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## FEDERAL CONFERENCE,

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The Seventh Federal Conference of the Churches of Christ in Australia commenced its meetings on Wednesday, April 10.

### DEVOTIONAL SESSION.

A devotional meeting was held at 9.30 a.m., under the leadership of H. Kingsbury. E. Stanley Tape, of Ballarat, delivered an address on "Thanksgiving."

### BUSINESS SESSION.

Shortly after 10 o'clock J. E. Thomas, President of the Federal Conference, took the chair.

After singing a hymn, G. T. Walden and A. P. Wilson engaged in prayer.

### ROLL OF REPRESENTATIVES.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—G. Stimson, T. Hagger, W. Clay, W. J. Modral, T. E. Roie, J. Cydesdale, A. E. Illingworth, J. Hunter, T. Bagley, G. T. Walden.

TASMANIA.—A. P. Wilson, W. C. R. Jarvis, G. Smith, C. Hale.

WEST AUSTRALIA.—H. Wright, G. O. Burckill, A. H. Paul, M. Little, E. Saunders.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—D. A. Ewers, G. D. Wright, A. H. Wilson, E. Edwards, P. A. Dickson, R. Caldicott, S. G. Griffiths, W. Morrow, G. P. Catriss, J. T. Train, R. Richards, I. A. Paternoster, T. Johnson.

QUEENSLAND.—J. I. Mudford, A. Hutson, T. E. Stabbin, A. Berlin, F. G. Sivyier.

VICTORIA.—C. M. Gordon, Robt. Lyall, W. C. Craigie, W. H. Allen, T. B. Fischer, M. McLellan, H. Kingsbury, F. G. Dunn, F. M. Ludbrook, A. R. Main, A. Mills, J. W. Baker, R. C. Edwards, J. Pittman, Jas. McGregor.

### STATISTICS.

I. A. Paternoster read some interesting figures in relation to the progress of the cause.

Solo by Miss Price, of S.A.

### GREETINGS.

Greetings were received from N.S.W. Conference, Broken Hill, S.A. Bible School Union, Tasmanian Conference, Northern Conference of S.A., Middle District Con-

ference, N.Z., Southern District Conference, N.Z., Queensland Conference, West Australian Conference; W. H. Allen, on behalf of the churches in U.S.A.; J. W. Webb, and H. E. Tickle.

### WELCOME TO VISITORS.

The President extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors present, and referred to the advantages arising from fraternal intercourse.



F. G. DUNN,  
President, Federal Conference.

### RESPONSES FROM REPRESENTATIVES.

The following representatives responded: H. Wright, W.A.; T. Hagger, N.S.W.; H. Kingsbury, Vic.; A. P. Wilson, Tas.; W. Morrow, S.A.; J. I. Mudford, Qld.

Bro. Farnilton, of Oamaru, N.Z., also acknowledged the greeting, and thanked the brethren for their hospitality. W. H. Allen responded on behalf of America; F. Filmer, of New Hebrides.

### Executive Committee's Report.

In submitting this, the seventh report, to the representatives of the Churches of Christ in Conference assembled from the various States of the Commonwealth, the Committee trusts that as the result of fraternal deliberations a great impetus will be given to the cause of Home and Foreign Missions, and to the advancement of our educational interests.

### F. M. RAINS.

The Committee places on record its appreciation of the valued help rendered by F. M. Rains, Secretary of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society of the United States, at the Federal Conference held in Adelaide, September, 1910; also while visiting in the various States of the Commonwealth. His presence and timely advice and stirring addresses have been a great help to the whole brotherhood.

W. H. Allen, in speaking of the visit of F. M. Rains, bore testimony to the many good things that Bro. Rains had said about his visit to Australia in some of the Conventions in America.

### CHARLES REIGN SCOVILLE.

It was hoped to have had Bro. Chas. Reign Scoville with us for the Conference, but owing to pressure of work before leaving, he was unable to get away in time. We are glad to know that he will be here about the 1st of May, to conduct missions in the various States. We hope his visit will be a great success, and that the brethren will give Bro. Scoville every support.

I. A. Paternoster explained the reason of Bro. Scoville's non-arrival in time to take part in our Conference. His engagement in a most successful gospel mission was the reason of his delay in leaving America.

P. J. Pond urged that preparations should be commenced to make ready for the visit.

J. E. Thomas gave a short statement in regard to the visit.

The clause was spoken to by W. H. Allen, J. I. Mudford, S. G. Griffith and A. E. Illingworth.

## FEDERAL EVANGELISTIC WORK.

The Committee wishes to state that since last Conference the work at Broken Hill has been subsidised to the extent of £40. This has made it possible for Bro. Tuck to continue his labors with the church there. During that period 66 have confessed their faith in Christ, 24 of these coming during the mission held by S. G. Griffith, State Evangelist for South Australia. The Bible School has also made steady progress, and a mission opened in Railway Town, where a piece of land was secured, and a building erected by the aid of the S.A. Church Building Fund.

The notice of motion in regard to Broken Hill was considered in connection with this clause. The notice of motion was carried with a slight alteration, namely, that it be a recommendation to the Acting Executive.

In response to an appeal from the W.A. Home Mission Committee, a resolution was carried in January last to subsidise the work of meeting the immigrants on their arrival from England. Bro. J. Emblem has been appointed by the W.A. Committee, and will from March 1 be receiving 25/- per week from the Federal Treasurer.

This, together with the extra expense of securing suitable literature for distribution, will call heavily on the funds of the Committee, but it is such an important work that we commend it most heartily to the brotherhood.

The question of dealing with the distribution of literature to immigrants resolved itself into a motion, moved by R. Lyall, namely, That this Conference recommends the Acting Executive to consider the matter of interviewing immigrants and take such action as is thought desirable.

The motion was spoken to by W. R. C. Jarvis, A. Hutson, P. J. Pond, G. T. Walden, M. W. Green, W. Morrow, I. A. Paternoster, W. H. Allen, R. Lyall, and G. O. Burchill.

It was decided to subsidise Corowa, in New South Wales, to the extent of £1 per week, but this has not been needed, as a suitable man has not yet been found.

On the motion of T. E. Rofe, it was resolved, That it be a recommendation to the Acting Executive to subsidise the church at Corowa to the extent of £1 per week.

## FEDERAL EVANGELISTIC FUND.

Owing to lack of funds the Committee is forced to report that very little work has been done. The system adopted by the Committee, if supported by the churches, would provide a useful fund for this important work. In accordance with past custom, the Committee sent out in February, 1911, a letter to every church in Australia, appealing for at least one penny per member. The response to this appeal was so small that a second one was sent in August, 1911. To these two appeals about 95 churches responded, sending £66/15/5. An appeal has been sent to every church for this year, but to date only six churches have replied, contributing about £4. Over 150 churches did not even acknowledge the letters sent. The total receipts for the eighteen months, including levies from State Conferences, amounted to £128/16/-, and the disbursements to £60/0/6, leaving a credit balance of £59/15/9.

We would appeal to the brotherhood for personal donations to assist in this helpful work. There is much more we could do unitedly, and we trust the deliberations of this Conference may stand for larger united effort.

The clause relating to the Federal Evangelistic Fund was adopted.

The clause was spoken to by G. Wright, who expressed the opinion that the churches ought to respond more readily to the

small demand made upon them for assistance.

## COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.

The Committee note with pleasure the good work accomplished by the College during the past year. The report speaks for itself. We feel sure that the excellent body of students as they complete their course will commend the College further to the brotherhood.

The clause relating to the College of the Bible was adopted.

## DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE.

It is the hope of the Committee that a good deal of literature will be distributed among the immigrants by Bro. Emblem. Owing to lack of funds, nothing has been done during the past year. This seems to us to be a matter that can better be handled by the Home Mission Committee of each State.

We accept with a great deal of pleasure the very kind and practical offer of the Austral Publishing Co., of 5,000 copies of "Our Position," by



A. E. ILLINGWORTH,  
Vice-President, Federal Conference.

Isaac Errett, with a directory of the churches in Australia. In doing so, we recognise the great help the Austral Co. are ever ready to extend to the brotherhood. This gift will enable us to begin at once the work of distributing among those coming to our shores the facts with regard to the position we as a people hold.

The notice of motion relating to the distribution of literature was carried, on the motion of P. G. Dunn.

The need of this work was supported by W. H. Allen, S. G. Griffith, D. A. Ewers, A. P. Wilson, J. Pittman, and G. O. Burchill.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At last Conference a motion was carried placing the work of Foreign Missions under the direction of the Federal Conference. We have much pleasure in presenting in this report the splendid statement of the F.M.C.

We note with gratitude the increasing interest in this important work of the church.

The clause relating to Foreign Missions was adopted.

## HOME MISSION DAY.

The Committee are pleased to report that in accord with the desire of last Federal Conference the first Lord's day in February has been adopted by all the States as Home Mission day. It is believed as a result of this a greater interest will be

awakened in the work of Home evangelisation. It has also enabled us to take advantage of the splendid help provided by the "Australian Christian" in its Home Mission Number.

## FEDERAL EVANGELIST.

At last Conference a motion was passed recommending the Federal Acting Executive to consider the advisability of engaging a Federal Evangelist to travel among and assist the churches in the various States.

It is hoped the visit of Charles Reigs Scoville will for this year meet this request.

We have desired to especially help Queensland and Tasmania, but no definite help has yet been arranged.

W. R. C. Jarvis urged the claims of Tasmania upon the consideration of the Conference.

J. I. Mudford and A. Hutson spoke on behalf of Queensland.

## RESIGNATIONS.

Owing to removal from the city, T. B. Verco resigned as Treasurer. His resignation was accepted with regret, and Ira A. Paternoster was elected to fill the position.

Later, W. C. Brooker found it impossible to carry out his duties as Secretary, owing to pressure of business, and he also resigned. Ira A. Paternoster was asked to fill his place also, Bro. Brooker consenting to act as Assistant Secretary.

## ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

Ten meetings have been held. Members attended as follows:—J. E. Thomas, 8; W. C. Brooker, 8; James Manning, 6; T. H. Brooker, 7; J. Fisher, 6; S. G. Griffith, State Evangelist, 4; D. A. Ewers, 8; T. B. Verco, resigned, 1; A. C. Rankine, removed to Victoria, 3; Ira A. Paternoster, 9.

## THANKS.

Thanks are hereby tendered to the officers of the Grote-st. church for the use of room for Committee meetings, and to the various States' Executives. Above all the Committee express gratitude to our heavenly Father for his blessings upon the work with which they are associated.

JAS. E. THOMAS, President.

IRA A. PATERNOSTER, Secretary.

## FEDERAL EVANGELISTIC BALANCE SHEET.

From August 18, 1910, to Feb. 29, 1912.

## RECEIPTS.

To Balance in Hand, 18/7/10	£43 16 9
33 Vic. Churches .. .. .	426 2 3
27 S.A. Churches .. .. .	24 7 9
20 N.S.W. Churches .. .. .	13 14 4
9 W.A. Churches .. .. .	4 5 6
7 Queensland Churches .. .. .	2 5 5
5 Tasmanian Churches .. .. .	2 3 8
101 Churches	72 13 11
Conference Executive, Vic. ..	8 0 0
Conference Exec., Tasmania ..	1 10 0
Conference Exec., W.Aus. ..	2 0 0
	11 10 0
Personal Donation, Victoria ..	0 10 0
Bank Interest .. .. .	0 5 7
	£128 16 3

## EXPENDITURE.

By Subsidy to Broken Hill, 80 weeks at 10/-, from 16/8/10, to 27/2/12 ..	£40 0 0
Postages .. .. .	4 7 4
Cables .. .. .	2 15 6
Stationery .. .. .	4 6 3
Printing .. .. .	4 18 0
Conference Expenses .. .. .	12 13 5
	29 0 6
Cash in hand .. .. .	50 15 9
	£128 16 3

IRA A. PATERNOSTER, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,  
4/3/12. W. J. MANNING, Auditor.

The Executive Committee's Report was adopted as a whole, together with the Balance Sheet.

**DEVOTIONAL MEETING.**

After the adjournment, a devotional meeting was held, under the leadership of A. C. Rankine.

A solo was rendered by Miss Weekes, of South Australia, after which J. W. Baker delivered an address, the subject of which was "Power from on High."

**BUSINESS SESSION.**

At 2.30 the President resumed the chair.

**ACTING EXECUTIVE.**

It was resolved that the Acting Executive be located in Melbourne until next Federal Conference.

**AN HOUR WITH MISSIONARIES.**

Bro. and Sister Filmer, Miss Terrell and Bro. Jame were welcomed by the President. Mrs. Filmer gave an informative speech. She told of the sicknesses and diseases of the islands. She also gave an amusing description of native dressmaking and dress-wearing, and appealed for gifts of clothes for the mission. The faith of Abraham the leper was told in an affecting manner.

F. Filmer spoke of the need of a training institution on Pentecost for native teachers. He spoke of French aggression and of the many difficulties attaching to the joint French and British control which now exists.

Miss Terrell told of some Indian experiences. She told the story of a man who really believed that a three months' old child was his mother-in-law, and who honored his wife because she was the mother of his own mother.

Bro. Jame gave some particulars about the Chinese Missions.

**GREETINGS TO MISSIONARIES.**

Resolved on the motion of F. M. Ludbrook, That fraternal greetings be sent to our missionaries in the foreign mission fields.

**THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.**

The President, J. E. Thomas, delivered his Presidential address, taking for his theme, "The Calls of Christ and the World Upon the Church of To-day." The address will be found in another part of the paper.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

President, F. G. Dunn.  
Vice-President, A. E. Illingworth.  
Treasurer, W. C. Craigie.  
Secretary, A. C. Rankine.  
Assistant Secretary, R. Enniss.  
Acting Executive: H. Kingsbury, W. H. Allen, J. Pittman, A. Millis, R. Lyall, C. Hardie.

*State Executives.*

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA.**—J. E. Thomas, D. A. Ewers, I. A. Paternoster, S. G. Griffith, W. C. Brooker, G. T. Walden.

**NEW SOUTH WALES.**—T. Bagley, T. E. Rofe, L. Rossell, G. Stimson, J. Stimson.

**WEST AUSTRALIA.**—H. J. Banks, W. B. Blakemore.

**QUEENSLAND.**—T. F. Stubbin, L. Gole.

**TASMANIA.**—W. R. C. Jarvis.

*Federal Foreign Mission Executive.*

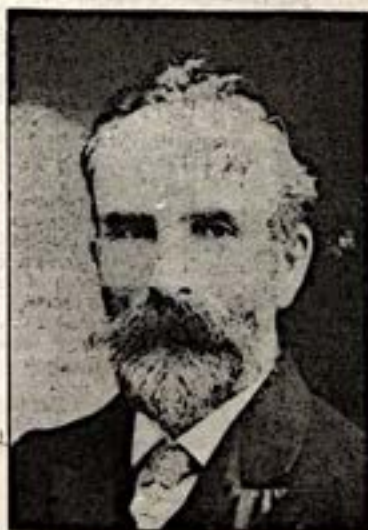
President, F. M. Ludbrook; Treasurer, R. Lyall; Secretary, T. B. Fischer; H. Kingsbury, A. R. Main, Geo. Manifold, A. C. Rankine.

*Board of Management of the College of the Bible.*

F. G. Dunn, W. C. Craigie, C. Hardie, R. Lyall, A. Millis, F. M. Ludbrook, R. C. Edwards.

*Committee of Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Fund.*

T. Rofe, A. E. Illingworth, J. Hunter, L. Rossell, J. F. Ashwood, T. Bagley, J. Stimson.



W. C. CRAIGIE,  
Treasurer, Federal Conference.

**THURSDAY'S SESSION.**

The Conference reassembled on Thursday morning, and was opened by a devotional meeting, under the leadership of G. P. Cuttriss. An address on "Fellowship with God," was given by G. Manifold.

Shortly after 10 o'clock, the President, J. E. Thomas, took the chair, and proceeded with the business of the Conference. G. Stimson, of N.S.W., engaged in prayer.

**Third Report of the Board of Management of the College of the Bible.**

The Board of Management have much pleasure in submitting to the Federal Conference the third report of the College of the Bible. Since the last report was submitted, eighteen months have elapsed, during which period the Board of Management have noticed with satisfaction the growing interest of the brotherhood in the welfare of the College and are grateful for the practical help which has been so freely rendered.

The College has now entered upon the sixth year of its existence, and the progress made during that time has been of the most gratifying nature. It was opened in 1907 with 15 day students in attendance; now there are 40 students in residence and 8 day students. The Board of Management were asked to receive lady students who desired to prepare themselves for the Foreign Mission field. It was agreed to do so, and now there are two sisters on the roll of the College as non-resident students. Two young men, members of other churches, were also admitted into the College at advanced rates. One of these has since been immersed. The Board will be glad to have an expression of opinion from the Conference as to the advisability of admitting other than our own members as students of the College.

With the assistance of the Victorian Home Missionary Committee, a number of the more advanced students have been able to get week-end appointments. This has been helpful to the students and the churches engaging them.

The Board of Management again have to deprecate the practice of churches inducing students to leave the College to accept engagements before they have finished their studies or are qualified to preach. In the opinion of the Board students should not be engaged for preaching unless commended by the Principal of the College.

It is with deep regret that the Board have to record the death of Bro. W. W. Mantell, who for some years had been in charge of the classes for matriculation.

As indicated in last report, A. R. Main assumed the Principalship with the opening of the 1911 College year, and has since filled the position with much success and to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

It is now common knowledge that in addition to his College work during the year, he succeeded in securing a B.A. degree at the Melbourne University so brilliantly, that he will in due course receive the M.A. degree without further examination.

Mr. Main teaches New Testament History, Church History and Christian Doctrine, Logic, Psychology, and English Literature.

Mr. Gordon teaches Old Testament History, Christian Missions and Comparative Religion, Hermeneutics and Exegesis, Homiletics, Apologetics and Ancient History.

Mr. F. H. Samson has charge of the Matriculation Classes.

Mr. J. Howlett Ross takes Elocution, which since the beginning of 1911 has been made one of the compulsory subjects.

Since the opening of the College three students have qualified for its diploma—

J. I. Muddford, matriculating at Melbourne University.

A. B. Chappell, matriculating at Melbourne University.

W. Mansill, matriculating at the University of New Zealand.

R. T. Pittman has qualified since the close of last College year. Opportunity will be taken during Federal Conference meetings to present the Diploma to him.

