

# Victorian Conference, 1914.

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

The Victorian Women's Conference was held in the Lygon-st. chapel on Wednesday, April 8. There were three sessions, all of which were characterised by good attendances. A detailed report of proceedings will appear later.

## CONFERENCE OF PREACHERS.

Preachers and speaking brethren enjoyed a profitable session in the afternoon of Thursday, 9th inst., in Lygon-st. chapel. A. R. Main, M.A., presided. After a devotional season, Mr. McLaren, M.A., of the Congregational Theological College, gave a very fine address on "Perils of the Preacher." After the meeting, tea was partaken of in the lecture hall. The Lygon-st. sisters were thanked for preparing the repast.

## TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION.

On Thursday evening, at 8 o'clock, the annual Temperance Demonstration commenced in the Masonic Hall. The Hon. J. G. Barrett presided. After prayer led by F. McClean, the chairman made his remarks. He directed attention to a motto hanging above his head, "Remember 1917," and spoke of several encouraging features of the temperance work, especially referring to the Temperance Conference recently held in Adelaide.

Mr. F. J. Miles (preacher of West Melbourne Baptist Church) spoke on the subject of "Frenzied Finance." The speaker said that his subject dealt with those who were frenzied in getting poor. In the past fifty years, £232,000,000 had been spent on alcohol in Victoria. Every year £6/14/4 per head was spent on agriculture, but at the same time £6/1/1 on liquor. This expenditure on strong drink was merely putting money into bags with holes in them. The nation was spending fourteen and a half million pounds per annum on alcohol, whereas much less was spent for useful purposes. A blackboard was used by the speaker to tabulate figures which showed that from a business point of view expenditure on alcohol was "frenzied finance." Better than making a living was making a life. The liquor trade ruined life. In conclusion, the speaker pleaded that Christians should retain their prominent position as leaders of temperance reform.

T. Hagger addressed the meeting on the question, "Why Vote No-License?" He protested against the conditions of the next poll, claiming that it was undemocratic to demand a three-fifths majority. Nevertheless we must rise to our responsibilities and opportunities at the booth. Some contended that stagnation would follow No-License. Experience answered this objection. Where No-License was tried, the country prospered. An improved moral tone followed prohibition. Again, the vote for No-License would be a vote given for our weaker brother. The liquor trade damaged the home, and ruined social ties. Recognising the need of the weaker brethren, the awful effects of drink in the home, and the inroads of this evil into our national life, we must obey the call of God by voting No-License.

During the evening musical items were rendered by Miss Muriel Cheek, Mr. W. Sherwood and Mr. W. Davidson.

The collection amounted to £5/16/6½.

## VICTORIAN CONFERENCE, 1914.

The business sessions of the Annual Conference of the Churches of Christ began on Friday, April 10, in the chapel, Lygon-st.

### DEVOTIONAL MEETING.

A preliminary service of prayer and praise was conducted by J. Binney. Several brethren took part. The meeting was a helpful preparation for the business of the morning.

### BUSINESS SESSION.

At 10 o'clock, M. McLellan, Conference President, took the chair. J. J. Franklyn led the meeting in prayer.

Press reporters appointed were W. C. Beiler, C. L. Lang and A. P. Wilson.

The churches at Emerald (Township) and Ultima were received into the Conference.

### LIST OF DELEGATES.

Compiled from Lists furnished by Secretaries.

Abbotsford: J. Coward, C. Young. Ascot Vale: W. Flood, H. Kingsbury, J. Y. Potts. Ballarat: W. H. Benson, H. P. Leng, A. E. Pittock. Bayswater: Westmore, Martin. Bendigo: A. W. Connor, Dr. J. Cook, T. J. Cook. Berwick: N. Meyer, E. P. Hillbrich. Bet Bet: Anderson, Patterson. Blackburn: H. Carter, W. Redman. Boort: D. Stanyer, A. Stanyer. Box Hill: F. J. Sivyler, R. Carter. Brighton: R. P. Clark, Sharp, W. Brothchie, Ludvigson. Brim: W. W. White. Broad-

meadows: A. Millis. Brunswick: James Donaldson, W. Hardie, W. J. Thompson. Burnley: R. Arnott, W. Winch. Carlton (Lygon-st.): S. G. Griffith, W. C. Craigie, F. Payne, J. McColl, W. C. Thurgood. Chinese Church (Queensberry-st.): E. Lin, D. C. Gow. Carnegie: C. R. Hall, F. Manning. Castlemaine: Jermyn, J. W. Marrows. Cheltenham: W. H. Barnett, E. T. Penny, A. P. Wilson, Wm. Woff. Colac: J. Williamson, G. E. Chandler. Cosgrove: J. C. Skinner. Dandenong: F. E. Thomas, J. Proctor, Knights. Doncaster: J. E. Allan, G. Petty, D. Tully. Drummond: J. R. Combridge, Gilmour. Echuca: R. Lyall. Emerald: J. Borland, H. Henderson. Emerald (Township): E. Sherar, Wm. Bolduan. Fairfield Park: H. Edwards, W. R. Hibbert. Fitzroy: W. C. Beiler, J. McGregor, C. W. Mitchell. Footscray: W. D. More, J. Emmerson, H. Hunter. French Island: W. H. Clay. Geelong: C. Dawson, G. Gordon, S. Thewlis. Gordon: C. R. Brough. Hampton: D. E. Pittman, W. Shean. Harcourt and Sutton Grange: G. Manifold, C. Schwab. Hawthorn: Brice, McCoughtry, A. C. Rankine. Kaniva: W. C. McCallum. Kyneton: W. G. Harman, Campbell. Lillimur: A. R. Benn. Malvern: L. C. McCallum, W. J. Richards. Maryborough: L. Larsen, S. H. Pittman. Melbourne (Swanston-st.): W. H. Allen, B. Huntsman, W. Wettenhall, F. G. Dunn, B. J. Kemp. Meredith: C. R. Brough. Middle Park: John Mill, J. H. McKean, T. Hall. Montrose: Archer, R. Langley. Moreland: J. J. Anderson, W. Brown, J. C. F. Pittman, F. Dawes. Newmarket: J. Hatty, J. I. Mudford, F. W. Stubbing. North Carlton: R. W. Jolly, C. Scott. Northcote: A. G. Day, R. Conning, J. Woodgate. North Fitzroy: Cother, Dummett, Hagger, McMillan, Williams. North Melbourne: A. Hutson, M. Dale, W. J. Woodbridge. North Richmond: H. E. Anderson, A. Fisher, H. A. Procter, J. Salisbury. Port Fairy: A. R. Lyall. Prahran: P. J. Pond, Downing, W. Hancock. Preston: J. Binney, O. A. Walker, F. Quaife. Shepparton: H. M. Clipstone. South Melbourne: Bennetts, E. Davis. South Richmond: Munday, Rothery, Whitely. South Yarra: J. T. Eaton, H. Quick, A. R. Main. St. Arnaud: T. Hagger, Stawell: J. E. Shipway. St. Kilda: Dawson, T. M. Davis. Surrey Hills: G. Clewett, J. Whelan. Swan Hill: T. Hagger. Taradale: J. R. Combridge. Ultima: W. H. Clay. Warracknabeal: W. G. Combridge. Warragul: H. Clark, Wilmshurst. Warrnambool: W. L. Jones. Wedderburn: E. Bulgin. Williamstown: Bennett, McDonald, Goldsworthy. Windsor: H. Tuck, F. Harding.

### WELCOME.

The President expressed a hearty welcome to visitors. Several new preachers had come to Victoria since last Conference—H. A. Procter, A. P. Wilson, S. G. Griffith, J. J. Franklyn and A. G. Day. A. G. Day responded on behalf of the preachers. J. Murray Glaister, of Auckland, N.Z., was welcomed, and responded. H. Kingsbury replied to the chairman's expression of pleasure at his return to Victoria. W. Cecil

