

N.S.W. Conference Reports, 1907.

FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This year has been a year of blessing, and whichever way we look we would fain believe that God has been with us. We know that all through the year we have sought his approval, and if we have erred, he has been graciously pleased to overrule our erring and to bless our feeble labors to try and reach those who hitherto had no hope, either in this or in the life that is to be. Viewed either from the work accomplished or from the financial aspect there is much to encourage us to attempt greater things.

It would unduly lengthen our report to detail all that has come under our notice from the monthly reports received from the missionaries laboring in the regions of Japan, China, India, and the New Hebrides; from John Thompson, laboring amongst the Kanakas, or from W. James and John Sing, who are living and laboring amongst the Chinese in these Australian States: for those who read the AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN do not need to have told over again the story of converts won to and for Christ, of difficulties overcome, of sickness and trials among the missionaries, and of blessings received at the hands of him who called them to their work.

The four cardinal obligations of world-wide missionary enterprise are (1) that we should KNOW, (2) that we should PRAY, (3) that we should GO, (4) that we should SEND with our money. As a committee we here acknowledge our large indebtedness to the Editor of the CHRISTIAN in so faithfully helping us to fulfil the first condition. To those who read our report to-day, and do not know what has been done in the past year to make known the love of Christ to those sitting in the regions beyond, we say, Buy or borrow that paper for 1906, peruse the missionary news for the year, and if your heart does not already give a responsive beat of sympathy for those sitting in darkness and without hope, and for whom Christ died equally with yourself, we believe that when you arise from a perusal of the story of the year's doings you will do so with a resolve that your Lord and Master's need, that "all should know him," shall henceforth be your need too.

As regards the fourth and last obligation, "that we should send with our money," that obligation is beginning to be realised by the brotherhood more generally, but still it is

JAPAN.—Bro. and Sister P. A. Davey at Tokyo.
CHINA.—Sister R. L. Tonkin, working amongst the mill-hands in the industrial centre of Shanghai.

INDIA.—*Havra*—Miss Mary Thompson, our oldest, and first, Australian missionary. With her are associated two faithful native women teachers, Sarubai and Bhaktibai; two native evangelists, J. Shah and Yakub Masih. *Hatia*—Bro. and Sister F. E. Stubbin, who may be with us on furlough in a few months. *Baramati*—Bro. and Sister Strutton, and native teacher.

NEW HEBRIDES.—*Pentecost Island*—Ten native teachers under the supervision of Wm. Tabymancon. 700 are attending their schools.

QUEENSLAND.—*Childers*—Bro. and Sister John Thompson, working amongst the Kanakas. Future uncertain on account of the deportation.

Working amongst the Chinese in N.S.W., Victoria, South Australia and West Australia—W. James and John Sing, evangelists.

The Master asks you to-day—(a) How much do you know to-day about his need for all mankind? (b) How often do you pray the Lord of the harvest to "thrust forth more laborers into the harvest field"? (c) How heavy does the obligation lie upon you to go, or to let your children go? (d) How much do you do in the way of sending, by your money? Do you know how much your answer for 1907 means, to your Master, to those sitting in darkness and without hope, and to yourself?

On behalf of the Committee,
E. GOLE, Sec.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash Balance from 1905	£23	5	7
Annual Conference Collection, 1906	...	3	3
<i>Enmore</i> —Collectors	...	23	17
F. M. Sunday—Church	£31	0	2
Bible Cl.	5	0	—36
Children's Day—Sch. & Bible Cl.	12	17	5
Sydney—Chinese Brethren	20	0	0
Collectors	18	3	9
F. M. Sunday	11	0	0
			72 15 0

only the few in each of our congregations that as yet, regularly and systematically, respond to the call "Come over and help us." Our motto for 1906, and which same motto (£200) we have striven to attain to for several years, has at last been more than reached. Our numbers have steadily increased year by year, but not so apparently our desire for world-wide salvation. This year's substantial increase in our funds, however, inspires us with the hope that our motto of £300 for this year of our Lord 1907 will be as easily passed as was that of 1906.

The sum total received from all sources for the city and suburban churches for 1905 was £107/4/11, that for 1906 is £194/13/5, an increase of £87/8/6. The country churches show an increase of £29/12/1. Of this latter amount, however, £12/10/6 was given by C. J. Morris—late of Victoria, who is settled in Peak Hill, N.S.W.—for the Chinese Mission building in Melbourne. Our Chinese brethren are to be commended for the substantial sympathy they have shown, of their desire that their fellow-countrymen in our midst should together with them share the blessings that are to be found in Christ Jesus.

We note in closing the landmarks that stand out prominently in the past year:

(a) The apparently stable foundation of our "Australian Christian Mission Station" at Baramati, India, under the supervision of Bro. and Sister H. H. Strutton.

(b) The first meeting of the church at Baramati, consisting of eight members, on Lord's day, Oct. 7, 1906.

(c) The immediate success that attended the introduction of "Children's Day" into our Bible Schools in this State.

(d) The gain to her, but the loss to us of our Sister Mrs. E. Bagley, who was called to higher service during the year. She was one of the oldest and most faithfully consistent workers, beloved by all for her works' sake.

(e) Also the call to rest of G. L. Wharton of Jubbulpore, India, long to be remembered as the one above all others who was the means, in God's hands, of teaching the churches in Australia their duty towards the foreign heathen.