The late C. L. Thurgood bequeathed to the College his valuable library—mostly modern works. The books have come to hand, and after being suitably inscribed, will be put into service.

In consultation with the Teaching Staff, the Board at the beginning of 1911 revised the courses of study, strengthening and adding to them as experience had shown to be necessary. The courses adopted were published in the form of a Catalogue of the College, copies of which may be obtainable during Conference by those interested.

It is desired to acknowledge here the great kindness of Dr. Embley, in agreeing conditionally to become Honorary Physician to the College. Dr. Embley has given his valuable services freely.

With the opening of 1911 it was found that the College building could not accommodate all the students who wished to enter. Alterations

and additions were made which gave room for 12 more students, and temporarily tiled over the difficulty as far as residential requirements were concerned, but still leaving the overcrowded class rooms. Towards the end of the year the Board was advised there would be a further influx of students with 1912, and was compelled to consider ways and means. Ultimately it was decided that the best and most economical way would be to erect new and larger class rooms in a separate building, with dormitories overhead capable of taking about double the number of present students.

These buildings are now in course of erection

and when finished should meet all demands for a long time to come. The cost will not be much under £2000.

Included in the above estimate is a sum of about £180 for up-to-date sanitary arrangements. The former conveniences were inadequate and a menace to the health of all in the College.

The brother who so generously came forward to the assistance of the Board when the property was purchased, has further increased the indebtedness of the brotherhood to him by advancing a very considerable portion of this sum. From cash is required at least. The Board has the offer of £250 from one member if others will

## THE COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE, GLEN IRIS.

### Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 16th August, 1910, to 23rd February, 1912.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Cash on Hand, August 15, 1910..	£10 4 8	By Salaries—	
Promises Paid and Contributions		A. R. Main ..	321 10 0
Received from Individuals and Churches:—		C. M. Gordon ..	315 0 0
Victoria ..	806 1 6½	W. W. Mantell ..	201 0 0
New South Wales ..	450 19 11	F. H. Samson ..	183 6 0
South Australia ..	450 7 10	J. Howlett Ross ..	21 0 0
West Australia ..	176 9 1	H. G. Harward ..	69 6 8
Tasmania ..	13 2 0		
Queensland ..	150 8 2		
New Zealand ..	119 8 10		
India ..	10 0 0		
	2176 17 4½	Additions and Alterations to Original Buildings	159 4 6
Collection for Library	9 12 8½	Laying on Gas, Painting, Plumbing and Repairs ..	115 10 0
Donation ..	5 0 0	Cleaning and Sundry Expenses ..	48 8 5
	14 12 8½	Municipal and Other Rates, Insurance ..	42 3 8
Students' Fees, etc. ..	232 15 5½	Gas ..	18 12 6
Portion of Amount to be Advanced on New Building ..	500 0 0	Agents and Organising Secretary Postages and Petty Cash, also Tel phone ..	41 4 7
Amount Paid on New Building Transferred to Building Fund ..	902 14 6	Austral Publishing Co., Printing, etc (including two special issues of <i>Australian Christian</i> ) ..	102 17 3
		Furniture ..	69 2 0
		Drapery ..	7 1 1
		Hutchinson & Co. ..	1 16 6
		Interest on Mortgage ..	60 3 2
		Assistance to Organising Secretary ..	14 4 10
		Paid on Account of New Building ..	902 14 6
		Organising Secretary's Travelling Expenses Victoria, N.S.W., S.A., W.A., and Qld ..	93 3 4½
		Postages, etc.—Treasurer ..	11 1 0
		Secretary ..	3 1 0
			14 2 0
		<i>B.C. Magazine</i> —Two Years' Subscription ..	4 4 0
		Legal Charges ..	5 13 0
		Fees Returned to Student ..	2 19 9
		Transferred to Building Fund—	
		Portion of Amount to be Advanced ..	500 0 0
		Special Donations to Building Fund included in General Receipts ..	205 0 0
			705 0 0½
		Library Fund ..	11 12 8
		Cash on Hand ..	102 8 11½
		Balance Building Fund ..	197 14 6
			300 3 5½
	£3837 4 8½		£3837 4 8½

### New Building Fund.

To Donations ..	£205 0 0	By Progress Payments on New Buildings ..	£902 14 6
Portion of Amount to be Advanced	500 0 0		
General Fund ..	197 14 6		
	£902 14 6		£902 14 6

### Library Fund.

To Donations and Collections ..	£14 12 8½	By Balance ..	£14 12 8½
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W. C. CRAIGIE, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,

J. BARNACLE, A.S.A.A., Eng.

Melbourne, 24th February, 1912.

COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE, GLEN IRIS.

Statement of Liabilities and Assets.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
To Mortgage	..	..	.. £2000 0 0	By College Building—			
Balance ..	..	..	.. 1028 13 6	Original Cost ..	..	£1500 0 0	
				Alterations, 1910 ..	..	105 8 0	
				Alterations and Repairs, 1912 ..	..	274 14 6	
				New Buildings Progress Payments ..	..	902 14 6	
							2782 17 0
				Furniture—			
				At Cost, 1907 ..	..	95 7 3	
				" " 1910 ..	..	81 7 3	
				" " 1912 ..	..	69 2 0	
							245 16 6
			£3028 13 6				£3028 13 6

make up £750. £205 has been received already, but in order to secure the amount, £405 is still required.

The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure is presented herewith. It will be noticed that the amount received from promises, donations, and fees, is very nearly double that which was shown in the Statement submitted in 1910, the period covered being practically the same—a few days over 18 months each.

The Board desires to very sincerely thank the brotherhood for this very handsome increase, and take it as an indication of an awakening to the importance of securing an educated corps of preachers.

It is also desired to thank the brotherhood generally for the manner in which they received the Organising Secretary (Mr. C. M. Gordon) on the occasion of his recent tour throughout the States, for the practical kindness shown to him personally as well as for the glorious response to his appeals on behalf of the College.

ATTENDANCES OF MEMBERS.

The number of meetings held by the Board since last Conference has been 21, and the attendance of members as follows:—

F. G. Dunn ..	21
W. C. Craigie ..	21
C. Hardie ..	21
R. Lyall ..	18
A. Millis ..	17
F. M. Ludbrook ..	14
R. C. Edwards ..	2

The Report of the Board of Management of the College of the Bible was considered, and adopted on the motion of F. G. Dunn.

T. E. Rofe spoke of the good work done by the College, and urged its generous support.

Resolved, That the action of the Board of Management in admitting to the College members of other religious bodies be approved, and recommend a continuation of the policy when deemed desirable.

Miss Leedham and Miss Lawrie sang a duet.

Report of the Principal of the College.

We have entered upon our sixth year of work with feelings of gratitude for the blessings and progress of the past. Under the providence of God, the College has grown in favor and usefulness. Prospects were never so bright as now. In our last report to the Federal Conference of 1910, we rejoiced in the possession of nineteen

resident and three non-resident students. At the time of writing we have forty students in residence, and eight who live in their own homes. Amongst these last are two lady students, who are with us under the recent agreement to provide a two years' course (approved by the Federal Foreign Missionary Committee) for lady candidates for Foreign Mission work. Most of our students are preparing for service in the Home land; but eleven have the intention, while one or two more have a present inclination, to labor in the regions beyond. Since last report two have gone to the Foreign field—W. Mansill, representing the New Zealand churches at Bulawayo, and F. G. Goodwin, supported by the Australian churches, in the South Seas.

The work of the College has proceeded in a highly satisfactory manner. A spirit of concord

Apart from class work, we can speak most highly of the men now in the College. They are consecrated and earnest, lovers of Jesus Christ, and filled with a desire to advance his cause. The devotional spirit is cultivated. We have daily prayer services, conducted by the students. The Literary Society, which meets every Monday evening, proves a great help. This, with the bright, well-edited "B.C. Magazine," serves to develop the literary abilities of the students.

Eighteen students are at time of writing engaged in week-end work, at the following places: St. Arnaud, Berwick, Preston, Wonga Park, Meredith, Montrose, South Richmond, Emerald, Blackburn, Bayswater, Harcourt, Box Hill, Croydon, Pakenham, Footscray, Warragul, Fitzroy and Newmarket. The work of these brethren is much appreciated. The churches thus being helped are also assisting the College. Most of our young men have to practise strict self-denial in order to finance their College career, and the churches which thus help are enabling some to finish their course who could not otherwise do so. We are exceedingly sorry when for any cause one has to leave with no course completed.

Hitherto we have been over-crowded. Teachers and students alike are looking forward with eager expectation to the completion of our new building, for this will mean extra comfort and more efficient work. We trust that the improvement will be so marked as to repay the brethren who have so generously responded to the appeal of the Board of Management and Organising Secretary. We pray and labor that the College may grow in favor with God and the brotherhood.

A. R. MAIN.

Resolved, That the report of the Principal of the College be adopted. This was spoken to by A. R. Main.

The balance sheet of the College was adopted on the motion of W. C. Craigie, who explained various items connected with it. T. E. Rofe, R. Lyall, C. M. Gordon and A. Millis spoke to the motion.

C. L. THURGOOD.

On the motion of D. A. Ewers, appreciation was expressed of the gift of books to the College by the late C. L. Thurgood, and sympathy extended to Sister Thurgood in her bereavement.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.

A notice of motion from the W.A. Conference was considered. The motion reads as follows:—

1. That it be a recommendation to the next Federal Conference that a Federal Constitution



A. C. RANKINE, Secretary, Federal Conference.

prevails. Teachers and students work harmoniously together. The students on the whole have been diligent in study and have made good progress. Each teacher reports in similar terms. Mr. Gordon and I can testify to the consistent work done in the Bible Course. Mr. Samson speaks well of the secular work. We are glad to note that an increasing number are desirous of taking the secular studies necessary to secure the College Diploma. The Elocution Class prospers under the capable instruction of Mr. J. Howlett Ross. The confidence of the class in Mr. Ross as a teacher able to give the best for our special needs is resulting in good work. Four of our present students have passed the Junior Public Examination. Two of our last year's men are now attending Melbourne University, viz., A. B. Chappell and R. T. Pittman, the former taking the Medical and the latter the Arts Course. We are glad to know that others also intend to proceed to the University.

for the working of the College of the Bible be adopted. Moved by the W.A. Conference Committee.

It was pointed out by the President that the College of the Bible already had a constitution, and that any alteration must be given notice of in the terms of the Constitution of the Federal Conference.

A notice of motion for the amendment of the Constitution was then given by H. Wright, of W.A., which reads as follows:

That the incoming Committee consider a recommendation for the next Conference to have the various States represented on the College of the Bible Board.

**Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Fund Committee.**

In presenting their report, your Committee wish to express their disappointment at the lack of enthusiasm on the part of the churches in Australia in this effort to make some provision for the Aged and Infirm Evangelists of the Churches of Christ. This is probably to be accounted for not so much from want of sympathy with the object in view as from the fact that they are in possession of so little information regarding the administration and disposition of the proposed fund.

This question, therefore, has been very carefully considered by your Committee, and the outcome of this, is the set of rules and regulations which they have the honor of submitting for your consideration.

For the purpose of establishing a fund, the whole of the churches in the Commonwealth were communicated with, and contributions were invited on the following basis, viz:—

- Churches of 100 or less members, 6d. per week.
- Churches of 100 and less than 200, 9. per week.
- Churches of 200 members and over, 1/- per week.

Some of the churches questioned the equitableness of this apportionment, consequently the position was reviewed by the Committee, and it was decided to alter the rate to 6d. per week for each and every 100 members or part thereof.

Bro. John Hindle, owing to his departure for England, resigned his position on the Committee and Bro. T. E. Rofe accepted the vacant seat. In making this intimation, we also desire to place on record our appreciation of the valuable assistance he gave us in the preparation of the proposed rules, also his generous contribution to the fund.

**JAMES HUNTER,**  
Hon. Sec.

**Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Fund.**

Financial Statement to March 19, 1912.

Receipts.	
New South Wales .. . . .	£168 14 8
Queensland .. . . .	11 6 6
Victoria .. . . .	88 15 6
South Australia .. . . .	91 7 6
Tasmania and New Zealand .. . . .	13 1 0
West Australia .. . . .	6 12 0
Interest .. . . .	13 0 9
	£392 17 11

Expenditure.	
Stamps .. . . .	£2 15 11
Paper .. . . .	0 5 0
Envelopes .. . . .	0 2 0
Stencil .. . . .	0 5 0
Minute Book .. . . .	0 3 1
Cash Book and Ledger .. . . .	1 7 6
Exchange and Bank Charges .. . . .	1 10 6
Secretary—Carbon Copies of Constitution .. . . .	0 8 0
J. Colbourne .. . . .	10 0 0
W. W. Davey .. . . .	13 0 0

Balance forward .. . . . 363 0 11  
 1912 17 11  
 Audited and found correct,  
 W. H. HALL, Auditor.  
 March 19, 1912.

Resolved on the motion of J. Hunter, seconded by A. E. Illingworth, That the report of the Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Committee be adopted.

A draft of "Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Trust" was submitted to the Conference. This has already appeared in the columns of the "Christian" and for that reason is not reported here. The draft was adopted with one alteration, namely, That Rule 6, Section A, was made to read "Aged or Infirm," etc.

The following brethren spoke in regard to the "Trust":—M. W. Green, G. Wright, W. C. Craigie, T. E. Rofe, A. E. Illingworth, J. Hunter, and G. T. Walden.

On the motion of R. Lyall, a vote of thanks was given to the Committee.



R. ENNISS,  
Assistant Secretary, Federal Conference.

**DEVOTIONAL MEETING.**

After the adjournment a devotional meeting was held, under the leadership of A. Hutson, of Queensland.

An address on "The Joy of Service" was given by P. A. Dickson, of South Australia.

At 2.30 the President took the chair.  
 Solo, Mrs. Eaton, of Perth, W.A.

**BIBLE SCHOOL SESSION.**

A. H. Wilson, of S.A., led the meeting in prayer.

An address, "Bible School Organisation," by R. Enniss, of Victoria.

R. Enniss said that he thought we were much indebted to the workers in the past, but he realised that in these days great advances had been made in Bible School organisation. He had read many books on the subject, but many of their suggestions were not practical to our Australian conditions. He hoped to offer suggestions that were of a practical nature. In the first place, he would advocate that the Bible School should be well officered. This was

essential to success. Secondly, he would suggest that a proper system of grading should be introduced. He was also of opinion that classes should be arranged according to age of scholars, exception being made in the case of brighter children. He urged the introduction of supplemental or fundamental lessons. The schools were designed for education and not for the telling of stories. A training class for teachers was an essential thing.

The following brethren spoke of the importance of Bible School work, and in approval of Bro. Enniss' suggestions: T. Bagley, G. Stinson, J. Sharp, T. E. Rofe, G. O. Burchill.

Address, "The Adult Bible Class," by G. E. Chandler, of Victoria.

G. E. Chandler said that the Adult Bible Class was the biggest thing in the Bible School. An organised Adult Bible Class did not wait for things to happen—it made them happen. The Adult Bible Class, he thought, should form part of the Bible School, and be a goal for the scholars to strive to reach. The class helped to solve the problem of how to retain our older scholars. Its work would be materially helped if men and women of the church would become members of the Adult Bible Class. The Bible School as a whole wanted lifting up and made to appear not as a mere childish affair, but as an institution in which all ages could take a part. He would insist on the Adult Bible Class being organised. "Plan your work," says Moninger, "and work your plan." We should advertise the Bible Class; use the printer's ink. Let every member be a live wire. Organise, advertise, and work, were the mottoes he would suggest for the Adult Bible Class.

The address was spoken to by T. E. Rofe, J. Tully, G. T. Walden, R. Lyall, and W. H. Allen.

Solo, Miss Leedham, of S.A.

An address, "Federation in Bible School Work," by G. D. Wright, of S.A.

G. D. Wright said that great possibilities for Bible School work existed in the Commonwealth. He was of opinion that federation in Bible School work would make for progress. A uniform name should be adopted. At present we used in one case Sunday School and in another Bible School. He would also advocate uniform examination schemes, and the adoption of uniform graded lessons. He thought it would be a good thing to have a Bible School day in all the churches of the Commonwealth with a view to increasing the interest of all in Bible School work. A special offering for Bible School work might also be taken up on this day. He agreed with the idea of appointing a Federal Bible School organiser. The federation of the various Bible School Unions would be advisable so as to lead to greater uniformity in method and work.

The following brethren spoke to the address:—P. J. Pond, P. D. McCallum, P. A. Dickson.

On the motion of D. A. Ewers it was resolved, That it be a recommendation to the South Australian S.S. Union Executive to enter into correspondence with the S.S. Executives, with a view to the formation of a Federal S.S. Union.

Address, "Bible School Evangelism," by T. Hagger.

T. Hagger said that to achieve the best results in anything one must have a supreme end in view. The end in view should be the winning of the scholar to Jesus Christ. The teacher who had not this end in view was not properly qualified for his work. The Bible School was a method of work in which the command of the Master to preach the gospel was being carried out. There was no doubt that Bible School work paid. A great percentage of our additions came from the Bible School, and those thus coming made the best members. Moreover, they gave long years of service to the work of Christ. The results were so good that it would pay to put money into the work. He held that the church should finance the school, so that the Bible Schools might be fully equipped for service.

The following brethren spoke in reference to Bible School work, and in appreciation of the addresses delivered:—J. Tully, E. Stanley Tape, J. Sharp, W. H. Allen, P. J. Pond, and J. Hunter.

#### BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

It was resolved, That this Federal Conference of Churches of Christ in the Commonwealth of Australia here assembled, desires to place on record its sympathy with, and appreciation of, the great work that is being done in the distribution of the Word of God by the British and Foreign Bible Society, especially in relation to Foreign Mission work, and pledges itself to give its moral and sympathetic support to its auxiliaries in the various States.

#### LITERATURE A NEGLECTED FORCE.

A Paper, written by J. Inglis Wright, of Dunedin, N.Z., on "Literature, a Neglected Force in Our Work of Evangelisation," was read by C. M. Gordon. This paper we hope to publish in a subsequent issue.