**TREASURER'S STATEMENT—VICTORIAN MISSION FUND.**  
FOR CONFERENCE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY, 1914.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance forward from last year . . . . .	Salaries and Allowances—
Annual Offerings—	T. Hagger . . . . . £238 6 8
On account of 1913 . . . . . £3 18 6	G. E. Chandler . . . . . 190 13 4
On account of 1914 . . . . . 739 12 3	W. H. Clay . . . . . 190 13 4
	G. B. Moysey . . . . . 166 16 8
Contributions from Churches . . . . .	E. Davis . . . . . 154 18 4
Contributions from Individuals . . . . .	A. R. Benn . . . . . 143 0 0
Women's Home Mission Rally . . . . .	H. M. Clipstone . . . . . 143 0 0
Collection at Conference, 1913 . . . . .	J. R. Combridge . . . . . 143 0 0
Conference Fees—	J. E. Shipway . . . . . 143 0 0
On account of 1913 . . . . . 18 0 0	H. P. Leng . . . . . 121 6 8
On account of 1914 . . . . . 6 0 0	A. P. Wilson . . . . . 106 3 4
	J. W. Marrows . . . . . 78 0 0
Sale of Hymn Books . . . . .	L. Larsen . . . . . 60 13 4
Cr. balance from Scoville Mission A/c . . . . .	A. J. Wedd . . . . . 54 14 7
Carnegie—Refund of half cost Removal Ex-	G. H. Oldfield . . . . . 52 7 6
penses, A. P. Wilson . . . . . 5 0 0	T. W. Smith . . . . . 47 13 4
Tent Seats—From C.E. Societies, etc. . . . .	C. R. Hall . . . . . 46 11 0
Proportion of Cr. Balance from United Pub-	W. L. Jones . . . . . 45 10 0
lic Questions' Demonstration . . . . .	F. J. Goodwin . . . . . 39 0 0
0 17 1	W. G. Combridge . . . . . 38 10 0
Hire of Tent . . . . . 11 10 0	L. Frost . . . . . 38 10 0
Sisters' Executive (towards Cost of Repairs	F. J. Sivyer . . . . . 36 16 8
to Piano damaged at Warrnambool Tent	W. H. Hinrichsen . . . . . 18 6 8
Mission) . . . . . 1 0 0	D. M. McCrackett . . . . . 13 0 0
Colac, for Services of Singing Evangelist at	C. R. Brough . . . . . 10 15 0
Mission . . . . . 8 0 0	W. Gale . . . . . 9 15 0
Mission Thankofferings . . . . . 61 6 9	L. McCallum . . . . . 9 10 0
*From Churches for Evangelist's Services—	A. J. Fischer . . . . . 9 4 2
Boort . . . . . 21 18 6	H. Swain . . . . . 7 11 8
Carnegie . . . . . 68 5 0	P. Aurisch . . . . . 4 6 8
Castlemaine . . . . . 96 0 10	L. Anderson . . . . . 2 17 6
Colac . . . . . 151 13 4	R. Arnott . . . . . 2 3 4
Echuca . . . . . 2 5 0	H. Clark . . . . . 1 0 0
Gordon . . . . . 1 5 0	A. Cockroft . . . . . 1 0 0
Horsham District—	
Horsham . . . . . 74 6 0	
Polkemmet . . . . . 53 6 2	
	2368 14 9
	Subsidies—
Kaniva District—	Swan Hill . . . . . 31 19 2
Kaniva . . . . . 118 0 0	Middle Park . . . . . 26 0 0
Lillimur . . . . . 38 0 0	Croydon . . . . . 16 5 0
	Montrose . . . . . 8 2 6
	Preston . . . . . 6 10 0
Kyneton District—	Castlemaine . . . . . 4 6 8
Kyneton . . . . . 29 7 7	Hampton . . . . . 4 6 8
Drummond . . . . . 52 19 3	Burnley . . . . . 1 1 8
Taradale . . . . . 25 11 6	
	98 11 8
	Removal Expenses—
The Mallee District—	G. B. Moysey . . . . . 11 16 8
Brim . . . . . 82 17 10	W. L. Jones . . . . . 5 0 0
Dunmunkle . . . . . 31 13 0	L. Frost . . . . . 5 0 0
Warracknabeal . . . . . 21 7 10	D. M. McCrackett . . . . . 7 10 0
	A. P. Wilson (half cost re-
	funded by Carnegie) . . . . . 10 0 0
	39 6 8
Maryborough District—	Rail Expenses—
Maryborough and Bet Bet . . . . . 175 13 6	Echuca . . . . . 3 6 9
Dunolly . . . . . 0 12 6	Boort . . . . . 19 19 5
	St. Arnaud . . . . . 16 0 4
	Warrnambool . . . . . 20 8 4
Shepparton District—	Kyneton . . . . . 1 10 8
Shepparton . . . . . 82 4 0	Drummond . . . . . 1 6 9
Cosgrove . . . . . 33 16 0	Brim, etc. . . . . 3 4 10
	Other Transport and Travelling
	Expenses (including Freight
	on Tent) . . . . . 17 5 4
	83 2 5
South Melbourne . . . . . 108 15 0	Expenses, Organising Secretary (including
St. Arnaud . . . . . 17 1 8	Rail Fares and all other Expenses . . . . . 25 5 4
Stawell . . . . . 79 3 0	Conference Expenses (including Picnic) . . . . . 22 13 9
Warragul . . . . . 2 3 4	Printing, Stationery, etc. (including Women's
Warrnambool . . . . . 48 13 1	Rally, Annual Offering, Special Issue of
Wonga Park . . . . . 5 8 4	"Christian," etc.) . . . . . 97 3 11
Miscellaneous Receipts (including £5/17/10	Hymn Books . . . . . 12 16 2
Refunds) . . . . . 6 1 2	Rent, Wonthaggi Site . . . . . 4 0 0
	Typewriter for Organising Secretary . . . . . 10 0 0
	Insurance Premium on Tent . . . . . 2 0 6
	Refund to Treasurer of Dr. Balance carried
	over from last year . . . . . 39 10 0
	Towards Expenses of St. Arnaud Tent Mission . . . . . 5 0 0
	Bank Charges . . . . . 0 10 0
	Bank Interest on Overdraft . . . . . 1 2 7

\*Included in these amounts is a sum of £80/5/- for arrears on account of year 1912-13, and £12/11/2 advance payments on account of 1914-15.

Treasurer's Statement—continued.

	Tent Seats . . . . .	18 13 9	
	Hire of Hall for Women's Rally . . . . .	4 19 0	
	Repairs to Tent . . . . .	8 13 10	
	Towards Cost of Repairs to Piano damaged at Warrnambool Tent Mission . . . . .	1 0 0	
	Postage, Bank Exchange, etc., etc. (includes Petty Cash incurred on account of Quarterly Meetings of Church Officers, Volunteer Mission Campaign, Advisory Board, etc., etc.) . . . . .	22 1 4	
	Miscellaneous . . . . .	1 13 6	
	Balance in Bank . . . . .	2 19 0	
Total Receipts . . . . .	£2869 18 2		Total Expenditure . . . . . £2869 18 2

W. C. CRAIGIE, Treasurer.  
Melbourne, March 1, 1914.

Audited and found correct,  
J. BARNACLE, A.S.A.A., Eng. } Auditors.  
A. HADDOW

McCallum, from America, and S. Gole, from Sydney, were also welcomed.

GREETINGS.

G. P. Pittman sent greetings from India. These were conveyed by J. Pittman. Greetings were also received from C. M. Gordon, Secretaries of W. Australia, S. Australian, Queensland and Tasmanian Conferences, H. J. Banks, H. Swain, Council of Churches, and Women's Conference.

Executive Committee's Report.

With grateful acknowledgments to our heavenly Father for his continual guidance and blessing, we have pleasure in presenting the following report of the year's work.

The Committee trust that the review of the past, and the bright prospects for the future, will inspire the brotherhood of Victoria to large enterprises for the evangelisation of the State. It is hoped that this present Conference will contribute materially to strengthen the bonds of fraternal love and fellowship already existing between the churches throughout our State; and that its good influences will be radiated amongst the entire brotherhood, and thus lead to even greater advances than have as yet been made.

I. WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

We have again to express our best thanks to the sisters for their splendid co-operation in every effort put forward in the interests of both Home and Foreign Missions, as well as along the line of benevolent and philanthropic activities. We gratefully acknowledge the help they have at all times rendered in any matter that has been put before them. Special mention must be made of the very successful Home Mission Rally, which yielded a sum of £121/18/3, and the continued work which they put in making regular weekly collections for missions.

On the motion of B. J. Kemp, the clause was adopted, a hearty vote of thanks being added.

II. FINANCIAL.

We are in the happy position of once again reporting a record year—both in receipts and expenditure. The small debit (£39/10/-) with which we commenced the year has been wiped out, and we closed the year with £2/19/- in hand. Nevertheless, the year just closed at times caused great anxiety from a financial standpoint. The year was started with an empty treasury, and a monthly outlay of £240. The excess of expenditure over receipts was over £680 at the close of one month during the year. The Committee had more men engaged in the work than at any previous time, and they were very reluctant to decrease the number, so retained them all, and trusted the brotherhood to help them square accounts at the end of the year. This has been done largely through

the splendid response made by the annual offering, which once more established a record. We would not wish, however, to encourage a policy of depending too much on one large annual contribution (useful as it has been on many occasions); but we would take this opportunity of urging upon the brethren the advisability of furnishing a regular steady income, which will enable expenditure to more closely approximate receipts at the close of each quarter—if not at the close of each month. This is the more desirable in view of the fact that interest on a bank overdraft has now to be met (on daily debit at the bank). It was thought to be an unbusinesslike procedure to have the Treasurer advancing from his private funds such large amounts, relying on the large offering at the close of each year to refund same. Accordingly arrangements were made for a floating overdraft, which has worked well. The paragraph on Finance would be incomplete if it did not contain a hearty expression of our indebtedness to the Treasurer for his ever-ready assistance, manifested in so many directions throughout the year.

R. Lyall moved the adoption of the clause, together with the Treasurer's Statement. W. C. Craigie pointed out that the condition of the finances was not quite so satisfactory as the report indicated, as the books were closed at the end of February, and liabilities have since been incurred, leaving a deficit to date. The motion was carried. A vote of thanks was passed to the Treasurer, W. C. Craigie.

T. Hagger moved, "That this Conference strongly recommends the churches to provide a steady income for our Home Mission work, either by means of collectors or duplex envelopes, and that money so received by the churches be forwarded at least once a quarter to the fund."

T. W. Smith seconded the motion. B. J. Kemp, W. C. Craigie, C. Mitchell, J. I. Mudford and S. G. Griffith spoke to the resolution, which was subsequently carried.

III. STATISTICS.

It will be seen by a reference to the Statistical Schedule that there is an increase in the church membership of 351.

The membership now stands at 9468. The gains are:—By faith and obedience, 839; letter, 549; as baptised believers, 92; restoration, 44; total, 1524. Decreases:—By letter, 472; death, 75; discipline and revision of roll, 626; total, 1173. Net increase, 643.

Included in the total membership of 9468 and the net increase of 643 are 292 isolated members whose names, so far as can be ascertained, are not on any church roll. These members are shown in this manner for the first time.

Scholars in Bible Schools, 8212, being an increase of 329. Bible School teachers, 792, an increase of 51.

Additions to the churches from the Bible Schools, 253.

The clause on "Isolated Members," and also the schedule of statistics, were discussed.

The clauses and schedule were adopted.

IV. YEAR BOOK.

The idea of issuing a Year Book after each Conference has been discussed during the year. One will be issued after this gathering as an experiment, and should there be any demand for such a volume it may become an annual publication. It will cost 9d. per copy, and orders with cash will be received during the meetings of Conference.

T. Hagger moved the adoption of the clause, and M. W. Green seconded the motion. Carried.

V. OFFICERS' QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

These have been regularly maintained throughout the year, and are becoming increasingly popular and profitable. The subjects discussed at the four meetings held during the year were as follows:—"The Mid-week Meeting," G. Manifold; "Our Movement in Relation to Modern Religious Tendencies," H. A. Procter; "Christianity and the Social Movement," B. W. Huntsman; and "Christian Benevolence," S. G. Griffith. At the first mentioned meeting opportunity was taken to make the presentation to Bro. M. McLellan, in recognition of his services as Conference Secretary for 30 years. At a later meeting a sub-committee, consisting of Bren. J. Pittman, B. W. Huntsman and G. Manifold, was appointed to draw up suggested uniform topics for the mid-week meetings. This sub-committee did their work well, and the list of topics was published in the "Christian," and the brethren who have the conducting of the mid-week meeting are urged to make use of the topics.

The clause was adopted.

VI. CEMETERY ALLOTMENT AT SPRING VALE NECROPOLIS.

At the instigation of the East Suburban Co-operation, application was made to the Trustees of the Spring Vale Necropolis for an allotment to be devoted for the use of deceased members of the Churches of Christ. This application was favorably considered, and the "Lot" set aside as requested.

