

# New South Wales Conference, 1908.

## Executive and Home Mission Committee's Report.

Under the blessing of God we are privileged to present our twenty-third annual report, covering a period of 14 months from Jan. 1, 1907, to Feb. 29, 1908.

### SISTERS' CONFERENCE.

We are privileged to bear witness to the excellent assistance rendered by the sisters, not only in connection with the catering and other arrangements of the Conference, but also at the central Home Mission Rally held last August and in the collection of funds. We have ever found the sisters most willing to help us.

### NEW CHURCHES.

As the result of a visit to the district by the President and Organising Secretary, the latter organised a church at Hurstville on Oct. 13. A number of the Paddington brethren meeting in Lilyville have also become a separate church. A third church consists of Chinese brethren, formerly members of Campbell-st., who have at their own request been formed into a separate organisation, meeting in the base of the Campbell-st. building. The churches at Hurstville and Lilyville have applied for admission to the Conference.

### STATISTICS.

Last year there were 23 churches with 3293 members. The gains have been:—By faith and baptism, 484; by letter, 208; by restoration, 24; formerly immersed, 69; total, 785. The losses were:—By letter, 149; by death, 27; by removal and revision of roll, 261; total, 437. There are now 25 churches and 3641 members, a nett increase of 2 churches and 348 members. The union of the two small churches in the Newcastle district removes the Junction church from the list. There are 19 Sunday Schools with 222 teachers and 2342 scholars, a nett increase of 1 school, 21 teachers and 162 scholars. 137 scholars have been added to the churches.

### FINANCES.

We commenced the year with a debit of £15/11/4. The receipts from all sources were £995/1/5, and the total expenditure £1015/15/5. This added to last year's deficit leaves a debit balance of £36/5/5. The increase of £255/12/8 in the receipts, following as it did a large increase the previous year, is very encouraging. The receipts have practically doubled in two years. It

must be remembered, however, that this year's statement covers a period of fourteen months. It will be seen that the increase is general. Assisted churches contributed £419, as compared with £337 last year. The Home Mission Sunday offering rose from £80 to £91; the amount contributed through collectors from £145 to £178, and individual donations from £108 to £214.

### FEDERAL CONFERENCE.

The Federal Conference met in Adelaide last September, when this State was represented by J. Stimson, G. T. Walden, S. G. Griffith, A. E. Illingworth, D. A. Ewers and L. Rossell. Important resolutions were carried, and recommendations which will be submitted to the State Conferences. It was decided to hold the next Federal Conference in Sydney in 1909, when it is also proposed to fittingly commemorate the centenary of the publication of T. Campbell's celebrated "Declaration and Address" in 1809. A most pleasing part of the Federal Conference report was that announcing the successful establishment of the College of The Bible in Melbourne. This is an institution worthy of the hearty support of the brotherhood throughout the States.

### A. B. MASTON.

In common with the Australasian brotherhood, we share in the sense of deep loss sustained by the churches in the death of this able and consecrated brother, who so successfully devoted his life to the interests of primitive Christianity in this country. We tender our deepest sympathy to the bereaved, and at the same time express our thankfulness to our heavenly Father for the life so nobly spent, and the influence of which will continue to be felt in the generations to come.

### SPECIAL MISSIONS.

Your Committee applied to the city churches for the loan of their evangelists for one month in the year to conduct missions, and their request was willingly granted in every case. This enabled the Committee to arrange missions in chapels at Merewether, conducted by G. H. Browne, and at Taree by D. A. Ewers. Tent missions were conducted at Erskineville by A. E. Illingworth, Marrickville by T. Hagger, Nth. Sydney by S. G. Griffith, and Wagga Wagga by T. Hagger, G. T. Walden filling the latter's Paddington

appointments. The Rookwood and Canley Vale churches also granted their evangelists a month each to follow up the mission at Merewether. Substantial assistance was thus rendered to the H.M. work. A successful tent mission was also conducted at Belmore by A. G. Day, assisted by J. P. Garmong. These missions were held in a commodious tent purchased by the Committee.

### STATE EVANGELIST.

Early in the year an attempt was made to secure a State Evangelist, but no suitable brother was available. We are, however, pleased to announce that Bro. Hagger has finally accepted our invitation, and will take up this important work in July.

### ORGANISING SECRETARY.

We regret that, owing to health considerations, our esteemed D. A. Ewers has resigned this important position. He has accepted an engagement in S.A., and will leave N.S.W. at the end of April. We feel this will be a distinct loss to our Executive and missionary work. Our brother has succeeded in a unique manner in arousing a splendid interest in the work generally. In addition to his labors as evangelist at Nth. Sydney, he has discharged the multifarious duties of this office with marked ability, and his praise is in all the churches. We are sorry to part with him, and wish for him the divine blessing and improved health in the new sphere. T. Hagger will for the present act as Organising Secretary in conjunction with his duties as State Evangelist.

### HOME MISSION RALLY.

A united Home Mission Rally was held in the City Temple, Campbell-st., Sydney, on Aug. 13, the building being crowded. This was preceded by a largely-attended tea, liberally provided by the sisters of the various churches. At the Rally a forward movement was outlined, and appeals made for funds, directly resulting in cash and promises to the extent of £180. This enabled the Committee to open up the work at Wagga Wagga, and also to face the extra expenditure of the various tent missions.

### ISOLATED MEMBERS.

During the year the Organising Secretary has written to some hundreds of isolated members, and in a few instances has received

N.S.W. STATISTICAL REGISTER, 1908.

