

Ninth Annual Conference of the
Associated Churches of Christ, W. A. Wales.
held in the Tabernacle Inmore
Friday March 23rd 1894.

Bro J. Colbourne the President occup-
ied the chair.

The Conference commenced its
sitting at 1/2 past 9 A.M. when some
30 Brethren and sisters were present.
A devotional meeting was first
held at which Hymns 143, 222, 119, & 84
were sung, Burt E. Andrews, J. Lee,
J. Frayer, W. Wright & Joo Kingibury, L.
engaged in prayer & Bro R. Verco
read the 84th Psalm.

Minutes The Secretary Bro Rofe
then read the minutes of the previous
Conference and moved "That the
minutes as read be confirmed" See
by Bro J. Stinson and carried unan.
The following visiting Brethren were
on the motion of Burt Andrews & Rofe
cordially welcomed and invited to
take part in the deliberations of the
Conference. Breth - R. G. Gilmour,
Dubbo; Campbell Edwards, Melbourne; and
A. Winter Moore.

New Churches. Applications were
received from Albury, Marriekville
churches for admittance.

On the motions of Bro Lee & J. Stinson
these churches were unaniversly
received into the Association.

J. Stinson
J. Walker. Sen
Hutchinson Sen

J. Scouler
H. Wilson

Albury. Bro A. J. Loop.

Newcastle Both G. Wrightson
W. Williams, Joseph Wright
Edward Taylor, & Walter Wright.

Mairieville Both J. Hunter,
R. Miller, G. Parby, & H. J. Lee.

Mundah Bro R. Want.

Wayga Bro Mowser.

Petersham. Both A. Benford
Elean, Hambly, Thompson & Halliday.

Annual address.

The President then delivered the Annual address (see end of book) after which Bro Halliday proposed a hearty vote of Thanks for the able and interesting address which was carried unanimously.

Fraternal Greetings were read from Victoria & South Australia Conference Committees also from Bro Mc'Cracken Conference Evangelists.

Re Annual Reports. Bulto Lillet
Walker prop - That the reports
be taken as read. An amendment
pro by Bro Steer - That the
Secretary read them was carried
by a large majority
The Sec then read the various
reports as follows -

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

Again in the providence of our Heavenly Father we are spared to meet together to give an account of our stewardship.

Your Committee lost no time in getting to work after their election. We printed an appeal asking the brethren throughout the Colony to systematically give at least 1d. per week for Home Mission Work, pointing out that if this were done the Committee would be in a position to meet their liabilities. We regret to have to record that this appeal was not responded to with anything like the heartiness we anticipated; and were it not for the noble help given by the Churches at which the Evangelist laboured, we should not have been able to keep one Evangelist in the field. We are glad, however, to be able to inform you that we end the year in a most satisfactory way as regards our finances—as our Treasurer's Statement will show—the revenue and expenditure being just about equal. Brethren, if the cause of Christ is to extend in New South Wales, it can only be by each one realising that it is his or her duty and privilege to support the work.

NEWCASTLE.

Acting in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Conference, Bro. McCrackett was engaged and located for six months in Newcastle, during which time he baptised 33 persons, and generally built up the Church. Your Committee would have liked to have kept Brother McCrackett for a longer period in this district, but for two good reasons, want of funds and the Macedonian Cry from Moree.

MOREE.

Your Committee are glad to report that at last they have been enabled to pay some attention to this field. Bro. McCrackett was dispatched to this place in November for a term of three

months. At the end of the term, in view of the interest created, it was decided to keep him there two months longer, and in response to an urgent appeal from the Church there, his term has been further extended to April 18th. Our brother has baptised 15 persons, started a school which now numbers 50 scholars, and latest reports show that the brethren there have started building a meeting house. Bro. McCrackett's report will be placed before you; we will, therefore, let him speak for himself more fully concerning his labours during the year.

PENRITH.

We regret that the cause here has not proved the success anticipated. An effort was made to improve matters by sending a speaker every Lord's Day, and then Bro. Hawkins was requested by the Conference to give the place a fair trial. Bro. Hawkins devoted considerable time and care to the work, but at last the preaching services were reluctantly abandoned, the brethren, some four in number, meeting to break bread in a private house.

NEW CHURCHES.

ALBURY.—A Church has been started in this town, and a pressing invitation was sent to the Conference for help. We regret that owing to our finances we were compelled to decline. However, a few brethren are holding the fort there waiting for reinforcements.

MARRICKVILLE.—The brethren in this district have, since last Conference, assumed their independency, and now meet in a school hall of their own, with a good prospect of a glorious future.

FAIRFIELD.—At the beginning of the year a start was made in this district, the speakers being supplied by the Speakers' and Workers' Union. A Sunday School has been started with 89 scholars. An interest has been awakened, and it is hoped that this district will indeed prove a FAIR field for our labour.

PREACHERS' UNION.

This Union has held meetings every month, at which interesting papers on various subjects affecting the Church of Christ

have been read and discussed. It is a matter for regret that brethren have not attended the meetings in larger numbers than they have.

THANKS.