The clause was adopted, after a slight amendment.

At this stage a quartette, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," was finely rendered by the Lygon-st. male quartette party.

## VII. RELATIONS WITH THE BAPTISTS.

Most of the recommendations made by the Conference between representatives of the Baptists and Churches of Christ (referred to in last annual report) have been acted upon. There have been frequent exchanges of pulpits; the members of the Baptist Preachers' Fraternal have been entertained at tea by the Lygon-st. officers and Dorcas Class; representatives of the Baptists have been present and spoken at our Home and Foreign Mission sessions of Conference; and a most successful United Public Questions Demonstration was held during the year. The Auditorium was well filled, and after some splendid addresses important resolutions on Public Questions were unanimously passed, which will make for the good of the community.

Clause adopted.

## VIII. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

Last year's report stated that for certain reasons the application to become affiliated with the Council of Churches was withdrawn. In October last, a special meeting of the Executive was held to consider a letter from the Secretary of that body, to the effect that in anticipation of application being renewed, a special Committee of the Council had been appointed to meet representatives from the Churches of Christ, with a view to affiliation. Representatives were appointed as requested, but it was decided not to renew the application. After a brief conference with the special Committee of the Council, a further communication was received from the Secretary, in view of which it was decided to rescind the withdrawal of application for affiliation. A further communication from the Secretary intimated that at a meeting of the Council held in December "... it was unanimously decided to welcome the Churches of Christ as a constituent of the Council..." and it was asked that eight representatives be appointed. The following brethren were appointed provisionally, and this Conference is asked to ratify such appointments:—W. H. Allen, W. C. Craigie, F. G. Dunn, R. Enniss, H. E. Knott, M.A., B. J. Kemp, A. R. Main, M.A., and H. A. Procter.

Adopted.

Mention was made that in the meeting were the Hon. D. R. Hall and Bro. Gordon, of S.A., and both were given a hearty welcome. Bro. Hall responded in a few words.

## IX. PERMANENT SECRETARY.

It having been recognised that the secretarial work connected with the Conference and the Home Missionary activities had grown too large for any brother to perform in his spare time, endeavors were made during the year to obtain the services of a permanent secretary. A competent brother was approached, but declined the appointment, and the work was continued under the present unsatisfactory system of a semi-honorary secretary. It is strongly urged that this Conference take up this important matter, and come to a definite decision regarding it.

T. W. Smith moved that the clause be adopted, and that the matter be left in the hands of the incoming Executive and Home Missionary Committees. After discussion the motion was carried.

## X. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We are thankful to the churches at Lygon-st. and Swanston-st. for the gratuitous use of their buildings for all meetings during the year; to the Principal and Board of Management of the College of the Bible for the use of their grounds for our annual picnic, and to Bren. J. Barnacle and A. A. Haddow, junr., for their valuable services as auditors.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

MALCOLM McLELLAN, President,  
THOS. W. SMITH, Secretary.

## ADDENDUM.

At the request of the Home Missionary Committee I have much pleasure in adding this addendum to the foregoing report.

The retiring Secretary (Thos. W. Smith) is deserving of the greatest praise for the efficient manner in which he has performed the duties attaching to the position of Secretary of the Conference. They have been carried out to the entire satisfaction of the Committee, the members of which are all extremely sorry that Bro. Smith is resigning the position. It would have given great satisfaction had he seen his way to continue, but his own duties in the Commonwealth Public Service are such as to make it impossible for him to carry on the work in his spare time. The Committee fully appreciate the excellent services rendered, and hope that in the future he will be able to devote some of his talent to the furtherance of the Master's work in connection with the Conference.

On behalf of the Conference Executive and Home Missionary Committee,

MALCOLM McLELLAN, President.

The clauses on Acknowledgments and the Addendum were adopted. Reference was made to the valuable services of T. W. Smith as Secretary.

The Executive Report as a whole was adopted.

The following motion was moved by J. G. Barrett, and carried:

That the clause of the Constitution relating to the establishment of a Temperance Committee be amended to read as follows:—

"A Temperance Committee, which shall be appointed to promote the cause of total abstinence from the use of intoxicants, by such means and efforts as may seem best to them. Such Committee shall consist of a chairman, a secretary, and five other members, all of whom shall be elected by the vote of the annual meeting, and shall hold office for one year. It shall be responsible to the annual Conference, and shall duly report its proceedings thereon."

## NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

Nominations of officers and members of the various committees were then taken, the elections taking place later.

After the adjournment for lunch, the Conference assembled in the Masonic Hall. J. J. Franklyn conducted a brief devotional service, after which the chair was taken by the President of the Conference. The attendance was very large.

## BIBLE COLLEGE REPORT.

The report was presented by the Principal, A. R. Main, M.A. Regret was expressed that the new Organising Secretary was unavoidably absent. An enrolment of fifty represented the present student body. The inter-relation between the Home Missionary Committee and the College was emphasised. Brethren were urged to consider the financial and other needs of the institution.

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

M. McLellan delivered the President's address. He emphasised the missionary idea found throughout the New Testament, and spoke of those who to-day are the messengers of the cross of Christ. Statistics were quoted to prove that when State evangelists and singing evangelists were employed the work prospered better than in other years.

A selection was rendered by the Lygon-st. quartette party.

## Home Missionary Committee's Report.

The following is an epitome of the work done during the year in the various fields by evangelists supported from Home Mission funds:—

(Home Mission evangelists who were present gave additional information in regard to their work, a very brief epitome of which is given. The addresses, though short, were of a high order.)

## 1. BOORT.

G. H. Oldfield (student) was sent to this comparatively new field last May, and the results have fully justified this "forward move." A mission is being held in the tent by Bren. Hagger and Clay at the time this report is being written. This church increased its contribution towards support of student during the year. Total additions: By faith and baptism, 7; and as baptised believers, 1. (These totals do not include the results of the mission held in March, 1914.)

## 2. CARNEGIE.

Widespread attention was drawn to the work here by reason of the "chapel in a day" project. Though not quite successful in this desire, "the octagon" has since been completed, and forms a prominent and valuable "workshop" for a fine district. A. P. Wilson labored here from May 1 until December, when he was succeeded by C. R. Hall (student), who spent his vacation on the field, and with whom the church has since made their own arrangements for week-end work. Additions: By faith and baptism, 11; restoration, 1; and as baptised believers, 2.

## 3. CASTLEMAINE.

Shortly after last Conference, W. Gale vacated this field, to take up work in N.S.W. He was succeeded by J. W. Marrows, who has done a splendid constructive work in this promising and important field. From November 1 last the brethren at Castlemaine resolved to engage Bro. Marrows themselves; and since that date the church has been self-supporting, except for a small subsidy from H.M. funds. Their ultimate aim is complete self-support as soon as possible. A specially gratifying feature in connection with this field is the Bible Class and Bible School. Additions: By faith and baptism, 3; restoration, 1.

## 4. COLAC.

G. E. Chandler has continued in this important town, and has done good solid work during the past year. The church has increased its contribution towards his support since July 1 last. Additions: By faith and baptism, 17; and as baptised believers, 1.

G. E. Chandler said that he could not present quite so favorable a report as that of last year, but he still had many good things to say of Colac. They existed for the uplift of the community. Reference was made to the fact that the speaker was soon to take up work with the church at Geelong, and his thanks were expressed for the support received from the Home Missionary Committee.

## 5. ECHUCA.

The urgent appeal from this needy field was only able to be responded to in the closing days of the Conference year, when arrangements were made for sending a student up for week-ends, the church to contribute a small sum towards his support.

## 6. GORDON.

C. R. Brough has continued to labor here, and while there has been nothing startling to report, the church has been kept together and strengthened.

## 7. HORSHAM AND POLKEMMET.

G. B. Moysey has labored with these churches since June last, with a fair measure of success; the work at Polkemmet being specially encouraging. It is much regretted that Bro. Moysey has resigned; but a suitable successor is being ar-

ranged for. Additions: By faith and baptism, 2; restoration, 1; and as baptised believers, 1.

G. B. Moysey referred to the natural advantages of the sphere of his labors—and also to the disadvantages. The church at Polkemmet was founded about thirty years ago, and one of the brethren to-day prominent for good works, Bro. Butler, was one of the foundation members. Influence from this church had spread in various directions, and other churches had been formed by the faithful labors of the brethren.

#### 8. KANIVA CIRCUIT.

A. R. Benn has continued to labor in this circuit during the year, and has visited Dinyarrak, Bill's Gully, South Lillimur, Bunyip, and Yanip. This circuit provides the whole of Bro. Benn's support. Additions: By faith and baptism, 6.

Jacob had served seven years for Rachel, said A. R. Benn, and the speaker had served the Committee for seven years; the difference, however, was that the latter did not have to wait for his reward. Six additions were reported, but actually there had been ten. In parts of the district, the members were scattered—literally, but not metaphorically, at sixes and sevens.

#### 9. KYNETON, TARADALE & DRUMMOND.

This circuit has been worked by J. R. Combridge since last Conference with much promise. The growing work has necessitated rendering Bro. Combridge some assistance, and arrangements have recently been made whereby a student will carry on week-end work, principally in Drummond and Taradale. The churches of the circuit have each increased their contribution to H.M. funds to make this possible. Additions: By faith and baptism, 10; restoration, 1.

J. R. Combridge thanked the Committee for the hearty support given. There were evidences that the work was growing in Kyneton, while Taradale was a faithful, consistent church. Drummond needed a new church home. The city folk talked of high prices; the farmers said that the middle men gained all the profits. The speaker was looking for a few middle men to help!

#### REPRESENTATIVE FROM BAPTIST UNION.

The President extended a welcome to Mr. J. C. Martin, who addressed the Conference as the representative of the Baptist Union. Greetings from the Baptist Union were conveyed, and reference was made to the growing desire for union arising from mutual understanding. The speaker said that he was of opinion that the successes achieved in gospel work by the Churches of Christ were due to the fact that the members had convictions and stood by them. Consecration, conviction and organised effort were factors of progress. The speaker and his message were enthusiastically received by the meeting.

#### 10. THE MALLEE—BRIM, DUNMUNKLE AND WARRACKNABEAL.

G. B. Moysey led the work in the Mallee up till the end of June, and during the latter part of November last an engagement was accepted by W. G. Combridge (Bible College graduate), who is taking a splendid hold of the work. Additions: By faith and baptism, 9.