On the motion of G. Cuttriss it was resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be sent to J. Inglis Wright for his valuable paper.

In a previous discussion on the literature question, it was understood that the Acting Executive would give attention to this important branch of our work.

#### Notices of Motion.

1. That it be a recommendation to the next Federal Conference that a Federal Constitution for the working of the College of the Bible be adopted. Moved by the W.A. Conference Committee.

2. That we recommend the extension of the Federal Evangelistic Fund with a view to assisting the work in States where the cause is weak. Moved by D. A. Ewers, on behalf of Federal Executive.

3. That we agree to the appointment of a man in W.A. to meet the immigrants, promising 25/-

per week from the Committee when a suitable man is found, and that we recommend to Federal Conference that the work be continued. Moved by D. A. Ewers, on behalf of Federal Executive.

4. That the Federal Conference take into consideration the advisability of taking steps to advertise our churches, and distribute our literature to immigrants, as they arrive by the various steamers. Moved by the Victorian Home Mission Committee.

5. That the Conference raise funds to support the work at Broken Hill, and appoint a man to assist Bro. Tuck at Railway Town. Moved by the South Australian Home Mission Committee.

The above notices of motion are dealt with in other sections of the Conference reports.

### Federal Foreign Missionary Report.

#### PREAMBLE.

Never before has the report of the Foreign Missionary Committee been so full of encouragement as the one we humbly bring before you. The blessing of God is promised to those who undertake the programme of God, and in endeavoring to do the bidding of our Master we have proved how great is his power to bless. We hereby desire to express our deep gratitude to God for the great work which he has permitted us to accomplish.

#### 1.—INDIA.

India, the land of midnight gloom, with its 318,000,000 people, claims and receives our earnest attention. Christ is waiting for the dawn of day in that vast land and however long the night, the day will break.

#### A.—HARDA.

Our first representative from Australia, MISS MARY THOMPSON, continues her faithful labors at Harda. She works amongst the children and women, teaching them in the schools, in the homes and by the wayside, and she has many homes open to her, where Jesus otherwise would not be known. With her labor Sarubai, our Bible woman, and Bro. M. J. Shah, one of the best of the native evangelists under the Committee.

#### B.—OUR AUSTRALIAN STATION.

Our purely Australian work at Baramati, Diksal and Tandawadi, has been a source of great pleasure to the Committee. BRO. and SISTER H. H. STRUTTON continue there with great success. During the year, Bro. Strutton has preached, taught, and itinerated, taken his place in the affairs of the town as a councillor, superintended the industrial work, and enlarged the work at Diksal. He has been greatly blessed in his work. To show the esteem in which he is held, we might mention that he has been chosen this year to preach the annual convention sermon at Jubbulpore.

BRO. and SISTER WATSON are now settled down in their beloved India. Bro. Watson has been very successful with some medical cases which came to him for treatment, and by this means many a one has been pointed to the great Physician. At present our brother and sister are at Diksal, preaching the gospel, helping the sick and doing a good and solid work for God.

MISS R. F. TILLEY, our new worker among the children, is a universal favorite amongst the children at Baramati. She is a capable and energetic missionary. Her letters are full of interest and she is helping to win the young of India for the Children's Friend.

MISS E. TERRELL resigned her work under the Committee since last Conference. We are glad to have her present at this Conference, and are thankful to God that her health has been restored, and pray that she may soon attain her heart's desire and return to the midnight land to continue her labors for God.

During the year we secured a central room in Baramati, which has been opened as a free reading room, and a place for the discussion of the Word of God. It is fitted out with books, Bibles and papers, and is placed under the charge of

one of the native preachers. We believe this depot will do much good.

The Bampton or thieves' work has not reached the stage we desired, as certain difficulties, mainly concerning water, for irrigation, seem at present to make the scheme difficult of operation. The work therefore is still indefinite. During the year famine conditions prevailed for a considerable time, but late rains relieved the distress to some little extent. The famine gave an opportunity to reach some who otherwise would not have come under the influence of the gospel, and for the door thus opened we thank God.

As will be noted by the statistics, we have now 9 native preachers, 6 Bible women, and 7 orphans on our station; and these, together with our missionaries, form a noble band of workers for God.

#### C.—DALTONGANJ.

Whilst it does not come directly under our work, yet we have an interest in the labors of BRO. and SISTER G. P. PITTMAN, of Daltonganj. They come from Australia, and we support two natives under them. Bro. and Sister Pittman have each been successful with their language study, Bro. Pittman having taken second place in the examination. They now have a church of 16 members, and hold four meetings each Sunday in three locations, and a Bible School with 23 scholars. Each day a school is held, as well as preaching, amongst the people in the bazaar. MISS A. D. ALLEN has for the present gone to Bankipore to help in the work there and to gain experience.

#### 2.—CHINA.

A third of the world's population is found in the land of China. Revolution and unrest have been manifest, but we believe God's time has come for a greater work to be done, as China takes her place amongst the great nations of the world.

Our representative at Shanghai is MISS R. L. TONKIN, who is actively engaged in the work amongst the women of the factories and the girls and children. The work has shown a steady growth. Miss Tonkin has a class of 12 women learning to read. During the year several of these decided for Christ. Our missionary has gathered a family of orphans and neglected girls about her and is training them for future work as Bible women; six of these are supported from Australia at £5 each per year. Miss Tonkin is highly thought of by her fellow missionaries; and Bro. J. Ware writes of her:—"You will find no more devoted or consistent worker than Miss Tonkin. She has been with us ever since she came to China, and we know her. She is doing a good work, and, if you could hear some of her women read who less than two years ago did not know a single character, you would marvel. Your Committee must stick to her, for they have no better missionary in their ranks."

#### 3.—JAPAN.

The work in the Sunrise Kingdom is testifying to the power of the gospel. God's eternal purposes include the evangelisation of Japan, and mighty things have been accomplished there. May he who made us mighty, make us mightier still.

BRO. and SISTER P. A. DAVEY continue at Tokyo, Japan, where their efforts are crowned with success. Bro. Davey preaches and evangelises and is also much sought after for educational classes. Mrs. Davey's work lies in the exercise of her musical talent. She has a weekly singing class attended by the young men from the Y.M.C.A.

Bro. Davey writes: "In this report I wish to record my firm conviction that the Churches of Christ as a people have in Japan, duties written large for them by the Master's hand. Our deep and widely proclaimed conviction of a God-given mission, our intense evangelistic spirit, our wealth of men and money, and, above all, our Pentecostal power is needed here and now. Millions in Japan are thirsting with a thirst which only

the Water of Life can quench. On comparatively few, drops of mercy have fallen. For the multitudes, "Tis for the showers we plead."

#### 4.—NEW HEBRIDES.

The isles of the sea are stretching out their hands to God. Christ is stretching out his hands to the South Seas. We, as followers of Christ, are attempting to join hands by linking the isles to God, and so make these gems of the Pacific Immanuel's land.

#### A.—AOBA.

During the year Bro. F. J. PURDY felt compelled on account of ill-health to resign the superintendency of the work on Aoba. The Committee accepted his resignation, and hereby desire to acknowledge their esteem for Bro. and Sister Purdy. We pray that our brother may soon be restored to good health. Bro. Purdy's work began in Queensland amongst the Kanakas, and when they returned to the islands, Bro. Purdy, out of love to God and them, established the Aoba mission. Through the blessing of God there are now 614 members in that island, ministered to by two white missionaries and 46 native teachers in 40 different locations. BRO. and SISTER GORDON GOODWIN have been selected to take up the great work on the Island. They are at present on the Island of Pentecost, and as soon as Bro. and Sister Filmer return to their work, Bro. and Sister Goodwin will proceed to Aoba to take charge. Through the providence of God, BRO. and SISTER WATERS, returned missionaries from South Africa, were secured to control the work on Aoba for a few months. The Committee are thankful to have been able to secure these experienced workers, who from reports and letters to hand, are doing an active work and are being blessed of God.

#### B.—PENTECOST.

In October last BRO. and SISTER FILMER, our missionaries at Bannatmat, came up to Australia for their furlough. Bro. and Sister Filmer's work has been of a very varied description, and the labors of these devoted servants of God are highly appreciated by the Committee. During the year 45 have been baptised into Christ, but this by no means represents all the work. Our missionary is the island doctor, adviser, peacemaker, and friend of many. Opposition from unscrupulous traders, from the Roman Catholics, and from the heathen make the work difficult, but God is greater than all those who are against us, and truth is winning its widening way. During Bro. and Sister Filmer's stay in Australia, a baby girl was born to them. We expect the presence of these missionaries at the Federal Conference, and will hear from their own lips what wonders God has wrought. BRO. and SISTER F. G. GOODWIN are supplying Bro. and Sister Filmer's place till their return. A new chapel was in course of erection when Bro. Filmer left, and this Bro. Goodwin is completing and plastering. They are busy settling down to their new conditions, learning the habits of the islands, and superintending the work. Bro. Goodwin writes: "I am more than pleased with both the people and the place. As a whole the Christians would surpass the average of our own churches. For a number of the teachers and some of the young boys, all I can say is that my heart goes out to them, and I just feel that I could do anything for them. Some of the teachers here would compare favorably with the famous teachers of Bologna. We have a band of workers of whom we might well be proud."

An institution for the training of native teachers has had the consideration of the Committee. To carry out such a scheme would mean the erection of a building, the financial support of the candidates, at least for the first year, and the employment of another missionary to act as Principal of the school. This matter is referred to the Federal Conference for earnest deliberation.

An extension of work to the neighboring island of Maewo has been contemplated, and, provided a suitable worker is forthcoming, this matter will probably receive attention in the future.

#### 5.—CHINESE MISSIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

The vision of the Chinese here in our midst should make us realise that here, right at our door, God tests us as to the sincerity of our missionary desires. Let us all catch the vision. Where there is no vision the people perish.

The work among the Chinese in Australia continues as usual. The work is not always easy, but a large band of voluntary workers toil on in patience, and with profit to the Chinese. The Committee desires to place on record their appreciation of the helpers and teachers in the various Chinese missions. Reference to the statistics will show that there have been 13 additions for the year in the four States.

In Adelaide the mission has from various causes been very poorly attended of late, but a brief visit from Bro. Jame, it is hoped, will improve matters.

In Perth the Chinese were asked to unite in holding a united gospel service with the other missions of that city, but after consideration decided to remain firm to our position as regards baptism and the Lord's Supper.

In Sydney strenuous and successful efforts have been made to raise money for a building and



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Federal Foreign Mission President.

land, and developments in the purchase of land are expected at any time. The delay so far has been occasioned through the difficulty of securing a piece of land suitable in situation and reasonable in price.

In Melbourne the work has felt the absence of Bro. Jame, but the local brethren are doing good service both on the Lord's day and in the conduct of a Saturday evening meeting for Bible study.

There are now 97 Chinese brethren in Australia and 140 are attending the educational classes.

BRO. W. JAME, our Chinese evangelist, has been in New South Wales for most of his time, and has done a good work in building up one of the largest Chinese mission attendances in Sydney. He is due in South Australia for a few weeks to assist the brethren there and will then return to New South Wales for a while. He is greatly esteemed and highly respected by his fellow countrymen.

#### 6.—STATISTICAL.

It is estimated that one-half of the human race have not had, and do not have to-day, an opportunity of learning of Jesus.

The statistical schedules have been prepared and in the case of Table 1, are up to December 31, 1911; and Table 2 up to the end of the F.C.M.S.'s year. Figures are always difficult to secure, and

when available do not always give a correct view of the situation. We believe the work done to be greater than the figures show. Much of the faithful service and heroic toil can never be tallied, and eternity alone will reveal the true outcome of the year's work. With joy we direct attention to the fact that there have been 331 additions for the year.

#### 7.—FINANCIAL.

Not how much of my money will I give to God, but how much of God's money will I keep for myself?

The Committee have pleasure in acknowledging the generous response of the brotherhood to the claims of Foreign Mission work. The income from all the States, allowing for balance on hand last March of £73/19/5, amounts to £384/1/1, which also includes two items from New Hebrides, viz.: £58/2/5, contributed by the mission at Oba and £36/9/7 from Pentecost. The expenditure totals £348/4/4, and a balance remains of £479/16/2, which will help to cover expenses of new work which it may be necessary to undertake very soon.

Improvements have been made to mission property in Baramati and we hope to extend the work there on sound and progressive lines. The total expenditure on mission property now amounts to £1920/6/5.

The Committee trust the future work will receive the continued support of the brotherhood.

#### 8.—CONSTITUTION.

May we never be content with small things, but on a common basis let us as a Federal Commonwealth unite in prayer and work to plan the great work of God.

Following the instructions of the last Federal Conference, a Constitution was drawn up by the Federal Executive Committee, and after careful and exhaustive discussion by the States Committees it was finally adopted as follows:—

Article 1. The name shall be "The Federal Foreign Missionary Committee of Churches of Christ in Australia."

Article 2. Its object shall be to make disciples of all nations, and teach them to observe all things that Christ has commanded.

Article 3. This organisation shall be composed of a Committee from each co-operating State, to be designated "The State Foreign Missionary Committee," and an Executive Committee to be known as "The Federal Foreign Missionary Executive Committee."

Article 4. The State F.M. Committees shall be appointed at the annual State Conference, or in accordance with the custom of the States they represent. The Federal F.M. Executive Committee shall be appointed at the Federal Conference. Vacancies occurring in any State Committee shall be filled according to the custom of such State. The Federal F.M. Executive Committee to have power to fill any vacancy which may occur in its body.

Article 5. The officials of the State Committee shall consist of such officers as each State shall see fit to determine.

Article 6. The officials of the Federal F.M. Executive Committee shall consist of President, Treasurer, and Secretary, to be elected at the Federal Conference. Any alteration in connection with the same shall be dealt with according to Article 10.

Article 7. The officers of the Committees, both State and Federal, shall constitute Executives, with power to deal with and transact business if necessary, during the intervals between the regular Committee meetings. A majority shall be competent to transact business.

Article 8. For the purpose of the unification of the work, the minutes of each State F.M. Committee meeting shall be sent to the Federal F.M. Executive Committee, who in turn will send their minutes to each State F.M. Committee.

Article 9. Subject to Article 10, it shall be the duty of the Federal F.M. Executive Committee



to deal with all matters affecting the work, to appoint missionaries or workers, fix their compensation, direct their labors, transact the necessary business with the missionaries, or make arrangements to that effect, control the arrangements for buildings, control the publications connected with the work of the Committee, and present a report and financial statement to each Federal Conference.

Article 10. The Federal F.M. Executive Committee shall, after discussing matters affecting the work of the fields or the States, submit the matter to the State F.M. Committees for their approval or otherwise. The final settlement by the Federal F.M. Executive Committee of matters thus dealt with to be guided by the decisions of the State F.M. Committees. Discretionary powers to be invested in the Federal F.M. Executive Committee in cases of extreme urgency.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of each State F.M. Committee to report to the Federal F.M. Executive Committee on each candidate from such State for service under the Committee, subsequent action on such report shall be in accordance with Article 10.

Article 12. The Federal F.M. Executive Committee and each State F.M. Committee shall have power to appoint its own meetings, enact its own by-laws and rules of order, provided always they be not inconsistent with the Constitution of this organisation.

Article 13. This Constitution may be amended at any time by a decision of two-thirds of the Committees forming the Federal F.M. Committee, provided that three months' notice in writing of any such amendment shall have been given to the Federal F.M. Executive Committee; and that the Federal F.M. Executive Committee shall have given one month's notice, in writing, to every State F.M. Committee of any such amendment, before the final vote is taken.

## 9.—NATIVE TEACHERS, EVANGELISTS, BIBLE WOMEN, ORPHANS, etc.

Never before in the history of the Society have there been so many natives supported in the Foreign field by the Committee. With gratitude, the Committee acknowledges the valued financial assistance rendered by Societies and brethren and sisters for the support of natives.

The following is a list of natives and locations:

### CHINA.—SHANGHAI.

- Mrs. Li. Victorian Sisters (per Mrs. Zelius).
- Beulah. Christian Workers' Society, Hindmarsh, S.A.
- Ae-Pan. Grote-st. Mission Band.
- Phoebe. Unley Sunday School, S.A.
- Ae-Noen. Mrs. R. Daniels, Long Plain, S.A.
- Hannah. Mrs. Batt's Class, Paddington, N.S.W.
- Mrs. Lai or Ung Foh. Sisters, N.S.W.
- Orphan Girl. Mrs. J. A. Parker, Parkside, S.A.

### INDIA.—BARAMATI AND DIKSAL.

- Anand Rao. C.E., Claremont, Subiaco, Kalgoolie, W.A.
- Bulsingh Teral. W. Charlick, Unley, S.A.
- Dinka B. Garde. Perth C.E., W.A.
- Mahadoo. "Gratitude," Victoria.
- Nanjio Bhao. W. Charlick, Unley, S.A.
- Viriji Khamji. W. Charlick, Unley, S.A.
- Pyara. Hobart Church and School, Tasmania.
- Sushilabai. Sisters of Victoria.
- Terasingh Bhao. W. Charlick, Unley, S.A.
- Waman Rao Giak-wao. College of the Bible.
- Tarabai and Savitrabai. W.A. Sisters.
- Bahardar Singh. Hawthorn C.E., Victoria.
- Ratthoo Dhoiver. Bet Bet, Victoria.
- Shantiabai, Jewantibai, and Sagundabai. Tasmanian Sisters.
- Khimu. Supported by General Funds.
- Ranji. Supported by General Funds.
- Dhairs. Supported by General Funds.
- Ponjo. Norwood Bible School, S.A.
- Vehar. Kariwa C.E., Victoria.

### DALTONGANJ.

- Prathu Sahay. Glenelg Church, S.A.
- Benjamin Sahay. Young People, Glenelg, S.A.

- Phallia. Sisters of Victoria, per Mrs. Zelius.
- Multoo. North Adelaide and Prospect, S.A.
- Priam Singh. Norwood, S.A., F.M.S.
- Orphan. F.M. Band, Grote-st., Adelaide, S.A.
- Orphan. Enmore Bible Class.
- Orphan. Marrickville Bible Class, N.S.W.

### JAPAN.—TOKYO.

- A Student. Enmore Helping Hand, Petersham S.S., and Paddington Bible Class.