Subjoined are the missionaries and workers at present laboring under the auspices of the "Australian Christian Mission":

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Ch. Day, Bible Sch.	6 10 0½	
Orphan Fund, India	5 0 0	
Paddington—Collectors ...	10 12 9	60 13 9½
F.M. Sunday ...	8 4 7	
Child's Day, B.S.	1 19 5	
Kensington "	0 9 4	
Petersham—Collectors ...	6 10 3	21 6 1
F.M. Sunday ...	4 11 7	
Children's Day...	2 18 2	
Bro. Davis ...	1 0 0	
Bro. Albertsen...	5 0 0	
Lismore—F.M. Sunday ...	3 7 9	20 0 0
Children's Day ...	0 15 0	
Miss R. M. Copeman	0 15 0	
Miss A. Harding ...	0 5 0	
Rookwood—F.M. Sunday ...	2 8 9	5 2 9
Children's Day...	1 1 1	
Mrs. Maria Eve	1 2 0	
Marrickville—F.M. Sunday ...	1 10 0	4 11 10
Children's Day	1 0 9½	
Erskineville—F.M. Sunday ...	0 12 0	2 10 9½
Children's Day	1 18 0	
N. Sydney—F.M. Sunday ...	1 12 3	2 10 0
Bible School ...	0 3 6	
Canley Vale—F.M. Sunday ...	1 0 0	1 15 9
Children's Day	0 15 0	
Bungawalbyn ...	3 1 0	1 15 0
Chatham ...	2 14 0	
Corowa ...	0 7 9	
Inglewood Forest...	3 0 0	
Inverell ...	4 7 7	
Junction, Newcastle	1 0 0	
June ...	0 12 6	
Moree ...	1 0 0	
Seven Hills ...	0 10 0	
Wingham ...	1 7 6	
Rally N.E. Societies, Pad'ton	2 14 2	18 0 4
Sisters' Conf., per Mrs. Hindle—		
Drawingroom Meeting	1 5 0	
For New Heb. Mission	1 17 0	
3 Little Girls for India	0 10 0	
	3 12 0	
J. T. W. Green, Pimpana Is.	0 10 0	
Sydney Butler ...	1 0 0	
Mrs. Russell ...	1 0 0	
Forwarded Direct to Treas., Melb.—		10 16 2
General Fund—		
C. Johnson, Corowa ...	5 0 0	
C. Winter, Moree ...	3 0 0	
Mrs. W. Winter, Moree...	1 0 0	
Miss Winter, Moree ...	1 0 0	
C. J. Morris, Peak Hill ...	1 0 0	
J. M. Cook, Corowa ...	1 0 0	
G.S. Warren, Moreton, Tem.	0 10 0	
B. E. Taylor, Deniliquin	0 10 0	
Mrs. Kidd, Cundletown ...	0 10 0	
E. Butler, Tindinoo ...	0 4 0	
T. Hagger, Paddington ...	0 4 0	
Children's Day—		13 18 0
School, Merewether ...	0 5 0	
" Inverell ...	0 18 0	
Chinese Mis. Bld., Melb.—		1 3 0
C. J. Morris, Peak Hill ...	12 10 6	
	£275 17 7	
EXPENDITURE.		
John Sing, Chinese Evangelist, N.S.W.	£78 0 0	
Cleaning Chinese Mission Hall	13 0 0	
Native Teachers, New Hebrides Mission,		
Pentecost Island ...	41 1 8	
H. H. Strutton, Baramati, India	3 8 2	
Miss Mary Thompson, Harda, India	0 10 0	
Orphanage, Mahoba, India ...	5 0 0	
R. Lyall, Melb., Federal Treas.	60 0 0	
" Children's Day ...	27 7 6	
" Amounts Received Direct	27 11 6	
Printing ...	3 6 0	
Fare, Miss Jenkyn ...	0 2 0	
Cash Balance ...	16 10 9	
	£275 17 7	

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

By Collectors ...	£59 4 2
" F.M. Sunday ...	88 7 5
" Bible Sch. and Children's Day Service	31 10 9
" Individuals ...	37 0 6
" Chinese Brethren ...	20 0 0
" Annual Sisters' Conference and Drawingroom Mtg. Collections	8 15 0
" Orphanage (Sydney Bible School)	5 0 0
" C.E. Rally ...	2 14 2
	£252 12 0

Bible School Union Report.

This year we are able to present our report covering practically the whole of the city and suburban schools, a fact which is due greatly to the zeal and energy of our late Secretary, R. Steer.

The demonstration held on the afternoon of Feb. 3 was a marked success, and reflected great credit on those responsible for its organisation and the training of the children in their various exercises. Bro. Hagger's address was also much appreciated.

The annual examination was held on April 7, when 190 candidates presented themselves, of whom 121 were successful, while 69 failed. The presentation of prizes was made in the Tabernacle, Petersham, on June 12, when a good programme helped to make the evening highly successful.

We feel that we cannot pass this theme of the examination without appealing to the parents of the children to use their influence to induce them to compete, and so help them in Biblical study. We regret that so much apathy exists in this matter, and submit the following figures for your careful perusal. For the examination from the whole of our schools only 306 entries were received, while of these only 190, or about 62% of the entrants, presented themselves for the test.

The annual meeting was held at the City Temple on August 21, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Thos. Hagger; Vice-President, G. Stimston; Secretary, R. Steer; Asst-Secretary, R. E. Jeffery; Treasurer, S. G. Trigone; School Visitor, C. J. Lea.

In November Bro. Steer resigned the secretaryship, and at a special meeting held on December 6 it was accepted with regret. Bro. Lea's resignation from the position of visitor was also accepted at this meeting, and deep regret expressed that he had found such a course necessary. The services of both these officers were highly valuable, and the Committee desire to place on record their appreciation of their efforts. The Assistant Secretary was elected Secretary, and L. J. Stimson as his Associate.

Our motto for the year is "The Children for Christ," and to this end we ask your sympathy and prayers.

THOS. HAGGER, Pres.
R. E. JEFFERY, Sec.

Chinese Mission Report.

Closed the year 1905 with a social by teachers. Scholars provided a picnic to Bantry Bay Jan. 1, 1906, to which they invited

teachers and friends. Began the year with a social by scholars. During the year there have been four Chinese immersed, so far as I know. We have lost Bro. and Sister Wong and Sister Jack, also Bro. Poon Guey and others; these were earnest and efficient workers, and their loss was felt very much. The attendance has been on the average, teachers 18, scholars 20, class nights; and on Lord's day evenings, 1 teacher, 33 scholars. We take this opportunity of thanking all those who have helped in any way, especially those who give their time to this work.
H.J.G., Sec.

Conference with Baptists.

