

Delegates to Conference 26th Jan'y 1904

Dungawalbyn - Bro. H. Robinson

Corowa. H. May.

Canby Vale Stinson

Winks

Enmore

E. D. Andrews

J. Anderson

W. Arque

J. Bardsley Sr

E. Barnes

A. Barrett

A. Barrett.

J. Chandler

J. H. Crowley

H. Chapham

H. Day

W. J. Edwards

Eastwood

C. J. Forcutt.

J. Farn

E. Gale

H. Gilmour

G. Herford

J. Hunter

J. Hammill

H. Horsley

J. Huddle

E. Hilder

H. Jones

John Kingsbury

D. Jas. Kingsbury

J. Lovell

Livingstone

Enmore Continued

G. Munster Senr.

W. Matthews

M. M. Coughtry

A. Macindoe

W. Milson

J. Morton

A. Olafield

W. Pyne

G. Portsmouth

C. A. Rafe

R. Reid

W. C. Rieu

Souter

H. Smith

W. Simpson

H. Spencer

J. Standen

W. Standen

R. Steer

A. J. Taylor

E. Taylor

H. Talbot

R. Terco

F. Terco

M. Terco

E. D. Terco

G. J. Walden

Henry Webber

E. Webber

A. H. Webber

Alfred Webber

A. E. Webber

Delegates to Conference 26th Jan'y 1904 Cont.

<u>Enmore Cont.</u>	<u>Paddington</u>	<u>Sydney</u>	<u>Petersham</u>
Frank Webber	H J Allen	P. A. Dickson	Illingworth
J Willis	H Allen	Leck	Denford
W. Williams	G Arnott	Macindoe	Roe
Wildman	J Craggington	Morris	Halle day
Whip	Fitten	Logan	Jurdall
<u>Lismore</u>	Greenlade	J Stinson	A Drown
J R Furlonger	Goddard	Robert.	Hambly
Green	Goddard	Walker	Thompson
Brown	Golby	Kean	Pearce
Davis	G Hawks	Potter	Rootes
<u>Marrickville</u>	G. P. Jones	D R Hall	Spedding
Horak	H Kirkham	G. Hall	Cattanach
R C Gilmore	E. Lewis	Greenhalshq.	Owen
L D Gilmore	J Lee	Crawford	H Robert
J. Jones	Marshall	Warner	James
J. Hunter	Rolls	Santwyck	Marks
R. Mills	A. W. Shearston	Carpenter	Hall
<u>Mereweather</u>	W. Stephenson	M C Wilson	Williams
R. Want	P. Stark	Harris	Eldridge
J Wright	R. K. Wately	J Gole	Dullock
E Taylor	S. Wately	Sam Wong	Andrews
J. Newburn	Wilson	Triglone	Lea
A Fraser	Bert Evans	Marshall	
Leconer	Rookwood	Beer	
<u>Moree</u>	E Andrews Jr	Verco	
C J Foscutt	J D Fischer	L Stinson	
<u>Prospect</u>	Argle	Alfred Baker	
J. Hankins	Moriton	Holford	
W. Piper	W. Roe		
	Hardaker		
	Russell		

Minutes & Proceedings of the Nineteenth
Annual Conference held in Enmore
Tabernacle 26th Jan'y (Tuesday) 1904

The Conference was opened by a short Devotional service led by Bro Pittman of Melbourne with Hymn & Prayers by Brethren Millis Illingworth & Dickson A short address well thought out & ably delivered by Bro Dronne

The President then took the Chair & Hymn 626 was sung & Prayer by Bro Hawkins

The President then extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors which was responded to by

Bro Millis President Victorian Conference

Bro Harward Victorian State Evangelist

" Prior Tasmania

" Gunstead Adelaide

" Swain Victoria

" John Fisher Adelaide

" Pittman Victorian State Singing Evangelist

" Grant Victoria

" Eason Adelaide

The Secretary then read the Roll of Delegates Minutes of last Conference meeting was then read & Confirmed on the motion of Broth Macindoe & Stinson Greetings from Victoria West Australia South Australia New Zealand were then read & received with applause