W. G. Combridge spoke highly of the members in his circuit. Warracknabeal was the most hopeful centre at present. The

membership was small, but the opportunities were large. Some fifteen hundred people lived in the town. A new building was badly needed by the church. Several outlying parts were affording opportunities which should be seized-upon.

#### 11. MARYBOROUGH, BET BET AND DUNOLLY.

H. P. Leng continued here until the middle of October, when he was succeeded by L. Larsen. The increasing importance of this field called for an additional worker, and it has been arranged that a student shall spend week-ends, assisting Bro. Larsen where most needed. Contributions from churches increased accordingly. Additions: By faith and baptism, 21; as baptised believers, 1; and restoration, 1.

L. Larsen referred to the splendid work of his predecessor, H. P. Leng. A new work was opening up at Dunolly, and L. Anderson, from the College of the Bible, was rendering good help in week-end visits. He asked for prayers for more laborers to be sent into the field where so many opportunities were afforded. The speaker made an impressive appeal for consecrated effort.

H. P. Leng was afforded an opportunity to say farewell to the Committee, as he was now laboring at Ballarat, and had left the ranks of the Home missionaries employed under the Conference. He thanked the Committee for the hearty support given to him while under their control.

#### 12. SHEPPARTON AND COSGROVE.

H. M. Clipstone has labored here for the whole year. The brethren at Shepparton are making an endeavor to purchase a more desirable site for their chapel. An increase of 5/- per week was made by Shepparton church towards preacher's support, shortly after last Conference. Additions: By faith and baptism, 13; and as baptised believers, 2.

H. M. Clipstone said that the churches had had their best year since he took up work in the circuit. Efforts to secure land for a more suitable building site at Shepparton had so far failed. At Cosgrove the small band of disciples was faithful and loyal.

#### 13. SOUTH MELBOURNE.

E. Davis has continued in this somewhat difficult field, and though an excellent spirit prevails, and the church is in a good condition, it has been much weakened by continual removals from the district. Bro. Davis will be leaving the field after Conference, but a suitable successor is being arranged for. The State Evangelist and Bro. Clay will conduct a mission here, commencing at the end of April. Additions: By faith and baptism, 6; as baptised believer, 1.

#### 14. ST. ARNAUD.

For the greater part of the year A. J. Wedd (student) continued to labor here; but after the recent successful mission by Bren. Hagger and Clay, it was considered advisable to have an evangelist located on the field, and devoting his whole time to the work. D. M. McCrackett has now gone there, and there is every promise of a good work being done in this important town. Additions: By faith and baptism, 20; as baptised believers, 2; restoration, 1.

#### 15. STAWELL.

J. E. Shipway has continued to labor during the year with the church at Stawell, occasionally visiting Glen Thompson. Early in the year Bren. Hagger and Clay conducted a most successful mission at Stawell. The church is in a splendid condition, and it is expected will shortly again increase its monthly contribution towards evangelist's support. Additions: By faith and baptism, 66; and as baptised believers, 2.

J. E. Shipway spoke of the growth of the cause in Stawell. Reference was made to the special missions held during the past year by Bren. Hagger and Clay and J. C. F. Pittman. Remarkable instances of conversion were cited. Eulogistic remarks on the church secretary were expressed by the speaker. The railway works were known as the Church of Christ Railway Shops, because a number of the young men were members of the church.

#### 16. WARRAGUL.

F. J. Siver (student) continued the work here until College vacation in November last, when L. McCallum (student) followed him for a few weeks. H. Clark (student) will now continue week-end work at Warragul, and he reports hopefully of the prospects. At present the brethren are finding a difficulty in meeting their obligations to the bank, in connection with the paying off of their building debt. When this is out of the way a larger contribution is expected towards the student's expenses and support. In November last a three weeks' mission was conducted by J. E. Allan, of Doncaster, which helped the church considerably. Additions: By faith and baptism, 6.

#### 17. WARRNAMBOOL & PORT FAIRY.

H. Swain resigned shortly after last Conference, and was succeeded by L. Frost, who, on account of a breakdown in health, was only able to remain for three months. Whilst endeavors were being made to secure a permanent successor, C. R. Hall (student) spent week-ends with the church at Warrnambool, which kept the church together and helped to prepare the brethren for the coming of the permanent evangelist. W. L. Jones accepted an engagement with the Committee to work Warrnambool and Port Fairy—giving one week night per week (for a gospel meeting) to the latter place. Bro. Jones commenced his labors on the 1st December, and has since proved himself to be the right man for the work in this flourishing and important town. A mission was recently conducted by Bren. Hagger and Clay, with good results. Additions: By faith and baptism, 27; as baptised believers, 4; and restoration, 4.

W. L. Jones, after referring to the great natural advantages of Warrnambool, said that he was striving to widen the activities and outlook of the members. The mission had helped largely to strengthen the cause. All of those won in the mission were remaining firm.

#### 18. WONGA PARK.

W. H. Hinrichsen (student) succeeded A. Cockcroft early in the year, and has put in good work in this town.

#### CHURCHES SUBSIDISED:

#### 19. BLACKBURN.

A. J. Fischer continued his labors here until last November, when he left for Tumby Bay, S.A. The subsidy has now ceased, and the church makes its own arrangements with a student from the College. Additions: By faith and baptism, 2.

#### 20. BURNLEY.

About the middle of the year, the slowly dying cause in this thickly populated district was resuscitated, largely by the aid of Bro. Campbell Edwards and the students of the College of the Bible. R. Arnott (student) started preaching here in October, and by good solid work has built up the nucleus of a splendid cause. A small subsidy is paid from H.M. funds, and recent developments have proved the wisdom of supporting this worthy field. Additions: By faith and baptism, 10; as baptised believers, 3; and by restoration, 4.

#### 21. CROYDON.

This town is the centre of a fine and growing district, where a good strong church should be built up. Various students have carried on work there during the year.

22. HAMPTON.

This is one of the latest fields to be taken up by the Committee. A subsidy was granted to enable the church to engage Bro. J. Pittman, who it is expected will work up a good cause in this place.

23. MIDDLE PARK.

When B. W. Huntsman was called to take up the work here, the H.M. Committee was asked to grant assistance. This was done, but upon Bro. Huntsman leaving the State the subsidy ceased. Additions: By faith and baptism, 21; and as baptised believers, 3.

24. MONTROSE.

Whilst a student was regularly employed in this field a small subsidy was granted. This has now been withdrawn at the request of the church, which now arranges for "supplies" from the city. Additions: By faith and baptism, 2.

25. SWAN HILL.

W. G. Oram continued to labor here, up till a few months ago, when he left for New Zealand. He was succeeded by S. H. Mudge, who has been on the field only a short time, and who reports most hopefully as to the prospects of this important district. A mission was held early in the year by Bren. Hagger and Clay, which resulted in 10 additions to the church.

I. A. Paternoster, President of the S.A. Conference, responded to a welcome extended by the chairman. He conveyed a greeting from the churches in South Australia.

SUMMARY.

The following is a summary of the foregoing reports:—

Added: By faith and baptism, 269; formerly baptised, 23; restored, 14; total, 306.

26. THOS. HAGGER AND W. H. CLAY.

These two brethren have continued their aggressive work throughout the year—in fact right up till present Conference—and have met with much success. They have held missions during the year at Stawell, Swan Hill, Mildura, Merbein, North Melbourne, Northcote, St. Arnaud, and Warrnambool. In addition to this trying work, these energetic brethren have, either singly or in conjunction with each other, visited a large number of churches. The grateful and appreciative letters from many of the weaker churches throughout the State, which have been visited, prove the advantages of having an active Organising Secretary, who can by visiting a field do so much more than by correspondence. Bren. Hagger and Clay have been received most cordially wherever they have gone, and their many visits have been of great benefit to the Home Mission funds, and to the churches as a whole. Bro. Hagger took a large part in connection with the recent annual offering, and to his untiring efforts is largely due the splendid response, which was participated in by a big percentage of members in every part of the State. Bro. Hagger was also co-secretary and organiser (with Sister Rometsch) of the Women's Rally. There is not the slightest doubt about organising work being profitable in every way; and with a view to more of this kind of work being done, it has been decided to recommend to the incoming Committee that at least half the year be spent in organising work by Bro. Hagger. The services of Bren. Hagger and Clay have proved of much value also in filling vacancies on account of preachers being absent, or whilst a church was awaiting the arrival of a new man, etc.

The following are the details of additions, but this does not fully report the work done:—

Church, etc.	By faith & bap.	tor- bap. tion	bel.	Tot.
Stawell .. . . .	55	1	1	56
Swan Hill .. . . .	9	1	1	10
Ultima .. . . .	2			2
Mildura .. . . .	49	3	7	59
Merbein .. . . .	26	1	2	29
Boort .. . . .	1			1
North Melbourne .. . . .	22	1	1	24

Church, etc.	By faith & bap.	tor- bap. tion	bel.	Tot.
Warragul .. . . .	1			1
Polkemmet .. . . .	5			5
Northcote .. . . .	32	5		37
St. Arnaud .. . . .	20	1	1	22
Warrnambool .. . . .	17	4	4	25
Port Fairy .. . . .	2			2
Brim .. . . .	7			7
Taradale .. . . .	1			1
Moreland .. . . .	1			1
Grand Total of Additions	250	11	21	282

T. Hagger mentioned the fact that S. H. Mudge was unable to be present owing to the illness of his little child.

The work of W. H. Clay was referred to in appreciative terms by Bro. Hagger. The missions that had been held had resulted in many striking conversions, owing largely to the faithfulness of the members of small country churches, who drove many miles to the services. Missions recently held had opened up many other channels of service. Let more money be given, more men be sent, and great things would be accomplished.

W. H. Clay referred to the many-sided character of his work. He was singer, preacher, organiser, and his many duties led to various experiences. He graphically described a journey in the country, when he was tied on behind a buggy, owing to lack of room on the seat! Thanks to the Committee were expressed by Bro. Clay, who said that his relations with that body had been most cordial.

27. ISOLATED MEMBERS.

The work among isolated members has been continued. The Organising Secretary has sent out 304 letters to such, and he has received 79 replies. A New Year greeting was mailed to every person on the list, and a Home Mission annual offering appeal and envelope were also sent to all who were not members of churches which do this. The work is appreciated by quite a number, and will doubtless do much good. There are now 624 names on the list, of which number—so far as we can ascertain—292 are not on any church roll in this State. As mentioned in Clause III. of Executive Committee's Report these 292 have been added to the Statistical Schedule for the first time and will be thus shown in future, after due revision of the list at the close of the year.