### NEW HEBRIDES.—AOBA.

- Peter Pentecost. Milne Family, Bordertown, S.A.
- Albert. Jas. Newby, Maclean, N.S.W.
- Hakwanalivuki. Jas. Newby, Maclean, N.S.W.
- Tokovindolua. P. Bryce, Cheltenham, Victoria.
- Also 42 other native teachers, supported from General Funds.

### PENTECOST.

- Philip Sinsim. Sunday School, Ualey, S.A.
- Daniel Bulavario. Sunday School, Unley, S.A.
- Joseph Bulagrew. Ma Ma Creek, Queensland.
- Thomas Tumstum. Paddington C.E., N.S.W.
- Simon Boulesko. Winter Family, Inglewood Forest, N.S.W.



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Federal Foreign Mission Secretary.

### HARDA, etc.

- Minnill. Sisters of Victoria, per Mrs. Zelius.
- Sarubai. Sisters of Victoria, per Mrs. Zelius.
- M. J. Shah. Doncaster Mission Band, Vic.
- Mrs. M. J. Shah. Doncaster Mission Band, Vic.
- Bhaktidal. Ballarat C.E., Vic.
- Eshhar or another. New South Wales C.E.
- Saru. City Temple Bible Class, N.S.W.
- Sampson Malaito. Enmore C.E., N.S.W.
- William Tabymancoon. Bendigo, Vic.
- Luke Bussar. Sisters of W.A.
- Moses Warback. Supported from General Funds.
- David Bullammerriss. Supported from General Funds.
- Samuel Povio. Supported from General Funds.
- James New Ireland. Supported from Gen. Funds.
- Philip Sinsim. Supported from General Funds.
- Peter Lengta. Supported from General Funds.
- Tom Tumout. Supported from General Funds.
- Philip Tamarong. Supported from General Funds.
- Moses Tommasses. Supported from Gen. Funds.
- Isalah Robamm. Supported from General Funds.
- David Bilacoonbok. Supported from Gen. Funds.

### AFRICA.

- A native. College of the Bible, Victoria.

### 10.—EDITORIAL.

The power of the pen and the Press have been used to supply facts to act as missionary fuel. Thousands have been led to think, and weep and pray and act and give to world-wide evangelisation.

The Committee acknowledge with gratitude their indebtedness to the Austral Publishing Co.

and to Bro. F. G. Dunn, for the space granted in the "Australian Christian" and "Pure Words." These F.M. pages in our papers have been widely read and appreciated. The annual Foreign Mission numbers of the "Christian" and "Pure Words" with an aggregate issue of about 12,000 copies, were large factors in the success of the annual offering.

The Children's Day Exercises were prepared this year by the Secretary, and largely used. The N.S.W. schools used the American exercises. Additional four-page F.M. leaflets and tracts have been prepared, and can be procured free of cost from the Secretary. Missionary post-cards have also been issued, and have found a ready sale. In one State a Missionary bi-monthly has been issued, and in two other States the matter has been in the minds of the brethren. The Committee would be glad to have an expression from the Federal Conference as to their views concerning the establishment of a Foreign Missionary paper by the Committee.

### 11.—SECRETARIAL.

The Lord's work as well as man's work calls for business methods, and to send the gospel to the heathen is the greatest business of the church.

With the growth of the work the Secretarial duties have rapidly increased. The whole work, however, is carried on with despatch and with approved business methods. With the adoption of a Constitution the work has been placed on a better basis. A manual is also being prepared. This has been receiving earnest consideration for some time past, and will be issued in the near future.

The State Secretaries, G. T. Walden, New South Wales; L. Gole, Queensland; L. A. Pater-noster, S.A.; N. J. Warmbrun, Tasmania; and W. B. Blakemore, West Australia, have been of great assistance in their respective departments. The missionaries have received regular letters and all secretarial matters have received prompt attention.

### 12.—FRATERNAL.

While vast continents are shrouded in pagan gloom, and hundreds of millions suffer the bondage of heathenism, Great Britain, America and Australia join hand in hand to dispel the darkness of heathenism and crown Jesus Lord of all.

Missions break down all barriers, and Great Britain, New Zealand, U.S.A., and Australia are all linked together in the great work.

Through Great Britain we support two natives. Through the F.C.M.S., four white workers and several natives; and through New Zealand, one native. Our association is of the very happiest.

The F.C.M.S. sends us constant notes of their work and copies of the "Missionary Intelligencer," one of the finest missionary periodicals in the world. Since last Conference BRO. and SISTER D. C. McCALLUM have gone to the Philippine Islands, under the F.C.M.S. The Federal Conference is asked to give an expression as to whether it desires the Committee to assist in the support or partial support of these workers as living links under the F.C.M.S.

### 13.—CANDIDATURE.

The word of God commands us,  
The lands in need entreat us,  
The love of Christ constrains us,  
Here am I; Send me! Send me!

The growth of the missionary spirit is manifested in the number of candidates who apply for service. Many apply whose applications cannot be entertained because they are too old, or have not the necessary health or equipment. The Committee cannot too strongly impress upon prospective candidates the advisability of preparing to thoroughly equip themselves as early in life as possible for the great work in the regions beyond. Of the candidates since last Conference five have been accepted, namely, Bro. and Sister H. Watson, Bro. and Sister F. G. Goodwin and Sister R. F. Tilley, whilst Bro. and Sister Waters have been accepted for a short term. There are also five now taking or about to take equipment

from whom the Committee expect to receive further application when their equipment is complete.

### 14.—MEMORABILIA.

"There are 300 churches in Australia, not a single one of which is anti-missionary or o-missionary."—F. M. Rains.

The Committee desire to express their gratification at the fine body of students in the College of the Bible, and are glad to note the intense interest they have in mission work.

Gratitude is expressed to those who have assisted in the work during the year in any way by collecting the penny per week or other offerings, by giving goods for Pentecost, by speaking or exhorting on missions, by helping to arouse an interest in others, and by assisting the F.M. gathering at Conference and at other occasions, to the church secretaries of Australia for their ready co-operation, and to the many who are helping the Committee to carry out the Divine programme.

### 15.—COMMITTEE.

The whole work of the whole Committee is to give the whole gospel to the whole world.

The following comprise the Federal Executive Committee:

President, F. M. Ludbrook; Treasurer, R. Lyall; Secretary, T. B. Fischer; H. Kingsbury, W. A. Kemp, A. R. Main, A. C. Rankine. The Committee has worked most harmoniously together. Twenty-two meetings have been held. The following is a record of attendances:—

F. M. Ludbrook . . . . . 18  
R. Lyall . . . . . 20

T. B. Fischer . . . . . 22  
H. Kingsbury . . . . . 14  
W. A. Kemp . . . . . 19  
A. R. Main, appointed March, 1911 . . . . . 10  
A. C. Rankine, appointed November, 1911 . . . . . 4  
P. A. Dickson, resigned November 11 . . . . . 5  
T. R. Morris, resigned February, 1911 . . . . . 1

The Committee meetings are held in the Swanston-st. Chapel. Gratitude is hereby expressed to the Swanston-st. officers and to the church caretaker, Bro. Dowe, for their unflinching kindness and courtesy.

### 16.—FINIS.

The lantern bearer does not see the road before him, nor is the mystic future open to our eyes, but the same Christ whose hand has led us will still lead us on to attempt great things in our missionary endeavors.

"In the purpose of God stands the triumph of Christ;

The end is assured, for the word has been spoken;

His promise for yesterday's victory sufficed; It holds for to-day, and shall never be broken.

Forth then in faith, be thou faithful to death, Expect the fulfilment of all that he saith,

Though 'gainst us should rise all the powers of Hell,

We hail thee world's victor, IMMANUEL"

T. B. FISCHER, Secretary.

On the motion of R. Lyall, it was resolved, That the F.M. Committee's Report be adopted.

## PENTECOST.

It was resolved, That the clause relating to the training of natives be referred to the F.M. Committee, to be carried out if they deem it desirable.

Various points in regard to the F.M. report were discussed by T. B. Fischer, R. Lyall, W. R. C. Jarvis, and G. T. Walden.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

In regard to subsidising the work at the Philippine Islands, conducted under the



R. LYALL,

Federal Foreign Mission Treasurer.

auspices of our American brethren, it was decided that it was not desirable to do so, in view of the fact that our policy in regard to future Foreign Mission work was more in the direction of forming Australian stations than in affiliation work, and that such work demanded all our available resources.

## DRAFT OF FOREIGN MISSION CONSTITUTION.

The draft of the Foreign Mission Constitution was adopted with two or three small alterations, which are as follows:—

Resolved, That Article 13 be altered to read, "This Constitution may be amended at any time by the Federal Conference, provided that three months' notice," etc.

Resolved, That the following words be added to Article 10:—"When time will not permit the other States being consulted."

Resolved, That in Article 4, after the words, "appointed at the Federal Conference," the following addition be made:—"and shall include four members in addition to the officials mentioned in Article 6."

## VOTE OF THANKS TO THE PRESS.

I. A. Paternoster moved, That the thanks of the Conference be given to the Melbourne Press for the reports given by it of our proceedings.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be given to T. B. Fischer for his splendid work as Organising Secretary.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be given to the President and others

TABLE 1.

Tabular Statement of the Federal Foreign Missionary Committee of Australia.

	FIELDS										TOTALS
	SHANGHAI, CHINA	INDIA		*TOKYO, JAPAN	NEW HEBRIDES		CHINESE MISSIONS				
		BARAKATI AND DIBRAL	*HARDA		AOHA	PENTECOST	ADLAIDE	MELBOURNE	PERTH	SYDNEY	
ESTABLISHED ... ..	1890	1905	1882	1904	1907	1904	1900	1893	1905	1899	
Additions for year ...	60	11	18	139	56	45	1	1	2	9	342
Present Membership ...	169	43	108	386	614	306	6	29	10	42	1723
MISSIONARIES AND HELPERS											
Male ... ..	2	2	2	2	1	2					11
Married Ladies ...	2	2	2	2	1	2					11
Single Women ...	1	1	3	3							8
Native Evangelists ...	4	8	7	6						1	26
Native Teachers ...	5		35		46	19					105
Bible Women and Other Helpers ... ..	8	6	2	15							31
Total Workers ... ..	22		51	28	48	23				1	172
MEETINGS—											
No. of Locations ...	5	**	4	16	40	17	1	1	2	1	87
No. each Sunday ...	9	**	2	**	**	51	2	3	2	2	71
No. on Week Days ...	9	**	5	**	**	170	2	4	1	2	193
SCHOOLS & C.—											
Sunday Schools ...	3	**	13	16	1		1	1	1		36
Scholars ... ..	300	**	661	757	23		7	24	15		1787
Educational Schools ...	6	**	8	4	20	170	1	1	1	1	212
Scholars ... ..	328	**	611	340	**	**	12	83	14	31	269
C.E. Societies ...	2		1								3
Members ... ..	61		82								143
MEDICAL—											
No. of Treatments ...		From Aug. to Dec.	17,973								18,426

\*Figures include the F.C.M.S. with whom our Missionaries work.

\*\*Figures not to hand.

who have helped to make the Conference a success.

Resolved, That the greetings of the Conference be sent to Bro. T. J. Gore.

Resolved, That the greetings of the Conference be sent to our boys in America.

Resolved, on the motion of D. A. Ewers, That the notice of motion standing in his name and the request from Tasmania be referred to the Acting Executive for favorable consideration.

Resolved, That the time and place of holding the next Conference be referred to the Acting Executive.

The doxology and the benediction brought a very successful business session to a close.

**A MEETING OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS.**

A meeting of brethren engaged in preaching and other departments of Christian work was held in the Christian chapel, Lygon-st., on Tuesday afternoon, the 9th inst. Owing to the absence of T. J. Gore, a change was made in the programme, A. R. Main taking the chair and J. Pittman giving the paper on "Present Day Problems." The paper was freely discussed by a number of those present, and this, with devotional exercises, made a profitable afternoon. Later on we hope to publish Bro. Pittman's excellent paper.

**SOCIAL REUNION.**

At the close of the above-mentioned meeting, an adjournment was made to Sargent's Cafe, where one of the most interesting meetings of the Conference was held.

H. Kingsbury, the President-elect of the Victorian Conference, presided, and gave a hearty welcome to all the representatives and visitors present. After dinner responses were given by J. E. Thomas, of South Australia; G. T. Walden, of New South Wales; H. Wright, of West Australia; A. Hutson, of Queensland; F. G. Dunn, of Victoria; C. Hale, of Tasmania; F. Goodwin, representing New Zealand; and W. H. Allen, representing the United States.

T. Hagger led the meeting in prayer. The meeting was very much enjoyed by all present, and was felt to be a help in promoting social intercourse.

**BIBLE SCHOOL UNION DEMONSTRATION.**

A Bible School Union Demonstration was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, the 9th inst., G. Stimson, President of the Bible School Union of N.S.W., occupying the chair.

Greetings to other Bible School Unions were given by T. B. Fischer, President of the Victorian Bible School Union, which were responded to by J. E. Thomas, the South Australian President, and G. Stimson, the N.S.W. President.

An address was delivered by E. Stanley Tape, of Ballarat, Vic., and was listened to with great attention.



G. STIMSON,  
President, N.S.W. Bible School Committee,  
who presided at the Federal Bible School Demonstration.

The greater part of the programme was furnished by the Bible School Union, the choir of 500 voices giving some very fine pieces. An action song, "Children of Jerusalem," was well rendered, but the feature of the evening were two concerted action pieces, entitled respectively, "Gospel Light," and "Flower Bells." The first of these, we understand, was given by members of the Cheltenham school, and the second by the Lygon-st. school. Both pieces produced effects that were pleasing and at-

tractive. Mr. Garnet Canterford gave a solo entitled, "Nazareth," and the male chorus, "The Lower Lights." The whole formed a very fine programme, and amply satisfied the great audience that was present.

**EDUCATIONAL DEMONSTRATION.**

A splendid meeting in the interests of education was held on Wednesday night, in the Masonic Hall.

A. E. Illingworth led in prayer. J. E. Thomas, the retiring President, announced the new officers, and suitably introduced the new President, F. G. Dunn, who on rising was greeted with applause. He desired to thank the Federal Conference for the great honor which had come to him unsought. The work to be done would be done for the Commonwealth and the glory of God. He urged the churches to remain loyal to the truth, never wavering or doubting, for by doing this victory would be ours.

The South Australian Choir sang "How lovely are the Messengers." For an encore they sang, "Peace, be Still."

A. R. Main, the Principal of the College of the Bible, spoke on "Aspects of the Educational Problems." He said that two facts are evident: 1st, That there are educational problems; and 2nd, That the problems are so great that we can

**TABLE 2.**

**Tabular Statement of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society of U.S.A.**

	MISSIONS									TOTALS
	AFRICA	CHINA	CUBA	ENGLAND	INDIA	JAPAN	PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	SCANDINAVIA	TIBET	
WHEN ESTABLISHED ...	1899	1886	1899	1876	1882	1883	1901	1876	1903	
Additions for the year ...	559	221	13	112	68	246	771	13	8	2,011
Present membership ...	1,187	969	177	1,629	958	1,297	4,643	131	10	11,001
<b>MISSIONARIES AND HELPERS—</b>										
Male ...	10	24	1	13	19	10	8	6	5	96
Wives ...	7	17	1		13	10	6	1	2	57
Single Women ...	2	10			8	10	2			32
Native Evangelists ...	127	28	2		22	18	19		4	220
Native Teachers ...	26	60			103	23	9			221
Bible Women and Other Helpers ...	159	95	2		33	24	4		1	318
Places of regular meeting ...	84	45	5	19	14	47	71	3	1	289
Sunday Schools ...	84	26	5	16	47	51	35	3	1	248
Sunday School membership ...	4,775	1,543	231	2,065	2,338	2,915	1,993	240	100	16,200
C.E. Societies ...	35	13	2	14	7	3	5			79
C.E. Membership ...	1,168	263	105	358	346	47				2,285
<b>EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS—</b>										
Bible Colleges ...		1			1	2	2			7
Students ...	150	24			34	27	60			295
Boarding Schools ...	2				2					4
Pupils ...	24				200					224
High Schools ...		3			1	2				6
Students ...		325			100	162				587
Day Schools ...	22	26			21	5	1		1	76
Pupils ...	1,014	868			1,611	420	15		15	3,943
Total number under instruction	1,188	1,234			1,945	669	45		15	5,096
<b>MEDICAL WORK—</b>										
Hospitals and dispensaries ...	4	7			10		2		1	24
In-patients ...	15	1,724			672		114		30	2,555
Out-patients ...	50	24,458			28,941		18,139			71,588
Treatments ...	31,540	48,871			52,324		18,253		7,000	157,988

only take a glimpse of them. We must get such a standard of education that we can meet men on their own ground. There is in every congregation some one who knows, and we must be prepared to meet the man who knows. We have a mission to the out-cast, but maybe the educated are neglected even more than these. We need a higher entrance to the College, and need to face the problem of the length of stay in the College. Each year makes the work more effective, but with many a lengthy stay is not possible. The need is evident for an en-

downment fund. Christian education is the finest education a man can ever have. We need it so that we can make a simple, clear and more thoughtful explanation of the Word of God.

The students sang, "Onward and Upward," and for an encore, "Melbourne for Christ."

G. T. Walden, of N.S.W., spoke on "Education and Our Plea." There are important thoughts associated with the subject. We believe God works through means. God

has put the Sword of the Spirit in the hands of the faithful men and women. Jesus, in all his intercourse with the lawyers, was able to confound them with his masterly knowledge of the Scriptures. Some of us will be living 50 years hence, and will see wonderful possibilities; and as we go back to our various States, we will not forget before the throne of grace these fine young men, and those who are giving their cultured, consecrated services.