LOCATION OF CHURCH	Church Additions, 1907.					Church Losses 1907.			Membership, 1908.			Bible School.				Church Additions from Bible School.	Seating Capacity of Meeting House.	EVANGELIST.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	
	Jan. 1, 1907. Membership.	Faith and Obedience.	Letter.	Restored.	Baptised Believers.	Letter.	Death.	Removal or Revision of Roll.	Feb. 29, 1908 Membership.	Increase.	Decrease.	1907 Scholars.	1908 Scholars.	1907 Teachers.	1908 Teachers.						
Belmore ..	11	63	15		5				94	83		110	166	7	12	16	220	A. G. Day	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Bungawalbyn ..	27							5	22	5		30	25	5	3		80		*37 12 4	3 9 5	
Canley Vale ..	24	15	1						36	12		47	38	4	3		200	W. H. Wooster	4 5 0	1 9 6	
Corowa ..	16								13								200	[J. Colbourne	7 7 10	0 12 1	
Enmore ..	817	48	18		3	13	4	18	851	34		520	552	38	42	14	200	G. T. Walden and	1 9 9		
Erskineville ..	137	36	9		7	7	3	31	148	11		155	166	18	18	10	800	G. H. Browne	*112 1 11	79 16 7	
Hurstville ..		1	24						25	25			34				250		*141 18 4	4 11 11	
Inverell ..	115	15						8	121	6		60	56	4	5	4	400	W. Uren	3 12 0		
*Junction ..	24																250		18 5 7	5 15 11	
June ..	7								7	24									5 17 9	1 3 0	
Lilyville ..		11	12		2				25	25		†35	48	†2	6	6	110		16 12 0	2 4 0	
Lismore ..	302	28	3	2		9	1	5	320	18		106	106	11	9	1	350	H T. Morrison	2 2 7		
Marrickville ..	94	32	10	3	4			12	131	37		110	114	12	13		120	J. Clydesdale	6 14 11	4 8 9	
Merewether ..	28	28	1		25			4	77	49		110	80	5	7	15	200	W. B. Hayes	*43 18 10	5 8 0	
Moree ..	49							8	41			15	15	1			100	E. J. Waters	7 1 6	1 10 0	
Mungindi ..	6	4	1			3			8	2		4	4	1	1				36 19 6	9 16 6	
N. Sydney ..	117	21	8		2	4	3	19	122	5		90	75	9	7	11	250	D. A. Ewers.	*74 12 2	6 12 2	
Paddington ..	420	66	26	8	1	49	3	32	437	17		†291	†294	†26	†30	14	340	T. Hagger	47 11 7	30 5 9	
Petersham ..	385	20	33		3	15	7	22	397	12		340	270	22	19	7	400	A. E. Illingworth.	27 0 10	21 10 9	
Prospect ..	6	2							8	2										0 10 0	0 10 0
Rookwood ..	90	10	1			3	1	2	95	5		102	107	16	14	6	150	S. G. Griffith	20 5 0	5 0 0	
Sydney ..	485	27	13		1	41	2	68	415	70		150	140	20	20	8	600		98 16 10	48 6 2	
Sydney (Chinese)..		1	19	1	2				23	23											
Taree ..	49	37	7		1				94	45		10	44	2	5	16	250	W. J. Williams	*118 15 4	5 19 3	
Wagga ..	21	8	7	10		1	1		44	23			23		3				*15 11 6		
Wingham ..	23	11			3				37	14									3 7 6	1 4 6	
Isolated (estimated)	40				10				50	10							50		12 19 9	8 17 6	
Reported last year	3293	484	208	24	69	149	27	261	3641	458	110	2180	2342	201	222	137					
		763	170	15	47	174	26	168	3293	671	44	2180	2180	201	201	183					

Nett increases:—2 churches, 348 members, 1 Sunday School, 21 teachers, 162 scholars.

\*United with the Merewether church. †Included in Paddington figures last year. ‡Including Lilyville. §Including branch school at Woollahra.

responses indicating not only their continued interest in the cause and their appreciation of letters sent, but also their practical sympathy with the great work of Home Missions.

HOME MISSION FIELDS.

The year commenced with but two fields occupied:—Erskineville and Nth. Sydney. It will be seen that there has been a general advance, several new fields having been entered.

ERSKINEVILLE—G. H. BROWNE.

The work here has been faithfully carried out, and notwithstanding the removal of 31 names by revision of roll, the church has made substantial progress. 36 have been baptised, 18 of these as the result of the tent mission conducted by A. E. Illingworth; 7 have been added formerly immersed, and 2 by letter. The church feels badly the need of a building of its own, and has started a building fund. Erskineville contributes 50/- per week to the H.M. Fund towards the support of its preacher.

NORTH SYDNEY—D. A. EWERS.

In addition to his duties as Organising Secretary, D. A. Ewers has continued his work in this field. The pressing need of a building being felt, a building fund was opened and £244 collected. A property has been purchased, and the hall thereon converted into a commodious chapel with sitting

accommodation for 250. On this there is now a debt of £400. A much-appreciated tent mission was conducted by S. G. Griffith in February, too late for the full results to appear in the statistics. 21 altogether have been baptised, 11 from the tent mission, and there is now a membership of 122. In addition to local expenses the brethren contribute 20/- a week for the H.M. Committee towards the support of their evangelist. On the removal of Bro. Ewers the work will be carried on by J. Colbourne.

MANNING RIVER—W. J. WILLIAMS.

Last March the Organising Secretary visited this field on the occasion of the opening of the new chapel at Taree, when several were baptised. He was followed by W. J. Williams, who at the request of the local brethren was afterwards engaged by the Committee to continue the work. The success attending his labors has proved the wisdom of the appointment. In Nov., Bro. Ewers again visited the district and conducted a successful mission. Bro. Williams also works with the church at Wingham, and there are preaching places at Keilabakh and Comboyne. It would of course be impossible to keep all these places supplied, but for the excellent service rendered by H. Edwards and other local brethren. 48 have been baptised, and the membership of the two churches has increased from 72 to 131. The brethren have contributed 37/6 per week to the H.M. Com.,

but from April 1 have promised to give £3 and thus become self-supporting. This is a very gratifying advance.

BELMORE—A. G. DAY.

Arrangements were made last April for G. H. Browne to preach one night a week and to visit in the neighborhood, which he did with encouraging results until the arrival of A. G. Day from America in September, who was engaged to labor in this field. In October Bro. Day conducted a very successful tent mission, resulting in 59 additions to the membership, and the work has continued to prosper. The members have increased from 11 to 94, and the Sunday School from 110 to 166. In addition to local liabilities the church now contributes 25/- per week to the H. M. Com. towards the support of Bro. Day.

WAGGA WAGGA—F. T. SAUNDERS.

Wagga Wagga and June were visited by the Organising Secretary last Sept., and as a result of his report F. T. Saunders, of S.A., was engaged as evangelist to devote his time principally to Wagga for the present, but also to assist June as opportunity offered, and began his labors with the New Year. The meeting place was changed for one more suitable, and a Sunday School started. The attendances are encouraging, and the outlook bright. Since the Conference year has closed Bro. Hagger has held a tent mission with

good results. The churches at Wagga and Junee commenced by contributing 5/- each to the H.M. Fund, towards the work in these districts, but in the case of Wagga this will doubtless be largely increased in the near future.

MARRICKVILLE—J. CLYDESDALE.

In response to an appeal for assistance arrangements were made last Nov. for Bro. Davis, a student from the College of the Bible, Melbourne, to spend his vacation here, which he did with acceptance. In Jan., T. Hagger held a good mission, and we have followed up the work by the engagement for a few months of J. Clydesdale, whose work only began in February. The membership has increased from 94 to 131, and the church is contributing £2 per week towards the preacher's salary.

MOREE DISTRICT—E. J. WATERS.

As this field, which includes so many faithful brethren, was without a preacher, we have at their request engaged E. J. Waters, from Victoria, to commence evangelistic work at the end of March. The Moree brethren will for the present give 40/- per week, but we have no doubt the church will very shortly become self-supporting.

SUMMARY OF H.M. WORK.

In the fields occupied by our Home Mission agents, and as a result of missions conducted by the H.M. Com, one church has been organised, 224 have been added by faith and baptism, and 25 formerly baptised; total, 249. There have also been 73 received by letter, some of whom would probably have drifted out of church relationship but for our H.M. work.

FUTURE WORK.

The work of the past has but prepared the way for future extension, and there are several fields calling for aid. We suggest—

1. That the Erskineville, Nth. Sydney, Belmore, Marrickville, Wagga, and Moree fields continue to receive assistance from the H. M. Com. with a view to their becoming self-supporting as soon as possible.

2. That among other country places, the claims of Tamworth should not be overlooked, while the immediate suburbs of Sydney should receive special attention.

3. That this Conference adopts as its motto for the current year, "Six hundred souls for Christ and £1200 for Home Missions."

MEETINGS.