The Committee appointed held two meetings with these brethren, when "the work of the Holy Spirit in conversion," and "the designs of baptism" were discussed. The difference in the views held by the representatives of the two bodies, on these subjects, was found to be very great. We regret to report that intimation was received from the Baptist representatives stating that they considered union impracticable at the present time, and breaking off further conference upon the matter.

Attendances at Conferences were as follows: W. J. Williams, 1; T. Hagger, 1; H. G. Picton, 2; P. A. Dickson, 2; G. T. Walden, 2; Jas. Hunter, 2; G. H. Browne, 2; Thos. Bagley, 2; A. E. Illingworth, 2; W. W. Macindoe, 2.

Churches of Christ Property Management Act, 1906.

For many years our churches owning property in N.S.W. have been troubled with serious disabilities respecting their trusts and titles. The only remedy for this was a special Act of Parliament, but the expense involved was for a long time a stumbling-block.

In April, 1905, the Enmore and Sydney officers met together to see if united action in the matter could be arranged. The outcome of the meeting was that all the N.S.W. churches with property were invited to join together in an attempt to have passed into law a Bill that Mr. E. A. Beeby had drafted to meet the case. A committee formed of representatives of the Sydney and suburban churches went very carefully through the Bill and made a number of alterations, the officers of the respective churches then did likewise, and finally the Bill was submitted to the members of the various churches for approval. A great deal had to be done before the Bill assumed a form generally acceptable to the brotherhood, and over twelve months had elapsed before this stage was arrived at. The churches in Sydney, Enmore, Marrickville, Rookwood, Paddington, Petersham, Chatham, Lismore and Merewether then agreed to accept the Bill and share the expense of bringing it before the Legislature.

It was introduced into the Council in September and referred to a select committee, which a month later examined Messrs. Macindoe, E. A. Beeby and E. J. Hilder. The result was entirely satisfactory and the committee endorsed the Bill with two slight corrections; it was ultimately passed by both Houses and became law on November 20 last. The Act gives to each of the churches named, absolute control over their own property, so that the members may borrow on mortgage, sell on lease the whole or any part of the land or buildings, alter or enlarge the buildings if so desired or appoint new trustees or remove old ones. The Act provides that other Churches of Christ may from time to time obtain its benefits with the consent of the officers of the churches already so privileged, and procedure necessary is clearly laid down. For the purpose of giving effect to the Act the officers of the interested churches must appoint a Registrar to keep all records, etc., and in the event of a vacancy in the position at any time, the Secretary of the Enmore church is empowered to act. Copies of the Bill may be purchased at the Government Printing Office, Sydney. The Churches of Christ in New South Wales may congratulate themselves on now having an Act of Parliament that removes the trouble that so long attached to the properties.

E. J. HILDER,

Secretary to the Committee for the Bill.

Literature Committee's Report.

It is now some two years since an effort was made to establish a convenient method of pushing the sale, in this State, of the literature published by the Austral Coy. A literature committee was appointed, and Fred Burcher was appointed selling agent. The headquarters of this committee are at the City Temple, where a stock of publications most likely to be required is held. Small stocks are also held by the secretaries of the Enmore and Petersham churches. During the Conference year just closed, about £38 worth of literature has been sold. The importance of distributing the writings of our brethren, and so reaching many who never come to our meetings, is urged upon you.

Home Missionary Reports.

STATE EVANGELIST.

During the 15 months that I have had the honor of acting in the capacity of State Evangelist about 360 have been added to the church. Missions have been conducted in the following places:—Lismore and district with 75 additions; Inverell, 2 missions with 70 additions. At North Sydney a church has been organised and 2 missions conducted. The church membership is now about 100. At Erskineville after the mission a church was organised with about 130 members. At Moree 24 were added, the church revived,

and a preacher left in charge of the work. The whole time has not been spent in conducting missions; for 8 months I was stationed at North Sydney. This was considered an important centre, and after the first mission the Committee deemed it wise for me to remain until a suitable evangelist was secured to settle permanently in the district. Largely as a result of the missions held, the church at Lismore is not only self-supporting, but they also engage an assistant evangelist (Bro. Davis) to carry on the work in the out-lying districts. The church at Inverell has been entirely self-supporting from the beginning; Bro. Uren is its preacher. A fine brick chapel has been erected at a cost of £750. At Erskineville, G. H. Browne is the preacher. The church was enabled to contribute £2/10/- to the Committee from the start. At Nth. Sydney, Bro. Ewers is the resident preacher, and the church has a bright future. At Moree, Bro. Gale is entirely supported by the church.

T. BAGLEY.

G. H. BROWNE.

In the earlier part of the year, Bro. Browne labored at Rookwood and Canley Vale, where 11 were added by faith and baptism. He commenced his work at Erskineville on August 1, soon after the mission held by Bro. Bagley, and 11 have since been added by faith and baptism, 8 by letter and 1 formerly immersed. Total additions for the year, 31.

D. A. EWERS.

Since his arrival at the end of September, Bro. Ewers has been located at North Sydney, where he assisted with the tent mission in Oct. and Nov. Since then 8 have confessed Christ; of whom 7 have been immersed.

Temperance Report.

We have the honor to report a year of successful work. Considerable progress has been made along the lines of social reform. The administration of the new licensing bill has been productive of much good, the police reports showing that it has had a very beneficial influence. A much needed gambling and betting restriction bill has been passed into law, sweeping away the gambling dens which have been such a curse to the community, and restricting betting to the race-course. We regret very much that the lotteries bill has not also been passed. But still the Government deserve our thanks and a general support because of their efforts to better the condition of the people in this direction.

Your committee have been actively at work, holding meetings in connection with our churches in the city and suburban districts, and helping the cause wherever possible. Their meetings have proved very successful, better audiences being gathered together and more enthusiasm shown than in previous years.

Financially we have been able to carry on our own work and help in some small way the N.S.W. alliance. During this year

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there will be a greater need for funds, and we earnestly plead with our brethren to help us by taking one collection in the year for this work. Enmore is at present the only church doing this, and your committee would respectfully ask that all such monies be paid through the committee.

