

New South Wales 24th Annual Conference, 1909.

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 6.

Sisters' Auxiliary Conference. Morning at 10.30
Afternoon at 2. Evening at 7.30.

Thursday, April 8.

8 p.m. C.E. Demonstration.

Friday, April 9.

9.30 a.m. General Conference.
(Luncheon and tea provided at 6d. each meal.)
7.30 p.m. Great Home Missionary Demonstration

Saturday, April 10.

2 p.m. General Conference (Continued).
7.30 p.m. Bible School Demonstration.

Lord's Day, April 11.

3. p.m. Conference Sermon.
Preacher:—H. J. Banks, of W.A.
Theme, "Calls of To-day."

Tuesday, April 13.

7.45 p.m. Temperance Demonstration.

All the meetings in the Tabernacle, Metropolitan
rd., Enmore, except the *Bible School*
Demonstration, which will be held
in the Protestant Hall,
Castlereagh-st., City.

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSIONARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

With thankfulness to our heavenly Father for his leading and blessing, we are pleased to present the following report, covering the period from March 1, 1908, to Feb. 28, 1909.

I. SISTERS' AUXILIARY CONFERENCE.

We desire to again place on record our appreciation of the work of the Sisters' Conference. In addition to the usual channels of activity, early in the year the sisters determined to do some special collecting for the Home Mission Fund, with the result that they have paid in the sum of £11/7/4. We trust that in the incoming year they will be able to do even more in this direction, and that eventually they will provide sufficient for the support of at least one of the evangelists laboring with your Committee.

2. NEW CHURCHES.

This Conference has the pleasure of receiving applications from six new churches for admission into the co-operation; four of these are in the country, and two in the metropolitan area. There are also churches in Kellabakh, Hornsby, Merrylands with 23 members, and Rockdale with 16 members, which are not yet associated with the Conference.

3. STATISTICS.

This year 31 churches are on the statistical register, and these show 426 additions by faith and baptism 185 by letter from sister churches, 41 as baptised believers, and 19 by restoration. The losses have been:—By letter to sister churches 180, by death 29, by discipline and revision of roll 314. The present combined membership is 3817; the increase for the year 177; the increase would have been much larger but for the leakage from a few of the churches. The aim adopted by last Conference—600 souls for Christ—was not realised, but good work has been done. There are 23 Bible Schools reported with a total of 233 teachers, and 2551 scholars; an increase of three schools, 11 teachers and 209 scholars. The churches received 100 additions from the ranks of the Lord's day School scholars.

FINANCE.

Last Conference adopted as the financial aim for the year—£1200 for Home Missions. The total receipts have been £1161/8/7, the expenditure £1258/8/5. The debit balance was £133/4/8, as against £36/4/10 at the close of the previous Conference year. The debit would have been £98/4/8 if all the assisted churches had met their obligations. The receipts show an increase of £166/7/2 over those of last year; this is exceedingly gratifying, coming as it does after the substantial increases of recent years. Just here the Committee would like to place on record its great appreciation of the splendid services rendered by J. Stimson as Treasurer.

5. FEDERAL CONFERENCE AND CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS.

Sydney has been honored with the meetings of the Federal Conference of this year, and also with the Australian celebrations of the centenary of the declaration of the "The Declaration and Address" by Thos. Campbell. These meetings and celebrations will

follow immediately after this Conference, and we hope that the Sydney brotherhood will rise to the responsibility and privilege of the occasion.

6. ISOLATED BRETHREN.

During the year the Organising Secretary has kept up, as far as possible, a correspondence with brethren scattered throughout the State. 284 letters have been sent out, and 62 replies have been received. The claims of the Home Mission work have been kept before these brethren, with the result that £42/16/- has been received. There are 291 names on the isolated members' roll, of which number 212 are members of N.S.W. churches, and the balance are not. If church secretaries would take an interest in this matter, and keep the correspondent posted up, much more effective work would be done. One or two brethren isolated at Albury are conducting a Lord's day school; this is an example worthy of imitation.

7. HOME MISSION RALLIES.

On Nov. 3 the second H.M. tea and rally was held in the City Temple, and was the means of helping the work. Splendid addresses were delivered on that occasion by J. Hindle and A. E. Illingworth. The Organising Secretary has also conducted local rallies in connection with most of the churches in the State.

8. LITERATURE SALES.

Throughout the year F. J. Burcher has continued the work of selling our literature, and the Conference is asked to express its hearty appreciation of the work he has done in this direction for some years past. The sales for the past year have amounted to £30/6/10, and the profit made £5/11/5. It is hoped that these sales will eventually grow into a central book depot in the city of Sydney.

9. BUILDING FUND.

Immediately after last Conference a sub-committee, consisting of G. T. Walden (Sec.), G. Arnott (Treas.), and S. G. Griffith, was appointed to enquire into the legal standing of such a fund, and to inaugurate the same. This Committee will report verbally to Conference.