Hearty thanks are due and are hereby recorded to—1st, The collectors in every Church who have nobly attended to this work. 2nd, Enmore Church for a special collection. 3rd, Sydney Church for services of their Evangelist for month. 4th, Enmore for the services prospective of Brother Watt, who will spend a month later on at Newcastle. Our Brother Colbourne spent a month at Wagga, comforting and building up the brethren there.

CONCLUSION.

The Committee have not neglected their work, as shown by the foregoing report. We have endeavoured to do that which we thought was for the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom, and we are thankful that our labours have not altogether been in vain.

The average attendance of the Committee at the business meetings has been 9, and have been marked by the greatest harmony.

Brethren, let us one and all realise the responsibility placed upon us, remembering that unto us are committed the Oracles of God, and He has honoured us by making us co-workers together with Him in the great work of the salvation of the world.

C. ROFE, SECRETARY.

J. COLBOURNE,

R. VERCO, ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

PRESIDENT.

MARCH 23rd, 1894.

*On the Motion of Bro Lee, Woollahra
& Bro Creighton the report
was unanimously adopted.*

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

In presenting our second report as a Union for your consideration, we have to regret that so far our Union is but like unto the marriage union, being composed of only two Schools, that connected with the City Church, and the Tabernacle School at Enmore. However, we live in hopes that as this report will be published wherever our periodicals go, that others may be led to come in and enlarge our circle.

Four meetings have been held during the year, at two of which papers were prepared and read. The first by our Sister A. Kerr (the leader of the Bible Class in the City School) was interesting, instructive, and practical, containing suggestions that, if carried to their legitimate issue, would erect that structure which we all aspire after, and yet live in hopes of seeing, "The Model School." Bro. Rofe followed at the next meeting with a paper on "How to reach the Waifs and Strays." The paper evoked some interest, and some practical issue was to have been the outcome of the essay, but unfortunately it was smothered at its birth by want of hearts and hands ready to step into the breach: those who would already having their hands full.

The most practical work that we have accomplished has been the inauguration of the Annual School Examinations for teachers and scholars, and while the advantages of these examinations will, for this year only, be availed of by the two foregoing and one county school, we trust that before 1895 comes round, all the schools connected with the Church of Christ in New South Wales will be led to see that these examinations provide one of the best means for testing the efficiency of the work done. In our desire to reach that which is the aim of all Lord's Day Schools—the spiritual culture and eventual leading of those taught to the feet of the great Teacher, we have no right to neglect anything that will tend to make our efforts more effective and more lasting.

We trust that the coming year may be one of blessing to our schools, and that through their agency many may be led to accept Jesus as their Friend, to go with them down through life's journey.

E. GOLE, SECRETARY S.S. UNION.

*Report adopted on the motion
of Brett Rofe & Gray.*

*The Treasurer then read
the Annual statement which
was adopted on the motion of
Brett & Lewis & J. Stinson.*

**NEW SOUTH WALES CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.
TREASURER'S STATEMENT for 1893-94.**

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
By Balance of Conference Tea	0 10 6	To Balance due to Treasurer	12 6 4
" " Picnic	3 10 0	" Evangelist's Salary up to 6th March	161 0 0
" Sale of Constitutions	0 2 3	PRINTING—	
CONTRIBUTIONS—	4 11 9	Reports	5 6 0
Nundah	0 10 0	Programmes	1 3 6
Petersham	2 14 0	Constitutions	2 0 0
Rockwood	15 9 0	Essay, Reports, &c., in Standard	2 10 0
Penrith	1 10 0	Circulars	0 16 0
Rockdale	0 10 0	Letter Book and Minute Book	0 9 0
Wagga	1 17 7	Stamps	2 4 3
Newcastle	36 10 0	Preachers' Fund	6 10 0
Moree	25 0 0	Bro. Hawkins for Services at Penrith	3 0 0
Enmore	53 4 4	Bro. Colbourne, expenses to Newcastle	0 12 6
Chatham	1 0 0		
Bungawalbyn	0 10 0		
Sydney	32 1 6		
Woolahra	6 4 3		
Marrickville	7 1 5		
Albury	0 10 0		
Heathcote	1 0 0		
Lismore	1 0 0		
Bro. Newby	3 5 0		
" Milton	1 0 0		
Balance due to Treasurer	190 17 1		
	2 9 3		
	<u>£197 18 1</u>		

Audited and found correct. J. SCULLIER.
THOS. WALKER. E. ANDREWS, TREASURER.
March 12th, 1894.

The Statistical Register having been commented on by various Brethren it was adopted on the motion of Bro Halliday.