During the present year, probably in August next, we shall have the opportunity for the first time of dealing with the liquor traffic through the ballot box, having the right to sweep away the traffic altogether, and we would urge upon every follower of the Master to be up and doing and try to educate the people up to a straight-out no-license vote. Let us determine to have no compromise with this evil, but use all our powers to suppress it.

We have held eleven committee meetings, the attendance being as follows:—G. T. Walden, President, 1 (absent from State); G. W. Logan, V.P., 11; T. Hagger, V.P., 4 (engaged in missions); J. R. Cattnach, 9; Bro. Edwards, 3; A. Brown, 1; Bro. Wooster, 5 (resigned); Sister Campbell, 11; Sister Hall, 5; T. Morton, Sec., 11.

GEO. T. WALDEN, Pres.
T. MORTON, Sec.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CREDIT.			
Balance, Jan. 30, '06	...	£0	5 5
Collected at Conference Meeting	...	2	17 6
" City Temple	...	0	19 7
" Petersham	...	0	16 0
" Paddington	...	1	8 4
" Marrickville	...	0	10 3
" Erskineville	...	1	1 7
" Rookwood	...	0	7 0
" Enmore	...	1	2 7
		£9	8 3
DEBIT.			
Printing for Meetings	...	£4	7 6
" Letterheads	...	0	6 6
Donated to N.S.W. Alliance	...	2	0 6
" Morals Committee	...	0	5 0
Austral Song Sheets	...	0	8 8
Sundries	...	1	6 8
Credit Balance, Dec. 31, '06	...	0	13 5
		£9	8 3

Digest of Church Letters and Reports.

Space will only permit a brief digest of the letters sent with the annual returns.

BELMORE.—This is our baby church, and a bright healthy baby it is. About eight months ago a few brethren commenced to meet. Our readers will be familiar with the progress reported in the *CHRISTIAN*. An opportunity to purchase the only Protestant church building in this rising suburb was with the aid of sympathetic brethren taken advantage of on easy terms, and it was first occupied on Nov. 4. They now have 11 members, 110 Sunday scholars and a bright outlook.

BUNGAWALBYN.—The only church sending no report or statistics in time for publication.

CANLEY VALE.—Sent no letters, but we are glad to note that Bro. Wooster is now the evangelist there, and the church has made some progress numerically.

CHATHAM.—"The great event of the year," says the Secretary, Bro. Collins, "is the building of a new chapel at Taree." This will seat 300 people and cost £300. It is paid for in full. A description appeared in the *CHRISTIAN* of Jan. 3. Bro. Edwards visits Killabakh Creek and Camboyne, and preaches in these places with acceptance. The church is anxious to have a suitable brother located as evangelist in the prosperous town of Taree, which our correspondent says has a population of about 1100, with many hundreds engaged in farming and dairying.

COROWA.—This once prosperous church has a discouraging report to present. The membership has fallen from 45 to 16. Bro. Waters writes: "You will gather from the statistics that the cause is at a low ebb here. For some twelve months or more I have done my best by preaching and conducting regular services, but the attendance is so small that much cannot be done. . . . I certainly think the H.M. Committee should do something to help us, and that at once. The brethren here are unable to do anything of themselves, and unless help comes the cause must eventually become extinct." There is a substantial brick chapel and a good population, and it would be a calamity were the cause there to die.

ENMORE.—"The year has been an eventful one," writes Bro. Hilder, "and notwithstanding a certain amount of interruption to the work, we report a substantial increase to our membership after revising the roll. Bro. Walden left for a trip around the world towards the end of March, and was away all the rest of the year. In the middle of May, John T. Brown took up the work, and continued till early in September; during his stay he conducted a successful mission, and was instrumental in increasing our interest in Foreign Mission work. Horace Kingsbury succeeded him, and remained till Dec. 17, returning then to Kentucky. His sojourn with us was a great joy to the church, and his spiritual gift made his ministry a source of much strength and profit. The various auxiliaries of the church are doing good service; and our meetings are well attended. We are very glad to have Bro. Walden back again, re-invigorated by the trip and stimulated by his experiences abroad.

ERSKINEVILLE.—The Sec., G. Morton, says that at the request of the local mission band Bro. Bagley was sent to commence a tent mission on April 29 which resulted in 80 additions, and the organisation of the church. In August at request of the young church the Conference Committee sent G. H. Browne and "the work has gone ahead and prospered abundantly. All departments of church work both indoor and out have been taken up. The Bible School has been very successful and the open-air work has also been a leading feature." The church has paid £2/10/- per week to the Conference Committee from beginning of the work, but has found it a difficulty as hall rent and other expenses require £1 per week. But the secretary writes hopefully. They intend to try and secure land and build.

INVERELL.—The membership has grown from 70 to 115. "In September the Conference Committee generously sent along the

tent mission, with the result that 30 were added to the church and old members edified. . . . A fine chapel has been built on a splendid site secured in the heart of the town." W. Uren labors here as evangelist. Bro. Tewksbury's letter is very cheerful, and expresses the hope "that next year's report will show a greater increase."

JUNCTION.—This is one of our two little churches in the Newcastle district, and has been almost stationary. Bro. McAllister, the secretary, reports regular meetings on the Lord's day for worship and preaching, and "a weekly prayer-meeting held from house to house around a circuit of eight homes." "Some time ago we commenced a system of a penny a week for Home Missions, and we found it a happy thought, as it never missed."

JUNEE.—The little church here consists of seven members, and "is composed simply of two families and one widow." They "have no Home Mission collectors and no secretary," but "always send what they can afford." Our correspondent adds: "The brethren seem to think of us only when Home or Foreign Mission Sunday comes round, or it may be when something is wanted to buy a tent with, as we never see the face of any of them as they pass to and from the large cities." Junee is an important centre, and it may be that a sustained effort will be made to help these persevering brethren in the future."

LISMORE.—No report to hand, but during the year the church has become self-supporting. E. Davis has labored in the district as assistant evangelist to T. B. Fischer. Judging from the statistics the church is prosperous and progressive.

