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**SEVENTY-SECOND**  
**ANNUAL**  
**CONFERENCE**

PROGRAMME  
of  
MEETINGS AND REPORTS

Including:  
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OF COMMITTEES AND  
CHURCHES

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**APRIL 8th. - 16th. 1957**  
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Conference President



PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND REPORTS

APRIL: 8-16, 1957

## YOUTH NIGHT

THE GRAND OPENING NIGHT OF  
CONFERENCE

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

*Monday, 8th April, 1957*

YOUTH IN ACTION FOR CHRIST

- 6.00 Youth Tea 3/-.
- 6.30 Film
- 7.15 Song Service
- 7.30 Y.P. Chairman introduces Conference President.  
Conference President welcomes Delegates and opens  
Conference.
- Prayer.  
Director's Field Report.  
Youth Choir.  
Eisteddfod Quiz Winners' Presentation.  
Hymn 4—"And Can It Be".  
Christian Endeavour Item.  
Club Work Film.  
Bible School Item.  
Violin Solo—Diana Mitchell  
Bible Reading—Petrina Neal.  
Youth Choir.  
Address—M. H. A. Pieper.  
Hymn 5—"Beneath the Cross of Jesus".  
Benediction.

## 63rd WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Tuesday, 9th April, 1957

10.30 a.m.

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

President: Mrs. R. H. WAKELEY

Hymn No. 47.

Prayer.

Welcome to Delegates and President of General Conference.

Response ..... Mr. A. W. Stephenson

Devotions ..... Mrs. Knights

Minutes of 1956 Conference ..... Mrs. Wylie

Roll Call of Churches.

Greetings and Correspondence ..... Mrs. Roffey

Hymn No. 50.

Obituary Report—Prayer ..... Mrs. Budgen

Executive Report ..... Mrs. Wylie

Treasurer's Report ..... Mrs. Hughes

Solo ..... Mrs. Frapell

Election of Officers and Superintendents.

Reports: Catering (Mrs. Milne); Home Missions (Mrs. Norling);

Overseas Missions (Mrs. Day); Aborigines Missions (Mrs.

H. Lacombe); Women's Inter-Church Council (Mrs.

Knight); Ashwood House (Mrs. Hall); Social Service

(Mrs. Benson).

Prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION: 2 p.m.

Hymn No. 62.

Prayer.

Bible Reading ..... Mrs. Medlow

Solo ..... Mrs. Keesters

Offering.

Prayer.

Hymn No. 20.

Address ..... Mrs. H. T. Wells

Prayer.

Reports Continued: Young People's Department (Mrs. Ellis);

Boys' Home (Mrs. Frost); Newcastle District Conference

(Mrs. Prees); Good Neighbour Council (Mrs. Corlett);

Good Films and Radio League (Mrs. Wakeley); Newington

Hospital (Mrs. Powell); Isolated Sisters (Mrs. MacKellar);

Parramatta District Conference (Mrs. Williams); Women's

Christian Temperance Union (Mrs. Wrigley).

Hymn No. 24.

Unfinished Business.

Introduction of Officers and Superintendents.

Dedicatory Prayer.

Hymn: "Blest be the Tie that Binds".

Benediction.

Mrs. P. G. Verco, Pianiste. Mrs. E. W. Roffey, Secretary.

**WOMEN'S CONFERENCE  
SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP  
MEETING**

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

**Tuesday, 9th April, 1957**

7.30 p.m.

President: Mrs. R. H. WAKELEY

SPEAKER ..... Mrs. G. R. STIRLING  
MUSICAL ITEMS by Misses REILLY and Mr. CLIVE WAY.  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION DEPICTING W. C. W. F.

**OPENING BUSINESS SESSION OF  
GENERAL CONFERENCE**

**Wednesday, 10th April, 1957**

at 7.15 p.m.

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

Chairman: Conference President

Hymn No. 29

Prayer.

President's Greeting.

Inward and Outward Greetings.

Additional Nominations.

Recognition and Welcome to new Preachers.

Worship—

(1) "CHRIST FIRST"—B. E. Cavill.

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Hymn No. 59.

Benediction.

**BUSINESS SESSION**  
ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

**Thursday, 11th April, 1957**

at 7.15 p.m.

Chairman: Conference President

Hymn No. 62.

Prayer.

Aborigines Mission Committee Report ..... Page 30

Worship—

(2) "CHRIST FIRST—IN EACH LIFE"—R. J. Anderson

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Hymn No. 22.

Benediction.

**BUSINESS SESSION**

at 7.15 p.m.

Chairman: Conference President

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

**Friday, 12th April, 1957**

Hymn No. 16.

Prayer.

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Worship—

(3) "CHRIST FIRST—IN EACH HOME"—A. C. Thurrowgood

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Hymn No. 20.

Benediction.

## BUSINESS SESSION

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

**Saturday, 13th April, 1957**

Chairman: Conference President

- 9.30 a.m. Hymn No. 23.  
Prayer.  
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Worship—  
(4) "CHRIST FIRST—IN ALL SOCIETY"—  
D. J. Verco.  
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Hymn No. 22.
- 1.00 p.m. Adjourn for Lunch (Provided by Sisters' Conference) Price 3/6.
- 2.00 p.m. Hymn No. 27.  
Prayer.  
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Resolutions.  
Worship—  
(5) "CHRIST FIRST—IN THE CHURCH"—  
H. C. Bischoff.  
Home Mission Committee Report ..... Page 63  
Unfinished Business.  
Hymn No. 44.
- 6.00 p.m. Adjourn for Tea (Provided by Sisters' Conference)  
Price 3/-.
- 7.00 p.m. Announcement of Conference Officers and Committees.  
Recognition of Retiring President.  
Introduction of Incoming President.

## HOME MISSION AND BIBLE COLLEGE RALLY

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

**Saturday, April 13th, 1957**

at 7.15 p.m.

- Hymn No. 1.
- Prayer: W. H. B. Palmer, Chairman Home Mission Committee
- Choral Item ..... Churches of Christ Musical Society
- Scripture Reading ..... D. J. A. Verco, M.A., Dip.Ed.,  
Vice-Chairman Bible College Board
- College Presentation ..... I. A. Paternoster,  
Chairman Bible College Board
- Hymn No. 46.
- Country Evangelism—Dubbo—B. E. Cavill, Dubbo Preacher.
- Home Mission Conference Offering.
- Choral Item ..... Churches of Christ Musical Society
- Address—E. P. C. Hollard, Home Mission Secretary of South  
Australia.
- Hymn No. 56.
- Prayer—Benediction.

## CONFERENCE SERMON

CITY TEMPLE  
CAMPBELL STREET, SYDNEY

**Sunday, 14th April, 1957**

President: A. W. STEPHENSON

2.45 p.m. Praise Service.

3.00 p.m. Hymn No. 47.

Prayer.

Anthem ..... Churches of Christ Musical Society

Offering for Preachers' Provident Fund.

Hymn No. 41.

Scripture Reading.

Anthem ..... Churches of Christ Musical Society

Address ..... A. McK. Surtees

Subject: "God's Answer to Crisis"

Hymn No. 13.

Benediction.

## PREACHERS' SESSION

Chairman: D. WAKELEY

**Wednesday, 10th April, 1957**

3 p.m.

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

Leader of Devotions: H. C. BISCHOFF

Speaker: Mr. A. H. ORR, L.Th.

Minister, Ashfield Baptist Church

GUESTS OF ENMORE LADIES AT TEA

## COMBINED DEMONSTRATION SOCIAL SERVICE DEPT.

AND

## BOYS' HOME COMMITTEE

**Monday, 15th April, 1957**

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

Chairman: Conference President

6.00 p.m. Social Service Fellowship Tea

7.15 p.m. Praise Service led by L. Thomas

7.30 p.m. Hymn No. 49.

Opening Prayer—B. F. Bradshaw

Chairman Social Service Committee

Choir Item—Churches of Christ Musical  
Society

Scripture Reading—L. E. Wylie

Chairman Boys' Home Committee

Item—Solo—Mrs. Gladys Dickson

Demonstration by Pendle Hill Boys

Hymn No. 60.

Social Service Aims and Activities by the  
Organiser—Illustrated with Slides.

Choir Item—Churches of Christ Musical  
Society

Address—N. A. Sachisthal

Superintendent Charlton House

Hymn No. 63.

Prayer and Benediction.

## ABORIGINES & OVERSEAS MISSIONARY RALLY

Chairman: Conference President

TUESDAY, 16th APRIL, 1957

ENMORE TABERNACLE  
METROPOLITAN ROAD, ENMORE

7.15: Pictures of Gilgandra and Cubawee.

Hymn No. 60.

Prayer ..... J. G. Shaw

Choir Item ..... Churches of Christ Musical Society

Scripture Reading ..... C. R. M. Graham

Solo Item ..... Clive Way

Hymn No. 32

Address ..... Mr. A. G. Bube

Choir Item ..... Churches of Christ Musical Society

Hymn No. 58.

Benediction.

ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL CONFERENCE  
CHURCHES OF CHRIST

### PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND

Members of Committee: W. K. Hunter (Chairman); S. H. Laney (Secretary); H. E. Bell (Treasurer); P. H. Morton; C. A. Saxby; J. G. Shaw; R. A. Souness; K. A. Patterson.

#### The Objects of the Fund

To assist financially aged and infirm and retired preachers.

To control and manage an Endowment Fund, to which preachers may contribute.

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

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

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

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we submit this Executive Report. For His faithfulness and gracious provision of strength and grace to serve Him, we give Him praise and all honour and glory.

With joy, we place on record our appreciation of the loving and gracious way our President, Mrs. R. H. Wakeley, has led us. We acknowledge too with gratitude the willingness to serve, of all Superintendents and Committee Representatives and others, who have made this year of service such a blessing.

The Executive comprising Mrs. R. H. Wakeley, (President), Mrs. C. Saxby (Corresponding Secretary), Miss F. Bell (Treasurer), Mrs. Knights (President-Elect), Mrs. A. W. Stephenson (City Vice-President), Mrs. McCloy (Wollongong Vice-President) and Mrs. Thurrowgood (Newcastle Vice-President), Mrs. A. Larcombe, co-opted as Federal President and Mrs. L. Wylie (Recording Secretary) has met monthly.

In July and August we were very sorry to receive the resignation of Mrs. C. Saxby as Corresponding Secretary and Miss F. Bell as Treasurer. We have placed on record our deep appreciation of the unselfish and faithful service these two sisters gave in their years of office. Mrs. E. W. Roffey was elected Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. L. Hughes as Treasurer.

Monthly Conference meetings have been held the first Friday in each month at City Temple at 11 a.m., excepting January (holidays) and in October, which this year was the Friday of Federal Conference.

There has been an average attendance of 87 at these meetings.

Devotional leaders have been Mrs. W. J. E. Lewis, Padatow sisters, Mesdames Snow, D. Wakeley, Shaw, Smith, Hughes, Saxby and Anderson.

We express appreciation too, to those who were special speakers during the year. These included Miss Dillon of C.M.S., Mrs. Bruce Munro of India, Mrs. Dalton from The Boys' Home, Mrs. Lawlor of the Bush Missionary Society, Mr. F. Roberts of Woolwich Bible College, Mr. N. Hodgekiss on his return from New Guinea, Mr. Ira Paternoster Jnr., Fraternal Delegate from America for Federal Conference, and in December the Wollongong Sisters presented a special Christmas play.

The Bible Study Group, commenced last year, has been maintained, meeting twice monthly. To our Heavenly Father we express our deep appreciation for what He is doing through our sister, Mrs. W. J. E. Lewis, who leads the Study. We thank her for giving her time and talents in this great service for Him.

Our monthly "News Review" has continued throughout the year. Much appreciation is expressed for this little paper. To all who have had any part in compiling, duplicating or mailing we express our grateful thanks.

Federal Conference held a big place in our planning and work this year, and we do in this Executive Report, record our deep appreciation to everyone who helped in any way towards making Federal Conference the splendid success it was. To those who led us and organised so thoroughly our part as women in Federal Conference, we express our deepest thanks.

The Finance Committee, comprising the Executive and Sisters A. Hall, McKellar, Corlett and Greenhalgh, have met as the need has arisen to discuss the financial side of our work.

Our Treasurer's Statement reveals that receipts for the year total £2,139/19/2. This includes £749/19/1 for Budget, an increase of £75/17/1 on last year's figures. Included in the balance is £303/9/10 which was given in response to the Special Appeal for Federal Conference.

We thank all groups who have been able to give more to the Budget and we praise our heavenly Father for the loving and willing manner in which each sister participated in the year's work.

B. WYLIE, Rec. Secretary.

**OBITUARY:** (Mrs. G. Budgen). In presenting my report for this Conference year, I would like to stress the brotherhood has lost many faithful and outstanding brethren, among them Brethren Dr. Verco and E. C. Hinrichsen. I have written 37 letters, and I would like to particularly thank the Executive and all who have helped me in this work. We lovingly commend all who have suffered the loss of loved ones to our Heavenly Father.

**HOME MISSIONS:** (Mrs. A. R. Norling). Visits to Churches throughout the year have not been numerous, but considerable interest has been shown in Home Missions by enquiries for up-to-date information from womenfolk individually and women's groups.

The Committee is subsidising 11 churches and also the 2KA Weekly Broadcast.

We praise God for all that has been accomplished, particularly for the great advancement of the young church at Holroyd and also for the achievements of the Dubbo work—the erection of a Church building and the commencement of the first full-time ministry.

Home Mission work is vital—the Committee is keen—our part is to pray and support and enthuse.

**OVERSEAS' MISSIONS:** (Mrs. Day). It was a privilege to visit quite a number of Christian Women's Fellowships during the past year. Earlier in the year, we were greatly enriched and enlightened by messages from our visiting missionaries from India, Brethren Heard and Dixon and Brother and Sister Munro.

Food parcels have been sent to India and the New Hebrides and are now being sent regularly to India. We thank the sisters who so splendidly responded to the Annual Christmas Appeal. Some 1,000 garments, mostly new, many hospital and school requisites were dispatched in time for the Christmas gatherings. We praise and thank God for prayerful and practical support during the past year and pray for His continued blessing this coming year.

**ABORIGINES' MISSIONS:** (Mrs. H. Larcombe). At the time of writing this report, we are still celebrating the Christmas holidays and I have much pleasure in sharing with all the Sisters in New South Wales, New Year Greetings from our Missionaries. Letters and cards which are full of praise to our Heavenly Father for blessings received during 1956, even though it has been one of the hardest and most difficult years, owing to prolonged drought conditions, sickness with the missionaries and the children etc., etc. They look forward to the future with confidence to further God's work with good results for Our Lord Jesus Christ, with His little children. (What stout hearts our Missionaries have!)

The number of children waiting to come into the Mission, outnumber by far those who left at the end of the year. Some of these children are of school age and should be at school.

Every section of the Mission is full to capacity. Last year 32 girls were housed in a dormitory built to accommodate 16 girls.

At present it would be difficult to house even another missionary owing to lack of accommodation. Where the temperature is above 100

degrees to 117 degrees for months, and trade winds blow for 4 months without a break, are the conditions our missionaries work and live under. What can we do about it sisters, other than pray without ceasing?

Although the boxes were fewer than previous years, we do thank the sisters for the wonderful sewing and valuable work they are putting into the parcels for the children. May God bless you all. Be sure and read a fuller report on aborigine work elsewhere in this book.

**LIVING LINKS:** During the year we have given £2 per week to Home Missions for support of preacher. Miss Dorothy Butler (Gilgandra) has been our living link for Aborigine Missions, and Mrs. Colin Thomas our living link in India. During the year, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas resigned from the field and Mrs. Keith Crowley was appointed our new living link.

**ISOLATED SISTERS:** (Mrs. F. MacKellar). I would like to thank my "Isolated Sisters" who have written during the year. It is such a pleasure to hear of your home and church life and I do know how "The News Review" is welcomed. I will be pleased to receive new names and addresses which could be addressed to 49 Blaxland Road, Rhodes.

**NEWINGTON HOSPITAL:** (Mrs. F. Powell). It is with grateful hearts, we present our Annual 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, also for Mothers' Day and Christmas gifts. Thanks also to the Brothers and Sisters who have helped each month with the sick visiting and afterwards with the Gospel meetings. We thank our Heavenly Father for helping us to bring a little sunshine into the lives of those sick and lonely women. We ask for your prayers as we continue to work for the Master.

**YOUTH DEPARTMENT:** (Mrs. P. Ellis). It has again been a privilege to represent the ladies on the Young People's Committee. We do thank our Heavenly Father for the blessings received in this, just a part of the work entrusted to His Church.

The Committee meets together once a month, and reports are brought from the supervisors of the various phases of youth work (including Bible Schools, Christian Endeavour and Club work) and future plans and activities are discussed.

This year, all money collected from the sale of scrap metal (bottle tops etc.), is to go towards the purchase of a new van. Perhaps this is a way in which the ladies may play a special part.

We do thank you for past support and trust that your prayers will be with us during this year as in the past.

**BOYS' HOME, LADIES' COMMITTEE:** (Mrs. E. Frost). The Ladies' Auxiliary, comprising Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Oswald, Mrs. Leon and Mrs. Frost have during the year given help and advice when required from the Committee. Curtains in dormitories have been made. Catering has been done when required.

We thank God for the privilege of working in this avenue of service for Him.

**SOCIAL SERVICE:** (Mrs. T. W. Benson). This year we have had the joy of opening two pairs of semi-detached units at Pendle Hill for our "senior citizens", and we are looking forward to much greater advancement in the work in the future. Mrs. Watson has been doing an excellent work in helping Mr. Roffey in the office and also in the sorting of the clothing as it comes in to us from time to time. We thank all Churches for sending clothing and old rags. Mrs. Watson has also been visiting our Rest Home at Thirroul and giving assistance in the work there.

When the Federal Conference was in session the Social Service Committee entertained the Representatives from other States to a dinner and enjoyed hearing all about their work.



We thank all the ladies who took part in the Sunshine Fair. The takings amounted to £21 and with donations from the sisters made a total of £40. We also thank Belmore Sisters for their great effort in raising £143 for the Department.

We look forward to a new year of service and pray that more avenues of service may be opened up and that we will be willing to do all in our Saviour's name.

**GOOD NEIGHBOUR COUNCIL:** (Mrs. B. G. Corlett). Firstly, I wish to thank the sisters for the privilege of representing our Women's Conference on the Council. The Council consists of many leaders in all walks of life—namely Federal and State Parliaments, Church dignitaries, Clubs, Social Societies, Welfare Officers, etc., approximately 50 in number, all seeking to help the new Australians to establish themselves.

Our first two meetings of the year were mainly used in discussing the change of name from "New Settlers' League" to Good Neighbour Council". On your behalf I voted for "Good Neighbour Council".

We have been represented at all council meetings—4 in all. At the April meeting, Mrs. Stevenson of Caramar deputised on my behalf. Addresses were given by Rev. Stolz, Commonwealth Migrant Officer, Mr. Wall, and Miss Airline Lower—all in connection with European conditions and our treatment of migrants here. Rev. Stolz said our treatment of migrants stands very high to other countries of migration. In fact, he stressed we make our "welcomes" a little "too overwhelming" which embarrasses the migrant.

Four social parties have been held during the year. I with six of our ladies helped with one of the suppers.

Whilst we as a church group can be represented on organisations such as these to lift the standard of living and raise a voice of protest when unconscious pitfall suggestions can be raised, it is good, but not the only thing. We are out to further the Kingdom of our Lord and to this end I am trying by His Grace to serve.

I would suggest to all groups of sisters to contact your local councils for names of naturalised subjects and visit same. Make friends of all people and introduce them to our Church and our Saviour. "Seek and ye shall find. Knock and it shall be opened unto you."

**GOOD FILM AND RADIO LEAGUE:** (Mrs. G. L. Wakeley). During this year the League became a registered organisation and it is felt that this move will be of great benefit and ensure a better standing in the community.

In June we decided to hold our meetings at 1 p.m. instead of 4.15 p.m. and found an increase in attendance and interest. Regret is felt, however, that school teacher representatives are now unable to attend.

The League has now become associated with the National Council of women and also with the N.S.W. Council for Children's Films and Television. The latter organisation, we feel, will be of inestimable value to our work.

Altogether this year has been more progressive than the immediate past years have been and it seems as if we may be able to make our presence felt in some way.

**WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION:** (Mrs. E. Wrigley). 19 meetings have been held at Daking House, many of which I have attended as representative of Conference. The main point of interest this year has been the purchase and alteration of new Headquarters at No. 599 George Street, opp. Anthony Hordern & Sons. A Gestetner and typewriter have been purchased for the office so that the work may be more speedily produced. A great deal of hard work by our State President (Mrs. Judd) and others have gone into this project and it is felt that the

work of the W.C.T.U. will be greatly helped as a result. The opening date is Saturday, February 16, 1957 at 2.30 p.m.

All unions are encouraged to make use of literature for which payment of £2 per year is made to those availing themselves of this service. Letters were sent to private schools regarding temperance lessons. Other letters were sent as protests on breaches of law, especially re the Liquor Act. Protests were also made on the use of wine in recipes, displays, etc., and against sporting fixtures on Sundays. In June a letter was sent to clergymen urging the use of unfermented wine at Communion. Members ran a fruit drink stall at the Sunshine Fair; Mrs. Chesterfield and Miss McCorkendale (Director of Temperance Education) are to be invited to Convention.

The W.C.T.U. is represented on Good Film League, Council for Children's Films and T.V., United Nations, New Settlers' League and Prison Reform, etc. Members take a new interest in Hammondville since the opening of the Evelyn Strang Cottage last year.

One thing that impressed me during Federal Conference was the number of visitors from sister States wearing the little white bow, which is the badge of the W.C.T.U. and the motto being, "God, Home and Humanity"; it was most encouraging to see so many. Mrs. Nance-Kivell of Melbourne has suggested that a Temperance Committee be formed in each State. We are hoping that this suggestion will meet with approval here and those wholeheartedly interested in the cause will have the opportunity of furthering the work.

**WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL:** (Mrs. G. E. Knight). In presenting this report we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His leading. The Council continues to carry out the aims to promote friendship and co-operation between the women of the various branches of the Christian Church. We have representation on the National Council of Women, Good Neighbour League, World Day of Prayer, Women's Christian Temperance Union, Prison Reform, and arrange an annual World Community Day. Mrs. Lt. Col. Garlick, of the Salvation Army, is President this year, and is a talented and gracious leader. The representatives from the Churches of Christ are: Mesdames R. H. Wakeley, Greenhalgh, Yelds, Palmer, Knights, Patterson, Snow and Knight. Mrs. McCallum is a life member. Two visits were made to the English Migrant Hostel at Dundas in conjunction with the Epping Branch of the W.I.C.C. in order to interest them in the various Church services, Christian Endeavour Societies and Clubs in the near vicinity of the Hostel, but attendance by adults was very poor on both occasions.

Wybalena Hostel is well established now, and will be able to accommodate 21 girls coming from the country to study. Improvements have been made to the property, and the mortgage reduced from £5,500 to £3,100 in five years. We are grateful to those of our members who have attended functions to raise finance to reduce the mortgage, and to the Fellowships who make yearly contributions.

**NEWCASTLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE:** (Mrs. C. Prees). During the year the Sisters have continued their visits to the Aged Women's Home at Waratah, and the Aged Men's Home at Dudley, holding devotional services and distributing gifts.

The Sisters supported the Boys' Home fete at Pendle Hill and the fete at the Protestant Girls' Home at Maitland. The sum of £26 has been sent to Ashwood House as our donation for the year. The Sisters help with the preparing and serving of meals each Thursday for the T.P.I. Soldiers.

We have an average attendance of 20 members, with Mrs. G. Gray, (President), Mrs. C. Prees (Secretary), Mrs. A. Camps (Treasurer), and Mrs. Thurrowgood, Newcastle representative to Conference.

**CATERING REPORT:** (Mrs. Milne). We have had a most successful year in our catering. We have certainly had the Lord watching over us. To commence with we had the usual meals to cater for at our own State Conference, and these were quite successful. Owing to Federal Conference in Sydney we did not have the usual half-yearly Rally to cater for.

Our main work was the catering for the twelve meals at Federal Conference. These were all held at Central Baptist. We could never have done this, but that we had the Lord in the kitchen with us. The first main meal throughout the week of Conference was the President's Reception, at which we had a baked poultry dinner and plum pudding. For the Conference Picnic we packed 800 boxes with lovely cut lunches including cakes and fruit. On the following Tuesday, our Ladies' Day, we catered for our largest meal; we were able to serve a two course meal free to all those ladies present. I would like to thank all who came in to work, not for me, but for their Master and the churches in New South Wales. I am sure that, although we were tired, the Christian fellowship we had in the kitchen and dining room will remain with us for quite some time.

Special thanks must go to all the Guilds and ladies who made donations to Conference. It is only through this and the Holy Spirit's showing me the right people to deal with that we were able to make the catering a financial success. I am very pleased to report that we have been able to build up our supplies of crockery, cutlery etc. so that we shall not have to hire them again, nor will we have to transfer from City Temple to Enmore.

I should like to thank all for their prayers and our Heavenly Father for answering them.

**PARRAMATTA DISTRICT CONFERENCE:** (Mrs. Williams). The average attendance at the meetings, held bi-monthly, is 30, representing 11 churches. During the year Seven Hills Sisters joined in fellowship with us.

During the year meetings have been held at Carramar, Fairfield, Lidcombe, North Auburn, Canley Vale and Ashwood House. Speakers have been Mr. W. Roffey, Mesdames A. W. Stephenson, L. Wylie, W. Turnell, Gee and Pincombe.

At the Annual meeting held at Lidcombe Mrs. Ogden (Fairfield) was elected President.

We helped at the Boys' Home Fete in April on the Afternoon Teas and Apron Stalls. £10/10/- was donated to Federal Conference Women's work. £3/3/- was given to Mr. Roffey for help in providing Teas for the opening of the Aged Couples Homes at Pendle Hill. Our December meeting held at Ashwood House was the Christmas Party with the Guests and Staff. We are thankful to our Lord for these dear souls who are an inspiration to us.

We are very grateful to all who have given us helpful messages and thoughts throughout the year. We are looking forward, by the Grace of God and in His strength, to another year of fellowship with Him.

Mrs. R. H. WAKELEY, President.  
Mrs. E. W. ROFFEY, Secretary.  
Mrs. W. J. HUGHES, Treasurer.

## ASHWOOD HOUSE REPORT

For the Year Ended 31st December, 1956

We present the nineteenth Annual Report, with gratitude and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for guidance during the past year.

Mrs. Wakeley, Women's Conference President, has attended meetings at the Home with the Committee of Management. It was with deep regret that the Committee accepted Miss D. Verco's resignation and later the resignation of Miss F. Bell. We miss the assistance and advice of these Sisters.

Staff—Miss C. McLean accepted the position of Matron in February, 1956, and the Committee appreciates her care and oversight of the staff and aged ladies residing in the Home. Miss Childs, Miss Wrench and Mrs. Spencer relieve with the nursing duties and with a cook and housemaid comprise the staff.

Many of the ladies are members of the Churches of Christ, but all enjoy the fellowship, and benefit from the Pendle Hill Church, which still continues to meet at Ashwood House. More Fellowships have visited Ashwood House this year and the Committee appreciates the interest in the Home and those residing there. The visiting Fellowships have held a devotional service or concert with the ladies and served afternoon tea. The Fairfield Fellowship's monthly visit is now considered part of the life at Ashwood House. The visitors to Federal Conference were welcomed at the Home.

Sincere thanks to all for the many gifts of fruit, vegetables, flowers, etc., which have been received. The Newcastle Sisters have again made a splendid gift. Epping and Hurstville sent groceries and fruit from Harvest Festivals; Crochet Rugs from Caringbah and Newcastle; Earlwood, a much appreciated Christmas Hamper and Marrickville and Tempe Sisters sent cash towards Christmas Cheer. Parramatta District Conference visited and served lunch to the ladies and staff, giving gifts to everyone. A Christmas Cake was also given. Belmore, Burwood, Chatswood, North Sydney and Wollongong Sisters sent Christmas Gifts to the ladies. Many ladies of Ashwood House attended the Enmore Christmas Party at the Boys' Home and gifts were given to all. The Pendle Hill Fellowship and Endeavourers are very thoughtful and generous to our ladies.

**Financial**—The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure shows receipts totalling £5,839/4/1. We have expressed gratitude for the donations totalling £171/17/6, to Miss M. McCauley £100, Anon. £50, F. Olsen £9/11/6, J. Robertson £5, Business Girls £4, Gift Box £2, and Various £1/6/-. Thanks to the collectors for this work of Women's Conference. Contributions for the year were £119/5/11. Belmore £22/5/6, Burwood £4/15/-. Chatswood £17, Lane Cove (Dup.) £5/10/-. Marrickville £9/13/5 and £2/2/- for Christmas Cheer, Mayfield Bible School £5, Mosman £3, Wiley Park £5/12/6 and Newcastle District Conference Jan. 1956, £17/18/- and Dec. 1956, £26/9/6.

The building of a Sullage Pit to collect the water from the Septic Tank was, and still is an expense. The installing of an Electric Hot Water System in toilet block, laundry and kitchen; a Rotary Hoist and concrete paths to clothes lines, have added to the comfort of staff and the aged ladies.

We are grateful to Mr. Y. M. Middleton for auditing the books and to Dr. A. Carter for attendance to the ladies in the Home. We trust this work and those entrusted with the care of Ashwood House will be blessed in the New Year.

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

**THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES**  
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December, 1956

RECEIPTS	
BALANCE ON HAND 31/12/55:	
General Fund	200 18 9
Petty Cash	3 0 0
N.S.W. Catering	27 11 9
C.T. Cleaning	20 15 1
Pendle Hill	20 0 0
Aborigines Living Link	48 0 0
Aborigines Special	6 12 0
H.M. Cardiff	104 0 0
H.M. Special	15 4 0
Overseas Living Link	208 0 0
Overseas Special	10 4 0
Overseas Milk	20 0 0
Overseas Travelling Expenses	67 0 0
Bible College	56 14 0
Y.P.D.	47 5 0
Social Services	37 16 0
Boys' Home	28 7 0
Jubilee Y.P.D.	290 8 2
Ashwood Bequest	100 0 0
	<b>1317 15 9</b>
RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31/12/56:	
Budget A/c—Distributed:	
Aborigines Living Link	48 0 0
H.M. Cardiff	103 5 0
Overseas Living Link	208 0 0
Overseas Milk	20 0 0
Overseas Travelling Expenses	10 0 0
Bible College	56 14 0
Y.P.D.	57 5 0
Social Service	45 16 0
Boys' Home	34 7 0
General Fund	154 12 1
Total 1956 Budget	749 19 1
Special Appeal for Federal Conference	303 9 10
Rec. Federal Conference	780 6 1
W.C.W.F. Affiliation	10 10 0
Aborigines Special	16 13 0
H.M. Cardiff	15 0 0
H.M. Special	14 18 0
Overseas Special	15 17 0
Overseas Pd. b/scales	60 15 0
Overseas Dripping	10 0 0
Y.P.D. Special	2 0 0

PAYMENTS	
Aborigines Living Link	48 0 0
Aborigines Special	13 0 0
H.M. Cardiff	104 0 0
H.M. Special	15 4 0
Overseas Living Link	208 0 0
Overseas Special	10 4 0
Overseas Milk	20 0 0
Overseas Travelling Expenses	67 0 0
Overseas Food Scales	60 15 0
Bible College	56 14 0
Y.P.D.	47 5 0
Social Service	37 16 0
Boys' Home	28 7 0
Pendle Hill Church	20 0 0
Conference Programme	5 17 6
Band of Hope	2 0 0
Temperance Alliance	4 2 0
C.T. Cleaning and Painting	36 0 0
N.S.W. Catering	84 17 5
Expenses Federal Conference	681 5 8
Crockery and Cutlery	82 8 3
W.C.W.F. Affiliation	6 15 0
	<b>1629 10 10</b>
GENERAL FUND:	
Stationery, postage	15 9 9
Duplicating	18 19 11
President Expenses	12 1 0
W.F.M. Expenses	30 0 3
Conference Expenses	42 7 1
Federal Affiliation	1 16 0
"Mess" and Buns	15 13 0
C.T. Rent	4 10 0
Country Rep. Ex.	7 10 0
Typewriter	45 0 0
Sundry Exs.	9 9 8
	<b>203 10 8</b>
From Gen. Fund to Y.P.D. Jubilee Fnd.	3 11 10
Petty Cash Advances: Rofey, Kav.	5 0 0
Hughes	
BALANCES ON HAND 31/12/56:	
General Fund	190 4 5
Petty Cash	3 0 0

Boys' Home Special	5 0 0
Conference Programmes sold	5 17 6
Band Hope/Temperance Alliance	7 3 0
Ashwood House	5 0 0
C.T. Cleaning	25 8 6
N.S.W. Catering	68 14 7
GENERAL FUND:	
Conference Day Collection	33 10 3
Conference Money Fund	4 10 0
W.F.M.	4 0 0
News Review	3 12 1
Bank Interest	9 8 9
	<b>2129 19 2</b>
Y.P.D. Jubilee Fund (Transf. from General Fund)	3 11 10
Ref. Petty Cash—Saxby, Kev., Bell	5 0 0
	<b>£3466 6 9</b>

Aborigines Living Link	48 0 0
Aborigines Special	10 5 0
H.M. Cardiff	104 0 0
H.M. Special	14 18 0
Overseas Living Link	208 0 0
Overseas Special	15 17 6
Overseas Milk	20 0 0
Overseas Travelling Expenses	10 0 0
Overseas Dripping	10 0 0
Bible College	68 14 0
Y.P.D.	59 5 9
Social Service	45 16 0
Boys' Home	39 7 0
Ashwood House	5 0 0
Temperance Alliance	1 1 0
C.T. Cleaning	20 3 7
N.S.W. Catering	11 8 11
Federal Conference Balance	326 2 0
W.C.W.F. Affiliation	3 15 0
Y.P.D. Jubilee	300 0 0
Ashwood Bequest	100 0 0
	<b>1614 7 5</b>
	<b>£3466 6 9</b>

L. HUGHES, Hon. Treasurer.  
I have examined the books and vouchers presented by Women's Conference for the year ending 31st December, 1956, and I certify that the above Statement is correct and is in accordance therewith.  
H. ROFE, Hon. Auditor.

**ASHWOOD HOUSE**  
Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December, 1956

RECEIPTS	
To Balance brought forward	1897 9 2
Receipts for the Year:	
Guests' Payments	5435 13 6
Churches and Duplex	119 5 11
Donations	171 17 6
Interest Australian Gas Light	11 18 9
Interest Commonwealth Bank	43 3 2
Church Pendle Hill Electricity	12 10 0
Telephone Box	6 15 3
Funeral Fund	35 0 0
Sale of Sundries	3 0 0
	<b>5830 4 1</b>
	<b>£7646 13 3</b>

PAYMENTS	
By House Maintenance	1272 9 5
Salaries	3154 18 0
Telephone	30 10 2
Insurance	34 7 9
Fuel	37 0 3
Electricity	212 19 3
Furniture and Equipment	280 4 10
Bank Charges and Sundry Exp.	17 2 8
Hot Water Service & Sullage Pit	672 17 7
Repairs and Draining	113 12 6
Architect's Fees	24 17 10
Sullage Removal	380 2 0
	<b>6231 3 3</b>
Balance carried forward	1415 10 0
	<b>£7646 13 3</b>

F. M. ASHWOOD, Hon. Treasurer.  
Y. M. MIDDLETON, Chartered Accountant (Aust.), Honorary Auditor.

## CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE REPORT

We acknowledge the help and guidance of God, our Heavenly Father, as again, during this year, we have striven to extend His Kingdom in this State. Where we have succeeded, we give to Him the credit and the glory; where we have failed, we humbly ask His forbearance. As we look forward to another year of service, we put our trust in Him, for with His aid, we know we can accomplish all things.

As we meet together in Conference, may we, at all times, remember we are about the King's business—so that ill-feeling will not intrude at any time, and self-aggrandisement will find no place in our deliberations. May love, and fellowship, and the desire to find a better and more perfect way of service, rule every session of every Conference meeting.

### (a) LOYALTY TO THE THRONE.

We express our continued loyalty to her gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. We pray that she may at all times seek and accept the guidance of her Heavenly Father and King. We are thankful for her faith in God, and for the leadership in spiritual matters she has given to her people. May she be richly blessed as she seeks to lead her people in paths of righteousness, in security and in peace.

### (b) THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee during the year has consisted of the following:—A. W. Stephenson (President); S. H. Laney (Past President); R. Greenhalgh (Vice-President); S. C. Woolley (Vice-President); E. F. Morris (Secretary); David Deall (Assistant Secretary); H. E. Bell (Treasurer); Mrs. R. H. Wakeley (Women's Conference); G. Brown (Home Missions); I. A. Paternoster (Overseas Missions); John Morris (Youth Department); E. Oswald (Aborigines Mission); J. W. Boswell (Bible College); G. E. Knight (Boys' Home).

### (c) APPRECIATION.

To Conference Committees, church secretaries, treasurers, auditors, and to all the many people who help to make Conference a success, we say thank you. For their help in the catering sphere on a number of occasions, including Federal Conference, we thank Mrs. Milne and her band of workers. For their ready co-operation in making their building available for Conference and other brotherhood meetings, we thank the officers and members of Enmore church. For their willingness to help at all times, sometimes at very short notice, we are grateful to Messrs. Gowans and Giltrow, Printers.

### (d) OBITUARY.

During this year, many of our faithful members have laid down their earthly burdens and have gone to be with their Heavenly Father. Whilst it is not possible to list the names of all, mention is made of four who for very many years, have made outstanding contributions to the activities of Conference committees and to brotherhood work; Dr. C. A. Verco, and Messrs. E. C. Hinrichsen, J. L. Stimson and Ethelbert Davis. We thank God for the faithful service rendered by these, and by the many others who have witnessed so faithfully for their Master.

To their loved ones we extend our sympathy and pray that they may find comfort and strength from God, the Comforter.

### (e) STATISTICAL.

Church reports reveal that there has been an overall increase in membership of 174 during the year ended 31/12/56. There have been 467 received into membership through faith and baptism.

Total membership throughout the State at 31/12/56, was reported as 6,090.

Further statistical details will be found in the Statistical Register.

### (f) CITY TEMPLE PROPERTY.

Certain renovations to the property were effected during the year, some of a major, some of a minor character. The front outside and practically the whole of the interior were painted at a total cost of £310. It is very many years since the property was painted and to leave it any longer would have been unwise. The transformation is marked, and is appreciated by all who use the building. The school room was painted by the City Temple Brotherhood Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour. The men's conveniences have been renovated with the assistance of College student, David Creeper, and the yard has been tidied up. All these renovations cost a great deal of money but more work of an urgent nature is needed to keep the building in even a minimum state of conservation. We appreciate a gift of £200 from City Temple church to enable the painting to be done. Without this, the work would not have been possible. This year we decided to use every penny of our annual offering for the City Temple fund, but the result of the appeal was most disappointing. It is obvious that members generally are either not sympathetic in holding the Temple for brotherhood purposes, or they are apathetic. Whatever the reason, it becomes almost impossible to preserve our asset and repay our debts in connection with the building with the small income we are receiving. Unless the position improves quickly, some thought will need to be given as to whether it is advisable to retain the building.

As well as being used extensively for brotherhood activities, the City Temple is used by the Chinese brethren for worship each Sunday morning, and the Slavic Church plans to hold a meeting each Sunday afternoon.

### (g) CANBERRA APPEAL.

Since the Canberra Appeal was inaugurated and quotas established for each church, 30 churches have met their full quotas amounting to a total of £1025. Twenty-one other churches have contributed a total amount of £548 making a grand total given of £1573. We have paid back to the Campbell Edwards Trust an amount of £1311 including interest £111. We have yet to pay £800 plus interest, so that we still need to raise about £600 in the next two years. Unless some of the churches who have already given their quota amounts come to our aid, it is difficult to see how we can honour our obligations, since 12 churches have either intimated that they are unable to help, or have not replied to the letters we have sent.

Coupled with this, it was decided at last Federal Conference to proceed with the final stage of the building programme; so it is likely, we as a State, will be asked to contribute a further sum in the near future.

If you have not already helped to your full extent, won't you assist in this most worthy work; for Mr. G. R. Stirling is making a great impact in the name of Christ in the Federal City and the church and school there are suffering acutely from "growing pains".