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LOCATION OF CHURCH.	CHURCH ADDITIONS.				CHURCH LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.		SUNDAY SCHOOL.				SEATING CAPACITY.		AMOUNTS RAISED FOR.						
	Membership 1893.	Faith and Obedience.	Letter.	Baptised Believers.	Restored.	Letter.	Death.	Removal or Discipline.	Members 1894.	Increase.	Decrease.	Scholars 1893.	Scholars 1894.	Teachers 1893.	Teachers 1894.	Church Additions from Sunday School.	Of Chapel or Of Hall.	Of Sunday School.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Miscellaneous.	
Albury	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	10	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	..	0 10 0	..	..	..
Bowraville	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	14	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..
Blakebrook	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bungawalbin	22	..	..	..	..	2	..	20	2	2	..	21	..	..	..	..	80	..	0 10 0	0 10 0	2 3 9	..
Chatham	48	..	..	..	..	6	..	42	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	..	1 0 0	..	1 11 0	..
Cowra..	20	..	..	..	..	20*	..	..	24	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dubbo	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Enmore	376	35	46	4	1	2	65	310	668	668	219	231	18	21	5	350	350	350	53 4 4	8 10 6	55 6 4	..
Heathcote†	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	8	..	24	..	2	..	..	74	..	1 0 0	..	4 0 0	..
Lismore	42	..	..	..	..	1	..	45	3†	..	34	42	3	3	..	..	60	..	1 0 0	..	..	..
Merewether	87	38	9	2	1	3	20	107	20	20	98	102	14	13	4	170	200	200	36 10 0	2 0 0	9 7 0	..
Moree	28	18	..	..	..	1	1	44	16	..	8	54	1	6	..	200	..	25 0 0	3 2 0	21 8 0	..	
Marrickville	..	3	2	6	..	..	..	39	39	..	..	39	..	6	..	100	..	7 1 5	..	..	..	..
June	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	13†	13	..	..	20	..	4	1	200	..	..	..	12 0 0	..	..
Nundah	19	5	..	..	1	..	..	22	3	..	31	30	4	4	1	70	..	..	0 10 0	..	..	..
Penrith	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 10 0	..	..	..
Petersham	88	..	1	3	3	1	17	77	..	11	82	40	6	5	..	160	..	..	2 14 0	1 6 0	..	..
Rockdale	15	9	1	1	..	1	4	21	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0 10 0	..	..	..	..
Sydney	254	10	10	15	1	10	3	267	13	..	164	153	9	13	4	306	..	..	32 1 6	11 18 5	17 16 8	..
Rookwood	38	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	2	41	30	5	4	..	140	..	..	15 9 0	..	..	..
Wagga Wagga	39	2	..	3	1	2	..	43	4	..	20	22	1	2	..	250	150	..	1 17 7 1/2	..	..	..
Woolahra	35	12	1	7	..	..	..	53	18	..	..	50	..	6	..	250	..	..	6 4 3	4 0 0	..	..
Fairfield	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wingham †	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTALS	1132	153	45	22	8	70	14	149	1203	781	762	916	66	94	20	2674	700	186	12 1	31 6 11	123 13 6	..

* Church ceased to exist.

† Mode of Increase not stated.

‡ Included in this number are 31 who took their letters from the Church at Enmore and organised themselves into a Church at Marrickville. It also represents the defection from the Church over a period of several years.

§ Increase in Church Membership, 71.

¶ Added to Church from Sunday School, 20.

‡ Increase of Sunday School Scholars, 154.

‡ Increase in Sunday School Teachers, 28.

Re printing Reports

Bro Jones moved Bro John Kinepbury
see That a sum not exceeding
£2-100 be paid for printing Reports
etc of Conference in the A C Standard.
The motion by consent was held
over till a later period of the
meeting.

Country Delegates then reported -
(For reports see end of book)

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A very interesting report from Bro. McCrackett was read. It gave an account of his labors at Merewether, Newcastle and Moree. Notwithstanding that great difficulties presented themselves in Newcastle and Moree from various causes, a very lively interest was aroused, and 48 persons were added to the Lord.

Bro. Want, from the church at Nundah, gave a characteristic report of the way things are faring at the small but earnest church at that place. At last Conference, by the eloquence of Bro. Want on behalf of the church at Nundah and a mission they had started, which required a cart for the better carrying on the work (they had already had the horse) a subscription was taken up there and then, which resulted in £6 2s. 8d. being raised. Bro. Lewis, of Woollahra, made and sent them up a real fine cart, fit, as Bro. Want put it, for Queen Victoria to ride in. The need of the cart no longer existing, they, acting on the advice of the Conference Committee, who being asked to advise on the matter, left the matter in the hands of the brethren at Nundah, sold the cart for £8. This money the Nundah brethren sent down to the Conference towards the Conference funds. In accepting it the Conference expressed thanks to the Nundah brethren for their gift. Our hearts always warm towards the little church at Nundah very much, their single-heartedness and attachment to the Master being so evident.

Bro. Toop, from the church at Albury, next presented a very cheering report. It is evident that the Lord has some staunch men in Albury, well grounded, clear to convince and strong to maintain.

Bro. Mowsar gave a very homely account of the doings of the church at Wagga Wagga. Bro. Colbourne's visit to that place evidently resulted in great blessing to the church, both internally and in the enlargement of its borders. They have a very able advocate for the truth in Bro. Goode.

At 1 o'clock the meeting adjourned to the school-room beneath the large hall, and entered into close

conference with the good things provided by the sisters. A large number of delegates and other country friends sat down to the tables spread.

After luncheon the afternoon session was commenced with a hymn and prayer by Bro. Hawkins.