Scrutinisers were appointed on the motion of Broth Perco & Andrews. by Broth Hilder &

Moved by Brethren Hunter & Heam that Committees report be received & dealt with Clause by Clause Clause 1 & 2 were taken as read Clause 3 to be taken with Treasurers Statement

Clause 4 Moved by Brethren Walden Perco &

Spoken to by them Clause 5 Home Mission
 fields Corowa Lismore Merriweather Rookwood
 & Banly Vale Moved by Breth Way & Furlong
 & Spoken to by Brethren Way Furlong Green
 Wamb Williams & Fischer

Clause 6 Recommendations of Committee
 That an equal number of delegates be appointed
 by Conference to confer with ^{Com} Baptist Union of N.S.W.
 Re Union Moved by Breth Spedding & Walden
 that this Conference appoints a Committee to be
 elected by ballot to confer with Baptists Re Union
 This motion was discussed at length by Breth
 Grimstead Illingworth Kingsbury Harward
 Forscutt Gilmour Hall Hawkins & Carried
 Election of Officers

President	A. E. Illingworth
Vice President	John Hunter
Treasurer	Joe Stinson
Secretary	L. Rossell
Assist Sec	D. R. Hall
Committee	Bagley
	Macindoe
	Walden
	Arnot
	Dickson

Temperance Committee - Moved by Breth A. Roe &
 Hunter that the Committee consist of 11 Brethren
 The following being elected Breth. Rootes Monton
 Logan W. Williams Cattanach Shearston Walden
 Gilmour J. B. Fischer D. Kingsbury Macindoe
 Foreign Mission report adopted on the motion of
 Breth E. Gole & J. Stinson

Foreign Mission Committee were elected as follows.
 Mrs. Hinde, Mrs. Bagley, A. Gilmour, Walden, Dickson

Minutes Annual Conference 26th Jan 1904 Contd
 Heard E. Gole & Illingworth
 Moved by Broth Walden & Gole that the Committee for
 Foreign missions be increased as above to 8 members
 Election of Committee to Confer with Baptists by
 exhaustive ballot resulted as follows. Brethren
 Illingworth Dickson Walden Kingsbury J. B. Fischer
 Hunter Bagley D. Kingsbury Macindoe & E. Gole
 Treasurer Statement & Financial clause Moved by
 Brethren Stinson & Hurdle - Bro Hurdle spoke at
 length & pointed out the duty of all to the earnestness
 & enthusiasm a collection was taken up amounting
 to £107. 8. 2 Cash & Promises

Temperance report was adopted on the motion of
 Brethren Morton & D. Kingsbury

Verbal reports of interest were given by the following
 Brethren Broth Brown, Green & Furlong, Lesmore
 " Want & Williams Mereweather
 " Fischer Canby Vale & Rootwood

Letters from Churches received & adopted on the motion
 of Brethren Macindoe & Russell

Federal Conference Moved by Brethren Walden & E. Gole
 that this Conference approves of the Calling of a general
 Conference of the Churches of Christ in Australasia
 This was spoken to by Brethren Leck of Sydney & Bro
 Grinstead of South Australia pointing out the
 advantages to be gained - This closed the business
 of Conference

All the meetings of Conference viz Sisters Conference Thursday
 Afternoon & evening - Sunday School Union meeting Friday
 Conference sermon by Bro Harward Sunday afternoon St George's Hall
 Christian Endeavor rally Monday - Conference all day Tuesday
 & Home Mission meeting in evening - Foreign mission meeting
 Wednesday evening Temperance meeting Thursday &

Merritts Annual (19th) Conference 26 Jan'y 1904 Cont^d
Sunday School demonstration on Friday evening
were attended by large congregations which fully
demonstrated the success of the extra meetings
undertaken this year by Conference Sermon
Endeavor Rally & Sunday School demonstration
At the Home Mission meeting Tuesday 26th.
a resolution was carried to send greetings to
Brethren Day & Kingsbury who are studying at
Kentucky

A. E. Seligworth

N.S.W. Conference Reports, 1904

Nineteenth Annual Report.