The Diploma of the College was pre-

### FOREIGN MISSION FUND—FEDERAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance, March, 1911 . . . . . £73 19 5	Amounts Expended to March, 1912—
Contributions received to March, 1912—	<b>India—</b>
<b>New South Wales—</b>	<b>Australian Station, Baramati, India—</b>
Received by N.S.W. Committee—From Churches, Members, Endeavor Societies, Schools . . . . . 998 12 8	H. H. Strutton and Mrs. Strutton, Allowances, including travelling expenses to India . . . . . £262 10 0
Sundry Amounts received from Oba Mission . . . . . 58 2 5	H. Watson and Mrs. Watson, Allowances, including travelling expenses to India . . . . . 194 7 4
Sundry Amounts received from Pentecost Mission . . . . . 36 9 7	Miss Tilley, Allowance . . . . . 100 0 0
Received direct by Federal F.M. Com. . . . . 18 12 6	Mrs. Strutton's Bible Woman . . . . . 8 0 0
	For Native Workers . . . . . 107 10 0
	For Benevolent and Medical Work . . . . . 110 0 0
	For Improvements and Repairs to Buildings . . . . . 120 0 0
<b>Queensland—</b>	For Other Expenses . . . . . 20 0 0
From Churches, Members, Endeavor Societies and Schools . . . . . 210 12 2	For Travelling Expenses, Missionaries in Australia . . . . . 26 10 6
	948 17 10
<b>South Australia—</b>	<b>India—</b>
From Churches, Members, Endeavor Societies, Mission Bands and Schools (including £77/8/6 Balance on hand, March, 1911) . . . . . 1150 16 11	Miss Mary Thompson, Allowance . . . . . 130 0 0
<b>Tasmania—</b>	For Bible Women . . . . . 23 6 0
From Churches, Members and Schools . . . . . 52 18 7	For Benevolent Work . . . . . 10 0 0
<b>Western Australia—</b>	For Support of Orphans . . . . . 15 7 6
From Churches, Members, and Schools (including £36/19/3 Balance on hand, March, 1911) . . . . . 150 15 6	M. J. Shah, Allowance . . . . . 44 0 0
<b>Victoria—</b>	222 13 6
From Churches, Members, Endeavor Societies, Mission Bands, Schools, and Sisters' Special Contributions . . . . . 1109 8 8	<b>India—Daltonganj—</b>
<b>Sundry Contributions—</b>	Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pitman, Sent by S.A. Committee . . . . . 32 0 0
(Including Interest on Invested Funds, £26) . . . . . 97 12 1	<b>China—</b>
	Miss R. L. Tonkin, Allowance . . . . . 150 0 0
	For Bible Women . . . . . 24 8 0
	For Benevolent Work . . . . . 25 0 0
	For Famine Relief . . . . . 18 5 0
	For Support of Orphans . . . . . 25 0 0
	242 13 0
	<b>Japan—</b>
	P. A. Davey and Mrs. Davey, Allowance 180 0 0
	Benevolent Work . . . . . 10 0 0
	W. D. Cunningham . . . . . 8 0 0
	198 0 0
	<b>South Sea Islands—</b>
	<b>Pentecost, New Hebrides—</b>
	F. G. Filmer, Mrs. Filmer, G. Goodwin, Mrs. Goodwin, Native Teachers, and Sundry Expenses . . . . . 459 19 0
	<b>Oba, New Hebrides—</b>
	A. T. Waters, Allowance, Native Teachers, Purchase of Furniture, and Sundry Expenses . . . . . 478 11 5
Forward . . . . . £3958 0 6	Forward . . . . . £2592 14 9

FOREIGN MISSION FUND—FEDERAL STATEMENT—continued.

Carried forward . . . . . £3958 0 6

Carried forward . . . . . £2592 14 9

Chinese Mission, Melbourne—

Sundry Expenses of Mission . . . . .	19 14 0	
Repairs, Mission Property . . . . .	17 18 3	
Interest on Money Owing on Mission Property . . . . .	41 0 0	
		78 12 3

Chinese Mission, Sydney—

W. Jame, Allowance . . . . .	130 0 0	
Sundry Expenses of Mission . . . . .	18 1 6	
		148 1 6

Charges—Federal Committee, Melbourne—

Allowance, Organising Secretary . . . . .	84 0 0	
Expenses—Clerical Assistance . . . . .	46 13 6	
Postage, Exchange, and Sundry Expenses . . . . .	47 14 9	
Printing, including Periodicals for Missionaries . . . . .	108 11 9	
		287 0 0

New South Wales F.M. Committee—

Printing, Postage, etc. . . . .	32 19 8	
Cost, "Missions" Periodical . . . . .	16 11 10	
Allowance, Assistant Secretary . . . . .	26 0 0	
Children's Day Expenses . . . . .	10 16 5	
Sundry Expenses . . . . .	16 19 4	
Donation, New Zealand Committee, received from Bro. Winter . . . . .	25 0 0	
Donation, H. P. Jensen, Denmark . . . . .	10 0 0	
Goods Purchased on account of Native Teachers, Pentecost . . . . .	12 0 0	
Remitted, Federal Treasurer . . . . .	7 10 0	
Balance, March, 1911 . . . . .	7 2 3	
		164 19 6

South Australian F.M. Committee—

Expended by Committee . . . . .	78 0 3	
Donation, Soudan Mission . . . . .	5 15 0	
Cash in Treasurer's Hands . . . . .	123 1 1	
		206 16 4
		3478 4 4
Balance in Federal Treasurer's Hands . . . . .	479 16 2	
		£3958 0 6

£3958 0 6

R. LYALL, Treasurer.  
Melbourne, March 18, 1912.

Audited and found correct,  
THOS. W. SMITH, Auditor.

sent to R. T. Pittman, who made a suitable acknowledgment.

The South Australian Choir sang, "Holy Art Thou."

C. M. Gordon, the Organising Secretary of the College, spoke on "The Call of the College." The College calls for the sympathetic recognition of the whole of the brotherhood. There is a clear call for a larger financial support. The College calls for men of necessary qualification of heart and mind. We hear the yearning cry for men from all parts of the Commonwealth. When people say the Word of God is no more inspired than the poems of Shakespeare, it is a great asset to have a College that stands firm for the truth of God. The call is for co-operation, finance, and men. May we hear the call.

The meeting closed with the doxology.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION MEETING.

The great meeting of the Home and Foreign Mission Committees was held on Thursday night. The Federal President, J. E. Thomas, was in the chair, and Ira A. Paternoster opened with prayer.

F. G. Filmer, our missionary from Pentecost, South Seas, gave the parable of the prodigal son in pidgin English.

Ira A. Paternoster submitted the resolution concerning the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the chairman welcomed Mr. F. G. Barley, the Secretary of the Society.

Mr. R. Goodall, of the South Australian Choir, rendered a solo, and for an encore sang, "Comfort Ye."

Ira A. Paternoster read a motion of appreciation of the efforts of T. B. Fischer as Secretary, who suitably responded.

The South Australian Choir sang "Across the Bar," and being encored, sang "The Long Day Closes."

S. G. Griffith, of S.A., spoke on "The Call of the Commonwealth." This call is an urgent call. There are many men and women far advanced in years without God in the world, and we must reach them soon, ere they die. Think also of the young lives wasted, full of the vim and vigor of manhood. This call is answerable. We are just beginning to taste of the conquests of Christ, and as we will we shall. It is Christ's will that we take the big Commonwealth for him.

Madame McClelland sang, "I Will Extol Thee," and as an encore by request, "Vital Spark."

F. M. Ludbrook, the F.M. President, spoke on "Conquests of the Cross." The cross stands for the consummation of the

## CHINESE MISSION BUILDING FUND, MELBOURNE.

Special Contributions received to March, 1912 .. . . . £50 0 0	Balance, March, 1911 .. . . . £700 0 0
Amount Owing on Building .. . . . 650 0 0	
	£700 0 0

R. LYALL, Treasurer.  
Melbourne, March 18, 1912.

Audited and found correct,  
THOS. W. SMITH, Auditor.

## BEQUEST AND ANNUITY FUND.

Amounts received to March, 1912 .. . . . £700 0 0	Balance, March, 1911 .. . . . £700 0 0
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R. LYALL, Treasurer.  
Melbourne, March 18, 1912.

Audited and found correct,  
THOS. W. SMITH, Auditor.

## INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

Amount of Loan and Interest .. . . . £600 0 0	Balance, March, 1911 .. . . . £600 0 0
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R. LYALL, Treasurer.  
Melbourne, March 18, 1912.

Audited and found correct,  
THOS. W. SMITH, Auditor.

## MISSION PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

Amount Owing on Chinese Mission Building, Melbourne .. . . . £650 0 0	<b>Victoria—</b>
Balance, being total amount expended on Mission Property (including Oba Property, value £200, handed over) .. . . . 1920 6 5	Chinese Mission Building, Melbourne, Land and Building at Cost .. . . . £1301 17 6
	<b>India—</b>
	Land and Buildings at Baramati, at cost .. . . . 520 10 0
	Land and Buildings at Tandawaladi at cost .. . . . 20 0 0
	Land and Buildings at Diksal, at cost .. . . . 145 0 0
	<b>South Sea Islands—</b>
	Land and Buildings at Pentecost Island, at cost 221 18 11
	Land and Buildings at Oba Island (handed over) 200 0 0
	Motor Boat, Pentecost Island, at cost .. . . . 161 0 0
	£2570 6 5

R. LYALL, Treasurer.  
Melbourne, March 18, 1912.

apparently great failure. God chose this way for there was no other. Sixty generations have lived since Jesus died, and to-day in the missionaries of the cross is an indomitable, unmovable, unconquerable optimism. We rejoice in the work of a John Sherriff, a Hadfield, a Don. McCallum, a G. P. Pittman, and a host of others, of whom we say, God bless them. We read of conquests of the cross of men like "Old Born Drunk," "The Puncher," and "The Copper-basher," as wonderfully pictured by Harold Begbie. Presently, in his "Other Sheep" he takes us to the place where Satan's seat is, and we turn away in disgust, and yet here comes the gospel of Jesus Christ and the cross conquers. But the question comes to me, Am I in the line of apostolic missionary succession? Am I for the quickening of the pace? This generation only can save this generation of worldlings. Let us not leave a legacy of unsaved souls for the next generation to mourn over.

The South Australian Choir sang, "Lift Up Your Heads."

G. T. Walden moved a comprehensive vote of thanks, which was carried with acclamation.

J. E. Thomas spoke on "The Same Consecration for Both." We have been meeting together to have impressed on us those things that will make us go forth to win the world. There is no division in missions, for the spirit of the Home and Foreign Mission is the same. All we have heard will be for nothing, unless we go forward determined that Jesus shall move us for world conquest for Jesus Christ our Saviour. God's purpose for the world is that it shall be won for him in this generation. As we go forth from this Conference, which has deepened our love and strengthened our faith, will we not go forth and say that Christ shall have all there is of us?"

The great audience then sang, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and was dismissed with prayer.

## VISIT TO THE COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE.

On Friday afternoon the Board of Management and Faculty of the College held a reception at the College buildings, to which all interstate visitors had been invited. About 250 brethren availed themselves of the invitation, and spent a very enjoyable

afternoon, despite the inclemency of the weather. The old buildings, and the new one in course of erection, were inspected, and all seemed to be delighted with what was being done in the interests of the College.

Afternoon tea was provided, after which an interesting programme was proceeded with. F. G. Dunn, chairman of the Board of Management, gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and referred to the help so generously accorded by T. B. Verco, whose absence on the occasion was much regretted.

Responses were made by J. E. Thomas, H. Kingsbury, T. G. Rofe, H. Wright, W. R. C. Jarvis, and J. I. Mudford. H. Wright and some of the members of the S.A. choir gave musical selections, and short addresses were given by A. R. Main, C. M. Gordon, and W. C. Craigie.

## FEDERAL MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

The musical festival held on Friday evening, April 12, was the biggest social event of the Federal week. Great interest was centred in this event, and elaborate and painstaking preparations had been made, and success crowned the efforts put forth.

The Masonic Hall was filled with a large and appreciative audience, who enjoyed the items rendered to such an extent that encores were demanded of nearly every item.

Mr. Robt. Lyall occupied the chair, and in a few well chosen words introduced the



N. HADDOW,  
Leader of Song, Victoria.

singers and welcomed the South Australian Choir.

Without a doubt, the visit of the S.A. Choir largely increased the interest in the festival, and unstinted praise was liberally bestowed upon one of the best choirs it has ever been our privilege to hear. The attack, precision, and balance of this choir were perfect.

The following contributed to the evening's pleasure:—Combined Choir of South Australians and Melbourne Church of Christ Musical Society, South Australian Choir, S.A. Quartette Party, S.A. Male Chorus, Mr. H. Wright, of West Australia, Madame McClelland, of Melbourne, and Mr. Walter Noffke, of South Australia.

The S.A. Choir was under the capable leadership of Mr. Oliver Finlayson, whilst the honors of the Combined Choir were shared by Mr. Nat Haddow and Mr. O. Finlayson.

To give an idea of the fine programme, one need but mention the following were amongst the items given:—Choruses: "And the Glory of the Lord," "Comrades in Arms," "Soldier's Farewell" (encore), "How Lovely are the Messengers," "Send Out thy Light," "Song of the Vikings," "Hallelujah Chorus," "Unfold, Ye Portals," "Abide with Me" (encore), "Moonlight," "Oh, Father, Whose Almighty Power"; Quartette, "Absence"; Duet, "A Night in Venice"; Solos: "I Seek for Thee in Every Flower," "My Dearest Heart," "Home, Sweet Home" (encore), "Good-night" (encore), "Roses," "Bonnie Prince Charlie," "Mona," "I Hear You Calling Me" (encore).

The position of pianiste was ably filled by Miss Jeannie Dickens and Mrs. Edquist, S.A., with Mr. S. H. Pittman at the organ.

At the conclusion of the festival the chairman thanked the singers, and Mr. O. Finlayson gracefully acknowledged the kind-

ness of all who had made their stay so pleasant. The singing of "God Save the King" concluded a great musical treat.

FEDERAL CONFERENCE PICNIC.

On Saturday a most enjoyable picnic was held at Fern Tree Gully. A special train had been engaged, and about 350 persons travelled by it on pleasure bent. Fortunately the day was fine, although the climb to the top of "One Tree Hill," owing to recent rain, was rather a slippery task. Some of the visitors who did not reach the top failed to appreciate the beauties of Victorian scenery.

BIBLE SCHOOL RALLY.

The Bible School Rally was the closing event of the meetings in connection with the Federal Conference. It was held in West's Picture Palace on Sunday afternoon, the 14th inst., and was probably the largest gathering ever held by the brotherhood in Australia—certainly the largest ever held in Victoria. It is estimated that about 4000 persons were present, the large building being filled to its utmost capacity.

The President of the Bible School Union of Victoria, T. B. Fischer, occupied the chair, and called upon G. T. Walden to open the meeting with prayer. T. Hagger read the Scripture lesson. An address was delivered by W. H. Allen, on "The Child and the Church." A. E. Illingworth, who filled the place intended for C. R. Scoville, also delivered an address, the subject being "Heaven." Both addresses were of a high order, and well suited to the occasion.



O. H. FINLAYSON,  
Leader of Song, South Australia.

the young people composing the choir. It was pleasing alike to old and young to hear again some of the old Sunday School hymns sung by so many voices and with such good effect.

This great meeting was brought to a close by J. C. F. Pittman engaging in prayer and the singing of a hymn to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne."

Viewed from the platform this meeting was most impressive, and indicated the capacity of the brotherhood for successfully carrying out great demonstrations.

The Call of Christ and the World to the Church of To-day.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, FEDERAL CONFERENCE.

By J. E. THOMAS.

This is a day of strenuous things. There are so many calls that come to us, that we feel that the tasks of life become more urgent and the strain more intense. It is an age, too, of material things, and we are constantly in the clutches of the carnal and almost overwhelmed with the demands of this present world in things secular. The tendency is to allow the appeal of this world to come first, and to think lightly of the clamant appeals of Jesus Christ to the church to-day. The calls that come to the church are twofold. He claims love's service from us, for the sake of the world he died for, while the world itself makes its claim on the church because of its condition and need. In fact we may say that every call of our Master and Lord is because he has seen the condition of this needy world and seeks to move through the church to the satisfaction and supplying of the world's need. Every festering sore of humanity and every sin-sick, weary, lonely soul, is a call to the unchanging companionship of Christ, and he has called us to share his work of bringing this unsaved and heart-sick world to the joy and rest of the kingdom of his love.

We purpose considering some of those functions that belong to the church that our Lord Jesus calls upon us to exercise to-day, and to get a vision of the world itself as it comes with a silent yet ceaseless appeal to the heart of every Christian and to all the church to-day.

1. There is an imperative and solemn call for the church to exercise its teaching function. The gospel of Christ appeals to the whole man, as well as to the whole world. Jesus, in his provision for man's welfare, seeks to lay hold of mind, body and soul. There is a great significance in the mission of the disciple, to win men. We cannot lay hold of a man's soul till we have taught and convicted him of the sinfulness of sin and the claims of Christ. We have to first turn a man's thoughts to Christ before we can win his heart. The mind is the gateway of the soul. This is the philosophy of the Bible School awakening in these days. We are just relearning what Jesus taught in his day, that we must teach as well as preach; and that in the great mission in the world the little child must be first cared for by the church. One has well said that the greatest discovery of the last century was the discovery

of the child. The great work of the church is to prepare men's minds and hearts by the aid of the Holy Spirit and the teaching of the Word of God for the reception of Jesus Christ as the only Saviour of men. The most receptive age is childhood, and the call is being borne in upon us with increasing power that if the world is ever to be won for Christ is must be through the teaching and winning of children and training them for his service. The hope of the church and the philosophy of true reform is to win and hold the children of this generation for Jesus Christ. It is not necessary to quote available and convincing statistics to show that the increased prosperity of the church to-day is due to the fact that we are more heedful in these days to this call. The work of preaching is in a sense a secondary and almost a limited part in the salvation of a soul. We are not wise if we preach to the untaught. We must first teach. If we prepare the mind with the seed of his Word, the great Lord of the harvest will bless our labor and open the heart to the reception of the Saviour Christ. Preaching is necessary till we have won men for Jesus, but teaching never ends. We must always be learning of him. When we preach the gospel of Christ to the world we are opening the front door and inviting men into the church, but when we teach the will of God and lay hold of the whole man and enlist him in the consecrated service of Jesus, we shut the back door of the church. There is perhaps more need to emphasize the necessity of shutting the back door than opening the front door to-day. It is a missionary age, and we are glad to send messengers to all men that Christ may be preached, but we are apt in this to appeal to the emotional only. In the Bible School we are laying hold of the intellect as well. This makes it a reasonable thing to say that the Bible School is the teaching department of the church, and that our objective should be to get the whole church in it. We have too many unfed babes in the church, and unless we concern ourselves about them they will die. It is a great thing to win a soul for Christ, but a greater and harder thing to keep it for him. The keeping of souls is in the hands of the church, and Jesus says to us, Feed my lambs and the sheep as well. We cannot over emphasize this work, for it is fundamental and imperative.