10. HOME MISSION FIELDS AND WORK.

(a) NORTH SYDNEY.—J. Colbourne has been located in this district throughout the

LOCATION OF CHURCH	Membership March 1, 1908.	Church Additions				Church Losses				Increase.	Decrease.	Bible School.				Church Additions from Bible School	Seating Capacity of Meeting House.	Isolated Members on Church Roll.	EVANGELIST.	Home Mission Contributions, including Individual Gifts.	Foreign Mission Contributions, including Individual Gifts.	Amount Raised for all Purposes.					
		Faith and Baptism	Letter.	Baptised Believers.	Restored.	Letter.	Death.	Discipline and Revival of Roll.	Membership Feb. 28, 1909.			Teachers, 1908.	Scholars, 1908.	Teachers, 1909.	Scholars, 1909.												
1 Auburn ..	46	4	13	1		62	62																				
2 Bangalow ..	4	6				6	6																				
3 Belmore ..	94	15	10	2	1	17	103	9	12	166	4	4	1	250													
4 Bungawalbyn ..	22	1	1		1	3	21							180													
5 Canley Vale ..	35	3				7	32							80													
6 Corowa ..	13													250													
7 Erskineville ..	85	67	14	5	1	22	7	25	88	33	42	55	45	513	12	150											
8 Erskineville ..	148	21	8	1	13	7	30	133						250													
9 Hurstville ..	24	26	16	1	2	3		66	42	13	18	166	18	180	8	250											
10 Hurstville ..	121	46	2	1		6		156	35		5	34	5	45	8	250											
11 Junee ..	7	1						9	2					65	2	250											
12 Lilyville ..	25	5	5					29	4		6	48	5	50	2	150											
13 Lismore ..	320	27	3	3		10	1	339	19	9	106	110	106	1350													
14 Marrickville ..	131	7	2	3		1	32	110	21	13	114	13	125	3	120												
15 Marrar ..	7	2	6					7						35													
16 Merewether ..	77	9	2		6	2	2	16	71	3	7	8	8	70	3	250											
17 Moree ..	41	11	4	2	2	3	1	2	54	13	3			200													
18 Mungindi ..	8					5		3						200													
19 Mosman ..		25	2					25	25	5	1	4	3	9													
20 N. Sydney ..	122	8	8	2		7	2	131	9		7	75	5	82	1	250											
21 Paddington ..	437	31	9	2	2	35	3	48	415	22	30	294	29	290	8	340											
22 Petersham ..	397	24	22			6	4	47	380	11	19	270	19	310	15	400											
23 Rockwood ..	95	11	3		2	11	2	8	99	5	14	107	13	117	11	150											
24 Seven Hills ..	8							7						150	4												
25 Sydney ..	415	13	13			24	5	76	336	79	20	140	13	115	600												
26 Sydney, Chinese ..	23	6				2	1	26	3					100													
27 Taree ..	94	2		1	1			95	1					260													
28 Tyalgum ..		5	11					16	16		5	44	7	45	100												
29 Tuggerah Lakes ..		2						5						100													
30 Wagga Wagga ..	44	36	6		2	16		14						300	23												
31 Wingham ..	37	1						39	2		3	23	3	47	14	300											
Isolated members ..	50							79	29					50													
Totals ..	3640	426	185	41	19	183	29	314	3817	342	105	224	2342	233	100	6265											
Reported last year ..		484	208	24	69	149	27	261	3640	458	110		222	2342	137												

Increases:—Churches 6, chapels 1, church members 177, Bible Schools 3, scholars 209, teachers 11.
*Including 30 scholars and 4 teachers in the Woolahra School.
Home Mission contributions do not include sums contributed by assisted churches towards own Evangelists' support.

year, and a good consolidating work has been done. He has also been able to devote a little week-day work to the new church at Mosman. The Home Mission fund receives £1 per week from the church at North Sydney towards the support of the evangelist. The church has unanimously requested that Bro. Colbourne be retained in that field another year. Additions:—By faith and baptism 8, baptised believers 2. Total 10.

(b) ERSKINEVILLE.—Till the end of July the church here had the assistance of G. H. Browne, since when H. G. Payne has labored with the brethren as evangelist. A good work is being done, and Bro. Payne is deservedly popular. The church has agreed to contribute £2 per week towards the support of the preacher, and in addition has an ever-increasing building fund. Additions:—By faith and baptism 21; baptised believer 1. Total 22.

(c) BELMORE.—On the removal of A. G. Day to South Australia, G. H. Browne removed to this district. The work has made steady progress. The need of a larger building is much felt. The church has agreed to contribute 25/- per week towards the evangelist's support. Additions:—By faith and baptism 15, baptised believers 2. Total 17.

(d) MANNING RIVER.—On April 1, 1908, the churches in this district began to contribute sufficient to support the evangelist laboring there, but at the request of the brethren the Committee has continued to supervise the work until now. W. J. Williams has labored hard in extending his circuit and consolidating the work, and has been ably assisted by the local brethren. Work of this nature will have to be done in all the country districts. The churches have unanimously asked Bro. Williams to labor in this field another year. Additions:—By faith and baptism 3, baptised believers 2; restoration 1. Total 6.

(e) MOREE.—E. J. Waters commenced work in this difficult field at the end of March last year. He has shown that something can be done in hard places by persistent and continuous labor. The church was subsidised to the extent of 10/- per week for the first six months, and 5/- per week since. The church has unanimously re-engaged Bro. Waters for an indefinite period. Additions:—By faith and baptism 11, baptised believers 2, restoration 2. Total 15.

(f) WAGGA-JUNEE-MARRAR.—Just about last Conference time, but in the period covered by this report, a successful mission

was held in Wagga by Thos. Hagger, after which Fred T. Saunders continued as evangelist there, and also paid monthly visits to Junee and Marrar. At the latter place he organised a church. In December Bro. Saunders took up the work at Lismore, since when W. B. Hayes has been laboring in this district. Wagga has agreed to contribute £1 per week, Junee contributes 5/-, while Marrar sends all possible (one-third of total receipts towards the preacher's support). Additions:—By faith and baptism 30; baptised believers 2, restoration 2. Total 43.

(g) HURSTVILLE.—At last Conference the church in this district was received into the co-operation. During the year a successful tent mission was held. G. H. Browne devoted eight Lord's day evenings to the work, and J. Ernest Allan was engaged by the Committee to labor there for three months. The results have demonstrated the fruitfulness of the field. During Bro. Allan's term the church contributed £1 per week towards his support. Additions:—By faith and baptism 26, baptised believers 1, restoration 2. Total 29.

(h) AUBURN.—This is one of our baby metropolitan churches. A few earnest baptised believers who were conducting a

mission there decided to be organised into a Church of Christ. This was done, and preachers were supplied until it was found possible to conduct a tent mission. The mission has closed since the Conference year ended with 80 confessions, and 6 baptised believers added; 48 of these persons are included in this year's statistics. Bro. Hagger still labors there, and efforts are being made to locate a suitable evangelist.