MARRICKVILLE is quite jubilant. Bro. Miller reports "the most successful year we have had." Bro. Williams labors here, and has "had the great joy of seeing the work prospering in his hands." At the tent mission held by Bro. Hagger, "nearly 50 confessed Christ, and the magnificent opportunity of bringing our plea before the people has quite altered our position in Marrickville." "Bro. Hagger is quite a popular man in the district now." The S. School, Mutual Improvement Society and Junior Endeavor are all prosperous.

MEREWETHER sends no report. This is the other church in the Newcastle district, and has 28 members and 40 Sunday scholars.

MOREE.—"The church here received valuable help from Bro. Bagley and the H.M. tent during August and September, the results being 20 additions by faith and baptism and 3 restored." But 7 of these have since left the district, and 2 have dropped out. Of the 49 on the roll only 22 are town members, the others being scattered over a distance of from 20 to 75 miles from Moree. Consequently the attendance is small. Owing to this, together with "the prejudice against the church and the entire indifference of the people in religious matters, this promises to be an extremely hard field." So writes the evangelist, Bro. Gale."

NTH. SYDNEY.—The State Evangelist's report and statistical table show what progress has been made. There is a present membership of 117, the nett increase being 85, and a

school of 90 scholars has been organised. The church labors under a most serious disadvantage in having no building of its own.

PADDINGTON.—The secretary, Bro. Arnott, says:—"Having now overcome the strain of building in Paddington the church is beginning to look for opportunity of expansion. In this direction, the work so long conducted by the Bren. Fox at South Kensington has been taken over and a block of land, £110, secured on terms. We purpose conducting a mission there during the year, after which a church can be organised. Bro. Hagger's second year was ushered in by a big tent mission, when notwithstanding the wind and rain, some confessed Christ. Hundreds heard the truth, and we believe the results will be far-reaching. Our nett increase for the year with the usual lamentable deductions is 118. Prospects for 1907 are bright. By systematic collecting, in spite of heavy expenses, £50 has been paid off the debt. During the year four have gone to their eternal reward, due notice of which was given in the obituary, but even in our short report we cannot but record acknowledgment of our late Sister Bagley's long and faithful services.

"Soldier of Christ, well done!
Praise be thy new employ;
And while eternal ages run
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

PETERSHAM.—C. J. Lea writes:—"The year has been one of activity, but the result is by no means done justice by the statistical returns. Owing to the large number of removals from the roll, both by transfer and revision. The removals, however, have been in many cases instrumental in strengthening the cause in needy parts of the State. The church has just decided, with the hearty concurrence of our Enmore brethren from whom we have received so much assistance in the past, to take upon itself the full responsibilities of self-government and financial support from January 1. Our Sunday School and other departments of the work are moving along steadily, and as the enlargement of our building was completed during the year, and some of the difficulties attendant thereon have been practically surmounted, the prospects for 1907 are very bright."

PROSPECT (Seven Hills).—During the year a Sunday School was commenced by W. Roe at his residence, and lasted from Jan. 7 to Sept., when he removed and the school ceased. G. H. Browne, of Rookwood, preached in the same place for several months. The little church meets in W. Piper's house.

ROOKWOOD.—Commenced the year with a membership of 81, a debit balance of £5/5/6, and a building debt of £300; closed the year with 90 members, £25 paid off chapel debt, and £14 toward the balance due. G. H. Browne finished a good work as evangelist, and W. B. Hayes commenced on Sept. 1. He has formed a C.E. Society with about 30 members, also a Junior C.E., and the Lord's day meetings are improving. The church is now self-supporting, and Bro. Allen, the secretary, tells us "the church has never been in a stronger position than at the present time."

SYDNEY (City Temple).—"The year opened," writes the Sec., F. Newby, "with

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STATISTICAL REGISTER, JANUARY 1st, 1907.

LOCATION OF CHURCH	Church Additions, 1906.				Church Losses 1906.			Membership, 1907.			Bible School.				Church Additions from Bible School.	Seating Capacity of Meeting House.	EVANGELIST.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	
	Jan. 1, 1906. Membership.	Faith and Obedience.	Letter.	Restored.	Baptised Believers.	Letter.	Death.	Removal or Revis'n of Roll.	Jan. 1, 1907. Membership.	Increase.	Decrease.	1906 Scholars.	1907 Scholars.	1906 Teachers.						1907 Teachers.
Belmore ..		2	9					11	11											
*Bungawalbyn ..	27											110		7		220				
Canley Vale ..	21	1	7					27			30	30	5	5						
Chatham ..	43					5		24		3	52	47	4	4		200				
Corowa ..	45			4				49		6		10		2		100				
Enmore ..	766	154	7		6	1	30	16	29		529	520	39	38		200				
Erskineville ..	88	55			54	12	50	817	51		520	520	39	38	69	800	G. T. Walden.	81	7	6
Inverell ..	70	44			3			137	137		155			18	10	250	G. H. Browne	72	13	9
Junction ..	25				6			115	45		60			4		300	W. Uren	34	4	8
Junee ..	7						1	24								100				
Lismore ..	297	21	10					7												
Marrickville ..	60	46	7	4	1	15	1	14	302	5	108	106	8	11	1	350	[Davis, Asst.	1	10	0
Merewether ..	38		2			7		13	94	34	98	110	12	12	6	120	T. B. Fischer. E.	67	17	5
Moree ..	28	20				8	2	2	28	10	60	40	6	5		300	W. J. Williams.	3	7	0
Mungindi ..	6		1	3	5		8	49	21			15		1		150		1	10	0
N.Sydney ..	32	63	20		9	4	3	117	85		4	4		1			W. Gale	31	2	9
Paddington ..	302	124	24	2	8	20	4	16	420	118	220	291	23	26	36	500	D. A. Ewers.	100	17	9
Petersham ..	362	40	13		2	17	3	12	385	23	280	340	22	22		340	T. Hagger	33	19	7
Prospect ..	6				2	3	12	6	6							400	A. E. Illingworth.	56	5	1
Rookwood ..	81	9	7	2	5	10	4	90	9		91	102	14	16	2	150	W. B. Hayes	68	9	7
Sydney ..	363	149	5			30	2	485	122		150	150	19	20	34	600	P. A. Dickson.	73	3	1
Wagga ..	20				1			21	1											
Wingham ..	27					1		23												
Isolated (estimated)	40					3		40		4						100				
Reported last year	2666	763	170	15	47	174	26	168	3293	671	1622	2180	153	201	183					
		332	99	11	37	84	16	213	2666	269	103	1622	1622	153	153					