During the year 17 Committee meetings have been held and attended as follows:—T. Hagger, 12; G. T. Walden, 11; T. Walker, 14; A. W. Shearston, 16; J. Stimson, 16; W. Macindoe, 17; G. Arnott, 15; A. H. Webber, 10; J. Hunter, 10; G. Stimson, 16; A. E. Illingworth, 14; E. J. Hilder, 16; D. A. Ewers, 15.

THANKS.

The thanks of the Conference are due to the collectors for their valued assistance, to the officers of the City Temple for the use of their building for Committee meetings and General Rally, and the officers of Enmore church for the use of their commodious building for Conference meetings, to F. Burcher for his help as agent for literature, to the

Auditors, Bren. Scouller and Roberts, and above all to Almighty God for the rich blessings we have received from him in our missionary work.

T. HAGGER, President.  
T. C. WALKER, Sec.  
J. STIMSON, Treas.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

New South Wales Churches of Christ Home Mission Fund, from 1st January, 1907, to 29th February, 1908.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Annual Fees—	Bungawalbyn...	0	10	0			
	Erskineville ...	1	0	0			
	Inverell ...	1	0	0			
	Junction, N'castle	0	10	0			
	Lismore ...	1	0	0			
	Marrickville ...	0	10	0			
	Moree ...	0	10	0			
	North Sydney ...	1	0	0			
	Paddington ...	1	0	0			
	Rookwood ...	0	10	0			
	Sydney ...	1	0	0			
	Taree ...	0	10	0			
	Wagga (2) ...	1	0	0			
	Wingham ...	0	10	0			
					10	10	0

Collections from Assisted Churches—		£	s.	d.			
	Belmore ...	31	10	1			
	Erskineville ...	137	9	7			
	Junee ...	14	4	0			
	Marrickville ...	38	3	7			
	North Sydney ...	71	8	11			
	Taree ...	109	15	1			
	Wagga ...	12	11	6			
					415	2	9

Collections—		£	s.	d.			
	Canley Vale ...	4	18	4			
	Corowa ...	1	1	3			
	Enmore ...	75	10	9			
	Inverell ...	1	14	6			
	Junction (Newcastle)	5	7	9			
	Lilyville ...	1	5	1			
	Lismore ...	2	5	11			
	Merewether ...	6	1	6			
	Moree ...	4	15	6			
	Paddington ...	31	13	5			
	Petersham ...	9	11	9			
	Sydney ...	38	2	9			
	Wingham ...	0	13	0			
					183	1	6

Home Mission Lord's Day Collections—		£	s.	d.			
	Belmore ...	2	2	3			
	Bungawalbyn ...	3	9	0			
	Boomi ...	0	15	0			
	Canley Vale ...	2	9	6			
	Enmore ...	18	9	2			
	Erskineville ...	1	7	9			
	Hornsby ...	3	15	3			
	Hurstville ...	1	12	0			
	Inverell ...	9	5	1			
	Junee ...	2	8	0			
	Lilyville ...	0	12	6			
	Lismore ...	3	9	0			
	Marrickville (2)...	4	5	3			
	Merewether ...	1	0	0			
	Moree ...	7	6	0			
	North Sydney ...	0	18	3			
	Paddington ...	4	12	2			
	Petersham ...	4	19	1			
	Rookwood ...	2	0	0			
	Sydney ...	5	2	6			
	Taree ...	7	15	0			
	Wagga ...	2	0	0			
	Wingham ...	2	4	6			
					91	17	3

Miscellaneous Receipts—		£	s.	d.
	Collected at Annual Session	5	7	1
	Foreign Mission (for Printing)	3	3	0
	Home Mission Rally Collection	7	2	6
	Home Mission Rally Tea Receipts ...	12	5	7
	Individual Contributions ...	214	0	0
	Literature Account ...	32	18	8
	Meeting Katoomba, Collection	0	11	0
	Refund Secretary's Allowance	6	0	0
	Savings Bank Withdrawal	0	12	11

Sisters' Conference Collections	7	13	7
Sisters' Conference (for Printing)	1	1	0
Sydney Dorcas Class Donation	1	1	0
Temperance Committee (for Printing)	...	0	12
Y.P.S.C.E. (for Printing)...	2	0	10
Balance Owing to Bank ...	294	9	11
	36	4	10
	£1031	6	3

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bank Balance ...							
Salaries - Browne, G. H. ...	213	10	0				
Clydesdale, J. ...	5	0	0				
Day, A. G. ...	78	0	0				
Ewers, D. A. ...	224	0	0				
Saunders, F. T. ...	20	0	0				
Williams, W. J. ...	144	0	0				
					704	10	0

Secretary's Allowance		£	s.	d.		
Miscellaneous Expenditure -						
Advertising Conference Mtgs.	1	12	0			
Secretary's Telephones ...	7	10	0			
Stamps, Exchange, Cablegrams	12	2	6			
Printing, Stationery, etc. ...	16	14	5			
North Sydney Tent Expenses	20	13	11			
Belmore " "	18	18	6			
Erskineville " "	25	5	11			
Marrickville " "	38	2	9			
New Tent " "	30	0	0			
Tent Sundries ...	5	7	10			
Wagga Tent Expenses ...	27	0	0			
Travelling Expenses ...	58	0	0			
Literature Account ...	35	2	0			
Interest on Overdraft ...	2	19	3			
Bank Charges ...	10	10	0			
Rent of Hall, Nth. Sydney	4	15	0			
Sundry Expenses ...	0	10	9			
				305	4	11

Audited and found correct. £1031 6 3

JOSEPH STIMSON, Treasurer.  
JAMES SCOLLER,  
EVAN ROBERTS.

Summary of Church and Individual Collections.

*Belmore ...	7	12	4			
Bungawalbyn ...	4	5	0			
Canley Vale ...	7	7	10			
Corowa ...	1	9	9			
Enmore ...	12	1	11			
*Erskineville ...	41	18	4			
Hornsby ...	3	15	3			
Hurstville ...	3	12	0			
Inverell ...	8	5	7			
Junction (Newcastle)	5	17	9			
Junee ...	16	12	0			
Lilyville ...	2	2	7			
Lismore ...	6	14	11			
*Marrickville ...	13	18	10			
Merewether ...	7	1	6			
Moree ...	36	19	6			
Mungindi ...	10	0	0			
*North Sydney ...	24	12	2			
Paddington ...	47	11	7			
Petersham ...	27	0	10			
Rookwood ...	20	5	0			
Sydney ...	28	16	10			
*Taree ...	18	15	4			
*Wagga ...	15	11	6			
*Wingham ...	3	7	6			
Isolated Brethren ...	12	10	9			
Miscellaneous ...	6	5	10			
				295	1	5

\*Churches assisted by the H.M. Committee.

## Digest of Letters from Churches.

We regret that the exigencies of space will only permit of a brief abstract of the contents of church letters.

**BELMORE.**—In addition to the information in the H.M. report, the secretary, W. H. Hall, points out that so many of the members being young, and some living at a distance, affects the amount of the contributions. Flourishing Senior and Junior Endeavor Societies and a Dorcas Class are among the church agencies, while the School of 166 scholars speaks for itself. Bro. Day is doing a good work, "A good footing has been secured in the district, and the future seems very bright."

**BUNGAWALBYN.**—In addition to the regular weekly meeting for worship in the chapel, a monthly preaching service is held by H. T. Morrison, of Lismore, in a rented hall. Some have removed to the Tweed River, and some to Queensland. Bro. Patch says, "We hope with the help of our stronger brethren and a little sympathy from the good people around to keep along the King's highway."