(i) TUGGERAH LAKES.—A few disciples in this district set up the Lord's table, and organised themselves into a church. The Committee has sent up preachers once a month with the result that two have been added by faith and baptism.

(j) MARRICKVILLE.—At last Conference the H.M. Fund was supporting Bro. Clydesdale in the work there; this was continued till the beginning of September, since which time the church has supported her own evangelist without help. One addition by faith and baptism during the time of assistance.

(k) MEREWETHER.—E. Neville having kindly offered to devote his month's holiday from Rookwood to evangelistic work under your Committee, we were able to help Merewether to that extent. Bro. Neville had splendid meetings there; 6 confessions, and 10 restored to fellowship.

(l) STATE EVANGELIST'S WORK.—[Paragraph had not arrived when this section of the paper went to press.—Ed.]

(m) SUMMARY OF ADDITIONS.—The year's work has resulted in 205 additions by faith and baptism, 17 as baptised believers, and 18 restored. Total 241.

II. FUTURE WORK.

The work of the past year has been highly successful, and the Committee is of the opinion that this success should be used as a stepping-stone to greater things. We, therefore, recommend:—

1. That the work be continued at North Sydney, Erskineville, Belmore, and in the Wagga-Junee-Marrar districts; but that the churches thus helped be expected to contribute more towards their evangelist's support in the incoming year.
2. That the claims of further work on the Richmond and Tweed Rivers receive immediate attention. The brethren there have promised 30/- per week towards the support of another evangelist.
3. That efforts be made to locate a suitable evangelist at Auburn.
4. That, if satisfactory arrangements can be made, an evangelist be stationed at Hurstville during the year.
5. That the claims of Junee for additional work be considered by the incoming Committee.
6. That wherever possible future assistance from the Home Mission Fund be in the form of a gradually-reducing subsidy.
7. That as soon as convenient to himself Bro. Hagger be re-engaged as Organising Secretary and State Evangelist.
8. That our aim for the year 1909-10 be 600 souls for Christ and £1200 for Home Missions.

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12 MEETINGS.

14 meetings have been held during the year, and have been attended as follows:— S. G. Griffith, 13; G. T. Walden, 13; J. Stimson, 12; T. C. Walker, 12; A. W. Shearston, 13; W. Macindoe, 13; G. Arnott, 12; G. Stimson, 12; A. E. Hilingworth, 14; A. Price, 14; E. J. Hilder, 14; A. Brown, 12; T. Hagger, 7.

13. THANKS.

The thanks of the Conference is due to the Home Missionary collectors in the various churches for their valued assistance; to the Sydney and Enmore churches for the use of their buildings; to the auditors, Bren. Scouller and Roberts; to the sisters for their catering arrangements; and above all to our heavenly Father for his presence and blessing throughout the year.

S. G. GRIFFITH, President. T. C. WALKER, Secretary.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

New South Wales Churches of Christ Home Mission Fund, from 1st March, 1908, to 28th February, 1909.

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, £ s d, £ s d. Rows include Annual Fees, Belmore, Corowa, Enmore, Erskineville, Hurstville, Inverell, Lilyville, Lismore, Merewether, Moree, Mungindi, Petersham, Rookwood, Sydney, Taree, Tuggerah Lakes, Tyalgum, Wagga, Wingham.

Table with columns: Collections from Assisted Churches, £ s d, £ s d. Rows include Belmore, Bungawalbyn, Erskineville, Hurstville, Lismore, Moree, Marrickville, Nth. Sydney, Taree, Wingham & Kellabakh, Junee, Wagga, Marrar.

Table with columns: Per Collectors, £ s d, £ s d. Rows include Belmore, Bungawalbyn, Canley Vale, Corowa, Enmore, Erskineville, Hurstville, Inverell, Lismore, Lilyville, Marrickville, Merewether, Moree, North Sydney, Paddington, Petersham, Rookwood, Sydney, Taree, Tuggerah Lakes.

Table with columns: Wagga, Wingham, Home Mission, Lord's Day Collections, £ s d, £ s d. Rows include Auburn, Bangalow, Belmore, Bungawalbyn, Canley Vale, Corowa, Enmore, Erskineville, Hurstville, Hornsby, Inverell, Junee, Lismore, Lilyville, Marrickville, Marrar, Merewether, Moree, Mosman, Mungindi, North Sydney, Paddington, Petersham, Rookwood, Seven Hills, Sydney, Sydney (Chinese), Taree, Tuggerah Lakes, Tyalgum, Wagga, Wingham, Individuals.

Table with columns: Miscellaneous, £ s d, £ s d. Rows include Bible School, Collected at Annual Session, Foreign Missions, Home Mission Rally, Tea Receipts, Individual Contributions, Literature, Meetings, Refund, Sisters' Conference, Sydney Dorcas Class, Sydney Churches, Speaking Plans, Temperance Committee, Wagga Tent Mission, Y.P.S.C.E., Tyalgum, Mosman, Sevenhills, Chinese, Junee.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURE, £ s d, £ s d. Rows include Bank Balance, Salaries, Brown, Ewers, Clydesdale, Colbourne, Day, Ewers, Hagger, Hayes, Payne, Saunders, Williams, Secretary's Allowance, Miscellaneous, Advertising Meetings, Secretary's Telephone, Stamps & Exchange, Stationery, Printing, Test Expenses, Moree Church Subsidy, Hurstville Tent Expenses, Wagga.

Table with columns: Nth. Sydney Tent Ex., Belmore, Auburn, Traveling Expenses, do., (Preacher to Moree), Literature, Repairs to Tent Shed, Burchard, J. F. Tracts, Repairs to Gasometer, Federal Committee Expenses, Hurstville Preacher's Board, Bank Charges, Interest on Overdraft, Sundry Expenses.

