he Australian Churches of Christ Historical Society

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27th March, 1960.

Dear Bro. Secretary,

The Australian Churches of Christ Historical Society was formed last year to foster an appreciation of the beginnings of the Restoration Movement in Australia and to establish archives for the preservation of historically valuable material. This is in pursuance of a Resolution of the Federal Conference in Adelaide, 1958.

The State Executive in most states has appointed a small committee to foster interest within the state and to work in conjunction with the Federal Society. Recently through State and Federal church papers, we invited members of our churches to subscribe ten shillings to the Society for which a quarterly digest would be mailed. This is a means of promoting our aims. The first digest has now been printed and some copies are enclosed with this letter.

We ask for your co-operation in the following matters;-

L. Distribute the copies of the first digest to interested members and urge them to forward a subscription to the Historical Society Treasurer.

2. Preserve all current and past church records which are of historical

3.Collect photographs of past events and significant personalities and value. continue to make a photographic record of present events and significant personalities.

4.Keep a copy of your church paper and ask your minister to place the full manuscript of six of his sermons each year with the records you preserve. Future generations will be interested to know what was the subject marter of his sermons.

5. See that full minutes are kept of business meetings.

6.Advise the State or Federal Historical Society Seeretary of books, relics and records of historical value which you hold.

Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation and goodwill in this task.

Yours fraternally, K.J.Clinton.

Secretary.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST in NEW SOUTH WALES

Official History

"Avarua" San Jose Avenue, Lawson. 30th March 1957.

Secretary, Church of Christ.

Dear Bro. Secretary:-

"Greetings"

The Conference Executive recently appointed me "Official Historian" of the Churches of Christ in this State.

I am deeply conscious of the work this appointment entails, particularly as I follow in the train of such capable brethren as the late E.J. Hilder and Dr. C.A. Verco.

It is most desirable that we bring our records up to date.

In seeking to compile a comprehensive history of the work of the Brotherhood, and the local churches, we look to you and your Board of Officers for help in this direction.

Early data of the work of your congregation is desired, Brethren who has served as preachers, brothers and sisters who have played an important part in the Departmental activities of the Church or Conference work.

Would you kindly let me have any Brochures, photos, or printed information of the work in your area.

Enclosed you will find an Information Paper will you please complete same, and let me have it with any other information you can give.

Your help in bringing this Official History up to date will be greatly appreciated.

With every good wish. Yours in Christian Service. W.J. Crossman.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST in NEW SOUTH WALES OFFICIAL HISTORY

CHURCH LOCATION . . Bryant. Street, Fookdale. YEAR ORGANISED . . . 1887. 1889 - 1899. YEAR^SAFFILIATED nonattending. 16 isolated, 12 active; MEMBERSHIP 1957 .14 BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS 1957 BIBLE SCHOOL SCHOLARS 1957 10 MEMBERSHIP IN C.E. SOCIETIES OR CLUBS 1957 J.C.E. 12 J.C.E. 20 Gir's' Club 20 Total 84. Boys' Club 32 NAMES OF PREACHERS WHO HAVE MINISTERED SINCE ORGANISATIO OF CHURCH. Period of Ministry N.b. Alcon chan da 4 HAS THE CHURCH A WOMEN'S ORGANISATION? Yes WHAT & THEFT FUNCTION? To do the usual things a Women's Fillowship does . . . and at Pockdale the Fellowship is particularly virile. IS THE CHURCH PROPERTY FREE OF DEBT? WHAT IS THE PRESENT VALUATION? Manse . £5000 Church £10,000 1 vise 4,200 PLEASE GIVE NAMES OF YOUNG MEN OR WOMEN WHO HAVE ENTERED THE MINISTRY-MISSION FIELD, OR OTHER FIELDS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE FROM YOUR CONGREGATION. W.Howard, D.Oldfield, J.Henderson , Non J. Blijdeso shy = 4 PLEASE GIVE NAMES OF BRITHREN OR SISTERS SERVING ON CONFERENCE COMMITTEES. SECRETARY. To. W.J. Crossman, "Avarua" San Jose Avenue, LAWSON. N.S.W.