JANUARY 26.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

Your Committee have pleasure in presenting their report for the year just closed. Although we have not done as much as we set out to do, yet we have endeavored to strengthen the causes in the various fields, and a glance at the results will show the extent of our success in this direction. In consequence of the success of the last annual gathering, it was decided to hold our Conference this year on January 26th, and so give the other States an opportunity of being represented, which we have reason to believe will be for our mutual good.

TENT MISSIONS.

During the year we purchased a tent after a good deal of consideration, and sent it along to Lismore, where it was used with great success; then to Corowa, where a month's mission was held; and we hope to see it used during the coming year by all our city and suburban churches, as we believe by this means we can reach the people more readily, and the success with it in the past induces us to hope for greater things in the near future.

FINANCE.

At present we require £10/15/- per week to carry on the work of the Master in the fields now occupied; and as the churches assisted contribute £6/12/6 of this, the balance to be raised is only £4/2/6. In addition to this we would like to see sufficient raised to keep an able brother preaching in the tent continually and opening fresh causes in the large centres about Sydney and large country towns. This can be done if the brethren assembled will help us to their utmost, and carry from this Conference to their respective places of meeting so much enthusiasm that large amounts will be forthcoming for this purpose. Remember our Master's marching orders, "Go!" and if we cannot go we can send men into the fields which are "white already to harvest" by each giving regularly and liberally. The receipts for the past twelve months have been £628/11/9; expenditure, £622/14/4; being £5/17/5 to credit on the year; but as we started with a debit of £54/2/11, our debit is now reduced to £48/5/6.

STATISTICS.

This year has been one of great blessings and steady progress. At all the larger meetings splendid results have been achieved. The additions are as follows:—By faith and obedience, 544; by letter, 78; immersed believers, 25; restored, 18; total, 665. The losses are:—By letter, 81; death, 18; removal or revision of roll, 191; total, 290, being a net increase of 379, and a present membership of 2290, compared with 1911

for 1903. The Bible School shows scholars to be 1740, compared with 1521 last year, an increase of 219; teachers, 156, compared with 139 last year, an increase of 17. The additions to the church from the Bible School are 185.

HOME MISSION FIELDS.

COROWA.—During the past three months Bro. Way has been laboring here. Though the additions are not large, he has faithfully preached Christ and him crucified, and we hope in the near future to see a strong cause in this large district.

LISMORE.—This is one of the most promising fields. During the year Bro. Way labored until June. Then Bro. Fischer went for three months, and worked up enough enthusiasm to hold a mission, which was conducted by Bren. Bagley and Fischer with splendid results. It is intended to put up a commodious building in a central part of the town during the early part of this year, when great results can be expected. Bro. Browne has continued the work very ably since the mission, and he also pays a visit to Bungawalbyn, assisting the brethren there.

MEREWETHER.—Bro. Williams continues to labor in this district, and although there were 46 additions by faith and obedience the alteration of the roll accounts for the loss shown in the statistical report.

ROOKWOOD AND CANLEY VALE.—These causes have grown, and good reports continue. The additions during the year were 25. Bro. Fischer has been persistent in the work at both places, and his zeal commends him to the brethren and gains for him the respect of those without.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY COMMITTEE.

That an equal number of delegates be appointed by this Conference to confer with the committee already appointed by the Baptist Union of N.S.W. to the union of the Baptist Church and the churches of Christ in N.S.W.

THANKS.

We wish to record our thanks to the officers of the Enmore church for the use of their building for Committee meetings; to the Sisters' Conference for their assistance in collecting; to the collectors in the various churches for their help; and also to the Paddington church for allowing Bro. Bagley to conduct the Lismore mission.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Meetings held, 14; attendance as follows: President, John Kingsbury, 11; Vice-President, Thos. Bagley, 7*; Secretary, L. Russell, 14; Assistant Secretary, D. R. Hall, 6; Treasurer, J. Stimson, 13; W. W. Macindoe, 13; P. A. Dickson, 10; Dr. Kingsbury, 7*; A. E. Illingworth, 10*; G. T. Walden, 12.

*Illness cause of small attendance.

Tent Fund.

RECEIPTS.