As a people we have acted wisely in founding the excellent College of the Bible, and in doing so, we are only carrying out the command of Jesus to teach. None can teach that have not first been taught, and it is a fine thing that we are coming to the time when we can send out prepared men for the great task of teaching the precious Word of God. The Bible School and the Bible College are related in this, that the College is a continuation of the work the church has already begun in the Bible School. What a great day it will be for the brotherhood when we are all learners or teachers of the blessed book that we claim as our only guide.

2. We want in the next place to urge the call of the Master to social service. The term society means all the social order. Our mission is to all men, and to all kinds of men. There are a great many channels to service, and a great many ways in which we must seek to enter into the service that the world has a right to expect from the church. We are to be true social reformers. The gospel of Jesus is to transform society. Every true reform has a claim upon the church. Our reforms must be of two kinds—destructive and constructive. The destructive to seek to lend our aid to every effort to annihilate evil. Gambling, drink, and every other evil must be overthrown, and we can have no compromise with them.

There must be only one attitude by the church toward these deadly and destructive evils. We must act as though we believed that these things were a menace to our community and were blighting the lives of our fellow men. Gambling is corruptive, and morally degrading, and we cannot be like some and make a compromise with it. It is the enemy of society. However respectable hotelkeepers are, and we believe many of them are good men, we believe that the drink business is the most destructive and damnable traffic in

our land. We cannot look at blighted lives and ruined homes and be quiet about this business. We must not rest till it has been driven from our land. Let us stiffen our spinal columns and fight it to the end.

But we must be also constructive in reform. We must overcome evil with good. If we drive or invite men from the liquor bar or the company of those that ruin them, we must give them something in place of what we take away. What is the church doing in this respect to-day? Man is a social being, and must have companionship. It is our duty to provide happy association and proper places for exercise and recreation. Many live in cities to-day where home has little comfort and not much accommodation. We need to make the church a home. Every person will not be satisfied just with service and prayer meeting. We should have gymnasium, reading room, well-managed cricket or tennis clubs, and every environment to lead men and women to feel that the religion of Jesus Christ is intended to make men happy as well as holy. Thus will the church be as the leaven of society, making it purer and better day by day.

3. To the evangelistic spirit of the church. The bringing of this world to Christ is the supreme business of the church. All our efforts must be focussed on this divine end. Any other enterprise must be secondary or contributory to this. The successful church is the one that is filled with a passion for souls, and is aggressive in a spirit of consecrated evangelism. This has been the work that has saved the church. When the church has looked at the secular or material side, or has sought to win political and worldly power to itself, rather than win the world for Christ, it has failed. The spirit of the Renaissance was a desire for learning, but morality and religion suffered in this quest. The middle ages of Rome were days in which the quest of the church was for world power, and men fought with each other, and plundered and murdered to gain this end. But this was the beginning of Rome's decay. She is tottering to-day because her chief end is political power rather than evangelical power. The Church of England is threatened with a similar peril. She seeks ritual and ceremonialism, and the outer forms of service, rather than the laying hold of men for Christ. All this is weakening the church to-day. The church is not fashioned for social superiority, cultured intellectualism, aesthetic ritualism, or even mystical and almost unintelligible philosophy, but to win men for Jesus Christ our Lord. Whatever success has come to us as a people has come because we have made this our dominant and supreme purpose. Our plans in this Conference and our efforts as a people must all be to the end that we may be better equipped, organized, and prepared for advancement in the divine given task of lifting lost and ruined men to the plains of joy in the fellowship of the Saviour Christ. There comes the call of 1,000,000,000 dark and Christless souls that are without the companionship or salvation of Jesus Christ. These knock at our door every day to call us to holier enthusiasm and more consecrated service. They are the multitude of hungry and waiting souls, and Jesus says, "You ought to give them to eat." How sacred is the task God has given to us. Jesus stands with beckoning hand, calling us to this service. We have feebly served; may we rise and not rest till this whole world has been won for Jesus our Lord and Christ.

4. A call to greater spirituality. We are organized—there never was better organization in the church. Maybe sometimes we are over organized. Certainly we have abundant machinery. Our danger is that we will lack the vitality to run the machinery. We need to keep in touch with the power-house. This is our weakness. The life is greater than the sermon. Jesus was sought not for what he said, but for what he was and did. He lived out his teaching, and they could at last find in him no fault at all. We are too far away from the spiritual atmosphere to be healthy and vigorous. The Pentecost revival started with a Pentecost prayer meeting. We need to

make a plea for more sincere and devoted consecration. Let us begin at the source. Tap the spring and we will gain the supply. When at Niagara Falls I saw the power-houses on the side of the great river that were harnessed on to the mighty torrent as it rolls over the falls. Some think it will destroy the beauty of the falls in time, but these houses contain machinery that is moved by the rolling waters, and these great dynamos convey power to the city of Buffalo and other places for miles around. The power drives the street cars and gives light to the great city. So we, the light of the world, need to link ourselves daily to the great power-house of God.

5: Consolidation. As a people and in the church of God as a whole we need to concentrate and consolidate all our forces to accomplish the work of our Lord. We have profited when we have unitedly entered into his work. Federalisation has made us stronger. We have moved as one man in Foreign Missions, education, and in State and Federal Home Mission work. This is as Jesus intends us to be. To be all one, as he is one. This must be the attitude of the whole church. "In the face of the enemy, it is time for us to unite." Our plea for Christian union is perhaps as essential to the world as our plea for the simple primitive gospel of Christ. To gather together as one all who fight for him is the greatest need within the church to-day, and the greatest essential to world conquest.

We have a mission to the churches to-day, as well as to the world. Our call must be to unity. To fight together against all that threatens the world and the church. To seek to lead men who love Jesus Christ to be one even as Jesus and his Father are. One in faith, hope and love, and in the great purpose and mission that Jesus has given to his body the church.

These are our calls. They are not visionary or imaginary; nor are they impracticable. They are earnest and imperative appeals from the harvest field and the Lord of the harvest. Will we seek in his strength to answer these calls, and in our day move in the onward march of the church as it seeks to accomplish the benign purposes of God in the redemption of the world?

## Daily Courtesy.

Something each day—a smile,  
It is not much to give;  
And the little gifts of life  
Make sweet the days we live.  
The world has weary hearts  
That we can bless and cheer,  
And a smile for every day  
Makes sunshine all the year.

Something each day—a word,  
We cannot know its power;  
It grows in fruitfulness  
As grows the gentle flower.  
What comfort it may bring  
Where all is dark and dread!  
For a kind word every day  
Makes pleasant all the year.

Something each day—a thought,  
Unselfish, good and true,  
That aids another's need,  
While we our way pursue;  
That seeks to lighten hearts,  
That leads to pathways clear;  
For a helpful thought each day  
Makes happy all the year.

Something each day—a deed  
Of kindness and of good,  
To link in closer bonds  
All human brotherhood.  
Oh, thus the heavenly will  
We all may do while here;  
For a good deed every day  
Makes blessed all the year.—G. Cooper.



# N.S.W. CONFERENCE

1912

The gathering of delegates from the churches for the 27th annual Conference has passed into history, and the hearts of the Lord's people have been strengthened and renewed energy beats through their veins for the great things which the Lord has for them to do. We have reason to thank God, we have reason to take courage, we have reason to go forward, for our God has been with us, he is with us, and of whom shall we be afraid? Progress is the dominant note in New South Wales. The harvest is plenteous, the call for unity is gaining ground—the only difficulty seems to be the same old trouble—the laborers are few.

The Federal Conference at Melbourne overshadowed the meetings—some had already gone ahead to the larger gathering—and as a consequence the meetings were cramped for time. It is becoming a regular feature of the State Conference to scramble business on Saturday afternoon, and brethren look with envious eyes at the orderly procedure of other States where more days are devoted to the business of Conference. One consequence of the Federal Conference was that the Foreign Mission Rally opened Conference instead of closing it.

It was a fine gathering at Enmore on Wednesday evening. G. H. Browne, President of the Committee, occupied the chair.

The chief speaker was Mr. W. Gillanders, B.A., General Secretary, Y.M.C.A., whose theme was "The Christian Movement in Korea." He spoke as an eyewitness, having recently visited the country. He compared the vice of Sydney with that of Korea, to the favor of Sydney, to show that the remarkable position of Christianity in Korea was not because of the Korean nature, but in spite of it. The outstanding feature of Korean Christians was their knowledge of God's Word. No perfunctory knowledge was theirs—it entered deeply into their lives. He instanced the case of a man being examined for church membership. His first exercise was to recite the Sermon on the Mount. This was not enough for the examining elders (Koreans). They said he should know how to practise it, as well as know it by heart. He replied, "That is how I learnt it. I found it hard to learn, so I practised it on my heathen neighbors bit by bit, until I knew it all. It took me three years to learn it that way." The Koreans knew how to pray. They believed God was their Father, that he was Almighty, and that he was more willing to give them things than they were to ask, and they could not think of

doubting their Father. The most miserable looking Christian he had seen in Korea was at a prayer meeting. There were 900 persons present, the night being very stormy, and this brother complained of the thinness of the meeting. The Korean Christian also believed in personal responsibility in evangelism. A man was not accepted into full church membership until he had won one soul for Christ. They were natural orators, and also good linguists, and therefore made good missionaries, and were being much used in the evangelisation of China and Japan. Other features of the Korean Christians were presented in a bright and interesting address.

G. T. Walden, in announcing the offering, spoke of the gratifying results of the past year's expenditure. He made a comparison of the relative growth in Home and Foreign fields. In New South Wales the increase for the year was 7 per cent. On the mission stations the increase was nearly 20 per cent.

The offering in cash and promises amounted to £92/6/3½, to which there would be additions made during subsequent Conference sessions. During the evening musical items were rendered by Misses H. Bains and Wade, Bro. A. Fox, and Master Ayres, who led a chorus by scholars of Erskineville Bible School. Bro. E. Graham was the accompanist.

## TEMPERANCE TOURNAMENT.

Thursday night brought the annual Temperance Demonstration. This year the Committee introduced a novelty in the nature of a tournament between scholars representing suburban schools. It promised to be good. But the best laid plans often miscarry, and the complete disorganisation of the train service, consequent upon the record number of passengers, also disorganised the tournament plans. H. G. Payne came to the rescue, and gave an address dealing with No-License happenings in New Zealand. The schools which did compete gave very pleasing items, and the judge, Sister Mrs. E. Lewis, placed Erskineville first, and Petersham second. The chairman of the Committee, G. W. Logan, presided, and the singing was led by Bro. Slater of Erskineville.

## BUSINESS DAY—FRIDAY.

The train service had not quite recovered on Friday morning, and consequently delegates arrived at all times. The devotional service was twenty minutes late in starting, due to this fact. F. Collins was in charge. The President, J. Stimson, took the chair,

and announced the hymn, "The Promised Presence," and Conference, 1912, began. J. Fraser, and T. Hagger, led in prayer.

The minutes of 1911 Conference having been read and confirmed, greetings were read from the Queensland Conference, per A. Hutson; Victorian Conference, per M. McLellan; South Australian Conference, per D. A. Ewers; Tasmanian Conference; Victorian Bible School Union, per J. Y. Potts; Sisters' Conference, N.S.W.; Northern Conference, South Australia; New South Wales Students, College of the Bible; D. A. Ewers; H. B. Robbins; W. D. More; E. J. Waters; H. E. Tewksbury; J. Clydesdale; and H. Greenhalgh.

It was resolved that all greetings should be suitably acknowledged.

On the motion of A. E. Illingworth, seconded by T. Hagger, the application of the new church at Upper Mongogerie (Richmond River) for affiliation with Conference was granted.

The President extended a welcome to Bren. Paternoster (Tas.), Gillham (Ascot Vale), and A. M. Ludbrook (S.A.), as visitors to the Conference. Bren. Gillham and Ludbrook responded.

The President also welcomed the country delegates, for whom Alan Price responded.

A welcome was then extended to the evangelists who had come to N.S.W. since last Conference. T. R. Coleman, E. Coleman, T. G. Mason, T. Bagley, H. G. Payne and F. Collins spoke in reply.

The obituary report was presented by A. E. Illingworth in feeling words. It showed that 34 brethren had been called into rest during the year, many having been very zealous in the service of the Master. The Conference sang, "Asleep in Jesus," after which J. J. Franklyn led in prayer for those who have been bereaved.

The item nomination of officers called for a ruling as to procedure; owing to the operation of the motion of last Conference making brethren eligible for election to only one committee. It was resolved to elect the committees separately. During the intervals of counting the votes, the Executive report was considered.

The elections resulted as follows:—

President, A. E. Illingworth.

Vice-President, J. J. Franklyn, unopposed.

Secretary, H. G. Payne.

Assistant Secretary, A. W. Shearston, unopposed.

Treasurer, C. J. Lea, re-elected, unopposed.

Home Mission Committee: G. Arnott, T. Bagley, W. H. Clay, J. Fox, E. J. Hilder, L. Russell, J. Stimson.

Foreign Mission Committee: G. H. Browne, F. Collins, J. Clydesdale, W. H. Hall, G. Morton, T. E. Rofe, F. T. Saunders.

Temperance and Morals Committee: F. Andrews, W. Budgen, A. A. Barratt, J. S. Garden, J. Grant, G. W. Logan, J. H. Wilkins.

Bible Schools Committee: E. Coleman, S. O. Gole, W. I. Modral, W. A. Smith, F. S. Steer, G. Stimson, F. T. Webber.

Church Extension Building Committee: J. Bardsley, W. Day, W. Dane, A. Morris, H. E. Tewksbury, R. E. Jeffery, W. J. Williams.

A large Committee was also appointed to make arrangements for the mission by Charles Reign Scoville.

#### EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION REPORT.

This report has already been published, with the other reports, in the "Christian," and needs no further stating here. It was considered seriatim by Conference. Commenting on the work being done by various isolated brethren, A. E. Illingworth reported that at Upper Colo (via Richmond) Bro. Males has during the past year baptised 11 persons. His work encouraged others to do more. One brother commented that we should not be satisfied with one hundred conversions if we ought to have won one thousand, but general satisfaction was expressed at the steady growth manifested.

In adopting Clause 5 of the report, dealing with the Literature department, the following was added: "And that the hearty thanks of Conference be accorded Bro. F. J. Burcher for his services rendered to the Conference," in view of his relinquishing office.

The Conference in adopting the clause expressing appreciation of the services of G. T. Walden, included their appreciation of Mrs. Walden's work. W. J. Williams, G. Stimson, R. C. Gilmour, F. T. Webber, and J. Stimson spoke eulogistic words, and Bro. Walden feelingly responded.

The verbal reports of the various Home Mission fields occupied most of the afternoon, and were given as follows:—

Auburn: F. Collins, E. Arrowsmith; Belmore: G. H. Browne, A. A. Barratt; Erskineville: A. E. Illingworth; Hornsby: H. G. Payne, T. E. Rofe; Hamilton-Merewether: C. Nisbet, J. Stow; Inverell: H. Cook; Junees-Marrar: T. G. Mason, S. Wilson; Mosman: R. Verco; North Sydney: F. T. Saunders; Canley Vale-Rookwood: W. J. Williams, G. Stimson; Richmond-Tweed Rivers: T. Hagger, L. H. Robinson; Wagga: A. Brown. Other country fields were reported for by—Taree: P. G. Saxby; Hurstville: J. S. Garden, and the State Evangelist, T. R. Coleman, gave a brief resume of his work. The reports were interspersed with hymns and solos by E. Coleman, Petersham, and J. G. Tingate, North Sydney. The discussion of future work was adjourned till next day.

#### FOREIGN MISSION REPORT.

G. T. Walden, in moving the adoption of the report, made eloquent reference to the progress made on Foreign fields. Nearly 400 persons had been baptised at the mission stations, notwithstanding the great difficulties under which missionaries have to

labor. This compares well with 257 baptisms in N.S.W. The average contribution per member in N.S.W. for Foreign Missions for the year was approximately 5/-.

T. E. Rofe, F. Collins, and G. H. Browne spoke to the report, and a resolution was adopted to place on record the services of G. T. Walden on the Foreign Mission Committee. The report was adopted.

A. E. Illingworth moved, F. T. Saunders seconded, That this Conference expresses its satisfaction at the leading article published in the *Daily Telegraph* to-day (April 5) respecting the spirit and progress of Christianity under the heading, "The Greatest Anniversary," and commends it to the faithful consideration of our churches.

F. Collins spoke to the motion, which was carried unanimously.

W. H. Clay sang a solo, and W. Jame then spoke concerning the work of the Chinese Mission, Sydney.

The Conference adjourned to the tea tables, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The Sisters' Conference had provided right royally for the jaded men. Every one enjoyed the crushing at the tables—at least nobody grumbled, and everybody smiled at every one else. Both dinner (a magnificent spread) and tea called forth the highest praise.

#### HOME MISSION RALLY.

W. H. Clay commenced business to time on the song service. The crowd was waiting, and the building began to look as if it would need to swell in some way to get it in. But everybody had a seat. Bro. Clay introduced solos into the song service. G. T. Walden sang "The Beautiful City." T. Hagger, when called upon, provided Sister K. Furlonger, of Lismore, as a substitute. Both singers were appreciated.

The President gathered his speakers together on the platform at 7.45 and called for "A Battle Hymn of Missions," after which A. M. Ludbrook led in prayer.

Bro. Stimson then delivered the Presidential address, which is printed on another page.

The Auburn choir very pleasingly rendered two anthems.

T. Bagley spoke on "The Committee and the Churches: Their Relationship."

J. G. Tingate, North Sydney, sang a solo.

T. Hagger spoke on the theme, "The Churches and the Country: The Problems of Progress."

W. H. Clay sang a solo, and the offering was taken, and amounted to £461 and some odd shillings.

T. R. Coleman had as his theme, "The Winning Factors: The Christian and Christ." He counted it an honor to speak the last word of encouragement to such a large and enthusiastic congregation. Four factors were essential to properly accomplish the business committed to us—of making merchandise for the kingdom of heaven: A vision of the need; a revelation of Christ; a definite message; an endowment of power.