HOME MISSION NIGHT.

A song service, led by W. H. Clay, was a helpful introduction to the great Home Mission meeting on Friday night in the Masonic Hall. At 7.35 the President of the Conference took the chair. P. A. Dickson led in prayer. The capacity of the hall was taxed to the full by the large assembly.

A solo was rendered by Miss Edna Robins, of Dandenong.

H. A. Procter addressed the meeting on "Our Mission and its Accomplishment." There were to-day, said the speaker, many visible and invisible forces working towards union which were set in motion by the pioneers of the Restoration movement. Our mission was in danger because of its success. The true end of our mission must be kept in view. Doctrinal differences were not the only obstructions to union. Historical and psychological factors were at work.

Even churches in the apostolic age were divided because of the spirit of sectarianism. Hereditary love of clan often manifested itself in matters of religion. We must develop the Christ spirit of love for all men. The speaker pleaded for liberty in union, the great need being to worship God in spirit and in truth. Again, we must grip the imaginations of the Australian people. Let a Scoville mission be going on all the time; let there be more work in raising the fallen. In all things let there be love.

A solo was effectively rendered by J. Binney, who received an encore.

T. Hagger then gave a talk on "The Home Mission Enterprise." The speaker drew attention to the vast nature of the Home Mission problem. Our plea for Christian union on the right basis and in the right spirit implied a great work yet to be accomplished among those who knew the name of Jesus. Our work amongst those who made no profession of Christ assumed tremendous importance when the fact was realised that numerous towns throughout the country were as yet untouched by us. All our consecrated energies were demanded. The work was a paying work. Who could estimate the value of souls? Men snatched from the degradation of sin became servants of God. The plea to-night was the plea of the home-land. The one fitting word for the occasion was "enlargement." To realise this enlargement, we must rise to the heights of sacrificial giving. Sacrifice may mean scars, but Jesus knew the meaning of nail-pierced hands, and he knew all about our efforts of self-sacrifice.

A selection was rendered by the Swanston-st. choir.

Gifford Gordon spoke on the subject, "Let Us Go On." At the back of his subject were an inspired message and a great character. "Let us go on unto perfection," said Paul. The life of the great apostle gave inspiration to all followers of the Lord Jesus. The church and her divine mission also inspired servants of Jesus to zeal for better things. In order that the churches in our State might realise the perfection urged by Paul, there was need for aggressive and progressive work. We must rightly discriminate between essentials and non-essentials. Let not our faith be too small for the greatness of our plea. Going forward with the message of truth in love, we must carry the plea into all parts of the State. We must preach Jesus; the simple gospel story was all-sufficient. Our present rate of increase was not satisfactory. "At it; all at it; always at it" should be our watchword.

The President welcomed a delegation, consisting of Messrs. E. Taylor and J. C. Martin, from the Committee on Church Union. E. Taylor conveyed the hearty and fraternal greetings of the Committee on Church Union. He expressed the opinion that it would help towards the accomplishment of Christian union if we were to realise the growing sentiment for union, and if the basis of union were made as broad as

loyalty to Christ and the eternal gospel would allow. Sacrifice of principle, however, must not take place. The closer the churches got to Christ, the closer they would get together.

J. C. Martin expressed the hope that the good work of the Committee on Church Union would go on, and that the Churches of Christ would assist in this great movement. The speaker thought that the ideals of the Churches of Christ were the ideals of the Union Committee. We must see this great aim through the eyes of Jesus. The plea was not for absorption, or for crushing of principle, but for the union for which Christ prayed.

The President responded to the greetings of the delegates from the Committee on Church Union.

The offering amounted to £246/11/3 in cash and promises.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

- President, Reg. Enniss.
- Vice-President, H. E. Knott.
- Secretary, T. W. Smith (temporarily).
- Assistant Secretary, A. R. Lyall.
- Treasurer, W. C. Craigie.
- Home Missionary Committee: F. G. Dunn, S. G. Griffith, B. J. Kemp, H. Kingsbury, A. R. Main, M. McLellan, A. Millis.
- Foreign Missionary Committee: J. I. Mudford, Sec.; W. A. Kemp, Asst. Sec.; R. Lyall, Treas.; Mrs. R. Enniss, Mrs. R. Lyall, Mrs. F. M. Ludbrook, F. Butler, F. M. Ludbrook, J. McColl, A. C. Rankine.
- Temperance Committee: Chairman, J. J. Franklyn; Sec., A. G. Day; McGregor Abercrombie, J. G. Barrett, A. G. Bennett, A. Hutson, F. McClean.
- Bible School: W. Beiler, President; J. Collings, Vice-President; J. C. F. Pittman, Secretary; C. W. Mitchell, Treasurer; J. Y. Potts, A. P. Wilson. Representatives appointed by the Union are: Miss Gladstone, Mrs. Webster, A. Hutson, W. D. More, C. A. Sampson, J. Sharp.
- Advisory Board: W. C. Craigie, F. G. Dunn, R. Enniss, T. Hagger, A. R. Main, A. Millis, R. Lyall.
- Church Extension Board: W. C. Craigie, C. Hardie, R. Lyall, A. Millis.
- Council of Churches Representatives: W. C. Craigie, F. G. Dunn, R. Enniss, T. Hagger, H. Kingsbury, H. E. Knott, A. R. Main, H. A. Procter.
- Conference Sermon: S. G. Griffith.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

At 9.30 a devotional meeting was held in Lygon-st. chapel, under the leadership of W. Cecil McCallum.

The chair was resumed by the President, and A. P. Wilson led in prayer. Business left over from Friday's sessions was considered.

28. TENT WORK.

During the year the churches in the Castlemaine District handed over to the Committee a tent, measuring 48 x 24 feet. The gift was very much appreciated, and was very gratefully accepted. This tent is now available for mission work in

any part of the State, and has been used in the mission at Boort. We are sorry to report that the large tent, which has done such good service for over nine years, was so severely damaged in a gale at Warrnambool that it is beyond profitable repair.

The clause was adopted.

29. VOLUNTEER MISSION CAMPAIGN.

A campaign of short missions was arranged during the year, in addition to those conducted by the State Evangelist. Churches supporting evangelists were asked to grant the services of these brethren for visits to and brief missions with churches helped by the H.M. fund. The response was very general, the services of the following brethren being placed at the disposal of the H.M. Committee:—H. E. Knott, A. W. Connor, A. G. Bennett, W. J. Way, J. E. Allan, A. C. Rankine, J. C. F. Pittman, J. I. Mudford, W. L. Jones, H. A. Procter, W. H. Allen, J. Pittman, G. Manifold,



R. Enniss,

The new Victorian Conference President.

Reg. Enniss, B. W. Huntsman, A. Hutson and P. J. Pond. The missions held cheered the churches visited, and 24 people were added. It is hoped this year to repeat the effort. The best thanks of the churches helped and of the Committee is extended to the churches and preachers who responded.

After remarks by the President, A. P. Wilson and T. Hagger, the clause was adopted.

30. VOLUNTARY PREACHING SERVICES.

During the year just closed the Committee had occasion to make frequent calls on business men in the City to spend their week-ends with some country church, on account of the illness or absence from other causes of the located evangelist. Several brethren from various churches have freely given their services for this purpose, and to them a debt of gratitude is owed for their sacrifice of time. It is good that we have men able and willing thus to serve the Master, and it would be well if more (especially from our young men) would seek to qualify themselves for such a ministry.

Adopted.

31. FUTURE WORK.

The past year has been a most successful one for our Home Mission work, and the success thereof should make us determined to push the work in the new year. The retiring Committee would recommend as follows:—

1. That the work so far as it may be deemed advisable be continued in the fields at present being helped.
2. That each of the fields now being helped be asked to do a little more towards self-support. If possible the help extended by the Home Mission fund to be reduced each quarter, so that gradually the various fields will become entirely self-supporting.
3. That attention be given to some more of the weak causes in the State, with a view to strengthening them.
4. That the incoming Committee use every endeavor to open the cause in at least one new centre during this year.
5. That a new tent be purchased in time for next summer's campaign.
6. That a Volunteer Mission Campaign be carried on during this year, if possible.
7. That the incoming Committee do its best to arrange a Publicity Campaign during the year, securing the publication of articles dealing with the plea we urge in as many papers as possible throughout the State.

Speaking to the clause, J. Pittman urged the need for help of weak churches, emphasising the value of the distribution of literature. (F. G. Dunn volunteered to supply literature from the Austral Co.) H. Kingsbury spoke of the need of greater co-operation in Bible School work. W. C. Craigie, T. Hagger, A. Millis and S. G. Griffith took part in the discussion.

32. ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS.

Number of meetings held, 14. Malcolm McLellan, 14; R. Enniss, 12; W. C. Craigie, 14; A. R. Lyall, 13; W. H. Allen, 11; F. G. Dunn, 7; B. J. Kemp, 13; H. E. Knott, 12; A. Millis, 11; J. McGregor, 13; J. C. F. Pittman, 12; T. W. Smith, 14.

On behalf of the Home Mission Committee,  
MALCOLM McLELLAN, President.  
THOS. W. SMITH, Secretary.

The clauses on Future Work and Attendance of Members were approved, and then the report as a whole was adopted.

Church Extension Committee's Report

The Committee have pleasure in reporting the completion of the new church building for the brethren at Northcote, of which possession was taken in September last. The contractor, Bro. C. W. Timmins, finished the work to the satisfaction of all concerned, and the church is to be congratulated on the acquisition of such suitable buildings in the best portion in the town. A great work should now be done by the church. The outlay on the building has been £1325 so far, and another payment is still to be made, so that total cost will be nearly £1400, to which must be added the price of the land, about £480. It is proposed to borrow on mortgage the sum of £1200 to repay the Committee's advance, and the balance will be gradually refunded as circumstances permit. Bro. Meekison rendered most valuable service as hon. architect.

The Committee were able to assist the church in Launceston in acquiring a suitable property by temporarily advancing £300 to pay the deposit. This has been repaid and the church is raising money to pay off the balance of £500 still due. Splendid additions were made to the building at a cost of some £250, which was paid for by the church locally.

A loan was made to the church at Boort of £100 which enabled the brethren to secure a meeting place. A good work is now being done by the brethren here.

The Committee, through Bro. Meekison, helped

the church at Prabran in preparing plans for their new schoolroom additions.

It is hoped that other churches will soon be assisted as opportunity offers.