*No return. Last year's figures. †Including 35 scholars and 2 teachers in the South Kensington Mission. ‡Assisted churches.

bright prospects. J. T. Brown commenced a tent mission in January in Prince Alfred Park, and put such a fund of enthusiasm and energy into it that was at once contagious, and the whole church soon became fired with a similar enthusiasm, the result being a crowded tent every night and 187 confessions. For some few weeks the City Temple had full and enthusiastic meetings, but a leakage of new converts soon became apparent and the meetings came down to about the average before the mission. Still a number of those brought in remain faithful and regular in their attendance, for which we give the Lord thanks." After commenting on the disadvantage experienced owing to the location of the building, Bro. Newby reports that while the roll membership stands at 485 the average attendance compares very poorly with these figures. From the above it will be seen that there are peculiar difficulties in the Campbell-st. work, and the efficient membership is probably considerably below that given in the statistics.

WAGGA WAGGA.—Bro. Davidson, who has lately taken the secretaryship, writes rather discouragingly. Owing to the members being much scattered the attendance is small. He says: "I voice the opinion of all the members here when I say that there is splendid scope for the growth of the cause at Wagga, and that your Conference might well think of spreading the gospel in this town."

WINGHAM.—"We are only few in number, and at present we have no school," is the brief statement of the secretary. This is one of the two churches on the Manning River.

General Committee's Report.

Again it is our privilege to place before Conference the Annual Report (the 22nd) of work of the past year; all along the line evidences of prosperity are manifest. The cause in this State, particularly in the country districts, has been extended, due largely to the good work done by our late State Evangelist.

Although a great amount has been accomplished, much more remains to be done. Many of our churches need helping and have put forth good claims for the districts to be visited and missions conducted. Our State Evangelist has been almost continually conducting missions since last Conference, and his time and best energies have thus been utilised; but we are sure that, were men and means available, much more could be accomplished for our Master in this great State of ours.

NEW CHURCHES.

New churches have been organised at Erskineville and Belmore, and appear in our statistical table. They have applied to be associated with the Conference.

STATISTICS.

At last Conference there were 21 churches, reported with 2666 members. There are now 23 churches, with a membership of 3293: a nett increase of 2 churches and 627 members. The additions were:—By faith and baptism 763; by letter 170; restored 15;

formerly immersed 47; total 995. The losses were:—By letter 174; death 26; revision of roll 168; total 368. The Bible School returns show 6 new schools and a total of 2180 scholars, as compared with 1622 last year: a nett increase of 558. From the schools 183 scholars were added to the churches. We are pleased to state that the increase of members and scholars far exceeds that of any other year in the history of the Conference. It will be noted that the churches with which our Home Missionaries have labored report 246 baptisms and a nett increase of 305 members.

LISMORE, ROOKWOOD, AND CANLEY VALE.

We record with pleasure the fact that during the year the church at Lismore became self-supporting, and at the beginning of June Bro. Fischer severed his connection with the Committee to continue the work in that district. Rookwood and Canley Vale have also ceased to require aid from the Conference, and Bro. Hayes and Wooster are laboring with acceptance in those fields. The churches are to be congratulated upon this forward movement.

FINANCES.

Commencing with a debt of £19/15/8, which gradually increased during the year, the position has been such as to demand our serious consideration. At one period the

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debit advanced to no less than £140, but the receipts for the last month reduced this materially. The income from all sources was £739/8/9, and the expenditure (including last year's deficit of £19/15/8), £755/0/1, leaving a debit of £15/11/4. The increase of receipts, £243 over those of last year, taken in conjunction with the substantial increase in the Foreign Mission revenue, clearly indicates the growing missionary zeal in the brotherhood. We must, however, remember that, owing to the change of date of Home Mission Sunday, two annual offerings were taken up in 1906. While we have made a gratifying advance there is still much room for improvement, and we would emphasise the importance of all brethren getting into touch with the church collectors, as, by this systematic method, a steady income is assured. If any church has not yet appointed collectors, we would urge that this be done at once.

HOME MISSION VISITOR.

During the year, W. Macindoe, who was appointed visitor on behalf of the Committee, attended meetings in all the city and suburban churches, urged the claims of Home Missions, and interviewed the church collectors, thus keeping the brethren in touch with the work of the Committee and rendering substantial aid to the cause.

ORGANISING SECRETARY.

In compliance with resolution passed at last Conference, the Committee took steps to secure an Organising Secretary, and at the close of September engaged D. A. Ewers for this work. He will keep in touch with all the churches and church collectors, and will generally urge the claims of Home Missions upon the practical sympathies of the brethren. In addition to this, he is building up the cause at North Sydney.

FUTURE WORK.

Good prospects present themselves under this head, and fields are white unto harvest. At present arrangements are being made to assist the churches on the Manning River. Brethren are also appealing for help from important country towns as Corowa, Junee, Tamworth, Wagga Wagga, and the Newcastle district; while in the suburbs, small bands of brethren meeting in Belmore, Chatswood, and Hornsby, look to us for aid, and there are many other populous suburbs where churches could readily be established.

Along the line of future work we suggest:—

(1) That the churches in Erskineville and North Sydney continue to receive assistance from the Conference Committee, with a view of their becoming self-supporting in the near future.

(2) That the incoming Committee be instructed to secure, as soon as possible, the services of a competent State Evangelist, to conduct missions in some of the promising fields before us.

(3) That it be a recommendation to the incoming Committee to arrange as far as possible for a qualified man to follow up the work of the State Evangelist after each successful mission.

(4) That it be a recommendation from the Conference to the churches to keep before

them as an attainable object this year 900 souls for Christ and £900 for Home Missions.

MEETINGS HELD.