**CANLEY VALE.**—The increase of membership from 24 to 36, the building of a new baptistery, and the commencement of mid-week meetings, are the chief items mentioned. "W. H. Wooster is still laboring with us, and his excellent addresses are listened to with pleasure," says the secretary, Bro. Ferguson.

**ENMORE.**—The secretary, E. J. Hilder, writes:—"During 1907 the work of the church has steadily progressed, and we are able to report a nett increase in the membership of 34. Since last Conference we were able to secure the services of Bro. Colbourne as a visitor for twelve months, and his faithful work has been much appreciated. We have many auxiliaries, all working well in their respective spheres of Christian activity and holding meetings all the week through, beginning at the 7 o'clock prayer-meeting on Lord's day morning and finishing with the open-air service on Saturday night. Our meetings are well attended, and we have much to thank God for."

**ERSKINEVILLE.**—The steady work of G. H. Browne, the addition of 36 by faith and baptism, the tent mission by Bro. Illingworth, and the inauguration of a building fund, are the principal features of the past year. G. Morton tells us there is something over £20 in the building fund, and they are anxious for help. Prayer meeting, Dorcas Class, C.E. and Sunday School are among the activities of the church.

**HURSTVILLE** is a new cause organised by the H.M. Committee. As the result of a meeting convened the brethren commenced to break bread on Aug. 30, and the church was formally organised on Oct. 13, and meets in a large hall. Gospel services are conducted, and the secretary, Bro. Winks, mentions the names of Bren. Webber, Price, Macindoe, Crawford, Fox and Browne in this connection. Bro. Hagger has lectured for the school. An organ has been purchased. There are 25 members. The outlook in this flourishing suburb is bright, and a tent mission by the State Evangelist is looked for in the early spring.

**INVERELL.**—"The work has been carried on with varying success." 15 baptisms, 9 losses, and present membership 121. H. E. Tewksbury is the

secretary, and he says, "Inverell though a flourishing district is a hard place to work." The building fund has been reduced £50, and the preacher's salary increased £26 a year. "The church is absolutely self-supporting, and financial matters do not give the officers any trouble." (Happy officers! —D.E.). W. Uren is the evangelist, and all the departments of church work appear to be in good order.

**LISMORE.**—F. R. Furlonger reports the baptism of 28. "It will be interesting to those who realise that 'God hath made of one blood all nations of men' that 12 of the 28 are Australian aboriginals, and are the direct result of our aborigines' mission. The change in the lives of these brethren is very marked." The removal of T. B. Fischer last July, and the arrival of H. T. Morrison, the present preacher, from N.Z. in Oct., are specially mentioned. "During the interval the preaching was carried on by Bren. Jeffries and Furlonger. The church is in a healthy condition, and we expect much good work to be done during the ensuing year."

**LILYVILLE** is another new church started by Paddington brethren. There are 25 members. Bro. Fox, sen., was really the founder of the work, and now by the instrumentality of the parent church they have a nice little building, with E. Holyoak as secretary.

**MARRICKVILLE.**—With 37 nett increase, largely the result of T. Hagger's tent mission, the church enters the new year in good spirits. E. Davis, from Melbourne, did some good work during his college vacation, and now J. Clydesdale is the evangelist. An effort is being made to raise the needful to enlarge the building, and already £52 is subscribed. The total church receipts for the year were about £181, and the expenditure £114, with balance of £57 on the right side. Attendances are good, and T. Walker writes, "The Bible School, Dorcas Class and Endeavor all report progress, and each is in good working order."

**MEREWETHER.**—The secretary, C. Nisbet, reports "a very eventful year." The churches at Merewether and Junction have reunited. "For this grand consummation the church here is indebted first of all to Bren. Hagger, Ewers and Illingworth." Then "the mission of three weeks conducted by G. H. Browne and J. P. Garmong resulted in 22 additions," and this was followed up by the evangelists from Canley Vale and Rookwood, Bren. Wooster and Hayes spending a month each with the church. The church has now secured the last-named as a permanent evangelist. "We are anticipating a great work being done in the district."

**MOREE.**—Sister Hodson's letter is rather discouraging, but improves at the close with the words, "We are looking forward to a better state of things next year under the ministry of Bro. Waters."

**NORTH SYDNEY.**—The principal item here is the removal from the rented hall into our own chapel, as stated in the Home Mission report. Bro. and Sister Ewers will be missed, but J. Colbourne has accepted the Committee's invitation to labor in that field, and good progress is looked for. D. W. Johnston is the secretary.

## Letters from Churches

**PADDINGTON.**—"The cause steadily progresses." Bro. Stephenson writes, "The nett increase of 17 does not represent the work done, for when we consider the missions held by our evangelist with 2 additions at Inverell, 12 at Lilyville, 7 at Canley Vale and 32 at Marrickville, I think Paddington may fairly claim to be a useful member of the Association." "Home and Foreign Missions have received greater attention this year, and in the completion of the porch and fence in front of the building calls were made to which the brethren nobly responded to the required extent of £125. The Dorcas Class contributed nearly £60 to the porch fund. "As is usual when special men are needed, the H.M. Committee look to Paddington, and as in the case of T. Bagley, we are now to lose T. Hagger to become State Evangelist."

**PETERSHAM.**—The work here has continued to steadily and progressively move on. In view of the fact that the deacons felt justified in reducing the numbers more largely than usual by revision, added to which the church was able, by sparing our evangelist for several months during the year, principally on mission work, to give other churches in this State and Victoria a helping hand, the nett result is satisfactory. Happily too our auxiliaries have continued to prosper; and altogether the year has been crowned with blessings." So writes the secretary, C. J. Lea.

**PROSPECT,** or, more correctly, Seven Hills church consists chiefly of one family. Bro. Piper writes, "We have had two additions by faith and baptism, so we press forward, hoping for greater progress."

**ROOKWOOD.**—Of the 11 additions reported, 6 were from the Bible School. Since the removal of Bro. Hayes to Merewether, released at the request of that church, Bren. Price, of Hurstville, and Wooster, evangelist of Canley Vale, have been preaching for the church, and Bro. Colbourne also rendered some help. The church, of which M. Andrews is secretary, hopes to secure the labors of a resident evangelist shortly.

**SYDNEY.**—For about six months of the past year S. G. Griffith has been the preacher at the City Temple, Campbell-st., and 27 have been added by faith and baptism. F. Newby, the secretary, says, "With Bro. Griffith's splendid gospel addresses our meetings must continue to increase, so that the prospects of the church are very encouraging."

**TAREE.**—This is the historic Chatham church (Manning River), which after 40 years' existence moved into Taree, where it is housed in a commodious chapel holding 250. E. Saxby's letter deals with the two visits from Bro. Ewers and the good work done by W. J. Williams, resulting in a nett increase of 45 members, while the Lord's day school grew from 10 to 44. As will be seen in the H.M. Report, the church in conjunction with that at Wingham will in future be able to support its preacher without aid from the Committee.

**WINGHAM** has also shared in the prosperity resulting from Bro. Williams' labors. H. Weston writes, "During the year interests in all church work have been good, resulting in 11 additions." They also rejoice at the arrangement for Bro. W. to remain in the Manning River district.