### (h) BROADCASTING.

Representatives of Churches of Christ on 2CH have been Messrs. Ira A. Paternoster, J. G. Shaw and P. E. Thomas. During the year, the usual Sunday services have been broadcast and Devotional Periods taken by our preachers. The Conference Sermon was broadcast, and Church Work Sessions have been taken. Financial support has been given 2CH and other stations where our message has been given.

Once again we stress the necessity of making the services broadcast on Sundays as helpful as possible, especially seeking to avoid periods of silence during the Communion Service.

During Federal Conference, arrangements were made to broadcast a morning service over the National Station 2BL, and the evening service over 2CH.

(i) **FEDERAL CONFERENCE.**

The Conference held in Sydney from 4th to 11th October was voted by all to have been most successful. Over 900 delegates registered, the largest number ever recorded. Special thanks must be accorded the Sydney Sisters for their catering arrangements and the floral displays. The local committee, under the leadership of the Federal President, Mr. I. A. Paternoster, carried out most efficiently arrangements for accommodation, halls, outings, music and general administration, as well as all the other numerous details that needed attention.

The Fraternal Delegate from the American churches, Mr. Ira A. Paternoster Jnr., made a splendid contribution to the spirit of the Conference.

The next Conference will be held in Adelaide in 1958, and Mr. Albert Anderson was elected President; Mr. A. W. Stephenson is Vice-President for this State.

(j) **COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.**

The Council of Churches has been very active during the year. A strong protest was made to the N.S.W. Government for its action in legalising gambling machines in Clubs.

The Council has also made a strong protest against the Commonwealth Government's action in granting State aid to denominational schools.

All churches were invited to join in presenting a petition to both Houses of Parliament.

Mr. J. W. E. Lewis of Beverly Hills, has played an active part in the Council. The Conference President, Mr. A. W. Stephenson, was elected President of the Council.

By united action, the Churches are able to make the Christian viewpoint clear when public questions are raised.

The Council is also responsible for the Religious Broadcasts over station 2CH.

(k) **"CHRISTIAN MESSENGER".**

At last Conference, it was decided to "ask the Conference Executive to consider the creation of a Christian Messenger Management Committee to become a sub-committee of Conference." We first obtained the consent of the four committees at present having oversight of the paper for the Executive to assume control. We then went into the matter fully, studying the present management of the paper. As a result of its findings, the Executive recommends:—

"that a Christian Messenger Management Committee be appointed by the Conference Executive, as a sub-committee of the Executive, comprising Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, together with a representative from each of the Home Missionary Department Overseas Missions Committee, Youth Department and Social Service Committee; the Editor to be a member ex-officio."

(l) **PROPERTY TRUST ACT.**

At last Conference, your Executive was directed to take into consideration the alteration of the Property Trust Act so as to prevent church property being lost to the brotherhood without permission of Conference.

The relative clauses in the Victorian Act were studied and the Property Trust was asked to go into the matter fully and furnish a report and recommendation. As a result of this comprehensive report, the Trust's solicitors have been asked to examine the present Act with a view to implementing the following suggestion—"an amendment to be sought to the Act, altering the definition of Church of Christ to include only churches affiliated with Conference." The present Act allows land and buildings to be used for the worship of God by members for the time being of the Church of Christ according to the faith and doctrine of the Churches of Christ.

It is emphasised that any alteration to the present Act, would not even be considered by the Government unless every church consented to the alteration. Further action will be taken in the light of advice received from the Trust's solicitors.

(m) **SOUTH GRANVILLE PROPERTY.**

In April, 1956, efforts to obtain re-possession of the building at South Granville reached a successful conclusion. With the aid of a loan of £150 from Chapel Extension Committee, the building has been thoroughly renovated by voluntary labour, and on Saturday, 24th November last, the building re-opened for services under the leadership for the time being of Mr. C. Thomson.

The church has appointed its own board of officers but final authority for the present is vested in the Conference Executive through the Home Missionary Committee.

(n) **CHAPLAINCY.**

At the commencement of the year Brethren W. J. Crossman, E.D., and D. Wakeley, M.M., were appointed as our representatives on the United Board of Chaplains, N.S.W.

Matters affecting the Chaplaincy Board have been purely routine during the year.

Chaplain Balf. Cavill has concluded his appointment. So far there has been no other appointment made in his place, and there are only two Full Time Duty Chaplains from New South Wales in the Military Forces—these are Chaplain David Mack in Malaya (Congregational) and Chaplain Keith Redman at Wagga (Baptist).

Should another vacancy occur, it could well be filled by one of our brethren. We are able to have any number of Chaplains on the list (Reserve of Officers) in readiness for posting should a vacancy occur.

Chaplain G. J. Crossman continues to serve with the R.A.A.F. at Laverton, Victoria. This is the largest Air Force Station in the Commonwealth and he is the only Protestant Chaplain in residence. Apart from regular Church Parades on week days, Sundays morning and evening services are held. In order to meet the needs of children at the married quarters there is a Bible School with an average attendance of more than 80 boys and girls. Religious instruction is also given in day schools.

The response to the Army Chapels Appeal generally has been so far disappointing.

An outstanding piece of work both with the Army and Air Force has been the Moral Leadership School. A great impact was made on every student.

We have a tremendous chance to get at the young fellows in camps with a team of Padres who are keenly on the job.

An appeal is made to younger preachers to seriously consider making an application for a Commission on the Reserve of Officers, which would mean they would have to be willing to do Full Time Duty if required.

(o) **INVESTIGATION OF MEMBERSHIP LOSSES AND LACK OF PROGRESS.**

A Committee, comprising the following has been appointed to carry out the direction of Conference, 1956, to investigate the causes of losses in membership and lack of progress generally—Messrs R. Greenhalgh, R. Bartholomew, M. McArthur, C. Bowser, S. Laney, D. Wakeley, Ira Torode, E. W. Roffey, L. C. Yelds, K. Patterson.

The Committee has commenced to function but as the task allocated to it is wide and far-reaching, quite a deal of research is required before any concrete and constructional findings can be formulated and presented. Consequently the work of the Committee will continue in the new Conference year and suggestions and recommendations will be presented to the following Conference.

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES — CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE**  
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for year ended 31st December, 1956

**GENERAL FUND**

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Conference Fees	96 0 0	Conference Expenses	261 11 6
Offerings per Duplex	371 4 0	Printing, stationery, fares, advertising	132 13 5
Sale of Conference Programmes	47 12 0	Printing and distribution—speakers' plans	32 12 0
Churches contribution—cost of duplex envelopes	18 0 0	Printing and distribution—duplex envelopes	245 17 4
Churches contribution—cost of speakers' plans	80 15 0	Preachers' Provident Fund—Conference offering	27 13 6
Committees' contributions—cost of duplex envelopes	168 17 6	Federal Conference Committee—funds collected	70 0 0
Committees' contributions—conference expenses	134 11 6	Expenses of Reception, Federal Conference	51 10 3
Churches' contributions—conference expenses	79 0 6	Secretary's phone and honorarium (1955)	20 12 8
Churches' contributions—Federal Conference expenses	10 10 0	Federal Conference affiliation fee	30 0 0
Refund expenses—sub-committee	27 13 6	World Council of Churches—affiliation fees 1955 and 1956	42 0 0
Conference offering	5 7	Messenger management contribution	8 0 0
Sundries	18 13 6	Advisory Board expenses	10 15 0
Contra—other committees		Executives contribution City Temple expenses	38 6 8
		Executives contribution Duplex envelopes	16 17 9
Balance brought forward	409 9 5	Music for Conference Choir	10 13 8
		Sundries	23 1 10
		Contra other committees	18 13 6
			1050 6 1
		Credit balance carried forward	412 18 11
			£1463 5 0
	£1463 5 0		

**CANBERRA APPEAL**

Contributions from Churches	352 3 7	Campbell Edwards Trust	418 7 0
Balance brought forward	327 10 6	Credit Balance carried forward	261 13 1
	£680 0 1		£680 0 1

N.B. Balance still owing to Campbell Edwards Trust in respect of this appeal is £800.

**BROADCASTING FUND**

Offerings per duplex	253 3 10	Contribution to Duplex envelopes	16 17 9
Balance brought forward	364 16 7	N.S.W. Council of Churches	50 0 0
		Christian Broadcasting Association	15 0
		Home Mission Dept. re 2KA	52 0 0
		Dubbo Bible School	6 0 0
			125 12 9
		Credit balance carried forward	492 7 8
	£618 0 5		£618 0 5

**CITY TEMPLE PROPERTY**

Rent	248 7 6	Repayment of loans	154 0 0
Cleaning Office	19 10 0	Cleaning offices	26 0 0
Cleaning chapel	91 0 0	Cleaning chapel	96 2 0
Brotherhood 'phone	99 17 9	Brotherhood 'phone	102 6 1
Donations	91 14 0	Water, Gas, Electricity, etc.	97 18 2
Donations towards painting	213 15 0	Renovations and painting	395 15 4
Annual offering	198 16 7	Printing and distribution, Annual offering	30 17 8
		Insurances	13 17 8
Debit balance carried forward	963 0 10	Sundries	7 2 10
	£553 11 10	Balance brought forward	592 13 1
	£1516 12 8		£1516 12 8

N.B. On this account loans totalling £845/10/- are owing in addition to the above debit balance.

**SOUTH GRANVILLE FUND**

Chapel Extension Committee Loan	150 0 0	Timber, paints, etc.	145 9 3
Donations	16 0 0	Insurance	5 18 10
Refund insurance premium	1 2 2	Properties Trust fee	5 0
		Credit balance carried forward	151 13 1
	£167 2 2		£167 2 2

N.B. A loan of £150 is owing to Chapel Extension Committee on this account.

**BELROSE CHAPEL FUND**

Contributions by Churches	£41 6 3	Credit Balance carried forward	£41 6 3
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**HOLDSWORTHY CHAPEL FUND**

Contributions by Churches	£78 11 3	Credit Balance carried forward	£78 11 3
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I have examined the books and vouchers of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales Conference Executive and certify the foregoing statements to be correct.  
E. L. RUGENDYKE, Hon. Auditor.

H. E. BELL, Hon. Treasurer.

(p) **HALF-YEARLY CONFERENCE.**

Because Federal Conference was held in Sydney in October, 1956, no Half-Yearly Conference was arranged.

(q) **FINANCIAL.**

Our sincere thanks are extended both to treasurers of Committees and Churches for their attention to special appeals which have been made during the year and also for their prompt remittance of offerings and attention to accounts.

The annual offering this year has been wholly applied towards the "Temple" fund, but, unfortunately, the response was less than we had hoped to receive, in view of the heavy expenditure incurred in painting and other renovations. It will be noted that the total liability on the City Temple Property is now £1,399/1/10.

It will also be noted that the liability of the Executive Committee in respect of the Canberra appeal, after allowing for funds in hand, is £538/6/11 and this does not make provision for any further funds that may be needed following the resolution passed in this connection at the last Federal Conference.

Together these total nearly £2,000. Please keep in mind our need in this connection.

An opportunity arose during the year to recommence the work at South Granville and the Executive was able to arrange the finance necessary for the renovation of the church property there. The liability in this connection is accepted by that church, but if any of the brethren wished to help, it would be appreciated.

A. W. STEPHENSON, President.  
H. E. BELL, Treasurer.  
E. F. MORRIS, Secretary.

**ADDENDUM**

The Executive desires to place on record its appreciation and thanks to the Conference President, Brother A. W. Stephenson.

During his Presidential term of two years he has represented the Brotherhood at home and abroad in a very able and efficient manner.

Following the World Convention at Toronto, he visited the Churches in the United States of America and also in England, where his visits were greatly appreciated.

During the last year he has ably represented us on the Council of Churches, where he served a period as President.

R. GREENHALGH, Vice-President.  
S. C. WOOLLEY, Vice-President.

**CHRISTIAN MESSENGER REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1956

The committee of management has much pleasure in recording this summary of its activities during the year. The paper has been published regularly for each month, thanks to the service of the Editor, Bro. A. B. Clark. We trust that the news of brotherhood and conference committee work, as well as the different articles have been helpful to all our readers.

We place on record appreciation of the service of our printers, Messrs. Gowans and Giltrow, who have helped us in so many ways and also our Church Agents for their loyalty in distribution of the paper and collection of subscriptions.

The Revenue Account and Balance Sheet are attached to show our financial situation.

For the Committee,  
JOHN MORRIS, Chairman.  
ERIC G. HORSEY, Secretary.

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST MESSENGER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
Revenue Account for period 1st January, 1956 to 31st December, 1956

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Printing	399 0 0	SUBSCRIPTIONS—	
Postage	24 0 0	Churches	191 9 6
Blocks	18 16 0	Personal	36 6 6
Conference Expenses	3 8 9	Committees	180 16 0
Stamps	11 5 0		408 12 0
Wrappers	12 10 0	ADVERTISING—	
Bank Fees, Exchange	3 16 0	Children's Home	21 0 0
Sundries	10 0 0	Sundries	28 13 0
Subscription Adjustment	473 5 9	Blocks	49 13 0
	3 0 0	Deficit for year	15 10 0
	£476 5 9		2 10 9
			£476 5 9

Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1956

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
CASH IN ADVANCE:		SUNDRY DEBTORS:	
Churches	12 16 0	Churches	34 18 0
Personal	8 4 3	Personal	10 17 11
Advertising	1 2 6	Blocks	4 5 0
Accumulated Funds as at 1/1/56	120 8 9	Advertising	5 11 0
Less Deficit for year	2 10 9	Cash at Bank	93 8 10
	126 18 0		£149 0 9
	£149 0 9		45 15 11

G. F. 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.  
15th February, 1957.  
W. K. HUNTER, Auditor.

## ABORIGINES MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

For every evidence of the love of God, they have been many and varied; for the knowledge that He has stood firmly by the promises of the Scriptures in answering our prayers and relieving our needs; for the inborn grace, which can only come through our Saviour Jesus Christ, to believe that "Our God IS Able" we are deeply indebted and return thanks to our Heavenly Father for blessings showered upon us in the year now ended.

### NORSEMAN AND CARNARVON MISSIONS, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Few changes have occurred in personnel since the last report to Conference and at 31st December, 1956 the total staff of these two stations was represented by 9 married couples, 11 single workers on the permanent staff and 2 temporary assistants making an overall total of 31, under the supervision of Mr. A. J. Griffiths at Norseman and Mr. D. G. Hammer at Carnarvon. It is with a certain amount of pride we report that workers representing this State on both stations are doing exceptionally fine work.

### CHILDREN.

Because of our strong conviction that the 'boy of today is the man of tomorrow' these two stations in West Australia have been and will continue to be essentially children's works and at the date of this report there are 184 children ranging from ages of merely a few days to 16 years.

These children are very dear to us and we are sorry that lack of accommodation together with lack of staff prevents us from taking in more. We are informed that if it were possible to take them in there are applications for almost another 100 children.

In the past year the usual crop of children's complaints has been harvested, our missions are no exceptions, but we rejoice in the fact that very little sickness prevails at the moment. We are glad to report that a very contagious and painful skin disease which was brought into Carnarvon by one of the newer children coming from the far North and necessitating the sending of some of the staff and children to Perth for treatment has now been thoroughly stamped out.

For those people and groups who "adopted" a child under the "adoption scheme" and have not been kept up to date with photographs and general history we desire that your support does not slacken and soon we trust, with arrangements in hand, this should be rectified.

### SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES.

The children always receive daily instruction in Spiritual affairs commencing at a very early age and are encouraged to take active part whenever the opportunity is presented. The effectiveness of this work was demonstrated during the early part of this Conference year when at a C.E. Convention held at Carnarvon Mission 26 children made the good confession, most of them putting on the Lord in baptism. Quite a goodly number at Norseman have also made their stand and been baptised.

### EDUCATIONAL.

For over two years our Norseman children have been attending school in the town of Norseman at the State School and have more than held their own against all comers. In February, 1956, because of lack of accommodation and teachers for the two top classes at Carnarvon a 'bus was purchased and subsidised by the Dept. of Education, for the purpose of conveying these children to the town to attend Carnarvon State School. This arrangement has proven very satisfactory and most beneficial, resulting in the fact that some of our mission children are

not only leaders and captains of Primary School but Prefects of their respective High Schools in Perth. We pray the Lord will keep us humble that while these successes continue we will not fail to see His hand in the work.

### BUILDINGS.

Generally the position with accommodation is not all that could be desired—there are several things to be completed but always there seems to be a dearth of capable tradesmen or jobbers and building drives are always fully taken up on new buildings.

The West Australian Government has been most helpful in our building drives in recent years for which we are truly thankful, but Federal Board has already been appraised of the extreme shortage of Government Funds this year for any Grants in Aid.

### GENERAL.

For 2 winters, and this is the second summer, there has not been any worthwhile rain in the area which supplies the Gascoyne River that flows through Carnarvon with the result that this mission for almost the whole year has been struggling to get sufficient water from the practically dry river bed to cover essential requirements. Information has been received that this position has been relieved somewhat by the installation of a new petrol driven pump over a bore well deeper in the river, all of which is the direct answer to prayer and for which we give God the glory.

Norseman seems to be much more favourably placed in regard to water and in the past year it has been found possible to completely install throughout the mission a septic tank system and drainage scheme which is proving very satisfactory.

### FITZROY AND MOOROOPNA, VICTORIA.

Latest information indicates that the new church building being erected for the Mooroopna folk is almost complete and should soon be ready for service. This work is being supervised by the Shepparton church while the Fitzroy work comes under the ministry of Bro. Doug. Nicholls.

### OUR WORK IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

For quite a number of years the question has been asked over and over again, "What are our missionaries doing?" and "When are we going to start something worthwhile in this State?" Two centres which have been virtually thrust upon us during this last year because of very severe floods are:—

1. Gilgandra;
2. Cubawee, near Lismore.

### GILGANDRA.

It was found subsequent to very disastrous floods late 1955 and early 1956 a group of approximately 20 families of aborigine people had been completely washed out of their settlement at Gilgandra losing all their possessions and shelters. These people through their leader, generally known as Pastor Naden, claim fellowship with the Church of Christ and our local brethren seeing the need took appropriate action. Local Government bodies cared for the immediate material need in supplying shelters and clothing, beds, etc., and granted approval to these folk to occupy, in a temporary nature, a pine forest adjacent to the township, but the church being interested in the deeper things sought to have these people housed collectively on a permanent site. Ultimately a property comprised of approximately 17 acres was acquired at Balladoran, 10 miles south of Gilgandra, and from funds available for this type of work the Social Service Committee was able to help very considerably. The whole of this property has been subdivided into smaller building blocks which will be occupied by these dark people, but



only when they erect a satisfactory home in accordance with a definite plan on their selected subdivision.

Already £700 has been spent to make sure that water is available on the site—a bore was sunk to 240 feet, cased with 6 inch galvanised pipe and an electric pump installed to pump the water into a 2,000 gallon overhead tank. When the people begin to properly settle the site it is intended to complete a water reticulation scheme to supply all of the cottages.

To date 11 families have transferred from Gilgandra to our Settlement and there are now 30 children of school age belonging to these families, to be catered for.

Much credit is due to our Gilgandra Church for the prompt and very efficient manner in which they have supervised this project.

#### LISMORE.

This work can be likened more or less to Mooropna, Vic., inasmuch as it covers, so far as we are concerned, purely an adult work in a spiritual sense. The folk at this centre are already established on a Native Reserve at Cubawee and through the years have claimed membership with the Churches of Christ. As a consequence the Lismore Church has been called upon to assist by satisfactorily organising these people into a church group under the leadership of their own pastor, Mr. Frank Roberts Senr., who in turn is guided by the Minister of Lismore church, Mr. A. C. Caldicott.

Approximately 1,000 natives are spread over a large area in the Richmond River district, all of whom look, to a degree, to Mr. Frank Roberts for spiritual guidance and while the way is not clear immediately to undertake this work as a full missionary venture the time is ripe that we should take full advantage of the position offering.

#### FUTURE NEEDS.

There is still an urgent need in relation to our established works in West Australia in that further qualified staff is required for both Norseman and Carnarvon. This, in turn must be appreciated in terms of accommodation, additional dormitory commitments, as well as staff dwellings, furniture and furnishings. To express these needs in hard currency would be rather difficult, but to suggest that the requirements of 1957 will be approximately double the receipts for 1956 would be limiting the work of the Lord to our own horizons. For instance, at both Norseman and Carnarvon Missions the provision of additional accommodation has almost reached the essential stage while maintenance to existing buildings is urgent. In addition, both stations need a man solely and exclusively on outside work.