Audited and found correct.

J. SCOUILLER, EVAN ROBERTS.

Summary of Church and Individual Contributions.

Table with columns: *Auburn, +Belmore, *Bangalow, *Bungawalbyn, Canley Vale, Corowa, Enmore, *Erskineville, Hornsby, +Hurstville, Inverell, +Junee, *Lismore, *Lilyville, +Marrickville, +Marrar, Merewether, +Moree, Mosman, Mungindi, +North Sydney, Paddington, Petersham, Rookwood, Seven Hills, Sydney, Sydney-Chinese, +Taree, *Tuggerah Lakes, *Tyalgum, +Wagga, +Wingham, Brethren—Isolated and other States, Miscellaneous.

*Assisted with missions. +Assisted churches. †This amount includes Wingham and Kellabakh contributors towards evangelist's support.

BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

This committee is yet in its infancy, having only been appointed at last Conference. As at the time of its appointment the Bible School Union was in existence, it was considered advisable to step warily until the annual meeting of the Union, for which notice had been given of a motion to hand over the functions of that body to the Committee. At that meeting the Union decided to hand over the reins of government to the Committee, and also transferred their small credit balance to help in the Committee's work.

The secretary was instructed to write to America and obtain the nucleus of a library suitable for reference for the teachers, and this arrived in September last.

The prizes gained at the examination conducted by the Union were presented to the successful competitors in the Enmore Tabernacle on October 1, 1908.

Acting on the suggestion of the Foreign Mission Committee, your Committee agreed to support the teaching of a Foreign Mission lesson in the schools each half-year, and this matter has been taken up heartily by many of the schools, leaflets being provided by the joint Committees.

It has been decided that at least once each year a teachers' conference shall be held, and each half-year a social will be arranged, so that the teachers may become better acquainted with each other.

The Committee have taken a great interest in Teacher Training, and are pleased to report that many of the schools have classes in operation, and at others such are to be commenced.

The names of the isolated members have been obtained, and these have been communicated with, with a view to the establishment of schools in their respective neighborhoods.

We have found our work greatly hampered by the lack of funds, and we would recommend that an annual collection be taken up in the churches for this work, and ask for your endorsement of this recommendation.

It is the desire of the Committee to employ an organising secretary, whose duties would be to assist the schools already in existence, and to establish new schools in suitable localities.

The Committee desire to place on record their high appreciation of the work done by the Bible School Union, and again express their thanks for the courtesy received from that body.

We would suggest for the opening year the motto:—"All the church in the Bible School and many more."

Six meetings of the Committee have been held, and the members have attended as follows:—G. Stimson (Pres.), 5; S. G. Griffith, 4; A. Browne, 4; T. Morton, 4; F. Burchard, 5; F. S. Steer, 5; R. E. Jeffery, 6.

GEO. STIMSON, President. R. E. JEFFERY, Secretary.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We have the honor to report another year of faithful work on the part of your Committee along the lines of moral and social reform. We have taken an active part in all matters relating to the social well-being of the people. Your Committee took part in the crusade against the gambling evil which was spreading so fast in our midst, and have pleasure in reporting that legislation for the suppression of racing sweeps has been placed on the statute book. We have united in a protest against the letting of the Town Hall for Sunday concerts, and are glad to report that they have ceased. We aided the protest against the brutal and degrading exhibition of prize-fighting lately held in our city. We are glad to report the application by the Department of Justice of the "Pollard plan"

of dealing with drunkards in our police courts, believing that it will help to check drunkenness, as it has done wherever tried. Your Committee has taken an interest in the question of the resumption of slum areas, and has forwarded a resolution to the Royal Commission now sitting in relation to the same. We have helped to keep alive, to the best of our ability and opportunity, the campaign against the liquor traffic and in favor of No License, by holding public meetings in connection with practically all our city and suburban churches, and arranging for addresses to be given to the children of the Bible Schools right through the State. We have financed, as far as our funds would permit, the No License meetings held by Bro. Hagger in the mission tent, and where possible have co-operated with and assisted the N.S.W. Alliance in the work. We have representation on the Public Morals Association.

Your Committee has arranged a stall in connection with the Alliance Exhibition and Fair (Church of Christ Temperance Stall), which we expect will mean a large and welcome addition to the No License fighting fund; and our thanks are due to Sister Edwards for the splendid work done by her in connection with this, and also to the sisters who so readily responded to the appeal for help.

Your Committee, at the suggestion of the Centennial Celebrations Committee, have arranged for a scholars' pledge-signing crusade in connection with our Bible Schools, issuing special souvenir pledge cards. We have pleasure in recording the opening of Bands of Hope at Rookwood and North Sydney; it would be good if all our churches would do likewise. "Prevention is better than cure."

We have been much encouraged in the work by the splendid success of the No License party in New Zealand, and we trust the brotherhood in this State will keep this question ever to the front and educate and agitate in season and out of season in view of the coming No License poll, when we trust that with God's blessing we shall have many No License victories to report.

We would thank those churches which have helped us financially by taking up an evening collection for No License work, and earnestly urge all our churches to help in this way in the coming year. Our work has been much hampered by the lack of funds.

Individually the members of the Committee have been right in the forefront of the work in their several districts.

Ten committee meetings have been held, at which the attendance was as follows:—G. T. Walden (Pres.), 10; G. W. Logan (Vice-Pres.), 7; J. Colbourne (Vice-Pres.), 5; J. Clydesdale, 8; S. G. Griffith (resigned), 1; H. G. Payne (elected in place of Bro. Griffith), 9; Sister Edwards, 9; Sister Campbell, 7; Sister Madsen, 6; Sister Maston, 5; Bro. Morton (Sec.), 10.

BALANCE SHEET.

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, £ s d, £ s d. Rows include By Balance March 1, 1908, Collected at Conference Meeting.