**WAGGA.**—The cause here and at Junee is dealt with in the H.M. Report. Hopes are entertained that Wagga may become the active centre of a large work in that part of the State. G. Davidson is the secretary.

## Foreign Missionary Report.

The first note of the report that it is our privilege to present to this Conference shall be one of praise, of thankfulness, that the mind of the church is becoming increasingly like unto that of her Lord in his great need, that all should know him. Whether we look at the work at home or abroad, we think that we are warranted in believing that the church is coming to understand more fully that the earth is her parish, and that the command "Occupy until I come" has a wide-world application. As a church we also believe that we are appreciably nearer to a realisation of the obligation that rests upon each disciple to make known the way of salvation either directly or through others; that while to the average member it may not be the whole work of his or her life, yet there is a greater realisation of the fact that each one is more or less his brother's keeper, that each is expected to have some part in this great work. That appearances point to a clearer perception of the fact that God in his wisdom having purposed that his gospel should be made known by the instrumentality of men, therefore either his people must meet his expectations and carry out his purpose or incur the liability of being charged with indifference to their Lord's desire and to the need of so many millions of their fellow-creatures. The brief summary your Committee give of each field occupied by our Australian missionaries contains but an inadequate idea of what has been accomplished, but space will not permit of our enlarging, much as we would like to do so.

## INDIA.

The work in India, where our first missionary was stationed, naturally occupies the first place of honor. Sister Mary Thompson, of *Harda*, C.P., India, is generally heard from at our monthly meetings. Her work is principally going into the women's houses, telling the story of Jesus, teaching the women to read, holding meetings for the Christian women, school work for the children, and helping in every way temporarily and spiritually to scatter seeds of loving deeds. She is assisted in this work by two Bible-women, Bhaktibai and Sarubai, both supported by our Australian churches. Concerning the former, however, we learnt last year that she had to give up the work on account of illness, and had gone for the time to live at Jubbulpore with her son. Sarubai also from a similar cause, and from the prolonged illness of her son, had not been able to give the usual amount of time to her work; but that is a thing of the past, and in a letter recently received from Sister Thompson she says, "Last month I was out with Sarubai in all our stations and several other villages besides." She reports that the people are just now too full of their own troubles to care to listen. The dread famine is again on India, and Government relief work has commenced. Food is at famine prices, and work is scarce. She says, "We are trying to give work to a few needy ones." The native Christians have themselves originated and opened a new station between

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Bilaspur and Mungeli, which is under the direction of Dr. Parma, a native doctor duly trained and qualified (Sarubai's son-in-law).

*Hatta.*—Bro. and Sister F. E. Stubbin are our representatives at Hatta, C.P., India, of which station they have charge. They are assisted by four native helpers. Sister Stubbin and her children came to us last year on furlough after a long sickness. Her husband is now back amongst us, and we hope ere long to have him to report to us in person what God has worked through him in India. In his last annual report he tells us how he has preached in many villages to 30,000 people, besides attending to his own work in Hatta. Mrs. Stubbin attends to the zenana work and further to medical work; she is also assisted by a Bible-woman who is doing faithful work. There is a small orphanage connected with the station. Some of the boys are members of the little church there, and take part in the meetings. There are also two Sunday Schools and a C.E. Society.

*Baramati.*—Thirdly comes the mission at Baramati, Poonah district, Bombay, in charge of H. H. Strutton and his wife, to whom has lately been added S. Ludbrook from England. Bro. Strutton's constant letters from the field are a source of great encouragement to us in the home-land. He and his devoted wife seem to be not only carefully laying a good foundation for the work in years to come, but the Lord is even now allowing them to see the fruit of their labors. The little church already numbers thirteen, all of whom give promise of being helpers in the work and anxious to learn from the Scriptures. Bro. Strutton preaches in the surrounding villages, and each evening meetings are held in various parts of Baramati. Then there are the meetings in the weekly bazaar, when good crowds come and listen, and gospel copies are sold for one pice ( $\frac{1}{4}$ d.). These are for the most part taken to distant places, and are read by many who have very little chance otherwise to know anything about the Christ. Sunday School work is carried on in three centres. Bro. Strutton is assisted by three native preachers, and he also attends to what medical work he can, in which latter work however he has now an efficient helper in Bro. Ludbrook, who is a dentist, and took a short medical course in London before going to India. A workshop is erected, and loom work is being carried on. The Magarey Memorial Bungalow, a gift from the South Australian churches, is completed, and from the photograph presents a pretty picture. Bro. Strutton reports the little church is keeping in good health and growing spiritually. They give well considering that they earn very little more than will barely keep them. The first school building at Tandalwadi ("Rice Village") has been completed, and we trust by this time has been occupied. Bro. Ludbrook is hard at work learning the language, and attending to his medical duties.

### JAPAN.

Most of you will remember P. A. Davey when he came to us on furlough some two

years ago, and how he took back with him one of Australia's daughters to be a helpmeet to him in his work. May, 1906, saw him back to his work in Tokyo. His work is multifarious, for in addition to his evangelistic duties he is a member of the advisory committee and also performs secretarial work and serves as station treasurer. In his own immediate work at Hongo 16 had been added to the church by faith and obedience. Bro. Davey speaks of the Sunday School work as the coming work in Japan. It is organised in the most up-to-date methods, and the teachers who are taken from the training school work conscientiously, intelligently and enthusiastically. We will close our Japanese report with a few words culled from the annual report of one of the lady missionaries: "Mrs. P. A. Davey has been a great help and a comfort throughout the whole year. We consider her one of the greatest gifts ever given to mission work in Japan. Her skill as a pianist and her gift of voice as a singer, combined with a beautiful consecration of talent and life to the one great work, have made her of untold value, not only to the girls' school and the mission, but to missionary work in general."

### CHINA.

As our representative in China is with us to-day, we will let her speak for herself. We only wish to say what we know she will not say herself. Jas Ware, who is in charge of the Yangsepoo and out-stations, says: "At this writing Miss Tonkin is on furlough. We desire to express our high appreciation of her services, and we shall be glad to see her back again, as the work sorely needs her."

### PENTECOST ISLAND, NEW HEBRIDES.

The story of the Kanakas is still too fresh in all our memories for us to say very much about it here. Suffice it to say that the disciples of Christ along with others were not neglectful of the opportunity when the islanders were in Queensland of making known to them the way of salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. John Thompson was duly set apart for this work, and together with his wife worked long and faithfully amongst the Kanakas in the Queensland cane-fields. God blessed their labors, and in due time when the islanders were deported a cry came from Pentecost to send over a white missionary. William Tabymancon, a faithful, consistent and devoted follower of his Master, was ready as far as he was then able, and John Thompson in June, 1903, in company with the venerable Dr. J. G. Paton, sailed for the New Hebrides. After a stay of about six months, Bro. Thompson returned in December, and ever since that time for four years pathetic cries have reached us, "When are you going to send a white missionary?" During all these years Bro. Tabymancon and his band of native teachers have held fast to the faith, established schools where they have taught some hundreds according to their ability. No better indication can be given than these facts of the character of the work that under God's blessing and guidance Bro. Thompson was permitted to perform. Both on the island and here in Australia prayer was made to God that a missionary might be sent, and we have

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every cause to believe that in the selection of F. G. Filmer to carry on the work the Committee have had the divine guidance. He has only recently left his native land to carry on work in the field that he felt guided of God to select, and under his blessing we trust that a twelvemonth hence he may have a good report to send of how God has blessed and used him in his chosen field of labor.