To Sundry Contributions ..	£83	12	3
Corowa on account Tent Expenses ..	16	6	0
Rebate on Freight ..	3	7	4
Balance to General Account ..	14	8	7

EXPENDITURE.

By New Tent and Seats ..	£35	0	0
Extra Seats ..	30	0	0
Timber for Seats ..	3	7	1
Books (Hymn) ..	2	19	0
Repairs to Tent ..	3	7	7
Cartage and Freight ..	14	18	4
Travelling Expenses ..	6	10	0
Salary ..	15	0	0
Exchange and Stamps ..	0	6	2
Carbide of Calcium ..	6	6	0

£117 14 2

Audited and found correct,

Sydney, 11th January, 1904. JAMES SCULLER.
E. ROBERTS.
JOSEPH STIMSON, Treas.

Treasurer's Statement,

N.S.W. Home Mission Fund, from 19th January, 1903, to 11th January, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Annual Fees—Canley Vale ..	£0	10	0
Rookwood ..	1	0	0
Lismore ..	1	0	0
Bungawalbyn ..	0	10	0

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Contributions from Assisted Churches—Canley Vale ..	26	10	0
Corowa ..	16	0	0
Lismore ..	55	15	0
Merewether ..	89	10	0
Rookwood ..	54	12	0

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Collections—Bungawalbyn ..	2	0	0
Enmore ..	11	12	3
Petersham ..	8	2	4
Prospect ..	3	10	0
Paddington ..	10	1	4
Sydney ..	38	6	3

73 12 2

Home Mission Lord's Day Collections—Bungawalbyn ..	1	3	0
Enmore ..	8	13	11
Inglewood Forest ..	0	14	0
Lismore ..	7	8	6
Moree ..	1	0	0
Paddington ..	3	6	0
Rookwood ..	3	15	3
Sydney ..	3	14	6
Wingham ..	1	7	3

31 2 5

Miscellaneous Receipts—			
Collected at Annual Session ..	17	7	7
Foreign Mission Contribution ..	1	15	0
Individual Contributions ..	156	2	0

175 4 7

48 5 6

£573 11 8

EXPENDITURE.

Balance ..	£54	2	11
By Salaries—T. B. Fischer ..	£149	10	0
W. J. Way ..	138	0	0
L. A. Williams ..	127	10	0
G. H. Browne ..	54	0	0
Sec.'s Allowances ..	6	0	0

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Travelling Expenses ..	14	18	6
Printing ..	7	6	0
Stamps ..	5	5	6
Exchange ..	0	16	0
Interest ..	1	4	2
Bank Charges ..	0	10	0

30 0 2

Balance from Tent Account ..

14 8 7

£573 11 8

Audited and found correct,

11th January, 1904. JAMES SCULLER.
E. ROBERTS.
JOSEPH STIMSON, Treas.

Summary of Church & Individual Collections.

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Bungawalbyn—General ..	£2	10	0
H.M. Sunday ..	1	3	0
Canley Vale—General ..	26	10	0
Individual ..	2	10	0
Corowa—General ..	16	0	0
Enmore—General ..	11	12	3
H.M. Sunday ..	8	13	11
Individual ..	42	5	0
Inglewood—H.M. Sunday ..	0	14	0
Lismore—General ..	56	15	0
H.M. Sunday ..	7	8	6
Merewether—General ..	89	10	0
Individual ..	1	0	0
Moree—H.M. Sunday ..	1	0	0
Paddington—General ..	10	1	4
H.M. Sunday ..	3	6	0
Individual ..	1	0	0
Petersham—General ..	8	2	4
Individual ..	6	0	0
Prospect—General ..	3	10	0
Individual ..	5	0	0
Rookwood—General ..	55	12	0
H.M. Sunday ..	3	15	3
Individual ..	21	10	6
Sydney—General ..	38	6	3
H.M. Sunday ..	3	14	6
Individual ..	37	0	0
Wingham—H.M. Sunday ..	1	7	3
Conference Collections ..	17	7	7
Foreign Mission Cont. ..	1	15	0
Miscellaneous ..	40	6	6

£525 6 2

Letters from Churches.