Two great needs, both closely related to our children's work, are a building to which the older boys and girls who have previously passed through our missions can "come home" sometimes for social fellowship and spiritual shepherding as well as providing somewhere they can stay for short periods. It has been suggested that a holiday home or hostel equipped for accommodating large numbers of children be obtained at Perth where young people might enjoy the privilege of a holiday in the City and near the seaside.

The needs in relation to our interests at Balladoran and Lismore are really "somewhat in the future" in the respect that when building begins there will be a need at Balladoran for a formed metal road the full length of the property, an approach road from the Council road to the Settlement and a water reticulation scheme. At Lismore the brotherhood could be called upon at any time in the approaching Conference year to purchase a block of land for the purpose of erecting a building and soundly establishing the native church at Cubawee and Richmond River district.

#### FINANCES.

In the past year of activity finances have varied, sometimes sufficient, sometimes the other way and under the latter circumstances Federal Board depend upon arrangements with their Bank to tide them over the difficult period. Again in the year coming to a close it can be truly said that the West Australian Government is the best supporter of our aborigine work and while this Government is generous to the extreme the Brotherhood must produce at least half the cost of every project before subsidies become available. It is, therefore, clear that there cannot afford to be any slackening of support from the Brotherhood and the churches.

#### THANKS.

Committee takes the opportunity, on behalf of Federal Board and the missionaries, of conveying a very deep, heart warming thank you to the Brotherhood of New South Wales for the splendid effort in giving of both cash and kind thus enabling many packages of clothing, stationery, medical supplies, toys and etc., to be forwarded from this State to our two stations in West Australia.

J. G. SHAW, Chairman.

E. E. OSWALD, Secretary.

G. E. KNIGHT, Treasurer.

### ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

The Advisory Board has met regularly month by month, throughout the year to consider and then advise on the various matters that have come before it. It has thus been able to help several churches needing preachers and a number of preachers desiring a change in field of service. Much more might have been done in this connection had all churches and preachers, in time of such need, availed themselves of the offices of the Board.

Because it became apparent to the Board that there is a general lack of knowledge as to what steps were needed to be taken by churches needing preachers, and preachers desiring a change of field, the Board sent to every church secretary, preacher and college student in the State, a copy of the Federal pamphlet "The Service of Advisory Boards to Ministers and Churches", a statement approved by the Advisory Boards of the various States of the Commonwealth. It is hoped that all recipients will make themselves acquainted with the matters that are set forth, so that the work of bringing suitable men and churches together may be greatly facilitated in the future.

At last Conference, the late Dr. C. A. Verco, who had served on the Board for a long number of years, being its secretary for a very considerable period, and then later its chairman, was elected to serve again this year. But before the first meeting of the Board was held, he was called to "higher service". The Advisory Board would therefore now place on record the outstanding service of Dr. Verco rendered for the past 21 years to the Board, and through it, to the Brotherhood in N.S.W.

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Verco, Bro. A. Graham of Chatswood was invited to join the Board, which position he accepted. Those who served on the Board throughout the year are—S. H. Laney (Chairman); A. Graham; R. Greenhalgh; J. Henderson; I. A. Paternoster; A. W. Stephenson (Conference President and College Principal); D. Wakeley and P. E. Thomas (Secretary).

S. H. LANEY, Chairman.

P. E. THOMAS, Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES CHURCHES OF CHRIST ABORIGINES' COMMITTEE

Statement of Receipts and Payments year ending 31st December, 1956

RECEIPTS

General Fund .....	105 16 6
Annual Offering .....	418 6 2
Duplex Offering .....	695 19 7
Child Support .....	120 14 4
C.E. Societies and Bible Schools .....	21 12 1
Living Link .....	48 0 0
Carnarvon Equipment Fund .....	5 0 0
Norseman Equipment Fund .....	5 0 0
Special Gifts .....	57 19 8
Gilgandra .....	5 0 0
Balance Brought Forward 1955 .....	1483 8 4
	310 16 9
	<b>£1794 5 1</b>

PAYMENTS

Shipping Charges .....	51 0 0
Conference Executive .....	37 4 0
Federal Aborigines' Board .....	1200 0 0
Messenger .....	23 10 0
Living Link .....	48 0 0
Cases and Cartage .....	4 15 0
Postage and Stationery .....	4 0 0
Sundries .....	13 0 3
Machines and Goods .....	160 1 6
Cubawee .....	96 0 0
Donations to Missions .....	16 0 0
	1653 10 9
	140 14 4
	<b>£1794 5 1</b>

G. E. KNIGHT, Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.  
T. W. DUNNE, F.I.C.

SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

As we again present this, our Annual Report, we give thanks to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father that through His guidance we can report another year of progress and blessing in this part of the Master's Service.

We appreciate too, the prayers and practical support of many of our sisters and brethren and others which has encouraged us to launch out and extend our activities on behalf of the unfortunate and needy.

There are still growing demands on our time, talents and resources, but under His guidance and with your sympathetic understanding and co-operation, we will endeavour to carry out whatsoever He may require of us.

COMMITTEE

The following brethren served on the Committee:—B. F. Bradshaw (Chairman), W. E. Crawford (Vice-Chairman), W. C. Roffey (Organiser), J. V. Ellerby (Associate Sec.), A. Cross (Treasurer), C. A. Baker, V. Dallinger, D. Gowans, H. C. Gowans (Temperance Alliance), J. Gowans, A. C. Thurrowgood, L. C. Yelds (Public Questions), C. T. Garrett (C.F.A. Rep.).

HOMES FOR AGED CHRISTIANS

Following on the policy of seeking to provide relief for any of our aged members needing accommodation in secure and Christian surroundings in their declining years, we thank God that two beautiful pairs of cottages have been completed and the occupants happy and contented. Now the third, as planned and adopted in last report is being erected, and we trust that, with your continued support, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that the next section of flats for single occupants, aged and others, together with Community Centre will soon be a reality. This is an urgent necessity. If desired, these could be built as a memorial by anyone willing to meet or share the cost. The Federal Government grant of £1 for £1 is still available and all gifts are tax rebatable. Already we have received £5,580 from the Government and have been commended for our service to the aged and promised their continuing support.

We appreciate very much the action of our sister Mrs. Bingley of the Hornsby Church, who has been a regular supporter of all brotherhood activities, and who now has made over her home and property at 269 Pacific Highway as a deed of gift to assist us to provide and care for other needy aged folk or pensioners.

DEPOT WORK

We continue to attend to many needy cases brought to our notice and in the distribution of food, clothing, bedding and other necessary items.

An increasing volume of work is falling upon us in co-operating with preachers and officers of various churches in cases referred to us by them. The assistance sought in many of these matters is more than local churches could meet. In a number of cases referred to us we have been able to ascertain that some moving interstate have attempted to impose on local church members. However records in our possession in this office in co-operation with other States have enabled us to prevent attempted impositions.

Limitations of space make it increasingly difficult day by day as reported at last conference, to do or attempt to carry out the most effective service needed. Office conditions are very unsuitable and we need the extra financial support for more full-time assistance in the diverse activities of this Committee.

We continue to be of service in finding employment and arranging accommodation when needed. Visitation of gaols, hospitals and other institutions is also one of our functions. We seek to emphasise the fact in all cases that no adequate solution can be found to the problems of life which ignores the spiritual issues of life, and so point to Christ Jesus as the all-sufficient Saviour.

The help of our Sisters' Committee is much appreciated and especially would we thank our Sister Mrs. Watson of the Marrickville Church for the extra and efficient service she has rendered.

#### FLOOD RELIEF

From the undistributed funds on hand after establishing the homeless aborigines on the land purchased at Balladoran, a further amount was made available to ensure an adequate water supply. Other amounts were made available to the Lismore, Murwillumbah and Carramar churches in the lesser flood damage in those centres. Hearing of the distress of a number of our brethren and the great damage sustained in South Australia, an amount of four hundred and fifty pounds was sent as a practical expression of our brotherly compassion.

#### RAG APPEAL

There is growing interest in our rag appeal as our members realise the great additional source of revenue this could be to us to maintain our many essential services to the brotherhood. The amount received during 1956 only amounts to two hundred and forty seven pounds, but we feel that during this coming year this will be greatly exceeded.

#### CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION

We appreciate the interest and co-operation by many of our agents in the various churches who are loyally carrying out their duties and also assisting to enrol new subscribers. The fund continues to be a great source of help to many in need, and assistance to our Homes Committee at times when needed to meet the amount to secure the Government grant of £1 for £1 to complete some further extension of our project for the aged. This is, of course, a temporary measure when there is a sufficient accumulation in reserve that is not immediately required to meet cases of distress. All these homes become self-supporting and C.F.A. monies are quite secure.

Again we thank you one and all who have assisted in any way to carry on this part of our Christian ministry for others. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated, and we trust that with a continuance of this, and with God's blessing, the work will continue to advance for the good of others and the glory of His Name.

B. F. BRADSHAW, Chairman.  
A. CROSS, Treasurer.  
WILL C. ROFFEY, Organising Secretary.

#### CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for year ended 31st December, 1956

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Members' Contributions	714 8 8	Loans Issued	1285 11 0
Donations	108 6 0	Relief granted	40 0 0
Sales of Diaries and Badges	92 16 0	Salaries and Allowances	260 0 0
Loan Repayments	591 19 2	Printing	44 2 9
Interest and Dividends	32 3 11	Postage, Phone Trav. Exes.	35 12 0
Social Service Committee (contra)	950 0 0	Victorian Social Service	99 13 3
		Homes A/c. (10% transfer)	74 11 3
Balance brought forward 1/1/57	2489 13 9	Homes A/c. (raised to 1945)	225 10 2
	1336 15 7	Homes A/c. (late Sylvia Butler bequest)	100 0 0
		Sundries	11 11 6
		Social Service Committee	950 0 0
		Balance carried forward 31/12/56	3126 11 11
			699 17 5
			£3826 9 4

#### ASSETS OF THE ASSOCIATION as at 31st Dec., 1956

Cash at Bank	699 17 5
Loan Debtors	3647 8 7
Sundry Debtors (Diaries)	44 3 6
Badges on hand	4 18 6
Commonwealth Bond	110 0 0
Shares Norco Co-op.	125 0 0
	£4631 8 0

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Christian Fellowship Association for the year ended 31st December, 1956 and hereby certify that the foregoing statements properly set out the position disclosed thereby.  
9th February, 1957.

W. C. ROFFEY, Treasurer.  
W. K. HUNTER, Auditor.

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES—SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
**Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1956**  
**AGED COUPLES HOMES' FUND**

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Matron's Allowance	246 13 4	Dept. of Social Services—Grants for Pendle Hill Buildings	2590 0 0
Provisions	110 1 2	Fees—Thirroul	521 4 0
Wages	194 17 0	Sundry Gifts, Donations, etc.	2356 9 5
Electricity	62 19 9	Donation from Christian Fellowship Association	100 0 0
Less: Refunds	38 10 0	Interest—Bank of New South Wales	2 14 6
	24 9 9	Sundry Income	14 11 1
Repairs	25 2 0	Transfer from General Funds	382 10 4
Sundry Expenses	2 10 8	Transfer from Christian Fellowship Assoc. Funds	300 1 5
Water Rates—Thirroul	26 0 10		
Printing and Stationery	22 10 0		
Telephone	17 6 11		
Insurance	18 10 0		
Postages	2 0 0		
Travelling Expenses	5 14 0		
Office Assistance	6 0 0		
Projector	13 5 0		
Sundry Expenses—Pendle Hill:			
Linoleum	20 13 10		
Fencing	10 5 0		
Venetian Blinds	52 17 6		
Casual Labour	10 12 0		
Clearing Property	5 0 0		
	90 8 4		
	921 9 0		
Balance, being excess of income over expenditure, transferred to Aged Couples' Homes Fund	6336 1 9		
	£7257 10 9		£7257 10 9

**FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL**

Balladoran Property for Aborigines	500 0 0	Contributions from Churches and Individuals	113 17 0
RELIEF PAYMENTS—		Balance, being excess of expenditure over income transferred to Flood Relief Fund	1216 18 0
Carramar Church	20 0 0		
Murwillumbah Church	50 0 0		
Lismore Church	100 0 0		
Gilgandra Church	200 0 0		
South Aust. Social Services	450 0 0		
Various Individuals	10 15 0		
	830 15 0		
	£1330 15 0		£1330 15 0

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES—SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
**Income and Expenditure Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1956**  
**GENERAL FUND**

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES—		Duplex Envelope Offerings	535 4 7
Audit Fees	11 11 0	Annual Offerings	349 5 3
Cleaning	12 7 0	State Social Welfare Department	125 0 0
Freight and Cartage	5 14 8	Sale of Rags	247 6 0
Insurance	2 14 2	Donations	160 5 4
Office Assistance	51 0 0	Interest—Bank of New South Wales	27 8 8
Postages	12 13 8	Insurance Refund	3 9 4
Printing and Stationery	28 8 2	Sundry Income	2 12 10
Rent	45 10 0	Balance being excess of expenditure over income transferred to Accumulated Funds	37 4 2
Repairs and Maintenance	9 18 8		
Sundry Expenses	8 7 9		
Telephones and Telegrams	41 4 5		
Travelling Expenses	49 5 5		
	278 15 0		
Secretary's Allowance	490 0 0		
Envelopes for duplex & annual offerings	39 15 9		
"Christian Messenger" Contributions	30 0 0		
Conference Expenses	52 8 10		
Slides and Viewer	10 0 2		
Subscription—N.S.W. Council of Social Services	5 5 0		
Donation—Aust. Religious Film Society	1 1 0		
General Relief & Christmas Cheer	239 17 1		
Transfers to Aged Couples' Homes Fund	382 10 4		
	£1508 16 2		£1508 16 2

**LIABILITIES Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1956**

ACCUMULATED FUNDS ACCOUNT:	
As at 31st December, 1955	203 2 6
Less: Excess of expenditure over income for year	37 4 2
	165 18 4
FLOOD RELIEF FUND:	
As at 31st December, 1955	1450 10 5
Less: Excess of expenditure over income for year	1216 18 0
	243 1 5
AGED COUPLES' HOMES FUND:	
As at 31st December, 1955	3519 11 1
Add: Surplus for year	6336 1 9
	9855 12 10
LOAN ACCOUNT:	
Christian Fellowship Association	1875 0 0
	11730 12 10
	£12139 12 7

**ASSETS**

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES:	
Current Account	403 19 9
PETTY CASH	5 0 0
AGED COUPLES' HOMES FUND:	
Advance	30 0 0
Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia	540 2 10
	570 2 10
Pendle Hill Building No. 1—Total	5578 10 0
Cost	5582 0 0
Pendle Hill Building No. 2—Total	11730 12 10
Cost	
	£12139 12 7

I have examined the books and vouchers of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales, Social Service 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.

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

SYDNEY, 5th February, 1957. A. CROSS, Treasurer.

1957

# CHURCH OF CHRIST BIBLE COLLEGE NEW SOUTH WALES

In presenting its report for 1956, the Board of Management desires to give thanks to God for His every provision for our needs and His guidance in the work of fitting young people for full-time service.

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 1956-57.

Ex-officio Member—A. W. Stephenson, M.A., Principal and Conference President.

Elected Members—R. W. Beadle (Secretary), J. A. Boswell, F.A.A., B. G. Corlett, A. W. Cust, N. A. Moore (Treasurer), I. A. Paternoster (Chairman), E. W. Roffey, B.A., C. A. Saxby, B.Sc., B.E., R. W. Stanhope, D. J. Verco, M.A. (Vice-Chairman).

## FACULTY.

Lecturers and their Subjects:—  
Principal—A. W. Stephenson, M.A.: New Testament, Apologetics, Christian Doctrine, Essay Work and General Administration.

A. G. Elliott, M.A., B.Sc., Dip.Ed., (Vice-Principal): Old Testament, Church History, Hermeneutics, Christian Ethics. (On leave of absence).

I. A. Paternoster: History of Missions, Comparative Religion, Church History.

J. G. Shaw: Homeletics.  
R. Greenhalgh: Religious Education.  
E. W. Roffey, B.A.: Exegesis (Greek III), Hermeneutics.  
C. Bowser, B.A., Dip.Ed.: Greek, Ancient History.  
R. W. Beadle: Old Testament.

## STUDENTS 1956

L. F. Barker, J. A. Blankley, Miss E. A. Bunn, K. E. Crawford, A.A.S.A., A.S.T.C., A.C.A.A., D. J. Creeper, G. F. Davis, D. Eagling, Miss J. Garrett, D. Holmes, G. Kerr, P. Kavanagh, Miss E. Lobbe, B. M. Nowitzke, G. F. Owens, F. W. Reynolds, B.C.E., B. A. Roberts, F. Roberts, C. Terry, D. W. Tonkin, D. G. Willis, G. Wladysluck.

Churches served by students during the year were—Ashfield, Asquith, Auburn North, Belrose, Bowral, City Temple, Granville, Holroyd, Kingsford, North Balgowlah, Parramatta North, Pendle Hill, Padstow, Seven Hills, Tempe, Yennora.

The following received their Diplomas this year—L. F. Barker, Miss E. A. Bunn, G. Wladysluck.

During the year Miss E. Lobbe and G. Kerr, had to discontinue studies temporarily on account of ill health.

The evangelistic emphasis of the College is being maintained as evidenced by the Missions held this year by the Students during vacations at Wingham, Mayfield, Wagga, and Holroyd resulting in 84 decisions and 10 reconsecrations. In addition the week-end student ministries have been blessed of the Lord to the extent of at least 60 confessions of faith.

The College Magazine, dedicated to the memory of our late Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen, this year again was an excellent production.

The following new Students are expected to commence in 1957: D. Beavis (W.A.), H. T. L. Davies (N.S.W.), G. R. F. Ellis (Vic.), S. O. Norling (N.S.W.), D. A. Oldfield (N.S.W.), Miss H. O. Piper (N.S.W.), K. Reade (Vic.), S. C. Rogers (N.S.W.), H. G. Sargent (N.S.W.), J. McK. Stanhope (N.S.W.).

## GENERAL.

The College benefited greatly from the visit of Ira A. Paternoster Jnr., of U.S.A., who gave a course of lectures on "The Functional Church". A short series of special lectures on Archaeology were given by the Australian Institute of Archaeology.

The College has suffered a great loss this year in the home call of two of its honorary lecturers, E. C. Hinrichsen and E. Davis. We desire to place on record our thanks to God for the splendid leadership Bro. Hinrichsen gave in evangelism and for the firm stand Bro. Davis took on the principles of the Restoration Movement.

The library of our late Bro. Hinrichsen has been bequeathed to the College.

## APPRECIATION.

We sincerely appreciate the splendid work done by Principal and Mrs. Stephenson, the Honorary Lecturers and our housekeeper, Mrs. Stocks.

A word of thanks is due too, to Dr. Crisp (Hon. Physician), Mr. Hunter (Hon. Dentist), Mr. Dickenson (Hon. Solicitor) whose help has assisted greatly.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

The excess of Income over Expenditure for the year was £415/17/1 as disclosed by the accompanying statements.

Income from all sources increased by £1196 on that of the previous year, the variations being:—

	Increase
Students Board	287
Annual Offering	4
Duplex Offerings	104
Sundry Income	396
Building Maintenance Fund	405
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	£1196

At the same time the expenses of running and maintaining the College and properties increased by £803 as follows:—

	Decrease	Increase
House Maintenance	35	
Salaries	69	
Repairs, Renovations and Replacements		625
Interest, Insurance and Telephone	24	
Light, Gas and Fuel		75
Printing, Stationery and Stamps	44	
Travelling Expenses and Publicity		164
Rates		3
General Expenses	17	
Depreciation		6
Lecture Fees		119
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	189	992
		189
		<hr/>
		£803

The increase in Students' board was due mainly to an increase in the weekly rate which was passed on to the Churches using Student preachers. Duplex Offerings continued to rise, a good sign, and the Committee is extremely grateful to those who gave so freely to the Building Fund and Annual Offering.

The large increase in Repairs etc., was brought about by painting the College building while the rise in Travelling Expenses and Lecture Fees is due to extra lecturers being needed to fill Mr. Elliott's place.

Once again the Committee wishes to thank the Brotherhood for its continued financial support which is enabling the College to fill so many vacancies in the Ministry.