### WORKERS IN THE FUTURE.

Miss Terrell, of York church, S.A., has offered herself for mission work, and is now taking a course of hospital training in Melbourne to more efficiently fit her for the work. Donald McCallum, a graduate of Kentucky University, has also volunteered for the foreign field. He has been accepted by the Federal Board, and we trust that the way may soon be made clear for him to enter into the field.

As you return to your homes we trust that the perusal of this brief report and the further missionary service of to-day may stimulate in you an interest that will abide; and if you cannot daily, will you at least weekly remember before the throne of grace those who in your stead proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ in the regions beyond our shores?

We close our report by submitting for your consideration the following thoughts. They can either be considered in the time that now remains to us; or in the sanctity of our own homes, will we ask ourselves are they feasible, and if feasible how far will we personally help them on?

(a) In order that the interest in the work beyond our shores may be sustained, has not the time arrived for the issue of at least a quarterly paper entirely devoted to world-wide evangelism, such paper to be after the style of the *Missionary Voice*?

(b) Would not the interest in world-wide missions be fostered by each church here represented devoting one night in each quarter to the consideration of the work and workers in the regions beyond?

(c) Would not the interest be further fostered by each Bible School throughout the States devoting two Sundays in the year to the consideration of Foreign Missions? Four Sundays in the year are given in our schools to temperance lessons. Why not change two of these to the study of the missions of the Churches of Christ in the regions beyond, special half-yearly leaflets to be prepared, and issued by the Austral Company?

### FINANCE.

For several years your Committee aimed at reaching £200, but did not realise the required amount till 1906. We set £300 as the desideratum for 1907, with the result as shown in the accompanying financial statement. This year we place no limit to the amount to be aimed at, believing that as individually we come to see the world as it is through the eyes of the Lord Jesus Christ we will do even as our Master did. When we see the world as he sees it we'll be found giving as he gave. His love has or had no limit.

Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my life, my soul, my all.

E. GOLE, Secretary.

## SYDNEY CHINESE MISSION.

In presenting our report for 1907-8, covering a period of fourteen months' work, we will briefly record both phases of our work.

### WEEK-NIGHT SCHOOL.

The record for the fourteen months' work shows a steady increase in numbers and attendance, both by the teachers and scholars. The school has met for study on 105 nights, with an average attendance per meeting as follows:—Teachers, 25; scholars, 31. We are much hampered for room, and could larger premises be secured we believe our sphere of usefulness could be enlarged. The members of the churches by the assistance given on the teaching staff are evidencing a greater interest than of yore, and we trust this interest may increase, for here, close at hand, in this mission, is a fair field ready to the harvest; and the Master asks, "Who will come and work to-day" that these souls may be saved? The scholars in many ways evidence their appreciation of the time and trouble devoted to them.

### CHINESE CHURCH.

Formerly the Chinese brethren met for worship with the congregation in the morning at the City Temple; but for some time they have held their own meeting after the usual morning meeting. The church has now its own appointed officers, but both the Chinese church and the evening service for the preaching of the gospel suffer through not having an efficient evangelist to both teach the church and proclaim the gospel. Bro. John Sing labored with the church as evangelist until August, when he left for his home in China. At the close of September, evangelist W. Jame paid a three months' visit to the source of his former labors. He was gladly welcomed by all, and his brief stay was a source of strength to the church and the school. One believer was added to the church by faith and obedience under his ministry, and we believe that had his stay been prolonged more results would have ensued. Two disciples have been added to the church, one of whom left us to return to his native country. The great lack of the mission, and which will always retard its efficiency, is the want of a permanent evangelist to hold the converts won, and so teach them that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

E. J. PRIDDETH, Sec.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

From January 1st, 1907, to February 29th, 1908.

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash Balance from 1906 ..				16	10	9
Annual Conference Collection, 1907 ..				4	6	0
Enmore—Collectors ..	40	12	9			
F. M. Sunday ..	24	0	5			
Bible Class ..	4	0	0			
Children's Day ..	9	17	7			
Sisters' Prayer Meeting ..	0	13	11			
Sisters' Conference ..	0	5	3			
L. Kingsbury's Class ..	0	6	8			
Sydney—Chinese Brethren ..				79	16	7
Collectors ..	9	2	11			
F. M. Sunday ..	19	9	8			
Children's Day ..	6	0	0			
Orphan Fund, India ..	5	0	0			
Paddington and Lilyville—				48	6	2
Collectors ..	11	16	4			
F. M. Sunday ..	13	7	6			
Children's Day ..	1	3	7			
C. E. Society, N. H. Island ..						
Mission ..	1	10	0			
Orphanage, Baramati ..	1	7	6			
T. H. and Wife, N. H. Is-						
land Mission ..	0	10	6			
Famine Fund, Baramati ..	0	10	0			
Petersham—Collectors ..	8	5	6	30	5	5
F. M. Sunday ..	11	13	6			
C. E. Society ..	1	11	9			
North Sydney—Collectors ..	3	16	2	21	10	9
F. M. Sunday ..	2	3	6			
Children's Day ..	0	12	6			
Taree—F. M. Sunday ..	4	14	3	6	12	2
Children's Day ..	1	5	0			
Marrickville—Collectors ..	2	19	6	5	19	3
F. M. Sunday ..	1	6	0			
Children's Day ..	0	12	6			
N. H. Is and Mission ..	0	10	0			
Rookwood—F. M. Sunday ..	2	10	0	5	8	0
C. E. Society ..	0	10	0			
Bro. Rossell ..	1	0	0			
Children's Day ..	1	0	0			
Erskineville—Collector ..	1	10	5	5	0	0
F. M. Sunday ..	2	10	0			
Children's Day ..	0	11	6			
Belmore—Collector ..	1	14	2	4	11	11
F. M. Sunday ..	1	3	3			
Children's Day ..	0	12	0			
Canley Vale—Children's Day ..				3	9	5
Baan Ba (Ben Kingston) ..	1	10	0	0	12	1
Bungawalbyn ..	1	9	6			
Hornsby ..	6	17	6			
Inglewood Forest (Wm. Winter) ..	6	0	0			
Inverell ..	5	15	11			
Junction, Newcastle ..	1	3	0			
June ..	2	4	0			
Lismore ..	4	2	9			
Merewether ..	1	0	0			
Moree ..	2	16	6			
Seven Hills ..	0	10	0			
Wingham ..	1	4	6			
Yerrandera (R. T. Wilson) ..	0	7	6			
Chinese Famine Fund—				35	1	2
Meeting held in Sydney ..	11	12	3			
G. T. W. and Family ..	0	6	6			
R. T. Wilson ..	0	10	0			
L. Kingsbury's Class ..	0	4	3			
Workers' Band (Miss Oldfield)				12	13	0
Japan ..	4	0	0			
United C. E. Societies' Rallyes ..	3	2	8			
W. Plowman and Family ..	4	4	0			
M. E. M. ..	2	0	0			
Petersham United Conference				3	11	5
for Orphan Fund, Baramati ..						
Moneys Received Directly by the				16	18	1
Federal Treasurer, Melbourne—						
C. J. Morris, Peak Hill ..	2	0	0			
Mrs S. Butler, Mungindi ..	5	0	0			
C. Winter, Moree ..	1	0	0			
C. E. Society, Lismore ..	0	6	0			
Merewether Church ..	0	10	0			
For Chinese Mission Building—						
C. J. Morris ..	5	0	0			
For Chinese Famine Fund ..	18	18	0			
				32	14	0
Cash Received from the Federal				£329	14	9
Treasurer, Melbourne, to meet						
Sundry Expenditures ..				31	10	0
				£361	4	9