The Committee have prepared a Trust Deed to enable them to deal with church properties that may be handed over to them and have also given consideration to a Model Trust Deed for use by the churches in connection with their own buildings. They will be glad to supply information at their disposal on these matters when desired.

The Committee commend this fund to the consideration of the brotherhood, and will be glad to receive offerings which will allow help to be given to those churches which are trying to help themselves.

W. C. CRAIGIE.  
ALFRED MILLIS.  
CHAS. HARDIE.  
ROBERT LYALL.

Church Extension Committee.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Receipts.

Amounts received to March, 1914—		
Repayments of Loans—		
Church, Colac .. .. .	£50 0 0	
Church, Northcote .. .. .	39 15 0	
Church, Launceston .. .. .	315 17 0	
		£405 12 0

Interest Received—		
Church, Colac .. .. .	10 0 0	
Church, Northcote .. .. .	28 14 8	
Church, Boort .. .. .	2 10 0	
Church, Launceston .. .. .	6 4 0	
Sundry .. .. .	7 10 3	
		54 18 11

Charges Refunded—		
Church, Pakenham .. .. .	10 0 6	
Church, Colac .. .. .	2 19 5	
Church, Northcote .. .. .	3 3 0	
		16 2 11

Loans Received—		
Amount for 5 years at		
5 per cent. .. .. .	650 0 0	
Amount Repayable on		
Demand .. .. .	810 0 0	
		1460 0 0

Donation from Church,		
Bendigo .. .. .	2 5 0	
		£1938 18 10

Expenditure.

Balance, March, 1913 .. .. .	£26 17 7
Advances to Churches—	
Church, Northcote .. .. .	1325 0 0
Church, Boort .. .. .	100 0 0
Church, Launceston .. .. .	315 17 0
	1740 17 0

Loans Refunded .. .. .	45 0 0
Interest on Loans .. .. .	56 5 11
Charges—	

Legal Expenses, a/c—		
Church, Broadmeadows	12 14 6	
Church, Pakenham .. .. .	7 6 0	
Valuation Fees .. .. .	2 2 0	
Printing .. .. .	0 8 0	
Bank Charges .. .. .	0 10 0	
Fire Insurance Premiums	5 8 0	
		28 8 6

Balance on hand .. .. .	£1897 9 0
	41 9 10
	£1938 18 10

ROBERT LYALL, Treasurer.  
Audited and found correct,  
Melbourne, March 23, 1914. A. HADDOW.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

Liabilities.

Loans to Committee .. .. .	£1460 0 0
Balance—Amount of Funds .. .. .	416 14 10
	£1876 14 10

Assets.

Amounts due by Churches for Loans—		
Colac .. .. .	£450 0 0	
Boort .. .. .	100 0 0	
Northcote .. .. .	1285 5 0	

Cash in Bank .. .. .	£1835 5 0
	41 9 10
	£1876 14 10

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Audited and found correct,  
Melbourne, March 23, 1914. A. HADDOW.

It was moved and seconded that the Report and the Balance Sheet be adopted. The secretary of the Northcote church thanked the Committee and Bro. Meekison for the splendid help given towards securing a suitable building in that suburb. Bren. Woodgate, S. G. Griffith, A. W. Connor and H. Kingsbury took part in the discussion. R. Lyall spoke representing the Committee.

The motion was carried.

A Trust Deed in connection with the Church Extension Committee was presented and read by W. C. Craigie, who submitted a motion which approved the Deed. The motion was seconded by W. H. Allen, and carried.

Report of Advisory Board on Preachers.

There have been no regular meetings in connection with the work of this Board, but as occasion has demanded the members have met in consultation.

A number of preachers and churches have sought the assistance of the Board, and some good work has been accomplished, preachers being found for needy fields, and suitable spheres arranged for preachers desiring work.

Not the least important work of this Board has been the furnishing of information concerning applicants for preaching work, and in some cases churches have been kept back from employing men unsuited to the work.

It is hoped that greater use will be made of this Board in days to come, and that a greater number of churches and preachers will avail themselves of the advantages to be derived from consultation with the brethren appointed by Conference to undertake this work.

F. G. DUNN.  
W. C. CRAIGIE.  
A. MILLIS.  
A. R. MAIN.  
THOS. HAGGER.  
R. LYALL.  
REG. ENNISS, Sec.

Advisory Board on Preachers.

The report was adopted.

Temperance Committee's Report.

On behalf of the Temperance Committee we desire to lay before the Conference an account of the work accomplished since last report. We are grateful to our heavenly Father for his blessing which has rested upon us during the year. At the commencement of the year, and prior to commencing our work, we were somewhat handicapped, as it was found that two of the brethren elected at the Conference—Bren. Beiler and Jones—could not undertake the work, and later on we lost the services of Bro. Way, who accepted an engagement in connection with the Queensland Conference; also Bro. Larsen, who left to take up the work at Maryborough.

Notwithstanding these drawbacks, we are pleased to report that our work has been well maintained, and we have had a strenuous and successful year. The Committee are glad to report 49 meetings. These do not include those held by individual churches. In some cases we know such gatherings have been held, and we desire to make the suggestion, made on previous occasions, that where such meetings are held, the church holding them should kindly communicate with the Sec-

retary of the Committee. This report, in our opinion, should embody the whole temperance effort of the brotherhood, and churches themselves should be credited with the work they have done. This is all the more important, when we remember that reports not merely from our own Committee, but all the Committees elected by the Conference, are ready not only in the Commonwealth, but beyond, and should therefore be as complete as possible as to the value of the work done.

The present year's work compares very favorably with what has gone before, as the record number, as far as we know, during the last decade has been 52 meetings in the course of a single year.

In addition, we were privileged to take part with others in the Dandenong Local Option Poll. So thorough was the work carried out, that a signal and glorious victory was accomplished. The Liquor Party could only poll 465 votes out of a total of 914 to make a legal poll, despite the fact that a large amount of money was spent by the other side. In addition, members of the Committee have also assisted similar bodies in the formation of No-License Leagues, and have spoken at Temperance gatherings.

We desire to cheerfully and gratefully acknowledge the good work done by our State Evangelist, Bro. Thomas Hagger, for meetings held in connection with tent missions throughout the State. In our meetings we have used the Tennyson Smith Pledge Card. These have "caught on." Numbers have signed, who pledge themselves to work and vote for Local Option in 1917.

Your Committee invited the co-operation of all the churches at the commencement of its work, and requested them to also specially observe the World's Temperance Sunday. We also recommended a collection to assist the Victorian Alliance in its work. The total amount received and handed over was £25/2/11.

We are pleased to note that the Reduction Board closed 96 hotels during the year, making a total of 710 for their seven years' work. Notwithstanding this, however, there was an increase of 2/8 per head in our drink bill over the previous year, which amounted to the huge sum of £5,151,215, the expenditure giving a per capita expenditure of £3/16/1, being the highest since 1901, the year of the festivities which marked the inauguration of the Commonwealth. These facts alone should make us pause and ask ourselves individually what we can do to stem this torrent of national, moral and spiritual degradation.

The close of the year's work brings us nearer to the period of Victoria's emancipation. After the 31st of December, 1916, the liquor traffic will be subject to the vote of the people. In this great work we all hope if spared to take part. To this end organisation is going on; 14 electorates have already been organised, while others are in process of formation. It is the privilege of all congregations to send representatives to the No-License Leagues, who are federating temperance effort. We suggest to all our church members to join the local organisation and thus help on the great work.

This report would be incomplete if we did not thank the Editors of the "Christian" and Alliance Record, Bren. F. G. Dunn, and J. G. Barrett, for space in their pages. We are pleased especially to note the excellent articles appearing in the "Christian" from time to time, which voices progressive thought, relative to the liquor question. Bren. Peters and Thurgood, two of our old workers, were invited, and accepted seats on the Committee in place of those who resigned. We thank Bro. W. C. Thurgood for the use of his rooms for Committee meetings, and desire also to record our appreciation of the splendid services rendered to the cause, and the Committee, by our esteemed President, the Hon. J. G. Barrett, who has occupied the position of President to the Committee for the past ten years.

The Committee have also decided to ask the Conference to elect its officers—thus following the procedure of other Committees.

The Committee held 8 meetings, which were attended as follows:—J. G. Barrett, 8; W. J. Way, 4; F. McClean, 6; C. Peters, 5; L. Larsen, 3; W. C. Thurgood, 6; J. H. Barrett, 8.

It is but fair to state that Bro. Larsen resigned



in October of last year. Bro. Way left for Queensland in November, and Bro. Peters joined the Committee in October.

J. G. BARRETT, President  
F. McCLEAN, Vice-President.  
J. H. BARRETT, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.  
1913 and 1914.

Receipts.	
To Balance last year . . . . .	£2 13 6
Collections at Temperance Meetings . . . . .	7 4 5½
Collections, Temp. Sunday, Vic. Alliance . . . . .	25 2 11
	£35 0 10½
Expenditure.	
By Extra Lighting Annual Demonstration . . . . .	£0 5 0
Programme Expenses, do. . . . .	4 13 0
Printing . . . . .	1 17 6
Stationery and Postage . . . . .	1 0 5
Vic. Alliance Temp. Sunday Fund . . . . .	25 2 11
Cash in hand . . . . .	2 2 0½
	£35 0 10½

F. McCLEAN, Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,  
March 6, 1914. E. G. KELSON.

After the reading of the report by the retiring secretary, J. G. Barrett moved the adoption of the report, together with the financial statement. The motion was seconded and carried.

J. G. Barrett submitted the following resolution:

"That in view of the steps now being taken by societies interested in temperance, to prepare for the Local Option poll in 1917, the Churches of Christ in Victoria pledges itself to wholehearted support of temperance reform. We reaffirm the principle that complete control of the traffic by the people through the ballot box alone promises to give a permanent solution of the drink problem, and we urge our churches throughout the Commonwealth to give effective support to the Victorian Alliance in organising the campaign."

The resolution was carried.

A vote of thanks was passed to J. G. Barrett for his services as President of the Temperance Committee for the past ten years.

On behalf of the Church Extension Committee, Chas. Hardie moved, and A. Millis seconded:

That in the opinion of this Conference it is desirable that an annual collection be asked from the churches on behalf of the Church Extension Fund; and that the Church Extension Committee be directed to take such action as they deem necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Christian Endeavor Union Report.