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N.S.W. Foreign Mission Report.

MARCH 1, 1908, to FEB. 28, 1909.

In presenting our annual report we are thankful to be able to record increased interest in the commission of Jesus to his people to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Though this year we had two months less in which to receive offerings, yet we are glad to say that we received \$89/14/6 more than during the fourteen months of 1907-8. This increase, we are glad to say, is not owing to the large gifts of a few, but to the increased gifts of the many. With few exceptions individuals, churches, Sunday Schools and Endeavor Societies have all sent in larger offerings, and best of all this increase has been accompanied by expressions of joy on the part of the giver, indicating that we are growing in the grace of giving.

LIVING LINK.

We have now several living link organisations. Paddington Christian Endeavor supports a native teacher on the Island of Pentecost. Marrickville church and Sydney and Enmore Bible Schools support orphans in India. Our Sisters' Conference supports a Bible woman in China. The Helping Hand Class of Enmore and the Sunday School of Petersham and the Paddington Bible Class unite in supporting a Bible student in Japan.

CHINESE CHURCH AND CLASSES.

The work among the Chinese in New South Wales has been continued with great success and much self-denial on the part of the workers. Bro. F. Newby, the superintendent, and Mrs. E. J. Priddeth, the secretary, and their noble band of workers, have been in labors abundant if not in "fastings off." The Chinese church has been reorganised, and now meets at 10.30 on each Lord's day, and conducts a gospel service at 7 p.m. Several have at these meetings decided for Christ.

PENTECOST ISLAND.

Our hearts have been thrilled with the magnificent results of the work on the Island of Pentecost. The story of Tabmancock's and Bro. Filmer's work has been like a new Acts of Apostles. Scores and hundreds have turned to the Lord, and are "continuing steadfast in the apostles' doctrine." Bro. Filmer will be with us at the Federal Conference to tell us face to face this wonderful story—this almost romance of missions in the islands of the sea. Bro. Filmer proposes to take back with him a boat, a house, and last, but not least, a wife. Before this is read Bro. Filmer will have married Miss Fountain, of Adelaide, who has been gaining experience as a nurse and in other ways fitting herself for the work of a missionary. From the united labors of Bro. and Sister Filmer we may expect even greater success and blessings in the work at Pentecost Island.

JAPAN.

Bro. and Sister Davey have continued their work at Tokyo with much success. This sunrise kingdom has responded to the Sun of Righteousness. The school work has grown apace, and souls have been won. The arrival of another missionary in the person of Percival Douglas Davey has caused great joy to our devoted brother and sister. Sister Benson, while doing her part as grandma, has done something to help on the work in Japan.

INDIA.

The work in India has made steady progress. Bro. and Sister Stratton are increasing the number of weavers in the industrial section. Miss Mary Thompson has continued her village and school

work. She is now in Australia on furlough, and will be present at the Federal Conference.

CHINA.

During the year Miss Rosa L. Tonkin has returned to her mission among the women of China, and is now hard at work in her field. Bro. James Ware paid us a short visit recently, and spoke in glowing terms of the good work Sister Tonkin is doing. Bro. Ware's visit was greatly appreciated.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

Children's Day has enlisted the help of nearly every scholar in N.S.W., and the amount contributed is a record for our State. The missionaries write enthusiastically about the joy of the children of our mission stations on receipt of their Christmas boxes. Next year we purpose using the American Children's Day Exercise, and they are already in hand, and will be sent out about June 1. We hope to receive at least £50 this year from our Bible Schools.

THANKS.

We tender to our collectors our best thanks for their splendid services. They are the hardest workers of all. The work is oftentimes made very difficult, but through storm and sunshine, through rebuff and cheers, they steadily pursue their way to the hearts and pockets of the members—not for themselves, but for Christ's sake. We glory in the work of our collectors. They are self-denying, patient, hardworking, and their praise ought to be in all the churches.

To Bro. and Sister Gole, thanks are due for the kind hospitality of their home for Committee meetings.

RESIGNATIONS.

During the year several changes took place on our Committee. Bro. E. Gole resigned his work as Secretary and Treasurer. Bro. Walden was appointed in his place. Bro. Illingworth was elected chairman, but had to resign on account of the heavy work on the Centennial Committee. Bro. E. Gole was then appointed chairman, and Bro. Shearston was appointed on the Committee. Miss Fox resigned her place on the Committee, and Mrs. A. B. Maston was appointed to the vacancy. During the year Bro. Day moved to South Australia.

BRO. E. GOLE.

Mention has been made of the resignation of Bro. E. Gole as Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee. The Committee did all possible to cause Bro. Gole to reconsider his position, but to no purpose. Bro. Gole felt that other matters had greater claims. Bro. Gole has been Secretary of this committee from its inception, and is the greatest human influence in F.M. work in N.S.W. Nothing was a trouble to him if it advanced the cause he had so much at heart. He brought to bear all the powers of mind and heart and pocket to make Foreign Mission sentiment prosper in N.S.W. Whatever progress we have made or success we have attained is owing largely to the magnificent leadership of Bro. Edmund Gole. As Bro. Archibald McLean in America began his F.M. work in the Secretary's chair, and is now our President of the F.M. Committee of U.S.A., so Bro. E. Gole has graduated from the Secretaryship of our Committee to the Presidency, a position we hope he will continue to fill till he goes home or until

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run."

MEETINGS.

During the year the Committee has held 10 meetings with the following attendances:—Bren. Clydes-

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dale, 9; Day, 3 (resigned); E. Gole, 9; S. O. Gole, 9; Griffith, 5; Illingworth, 3 (resigned); Shearston, 4 (appointed late in year); Walden, 10; Sisters Ashwood, 4 (removed to country); Hindle, 3 (removed to country); Maston, 4 (appointed late in the year).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

MARCH 1, 1908—FEBRUARY 28, 1909.