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Chinese Mission—						
John Sing, Salary ..	46	10	0			
W. Jame, Salary and Board ..	38	10	0			
Cleaning Chinese Hall ..	15	0	0			
				100	0	0
New Hebrides Mission—						
Native Teachers, Salaries,						
Goods, etc. ..	52	18	2			
Share of Children's Day Funds ..	5	5	6			
F. G. Filmer—Cash ..	2	0	0			
Stores and Medical Supplies ..	16	3	10			
				76	7	6
P. A. Davey, Japan ..	4	0	0			
H. H. Strutton, Baramati ..	0	10	0			
Sent direct to China, Famine Fund ..	12	13	0			
Orphanage, Mahoba, India ..	5	0	0			
Children's Day, Cash sent to						
Federal Treasurer ..	22	6	9			
Expenses, Children's Day ..	2	17	6			
				47	7	3
Share of Expenses, Morrison Centenary ..	1	14	0			
Telegrams, Postage and Drafts ..	0	12	7			
Printing ..	5	8	0			
Cash sent Federal Treasurer ..	90	0	0			
Moneys sent direct to Federal Treasurer, as						
per Items on Credit Side ..	32	14	0			
Cash Credit Balance ..	7	1	5			
				£361	4	9
SUMMARY.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Received from Churches ..	256	12	6			
Sunday Schools ..	35	17	8			
Endeavor Societies ..	8	7	11			
Individuals ..	8	14	6			
Petersham United Con-				3	11	5
ference ..						
				313	4	0
Balance from 1906 ..				16	10	9
				£329	14	9
Received from Federal Treasurer, Melbourne ..	31	10	0			
				£361	4	9

## Bible School Union Report.

We are pleased to be able to report a general improvement as regards increase of scholars in the various schools and addition of schools to the Union, Hurstville and Woollahra having joined since last report. All schools are now affiliated, which is a matter for much gratification. There has also been much more zeal shown during the year in Bible School work.

The children's demonstration was held on Friday, January 25, 1907, when a full house showed its appreciation of all the different items rendered. Bro. Walden's address on "Bible Schools in Other Lands" was listened to with rapt attention.

The annual examinations took place on March 23, '07; 299 entries were received, but of this number only 196 candidates presented themselves for examination, of whom 143 were successful while 53 failed. We again appeal to parents and teachers to do all they can to induce every scholar to enter these competitions, and so make them more representative.

The annual meeting was held at the City Temple on July 23, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, G. Stimson; Vice-President, S. G. Griffith; Secretary, F. S. Steer; Asst. Secretary, L. J. Stimson; Treasurer, F. Burcher; School Visitor, R. E. Jeffrey.

Bro. Jeffrey's resignation as secretary was regretted. Complimentary references were made to the way in which he carried out his duties. Owing to removal to the



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country, L. J. Stimson found it necessary to vacate his position as assistant secretary. The Committee wish to place on record their appreciation of his services, and to express their thanks for the energy and zeal which he at all times displayed in connection with the Union. We are pleased to say that Bro. Jeffrey has consented to take up Bro. Stimson's duties.

In conclusion, the Committee feel the time has now arrived when a scheme should be evolved whereby Bible School work will be more vigorously carried on, that the cause may be materially built up so that each succeeding report will stand out triumphant in a greater number of additions, not only in schools already established, but also in districts where we are not at present represented. We know of no better field for Home Mission work than amongst the children—the very source on which the future of our church depends.

GEO. STIMSON, President.  
F. S. STEER, Secretary.

## Temperance Committee's Report.

The past year has been one of the most eventful in the history of temperance reform in our State. For the first time we have been able to measure our strength with the enemy at the ballot box, with satisfactory results, a very large vote being polled for No License, a majority being given in quite a number of electorates. An encouraging feature was the large majorities recorded in such working centres as Broken Hill, Newcastle, Granville, etc., and while owing to the unfair handicap against us No License failed to carry, Reduction carried in some 90 per cent. of electorates, and will result in the closing of a large number of hotels throughout the State.

In the campaign leading up to this vote your Committee took a very active part, presiding or speaking at over 100 public meetings, leading the fight in quite a number of districts. Leading brethren in our churches were in the forefront right through the campaign, and aided materially in bringing about the splendid vote recorded.

But while recording the good work done by the few, we much regret the apathy shown by the many. Your Committee, brethren, did not get the help from you they were entitled to, our public meetings being but poorly attended; and apart from voting very little interest shown. In the near future this battle will have to be fought again, and fought with more vigor than the last if we would succeed in our endeavor to sweep away this abominable traffic. Wake, brethren, wake.

Financially we have been very much handicapped in the work, and we regret that, while the smaller churches—North Sydney, Rookwood, Canley Vale, Belmore and Erskineville—endorsed the Conference suggestion re one evening collection for temperance work, and responded liberally to our appeal for help, the larger churches did not help in this respect, and were in some cases a charge on our funds. Our request is a

very modest one, an evening collection once a year to help us fight the liquor traffic. Give, brethren, give.

We would urge upon the churches the need of encouraging Band of Hope work amongst the young. Some few have them already, and they have proved a splendid success. Our great hope is in our young people. Organise them, educate them.

Eleven Committee meetings were held. The attendance from various causes has been poor, the routine work being done by four members. Bro. Walden (Pres.), 11; Bro. Logan (Vice-Pres.), 7; Bro. Hagger (Vice-Pres.), 0; Bro. Willson, 3; Bro. Hayes, 1; Bro. Goode, 0; Bro. Griffith (since June), 1; Sister Campbell, 9; Bro. Morton (Sec.), 11.

Praying that God may bless our efforts even more abundantly, we remain, on behalf of the Committee,

G. T. WALDEN, President,  
THOMAS MORTON, Sec.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.		
By Balance Jan. 26, 1907	..	£0 13 5
Collected at Conference Meeting	..	4 1 6
Petersham	..	1 12 3
City Temple	..	0 15 6
Belmore	..	1 4 1½
Paddington	..	0 16 6
Marrickville	..	0 10 6
North Sydney	..	0 9 10
Enmore	..	0 18 5
By Donations—		
North Sydney	..	1 1 6
Erskineville	..	0 14 7½
Canley Vale	..	15 0
Belmore	..	6 9
Rookwood	..	12 7
By sale of Anti Cigarette Pledges	..	1 0
		£14 13 6
EXPENDITURE.		
By Expenses, Conference Meeting	..	1 12 3
Petersham	..	2 2 6
City Temple	..	2 0 2
Belmore	..	0 18 6
Paddington	..	0 13 6
Marrickville	..	0 15 0
North Sydney	..	0 11 6
Enmore	..	0 13 3
Donation to N.S.W. Alliance..	..	2 2 0
Public Morals Committee	..	0 5 0
Temperance Choir	..	0 5 0
No License Literature	..	1 14 3
Stamps, Stationery, etc.	..	0 12 7
Credit Balance	..	0 7 3
		£14 13 6

## A WORD OF APPRECIATION.

Bro. E. Davis, one of the students of the College of the Bible, spent his Christmas vacation preaching for one of the churches in N.S.W. In connection with this the following letter was received by the Board of Management:—"Dear Brethren,—At our preachers' monthly meeting to-day we had occasion to say good-bye to Bro. Davis, one of your students. It was resolved that a letter be sent to you, expressing our delight at his last year's progress, and our appreciation of his work in this State during his vacation. We wish him and the College God's blessing during 1908. On behalf of the preachers fraternal, N.S.W., I remain, yours faithfully, A. E. ILLINGWORTH, Hon. Sec."