Under the good providence of God we present our annual report, which we trust will meet with the approval of the Conference, and may the work we have accomplished help to extend the kingdom of our Master. With gratitude to God we record his providential care and acknowledge his ever-bountiful mercies throughout another year.

Christian Endeavor stands always and everywhere for Christian citizenship. It stands for temperance, for order, for a pure political atmosphere; in a word, for righteousness. It is a movement which binds the young people together in love, unity and loyalty to Jesus Christ. It promotes daily prayer and Bible study, relief for the suffering and poor, and comfort to the sorrowful.

It has for its ultimate aim a purpose no less wide and lofty than the bringing of the world to Christ. Hence it is an organisation intensely evangelistic and missionary in its spirit.

The numerical strength of the Union stands practically the same as last year, and the work of the committees connected with the Union is encouraging. During the year six new young people's societies were formed, and every suburban society visited by members of the Council and have given good reports of work being done. Much good has been accomplished by the Junior Department. As Superintendents, Bro. Conning and Sister Sanderson have done work that will make itself evident in years to come. We are grateful to them for their self-sacrifice in the Junior cause, and would urge on those who love the C.E. cause to help them in this grand work of bringing the children to Jesus. The Juniors are supporting two orphan boys. Toys and goods have been sent to the boys and girls in the foreign fields, and flowers taken to the hospitals.

The Foreign Mission Treasurer, Miss M. Mildren, has received the sum of £12/13/4, which has been donated by the societies connected with this Union for Foreign Mission work.

During the year a grand C.E. rally was held in the Lygon-st. chapel, which was the source of inspiration and encouragement to all present.

As the result of an appeal from Bro. Hagger, the Union have refurnished the Home Mission tent with new canvas seats. We trust that these seats may prove a great help to our brother in his mission work.

The Prayer Meeting, Lookout and Sunshine Committees have been faithful in their work, and much could be said of the way they have carried out the duties entrusted to them. The business of the Union is conducted by the Council, which consists of the officers of the Union and two representatives from each society. The Council meets on the second Monday evening of every month for the purpose of discussing matters that pertain to C.E. work.

The following officers have been elected for 1914:—President, J. H. McKean; Vice-Presidents, F. Prittie, W. C. Beiler; Secretary, C. L. Lang; Treas., Miss Hagger; F.M. Treas., Miss M. Mildren; Junior Supt., Bro. Conning; Press Corr., Miss Taylor; Auditors, Bren. Prittie and Timmins.

We take this opportunity of thanking those who have assisted us in any way, especially the "Australian Christian" for announcing the Council meetings and for notes on C.E. work; and the officers of the Lygon-st. and Swanston-st. churches for the use of the buildings when required.

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, we promise him that we shall strive to do whatever he would have us do.

On behalf of the Council,  
CLARENCE W. TIMMINS, President.  
CLARENCE L. LANG, Secretary.

The report was read by C. Lang. Clarence W. Timmins moved its adoption, and Robt. Conning seconded the motion. A. R. Main, R. Lyall, C. Lang, J. H. McKean, T. Hagger and Bro. Woodgate spoke to the report, which was then adopted.

A. Millis presented the claims of the Aged Preachers' Fund. He moved: "That this Conference places on record its appreciation of the men who are growing old in the service of the Lord, and asks the favorable consideration of the brethren to the earnest appeals of the Aged and Infirm Evangelists' Trust."

The motion was seconded, and carried.

After the luncheon adjournment, a devotional service was led by J. Whelan. The next business considered was the

Bible School Union Report.

Once again in the good providence of God our Committee avails itself of the privilege of laying

before Conference a compressed account of the work accomplished by this Union during the year about to close.

Fifty schools are now affiliated with our Union, which is the highest number enrolled since its formation in 1881. From these schools representatives are appointed, who together with those chosen at our annual business meeting and at Conference form the General Committee.

This Committee meets once a month to discuss matters which pertain to the best interests of the various schools, and at stated intervals addresses were delivered thereat by Bren. More, Procter and Pond, which proved most interesting and instructive to those engaged in Bible School work. The average attendance of delegates at these meetings has been 33.

BIBLE SCHOOL DAY.

Bible School Day was established on May 4, 1913, in compliance with resolution passed at our last Conference in order to assist financially our Union and local schools. Sixty-five churches in this State were notified, asking for special addresses to be delivered on Bible School work, and for a collection to be taken up towards the object hereinbefore mentioned. Out of this number thirty-one responded, viz.:—Ascot Vale, Berwick, Bet Bet, Brim, Brighton, Brunswick, Bendigo, Cheltenham, Collingwood, Castlemaine, Colac, Croydon, Doncaster, Dandenong, Fitzroy Tabernacle, Hawthorn, Lygon-st., Carlton; Moreland, Middle Park, North Melbourne, Northcote, Newmarket, Preston, Richmond South, South Yarra, Stawell, Swanston-st., Melbourne; South Melbourne, Taradale, Williamstown and Windsor contributed to our funds the sum of £22/14/4. Our Committee takes this opportunity of thanking these churches for their liberality, and trust that when the appeal is made on the first Lord's day in May of the present year all the churches will do what they can to assist.

At our annual business meeting held last month it was decided that the following resolution be incorporated in the report, viz.: "That this meeting is of the opinion that 50 per cent. of the amount collected on Bible School Day should be handed over to this Union."

ANNUAL EXAMINATION.

This was held on August 11, 1913. 1096 entries were received, and out of this number 666 competed, 47 of whom obtained prizes, and 520 gained certificates, which means that 85 per cent. of those examined obtained awards. Three records are here established, which are unparalleled in the annals of its history, that cannot be found in any of the other Bible School Unions which are scattered throughout the Commonwealth. These are facts worthy of recording, which speak to us of the great interest that is being manifested in these crucial tests of its rapid growth, as shown by the following statistics:—

Year	Schools	Prizes	Certificates	Entries	Comptrs.
1883	10	6	29	no record	no record
1893	16	17	60	150	100
1903	34	20	129	545	281
1913	50	47	520	1096	666

CHILDREN'S DAY (F.M.).

This was observed on Lord's day, Nov. 2, in all our schools, when special collections were taken up to assist the F.M. Committee in benevolent work amongst the heathen. Said collections were forwarded to Bro. J. I. Mudford, and we have every reason to believe that the Committee were highly pleased at the result. Last year £68/10/- was given by Union and non-union schools towards the above object.

Our annual demonstration was held in the Lygon-st. chapel on Monday, December 1. This gathering was presided over by our President, J. C. F. Pittman. An excellent programme was gone through, consisting of items given by scholars from the various schools, which were well rendered and much appreciated by a large audience. During the proceedings our chairman presented the awards won at the recent examinations, and congratulated the successful ones on their brilliant achievements.

Our Teachers' Conference was held on Jan. 26 (A.N.A. Day), in the Christian chapel, North

Fitzroy. Bro. J. C. F. Pittman presided. Excellent addresses were given during our afternoon and evening sessions by Bren. Allen (Doncaster), Beiler, Procter, Wilson and Griffith, on important themes relating to the work in which our teachers are engaged. Musical items were rendered by Sister Mrs. Roy Thompson and Bro. Binney during the sessions.

#### FINANCES.

Our financial position is not as strong as they would like to see it, as will be clearly seen by the balance sheet presented by our Treasurer at annual business meeting on March 23, which is as follows:—

Union Account.	
Receipts to Feb. 28, 1914 . . . . .	£47 3 4
Expenditure to Feb. 28, 1914 . . . . .	48 3 3
	fo 19 11
Kindergarten Account.	
Receipts to Feb. 28, 1914 . . . . .	£10 1 9
Advances to Schools . . . . .	6 0 0
	£4 1 9

The above accounts were audited by Bren. Jos. Collings and Chas. A. Sampson, and found correct. Trust that at our next annual Conference we will be able to show under this heading that our financial position has been considerably strengthened.

#### EXECUTIVE.

Appointed by Conference. Six special meetings have been held.

#### Record of Attendances.

J. C. F. Pittman, 4; W. Beiler, 4; C. W. Mitchell, 4; J. W. Parslow, 2 (resigned); W. J. Woodbridge, 6; J. Y. Potts, 6.

#### VISITOR'S REPORT.

Bro. J. H. Drummond deserves our best thanks for the faithful services he has rendered by keeping in touch with our city and suburban schools. His reports have been most encouraging, and show schools to be in a fair state of efficiency.

#### KINDERGARTEN REPORT.

Sister Jerrens and her assistant, Sister Gladstone, have visited those schools where Kindergarten Classes exist, making suggestions as to the best methods for improvement. One of the chief drawbacks to progression is want of room in which to teach. They are to be commended for their labors in this department.

#### OBITUARY.

Our Committee deeply regrets the death of two prominent workers, viz.: Theo. B. Fischer and James Flood, who have been called home, the former having filled the position of President for two years, and was the founder of our Teachers' Conferences.

#### THANKS.

Our Committee desire to tender their best thanks to the South Australian Board of Examiners, Bren. Taylor, for preparing questions and allotting marks in connection with examination. To the officers of the Swanston and Lygon-st. churches, in allowing us the use of their buildings. To Bro. A. R. Main, for his excellent articles on the various lessons as printed in the "Australian Christian." To the Editor of the "Australian Christian," for publication of reports, and to Bro. N. Haddow and Sister J. Dickens, for assistance at our public gatherings.

In conclusion, we render our gratitude to our heavenly Father for the manifestation of his love, for the harmony that prevails, and for the success that has attended our efforts in the closing year. Our prayer is that we may have a continuance thereof in the coming year, that will enable us to achieve even greater results.

On behalf of the Committee,

J. C. F. PITTMAN, President.  
J. YOUNG POTTS, Secretary.

J. Y. Potts read the report, and moved its adoption. J. C. F. Pittman, in seconding the motion, spoke of the valuable work done by Bro. Potts during the ten years during which he held the office of secretary. C.

W. Mitchell and W. C. Beiler also commented on the report. The motion was carried, and a vote of thanks was passed to J. Y. Potts and J. H. Drummond.

H. E. Knott submitted the following motion: "That this Conference recommends to its Executive and the Bible School Union that an Organising Secretary be procured, if possible, to advance the interests of the Bible School work amongst us." A. P. Wilson seconded the motion. S. Gole showed the good results which had followed the appointment of a Bible School evangelist in New South Wales.

The resolution was carried.

A quartette party from Doncaster favored with a selection.