RECEIPTS.	
ENMORE—	
Church:	
Collectors	67 13 1
F.M. Sunday	37 10 0
W. Ploeman family	6 14 0
Miss Fanny Beeby	0 10 0
Miss Bust	0 9 6
	£72 9 7
Bible School:	
Children's Day	2 9 10
Miss Stella Kingsbury's	
Junior Bible Class	8 2 10
	10 12 8
Support of Orphan (In-	
dia)	5 0 0
Class	0 17 9
Helping Hand Class	
Support of Japanese	6 0 0
Bible Student	5 0 0
Bible Class	27 10 5
	£100 0 0
SYDNEY—	
Church:	
Collectors	8 6 0
F.M. Sunday	12 7 8
Bro. Les. Selmon	1 5 0
Bro. R. Leck	1 0 0
	22 18 8
Bible School:	
Support of Orphan (In-	
dia)	5 0 0
Children's Day	4 10 0
	9 10 0
	32 9 8
MOREE—	
Church:	
F.M. Sunday	2 2 6
W. Winter and daugh-	
ters	10 0 0
Peter Winter	5 0 0
	17 2 6
Bible School:	
Children's Day	0 18 8
	19 17 6
PADDINGTON—	
Church:	
Collectors	5 7 11
F.M. Sunday	5 7 04
T. Hagger	0 5 0
	11 0 3
Bible School:	
Children's Day	0 12 7
Bible Class to support	
of Japanese Bible	
Student	3 0 0
	3 12 7
Y.P.S.C.E.:	
Support of Pentecost Island	
Teacher, Thomas Tum Tum	4 10 0
	19 2 10
PETERSHAM—	
Church:	
Collectors	7 7 7
F.M. Sunday	5 15 1
	13 0 8
Bible School:	
Children's Day	1 6 2
Support of Japanese	
Bible Student	3 0 0
	4 6 2
	17 8 10
INVERELL—	
Church:	
F.M. Sunday	15 2 1
Bible School:	
Children's Day	1 18 0
	17 0 1
CHINESE CHURCH—	
Per F. Newby	13 1 6
Pet E. Linn	1 1 1
	14 2 7
	14 2 7
MARRICKVILLE—	
Church:	
Collectors	2 18 0
F.M. Sunday	2 2 7
Support of Orphan (In-	
dia)	5 0 0
	10 0 7

Bible School:			
Children's Day	1 2 5		
Y.P.S.C.E.			
F.M. Sunday	0 5 0		
Junior C.E.			
F.M. Sunday	0 2 0		11 10 1
BELORE—			
Church:			
Collectors	6 7 1		
F.M. Sunday	3 12 0		
			9 19 1
Bible School:			
Children's Day	1 10 0		1 10 0
			11 9 1
TAREE—			
Church:			
F.M. Sunday			6 1 0
Bible School:			
Children's Day	2 19 0		2 19 0
			9 0 0
MUNGINDI—			
Church:			
F.M. Sunday	2 10 0		
Mrs. Sylvester Butler,	1 0 0		
Mrs. S. Butler, for			
Baramati Work	3 0 0		6 10 0
Bible School:			
Children's Day	1 0 0		7 10 0
ERSKINVILLE—			
Church:			
Collectors	1 10 0		
F.M. Sunday	2 11 0		
			4 7 0
Bible School:			
Children's Day	2 11 0		6 13 0
ROOKWOOD—			
Church:			
F.M. Sunday	4 1 7		
Bro. L. Rossell	1 0 0		
			5 1 7
Bible School:			
Children's Day	1 0 0		6 1 7
LISMORE—			
Church:			
F.M. Sunday	3 5 1		
Bible School:			
Children's Day	1 5 3		
Y.P.S.C.E.			
F.M. Sunday	2 10 0		6 0 4
GANLEY VALE—			
Church:			
F.M. Sunday	3 4 6		
Bible School:			
Children's Day	2 0 8		5 5 2
HORNSBY—			
Church:			
F.M. Sunday	5 0 0		5 0 0
MEREWETHER—			
Church:			
F.M. Sunday	1 15 6		
Bible School:			
Children's Day	3 10 0		
Y.P.S.C.E.			
F.M. Sunday	0 5 6		4 11 0
BUNGAWALBYN—			
Church:			
F.M. Sunday	3 10 0		
Bible School:			
Children's Day	0 9 0		3 19 0
WAGGA—			
Church:			
Collectors	1 0 0		
F.M. Sunday	1 13 0		
Bible School:			
Children's Day	1 2 1		3 15 1
LILYVILLE—			
Church:			
Collectors	0 17 1		
F.M. Sunday	1 4 3		
			2 1 4
Bible School:			
Children's Day	1 13 0		3 14 0
NORTH SYDNEY—			
Church:			
F.M. Sunday	1 13 0		
Bible School:			
Children's Day	1 16 8		3 9 8
HURSTVILLE—			
Church:			
Collectors	0 18 10		
F.M. Sunday	2 10 3		
			3 9 1

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JUNEE — Church	2 0 0
F.M. Sunday	2 0 0
TOCUMWAL — Church	2 0 0
F.M. Sunday	1 10 0
TUGGERAH LAKES — Church	0 11 0
F.M. Sunday	0 11 0
Bible School	1 1 5
Children's Day	1 12 5
MOSMAN — Collectors	1 8 3
SEVEN HILLS — F.M. Sunday	1 0 0
OGIMBAL — F.M. Sunday	0 15 0
AUBURN — Children's Day	0 12 0
COROWA — F.M. Sunday	0 7 3
Sisters' Conference	3 12 0
Support Bible Woman in China	0 10 0
Bro. and Sister Arnold, Grong Grong	10 0 0
C. J. Morris, Peak Hill	5 0 0
Pentecost Island Work	2 0 0
Chinese Mission, Melbourne	17 0 0
Support John Thompson	17 0 0
Total amount raised during year	£345 9 6
Balance from last year	7 1 5
Received Cheque from Bro. R. Lyall for supplies for Pentecost Mission	37 15 1
	44 16 6
SUMMARY	£390 6 0
Churches gave as Churches	£245 10 1
Bible Schools gave	74 4 11
Christian Endeavour Soci- eties	6 12 6
Individual Contributions	17 10 0
Sisters' Conference	3 12 0
Balance, from 1907-8	7 1 5
Received from Federal Treasurer	£352 10 11
	37 15 1
	£390 6 0