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(23<sup>rd</sup>) Annual conference of the  
~~Queensland~~ Churches of Christ of N.S.W.  
held at Emmoor Tabernacle  
April 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> 1908

Conference was opened with a brief  
devotional service at 9.30 conducted  
by Bro A. G. Day, & address by Bro Colbourne  
Bro J. Hagger President took the chair  
at 10.30, and opened business session  
with prayer

New The Churches at Kurstville & Lelyville  
Churches. were admitted to the conference

Roll of The roll of delegates was then called  
Delegates and responded to.

Minutes Minutes of last conference were read  
and adopted.

Correspondence: - From Bro Men Inverell  
Bro Fraser, Inverell, H. J. Banks W.A.  
Bro A. Adams Tasmania,  
Bro Hingworth Sec Federal Conference  
N.S.W. Students Victorian College  
Sec Victorian Conference  
Sec S. A. Conference

Bro H. G. Harward Bible College  
J. B. Fischer, & N.S.W. Sisters Conference  
Decided to receive all correspondence

The President on behalf of conference  
extended a welcome to all visitors  
and new evangelists in the state

Welcome  
to  
Visitors. Responded to by Bro Griffith, Morrison  
Colbourne, Day, Clydesdale  
2 verses of Hymn 80 were then sung

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The President then delivered his address which was earnest and inspiring, urging the brotherhood on <sup>to</sup> greater zeal, earnestness, consecration, and a deeper spiritual life.

Bro Hingworth moved Bro Shearston seconded that the address be sent to the Australian Christian for publication.

Obituary.

Carried Bro Hingworth read the Obituary Report showing that several of our members had been called to their reward, after the report 2 verses of Hymn 523 were sung.

H. M. Report: - was read and dealt with clause by clause and after a very free and full discussion was adopted.

In dealing with Clause 9. Organizing Sec. Bro Griffith moved that this conference recognizing the untiring efforts of Bro D. A. Ewers while in this state regret that through ill health he is compelled to leave us, and pray that in his new sphere of labour his health may greatly improve, and that God may continue to use him in the future for the salvation of many precious souls.

D. A. Ewers

Bro Rigdon, Smith, Willson & Willis were appointed scrutineers.

The nomination for all Officers and Committees was then taken.

Bro J. Stimson Treasurer

Bro J. C. Walker Secretary

Bro A. W. Shearston Asst. Sec -

Scrutineers.Election

of

Officers

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 were all re-elected un-opposed.

- Adjournment for lunch -

The afternoon session was opened by a brief devotional service led by Bro H. G. Payne after which the business was again gone on with.

Decided that a letter of sympathy be sent to Bro A. H. Hebler on account of illness

Thanks. Decided to thank Bro F. Brucher for the good work he had done in connection with the literature for the Committee.

Decided to thank Bro Mantova for having written the calico signs.

Reference Committee Bro Klingworth moved Bro Griffith seconded that the conference appoint the H. & W. Com. as a reference Committee, to which visiting preachers and other evangelists could submit their credentials, and to which churches requiring the service of preachers or evangelists could apply for advice. Carried.

Commonwealth Centenary Convention.

Bro Klingworth moved Bro Griffith seconded that this conference pledges itself to do their very utmost to assist the Federal Executive in making the next Federal convention, and Centenary celebration to be held in Sydney, Easter 1909 worthy of the occasion.

Bro Walker and others supported. Carried

The election of Officers, <sup>& Committee</sup> was then proceeded with and resulted as follows:-

Bro S. G. Griffith President

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Vice President. Bro G. J. Walden

H.M. Committee:- Broo Mc Indae, BicaElection. Arnott, Hingworth, G. Henson, Helder  
A. BrownCommittees F.M. Committee:- Bro G. J. Walden  
E. Cole. S. Cole, Hingworth, Griffith  
Clydesdale, DayTemperance Committee:- Bro Walden  
Logan, Clydesdale, Mrs Morton,  
Calbourne, Griffith, Day

Bro Hingworth moved & Bro Williams seconded that we adopt the recommendation of the Federal Executive and agree to fix the first Sunday in September as College of the Bible Sunday

Bro Helder moved that this conference sends its loving greetings to our boys in America & Melbourne, wishing them every prosperity in their work of preparation, and looking forward with pleasure to the time when their College course completed they will return to help the cause of Primitive Christianity in N. S. W.

this was spoken to and carried

Adjournment for Tea

A splendid H.M. meeting was held at 7.30, Bro J. Hagger, Pres. presiding

Stirring address by Broo Hagger

Hingworth, Griffith, good programme

Amounts of Promises Rec<sup>d</sup> - 126. 19. 0

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 Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> 1908.

Conference was opened with a brief devotional meeting led by Bro Celydsdale at 2.0 o'clock, and Bro Hagger president took the chair at 2.20

F.M. Report.

Bro E. Gole read the F.M. Report  
 Clause 1 India was adopted

Bro Bunter moved that we convey to Sister Thompson and other missionaries in India our hearty congratulations on the success of their work, and hope they will long be spared to labour for the Master, seconded by Bro Griffiths & Walden and carried  
 Clause Japan adopted

Clause China was adopted, and Miss Tonkin gave an interesting account of the work being done there

Decided that Conference greetings be sent to all our Foreign Missionaries

Bro Klingworth moved that we recommend the Federal conference committee to

John Thompson. urgently consider the case of Bro John Thompson, and render him all the assistance he needs, several brethren spoke in support. (Carried).

After dealing with every clause, the report was adopted.

Temperance Report.

Temperance Committee's Report was adopted on the motion of Bro Mottson & Webber

Bro Walden moved condemning the liquor traffic, and urging the churches to an active crusade to bring about its complete destruction. (Carried).

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Gambling. Bro Griffith moved, Bro A. Brown seconded a motion condemning gambling in all forms. Carried.

Notes of motion in the names of Bro Steer & Gole were both withdrawn.

New Constitution. The new constitution as submitted was thoroughly dealt with, slightly amended and adopted.

Building Extension Fund Bro Walden presented a report from the committee on Church Building Extension Fund which was adopted after several members had spoken in favour.

Bible School Committee Bible School Committee of 7. appointed as follows Bro J. Stinson, Griffith, J. Morton, Steer, Jefferys, A. Brown, Burdick  
 Conference adjourned for tea at 6-10  
 At 7-30 a Foreign Mission meeting was held Bro Walden presiding  
 a good programme was arranged including an address by Miss R. L. Jorkin during the evening Bro Hagger introduced the President elect Bro S. G. Griffith