During the year 13 Committee meetings have been held, and attended as follows:— W. J. Williams, 9; T. Hagger, 9; A. E. Illingworth, 10; G. T. Walden, 2; P. A. Dickson, 10; J. Hunter, 8; W. Macindoe, 13; G. Arnott, 13; A. W. Shearston, 13; J. Stimson, 11; T. Walker, 12.

G. T. Walden resigned in consequence of his tour to Europe and America, and J. Hunter was appointed to fill the vacancy.

THANKS.

The thanks of the Conference are due to the Sisters' Conference for their valued co-operation; to the collectors in the various churches; the officers of the City Temple for the use of the building for Committee Meetings; the officers of the Enmore church for the use of their commodious building for the Conference Meetings; to the auditors, Bren. Scouller and Roberts; to F. Burcher, the agent for literature; and, above all, to our heavenly Father, for the abundant blessings he has showered upon the work of the past year.

W. J. WILLIAMS, President.
T. C. WALKER, Secretary.
J. STIMSON, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

For New South Wales Churches of Christ Home Mission Fund, from 8th January, 1906, to 31st December, 1906.

	RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Annual Fees—Enmore	...	2	0	0		
Inverell	...	0	10	0		
Junction, N.	...	0	10	0		
Lismore	...	1	0	0		
Marrickville	...	0	10	0		
Merewether	...	1	0	0		
Paddington	...	1	0	0		
Petersham	...	1	0	0		
Rookwood	...	0	10	0		
					8	0 0

Collections from Assisted Churches—						
Canley Vale	...	19	17	6		
Erskineville	...	72	3	3		
Inverell	...	27	3	1		
Lismore	...	62	10	0		
Moree	...	12	2	9		
North Sydney	...	95	3	10		
Rookwood	...	48	9	6		
					337	9 11

Collections—Belmore	...	1	3	1		
Chatswood	...	5	10	0		
Enmore	...	54	9	10		
Hornsby	...	1	14	6		
Junction (Newcastle)	...	5	1	0		
Junee	...	0	10	0		
Marrickville	...	1	15	0		
Paddington	...	20	14	7		
Petersham	...	20	6	7		
Prospect	...	0	2	0		
Sydney	...	32	12	1		
Wagga Wagga	...	1	17	4		
					145	16 0

Home Mission Lord's Day Collections—						
Belmore	...	0	6	6		
Bungawalbyn	...	3	5	0		
Canley Vale	...	1	18	0		
Chatham	...	2	8	0		
Enmore (2)	...	18	16	8		
Erskineville	...	0	10	6		
Inverell (2)	...	6	11	7		
Junction (Newcastle)	...	2	0	0		
Junee	...	1	0	0		
Lismore	...	4	7	5		
Marrickville	...	0	10	0		

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Merewether	...	0	10	0
Moree (2)	...	5	10	0
North Sydney	...	2	13	11
Paddington	...	12	5	0
Petersham	...	4	13	6
Rookwood	...	4	10	1
Sydney	...	7	1	0
Wingham	...	2	0	6

Miscellaneous Receipts— 80 17 8

Collected at Annual Session...	5	6	10
Campbell Edwards Training...	3	0	0
Individual Contributions	108	6	6
Literature A/c	28	7	6
Refund, Secretary's Allowance	6	0	0
Sisters' Conference, Printing	1	0	0
Y.P.S.C.E.	1	11	10
" Rally Collection...	0	8	6
" Tent Flag	1	5	0
Marrickville Tent Hire	3	0	0
Paddington	5	0	0
Sydney	4	0	0
" 167 6 2			
Balance Owing to Bank	167	5	2
	15	11	4

£755 0 1

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bank Balance	...				19	15	8
Salaries—Bagley, T.	...	230	0	0			
Browne, G. H.	...	167	0	0			
Ewers, D. A.	...	52	0	0			
Fischer, T. B.	...	73	10	0			
Secretary	...	522	10	0			
Miscellaneous Expenditure—	...	6	0	0			

Secretary's Telephone	...	5	0	0
Stamps and Exchange	...	5	0	11
Printing, Stationery	...	12	3	0
Literature A/c	...	26	11	4
Sundry Expenses	...	2	13	9
Federal Conference	...	2	1	0
North Sydney (Rent)	...	48	0	0
" (Tent)	...	20	14	6
Erskineville	...	21	13	3
Inverell	...	17	16	10
Moree	...	21	9	8
Repairs to Tent	...	8	10	0
Travelling Expenses	...	11	10	0
Interest on O/dft	...	3	0	2
Bank Charges	...	0	10	0
		206	14	5

£755 0 1

JOSEPH STIMSON, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

7th January, 1907.

J. SCULLER.

E. ROBERTS.

Summary of Church and Individual Collections.

Annual Session Collection	...	£5	6	10
Belmore	...	1	9	7
Bungawalbyn	...	3	5	0
*Canley Vale	...	21	15	6
Chatswood	...	5	10	0
Chatham	...	3	16	8
Enmore	...	8	7	6
*Erskineville	...	72	13	9
Hornsby	...	1	14	6
Inverell...	...	34	4	8
Junction (Newcastle)	...	7	11	0
Junee	...	1	10	0
*Lismore	...	67	17	5
Marrickville	...	3	7	0
Merewether	...	1	10	0
*Moree...	...	31	2	9
Mungindi	...	1	7	6
*North Sydney	...	100	17	9
Paddington	...	33	19	7
Petersham	...	56	5	1
*Rookwood	...	68	9	7
Sydney...	...	73	3	1
Wagga Wagga	...	1	17	4
Wingham	...	2	10	6
Miscellaneous	...	56	8	2

£739 8 19

*These amounts include the Church's Contribution towards support of our missionary stationed there.

Minutes of proceedings of the Twelfth
second (22nd) Annual Conference
of the Associated Churches of Christ
of N.S.W. held at Emvore Tabernacle
January 26th 1907

Conference was opened at 9.30 AM
with a short devotional meeting presided
over by Bro A. Brown (Peterborough)
at which an address was given by
Bro J. Garden (Paddington)
At 10 AM Bro W. J. Williams (President)
took the chair
After singing the Doxology Bro M. W. Green
(Victoria) led in prayer

Admission. On the motion of Bro Spedding and
of New Bro Wooster the churches at Belmore
Churches. and Erskville were admitted into
the association.