Bro. W. Wright, from Newcastle, then laid before the Conference the doings of the church at Newcastle and Merewether. He laid stress upon the fact that much of the difficulty met with in gaining the ears of the people at Newcastle was owing to the fact that they had been meeting in a very unsuitable hall, and urged that the Hall of Science be secured if possible.

Bro. Watt made a statement in regard to the churches at Cowra and Penrith, receiving the circumstances leading to the defection of those two churches. He said that at Cowra it was owing to the appearance in the church of two persons of bad character, who wrecked the church, and took occasion to read a lesson on the evil of taking persons into membership, avowedly members of churches in other parts of the colony without a letter. Moral: always demand a letter in such cases.

Bro. Stimson (sen.), from Fairfield, gave a reminiscent glance at the early church in the colony and some of the struggles of the pioneers. This was most interesting.

Bro. Walker gave a very encouraging of the *live* little church at Junee. This church would have been represented at the Conference but for a misapprehension of the rule referring to basis of representation—they being under the impression that churches with a membership *under* 25 were not eligible. This difficulty has been provided for in future cases.

The Secretary read the Foreign Mission report issued by the Victorian Conference.

The financial report of the Kanaka Mission was then read, showing a healthy state of things. The receipts for the year were £242 16s. 2d., and expenditure £191 15s. 9d., leaving a credit balance of £51 0s. 5d.

The reports were adopted.

The election of Office Bearers—
for the ensuing year was then
proceeded with. On the motion
of Bulk Rose & Verco — Bulk D Hall
& J Hunter were appointed
Scrutineers.

The following were duly elected

President. J. Hunter

Vice "

G. Bay.

Secretary

B. A. Rose *Unanimously.*

assist "

D Hall

Treasurer

E. Andrews.

Committee Butts G Bayley, F Newby,
E Lewis, G W Logan & R Steer.

Unanimously

Foreign Mission Committee. Sisters
Bayley & Ross Butts Leek & E Gole

The following resolutions were
submitted and carried in the form
in which they appear

RESOLUTIONS.

1. It was resolved that an annual pic-nic of the churches be held on Easter Monday, under the auspices of the Conference. *Prop by Halliday & R Steer*
 2. That this Conference recommends to the associated churches the advisability of revising the church rolls annually. *Prop by Butts Ross & Handle*
 3. That this Conference is of opinion that districts should be formed for the purpose of more aggressive and co-operative work during the coming year. *Prop by Butts Steer & Handle*
 4. That the incoming Committee be recommended to further carry on the evangelistic work at Newcastle (Merewether District). *Prop by Butts Logan & J Halliday*
 5. That this Conference recommend to the incoming Committee the advisability of helping the cause at Rookwood. *Prop by Butts E. Andrews & R Steer*
 6. That the £8 returned to the Conference by the Church at Nundah be handed to the Committee.* *Prop by Butts Hawkins & Logan*
- *This matter is explained in the report of delegates in a previous portion of this report.
7. That in the opinion of this Committee an allowance be made to all speakers and preachers, morning and evening, to recoup them for their travelling expenses, to be paid at the close of each service by each individual church in and about Sydney. *Prop by Bro W. J. Edwards see by Bro Lewis*
 8. Bro. Watt suggested that in the representation of the churches at the Conference any number less than 25 entitles representation by a delegate. This was agreed to. *Prop by Bro Watt, see by Bro Walker*

Re Printing of Reports Prop by Bro Jones see by Bro Hawkins - That the matter of paying for reports printed in a standard be left in the hands of the Committee. Carried unanimously.

Butts Gilmour & Logan prop - That we recommend to the Com. that they convey our appreciation of the action of the Nundah Buttes

in returning the amount realised
by sale of the cart. Carried unan.
A motion was prop by Wright
- That this Conference empower the
Committee to send a competent
person to act as arbitrator, should
any Church apply for such. The
said Church to defray all expenses
therewith. This motion was
sec by Bro Mowser and provoked
a long discussion in which Burt
filmour, Lee, Walt, Halliday, Jones
John Kinsbury J Hunter, J Hawkins
& Jos Kinsbury took part.

An amendment was moved That
the matter of appointing an arbitrator
be relegated to the Quarterly meeting
of City and suburban Church Office
bearers prop by Burt Walker &
Halliday.

Eventually both the motion &
amendment was withdrawn.

Bro Walker drew attention
to the Country Churches and
suggested that the City Evangelists
should be spared occasionally
so that they might ~~be~~ visit
and build them up.

A hearty vote of Thanks
was proposed to the Sisters
for the bountiful repast
they had prepared for the
Delegates. The vote was

Carried by acclamation.

This terminated the business of the Conference. The President expressed his joy at the great harmony and good feeling which had prevailed, and pronounced the benediction.

The proceedings of the day were followed by a tea meeting in the schoolroom, at which some 200 sat down.