#### SATURDAY'S SESSION.

Saturday was the best day of the Conference for help in the work to be done. It is strange that most of the delegates to Conference miss the best sessions by being absent on Saturday. It is so every year, and 1912 was no exception.

Saturday morning brought the session for preachers and speaking brethren. F. Collins presided over the gathering.

T. Bagley was first speaker, taking as his theme, "Some Signs of Progress that we See in our Work." An interesting discussion followed, in which A. M. Ludbrook, T. Hagger, L. H. Robinson, J. Wilson, C. Rickson, and T. Bagley (in reply) spoke.

G. T. Walden spoke on "The By-products of the Church." In the subsequent discussions W. H. Wooster, W. J. Williams, H. Cook, J. Fraser, and G. T. Walden (in reply) took part.

Lunch was provided by the Enmore Dorcas Society, and at the table the discussions were continued informally, and J. Stow, T. G. Mason, F. T. Saunders, spoke to them. The sisters were heartily thanked for their kindness in providing lunch.

The preachers' session was undoubtedly a spiritual uplift, and full of practical suggestion. The opinion was expressed, "We must allow more time next year."

Punctually at 2 p.m., Enos Coleman commenced a devotional service, and at 2.15 Conference was hard at work again.

A brother having in mind the lunch and tea of Friday immediately proposed a vote of thanks to the sisters for their work through the year, and through Conference. It was heartily carried.

W. J. Williams moved, and Jos. Fraser seconded, "That the hearty congratulations of Conference be conveyed to our brother, the Hon. D. R. Hall, M.L.C., on his appointment as Solicitor-General and Minister of Justice," which was carried unanimously.

The consideration of the Home Mission report was resumed on the clause, "Future Work." Quite spirited discussions occurred on these sections, but the only criticism noted was that of the brother who thought the retiring Committee was not asking enough of the churches. Advance, and rapid advance, was the note sounded.

#### BIBLE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE.

The discussion on this report was one of the most interesting of the Conference. There was displayed on the part of delegates a desire to be thorough in their transaction of business. There is no doubt that Bible School work is beginning to come into its own.

The report being considered seriatim, good discussions occurred on the various clauses. Greatest interest centred in the matter of the organising secretary. On this clause, W. A. Smith, G. Stimson, F. T. Saunders, E. Coleman, R. Steer, H. Clapham, F. T. Webber, W. J. Williams, R. E. Jeffery, A. E. Illingworth, T. E. Rofe, C. J. Lea, S. O. Gole, F. Collins, J. Grant, and

H. G. Payne spoke. All were agreed on the urgency of the matter, and after the clause passed, F. T. Saunders moved, A. E. Illingworth seconded, "That this Conference reiterates its expression that an organising evangelist is imperatively needed for our Bible Schools, and requests that the incoming Home Mission Committee subsidise the Bible Schools Committee at the rate of £100 per annum for the support of a Bible Schools organiser." This was carried unanimously.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDING FUND.

The report of this Committee was adopted after a brisk discussion, on the motion of A. E. Illingworth. T. E. Rofe, E. J. Hilder, W. Dane, G. T. Walden, and H. G. Payne spoke to the motion.

From the discussion it was apparent that this fund would soon be placed on a firmer basis, and some large gifts were foreshadowed. These are promised on certain conditions. The need of more money was urged on the delegates. As an investment it should appeal to the more wealthy brethren, as the fund is perpetual. A Church Extension Building Fund offering will be taken up on the first Sunday in May this year.

F. T. Saunders moved, on behalf of the Bible Schools Committee, "That as the growing importance of the various departments of church enterprise directed by this Conference renders it desirable that they be more fully discussed by Conference, the Executive be requested to consider the advisability of adding more business sessions to the Conference programme."

This was spoken to by P. G. Saxby, G. Stimson, T. Hagger, L. H. Robinson, T. E. Rofe, E. J. Hilder, and F. Collins, and was carried.

J. Fraser moved, "That we request the 'Home' churches to send on the names of members emigrating to Australia to the General Secretary of the Conference in Great Britain. That he be asked to forward them on to the Secretary of our Conference, stating to which districts they propose to go, so that we may be able to keep in touch with such members in case they should get to some places where we have no Church of Christ organised." Seconded by T. E. Rofe, and carried without debate.

J. Fraser further moved, "That a list of churches be published in the *Bible Advocate*, at least twice a year." Spoken to by T. E. Rofe and A. Price, and carried.

F. T. Saunders moved; G. T. Walden seconded, "That this Conference places on record its great appreciation of Bro. Joseph Stimson's services as President over this year's meetings, and also of his services to the whole brotherhood as President during the past two years." T. Hagger, H. G. Payne, and T. R. Coleman also spoke to the motion, which on being put to the meeting by A. E. Illingworth, Vice-President, was carried with unanimous enthusiasm.

T. E. Rofe moved; J. Fraser seconded, "That the Conference place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the retiring Committees." Carried.

W. J. Williams moved; J. Fraser seconded, "That the Conference place on record its appreciation of the self-sacrifice of the sisters who have given up freely the time and company of their husbands who have been busy on Conference business." Carried.

A. W. Shearston moved; G. Stimson seconded, "That the Conference of 1913 be held at the Enmore Tabernacle." Carried.

H. G. Payne moved, and T. Hagger seconded, a comprehensive vote of thanks to everybody who had helped the Conference, including the Press, for the reports published, which was carried, and with the singing of the doxology, the Conference of 1912 was ended.

#### BIBLE SCHOOLS RALLY.

Saturday night the City Temple was well filled on the occasion of the Bible Schools' Rally. G. Stimson, President of the Committee, presided. Musical and elocutionary items were given with fine effect by scholars of various city and suburban schools. T. R. Coleman delivered an address which was much enjoyed by all present, and at the invitation of the chairman, T. Hagger made a short address. The offering amounted to £4/10/-.

#### N.S.W. Conference President's Address.

"The Conference and the Committee."

I wish to suggest to this meeting some few reasons "why we are here." I desire also to point out the relationship of the Committee to the Conference.

For twenty-seven years now we have been in the habit of assembling ourselves together once a year in this fraternal manner to consider the best way to advance the cause of the Master, whom we love and serve, and to strengthen the hands and hearts of those who are pleading for a return to the old paths of the Word of God. The facts and the figures we have been discussing to-day show the numerical and financial progress that has been made. It is not necessary for me to review them again to-night. There is, however, another side to the story of the past, and it is this: the inspiration and encouragement that these gatherings have been able to give to the brotherhood generally. This is something we cannot tabulate. I am sure that it is a most important feature of the Conference which we are apt to overlook. I would like a note of praise and sympathy to go out from me as retiring President to all those groups of members who have kept the flag of New Testament Christianity flying in lonely places under great difficulties.

Allow me now to call attention to the duty of the Conference to the Committee. The Executive, Home Mission, and other

committees that this Conference elects annually are not legislative bodies. They are simply chosen to keep in touch with the churches and lead the brotherhood out into larger spheres of usefulness. The Conference expects them to stir up the members to a sense of their responsibility in regard to the evangelisation of the State and the world. We look to them for inspiration, guidance, suggestion, and leadership in all the various phases of missionary enterprise. Men who accept positions on these committees are expected to give good service as stewards of the grace of God and the goodwill of the brethren. I want to bear testimony to the splendid attention given to the work by the retiring Executive and Home Mission Committee, over which I have the honor to preside.

Next, let me call your attention to our limited resources. This year we have engaged as many men as our funds would justify, but not as many as the needs of our great State demand. We have added to our staff evangelists from England and elsewhere, just as we have been able to get hold of them, but we have carefully considered the resources of the churches. The fact that we have a credit balance is not due to want of courage, but rather to the generosity of the brethren just at the close of the year. We have to carry on for a great part of the year on a bank overdraft and faith in the brotherhood. This of necessity makes us cautious, as we have to judge how far we can recoup at the annual offering. This year we have come out especially well. The instability that is apparent to all in this matter of paid evangelists must be met in some other way.

I want again to emphasise what I have on former occasions spoken about, namely: We must make more use of the young men. It is sheer folly to suppose that we can continue to engage men to put them into every little field that presents an opening for work and the preaching of the gospel. We must have a source of voluntary preachers to co-operate with the evangelists in the field. Why are we so slow to encourage the young men to teach and preach? I believe there are men in every church that only want a bit of encouragement to come forward and do the work. The more evangelists we get the poorer we seem to be getting in acceptable speakers. Why is it? I think it is because we do not push on the young men as we ought to do. We are too apt to throw cold water on their efforts instead of giving them words of praise and commendation. It is our duty to try and find helpers for our over-taxed evangelists and not put more and more work on to them than we ought to do ourselves.

This leads us to another matter: We must strengthen the circuit system idea. If we are going to get hold of this State, we will have to go about it in some such fashion as our Methodist friends, that is, to press every man who can speak into the work, and turn every established church into the centre of a district. Let each coun-

try preacher at any rate try and work a number of out-stations with whatever talent he can be sure of. This can be done in the outer suburbs; also, we have a fine example at Auburn. The Master went "into the next towns," so must we. Even if men cannot preach they can at least give out our distinctive literature and scatter it broadcast and prepare the way for the evangelist or Home Mission agent.

I also wish to lay the stress upon the subsidy system. This has been talked of during the day, but many are here to-night who have perhaps not heard the remarks made by the respective speakers. We wish to make every church in town and country self-reliant, so we are urging the new committee to gradually adopt the system of an-

nual grants of from £25 per year and upwards as the case may require. When brethren ask for a preacher to be sent, we are going to offer a subsidy to them and make them aim to raise the balance of his salary, and not stay for years and years upon the Committee.

In closing I would plead for more consecration and true allegiance to the plea we have accepted as of supreme importance to the religious world. We cannot make more progress unless we feel we are called of God to stand in the ways and ask for the people to walk in the divine pathway mapped out in the sacred Bible. We have a message to preach. Let us preach it in all fidelity and not turn aside after the systems of the day.



## New Zealand.

**DUNEDIN.**—Four additions by faith and obedience since last report. Miss N. Kennedy, who is leaving for Palmerston North, was presented by the Bible School teachers and choir members with a handbag yesterday afternoon. The annual Conference of the Southern District Churches of Christ took place in the Tabernacle on Friday and Saturday. R. Gebbie was President, and L. Kennitz secretary. H. G. Harward took an active part in all the proceedings. At the Home and Foreign Mission rallies on Friday and Saturday evenings, and at the Bible Schools' Demonstration yesterday, which was very largely attended, he delivered stirring addresses. We note with the greatest satisfaction that the Home Mission Committee have been instructed to secure his services again at the conclusion of his present engagement with Oamaru church. Bro. Harward has arranged to visit the churches prior to our taking up the annual offering for Home Missions on May 5. Already he has sent out letters and envelopes in connection with the offerings from the churches. It is Bro. Harward's intention to visit Timaru about once a week to hold a week-night service with the members there. Next year's offering will be taken up in February on the same day as the Australian and Northern District's churches take up theirs. Next Conference will be held at Gore.—L.C.J.S., April 8.

## West Australia.

**PERTH.**—We had a splendid meeting this morning. Our visitors were Bro. and Sister Sylvester, Sister Warrel, Boulder; Bro. and Sister J. Ewers, Cunderdin; H. Davis, Bridgetown; Bro. Farlinger, from the Old Country. The exhortation was given by W. B. Blakemore, who spoke upon the Conference meeting for the deepening of the spiritual life. The addresses were upon five phases of the spirit ruled life, and our brother thought those unable to be present should have some of the inspiration which doubtless came from the excellent addresses delivered by H. P. Manning, J. Emblen, A. J. Ingham, T. H. Scambler, and H. J. Banks. The Conference Sermon, preached by T. H. Scambler, B.A., of Kalgoorlie, attracted a large attendance. The sub-

ject was "Broad Men at the Narrow Gate," and it was indeed an eloquent and inspiring address. A. J. Ingham, who has come from South Australia to take up the preaching at North Perth, addressed a large gathering in the evening upon the subject of the resurrection of our Saviour.—W.A., April 7.

## Queensland.

**BUNDAMBA.**—The disciples here have been comforted and built up with the stirring exhortations which Bro. Wallace, Burrow, and Swan, of Brisbane, gave us on the first three Sundays in March. They also preached the gospel at night. C. M. F. Fischer, who is leaving the Ipswich district, again occupied the platform on the 31st ult., and preached the gospel, taking as his text "Peace." Our church has been lined and ceiled, making it far more comfortable and home-like, but there is still a balance owing on it. Any brother or sister who desires to help us to clear off the balance can do so by sending their donations to G. Green, Ebbw Vale, Qld. I am sorry to have to report that our Bro. and Sister Auld have been called upon to part with their infant daughter, just over six months old. The prayers of the brethren go out for our brother and sister.—G.G., April 9.

**TOOWOOMBA.**—Two more adult confessions last Sunday, 100 scholars and friends at picnic on Easter Monday, and four new faces at Young People's Class on Tuesday. Thirteen confessions since February 25, and one immersed believer received in this latter is the case of a Bro. Bernard, a free-lance evangelist and undenominational worker from England, an attractive and cultured man, with wife and two children, who, coming to the Toowoomba church a short while ago, has accepted our position, and is accepted as a member with us. He has gone to Ma Ma Creek to preach for three months, retaining membership with us. His credentials are unexceptional. Bro. Harward, of Tannymorel, is with us this week. Our young people's campaign commences on Sunday.—J.W.P.

**ALBION.**—Splendid meetings last Lord's day. We had the pleasure of listening to W. Strongman in the morning, and Bro. Robins, of Lismore, preached at night. The Sunday School

is growing rapidly. The roll stands now at 80. Bro. Blackie will commence his labors with the brethren here on April 21.—H.E.

**MA MA CREEK.**—All departments of work progressing. We held our church officers' meeting, and among the correspondence was a letter from Bro. Parslow, recommending a Bro. Bernard, from England; so W. Francis was appointed to see Bro. Bernard, and engaged him to start on Sunday, 14th inst. We have started to collect money to build a preacher's residence, and expect to have it completed within about six months. One of those who was not immersed some time back, has now been received into the church. Gospel meetings on Sunday nights keep up well. Sorry to say that James Larsen is in a private hospital with the fever, but is getting better. Who will help us to build a preacher's residence?—T.H.C., April 8.

## South Australia.

**UNLEY.**—Sister Miss Agnes Parker passed away early this morning after a long illness. An instructive paper by Pastor Rollings (Baptist) on "The Christian's Greatest Need," was read before the Men's Class this afternoon.—P.S.M., April 14.

**QUEENSTOWN.**—A splendid meeting around the Lord's table on April 14. Three young men were given the right hand of Christian fellowship, having put on Christ in baptism during the week. Bro. Brooker exhorted. At the Young Men's Bible Class Bro. Brooker delivered an interesting address on "Purity." Our brother also preached in the evening to a large audience. The interest in our special gospel services following our mission is being well maintained. On Wednesday evening, 10th inst., we held a combined baptismal service, when five from the church at Semaphore and three from the church here were immersed.—A.C., April 14.

**NORWOOD.**—We had smaller gatherings than usual to-day, but the addresses of H. J. Horsell and G. H. Jenner were much appreciated. The Sunday School observed Children's Hospital Sunday to-day, when Mr. Steve Wickes gave one of his interesting chalk talks. A collection in aid of the Children's Hospital realised about £3, besides a splendid lot of flowers, sweets and fruit, which were conveyed to the Hospital directly the service was over.—S.P.W., April 14.

**GLENELG.**—We reopened the chapel yesterday, after it had undergone a thorough renovation. With the new carpets on the platform and down the aisles, and the beautifully decorated walls, the building is indeed pleasing to the eye. We are looking forward to more effective service for our Lord in it. We realised the benefit our new schoolroom for the two Lord's days. We were pleased to receive three by letter during the day. Both services were largely attended.—E.W.P., April 15.

**STRATHALBYN.**—Since last report we have celebrated our anniversary. On the Lord's day J. T. Train conducted the services, and we all appreciated his fine addresses. On the following Monday evening a public meeting was held in the Institute. The speakers were J. E. Thomas and S. G. Griffith, who spoke with much earnestness. Last Friday we held our children's picnic, and had a splendid time.—B.J., April 15.

**WALLAROO.**—The young woman who previously made the confession was baptised during the week, and had the right hand of fellowship extended to her this morning. A fine meeting to-night; 80 present to hear the message. Bro. Warhurst gave a fine discourse. Sister Warhurst sang a solo. Our building fund is growing slowly; about £21 in cash and promises to date. We want £50 for the land before the end of June. Who will help us? This is a splendid opportunity for those with means to help in the Lord's work. The work is being hindered in all departments through lack of proper conveniences.—E.J.K., April 14.

**HENLEY BEACH.**—On March 25 we had the pleasure of a visit from the Glenelg C.E. There were 20 young men and 25 young ladies, led by Bro. Pittman, who gave us a varied programme, which was very interesting and enjoyable. At the close, refreshments were served. We are having splendid meetings since Bro. Gore commenced his labors with us. We were pleased again to receive into fellowship Bro. and Sister Bonny. Sunday morning's meeting was small, but the evening meeting was well attended. —W. Burford.

**SEMAPHORE.**—Meetings to-day were the best for a long time. W. L. Ewers exhorted the church, and was much enjoyed. Bible School was well attended. This branch of the work is making progress, new members being added every Lord's day. The evening service was large, and a married woman made the good confession. On Wednesday last the church had a united baptismal service at Queenstown, at which a married woman from Semaphore made the confession and was baptised with four other candidates from here and three from Queenstown. We are glad to see Sisters Thurgood and Bloor back again from the Federal Conference.