R. W. BEADLE, Secretary.  
I. A. PATERNOSTER, Chairman.

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST BIBLE COLLEGE, N.S.W.  
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st December, 1956**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>INCOME</b>	
670 House Maintenance	840 9 0	1009 Students' Board	1205 16 8
Salaries—Faculty	2503 11 6	572 Annual Offering	675 15 8
Students	204 15 9	812 Duplex Offering	716 1 11
Domestic		1091 From Churches re Students	2414 15 6
3778 Repairs, Renovations, Replacements	3305 10 3	811 Sunday Income	777 8 3
154 Interest, Insurance & Telephone	819 3 2	18 Interest Received	23 15 0
202 Light, Gas and Fuel	140 10 6	Building Maintenance Fund	405 10 6
96 Printing, Stationery and Postage	276 19 3		
79 Travelling Expenses and Postage	52 11 8		
75 Municipal and Water Rates	243 2 1		
68 General Expenses	78 6 1		
54 Depreciation	50 15 1		
Lecture Fees	50 18 0		
Balance being excess of Income	119 4 0		
over Expenditure transferred to			
23 Accumulated Funds	415 14 7		
5013	£6209 3 1		£6209 3 1

**Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1956**

<b>LIABILITIES</b>		<b>ASSETS</b>	
Sundry Creditors:		Land and Buildings:	
Loan Accounts	746 6 0	31/53 and 07 The Point Rd.,	
Accrued Accounts	477 10 5	Wharfedale—at cost	6575 13 4
Endowment Fund	1223 16 5	At Cost, less Depreciation	613 12 1
Laboratory Fund	514 2 6	Stocks on Hand	60 0 3
Medical Fund	62 12 0	Sundry Debtors	140 18 9
Chapel Fund	11 17 0	Endowment Fund—Investment A/c	500 0 0
Accumulation Account:		National Bank of Australasia Ltd.:	
Balance 31/12/55	6406 12 0	Head Office	647 14 7
Add excess of Income over Ex-		Bankstown (E.C.H. Chapel)	2163 10 2
penditure for year ended 31/12/56	415 14 7	57 Sundry Accounts paid in Advance	2811 4 9
E. C. Hinrichsen Memorial Chapel	6882 6 7		136 15 6
Committee	2163 10 2		
5081	£10590 4 8		£10590 4 8

N. A. MOORE, 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, 1956 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.  
21st January, 1956.  
R. F. BARTHOLOMEW, A.C.M.A., Hon. Auditor.

**BOYS' HOME COMMITTEE**

With grateful and humble thanks to God for blessing received, and to the Brotherhood in general for ever ready co-operation, we present this report for year ending 1956, and as we present it we are mindful of the guidance and help received from our Heavenly Father, whom we believe has inspired us over many difficult periods.

We also appreciate the help given by the Brotherhood, individual members, churches, Sunday Schools and auxiliaries throughout the year, especially to the good folk at Enmore Church, who year after year give the boys their annual Christmas tree and treat, and we say a special 'Thank you' to Miss Flood who for the last twenty years has been instrumental in this work.

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

**COMMITTEE.** The committee elected at the last conference and their attendances comprised of Bren. Wylie, Chairman, 9; Knight, 8; Hill, 9; Kimpton, 8; Hardimon, 3; Leask, 5; Mansell, 1; Payne, 7; Tait, 6; Martin (Co-opt), 7; Sisters Frost, 8; Maxwell (Co-opt), 9. During the year Bro. K. Martin, an old boy of Dunmore was Co-opted to contact old boys, and Sister Maxwell as Publicity Officer. Both these selections have been worth while especially in regard to publicity, not only in Australia but in England.

During the year Bro. Hardimon resigned and his place was taken by Sister Maxwell as a full member of the Committee.

**LADIES AUXILIARY.** We would again express our appreciation to the Ladies committee for the splendid help and support given over the year. It is by the efforts of those good ladies that we can look with pride at improvements within Dunmore.

Mrs. Purdom had to resign owing to ill health, and her place was eventually filled by Miss Hutchison of whom we have the highest regard and esteem. Mrs. Tillman attends to the "inner boy" and is most popular with the boys.

The attention given by the staff is of the best, especially to cases of malnutrition and we thank God for a staff of loyal and Christian people who give only their best in service.

**THE BOYS.** The average number of boys remain at twenty. Some stay for a short period and of course there are those who have been with us for years, but whatever the stay maybe there is a marked difference in the boy when his time comes to leave Dunmore. Not only is he grown in stature, but grown in Christian training and living. This is reflected when they are asked to return to homes after they have been on holidays.

The boys attend the Pendle Hill Church and Sunday School, and during the week Christian Endeavour. During this year 8 boys accepted Christ and 8 went through the waters of baptism.

This year Bro. Ken Martin arranged a get-together of old boys of Dunmore, and it was very pleasing to see that so many old boys remembered what Dunmore has meant to them. It is hoped to make the event an annual get-together so that we may keep in touch with them and they with each other.

**FINANCE.** The financial statement attached to this report reveals that the financial position has not deteriorated and our thanks is due to Bro. Kimpton for his very efficient services rendered as Treasurer.

**IMPROVEMENTS.** Besides the usual maintenance at Dunmore, new cow bails have been erected, a great improvement on the old ones. The shower block has been renovated and the electrical system been

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST BOYS' HOME COMMITTEE DUNMORE HOUSE, DUNMORE STREET, PENDLE HILL**  
Balance Sheet as at 31st December, 1956

LIABILITIES				ASSETS	
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS:</b>					
Balance 1st January, 1956	10492	1	7		
Less—Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	173	1	10		
	10318	19	9		
Add—Capital Profit on sale of land	44	0	0		
	10362	19	9		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>					
Sundry Creditors		75	8	0	
		10438	7	9	
<b>FIXED ASSETS:</b>					
(At valuation as at 1st January, 1950 plus additions at cost, less realisations and depreciation).					
Land and Buildings		6948	0	0	
Furniture, fittings and furnishings		979	0	0	
Plant and loose tools		630	0	0	
Linen		143	0	0	
Crockery and cutlery		31	0	0	
Livestock		34	19	0	
		8765	19	0	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>					
Bank of New South Wales		1467	8	9	
Cash in hand		7	0	0	
Deposits		6	0	0	
Loans		192	0	0	
		1672	8	9	
		10438	7	9	

F. KIMPTON, Treasurer.

**AUDITORS' REPORT**

We have examined the Books of Account and Vouchers of the Churches of Christ Boys' Home Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1956. In our opinion the above Balance Sheet and accompanying Income and Expenditure Account are properly drawn up so as to set forth the state of the Committee's affairs according to the information and explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of Account. We understand the Land and Buildings are registered in the name of the Churches of Christ Property Trust and we have not sighted the Certificate of Title.

Sydney, 21st January, 1957.

MILNE & PERRETT,  
Chartered Accountants (Aust.)

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST BOYS' HOME COMMITTEE DUNMORE HOUSE, DUNMORE STREET, PENDLE HILL**  
Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31st December, 1956

EXPENDITURE				INCOME	
1956	Dec. 31 To	<b>HOME OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		1956	Dec. 31 By
		Chemist	14 6 2	<b>INCOME FROM CHURCHES AND INTERESTED FRIENDS:</b>	
		Farm Produce	220 3 3	Donations—General	161 4 6
		Light & Fuel	164 13 7	Annual Offering	310 19 7
		Insurance	20 14 0	Duplex Envelopes	717 4 5
		Provisions	1017 12 7		1189 8 6
		Recreation	49 3 0	<b>INCOME FROM GUARDIANS AND GOVERNMENT AID:</b>	
		Repairs & Maintenance	504 19 10	Board Fees	2 10 0
		Sundry Expenses	33 4 0	Children's Maintenance	1741 8 0
		Telephone	34 5 6	Endowment	387 11 1
		Wages	2054 16 3		2131 9 1
			4113 18 2	<b>OTHER INCOME:</b>	
		<b>ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES:</b>		Employees Board	312 0 0
		Accountancy & Audit Fees	25 4 0	Fete	516 3 0
		Conference Expenses	11 0 0	Income from Farm	250 0 0
		Legal Expenses	8 7 6	Sundries	83 4 0
		Printing, Stationery & Advertising	131 0 10		1161 7 0
		Secretary's Expenses	31 7 1	<b>BALANCE:</b>	
		Travelling Expenses	109 10 0	Excess of Expenditure over Income carried to Accumulated Funds	173 1 10
			316 9 5		
		<b>DEPRECIATION:</b>			
		Furniture, Fittings & Furnishings	107 19 0		
		Plant & Loose Tools	72 19 10		
		Linen	36 0 0		
		Crockery & Cutlery	8 0 0		
			224 18 10		
			4655 6 5		
					4655 6 5

F. KIMPTON, Treasurer.

overhauled. A new motor mower has been purchased and general painting carried out.

**FETE.** We are most appreciative for the wonderful support given by the Churches and ladies for stocking the stalls at the last fete. Not only was it a record but it exceeded all expectations, and to that end credit is due to Bro. Payne and his sub-committee for the organisation, and to Sister Maxwell for the publicity given, but we are most thankful also because of the day of fellowship and of the meeting of old friends especially when our country churches come down and meet their city brethren.

**IMPROVEMENTS.** Although nothing concrete has been finalised we are planning for the future. Our thoughts are centered on a big Brotherhood centre and to this end we ask for your prayers and support.

**THANKS.** Again we would thank all the churches and friends for their loyal support, the sisters for their untiring interest and those good folk who have taken boys into their homes during holiday periods. Above all we thank God for this opportunity of stewardship and pray that we may receive strength to continue in this avenue of service.

L. WYLIE, Chairman.  
W. HILL, Secretary.

## PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31/12/56

The Board of the Preachers' Provident Fund, acknowledges the guidance and blessing of our Heavenly Father in the tasks it has attempted in the name of the Church, and performed on behalf of many who give their full time to the Witness of the Word of Life.

We are thankful to this Conference for the privilege of presenting this report.

As at 31/12/56, the number of active contributors to the Endowment Section of the Fund was 177. This compares with 188 at the time of our previous report. There were four (4) new contributors and 15 withdrawals (mostly men who had reached retiring age 65 years or more). The comparatively small number of new contributors is thought to be due to the activity during the two years prior to Federal Conference at Brisbane last July, seeking a basis for a proposed superannuation scheme for preachers. There seems to be a feeling in some quarters, that the introduction of a superannuation scheme would result in the termination of this Fund. The proposals were not adopted by Federal Conference. A satisfactory number of churches were prepared to come into the scheme, but only 20 out of over 300 preachers agreed to participate. All those interested—preachers who are already contributors to the Endowment Fund, and those who are inclined to join in its benefits—can be confident that this Fund will continue and that their interests are fully protected and will be available to them in full at the proper time. Would be contributors can proceed with the fullest confidence. This Fund commenced as a gesture of Christian love towards many who sacrificed to labour in the Gospel, and were not in a position to secure from their own income any future financial security. In that spirit and for that purpose this Fund will continue.

The financial stability of the Fund is well secured. We hold on behalf of the 177 contributors, a total of £25,641, represented by readily convertible securities. Confidence by the contributors is manifest in the £1710 paid by them during the year, to their accounts in the Fund. In the same period, £1820 was paid to the 15 who withdrew. The amounts paid in respect of these withdrawals, includes some subsidy payments, which became available under an amendment to the Rules, made by the Board and effective from July last. Prior to that, any preacher who withdrew before reaching the age of 65 years (except in cases of incapacity through ill-health) did not receive any portion of subsidy credits.

### PREACHERS' PROVIDENT FUND OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA

Summarised Statement of Cash Receipts and Payments for Year ending 31st December, 1956.

#### RECEIPTS

To Contributions by Churches	710	8	4
Conference Offerings & Individuals:	1176	10	11
New South Wales	352	5	0
Victoria	201	13	4
Western Australia	55	0	6
Queensland	14	9	2
Federal Conference	87	0	4

Interest on Investments	16	5	0
Interest Rofe Settlement	40	0	0
Rent "Murraba" Inverell	60	0	0
Union Trust South Australia	10	0	0
Bequest Est. Robert Burns	158	0	0
Repayments of Loans by Preachers	1710	8	3
Endowment Fund Contributions	96	3	2
Special Fund Receipts	3977	15	8
	2422	1	2

Balance 1/1/56

£ 6399 16 10

#### PAYMENTS

By Relief	118	0	0
Management expenses	91	6	9
Endowment Fund withdrawals	1819	12	7
Investments	2399	7	6
Balance 31/12/56	4428	6	10
	1971	10	0

£ 6399 16 10



Under the amendment he can receive 25% of subsidy credits after 10 years continuous membership in the Fund, and a further 2½% for each year exceeding 10 years.

The benefits provided by the Fund include an immediate death cover of £75 for an unbroken annual premium of £5, or £150 for an unbroken annual premium of £10; subsidy credits up to 40% of annual premiums paid; interest at 3% on all credits (contributions and subsidy). These benefits are at no cost to the contributor. On retirement he receives back the full value of premiums paid by him, plus interest due to date of withdrawal. These are not subject to any "surrender value." He must, of course, find the annual premium payments of £5, £10 or £15. It is here that the churches can help individual preachers by providing the whole or part of the annual payment. But the churches' response does not end there. If the preacher is to receive benefit, the churches must provide the means to enable the Board to do this. Churches should provide a sufficient payment to the General Fund of the Board, that the benefits already enumerated may be maintained.

The question of a superannuation scheme is still engaging the attention of the board with a view to arriving at a scheme acceptable to both preachers and the churches.

A splendid gesture of good will to the Fund, has been made by Brother A. Winter, of Inverell (N.S.W.) church, who made an outright gift to the Fund of a property of about 26 acres, situated on the outskirts of Inverell, known as "Murraba". This valuable property, free of all transfer costs, Gift Duty, etc., already brings £80 per annum to the revenue of the Fund.

Attention is invited to the Financial Statement herewith. Note the amounts received from churches, conferences and individuals, to the General Fund. (South Australia's contribution came through the South Australian Union Trust—£60.) Management expenses were 2½% of the year's income. The disparity between the amount from New South Wales and other States, is due in part to the use in that State of Duplex Envelopes, but which are not used in other States in the same way. This Board is prepared (as it does in N.S.W.) to pay its share of the cost of Duplex Envelopes to each State which will adopt their use and include the Preachers' Provident Fund on the envelope.

Present and future security can be a great help to men who are prepared to enter the full time ministry, and it will help men already so engaged, to remain in that work. Churches have an obligation in this matter by providing the means to offer some degree of such security. The Preachers' Provident Fund, is a ready channel through which such help can be provided. Every church represented in this Conference is invited to avail itself of the services operated through this Board of the Preachers' Provident Fund.

W. K. HUNTER, Chairman.  
S. H. LANEY, Secretary.

## THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST PROPERTY TRUST REPORT

The Report covers the period of twelve months to the 31st Dec., 1956

Thirteen meetings were held during the year with an average attendance of six members. The personnel of the Trust were as follows:—  
P. H. Morton (Chairman); N. D. Morris (Deputy Chairman), W. K. Hunter (Treasurer); A. McK. Surtees (Securities Officer); Late C. A. Verco (Registrar); E. F. Morris; S. C. Woolley (Present Registrar); late J. L. Stimson, R. F. Bartholomew (Secretary).

It is with sincere regret that we record the passing of Brethren C. A. Verco, Registrar of the Trust and J. L. Stimson, former Chairman. Brother Stimson had been absent for a considerable period but Brother Verco had been active up to the time of call to higher service. Words would be totally inadequate to express the value of the service of these two brethren to this Trust and through it to the Brotherhood of New South Wales. Both were foundation members and materially assisted in the actual formation of the Property Trust.

During the year four Churches appointed the Trust as trustees. The Trust continues to serve the Brotherhood in the various aspects of trusteeship and the volume of work remains considerable. There are now 58 Churches registered with the Property Trust as trustees and 12 with their own trustees.

We again acknowledge the assistance of the Trust's Solicitors, Messrs. Ferguson and Vine Hall.

The matter of insurance, public risk and accident, etc. as it affects the Churches is being investigated and ultimately the opinions reached will be forwarded to Church Secretaries. On the subject of insurance, it is suggested that Church officers review the matter of Fire Insurance, bringing up to date the insurance cover on both buildings and contents.

Commission received through the Queensland Insurance Agency amounted to £214/11/4, and appreciation is expressed to those Brethren and Churches who assist through this medium.

P. H. MORTON, Chairman.  
R. F. BARTHOLOMEW, Secretary.

## CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE REPORT

This report covers the period of twelve months ended 31st December, 1956, during which time thirteen meetings were held with an average attendance of nine members.

The members of the committee were: P. H. Morton (Chairman), R. A. Souness (Deputy Chairman), W. K. Hunter (Treasurer), E. F. Morris, S. Morris, N. D. Morris, S. C. Woolley, A. McK. Surtees, E. Harris, R. F. Bartholomew (Secretary), the late Brother C. A. Verco and the late Brother J. L. Stimson.

It is with deep regret that the Committee records the passing of Brethren C. A. Verco and J. L. Stimson. Both of these brethren have given invaluable service to the Brotherhood through this Committee for many years.

Additional loans granted during the current year amounted to £1,450, all of which was advanced. Only one loan (£650) remains to be paid out and it is anticipated that this loan will be required in the very near future.

The cash balance at 31/12/56 amounted to £228/2/1 and the balance owing on loans to Churches amounted to £12,355/16/7.

The response by the Churches in repaying loans consistently is greatly appreciated and has materially assisted the Committee in making further loans available.

The sixth consecutive Chapel A Year Appeal was launched during the year, the centre to be assisted being Dubbo. A sub-committee was formed consisting of Brethren Souness (Chairman), Brogden and Dawson to administer the Appeal. A tremendous amount of work has been done for the Appeal but the result is still far from satisfactory. Many Churches and subscribers have failed to co-operate or even reply to correspondence.

The Appeal reached a final figure of £260.  
P. H. MORTON, Chairman.  
R. F. BARTHOLOMEW, Secretary.

**CHAPEL EXTENSION COMMITTEE**  
Statement of Receipts & Disbursements for year ended 31st December, 1956.

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Jan. 1, 1956 Balance brt. fwd.	3038 8 6	Loans to Churches	4250 7 6
<b>RECEIPTS FOR YEAR:</b>		Loan on behalf H.M. Committee	500 0 0
Loan repayments	1225 18 4	H.M. Committee, a/c Loans	84 10 0
Loan repayments, a/c H.M.C.	84 10 0	Rent, Meeting Room	3 0 0
Insurance Agency	214 11 4	Audit Fee	2 2 0
Interest	42 1 0	Stationery	17 12 1
Home Missions Committee	500 0 0	Sundry Expenses	16 8 8
Sundry contra	16 8 8	Sundry contra payments	15 0 0
	2083 9 4	Property Trust	15 0 0
		Conference Expenses	4 2 6
		Balance, 31/12/56	4893 15 9
			228 2 1
	£5121 17 10		£5121 17 10

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Accruement	2 2 0	Loans to Churches	12355 16 7
Accumulated Funds brought forward	12346 5 8	Interest Accrued	11 14 10
ADD Working Account sur-plus	247 5 10	Cash in Bank	228 2 1
	12593 11 6	Loans to Churches, H.M. Funds	12595 13 6
Trust Funds, Home Missions Committee	12595 13 6		1315 10 0
	1315 10 0		£13911 3 6
	£13911 3 6		

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, 1956, 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, 1956, according to the Books of Account and the explanations and information given to me.

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

## YOUTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

To God be the glory for the victories that have been won for Him through the work amongst young people. We thank Him for His blessings, guidance and provision. We express our appreciation to the hundreds of Bible School Teachers, Christian Endeavour and Club Leaders, to School Staffs and Voluntary workers as well as the encouragers in prayer and giving for all their service to the Lord through Youth Activities.

**THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED.**—P. H. Morton, Chairman; J. Morris, Vice-Chairman; N. Morris, Treasurer; R. Greenhalgh, Secretary; Mrs. P. Ellis; Mrs. Freckelton, Sisters' Conference Representative; G. Benjamin; J. Christison; D. Crawford; J. Fraser; A. Frost, A.S.T.C.; J. Henderson; J. Hunter; H. Hayward; C. Hillier; J. Cooke. Miss H. Rhall has acted as Minute Secretary.