In the evening there was a largely attended public meeting in the large room, presided over by Bro. Colbourne. Hymns 140, 511, 222, 273 and 494 were sung. The subject for the evening's speeches was the Church of Christ, under the following headings:—

1. Divine authority for its existence.
2. Design of its existence.
3. Of whom composed.
4. Its creed.
5. Its ordinances.

Our aged Bro. Dr. Kingsbury spoke with great power and fervor on the first heading, referring to the church being foreshadowed throughout the Old Testament—the declaration by Jesus that upon the truth contained in Peter's confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," His church should be built—and to the transfiguration of Jesus on the Holy Mount, when Moses and Elias appeared with Him, and the voice from the excellent glory said, "This is my

well beloved Son, hear Him," thus showing that the old dispensation was to give place to the new.

Bro. Day in his own clear and lofty style spoke under the second heading, showing that what exists by divine authority has a design. The church was set in the world as an educational institution and for the defence and spread of the truth.

Bro. Bagley spoke in reference to those of whom the church is composed.

Bro. Hawkins, another father in Israel, told us that the Bible was not the Christian's creed, but that the Christian's creed was contained within the Bible. No statement of Moses, Elijah, or any of the old prophets could form the basis of a creed but the declaration of of God Himself, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

Bro. Watt told us that there were many ordinances in connection with the Church of Christ. Anything is an ordinance that had been ordered. Faith, repentance, confession, baptism, the Lord's Supper. The two commemorative institutions are baptism and the Lord's Supper. We never hear of people perpetuating any institution commemorative of something which has never taken place. Independence Day in America could not have been perpetuated or observed with such enthusiasm did it not rest on the grand fact of a nation's freedom.

The meeting, which was of a most interesting character, terminated at 9.30 o'clock.

G Parker Jones



A very successful Picnic was held on Easter Monday at Pearl Bay the arrangements being ably carried out by Burt R. Steer, H. Newby & G. Bagley.

Owing to the difficulty in procuring steamer and grounds the expense was very much increased, however combining the Tea meeting & Picnic together the Committee were only in debt 5/11

Minutes written by E. A. Rose
Conference Secretary.

with our plea. One of the new members was an attendant of the Wesleyan church from whom we received so much affection. — Truth will triumph there is a very strong opinion among us that the cause could be more efficiently worked if the Sydney Committee had the whole of the Riverina district under its management (including Snows) the Murray River being the boundary line between the two colonies this ought to be the case as we are all in A. S. M. The Wesleyan and Congregational churches here are merged from Sydney showing that the other churches need it in the same light hoping that the Synod will not be lost sight of by the new Committee, and that the work in Riverina will prosper by ~~least~~ ^{least} bounds on behalf of the church at Albany.

Yours Alfred George Long,
Secretary.

Report from Albany

Yundah
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March 23rd 1894.

The church at Albany have to report that on the 14th of May 1893 three brethren decided to meet on the Lord's day to remember his death in his own appointed way, and continued to meet till July 3rd of the same year when Fathers together of believers agreed to unite with the little band of Protestants now that the number had increased it was deemed wise to organize the church, with this object our returned Bro. Clapham, from Snows came home, and shared the church on a sound footing — a Secretary, Treasurer, and Deacons being elected. The church from that time has labored on in Faith and Hope and have been wonderfully helped by visits from Bro. Clapham who has presided for as about 6 times up to February 1894 the church had hard work to

combat deep-set prejudices in the minds of
the people and the opposition of a Wesleyan
Minister who tried to oppose us at every step, however
the church was undaunted and took a hall in the
main street where two brethren (Messrs Wright & Loap)
preached every Lord's day by turns the two services
being conducted regularly, this however soon exhausted
our funds and Bro Latham again came to the rescue
and from an appeal made to some isolated brethren
and at Sydney he raised over £5 for the cause
at Albany this gave an impetus to the work
and very soon we had the pleasure of seeing 6
persons put on Christ in Baptism the ordinance
being performed in the River Murray which runs
through our town from that time to the present
steady progress has been made and we are laboring
to enlighten and edify the minds of the new members in
spiritual matters as we realize the vast importance
of well grounded, the new comers in the principles of
the Gospel and in making them thoroughly acquainted

President's address. at Conference of Churches of Christ
in New South Wales. 1894.

Dear Brethren through the good Providence of Our Father & God we are privileged to meet again in Conference as representatives of the Church of Christ. Changes have taken place through the year now closing, some have been called to pass through the deep waters of affliction, & bereavement, others have been disciplined in the School of adversity, whilst others through lack of employment have been compelled to remove to other parts.

But we can all raise our Ebenezer in gratefulness before God, & testify "That hitherto He hath helped us."

In reviewing our experiences in the Lord's Service, and taking a retrospect of our lives, perhaps few of us are satisfied either with our beliefs, or our work. How much more we might have done for the Salvation of those around! And how much more whole heartedly and effectively we may have performed what we have done!

But the Fast with all its privileges, short Comings, & defects, have passed on before us, and none of us can tell how soon We may have to appear before Him who shall reward every man according to that which he hath done.

The great, great question which confronts us to day is. "How can we make our lives & our works a greater success?" I am sure each one of us can realize the importance of such an enquiry.

We are professedly the Lord's servants, we have publicly come out from the world, & taken our stand by the side of the Lord Jesus, and we have said and sung.

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Every Power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart - it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne."