## New South Wales.

**NORTH SYDNEY.**—With regret we have to record the death of our esteemed Bro. Pye, who came from New Zealand. During his illness he exhibited a firm confidence and had a strong assurance of the rest laid up for him. His death was a fitting close to a life spent in the service of his Master, and certainly a fine example to his brethren in Christ. At the morning meeting on Sunday last, we had the pleasure of extending the right hand of fellowship to a brother who had long been a faithful servant of his Master. Seeing the way more clearly, he decided to yield a full obedience to him. Bro. F. T. Webber gave a much appreciated exhortation. At the gospel meeting Bro. Saunders delivered a very impressive and touching address on the theme, "Not Saved." Special musical items were rendered by the choir, assisted by Miss Hilda Burns, from Enmore, and Miss K. Furlonger, from Lismore, as soloists.—W.J.M.

**INVERELL.**—On Lord's day morning, Bro. Waters exhorted the church, "Putting You in Remembrance," being his theme. The afternoon meeting, at Little Plain, was in the hands of the assistant evangelist. In the evening the subject of discourse was "God or Men, Which?" A good meeting was addressed by the assistant evangelist. At the close of the service, Mrs. Green, who confessed last Lord's day evening, was immersed, and received into fellowship at the evening breaking of bread. Bro. Coleman arrived to-day. We prayerfully await the harvest of souls.—G. Brighty, April 11.

**CANLEY VALE.**—Our evening gospel meetings are still being continued, and are fairly well attended. A quarterly class banner has been introduced into the Bible School, and was won by the boys' class for the quarter's lessons just ended. Some of our scholars entered for the temperance tournament at the Conference temperance meeting—practised their piece several times during the last couple of months—made a banner, and sashes; and felt quite sure of winning, but the fates intervened; and owing to the railway time table becoming disorganised, our team did not arrive in Sydney till 10.30 p.m.—three and a half hours behind.—A.O.W., April 9.

**MOSMAN.**—On Easter Sunday, W. Day, of the Marrickville church, gave a splendid address at the morning meeting on "The Abundant Life in Christ." Sister Austin, of Northcote, Vic., and Bro. Triglone and C. Saxby, of Marrickville, were present. A. M. Ludbrook spoke at the gospel service. On the previous Sunday we had a record attendance at the Bible School, and gave the whole of the offering to the British and Foreign Bible Society. Bro. Illingsworth, having accepted a call to the Enmore Tabernacle, will complete his work with the Mosman church on

June 30. To-day R. Verco delivered a very helpful address at the morning service, and in the evening W. Lang proclaimed the glad tidings.—S.G., April 14.

**HAMILTON.**—Helpful service held on Lord's day. Fair attendance at the breaking of bread. Bro. More gave a very helpful address on "The Kingdom of Heaven," and in the evening an earnest and instructive address on "What is the Bible?" We are holding our own at Hamilton, but it is hard pioneering work we have to accomplish. Our thanks are due to T. E. Rofe for his donation of £10 to the church building fund, also to S. Goddard for the donation of £1 to the church fund. May others be guided in the same way, for we need a lot of help in our work here. —W. Stow, April 14.

**ROOKWOOD.**—Meetings were held on Easter Monday for the deepening of the spiritual life. They were a source of great blessing. The speakers were listened to with profound interest. We are indebted to our Brethren T. R. and Enos Coleman and Wooster for their interest and able manner of giving expression to the thoughts in their minds. Bro. Collins intended to assist, but was unable. Those present are looking forward for the next services. The Bible School is preparing for the anniversary on the 28th inst. Bro. Bulgin conducted the gospel service to-night.—M.A., April 14.

**CITY TEMPLE.**—Fairly well attended meetings to-day. W. Fox, at the morning service, gave a fine address on "Watch and Pray." Among the visitors present were Bro. Pattison, from Hobart; Bro. Pascoe, from Newcastle; Bro. Anderson, from Lismore; Sisters Daw and Taylor, from Lismore; Sisters Gibbons, from Lygon-st.; Bro. Turner, Petersham. At the conclusion of a fine instructive address on "The Bible," by Bro. Bagley, at the evening service, a collection was taken up on behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Bro. Middleton, one of the active young men of the church here, has left to take up a position at Gunnedah, in the country, and Bro. Roberts, one of the deacons, is laid aside with illness.—J.C.

## Victoria.

**CHELLENHAM.**—We had many Conference and other visitors present during the last two Sundays. The following exhorted or preached, and helped us very much: Bro. Morrow, S. G. Griffith, I. A. Paternoster, A. E. Illingworth. There were two decisions after Bro. Griffith's address. The South Australian Choir and Mrs. J. Gordon assisted us with musical items. We have much enjoyed the fellowship of the good friends.—T.B.F.

**WINDSOR.**—On Easter Sunday we enjoyed a visit from Bro. Ewers, who preached a powerful sermon at the evening meeting. Last Lord's day our gospel service was greatly helped by the singing of four members of the South Australian Choir—the Misses Laurie, Miss Leedham, and Mr. Doley.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE.**—One of the best audiences we have had for three months listened last evening to Bro. McCallum's sermon on "The Transfiguration of Christ." Our evening audiences have shown much improvement lately.—April 15.

**CARLTON (Lygon-st.).**—Another eventful and happy day on Sunday last. In the morning we were again pleased to have with us a large number of visitors from our own and sister States, including our old friend, G. T. Walden, who presided, also Thos. Hagger, who gave us an excellent exhortation. At night the seating capacity of the chapel was taxed to its utmost, the speaker being S. G. Griffith, State Evangelist of S.A., whose theme was, "If Ye Love Me." The discourse was forceful and earnest. Walter Noffke, one of the S.A. singers, sang a pleasing solo. We also had some fine singing by our own choir. Dinner and tea were provided by the sisters in the lecture hall.—J.McC.

**PRESTON.**—Splendid meeting on Sunday morning; three received into fellowship. Good address by Bro. Wedd, of the College of the Bible. Greatly improved attendance at the gospel service, when Bro. Filmer gave a very interesting address. The audience was so much impressed that after the meeting had closed Bro. Filmer was persuaded to continue his talk for another half-hour.—G.A.D.

**BOX HILL.**—We have had the pleasure of fellowship with several visitors during Conference. W. Smedley and H. M. Clipstone delivered inspiring addresses at our meetings for worship. F. Filmer's visit and talk on the work in Pentecost Island were appreciated by a fine gathering. A. Smith is recovering steadily from illness. Record attendance at the Lord's table on Sunday morning.—W.H.N.

**HAWTHORN.**—Good meetings yesterday. P. A. Dickson gave a helpful address. The other visitors present were T. Clements, Sister Miss Clements, of Bayswater; Sister Dickson, Bro. and Sister Thomas, of Newmarket; Sister Ah, Port Fairy; Sister Waldron, Norwood. We had a good meeting at night. The writer's subject was "Christ Set Forth," and two young women confessed Christ. Bro. Edwards, evangelist of Border Town, was present, and led in prayer. Sister Charlick, Sister Rudd, and Bro. Matthews, of Norwood church, were present. Our aged Sister Norfolk is very ill.—A. C. Rankine, April 15.

**ASCOT VALE.**—Last Lord's day our meetings were well attended. At the morning meeting we had with us J. I. Muddford, Brisbane; G. O. Burchill, Subiaco, W.A.; and Sisters Day, of N.S.W., and Bailey, of Ballarat. The former gave a greeting to the church, and delivered an excellent exhortation. In the evening the chapel was packed. Sister Weeks, of S.A., sang a solo, which was much appreciated. H. E. Knott gave an impressive address on "Our Heritage," and at its close one young man and one young woman came out and made the good confession. Interest increasing.—J.Y.P., April 14.

**BRUNSWICK.**—On Lord's day, April 7, we were favored with country visitors, viz.: Sister Miss Cambridge, Kyneton; Miss M. Sharpe, Subiaco, W.A.; John Thompson, Cudgewa; J. C. Skinner, Cosgrove; W. Uren, Brim, and W. White, Brim, the latter presiding. Bro. Uren exhorted, and Bro. Cambridge preached. To-day J. G. Shain exhorted, and Bro. Uren preached to a good audience on "Christ Before Pilate." An invalid girl made the good confession. At a business meeting held on April 3, the building committee, with the trustees, was empowered to select a suitable piece of land as a site for a new chapel. Bro. Peters' son is now home from the hospital.—W.T., April 14.

**MARYBOROUGH.**—On April 7 we had a visit from G. Bridgman, of S.A. He addressed the church in the morning, and preached the gospel very acceptably at night. At the morning service six received the right hand of fellowship. Fine meetings yesterday, and at the close of last night's meeting one lady made the good confession.—H.P.L., April 15.

**SOUTH YARRA.**—Very good attendance at both meetings last Lord's day. In the morning we had Bro. Hinton, evangelist from Boonah, Qld., also Sister Flossie Crooke, Dandenong, and Sister Mrs. Griffin, Geelong. Bro. Hinton presided. In the evening Bro. and Sister H. Clipstone were present. Bro. Clipstone preached to an appreciative audience. We were pleased to have Sister Mrs. A. Eaton, from Perth, W.A., with us, who favored us with two solos.—T.M., April 15.

**STAWELL.**—To-night we had another record meeting; about sixty present. Bro. McFadden assisted by conducting preliminaries for Bro. Shipway. This young brother is promising well, and should develop into a thoroughly capable preacher and worker. We have had present to fellowship since last report Sisters Chapman, from Naracoorte, S.A., and Spence, mother and daughter, from Lygon-st.—A.P.A.B., April 14.

MELBOURNE (Swanston-st.).—Record meetings morning and evening last Lord's day. We were delighted to have the presence of many interstate and country visitors. In the morning A. E. Illingworth, of Sydney, presided. J. E. Thomas, of Adelaide, and W. Morrow, of Port Pirie, read the lessons. Bro. Griffith, of S.A., gave a short address before the breaking of bread, and Gifford Gordon addressed the church. Two were received into fellowship—one baptised the previous Lord's day evening, and one by letter. Bro. Walden, of Enmore, N.S.W., gave a very fine address in the evening on "Our Plea and Its Responsibilities." The choir, under E. Tippett, sang a special anthem, and a congregational song service was conducted prior to the address. The building was crowded. Lunch was served by the sisters to about 226, and tea to about 300. Splendid service was cheerfully given by a host of sisters, much to the enjoyment of all.

## Here and There

This issue of the "Christian" contains eight extra pages.

For a little while Conference Reports have the right of way.

Read the Conference Reports. They will do you good and enlarge your vision.

The proceedings of the Conference meetings have been well reported in the daily press. More attention has been given to us in this respect than ever was the case before.

All accounts for the Federal Conference will please be sent in immediately to T. B. Fischer, Cheltenham.

The secretary of the church at Inverell, New South Wales, is Geo. Brighty, and his address is Clive-st., Inverell.

The name and address of the new Secretary of the Victorian Women's Conference is Miss Rosentsch, 59 St. Vincent-st., Albert Park.

Ethelbert Davis' address is now 149 Mary-st., Richmond.

Will those who received tickets for sale for the Musical Festival be good enough to return tickets unsold and ticket money to E. Davis.

J. Parslow, of Toowoomba, Qld., reports fourteen decisions in the young people's campaign, which includes twelve from the Bible School.

We regret to say that A. R. Main is suffering from an attack of influenza, and this will account for the absence of "In the Realm of the Bible School" in this issue. He will give us two lessons in the next issue.

We are pleased to learn that the Southern District Conference of New Zealand has agreed to fall into line with the other States and provinces in regard to the date of taking up the annual offering for Home Missions. Australasia is now completely united on the date for the Home Mission offering.

It will be readily conceded that the recent Conference gatherings could not have been the success they were without a good deal of previous thought and hard work. The place of honor in this respect must be given to T. B. Fischer, the Organising Secretary, whose attention to every detail is worthy of the highest praise. H. Kingsbury on the social committee, and R. Ennis on the hospitality committee, also did their work well, and to the satisfaction of every one. In the musical department, the South Australian Choir, under the leadership of O. Finlayson, deserves honorable mention. Their singing was much appreciated by all who had the privilege of hearing it. Our local efforts, too, were worthy of all praise. The Musical Society and the Bible School Choir, both under the leadership of Nat Haddow, contributed largely to the success of our meetings. Sister Miss Jeannie Dickens at the piano,

and Bro. Sidney Pittman at the organ, rendered conspicuous service. Madame McClelland also sang most acceptably at the large meetings. Bro. Henry Wright, of Perth, W.A., was in request. The Swanston-st. church choir, under the leadership of E. Tippett, gave their services on Foreign Mission night. Many other workers deserve credit in bringing about the desired result, but it is enough to say that all were willing helpers.

### JOTTINGS FROM THE FEDERAL CONFERENCE.

W. H. Allen said at the preachers' session that he overheard a preacher say that if the good Lord would only take all the preachers to heaven, Christian union would soon be accomplished.

On the Tuesday of Conference week the sisters tendered a basket tea to visitors in the Swanston-st. chapel. A goodly company of 150 sisters assembled and listened to greetings, responses, solos and recitations. Some of the brethren also assisted. The social element made the gathering very pleasing.

The preachers' session was attended by probably the largest number of preachers of the Church of Christ assembled at any one time in Australia. It was a splendid gathering.

Great interest and enthusiasm were manifested at the prospect of the coming of Charles Reign Scoville. Hearty applause followed the announcement of the receipt of a cable stating there had been 1400 additions at the mission he had just closed.

The President of the Federal Conference, J. E. Thomas, presided with wisdom and tact. Humor was not absent, and the meetings were led in a very capable manner.

At the preachers' session, general regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. Gore, and it was decided to send greetings to him from the meeting.

During the Federal sessions Misses Leedham, H. Lawrie, Bice and Weeks, members of the S.A. Choir, sang very sweet solos.

The Bible School Union Demonstration Choir of about 600, under Nat Haddow, with Miss Dickens at the piano, and S. Pittman at the organ, was a great factor towards the success of a meeting which packed the building.

The missionary hour was graced with the presence of four missionaries, namely, Bro. and Sister F. G. Filmer, of Pentecost, South Seas; Sister Terrell, of India, and Bro. Jame, our Chinese missionary in Australia.

C. M. Gordon said the old unpaid promises to the College of the Bible were a vexation to his soul.

Bro. Inglis Wright sent a paper on "Literature, a Neglected Force in our Work of Evangelisation." The paper was capably read by C. M. Gordon, and was splendidly received.

The Organising Secretary of the College of the Bible, C. M. Gordon, said he could look down the years and see the Church of Christ 100,000 strong, for we are not going to sit down in stagnant splendor.

The great Home and Foreign Mission meeting was an inspiring one, and although it did not dismiss till a late hour, the interest was sustained until the very last.

T. Hagger said, "It is a good thing to teach scholars how many miles it is from Jerusalem to Jericho, or to tell them the history of the Herods, but the supreme object of our instruction ought to be the salvation of our scholars."

It is likely that, as a result of our Bible School session, a Federal Bible School Union may be established.

"If you want to make the Bible School go, you must advertise and use printer's ink. The Bible is full of advertising. The day of Pentecost was a largely advertised meeting. One had but to look at the business firms of the city to see which firms advertise, and the same should apply to our work."—G. E. Chandler.

The four addresses at the Bible School session were well prepared, well delivered, and well received. The chairman pronounced the session one of the best on Bible School work he had ever attended.

In discussing literature, F. G. Dunn stated there was a great apathy shown by the churches towards the distribution of tracts. The discussion showed the need of using more of our Austral publications, and we believe it will be done.

### N.S.W. CONFERENCE NOTES.

"The Bible School is a most valuable by-product of the church."—G. T. Walden.

A. Price: "I have come from a place called 'Cudal'—No, it isn't 'Cuddle'—which is like a point, which Euclid said 'is a place without magnitude.'"

The Richmond River names caused some difficulty and merriment. Bro. Hagger tried to teach the Conference to pronounce "Mongogerie," but hardly succeeded. (Pronunciation, "Mon-gog-ree.")

Applause greeted the statement that there were no hotels at Tyalgum, mainly owing to the efforts of two of the members there working up petitions, which had resulted in the repeated refusal of publicans' licenses.

"My experience of a credit balance was a very transient bliss—we have now a deficit."—C. J. Lea, H.M. Treasurer.

A disappointing feature of the Conference was the almost general tendency of brethren to localise discussions. We cannot do much until we learn to look out of ourselves. Christians need to cultivate world vision.

G. T. Walden said that when he came to New South Wales sixteen years ago, Bro. P. A. Dickson was the only other preacher, and there were about 1200 members. Now there are 22 preachers wholly supported in the work, and over 4000 members.

"What would we do without the College of the Bible? What would we have been doing had we had the College 25 years ago?"—T. Bagley.

"Our preachers, as far as it concerns educating the people on the Bible, are second to none."—J. Wilson.

"The members who read the 'Christian' are the five members of the church."—T. Bagley.

G. T. Walden said he never was a singer—as a boy he was not allowed to sing in school because he put the others out of tune. A friend was sick in the house, and another friend enquiring how he was, was told that the patient had passed a bad night—"Didn't you hear him groaning this morning?" "Well, I heard a noise, but thought it was George singing!"

The late Dr. Kingsbury was quoted as having said that if a brother can only put threepence in the offering, the deacons should wait on him and ask him to accept help from the poor relief fund.

The offerings made at Conference were magnificent—£461 for Home Missions, and over £150 for Foreign Missions.

It was a country brethren's Conference, the country being well represented. Many of the city people had already gone on to Melbourne to be in time for the Federal Conference.

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 APRIL 29.—Musical Society. Next rehearsal, Saturday, 29th inst., at Swanston-st.—C. H. Mitchell.  
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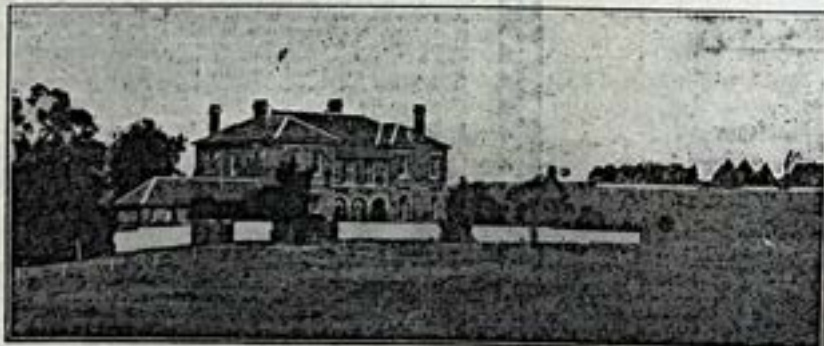
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