After many years on the Committee as member and Treasurer, Bro. W. H. Small declined an invitation to serve further on the Committee and a social evening was tendered to him in appreciation of his services to youth.

**BIBLE SCHOOL WORK.**—We emphasise that Bible Schools are recognised as the major youth activity of the Church and Christian Endeavour and Clubs are through-the-week activities of the Bible School. In this regard we remind all Superintendents and Secretaries that any goods whether stationery, toys for Christmas Trees or for prizes, sporting equipment, foodstuffs, any item at all purchased for the Bible School's use is free of Sales Tax. An exemption certificate must be obtained from the Youth Department.

**Statistics.**—We now have 72 Bible Schools enrolling 6,428 scholars. This includes 87 isolated scholars and 40 isolated cradle scholars.

**Teacher Training.**—We aim at having every teacher trained. To this end the Bible School Workers' Guild holds regular conventions for training. Mr. Greenhalgh is prepared to visit schools and instruct in lesson preparation.

**Annual Scripture Examination.** This is growing in favour. Last year 644 scholars from 47 schools sat for the Exam. Special Prizes of £2/2/- are donated from N. H. Morris for the President's Prize. The City Temple Church donates "The City Temple" Prize and the Winter Trust donates the "The Winter Trust" Prize. The Department would appreciate other Churches donating prizes and so stimulate interest in this important study and expression project.

**Shields** were won as follows:—Honour Shield, Canley Vale; "A" Class Shields were won by Burwood and Epping; "B" Class Shields were won by Mosman and Austral.

**Isolated Scholars.**—This is a very important Department as it saves a drift away from schools when children move from a district where there is no Church of Christ or even no Sunday School. Mrs. E. L. Button cares for the 40 Isolated Cradle Roll scholars. These are enrolled from birth to four years of age and are then promoted to the Isolated Scholars Department cared for by Miss M. Cox. Any children at all are enrolled irrespective whether they are connected with Churches of Christ or not. Members are invited to let the Department know of any unattached children so that they may be enrolled. Contact with the families is made through birthday cards, The Home Scholar's Own Magazine, the Youth Magazine, personal letters, prizes for handwork books and Christmas gifts for the Cradle Rollers.

**CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR** is always a potent force in any congregation when it has the interest of the Church officers and the preacher. C.E. has been a powerful force in the enlargement of the Kingdom of God. Because of this the Department seeks to have Chris-

tian Endeavour in all its grades in every Church. We now have 31 J.C.E. Societies with 609 members; and 21 Intermediate Societies with 357 members; and 18 Y.P.S.C.E. Societies with 362 members.

The City Temple Brotherhood Y.P.S.C.E. continues its excellent service. Amongst the very worthwhile activities during the year was the handing over of the "C.T.B.Y.P.S.C.E." Cabin at the Youth Centre which was fully restored after the hurricane of 1956. They continue to pay the principal of the debt on the portable hall now erected at Penrith.

**CLUBS** are an increasing necessity in youth activities. State Governments are recognising their essentiality. There need be no conflict between Clubs and Christian Endeavour; both can function successfully side by side. We commend those Club Leaders who are taking their work seriously and thus producing splendid results for the local Churches. Whilst supporting all types of Clubs the Department recommends the serious consideration of the Girls' Life Brigade and the Boys' Brigade Movements. These are increasing in the number of Companies as well as effectiveness. We now have 29 Boys' Clubs, 28 Girls' Clubs and 12 Mixed Clubs. Miss Murray of the Youth Department continues to lead a Girls' Brigade at Tempe and another at Burwood. Miss Ethel Dwyer is in charge of the Fairfield Girls' Club.

**Leadership.**—The lack of leaders for both Christian Endeavour and Clubs is a real concern. We would urge young men and women to offer themselves for training for leadership in one of these areas. Training is offered through the Youth Department, National Fitness and the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A.

**FIELD DAY.**—The first Field Day was held at Newington Oval on May 5th, 1956. There were over 500 present when Christian Endeavour and Club members competed in field games. A feature of the day was the Grand March when these young people paraded with their respective banners and dressed in the Club or C.E. Uniforms. It is planned to make this a yearly event.

**BIBLE EISTEDDFOD.** This was a first effort but proved very satisfactory and successful. This will become an annual feature.

**NATIONAL FITNESS.**—Association with the National Fitness brings many advantages; namely, the use of talkie films and projector, leadership classes, an extensive youth leadership library and Grants-in-aid for voluntary Youth organisations. We recently received £100 as a grant-in-aid for our tennis courts. It was necessary for us to raise a similar amount.

**YOUTH EVANGELISM.**—The winning of youth for Christ and the consolidation of youth into Christ is the only concern of the Committee. All activities are directed to this end. During 1956 there were 295 added to the Church from young people up to 25 years of age. Eighteen of these came through the Youth Camps at Newcastle and Lake Illawarra. Fifty of these decisions were through the personal efforts of the Director. Back of the other decisions lies the excellent work through the Austral Graded Lessons, faithful teaching and preaching.

**YOUTH GOSPEL VAN.**—Aussie No. 2 has now done 60,000 miles winning youth for Christ. The Committee has decided that it is better economically to purchase a new Van rather than to continue to pay heavy maintenance and repair bills. We express our sincere thanks to our friends who service Aussie in a voluntary capacity. Without this service we could not keep the Van on the road. Our grateful thanks go also to those who support through the "Pennies for Petrol" tins. We shall be happy to supply tins for those who will take them.

**WAR MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTRE.** Splendid progress continues to be made and we express thanks to all who attend the working bees. We thank those also who contribute to the Funds of the Youth Centre.

All gifts of £1 or over to the Youth Centre are rebatable from Income Tax. We now have four cabins erected for accommodation.

We thank all preachers and leaders who have made themselves available as Camp Leaders, as well as for kitchen duties, in this youth evangelistic ministry. We remind Churches that the Youth Centre is available for their own House Parties, Camps, etc. The bookings for the Youth Centre are very consistent. One group tried to book the Centre up to 1969. The Camp at Newcastle is held every Easter with an Intermediate Camp in May.

**SCRAP METAL.**—Through the sale of milk bottle tops, brass, copper, lead, aluminium (saucepans etc.), old car batteries, the Department raised £112 for the Tennis Courts at the Centre. We continue this drive for metal and the proceeds are to be applied to the upkeep of the Youth Gospel Van. Will you help us?

**Australian Council for Christian Education.**—We are members of this body and through this have close association with the youth work of other Churches.

**Council for Christian Education in Day Schools.**—The work of teaching Christ through the day schools is intensified and simplified through this Council. In Victoria the Council has Chaplains appointed to large schools. Bro. Fol Morgan, Chairman of the Federal Board of Christian Education, is one such Chaplain. The Council also arranges the special Ministers' course at the Sydney Teachers' College to better equip ministers for their work in teaching at day schools. We are limited to a quota of four.

**HAPPY HOURS** continue as an evangelistic agency and as a means of building up the Bible School and making contacts for the Church.

**COLLEGE ASSOCIATION.**—The Director lectures regularly at the College on Religious Education.

**TEMPERANCE.**—The Department has been represented on the Temperance Alliance and the Youth Temperance Council. Lack of funds makes it impossible to launch an effective drive.

#### FUTURE WORK.—

1. Co-operation with the Home Mission Committee on the nationwide drive for increase.
2. Field Day for Clubs and Christian Endeavour.
3. Eisteddfod and Exhibition.
4. Drive for increased Bible School enrolments.
5. Continuance of the regular various activities of the Department.
6. Country Visitation.

P. H. MORTON, Chairman.  
R. GREENHALGH, Director.  
NEIL MORRIS, Treasurer.

## FEDERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board is now supplying 40,000 scholars and 5,000 teachers in Australia and New Zealand, with twelve "pieces" of lesson materials every Sunday. New Junior Primer materials were published this year, also "Guide to Teaching", a handbook for teachers.

Fourteen study courses have been published by the Board to date, the latest being "Greater Things Through Christian Stewardship". A discipleship primer for young converts has been written and will be published in 1957.

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

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th November, 1956

	EXPENDITURE		INCOME
	Salaries .....	1945 19 0	<b>OFFERINGS:</b>
	Stationery .....	86 18 9	Annual .....
	Postage .....	50 17 2	Duplex .....
	Telephone .....	44 14 2	Personal .....
	Rent of Office .....	45 10 0	Youth to Youth Appeal .....
	General Expenses .....	50 15 3	Clubs, Endeavour and Schools .....
	Maintenance of Equipment .....	16 13 3	2269 12 2
	Insurance .....	9 15 3	Home Mission Contribution to Salaries .....
	Travelling Expenses .....	35 0 0	Duplicating .....
	Fares of Voluntary Helpers .....	20 15 10	Hire of Projector, Slides and Costumes .....
	Offering Envelopes, Cards and Posters .....	79 4 5	Profit on Sale of Publications .....
	Share of State Conference Expenses .....	15 2 6	Savings Bank Interest .....
	Directors' Annual Conference .....	32 8 5	Youth Magazine Subscriptions .....
	Preachers' Provident Fund .....	10 0 0	Exam Entries and Drills .....
	Depreciation of Equipment .....	75 8 5	Prizes Donated .....
		564 3 5	Supplies Sold .....
FC	Federal Board of Christian Education .....	75 0 0	Donations towards Van Running .....
	Australian Council of Christian Education .....	5 0 0	<b>RECEIPTS FROM:</b>
	The Christian Messenger .....	30 0 0	Eisteddfod .....
	Lesson Material to Isolated Scholars .....	48 7 2	Field Day .....
	Happy Hour Costs .....	23 4 2	Assembly Hall .....
	Youth Magazine Costs .....	74 16 5	Happy Hours .....
	Annual Exam and Bible Drills .....	22 18 6	412 0 0
	Movie Film Materials .....	20 0 0	3214 4 1
	Supplies for Resale .....	52 12 6	Excess of Expenditure over Income
	"Aussie" Van—		transferred to General Fund .....
	Expenses and Insurance .....	216 5 5	132 4 10
	Depreciation .....	125 0 0	
		341 5 5	
	Eisteddfod Expenses .....	54 2 0	
	Field Day Expenses .....	14 5 0	
	Assembly Hall Demonstration .....	23 8 0	
		794 19 2	
	Allocations to:		
	S. O. Gole Library Fund .....	20 4 8	
	Publications Fund .....	28 2 8	
		48 7 4	
		1346 8 11	1346 8 11

**Balance Sheet as at 30th November, 1956**

	<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>		
	As at 1st December, 1955 .....	1373 16 10	
	Add Gifts for Equipment .....	61 5 0	
		1435 1 10	
	Deduct Excess of expenditure over		
	Income for the year .....	132 4 10	
		1302 17 0	
	<b>NEW VAN FUND:</b>		
	As at 1st December, 1955 .....	34 15 1	
	Add: Receipts for the year .....	67 11 7	
		102 6 8	
	<b>PORTABLE HALL FUND:</b>		
	As at 1st December, 1955 .....	55 10 0	
	Add: Receipts for the year .....	17 4 0	
		72 14 0	
	<b>PUBLICATIONS FUND:</b>		
	As at 1st December, 1955 .....	122 16 0	
	Add: Transfers from Income .....	28 2 8	
		150 18 8	
	<b>S. O. GOLE LIBRARY FUND:</b>		
	As at 1st December, 1955 .....	19 16 5	
	Add: Transfers from Income .....	20 4 8	
		40 1 1	
		1668 17 5	
	Property Trust Loan for Portable Hall	527 6 0	
	<b>SUNDRY CREDITORS:</b>		
	Camperdown Cot .....	21 8 4	
	Mission Cot .....	58 10 6	
	Dubbo Contributions .....	24 0 4	
	Trade Creditors .....	117 0 9	
	Payments in Advance .....	45 0 0	
		265 19 11	
		12262 3 4	12262 3 4
	Portable Hall .....	400 0 0	
	"Aussie" Gospel Van .....	760 0 0	
	Duplicator and Typewriters .....	255 0 0	
	Amplifier, Slide and Film Projectors .....	206 0 0	
	Books, Slides, Flannelgraphs .....	190 0 0	
	At cost less depreciation .....	1811 0 0	
	Stock of C.E. Publications .....	121 8 0	
	Sundry Debtors .....	104 10 4	
	Commonwealth Savings Bank of Australia—		
	Current Account .....	115 5 0	
	Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd.—		
	Current Account .....	50 0 0	

NEIL H. MORRIS, A.C.A. (Aust.),

Hon. Treasurer.

I report that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account fully and fairly set out the position of the Churches of Christ in N.S.W. Young People's Department according to its books and records.

JOHN BOSWELL, F.A.S.A.,  
Hon. Auditor.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN NEW SOUTH WALES

WAR MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTRE

Balance Sheet as at 30 November, 1956

GENERAL FUND—		Land, Buildings and Equipment—At Cost (Subject to Mortgage to Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd.)	
As at 1st December, 1955	6822 9 6		9231 4 10
Add Donations Received	1664 2 8		
	8486 12 2		
Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	99 15 5		
	8386 16 9		
SUNDRY CREDITORS:			
Interest Free Loans	350 0 0		
Trade Accounts	130 8 0		
	480 8 0		
COMMERCIAL BANK OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED:			
Current Accounts (Secured)	364 0 1		
	844 8 1		
	19231 4 10		19231 4 10

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30th November, 1956

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Camp Provisions and Supplies	147 14 10	Camp Fees and Hiring Charges received	133 16 8
Maintenance of Equipment	13 6 1	Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to General Fund	99 15 5
Insurance	54 11 2		
Interest on Overdraft	18 0 0		
	233 12 1		233 12 1

NEIL H. MORRIS, A.C.A. (Aust.)  
Hon. Treasurer.

I report that in my opinion the above Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account fully and fairly set out the position of the Churches of Christ in New South Wales War Memorial Youth Centre according to its books and records.

JOHN BOSWELL, F.A.S.A.,  
Hon. Auditor.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN N.S.W. — SUPPLIES DEPT.

Trading and Profit and Loss Account for Year ended 30 November, 1956

Net Sales		2770 0 1
Stock on hand—1/12/55	2350 11 9	
Purchases	2270 11 11	
	4621 3 8	
Less stock on hand—30/11/56	2668 0 0	
Cost of goods sold		1953 3 8
Gross Profit		816 16 5
Less Salaries	442 13 0	
Rent	45 10 0	
Phone	16 18 1	
Postages	35 4 6	
Bad debts and provision	5 4 3	
Stationery	8 4 9	
Advertising	7 3 9	
Freight Out	8 3 7	
Bank charges	3 11 2	
Depreciation	2 14 0	
General Expenses	38 14 8	
		612 1 3
Net Profit added to Capital		204 15 2

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th NOVEMBER, 1956

LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Sundry Creditors and Accrued Charges	1702 10 0	Cash in bank and hand	474 4 11
Funds as at 1/12/55	1584 19 10	Sundry Debtors (less provision for bad debts)	335 0 1
Plus net profit	204 15 2	Stock on hand	2668 0 0
	1789 15 0	Office equipment	15 0 0
	3492 5 0		3492 5 0

M. TITTERTON (Hon. Treasurer).

The tenth annual Conference was held in Sydney last September and attended by youth directors from all States. These conferences are intensive periods of work and planning for the ongoing of Christian education among children, youth and adults. The 1957 Conference will take place at "Gilbulla" dovetailing into the convention of the Australian Council for Christian Education.

Christian Youth Fellowship, worship materials for schools, resources for youth leaders, adult Christian education, promotion of Youth Week, are among the important items on the Board's agenda, but its main task is to provide adequate teaching materials for schools.

The director, V. C. Stafford, has been re-appointed for a further five year term, commencing October, 1957. F. T. Morgan and E. A. Lewis have given service as Chairman and Treasurer respectively since the Board was established.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

W. E. HOFFMAN—"That this Conference directs each State Brotherhood Committee to prepare annually a budget for the ensuing year (from Conference to Conference).

- (a) That the various budgets be presented firstly to the Conference Executive for discussion, so that a balance may be arrived at between Committees.
- (b) That each year the Executive ascertain and/or estimate due provision for Federal Committees and any other special offerings that may be reasonably anticipated.
- (c) That each year the finally agreed budgets be shown in some detail in the relevant committee reports in the Conference Report Book.
- (d) That each year a "Master Budget" be presented in the Executive Report, summarising all budgets mentioned therein.

## AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

### CLAUSE 10—COMMITTEES

CLAUSE 10. sub clause (a). Delete the word "ten" and substitute the word "twelve" in the sixth line.—R. GREENHALGH.

CLAUSE 10. sub clause (d). Delete the word "and" after the word "evils" and insert a comma. After the word "work", add "and caring for aged and needy people". After the word "collection", delete "and disbursement of funds for that purpose" and add "of funds by gifts, loans, mortgages or bank overdrafts and disbursing of same, and the acquisition of property; the Committee may accept lands, buildings and gifts in connection therewith".—J. V. ELLERBY.

CLAUSE 10. sub clause (h). After the word "Conference" in the third line add "The Committee shall be empowered to raise and administer funds for the purpose of assisting Churches, Bible Schools and other Brotherhood undertakings in the securing, maintaining and enlarging of property and buildings for the furtherance of their work, and is empowered to make loans or gifts for the aforesaid purposes at its discretion".—P. H. MORTON.

CLAUSE 10. sub clause (o). The words "Chapel Extension Committee" to be inserted after the words "Young People's Committee" in the eighth line, and the word "June" to be inserted after the word "May" in the fourteenth line.—P. H. MORTON.

### CLAUSE 11—CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE

CLAUSE 11. Para. 1. After the words "Children's Home Committee", add the words "Chapel Extension Committee".—R. GREENHALGH.

CLAUSE 11. Para. 1. Delete the words "Children's Home Committee" and substitute the words "Boys' Home Committee".—R. GREENHALGH.

## OVERSEAS MISSION REPORT

### THANKS

With grateful thanks to our heavenly Father, we present this report of the year's activities. We again acknowledge His guiding hand in what has been accomplished. To all who have shared in making this a record year financially, we extend our thanks.

### COMMITTEE

Bro. C. R. M. Graham has again acted as chairman, with Bro. L. Piper, Vice-Chairman, Miss H. V. Rofe, Treasurer, Ira A. Paternoster, Secretary and Bro. A. B. Clark, assistant Secretary. Other members of the Committee have been, Mr. J. Reed, Mrs. Day, Mrs. E. W. Roffey and Miss Winks. Toward the close of the year, Mr. E. W. Roffey was co-opted and has given assistance to the Secretary.

### MISSION PERSONNEL

During the year, it was a delight to have Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Munro home, and their contribution to the work was very great. They did not spare themselves in visiting wherever asked, and the thanks of the Committee was accorded them. Miss Win. Walker has returned home on furlough and has been granted an extended leave of absence. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Jones did not wish to return to the New Hebrides and their resignation was accepted. Mr. and Mrs. Ron McLean returned for furlough and Miss Pauline Jones has been appointed to go to Aoba. Mr. and Mrs. F. Beale being transferred to Ranwadi, Pentecost.

### INDIA

The work in this field continues to prove very encouraging and during the year, many baptisms have been reported and the Church generally strengthened. It is expected that before Conference assemblies, Dr. and Mrs. Crowley will be on the field. This will greatly strengthen the work, especially as the doctor gains a working knowledge of the language. In the meantime, Dr. Patil has been in charge of the Hospital. Work in the Homes has been encouraging, and the growth and development of the boys and girls has been good. Thanks is expressed to those who support these children, a very practical piece of Christian service.

The opening of the High School and the development of the educational department is one of the most pleasing features of the work, and the results being seen from what has been done through the Friendship centres is very gratifying.

### DHOND HOSPITAL

Latest report indicates the medical work continues although figures in no way represent the work accomplished. There were 1,435 In-patients and 22,700 Out-patients cared for during the year.

Dispensary treatments at Dhond shows that nearly 40,000 treatments were given. Government regulations now limits the scope of the dispensaries in other stations.

### EDUCATIONAL

Over 900 children are attending Baramati Primary Schools and there is a waiting list of over 200. Children from non-Christian groups out-number those from Christian families. Though not compulsory, most children attend opening devotions.

Shrigonda Primary has an enrolment of 85, and Dhorja, 105. In addition more than 600 children attend organised Sunday Schools, and many young children from village groups are under Christian instruction. 71 young people are attending High schools, while 32 attend higher educational institutions for preacher, teacher, medical training etc. Schools receive a certain amount from Government subsidies.