How far we have carried out the beautiful sentiments of that hymn is known only to the Lord and ourselves. But shall we not strive to make our lives & our work a greater success through the forthcoming year of our Church life, than the year just now closing? (ie if spared through another year).

I do not feel called upon on the present occasion to say much as to what has been done by us collectively in the Evangelistic field. Reports & figures delivered by our Secretary will give you an approximate idea of the Monies Collected & the work done, & also its results. But I do feel that we have nothing to be proud of; and would almost venture to assert, that had the noble sentiments expressed in the Hymn quoted taken full possession of our hearts, we would have done more, been more liberal, and we should have brought more glory to the Lord.

But now Dear Brethren allow me affectionately to intimate that it seems to me that we cannot work effectively for the Lord & the salvation of those around us without an entire consecration of Body, Soul, & Spirit to the Lord. We need to be more spiritual, prayerful, self-sacrificing in other words we must live Christ, and preach Christ in our every word, & our every deed. The witty and jovial Lord Peterborough, after visiting at the house of Fénelon, said to him at parting "If I stay here much longer I shall become a Christian in spite of myself" It was not an exhortation from the good man's lips that so impressed him, as the beauty of a cheerful consistent life. Godly living is what this poor wicked world is dying for the want of today.

Pulpits or Platforms only give forth their utterances for two or three hours in a whole week; they reach the limited number who come within their range. But Jesus Christ calls every converted soul into a ministry of the daily life, and bids them preach on seven days of every week. He says "Let your light shine" "As ye go preach;" Herein is My Father glorified that ye bear much fruit. - these are among the high Commissions to every Christian.

Very few people possess the gift of rhetorical eloquence; but it is within the reach of every earnest follower of Jesus to rise &

void to great eloquence in character and conduct. The best preaching after all, is the preaching of the daily life. No Sceptic ever attempts to refute that. It is self-evidencing. Richard Cecil confessed this when he tried in his early life to be a sceptic, his Godly Mother's life was too much for him. He afterwards added to this that "his first feelings of religion were made stronger by seeing that truly pious people had a genuine happiness that the things of this world could not give."

Sometimes the platform discourse is not clear to the understanding or impressive to the conscience. But the "living Epistle" needs no translation or commentary; Every child can understand it.

I have known a poor sick girl become, a means of blessing, to the whole family, by her quiet patience, her serene trust, and her tranquil joy under severe suffering, Jesus Christ shone out through her lovely character as a night lamp shines through a transparent porcelain vessel, and fills the apartment with a gentle radiance.

And so we find, if we are observant, that it is not so much what we say, as what we do that exercises so potent an influence.

It is genuine life-preaching that carries with it a mighty power. The unconscious influence of Godly acts & eternity alone will reveal their effects. This style of preaching is within the reach of all ages, & all conditions of life. Every redeemed man, woman, and child is called of God to this ministry.

What are a few thousand sermons delivered on Lord's day, in comparison with the unanswerable eloquence of millions of lives illustrating Christianity from Monday morning to Saturday night all over the land?

Do we look at our divine model? We find him as pure & loving at Caesarea of Galilee as our Calvary; the glory of his character shone forth in the streets not less than in the synagogues. What does the apostle say? "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" Thus we see that a mere profession without the Godly-living will accomplish but little indeed & cannot be acceptable to the Most High.

"The poet rightly said:-

"Not a broken, brief obedience does the Lord of heaven demand;
He requires our whole allegiance, words and deeds, and heart and hand;
God will hold divided sway with no deity of clay."

Christianity was meant to be a matter of one day and place as much as another. Of course we do not mean that a man should be perpetually talking directly & pointedly on religious subjects, nor that he must be always trying to pray. This is not practicable, neither would it be advisable if it were.

But to infuse into our words a Christian spirit, to base our actions upon the principles of the New Testament, to conform our conduct in both recreation and business to the requirements of God, to resist manfully the various temptations of evil, and to avail ourselves of the different opportunities of doing good, - this we take it, is the duty of us all, and this is the true idea of religion.

As it has so often been said, the point of first and chief importance is this - a right heart. Let us have that and all else will be well.

If we have a fervent spirit of love and obedience God-ward, then whatsoever our external circumstances may be, by divine help they will be so many means of manifesting and strengthening our piety. Beautifully has an unknown author written "A onee heart, in which the altar-fire of love to God is burning, will lay hold of the commonest, rudest things of life and transmute them, like coarse fuel at the touch of fire into a pure and holy flame. Marble, or coarse clay, it matters not with which of these the artist works, the touch of genius transforms the coarser material into beauty, & lends to the finer a value it never had before. lofty or lowly, rude or refined, as life's work to us may be, it will become to a holy mind only the material for an infinitely nobler than all the creations of genius - the image of God in the soul. To spiritualize what is material, to Christianize what is secular - this is the noble achievement of Christian principle."

Who can fail to see that this invests all life with glory, and gilds it with a lustre almost more than human and earthly?

None of us, however humble, poor, and unknown, need be without true dignity.

Though our homes may be lowly, our employments accounted drudgery, our associates the sons of Poverty, yet if we live to be better and make others so, if it be the purpose of our being to rise superior to the allurements of evil, and increase in rectitude and love, our lives will be full of worth and beauty.