Church.	Contribution		1909.	
	1907-8.	Increase.	Decrease.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Enmore	73 16 7	20 3 5		
Sydney	39 3 3	4 19 8	*6 14 7	
Moree	9 16 6	10 1 0		
Paddington	130 5 5		11 2 7	
Petersham	21 10 9		9 1 11	
Inverell	5 15 11	11 4 2		
Chinese Church	9 2 11	4 19 8		
Marrickville	5 8 0	6 2 1		
Belmore	3 9 5	7 19 8		
Taree	5 19 3	3 0 9		
Mungindi	5 0 0	2 10 0		
Erskineville	4 11 11	2 6 1		
Rookwood	5 0 0	1 1 7		
Lismore	4 8 9	1 11 7		
Canley Vale	0 12 1	4 13 1		
Hornsby	6 17 6		1 17 6	
Merewether	2 13 0	1 18 0		
Bungawalbyn	1 9 6	2 9 6		
Wagga		3 15 1		
Lilyville		3 14 6		
North Sydney	6 12 0		3 2 4	
Hurstville		3 9 1		
Junee	2 4 0		0 4 0	
Tocumwal		2 0 0		
Wingham	1 4 6	0 15 0		
Tuggerah Lakes		1 12 5		
Mosman		1 8 3		
Seven Hills	0 10 0	0 10 0		
Ogimbal		1 0 0		
Tyalgum		0 15 0		
Auburn		0 12 0		
Corowa		0 7 3		
		£99 19 2	£32 2 11	

*Omitting Chinese collection each year.
 †Including Lilyville.
 ‡Lilyville, £3 14s. 6d. this year, reduces decrease to £7 8s. 1d.

Average per member for the year, is 10½d. This is less than one half penny per week for the conversion of the heathen. Cannot we aim at one penny per member per week, or £788 17s. 10d. for the year? Dividing our Churches into two classes, those who support evangelists and those who do not, we find the average per member as follows:—

Churches Employing Preachers	Average per Member.	Churches Not Employing Preachers	Average per Member.
Moree	s. d. 9 8	Mungindi	s. d. 18 0
Canley Vale	2 11	Chinese Church	12 3½
Inverell	2 0½	Junee	5 8½
Enmore	2 4	Bungawalbyn	3 7
Taree	1 11	Hurstville	2 9
Marrickville	1 8	Lilyville	2 2½
Sydney	1 6½	Seven Hills	2 6
Rookwood	1 3½	Belmore	2 5½
Merewether	1 2	Wagga	1 8½
Paddington	0 10½	Wingham	1 1
Petersham	0 10½	Erskineville	0 11
Lismore	0 4½	North Sydney	0 7

Decreased contribution does not always mean a dying interest. Causes may be: (1) Change of preacher; (2) Poor collectors; (3) Loss of a big cheque-giver; (4) Officers apathetic.

EXPENDITURE.

CHINESE MISSION, Sydney — Caretaker of Mission Room to 28/2/09	£13 5 0
Gas for Mission Room to 28/2/09	4 1 0
Bibles and Hymnbooks	1 16 9
	£19 2 9
PENTECOST MISSION — Hymnbooks	4 6 8
Bibles	5 7 8
Salaries, Bro. Filmer and Teachers	73 2 1
Groceries	11 2 1
Household Furniture	22 13 6
Cost of Drafts, £1 7s. Freight, 16s. 6d.	2 3 6
	£118 16 1
Less Money received from R. Lyall, Federal Treasurer, Mel- bourne	37 15 1
	81 1 0
JAPAN MISSION — P. A. Davey, to support a Bible Stu- dent	9 0 0
Cost of Money Orders	0 4 6
	9 1 6
CHINA MISSION (Shanghai) — Miss Tonkin, to Support a Bible Woman	3 12 0
Miss Tonkin, Travelling Expenses while in New South Wales	4 9 7
	8 1 7
INDIA MISSION — Miss Mary Thompson, for Support of Orphan Children from:— Marrickville Church	5 0 0
Sydney Bible School	5 0 0
Enmore Bible School	5 0 0
Cost of Money Orders	0 5 0
	15 5 0
CHILDREN'S DAY EXPENSES — 1000 Boxes, £1 10s. 0d., 800 Exercises, 10s. 6d., Cash Sent to R. Lyall, Melbourne	36 3 2
WORKING EXPENSES — Printing, Stamps, Telegrams and Ex- change	5 12 11
Rubber Stamp, Minute, Letter and Receipt Books	0 12 7
Sundries	0 8 6
	6 14 0
Balance in Hand	£177 19 3
	174 11 8
Total	£352 10 11

This may seem a large balance to have in hand, but it will all be expended before this report is read, as the price of the house and boat for Pentecost Island will cost not less than £250. This expenditure was to have been incurred in December, 1908, but your Committee thought it better to wait the coming of Bro. Filmer and allow him to superintend the construction of both the house and the boat. We shall therefore need to make a special effort to enable us to pay for the house and boat without in any way crippling our other work.

GEO. T. WALDEN, Sec.

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Fourth (24th) Annual Conference
of the Churches of Christ in N.S.W.
held at Enmore Tabernacle April
9th & 10th 1909.

Conference was opened with a devotional
service led by Bro J. W. Smith at
9.30. A.M. the address being given by
Bro G. H. Browne.

The President: Bro S. G. Griffith opened
the business session at 10.30

Bro Theo Hagger engaged in prayer.