N.S.W. CHURCHES OF CHRIST OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

Cash Statement to 31st December, 1956

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Weekly Offerings	1230 11 5	Cash remitted to Federal Board	3123 16 3
Annual Offering	1973 18 0	Cash forwarded direct to Fed. Board	270 6 7
Goody Pearls	23 8 10	Payments on behalf of Board	798 3 6
Dhond Hospital	61 16 10	Rent on behalf of Chinese Church	35 0 0
Dhond Hospital	10 0 0	Fares	24 15 2
Orphans & Native Teachers	313 4 8	Postages	9 12 9
	<u>3612 19 9</u>	Visiting Missionaries	4 1 8
SISTERS' CONFERENCE:		Telephone	24 18 9
Living Link	208 0 0	Alice Sec. Petty Cash & Staty	142 3 1
Milk Fund	20 0 0		<u>205 11 5</u>
Special	10 4 0	Messenger	30 0 0
Xmas Cheer	23 0 0	Duplex Envelopes	16 17 9
Travel Expenses	67 0 0	Conference Exs.	9 8 9
	<u>328 4 0</u>	Rent Committee Meetings	3 0 0
YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.:		Credit Balance December, 1956	411 19 7
Cot Fund	38 2 9		
Rent Chinese Church	35 0 0		
SALES:			
Stamps	15 18 6		
Indian Reports	8 11 9		
	<u>24 10 3</u>		
Lantern Talks & Fares	81 10 1		
DONATIONS:			
Mite Boxes	16 10 7		
Food and Milk	24 11 0		
India	12 11 6		
New Hebrides	17 10 0		
Sundries	174 4 10		
	<u>245 7 11</u>		
LEGACIES:			
Miss M. Maxwell	133 9 6		
Miss M. Oldfield	25 0 0		
Mr. Macindoe	5 0 0		
	<u>163 9 6</u>		
REFUNDS:			
Insurance	1 4 6		
Electric Light	2 0 0		
Morris Middleton	16 4 3		
	<u>19 8 9</u>		
Balance C/fwd Dec., 1955	355 10 10		
	<u>£4904 3 10</u>		<u>£4904 3 10</u>

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, 1956 and I certify that the above Statement is correct and in accordance therein.

P. G. VERCO, Auditor.  
12/1/1957.

## ORPHAN HOMES

The average number in the three homes continues around 250. The Government commends the work of the Homes, and would like us to accept even more children. Costs have risen sharply, and for the junior children, £15-£20 would be the average expense per annum, whilst for the older ones, upwards of £25 per annum.

## NEW HEBRIDES

On Maewo, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Finger continue the good work. A gradual spiritual growth has been noted. Buildings, mainly from local material are to be erected for medical work. New chapels are replacing the old ones which have served for many years.

At the Londua Training School, Mr. McLean reports a happy and successful year. Four young men have been graduated and are being used as preacher-teachers in the villages. Primary school at NduiNdui, Aoba, has been in charge of Mr. F. Beale, where 40 girls and 22 boys attend. With the removal of Mr. and Mrs. Beale to Pentecost, Miss Jones will be in charge of the Primary School. Over 60 baptisms have been reported.

## GOODLY PEARLS

This paper which is published quarterly, is worthy of a greater circulation. Some churches do not receive any copies of the paper, and so miss the information that would help them better understand the work being done. The cost is only 4d. per copy. Contact the Secretary who will gladly receive your subscription.

## FINANCIAL

The Treasurer's Statement reveals another record year of giving. The overall position, for the whole of the Brotherhood, shows an upward spiral of increasing costs. This has been largely due to travel costs which are constantly mounting. This year will have taken at least £1,000 from the Budget.

The Annual Offering for this State was £1973/18/-, while £1230/11/1 was received through the Duplex Envelopes. These amounts together with other amounts received, make a total of £4,706/17/3.

## GENERAL

The question of entering a new field was fully discussed at Federal Conference, and the decision arrived at is being implemented by the Federal Board. The matter will come before the States' Committees and State Conferences before being again presented to Federal Conference in 1958.

We close this report on the same note with which we began. We never cease to praise God for His abundant mercy by which we are permitted to share in the great task of bringing the Word of Life to those who sit in darkness.

C. R. M. GRAHAM, Chairman.

IRA. A. PATERNOSTER, Secretary.

## HOME MISSION COMMITTEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT — 1957

We are happy to present this report to Conference and in doing so gratefully record our thanks to our Heavenly Father for His guidance and blessings.

**PERSONNEL.**—Sis. Mrs. R. Stanhope; W. H. B. Palmer, Chairman; L. Dewberry, Vice-Chairman; R. H. Wakeley, Treasurer; G. Brown; M. C. McArthur; N. H. Matthews; W. Turnell; A. K. Wilson; R. Greenhalgh, Secretary. Bro. W. Turnell resigned in November.

Despite setbacks, the year passed has been one of consolidation and expansion. The Committee Policy of working through sub-committees has proved most valuable. **THE PASTORAL COMMITTEE** has been the instrument of supervision at Holroyd and the results of Holroyd work and the mission under Bro. Don Tonkin, when 40 made their decision for the Lord show the value of this mediation. The Pastoral Committee has had conferences with other Churches, guiding them on vital issues. **THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE** meets regularly and investigates every possibility for mission work. This Committee was responsible for the conduct of the Evangelism Classes held at City Temple in July. These classes are proving very valuable. **THE FINANCE COMMITTEE** has been invaluable in presenting plans for Home Mission projects consistent with our financial possibilities. Their considerations this year covered such items as charges for mission marquees, Slavic work, Preachers' salaries, subsidies, Preachers' Removal Fund, Annual Offering, Leightonfield, Narraweena. **SUBSIDIES** are paid to Churches for the purpose of engaging a student or full time preacher. Where a student is engaged the early purpose is to strengthen the Church to engage a full time preacher and ultimately to make the Church self-supporting. All present subsidies are subject to reduction of 5/- per week per quarter. New subsidies will be allowed up to twelve months before the reduction commences. Where subsidy is paid the Committee reserves the right to approve the suggested preacher before any approach whatever is made. All subsidised Churches are required to furnish a monthly report for the information of the Committee.

Subsidy is paid to the following Churches.

**Belrose.**—Sympathy is expressed to the Belrose Church in the loss of their buildings through fire. The Committee is co-operating in every way in the future of the work in this area, which at time of writing is undecided.

**Dubbo.**—The new building was opened on October 20th. Bro. Balf Cavill commenced full time ministry on January 13th, 1957. Dubbo Church and the Committee express sincere thanks to all who made possible the erection of the building. The Winter Trusts have donated £300 for a tent mission to be held when advisable and in the meantime the money is in a Home Mission account at Dubbo to offset building fund interest. An amount of £300 from the Kingsford Church on loan to the Committee for three years has been similarly placed.

**Hornaby.**—Bro. Vic Dallinger is the preacher and the work is growing under his leadership and the work of faithful members.

**Holroyd.**—Bro. Kevin Crawford is student preacher. The building has been enlarged with voluntary labour. Epping has supplied workers for the services. A tent mission conducted by Bro. Don Tonkin resulted in 37 primary decisions and 3 reconsecrations.

**Wentworth Falls-Lawson.**—Bro. C. Thomson gave an appreciated



interim ministry after which Bro. W. J. Crossman entered into the full time ministry of the two Churches. New contacts are being made and former members being visited. Bro. Crossman is making plans to do visitation at Penrith. Conference meets half the cost of a broadcast from 2KA at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

**Wyoming.**—Bro. Bob Hume is the weekend preacher and his ministry is greatly appreciated. Plans are being made for a forward move in 1957. Members in the middle coast area, Gosford, Woy Woy, Tuggerah, etc. are being visited.

**Loftus Park.**—Bro. Neal Hodgekiss commenced his ministry here in 1956 and has consolidated the work. The Church is in urgent need of a manse. 17 decisions have been made during the past year.

**Merewether-Cardiff.**—Bro. W. Howard has ministered faithfully in these two centres. Visiting speakers are sent from Sydney once a month. Merewether mission dates have had to be altered to suit the convenience of the missionary. The Merewether Church is planning and laying by for the tent mission which is now planned for Oct. 13 to Nov. 24, 1957. There has been one decision at Merewether and one at Cardiff.

**Tamworth.**—Bro. Harry Walmsley is continuing his ministry here. The sympathy of the Brotherhood is extended to Bro. and Sis. Walmsley in the sickness of their daughter Kerry Lee. The work is solid and the Church wields an influence in the district. There have been two decisions during the past year.

**Slavic Church.**—Bro. G. Wladyskiuk is ministering to this Church which met in the Y.M.C.A. but now meets at City Temple each Sunday afternoon. It is hoped that as the language problem is overcome that this congregation will find fellowship with one of our Churches.

#### OTHER HOME MISSION-INTEREST FIELDS.

**Murwillumbah.**—The building purchased from the S.D.A. has now been placed on its piers on the Church block of ground. Work is now proceeding to renovate and get the building ready for services and Bible School. No date has been fixed for this as yet but it is expected that it will coincide with the 50th anniversary of the commencement of the work at Tyalgum in August, 1957.

**Byron Bay.**—Recorded services on tape have been supplied for the brethren at Byron Bay who meet each fortnight. Thanks is expressed to those Churches who have co-operated in the production of the tapes. The Byron Bay members meet in the home of Bro. and Sis. P. Oakes, 4 Paterson St., Byron Bay.

**Seven Hills-Doonside.**—These Churches decided against the continuance of negotiations for a circuit and full time preacher. Seven Hills has bought ground near the station and is seeking to erect a building.

**Mudgee.**—The new chapel was opened on 16th September, 1956 and plans are in hand to develop the work through visiting speakers and a periodic visit from Dubbo by Bro. Cavill.

**Leightonfield.**—After months of waiting, despite many attempts to get satisfaction, we have been advised that our request to change from our first choice of land on the corner of Goonaroi and Nurragi Streets to land opposite the Public School on the corner of Lowana and Killanoola Streets has been granted. We are now awaiting advice as to the cost of the land so that we can proceed to purchase. Already a ground plan has been prepared and accepted by the Committee and the architect, Bro. Ken Baker, is preparing plans for the building. We are happy to announce that an anonymous loan of £500 has been promised for Leightonfield for five years free of interest. We sincerely thank the donor.

**Narraweena.**—Negotiations concerning this project have been very long but at last finality has been reached. The following plan has been approved by the Committee.

1. That we proceed with the purchase of the land from the Housing Commission through the Property Trust.
2. That a Church of Christ be constituted at Narraweena on Sunday, April 28th, 1957.
3. That a Provisional Board be set up with two representatives of the Home Mission Committee.

**South Granville.**—Through a sub-committee the Conference Executive was able to have the building renovated and then the work was handed over to the Home Mission Committee for development and consolidation. Bro. C. Thomson has been appointed as weekend preacher and services were commenced in the building on Nov. 25th, 1956. Further plans will be put into operation in 1957.

**Port Macquarie.**—The Committee has this district in mind for development but the time is not yet opportune.

**Unanderra.**—Land has been reserved through the Housing Commission on the corner of Farmborough Rd. and Princes Highway, Unanderra, after consultation with the Wollongong Church who have agreed to develop this project when the land becomes available.

**MISSION MARQUEE.**—The Mission Marquee continues to be extensively used. Unfortunately most Churches need the tent at the same time and it has not been possible to supply. Missions have been held at North Balgowlah, Bro. D. Tonkin, Missioner, 17 decisions; Wingham, Brethren B. Roberts, D. Willis and B. Nowitzke, College Students, as missionaries, 31 decisions; Ho'royd, D. Tonkin, missionary, 37 decisions and 3 re-consecrations; Burwood, Bro. L. Jones, 18 decisions.

The Committee has had to revise the charges and the following will now apply:—

1. That the charge be £7 per week for the hire of the marquee, this sum to include the insurance. Of this amount £6 per week is to be placed into a Replacement Fund, all other expenses to be met out of General Funds.
2. If rentals do not reach £150 in any one year the balance of this sum to be transferred from the General Fund.
3. That this plan operate from January 1st, 1957.

We would emphasise to the Churches the necessity for providing a caretaker during the day and night. The tent was recently damaged by schoolchildren in the absence of a caretaker during the day.

**STATE EVANGELIST.**—The Committee has been in negotiation with a brother for this work but unfortunately we are not in a position to give anything definite.

**HOME MISSION SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE.**—During the year a conference of all State Home Mission Secretaries was held in Melbourne. This proved most valuable and these will be continued. In fulfilment of the Federal Conference request for a Commonwealth-wide campaign a further conference is to be held March 4, 5, 6 in Melbourne. The Victorian Home Mission Committee acts as hosts for these conferences. We express our appreciation to them for this accommodation.

**REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND FOR PREACHERS.**—This matter was further gone into and advice sought. The Committee recognises that it is a necessary measure but is not in a position to develop the matter.

**ISOLATED MEMBERS.**—The activities of the Committee this year have emphasised the necessity for accurate records concerning isolated members particularly and all Church Secretaries are urged to keep up-to-date roll records and to try to locate all former members not transferred to other Churches.

**BUSINESS FOR THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.**—Sittings of the Committee have been continuing until midnight and with the meeting having to be adjourned. In order to obviate this as much as possible, all business for the Committee meeting is asked to be presented so as to reach the Secretary on the Thursday before the third Monday, the day of the Committee meeting.

**FINANCIAL.**—Church Treasurers are advised that there has been an agreement among the Trading Banks for Church accounts to be free of the half yearly fee, cheques to be free of Stamp Duty and exchange. Some banks will treat the account as a Society Account and give interest. Treasurers are advised to contact the Manager of their Bank on this matter to see that they are being granted these concessions.

**Home Mission money to go to Home Mission Treasurer.**—It is especially requested of Treasurers that they forward all Home Mission money, or any query concerning finance, direct to the Treasurer, Bro. R. H. Wakeley, 53 Frederick St., Concord.

**Grafton Trust Fund.**—Conference is advised that the Grafton Trust ceases on 10th May, 1957. There is no indication that a work at Grafton is likely to be re-commenced for many years. A former very active member, Mrs. Fabian, has recently sold her photographic business and has left for Brisbane to reside permanently. In the terms of the Trust the money becomes the property of the Home Mission Committee for the purpose of erecting new Church buildings. Reference to the Financial Report will show that this fund is working effectively for the Brotherhood.

**Home Mission Finances.**—The Annual Offering shows an increase of ten per cent. Some Churches reached their objective of £1 per average attending member and the Committee is very grateful; but we are still not receiving sufficient funds to carry on the work at the present level. We seriously ask Conference if we are to cut down on subsidies or curtail some of the work.

It is in faith then that we present plans for future work:—

- Continuation of negotiation for State Evangelist.
- Conduct of Tent Missions.
- Conduct of Training and Evangelism Classes.
- Development of Leightonfield.
- Strengthening of subsidised Churches.
- Campaign for adequate finances for Evangelism.

W. H. B. PALMER, Chairman.  
R. GREENHALGH, Secretary.  
R. H. WAKELEY, Treasurer.

**N.S.W. CHURCHES OF CHRIST HOME MISSION COMMITTEE**  
**Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December, 1956**

	RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Annual Offerings: 1955 (1954/12/6)	339	16	2180	2
1956	702	15	53	0
Duplex Envelopes (43 Churches)	1042	14	138	15
Sundry Donations	1126	14	61	11
Donation for Mission Work	134	7		
1956 Staters' Conference	20	0		
1956 Conference offering and promises for Leightonfield	119	4		
Armistice Fund transferred Leightonfield	272	11		
1954/5 Conference promises	27	13		
Rents received from Glebe Cottage	3	0		
Interest from Commonwealth Bonds	139	0		
Interest on Savings Bank deposits	55	0		
A.B.C. Band contributions	35	7		
Subsidy payments from Churches	9	0		
Subsidy from Conf. Executive for broadcast	529	7		
Payments from Churches for Advertising	52	0		
Hire of Marquee and Mission Expenses	190	15		
Hire of Projector	70	10		
Sale of old typewriter	5	0		
Contribution towards telephones	3	13		
Refunds from Preschers' Provident Fund	12	10		
Refunds for fares paid	8	12		
Receipts for Churches etc.	112	16		
Balrose Fire Fund	5	0		
Narraweena Work Fund	2	17		
Balances at 1st Jan., 1956 b/fwd.:	4044	17	8	
General Fund	1459	6	7	
Projector Fund	68	10	0	
Holloid Work	10	0		
Leightonfield Fund	10	0		
Balances on hand at 31st Dec., 1956:	1528	11	2	
General Fund	1703	4	2	
Marquee Fund Dr.	20	6	7	
Hire of Projector	24	10	4	
Balrose Fire Fund	6	10	0	
Leightonfield Fund	300	14	0	
Narraweena Work	2	17	0	
Paid for Y.P.D. Dr.	1	19	2	
	3559	1	4	
	2213	2	9	
	479	0	6	
	45	10	0	
	200	6	8	
	48	7	0	
	3	17	0	
	1	11	0	
	50	13	4	
	140	14	1	
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Cash on hand at 31st December, 1956	513	6	9	
Balance on loan to Wyoming	524	0	0	
Balance on loan to Tamworth	544	8	6	
Balance on loan to Mudgee	498	10	0	
		1806	18	6
2 Tape Recorders	117	0	0	
Less 15% deprecn.	17	11	0	
		99	9	0
Projector b/f	234	0	0	
Add back deprecn. charged last year	74	8	7	
	308	8	7	
Less paid by Projector Pd.	100	0	0	
		208	8	7
Piano—balance b/fd.	18	19	6	
Less paid	18	19	6	
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**STATEMENT OF OTHER ASSETS HELD BY COMMITTEE**

Commonwealth Bonds (at face value)	1750	0	0	
Cottage at Glebe (our equity—say)	500	0	0	
Mission Marquee and Equipment, b/fwd.	668	8	2	
Add purchases	13	17	8	
	704	5	10	
Less 15% depreciation	105	12	10	
		598	13	0
Half cost of storage shed erected at Boys' Home	155	0	0	
Office furniture b/fwd.	60	0	0	
Less 5% depreciation	3	0	0	
		57	0	0
Petty cash advance to Secretary	5	0	0	
		3005	13	0

R. H. WAKELEY, Treasurer.  
11th January, 1957.

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, 1956, and hereby certify that they are in accordance herewith.  
H. ATKINSON, F.B.A.S., F.A.B.I., F.P.C.A.