Welcome The president welcomed interstate visitors
to Visitors and Bro M. W. Green (Vic) responded.

Delegates. The roll of delegates was then called
and responded to by those present
quite a number being absent.

Minutes. Minutes of last conference were
read and adopted.

Correspondence. Correspondence was then read and received

Scrutineers. Brethren Hilder, Garden, Morris
Smith, Lang, Moreton were appointed
scrutineers

Bro Haggard moved that conference regrets
the absence of Bros Fischer & Gale
and wish them great success in
their work (Carried)

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Bro Maston. Bro Arnott moved that Conference express its regret at the absence of Bro F. B. Maston through illness, and assure him of their prayers for his speedy recovery (Carried)

Bro Dickson & Bro Hagger referred to the loss the church had sustained during the year by the death of Sir E. Bagley Senior. Decided to sing one verse of Hymn 528 and record conference regret, and sympathy with bereaved family.

Bro Dickson & Bro Williams also referred to the death of Sister Nurwe Neville (Sydney church). The General Committee's Report was read and favourably received.

Clause. Hismore, Rookwood, Canlay Vale in these churches becoming self supporting spoken to Bro Rae, Stimson, Hayes, Davis who gave an interesting account of the work in the Richmond River district. Clause adopted.

Finance. Bro J. Stimson (Treasurer) moved the adoption of clause on finance, Bro A. H. Webber seconded congratulating committee on account of good work done. Bro Leck, Smith, Andrews, & Spedding supported (clause adopted). Clause - Re. H. H. Visitor was adopted on the motion of Bro Walker.

Clause Re. Organizing Secretary moved by Bro Walker and adopted.

Clause. Future Work. Moved by Bro Evens, seconded by Bro Wooster, supported by Bro Rae, Arnott, Clapham, and Geo Newby (Manning River) and adopted.

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Clause Re Meetings of Committee Adopted
 Clause Re Thanks Adopted

Nomination for Officers and Committee
 then took place, when conference
 adjourned for lunch at 1 o'clock
 At 2.30 Bro. Ewers reported on work
 at North Sydney, and Bro G. H. Browne
 re Eskimbille

State
Evangelist. Bro. M. C. Inda moved the adoption of State
 Evangelists report, Bro. Wren seconded, Carried
 Bro. Hingworth moved Bro. Walden seconded
 the adoption of the report re conference with
 Baptists. (Carried)

Conference
with
Baptists. Bro. Hingworth moved that whilst we recognize
 there were difficulties in the way of
 immediate organic union with the Baptists
 we regret that the conferences were broken
 off by the Baptists Union, without a more
 determined effort to arrive at a better
 understanding of the real obstacles to
 union, and we trust that in the coming
 years we shall be drawn into close
 fellowship with one another, as we
 believe it will tend to the advancement
 of the cause of our Lord and Saviour
 Jesus Christ, Bro. Ewers seconded
 Bro. M. W. Green supported (Carried)

Temperance
Com. Report Bro. J. Norton moved Bro. Hogan seconded
 Bro. Walden supported its adoption
 Bro. Hogan moved that this conference
 realizing the great evil of the liquor
 traffic, pledge themselves to do all in

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their power, by their influence and money to bring about a decisive vote license votes at the next State Election seconded by Bro Goode (Carried)

Gambling.

Bro Klingworth moved that this Conference express its approval of the efforts that are being made by our legislature to minimize the evils of Gambling.

The trust that no relaxation will take place in the administration of the law in harmony with the words and spirit of the New Act

seconded by Bro Hagger (Carried)

Bro Evers moved that the churches be asked to take a collection on one Sunday night in each year for Temperance work

Bro Arnott seconded, Bro Willson supported.

F. M.

Report

Adopted on the motion of Bro ^{Carried} G. Gole seconded by Bro J. Stinson

Bro Walden moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the American F. M. Committee and also to the family of our late Bro Wharton Bible School Union's report was adopted

B. S. Union.

on the motion of Bro Jeffrey, Hagger and G. Stinson

Literature
Com. Report

Literature Com. report was adopted on the motion of Bro Triglone and Willson

Bro Walker moved that this conference recommend the incoming committee to endeavour to bring about a union of the two churches meeting in the Newcastle district (Carried)
Notices of Motion No 1 and No 2 re reduction of delegates were withdrawn.

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... Class Notice of Motion No 3 Re employing Chinese Evangelists in Sydney by the F.M. Committee was agreed to on the motion of Bro Cole seconded Bro Dickson

Notice of Motion No 4 Re Bible Sunday Adopted on motion of Bro J. Hunter

Notices of Motion 5, 6, 7 were referred to incoming committee for consideration

Election of Officers & Committees

Election of Officers & Committees resulted as follows:—

President	Bro. Thos Hagger
Vice Pres	Bro E. J. Walden
Treasurer	Bro J. Stinson
Secretary	Bro J. C. Walker
Ass ^{nt} Secretary	Bro A. W. Shearston
H.M. Committee:—	Bros Hingworth, Hunter, Arnott, McIndoe, A. G. Heber, Hilder and G. Stinson

F.M. Committee:— Bro Cole E., Bro Cole S. Ewers, Walden, Hagger, Hingworth, Fosc Hayes, Browne, Sisters Ewers, Fosc & Read

Temperance— Bro J. Morton, Logan, Walden, Hagger, Goode, Hayes & Willson.

Note of thanks passed to Sisters conference for amount of good work done by them

Note of thanks passed to retiring committee

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At the H.M. Meeting at night by permission of the President Bro Walden moved that this conference send a cordial greeting to all the N.S.W. students in America assuring them of our continued interest in their work of preparation, wishing them every blessing, trusting they have their feet steadfastly set towards N.S.W., and pledging ourselves to use every endeavour to help them to return home when they have finished their college course. Carried

J. P. Wagner - President

April 17th 1908