948	43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	20	—	1
4 Auburn	1908	1909	144	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	139	50	—	48
5 Auburn North	1912	1915	78	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	24	—	7
6 Austral	1945	1947	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	28	—	—
7 Bankalov	1909	1909	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	—
8 Bankstown	1921	1922	126	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	128	40	—	33
9 Belmore	1906	1907	269	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	211	112	—	13
10 Belrose	1944	1948	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	12	—	—
11 Beverly Hills	1919	1921	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	26	—	—
12 Bexley North	1931	1931	128	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	128	66	—	8
13 Bowral	1943	1946	46	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46	—	—	—
14 Burwood	1920	1921	223	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	216	93	—	45
15 Canley Vale	1902	1902	75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	65	47	—	—
16 Cardiff	1931	1931	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	16	—	—
17 Caringbah	1947	1948	33	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35	24	—	—
18 Carramar	1934	1937	106	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	85	33	—	12
19 Chatswood	1914	1914	356	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	365	150	—	55
20 Doonside	1938	1944	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	33	15	—	—
21 Earlwood	1932	1933	170	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	190	61	—	31
22 Enmore	1852	1886	134	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	124	71	—	19
23 Epping	1923	1924	127	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	119	64	—	12
24 Fairfield	1944	1945	62	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55	35	—	—
25 Georgetown	1940	1942	120	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	120	69	—	20
26 Gilgandra	1914	1914	76	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	75	49	—	7
27 Granville	1923	1924	32	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	32	x	x	x
28 Granville South	1942	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—
29 Gosford	1936	1951	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	10	—	—
30 Hamilton	1923	1927	85	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	90	57	—	10
31 Hornaby	1910	1911	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	38	19	—	4
32 Hurstville	1907	1908	138	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	149	65	—	37
33 Inverell	1905	1906	171	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	174	70	—	42
34 Kingsford	1907	1908	109	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	119	84	—	22
35 Kurri Kurri	1927	1928	31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	31	21	—	—
36 Lane Cove	1922	1924	153	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	150	55	—	28
37 Lawson	1948	1949	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	17	—	—
38 Lidcombe	1883	1886	107	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	86	43	—	34
39 Lismore	1885	1886	194	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	194	x	x	x
40 Loftus Park	1917	1919	50	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	57	—	—	—
41 Manly	1932	1933	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	29	—	—
42 Marrickville	1893	1894	217	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	221	88	—	40
43 Mayfield	1937	1938	182	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	170	73	—	44
44 Merewether	1886	1890	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	26	—	5
45 Mosman	1908	1909	160	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	111	43	—	7
46 Mudgee	1947	1948	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	9	—	—
47 North Sydney	1905	1906	129	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	138	91	—	58
48 Paddington	1892	1893	117	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	125	92	—	14
49 Padstow	1950	1953	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29	21	—	—
50 Parramatta Nth.	1935	1947	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	33	—	—
51 Penrith Hill	1928	—	53	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29	21	—	—
52 Penrith	1948	1949	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	14	—	—
53 Penshurst	1931	1931	25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26	17	—	—
54 Rockdale	1918	1919	140	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	143	78	—	14
55 Seven Hills	1890	1893	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	18	—	—
56 Sydney (City T.)	1851	1886	68	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63	30	—	8
57 Sydney Chinese	1899	1908	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	25	—	—
58 Taree	1862	1886	174	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	174	60	—	40
59 Tempe	1928	1929	54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	53	16	—	—
60 Tyalgum	1907	1908	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27	15	—	—
61 Wagga Wagga	1885	1886	157	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	178	86	—	48
62 Wentworth Falls	1940	1949	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	17	20	—	—
63 Wiley Park	1947	1948	81	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	90	51	—	20
64 Wincham	1879	1886	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	41	18	—	—
65 Wollongong	1941	1942	250	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	250	—	—	—
Isolated M'b'rs	—	—	250	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	—	—	5078	172	28	133	48	64	121	275	109	248	5860	2011	1380	740

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- As Amended, and including Amendments passed at 1952 Conference.
- Name:**  
The name shall be "The Conference of Churches of Christ in New South Wales, and the Federal Capital Territory."
  - Objects:**
    - To promote and sustain fraternal intercourse amongst the Churches.
    - To co-operate for the evangelisation of the State and world-wide missionary activity on the basis of the New Testament.
    - To promote work in the Bible Schools and amongst young people.
    - To assist in combating social evils, engage in philanthropic work, and to unite with others wherever such action is necessary or desirable.
  - Constituents:**  
The Conference shall consist of all Churches of Christ at present associated, and such other churches as may from time to time be admitted in the manner hereinafter provided. The Conference may at any time disassociate itself from any church that has previously been admitted to association under the Conference if a majority of the representatives consider that the church in question is pursuing a line of conduct likely to bring discredit upon the brotherhood, or has departed from the New Testament truth.
  - 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.
  - Representation:**  
Churches associated shall be entitled to be represented at all business sessions of Conference upon the following basis:—
    - 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.
    - Each church shall send her list of representatives to the Conference Secretary at least one week prior to Conference.
    - 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.
  - 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, 1906.



poration Act, 1947, and if private trustees are appointed then a Declaration 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.

**9. Conference Officers:**

The following officers shall be elected at each Annual Conference: President, two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; these, together with the Immediate Past President, shall constitute the Conference Officers. 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, 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 and be empowered to co-opt up to five members if at any time deemed advisable.
- (e) A Committee to be known as The Board of Management, for the care and control of the "Churches of Christ Bible College in

N.S.W.," located at Woolwich. The Board shall consist of ten members, not more than five of whom shall be full-time preachers chosen by the representatives at each Annual Meeting of Conference from accredited members of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales; six of these members shall form a quorum; the Principal of the College shall, ex-officio, be a member of the Board of Management, and may vote on all matters excepting those affecting his own position and status. The Board shall be elected by ballot and shall hold office until its successors have been appointed. The Board shall have full control of all the affairs of the College, including the raising of funds by gifts, loans and 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 eight members, seven to be elected by General Conference and one by the Sisters' Conference. Five members 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.
2. Such registration shall apply only to the Church making such application, and shall be cancelled immediately upon his ceasing to minister to the Church concerned.
3. In the event of any part-time minister who has been registered as above being called to another affiliated Church, his further registration shall be considered on its merits, and the Advisory Board may recommend that the de-registration be not proceeded with if thought desirable.

4. It shall be the function of the Advisory Board, through its Secretary, to attend to the registration and cancellation of such registrations in the usual way.  
Membership on any other Committee shall not debar any brother from being elected to this Committee. Five to form a quorum.
- (h) A Chapel Extension Committee, which shall consist of the members of the Churches of Christ Property Trust together with three other members elected by Conference.
- (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. The Committee shall have full control of all the affairs of the Home, including the raising of funds by gifts, loans and mortgages or bank overdraft, and the disbursing of same.
- (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.
- (l) 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 permis-

sion 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, Bible 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, Aborigines' Mission Committee and Children's Home Committee.  
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. Additional nominations may be made, with the nominee's consent, on the floor of Conference at the first Business Session.
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 will be and are hereby rescinded.

**21. Reservation:**

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

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

**STANDING ORDERS.**

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

**NEW SOUTH WALES CHURCHES**

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