The following digest of letters sent by the churches should prove of general interest, as it enables us to understand more of the difficulties and triumphs of the cause than we can glean from the bare statistics:—

BUNGAWALBYN.—At intervals during the year the evangelist stationed at Lismore has rendered assistance here, and as a result of his efforts, combined with those of the church, 8 have been added.

CANLEY VALE.—Steady progress is being made in this district. Bro. Fischer still continues to proclaim the gospel here, in conjunction with his work at Rookwood. The additions for the year have been 5, and the Lord's day school is doing well.

LISMORE.—The following is a summary of the secretary's report:—"I have to report that the past year has been full of varied experiences for the church. Beginning with a membership of 114, many of whom were isolated, the average attendance at morning worship did not exceed 25. The financial affairs of the church were also in a bad way. Early in June, T. B. Fischer arrived, and things took a decided turn for the better. A new interest was awakened, and the average attendance rapidly increased. Better still, the public began to attend the preaching services freely. Frequent surrenders to the Lord gladdened our hearts, as well as the restoration of some old members who had wandered away. Then T. Bagley came with the tent. We asked the Lord for 50 souls, and as the result of two weeks' tent mission he gave us 69. G. H. Browne is now with us carrying on evangelistic work, and so well and faithfully has he labored that, although (as might have been expected) there has been a season of comparative rest in the way of confessions and immersions, we rejoice to report that of all the additions received into fellowship since June last not one has been lost. The number of scholars in the Lord's day school has nearly trebled, and the superintendent is arranging to hold a rally. A Christian Endeavor Society and a Students' Class are in full swing. On Wednesday nights cottage prayer meetings are held from house to house, and are well attended. A splendid spirit of self-denial exists among the members, and I am glad to say we have been able to considerably reduce the debts with which we were burdened, besides raising a further sum of nearly £100 towards building a meeting-house of our own, which is our greatest want. We hope to proceed with the building early this year."

MANNING RIVER.—The secretary writes: "The year was very much like its predecessors, with the exception of Herbert Saxby's visit. He had very large audiences, and I believe helped a few to decide for the Lord. If we had a chapel in the chief town and a preacher for a good while I think the church would increase, but without them we are not likely to accomplish much. We are raising a fund to attain the above object."

MARRICKVILLE.—This report informs us: "Morning meetings are well attended, and a source of great comfort and joy to all. The gospel meetings are also fairly well attended. The Christian Endeavor Society has done much good work, and the Sunday School is in a flourishing condition. About half the additions to the church come from the school."

MEREWETHER.—L. A. Williams is still in this field, and while the past year has not been without its difficulties, the report speaks of hopes for the future.

MOREE.—The faithful little band at Moree still continues to meet and serve the Master. The preaching is done by F. Goode.

PROSPECT.—The work in this place goes on, although there are no additions to report.

COROWA.—Although 11 have been added by faith and obedience, and 2 restored, the membership shows no actual increase in numbers. During the last three months W. J. Way has been laboring in the field.

PADDINGTON.—The secretary writes: "We began the year with 202 members, and now, after carefully revising the roll, we have 277, a nett increase of 75. Bro. Bagley lately conducted a 15 days' mission, for which great preparation was made and good work done, and great results were accomplished. As a consequence the church is better and more favorably known in the district than ever before. The Lord's day school is well looked after, and has held a successful rally.

Number on roll, 250; average attendance, 207 scholars and 23 teachers. During the year 29 scholars have joined the church. The Christian Endeavor Society has increased, and a junior society has been formed.

PETERSHAM.—The work here has during the past year been specially blessed. The church additions amounted to 110, the nett increase in the membership, after careful revision of the roll, being 90. Of these additions the school has contributed 27, and is with all other auxiliaries making steady progress. The gospel and week-night prayer meetings continue to be well attended. A Young Men's Club, which was inaugurated during the year, has been taken up very enthusiastically and keeps the young men interested.

ROOKWOOD.—We commenced the year with a membership of 55, and now have 72 on the roll. The additions number 30, and the nett increase 17. God has blessed the labors of our evangelist, Bro. Fischer, and we are more than pleased with the results of his hard and faithful work. We also desire to record our appreciation of Bro. Way, who assisted us during Bro. Fischer's absence in Lismore.