As the hursting forth of the Sun's rays will render a drear, desolate scene attractive, so, if the Sun of godliness do but show itself, it will transform the common place into the excellent and the attractive.

This every day Christ-living, moreover makes all our life useful. It gives utility to every part of our experience. All is turned to good account. Some seem to think that the greater part of their existence, by being occupied with secular things, must needs be lost in a spiritual point of view. They look upon the time and labour spent in providing "the bread which perisheth" as if they were of no moral advantage. unquestionably now a days, more time is devoted to business, and work, and seeking after it, than is absolutely necessary. This we cannot help realizing. We hope the error will gradually receive a practical correction. Nevertheless it does not follow that all is morally lost time which is not occupied in prayer, or reading the scriptures. It need not be. It may be gained time. Let the idea of life-preaching be carried out and then "all things work together for good"

All our existence therefore, may be made ^{of utility} in a spiritual as well as a secular point of view. There need not be large portions of waste land on which no flower of grace grows, or vast tracts of desert which support no plant of goodness.

No, He who commanded that the fragments be gathered up that nothing might be lost, hath so ordered us & our condition that nothing need be in vain.

Such lives, attractive and useful let us live. All ought to be brought into captivity to Christ. Let us strive to accomplish this. Let us yield our whole being to Him who rightly demands it. Let our Christianity strike its roots deep, & spread its branches afar. To make any other offering to God than that of a daily-service, is insulting to the majesty of heaven. But if our thoughts, words, & actions are inclined with the love, righteousness, and wisdom of Christ, we shall enjoy the smile of our Father, and be the honoured instruments whereby we shall glorify his name.

Let our lives be but shaped after this fashion, and our course led in this direction. & ~~individually~~ we shall be a power, & unitedly we shall accomplish much in disseminating the simple truth, saving souls, and thus bring honour to our gracious Lord. May we ever remember that "We are not our own? For we are bought with a price; therefore let us glorify God in our body, and in our spirit, which are God's. And may our prayer be.

"Reign over me, Lord Jesus!
O make my heart Thy throne;
It shall be Thine dear dwelling,
It shall be Thine alone."

O come and reign, Lord Jesus!
Rule over everything!
And keep me always loyal,
And true to Thee, my King."

J. Colbourne

Report of the Church of Christ - Wagga District.

To the President & Members of the Associated Churches
of New South Wales.

Dear Brethren,

We beg to submit the annual
report of the Church in the Wagga District.

We are pleased to state that during the year
nothing has transpired to mar the peace and harmony
of the Church.

We might mention that we feel our indebtedness
to the Sydney Church in permitting Bro. Colbourne to
visit us for a fortnight in May last. That brother
was present at our Anniversary Tea Meeting on 24th
May, and delivered a powerful address at the after-
meeting on "First Principles"

We kept Bro. Colbourne at work during his
visit - for either at the Hall or a Cottage he spoke
every evening, - at times telling out the Gospel story, -
and when opportunity offered giving sound practical
advice and exhortations to the brethren.

Our brother also visited our farthest outstation,
Currawarna, where we have a few brethren meeting
regularly every Lord's Day. His visit to this place
was the means of bringing together a number of people
for miles round to listen to the Truth. Bro. Colbourne
left us, to call at Junee on his way home.

Since that time Bro. Goode has again taken
up the preaching, and while for a time we only
struggled along - we are glad to report that we
are now having very fair meetings

Mr. Goode is now visiting Currawarna and
Junee once every two months.

We have to report two deaths during the year,
Three have been received into the Church by
letter, and two by faith and baptism, making
at the present time a total membership of
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To The Annual Conference of Churches of Christ. N.S.W.

Dear Brethren, With sincere gratitude to God I
present to you my third annual report. The first
six months of this year was spent in the Newcastle district,
where I had already laboured for a period of nine
months. My last annual report showed that, in addition
to the work being done in connection with the Church at
Merewether, an effort was also being made to establish
the cause in Newcastle proper. This effort was not
only continued after the conference but became more
specially the object in view, and through the valuable
help rendered by the speaking Brethren at Merewether
I was able to devote much more time to the
Newcastle work and to preach the Gospel regularly
every Lord's day evening in Fry's Hall. These meet-
ings improved considerably after a few weeks and often
I had the pleasure of preaching to a full house.
Open air meetings were also held every Lord's day
afternoon in some part of the city for about four
months and great credit is due to the Merewether
Brethren for the way in which they rolled up to these
meetings and did all they could to make them a suc-
cess. But with all the efforts put forth, including house