# STATISTICAL REGISTER, 1956

ADDITIONS DEDUCTIONS

CHURCH LOCATION	Year Organised	Year Affiliated	Membership 31/12/55	Faith and Baptism	Baptised Believers	Restoration	Transfer	Death	Letter	Revision of Roll	Increase	Decrease	Membership 31/12/56	Average Attendance	Isolated Members	Sup'ry Roll
1. Albury	1925	1929	128	4									121	81	15	31
2. Ashfield	1924	1924	21	4									14	14		
3. Asquith	1947	1948	31	4									33	33		
4. Auburn	1908	1909	149	4									138	47	0	47
5. Auburn North	1912	1915	69										50	24	3	26
6. Austral	1945	1947	23	7									30	25	3	3
7. Bangalow	1919	1920	21*										17	17	3	3
8. Bankstown	1921	1922	161	11	1								170	60	24	52
9. Belmore	1919	1921	206	19	9	4							220	116	11	
10. Belrose	1946	1948	18										20	17	0	2
11. Beverly Hills	1919	1921	71	22	2								100	37	4	
12. Bexley North	1931	1931	130	6	6								130	75	13	11
13. Bowral	1945	1946	35										43	33		
14. Burwood	1920	1921	151	16	2								168	92	16	11
15. Canley Vale	1902	1902	65	26	2								81	50		
16. Cardiff	1931	1933	21	1	1								22	13	3	3
17. Carlingbah	1947	1948	114	19	1								122	65	4	15
18. Carramar	1934	1937	69	1	1								67	37	4	9
19. Chatswood	1914	1914	243*	7	1								239	150	17	25
20. Doonside	1938	1944	41	4	1								48	20		
21. Dubbo	1953	1954	40	2	1								40	20		
22. Earlwood	1932	1933	141	1	1								140	53	13	23
23. Emmore	1852	1888	124	6									118	80	18	
24. Epping	1923	1924	115	10	1								123	75	9	8
25. Fairfield	1944	1945	59	4									39	27	2	2
26. Georgetown	1940	1942	122	2	2								103	62	5	15
27. Gilgandra	1914	1914	72	3	2								63	29	7	21
28. Granville	1923	1924	49	3	2								39	27	9	9
29. Granville Sth.	1943		12										85	60	2	3
30. Hamilton	1923	1927	82	6									44	19		
31. Holroyd	1934	1935	19	22	3	1	1						45	28	8	3
32. Hornsby	1910	1911	35	4	1								187	75	11	50
33. Hurstville	1907	1908	163	11	2	1	12	3	1				172	64	50	19
34. Inverell	1905	1906	109	3	1	3	3	1	3	3			140	84	10	21
35. Kingsford	1907	1908	123	18	2								42	20	6	
36. Kurri Kurri	1921	1928	49	2									126	60	2	11
37. Lane Cove	1922	1924	119	5	2								16	12	2	
38. Lawson	1948	1949	15	1	1								82	42	4	22
39. Lidcombe	1883	1886	74*	5	2	1	1	1	1				252	139	12	50
40. Lismore	1885	1886	258*	16									62	36		
41. Loftus Park	1917	1919	63*	17									16	14		
42. Manly	1932	1933	14*										164	92	21	18
43. Marrickville	1937	1939	187	1	1								124	68	11	
44. Mayfield	1937	1938	124	12	1								40	32	2	3
45. Merewether	1886	1890	42	1	1								138	69	13	24
46. Mosman	1885	1909	116	20									9	5	1	
47. Mudgee	1947	1948	8										39	25		
48. Murwillumbah	1907	1908	32*	7									90	52	10	
49. North Sydney	1905	1906	90										92	20	20	12
50. Paddington	1892	1893	92	6	1								75	51	2	5
51. Padstow	1950	1953	58	14									27	25		
52. Parramatta Nth.	1937	1947	22	5									57	30	8	9
53. Pendle Hill	1938		46*	9	1								13	15		
54. Penrith	1948	1949	6*	4									25	15	1	4
55. Penhurst	1931	1931	27	2	4								141	90	10	12
56. Rockdale	1918	1919	134	7	1								22	12	5	
57. Seven Hills	1890	1893	24										10	8		
58. Slavic	1954	1955	10										44	22	10	
59. Sydney (City T.)	1851	1886	50										20	17		
60. Sydney (Chinese)	1899	1908	25										40	20	4	11
61. Tamworth	1954	1954	43	2									180	75	53	
62. Taree	1893	1896	174	7									24	18		
63. Tempe	1928	1929	24										170	75	48	34
64. Wagga Wagga	1885	1886	184	6									36	26	2	
65. Warrawong	1950	1953	44	1	1								24	30		
66. Wentworth Falls	1846	1949	21	5									85	48		
67. Wiley Park	1947	1948	90										62	23		
68. Wingham	1879	1885	35*	28									252	111	9	51
69. Wollongong	1941	1942	260	11									29	20		
70. Wyoming	1950	1951	22	8	2								22	22	1	
71. Yennora	1956		22										22	22		
Isolated Members			250										250			
TOTALS			15016	1467	371	10	140	50	169	201	349	175	6060	3140	543	743

\* Adjusted figure.

# FINANCIAL REGISTER, 1956

(AMOUNTS TO NEAREST £)

CHURCH	Conference Executive	Home Missions	Overseas Missions	S.E.W. Bible College	Bible School & Y.P. Dept.	Aboriginals Missions	Boys' Home	Social Service
1. Albury		15	30		5			
2. Ashfield		15	18		18			
3. Asquith	8	15	13		5			
4. Auburn	39	12			5			
5. Auburn North	11	15		6	14			
6. Austral			5		18			15
7. Bangalow	5		24	10	10			
8. Bankstown		4			12			17
9. Belmore	4	69	40	29	21			
10. Belrose	22	85	117	92	53			
11. Beverly Hills		28	30	11	26			
12. Bexley North	16	36	48	11	42			
13. Bowral	17	33	62	25	100			
14. Burwood	6	6	24	25	40			
15. Canley Vale	53	190	188	81	182			
16. Cardiff		7	47		0			
17. Carlingbah	13	30	16	16	27			
18. Carramar	4	21	5	23	7			
19. Chatswood	56	121	303	137	155			
20. Doonside			3		48			
21. Dubbo		10	9	3	9			
22. Earlwood		48	16	11	19			
23. Emmore		17	5	6	8			
24. Epping		84	117	43	34			
25. Fairfield		21	25	11	21			
26. Georgetown		32	81	12	22			
27. Gilgandra		7	20	2	6			
28. Granville		24	25	12	12			
29. Granville South		3	2		27			
30. Hamilton								
31. Holroyd		148		11	4			
32. Hornsby		8	16	4	6			
33. Hurstville	17	7	59	24	44			
34. Inverell		7	35	13	26			
35. Kingsford		5	78	67	71			
36. Kurri Kurri		29	211	61	59			
37. Lane Cove	3	26	69	47	53			
38. Lawson	19	33	145	64	46			
39. Lidcombe	7	21	18	15	18			
40. Lismore		18	60		14			
41. Loftus Park		1	3	10	5			
42. Manly	2	10	34	4	17			
43. Marrickville	27	91	123	39	43			
44. Mayfield	4	6	80	34	24			
45. Merewether	6	18	10	9	7			
46. Mosman	15	19	42	29	37			
47. Mudgee		1	4	2	3			
48. Murwillumbah		22	20	2	1			
49. North Sydney	31	188	271	101	48			
50. Paddington	4	25	14	9	33			
51. Padstow	6	18	34	12	10			
52. Parramatta North	3	8	10	9	5			
53. Pendle Hill	1	3	4	10	3			
54. Penrith		5	7	6	8			
55. Penhurst	24	56	162	28	102			
56. Rockdale								
57. Seven Hills								
58. Slavic								
59. Sydney (City Temple)	67	44	145	19	17			
60. Sydney (Chinese)	4	6	5	10	7			
61. Tamworth	1	5	1	3	7			
62. Taree	5	15	130	65	60			
63. Tempe	1	4	11	2	1			
64. Wagga Wagga	10	87	225	79	55			
65. Warrawong	5	25	49	15	26			
66. Wentworth Falls		11	10		6			
67. Wiley Park	4	35	53	13	39			
68. Wingham		2	19	5	1			
69. Wollongong	6	10	67	7	12			
70. Wyoming	2		9					

# CONSTITUTION

As Amended, and including Amendments passed at 1956 Conference.

1. **Name:**  
The name shall be "The Conference of Churches of Christ New South Wales."
2. **Objects:**
  - (a) To promote and sustain fraternal intercourse amongst the Churches.
  - (b) To co-operate for the evangelisation of the State and world-wide missionary activity on the basis of the New Testament.
  - (c) To promote work in the Bible Schools and amongst young people.
  - (d) To assist in combating social evils, engage in philanthropic work and to unite with others wherever such action is necessary or desirable.
3. **Constituents:**  
The Conference shall consist of all Churches of Christ at present associated, and such other churches as may from time to time be admitted in the manner hereinafter provided. The Conference may at any time dissociate itself from any church that has previously been admitted to association under the Conference if a majority of the representatives consider that the church in question is pursuing a line of conduct likely to bring discredit upon the brotherhood, or has departed from the New Testament truth.
4. **Conference Expenses:**  
Each church forming a conference shall contribute towards the expenses of Conference the sum of ten shillings (10/- per annum for each 25 (twenty-five) members or portion thereof. Isolated members or those on the supplementary list not to be included in this quota. Any balance required to meet conference expenses to be divided between the different participating committees according to the space taken on the printed programme.
5. **Representation:**  
Churches associated shall be entitled to be represented at all business sessions of Conference upon the following basis:—
  - (a) Two representatives for the first 25 (twenty-five) members or portion thereof, and one for each additional 25 (twenty-five) or portion thereof, provided that no church shall have more than twenty-one representatives; also provided that only representatives of those churches which have paid all conference dues, or those showing reasonable cause for not being able to do so, shall be entitled to vote.
  - (b) Each church shall send her list of representatives to the Conference Secretary at least one week prior to Conference.
  - (c) Any church through her Secretary, or other accredited representative appointed for the purpose, shall be entitled to alter her list of representatives up to one hour before the election of Conference Officers and Committees.
6. **Mode of Admission:**  
Any Church desirous of admission to Conference shall forward to the Conference Secretary at least twelve weeks before the date of the next Annual Conference an application for admission. The name of each Church applying for admission shall within not less than ten weeks of such Conference be sent to each Church associated. The Executive Committee of Conference shall consider the application and shall make a recommendation to such Conference. Each Church seeking admission be advised to agree that any property held or to be acquired will be registered under The Churches of Christ Incorporation Act, 1947, and if private trustees are appointed then a 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 Boys' 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 boys, boys under unfit guardianship, and boys 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 eight members including representatives of such professions and trades as will assist the churches in their building projects; the profession or trade of each nominee to be mentioned on the ballot paper. 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 Bible School and Young People's Committee, the Foreign Missionary Committee, the Social Service 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, May, July, August, September, October and December, respectively, or any day as may be mutually agreed on between the Committees concerned and the Conference Executive, the Home Missionary Committee to have the right to make an appeal at the Annual Meeting of Conference in addition. No other Committee shall, without permission of the Conference Executive, make any direct appeal to churches or church auxiliaries.

#### 11. Conference Executive:

The Executive Committee of Conference shall consist of the Conference Officers as provided in Article 9, and one member from each of the following Committees of Conference, viz.: Home Missionary Committee, Foreign Missionary Committee, 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 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 by 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 shall be and are hereby rescinded.

#### 21. Reservation:

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

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

#### STANDING ORDERS.

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

# NEW SOUTH WALES CHURCHES

CHURCH	PREACHER	SECRETARY	TREASURER
ALBURY-WODONGA — David St. and Ariel St.	F. L. Lelwesley, 522 David Street, Albury.	S. Winch, Box 77, Wodonga, Vict.	S. Winch, Box 77, Wodonga, Vict.
ASHFIELD—193 Norton St.	D. J. Creeper, Woolwich College, 57 The Point Rd., Woolwich.	M. Collins, C/- 6 Athol St., Leichhardt, LM3140.	P. A. Wynn, 6 Athol St., Leichhardt, LM3140.
ASQUITH—Lords Avenue	M. C. Leask, 110 Macquarie Rd., Greystanes.	W. R. Middlemass, 10 Colah Rd., Mt. Colah.	W. H. Melville, Lodge St., Hornsby.
AUBURN—Auburn Road	L. S. Dewberry, 51 Park Rd., Auburn, YX6412.	R. Edwards, 106 Campbell Hill Rd., Chester Hill.	J. Davies, 2 Auburn Rd., Lidcombe.
AUBURN NORTH—Cnr. Parramatta & St. Hilliers Rds.		F. W. Winch, 15 Paul St., Auburn, YX9730.	Mrs. A. Owen, 27 Dewrang St., Lidcombe, YX9960.
AUSTRAL—Edmondson Ave.	H. C. Gowans, Edmondson Avenue, Austral.	B. Willis, P.O. Austral.	A. Hardy, P.O. Austral.
BANGALOW—Temperance Hall, Byron St., Bangalow.		Mrs. M. E. Burnham, "Meadowvale", Bangalow, 4C, N.S.W.	W. A. Keevers, "Glenburra", Binna Burra 4C, N.S.W.
BANKSTOWN—7 North Terrace	G. Brown, 9 North Terrace, Bankstown, UY1647.	R. Morris, 15 White Ave., Bankstown.	C. King, 4 Forest Rd., East Hills.
BELMORE—Burwood Road	B. G. Corlett, 11 McCourt St., Lakemba, UL2361.	H. D. Handley, 81 Quigg St., Lakemba, UL3043.	H. R. Webb, 8 Indiana Ave., Belfield.
BELROSE—Forest Way and Wearden Rd.	F. W. Reynolds, Woolwich College, 57 The Point Rd., Woolwich.	C. T. Garrett, Forest Way, Belrose via Chatswood, JJ0741.	Miss G. Mackie, Hilmer St., French's Forest.
BEVERLY HILLS—Stoney Crk Road and Cahill St.	R. W. Beadle, C/o H. J. Neale, 9 Campbell St., Bexley, LW1147.	J. Skinner, 220 Stoney Creek Rd., Beverly Hills, LY7202.	G. V. Brogden, 4 Tallawalla St., Beverly Hills.
BEXLEY NORTH—New Illawarra Road	J. G. Shaw, 7 Allen St., Bexley, LY7435.	L. C. Yelds, 65 Coveney St., Bexley, LY5713.	C. Langbein, 116 Kingsland Rd., Bexley North.
BOWRAL—Wingecarribee St.	B. A. Roberts, Woolwich College, 57 The Point Rd., Woolwich.	F. Roberts, 54 Woodbine St., Bowral.	H. Whatman, Shepherd St., Bowral.
BURWOOD—Clarence St.	J. Henderson, 18 Clarence St., Burwood, UJ4537.	N. H. Somerville, 2 Barton St., Enfield, YB1004.	E. Leach, 20 Hugh Ave., Dulwich Hill, LM1528.
CANLEY VALE—Cnr. Canley Vale and Cambridge Sts.	W. E. Hoffman, 106 Cambridge Rd., Canley Vale, UB2485.	E. Phillips, 47 Bulls Rd., St. Johns Park.	V. Burling, Cambridge Rd., Canley Vale.
CARDIFF—Cnr. Francis & Arthur Sts.	W. D. Howard, 10 Denison St., Hamilton, MA2281.	J. S. Gibson, Arthur St., Sth. Cardiff.	F. T. Smallman, 34 First St., Sth. Cardiff.
CARINGBAH—Cnr. Kingway and Jackaranda Rd.		J. S. Cooke, 2 Carrington Ave., Carlingbah, LB7726.	N. B. Goodall, 27 Crammond Boulevard, Carlingbah.
CARRAMAR—Wyde Street		H. A. Jay, 2 Leicester St., Chester Hill.	G. Marley, Robertson Rd., Bass Hill.
CHATSWOOD—Victoria Ave.	I. A. Paternoster (Interim) 32 Cammeray Ave., Cammeray, XB2344.	G. R. Hore, 2 Johnson St., Chatswood, JA4941.	Y. M. Middleton, 36 Finlayson St., Lane Cove, JB1963.
DOONSIDE—Kildare St.		O. Wainwright, 17 Richmond Road, Blacktown, Blacktown 417.	D. Reeson, Kildare Rd., Doonside.
DUBBO—Roper St.	B. E. Cavill, Roper Street, North Dubbo.	K. Wrigley, Allam St., West Dubbo.	C. Henry, 98 Taylor St., Sth. Dubbo.
EARLWOOD—Burlington Ave.	B. F. Goldsteen, 130 Gannons Rd., Carlingbah.	J. Werner, 21 Werne St., Canterbury.	R. W. Smith, 86 Permanent Ave., Earlwood, LL1019.
ENMORE—Metropolitan Rd.	A. Baker, 61 Cambridge St., Stanmore, LA1818.	Dr. E. A. Bardsley, 28 Eastern Rd., Turramurra, JW3147.	J. Parker, c/- Church of Christ, Enmore.
EFFING—Bridge St.	C. Bowser, Woolwich College, 57 The Point Rd., Woolwich.	M. C. McArthur, 29 George St., Penrith Hills, WJ1795.	L. J. Torode, 76 Carlingford Rd., Epping.
FAIRFIELD—Ware St.	W. E. Hoffman, 106 Cambridge St., Canley Vale, UB2485.	G. Ginton, 118 Wolesley St., Fairfield.	R. Dwyer, 55 York St., Fairfield.
GEORGETOWN — Georgetown Road		W. M. Fraser, 4 David St., Georgetown, 2N, MW1660.	W. F. Reeves, 41 Dawson St. Waratah, 2N.
GILGANDRA—Warren Road		W. P. Quayle, "Wycott", Balladuran.	W. Hodgekiss, Dudley St., Gilgandra.
GOSFORD-WYOMING—Pemmli St., Wyoming	R. W. Hume, Chatterton St., Cabramatta.	J. S. Ricketts, Dooralong via Wyong.	G. H. Rich, Palmdale Rd., Ourimbah, Ourimbah 115.
GRANVILLE—Ritchie St.		L. E. Pilkington, 340 Seven Hills Rd., Seven Hills.	R. Kenyon, 11 Birmingham St., Merrylands.
GRANVILLE SOUTH—19 John St.	C. Thomson, 4 Cullah Pde., Lane Cove, JB5116.	S. B. Hibbard, 29 John St., Granville.	S. B. Hibbard, 29 John St., Granville.
HAMILTON—27 Gordon Ave.	C. J. Mackenzie, 25 Gordon Avenue, Hamilton 2N, MA2693.	N. J. Fraser, 122 Lockyer St., Adamstown, 2N, LU2123.	D. Brown, Prince St., Fennell's Bay, 2N.
HOLROYD—Hilltop Road	K. E. Crawford, Woolwich College, 57 The Point Rd., Woolwich.	Miss E. J. Torode, 76 Carlingford Rd., Epping.	Miss E. J. Torode, 76 Carlingford Rd., Epping.
HORNSBY—11 Albert St.	V. S. Dallinger, 49 Russell Ave., Wahroonga, JW3728.	J. V. Ellerby, 23A Dural St., Hornsby, JU1523.	Mrs. E. R. Bishop, 23A Dural St., Hornsby, JU1523.
HURSTVILLE—McMahon St.	D. Wakeley, 5 Salisbury St., Sth. Hurstville, LU3329.	R. S. Edwards, 44 Gnarbo Ave., Blakehurst.	D. H. Egghins, 53 Oliver St., Bexley North.
INVERELL—Vivian Street	Howard Earle, The Manse, O'Connor St., Inverell.	G. E. Bulmer, 136 Brae St., Inverell.	Allan Mackie, King St., Inverell.
KINGSFORD—Anzac Parade	P. Kavanagh, 19 Dunnerong Rd., Kingsford, PF2272.	E. Smith, 8 Wise St., Maroubra.	R. Porter, Edgar St., Kingsford.
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LAWSON—Bathurst Road	W. J. Crossman, San Jose Ave., Lawson.	F. Clark, "Joyhome", Bathurst Rd., Lawson.	F. Clark, "Joyhome", Bathurst Rd., Lawson.
LIDCOMBE—Vaughan & Bede Sts.	L. E. Wylie, 32 Vaughan St., Lidcombe, YX8360.	E. Walker, 98 Woodburn Rd., Lidcombe.	E. Walker, 98 Woodburn Rd., Lidcombe.
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MANLY—Eustace St. (Dispensary Hall)		K. Jones, 14 Boyle St., Balgowlah.	T. Pearson, 8 Waratah St., Balgowlah.
MARRICKVILLE—389 Illawarra Road	H. C. Bischoff, 387 Illawarra Road, Marrickville.	C. H. Maxwell, 43 Cross St., Concord.	E. L. Rugendyke, 161 Wardell Rd., Earlwood.
MAYFIELD—Maitland Road	A. C. Thurroogood, 51 Carrington St., Mayfield, MW1254.	R. C. Aird, 3 Vale St., Birmingham Gardens 2N, LL9453.	C. Peattie, 44 Mabel St., Waratah, 2N.
MEREWETHER—100 Railway Street	W. D. Howard, 10 Denison St., Hamilton, MA2281.	T. G. Magner, 12 Alexander St., Hamilton.	P. Weatherby, Abbott St., Whitegate.
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### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS STATEMENT.

FOR PERIOD 20th. MAY 1956 to 31st. MARCH 1957.

#### RECEIPTS.

Donations and Offering.	2,686. 5. 5.
Interest.	29.12. 2.
	<u>2,715.17. 7.</u>

#### Less PAYMENTS.

Printing and Advertising.	44. 4. 0.
Postage, Stationery, Travelling and Secretarial Expenses.	50. 0. 0.
Tea Expenses.	33.16.10.
	<u>128. 0.10.</u>

BALANCE at National Bank of Australasia Ltd., Bankstown. £2,587.16. 9.

GLEN.S. BROWN. Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

I have examined the Books of Account and Vouchers of the E.C. Hinrichsen Memorial Chapel Committee for the period 20th. May 1956 to 31st. March 1957. In my opinion the above statement is properly drawn up so as to set forth the state of the Committee's affairs, according to the information and explanations given to me, and as shown by the Books of Account.

Sydney 11th. April 1957.

KEVIN E. CRAWFORD. A.A.S.A., A.S.T.C.

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