SYDNEY.—We are pleased to report satisfactory progress in the various departments of the Master's work, 46 having obeyed their Lord during the year. Our Lord's day school numbers 180, with an average attendance of 127 scholars and 22 teachers. Satisfactory progress is being made, and 14 of the scholars have been added to the church. The Dorcas Class, Endeavor Dorcas, Endeavor and Junior Endeavor Societies are all doing good work. Then there is the Chinese Mission, with about 30 teachers and 40 scholars, from which 5 have been added to the church during the year. Our one great difficulty in connection with this work is the want of teachers. We pray that more brethren may be influenced to come and help us teach the heathen at home the way of the Lord.

ENMORE.—During 1903 the church has been much blessed, and we give thanks to our heavenly Father that it is our privilege to report a nett addition of 94 members. The attendance at all meetings is good, and emphasises the fact that the Tabernacle is too small for the work, this being particularly noticeable as regards the Sunday School. The various auxiliaries are in a healthy state, all doing their own particular work in a very efficient way. Towards the close of the year Herbert Saxby conducted a very successful mission, which not only resulted in 59 additions to the church, but renewed our enthusiasm in the service of the Master. In February we hope to have even greater results from the tent mission that will be conducted by Bren. Harward and Pittman. During the year Enmore raised £179/16/- for Home Mission work, divided as follows:—Marrickville, £72/10/-; Petersham, £68/5/-; and the Conference Committee, £39/1/-.

£36/2/3 was given to various objects outside the church. £539/7/- devoted to its own church work.

STATISTICAL REGISTER, JAN. 1st, 1904.

LOCATION OF CHURCH	Church Additions, 1903.					Church Losses 1903.			Membership, 1904.			Lord's Day School				Church Additions from Lord's Day School.	Seating Capacity of Meeting House.	EVANGELIST.
	Jan., 1903. Membership.	Faith and Obedience.	Letter.	Baptised Believers.	Restored.	Letter.	Death.	Removal or Revis'n of Roll	Jan., 1904. Membership.	Increase.	Decrease.	1903 Scholars.	1904 Scholars	1903 Teachers.	1904 Teachers.			
Bungawalbyn ..	21	5		1	2		1	2	26	5		21	27	3	3	4	80	T. B. Fischer.
Canley Vale ..	21	4		1		4			22	1		39	54	3	4	2	200	
Chatham ..	44	7	4					1	54	10		18	18	2	3	4	100	W. J. Way. G. T. Walden.
Corowa ..	45	11			2			13	45			26	26	4	4		200	
Enmore ..	587	124	14	8		13	4	35	681	94		487	535	33	35	51	550	A. E. Illingworth. R. C. Gilmour
Petersham ..	173	91	11	4	4	7	5	8	263	90		170	197	13	16	27	300	
Marrickville ..	67	16	5					6	82	15		88	111	9	10	9	120	
Junee ..	9	1	2			3			9									G. H. Browne L. A. Williams.
Lismore ..	114	80	7	4	3	20	12	12	176	62		70	74	7	8	16	200	
Merewether ..	101	46	6	4	6	3	1	63	96		5	150	130	12	11	18	300	
Moree ..	42				1	11			32	10			12		1		150	
*Mungundi ..	9								9									T. Bagley. T. B. Fischer.
Prospect ..	14					4			10	4								
Paddington ..	202	84	7	2		5	1	12	277	75		192	250	19	23	29	350	
Rookwood ..	56	21	8	1			2	12	72	16		120	126	14	16	11	150	P. A. Dickson.
Sydney ..	330	46	14			11	4	25	350	20		140	180	20	22	14	600	
*Wagga ..	19								19								200	
Wingham ..	21	8						2	27	6							100	
Isolated Brethren Estimated at ..	36								40	4								
	1911	544	78	25	18	81	18	191	2290	398	19	1521	1740	139	156	185	3600	

*No report, last year taken.

Increase church members, 379.

Increase Bible School Scholars, 219.

Teachers, 17.