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to house visitation and tract distribution, only a very small amount of success was apparent. I only know of some six or seven of those added to the Church, who could be said to be the direct results of the work in Newcastle. All the others who decided at the meetings in Grog's Hall either were from, or associated with Threewether and in all probability would ~~not~~ have been gathered in at Threewether had I continued preaching there. Newcastle proper is a hard and difficult field to work for many reasons and if ever the cause is thoroughly established there, it will only be after long earnest patient and continued effort. Threewether also received considerable attention. On Lord's day mornings my time was divided between the two places, and in addition to other meetings held at Threewether a good Gospel meeting was held every Wednesday evening. ~~which~~ ^{was} generally well attended. ~~and the joy of~~ ^{the joy of} I was able to help along the work there and the joy of gathering in some precious fruit for the Church in this total number of 44 ~~was~~ added to the Church in this district, during the six months, was 41 - 2 by letter & formerly immersed 6. I can honestly say the up till the end of October 1893. I was also ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~work in the~~ ^{work in the} ~~Anniversary~~ ^{Anniversary} ~~meeting~~ ^{meeting} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~Scotts~~ ^{Scotts} ~~McCusker~~ ^{McCusker} and my self a farewell meeting.

were in spite of stormy ³ weather a grand success and
Bro. Colbourne's speech & presence at the Tea meeting had
their good effect. I also paid two visits to Nunah &
helped the church there in matters of Church discipline
as well as preaching the gospel several times which
resulted in two becoming obedient to the Faith. I sincerely
thank the Brethren at Newwater for their noble self
denial and hearty cooperation to which much of the success
obtained is due. Acting upon instructions received from
the Committee I left Newcastle for Moree Nov. 1st
and after ten hours travelling by rail and fourteen by
a rickety Coach on a rough bush road, I arrived in
Moree, with sore bones and scorched face which
troubled me for more than a week after. I was met &
welcomed, when the coach came in by our esteemed &
beloved Brother William Winter. I soon found that what
had been done as regards propagating primitive Chris-
tianity, had been done either directly or indirectly by
this good Brother, and that notwithstanding, that he
resides 20 miles from Moree the cause was almost en-
tirely dependant upon him. I found too, that the exist-
ing circumstances in many respects were unfavourable
for a special evangelistic effort and that it would
take a much longer time and different methods to
arouse an interest than is usually the case in Country
Townships. It would make my report to long to enter
in to particulars, but suffice it to say that for various

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reasons & circumstances Moree is the most trying and the hardest field of any, that as yet it has been my lot to labour in. This is a Publician's township, if ever there was one, nearly all the wealth, land & influence belongs to them and as the so-called orthodox churches count them as members and ^{thus} compromise their principles ~~which~~ makes it all the harder for such as we, to get a hearing. I have now been labouring here for five months and it can only be said that we are gaining the ear of the people. Many and great have been the things against us, but thanks be to our Heavenly Father we can say and are proving what is written in the Book "If God be for us who can be against us". The results of the work may be told in a few words. Those previously immersed through the labours of Bros. Watt, Forcquit & Winter have been built up & confirmed in the Holy Faith & special mention is due as regards two of these for the great help they have given me in my labours of the Gospel. viz Sister Hudson the first fruits of Moree & Bro. J. Button. A strong Temperance society now exists in Moree & is becoming a power for good and an auxiliary to Christian effort. A Lord's Day School with over 50 scholars & a good staff of teachers is in good working & advancing order. 15 precious souls have been brought out of darkness into light and added to the Church several of whom are proving themselves good workers for the Master.

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The church to, has been ~~set~~ ^{set} in order by the election and ordination of Elders and Deacons who are thoroughly alive to their responsibility and fairly qualified to undertake it. A beginning has been made towards building a Meeting House, which I hope to see ready for use ere I leave Morea. I have just returned from a flying visit to Mungindi a place 80 miles distant from here & while there delivered 5 addresses to good audiences Baptized 3 men before many witnesses in the River Barwin, also I gave two nights with my Lantern illustrating both religion & temperance, which I believe had a good effect and made some impression. While there I was the guest of Bro. & Sis. Butler & received ~~with~~ untellable kindness, for which I pray they may be richly rewarded. Sis. Butler has got together a good Sunday School and is doing a grand work among the children which will tell by & by at present there are about 8 disciples in Mungindi who I trust will now meet regularly to commemorate the Saviour's death. On my way back with Bro. & Winter we called at the house of a pious & influential family & stayed over two nights using every opportunity to lead them to the Truth and I have reason to believe that the truth was received and will yet be obeyed. I also had the pleasure of meeting with Sister Edwards there, who is governess to that family & she expressed herself as being cheered and strengthened by our visit. In closing this

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report I must not forget to express my sincere gratitude to Bro. Winter and his family for the great kindness shown to me and the valuable assistance given to the work in many ways. I cannot say all I would here but God knows ^{all} and will reward, their faithfulness and self denial. The interest in Moore at present is very good and likely to continue so. The Gospel meeting last Lord's day evening was the best, so far as attendance and attention is concerned, that we have had since I come here. The total number of additions during the year is 63 out of which were 56 Baptisms. I think however you will agree with me that the value & amount of work done is not to be estimated alone by the number of additions; ~~but~~ ^{but} that independent of the success as regards numbers there is much reason for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, to whom through Jesus Christ our Lord we will unite in ascribing all honour, praise and glory for His goodness and grace during the year that has just closed.

With Christian regards to all the Brethren meeting in Conference and praying that you may have a good time

I remain
Yours in Christ
D. M. Mc Cracker

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