The Churches at Lyldegum, Suggalah

Lakes, Bangalow, Auburn, Marrar,

Mosman, and the Sydney Chinese Church

were all admitted into the Conference

The roll of delegates was then called

and responded to.

The Minutes of last Conference were
read and adopted.

Correspondence: - letters received from Bro H. J. Horsell, S. A.

" " Sisters Conference, N.S.W.

" " H. J. Banks, N.S.W.

" " Victorian Conference Committee

" " D. A. Ewers, S. A.

Decided to receive correspondence.

Welcome to Visitors. President extended a welcome to all
visitors, responded to by Bro H. J. Manning

S. A., Bro E. Davis Bible College Victoria,

Bro Spaulding President Tasmania Conference

Bro Smith, Auckland N.Z., Bro Colville, Queensland

Presidents Address. The President then delivered his address
which was earnest and enthusiastic

Bro Alenworth moved, Bro Wooten seconded

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best thanks of Conference be given to the President. for his earnest address (Carried)

Obituary Report.

Bro Hingworth read the Obituary Report which showed that during the year 24 Bro & Sis had passed to their reward. Bro Hingworth moved that the Brethren in Conference assembled desire to express to Bro & Sis Alan Rice, as a member of the H.M. Committee, their sympathy in the sudden death of their daughter "Nora" on the eve of Conference, seconded and Carried. The executive and H.M. Report was read and dealt with.

Scrutineers.

The following brethren were appointed scrutineers. Bros Willis, J. Keer, Triglone, Burcher, Clapham

Nominations.

Nominations for Officers and all the Committees were now taken. Decided to convey to Bro J. Burcher the thanks of Conference for the good work done with the literature during the year.

— Adjournment for Lunch —

Bro J. Fox conducted a brief devotional meeting from 2 to 2.15. when business was resumed by the President. H.M. Fields & Work! - These reports were spoken to by evangelists located and by local representatives.

Reports from the Fields

Bro Wadden presented a report from the Committee of the Church Chapel Building Fund.

Building Fund.

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The election of Officers & Committees resulted as follows.

Electionof Officers

President Bro G. J. Walden

Vice Pres Bro J. Stinson

Treasurer Bro E. J. Lea

Secretary Bro J. C. Walker

Ass^t. Secretary Bro A. W. Shearstonand Committees.

Committee, 7. Bro Arnott, G. Stinson
 Illingworth, Griffith, Clydesdale, Rossel, Hilder

Foreign Mission Committee, 7.

Bro Walden, E. Gole, J. O. Gole, A. Brown
 Clydesdale, Colbourne, Shearston

Bible School Committee, 7.

G. Stinson, Griffith, F. T. Webber, Burcher

H. Steer, Jeffry, Thos Norton

Temperance Committee, 7.

J. Norton, Payne, Clydesdale, Hogan

Walden, Goode, Willis

— Adjournment for Tea —

A well attended N.M. Meeting was

held at 7.30 Bro Griffith presiding.

Meeting opened with prayer by Bro

W. J. Way & Bro John Thomson

Addresses given by Hagger, William &

Sturders. The response to the appeal

for funds resulted in £ 22 - 17 - 10

being received in cash and

£ 152 - 13 - 4 in promises Total. £ 175 - 11 - 2

Saturday, April 10th

Devotional Service led by Bro Urew

opened at 2 o'clock

The President opened the business session

at 2.30

N.M. Meeting.

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Thanks
to Bro
J. Stimson

Bro Hingworth moved Bro Williams seconded that this conference place on record ^{its} appreciation of the splendid services given to the W.M. Com by Bro Joe Stimson for the past 9 years as Treasurer

Clause 11 Future Work

Bros Saunders, Jefferys, Payne spoke greatly in favour of a second man being located in the Richmond River district, Bro Waters spoke for borrow

W.M. Report was adopted as a whole F.M. Report spoken to Bro Walden G. Lake & Walker was adopted

Bible School Report spoken to Bro G. Stimson, Webber, Jefferys, Steer Saunders, W. Smith, Walden G. Lake & Hingworth, Williams was adopted.

Temperance Report spoken to by Bros Morton, Logan, Payne, Russell & adopted.

A motion was carried condemning the liquor traffic in every form and urging the churches to take a greater interest in the "No License Campaign"

A motion was carried condemning Gambling, and the permitting of Prize Rights

Notices of Motion

No 1. Moved by Bro Russell in the absence of Bro Price, Sec by Bro J. Stimson, spoken to H. Brown, F. G. Jones, Williams & Whateley, & Carried

No 2. Moved by Bro R. Steer seconded by Bro Jefferys (himself)

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spoken to by Broo Burcher, Whalley, Walden,
Frigione & others (Carried)
No. 3 Lapsed for want of a motion

Notices of Motion:—

(1) BY BRO. ALAN PRICE, HURSTVILLE.
"That active steps be taken to encourage local speakers to engage in Gospel Work, by a systematic arrangement for conducting Gospel Meetings where opportunity offers."

(2) BY BRO. R. STEER, ENMORE.
"That this Conference recommends the incoming Committee to earnestly consider the advisability and practicability of selecting and securing a position in the City of Sydney as central headquarters for Organising Secretary, sale of literature, general intelligence department and other purposes as progress is made."

(3) BY BRO. G. ARNOTT, PADDINGTON.
"That the words, 'be asked to' be inserted between 'shall' and 'contribute' in paragraph headed 'Basis of Membership' in constitution and bracketed clause in next paragraph be struck out."

Notes
of
Thanks

Notes of thanks were passed to the Sisters for the work they had done in preparing the Conference Dinner, Tea &c to the Singers, to Broo Hengworth for his great services as Federal Secretary, to the Officers of Conference for past year, and to the retiring committee men Broo W.D.C. Indoe, A. Price, and A. Brown

G. Walden
March 25 - 1910