An address on Bible School work was then given by A. G. Day, on "The Efficient Bible School." The speaker said that while much good had been and was being done, the ideal was not yet reached. An ideal Bible School was one in which the whole staff of teachers and officers worked in harmony towards the upbuilding of the character of the children. The test of Bible School education was the nature of the product. Organisation alone was not sufficient; nor was the tabulating and learning of Bible facts alone adequate; the Bible School must fall into line with the general trend of reform measures in secular education.

J. Collings moved a vote of thanks to the speaker. W. Beiler seconded the motion, which was carried.

### Foreign Missionary Committee's Report.

#### I. RETROSPECTIVE.

With very sincere expressions of thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for his continued guidance and help, and to the Victorian brotherhood for their sustained co-operation in the missionary enterprise, the Foreign Missionary Committee submit their report to this Conference, thus rendering the dual service of recording what has been accomplished through their efforts, and of giving an account of their stewardship.

#### II. LOSS OF LATE SECRETARY.

It is our sorrowful duty to record that since last annual meeting the Committee, in common with the rest of the brotherhood, sustained a very great loss in the passing away, on July 13 last, of the late T. B. Fischer, who at last Conference was re-elected to the Secretaryship of this Committee, a position filled by him with conspicuous faithfulness and efficiency for several years. On July 18, the following motion was ordered to be placed on the records of the Federal Executive and the Victorian Committees:—

"The Federal Foreign Missionary Executive and the Victorian Foreign Missionary Committees record their sorrow at the passing away of their late beloved Organising Secretary, Bro. T. B. Fischer, on July 13th last. They place on record their high appreciation of his services to the Committees and to the brotherhood during his term of office, first as Secretary to the Victorian Foreign Missionary Committee, and later in the additional office of Federal Organising Secretary.

"They recognise his intense devotion to duty, and the marked ability he displayed in the performance of the duties pertaining to his office. They found Bro. Fischer a faithful colleague, untiring, zealous, and willing in service for the Saviour.

"They are persuaded that Bro. Fischer has served his Master well, and will receive the welcome words 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

"The Committees convey their deepest sympathy with Sister Fischer and her family in their bereavement."

J. I. Mudford was appointed as Secretary to the Committee in succession to Bro. Fischer.

J. I. Mudford read the first two clauses of the report.

F. M. Ludbrook moved, and A. R. Main seconded, the following resolution:—

"That this Conference hereby expresses its profound sense of loss sustained during the year in the passing of our Bro. T. B. Fischer, who in manifold labors in connection with Christian Endeavor, Bible School, Literary, Organising, Foreign Missionary and all good works, gave himself unreservedly to the service of the brotherhood. We further express our gratitude to the heavenly Father for having conferred on us so much of joy and inspiration through his ministrations. And lastly, we send our Sister Fischer a prayerful and sympathetic greeting."

The audience reverently stood and sang the hymn, "There's a land that is fairer than day" to signify that the meeting was in sympathy with the resolution.

H. Kingsbury said that our late brother was very highly esteemed in India, and that the missionaries and native churches revered the memory of T. B. Fischer.

#### III. FIELDS OCCUPIED.

All of the fields occupied at the time of the last Conference have been maintained, while two new stations are now being established—one in India, and the other in the New Hebrides. Two words—expansion and consolidation—might fitly be used to describe the policy of the Committee. Several calls from fields as yet unoccupied by us have come during the past year, but for various reasons we have been unable to answer them. Following are particulars of our fields and our workers:—

##### I. INDIA.

(1) HARDA: CENTRAL PROVINCE. For 22 years our pioneer missionary, Miss Mary Thompson, has faithfully "held forth the word of life" among the people of this town. Very little of the sensational order ever occurs in connection with her labors, but her life is "full of good works" on behalf of India's women. "There is nothing Miss Thompson would not do for Harda's women," a former fellow missionary writes in the *Missionary Intelligencer* for July, 1913. "She blows no trumpet before her, but her good deeds sing songs that echo in out-of-way places where no one else has ever gone with a word of hope."

Special help has been rendered, with the approval of this Committee, to the Harda Mission during this Conference year, in the supplying of a fine hospital outfit to assist Dr. Drummond and his co-laborers in their work, and at Miss Thompson's request a grant of £20 was made to erect a fence around the mission property. Miss Thompson's requests having been few in number, it gave the Committee great pleasure in answering this appeal.

(2) OUR AUSTRALIAN STATION. This station is situated in the Bombay Presidency, India. The centres occupied are the following:—

A.—BARAMATI. Bro. and Sister H. H. Strutton and Sister R. F. Tilley have carried on their evangelistic, educational, benevolent, industrial and zenana work as usual here. They have toiled untiringly in the service of the Master. A new railway line from Dhond (on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway) to Baramati was recently opened. "This," Bro. Strutton writes, "will prove a great boon to Baramati. Baramati is now, for population, wealth and general importance, the chief town in the Poona District, apart from its capital, Poona." Following are several special features of the year's work:—

a. A new outstation has been purchased at Shir-

supal, a large village north of Baramati, where a preacher and teacher will be placed, and will carry on gospel work. Bro. Strutton is hoping also to be able to open an outstation in the near future at Wadgaon, a village west of Baramati.

b. The expenditure for a new church building, to seat 300 to 400 people, has been sanctioned, the present chapel being too small for the growing work.

c. £50 per year is being spent, for the time being, in supporting female orphans in the home of Miss Soonderbai Powar in Poona, about 10 or 12 being secured for this sum.

The hands of our Baramati missionaries are already so full that an orphanage of our own for Indian girls is not yet practicable. Bro. Strutton writes: "Miss Powar is prepared to give us all the control over them that we ask for, and their future is entirely in our hands." Many of these girls will provide wives for native Christian men; others, again, will become efficient Bible women.

B.—TANDALWADI. Work is carried on here by natives under Bro. Strutton's supervision.

C.—DIKSAL. Bro. and Sister H. Watson have labored faithfully in Diksal. Their missionary activities may be summarised under three headings—evangelistic, educational and medical. Famine conditions prevailed during a great part of the year, with the result that many people left Diksal in search of work, and of the necessities of life. Despite this great drawback, much good has been accomplished, especially by means of the medical treatments. During the year 793 patients were treated, and 1721 treatments and 2321 doses of medicine were given. Over £12 was received in fees.

Bro. and Sister Watson are now leaving Diksal and proceeding to Shrigonda. Miss Tilley has therefore been stationed with them for some months, the Federal Committee having decided that the Diksal work shall be carried on under Bro. Strutton's supervision, by Miss Tilley and a lady helper, when such a helper, fully equipped, is ready to be sent out. Miss Tilley is expected to be in Australia soon on furlough.

(3) OUR SECOND AUSTRALIAN STATION. It gives us pleasure to report that our second Australian Station in India is now being opened at SHRIGONDA, the head town of the district of the same name, in Bombay Presidency, a town of 7000 inhabitants, situated 25 miles from Diksal, and about 45 from Baramati. This place was visited by Bro. Fischer, the late F.M. Secretary, during his Indian tour, and favorably commended to the Australian F.M. Committees. The American Marathi Mission, till recently in nominal control of Shrigonda Taluka (district), has agreed to our occupying the Southern half of this territory.

Bro. Watson has secured two properties suitable for the purpose of the mission—one in the town, and the other just outside of its boundaries. Sudoba, a native preacher, is now in charge. Buildings are in the course of erection, and Bro. and Sister Watson will soon move thither. The high officials of the town are friendly to Bro. Watson, and the prospects for the Shrigonda Station are bright.

(4) DALTONGANJ. The Federal Committee assist Bro. and Sister G. P. Pittman to the extent of supporting four of their native Christian workers, of whom two are maintained by the Victorian brotherhood. Bro. Pittman has appealed to us to open a station of our own in the neighborhood of Daltonganj. This matter is receiving the best attention of the Federal Committee.

During the year Bro. Kingsbury had the pleasure of paying a flying visit to our Australian work and workers, en route to Europe and America. This Conference and the F.M. enterprise in the whole State will benefit by the knowledge and inspiration gained by Bro. Kingsbury.

The prospects of Christian missions in India are most hopeful. "In many parts of the country," says the *International Review of Missions*, "the resources of the missions are wholly insufficient to deal with the numbers which desire to be admitted to the Christian Church." Mass movements towards Christianity are general throughout the country. An astonishing fact is that "wherever in the village districts the work among

the depressed classes has been most successful, there the caste people have been most ready to hear and accept the message of the gospel."

W. S. Mitchell (Baptist Missionary Society), who had been many years in India, testified to the value the Hindoos placed upon Christians because of their exemplary lives. He referred to his own work on the mission field, especially speaking of the medical department and the value of itinerant preaching.

Miss F. M. Cameron (Missionary-elect for India) was invited to give a short address. She directed attention to the strong appeal for Foreign Missions which came from the need of those who knew not the gospel of the Christ. The scenes of the suffering Jesus in Gethsemane and Calvary were an incentive to Christian service.

I. A. Paternoster conveyed greetings from the S.A. Foreign Missionary Committee, and referred in terms of high praise to the character and work of Miss Cameron.

## 2. NEW HEBRIDES.

(1) PENTECOST. The work at Pentecost has been under our direct control for a longer period than that on other islands in the New Hebrides group. Bro. and Sister F. G. Filmer have continued in their great work for the Master. Their labors have been chiefly evangelistic and educational. Bro. Filmer's training institution has accomplished a good work. Twenty-eight students received instruction during last year. Several of these students have gone forth to help Bro. Chappell in his new work on Maewo. The Pentecost Christians are now supporting four of their number as teachers on Maewo at a cost of £24 per year. This is a most encouraging sign in our island work.

It is now common knowledge that Bro. Filmer played a most heroic part in the recent fearful volcanic outburst on Ambrim, in which much property and life were destroyed. In the interests of the helpless, terror-stricken natives he risked life itself. We have reason to be proud of our pioneer missionary to the New Hebrides.

The motor-boat "Endeavorer," towards the cost of which the Victorian Endeavorers contributed so well, has been of almost incalculable value in Bro. Filmer's labors in the gospel. The assistance rendered in the Ambrim catastrophe alone far more than justifies the expenditure on this splendid boat.

(2) OBA. Bro. and Sister A. T. Waters have been again in charge of the work on Oba—a position held for several months by them during the year 1912. The Oba fields have given the missionaries some anxiety because of the internal conditions of the church, but the prospects are now, happily, much brighter. Bro. Waters has succeeded in inculcating the Christian grace of self-sacrifice among many of the native Christians. The giving of tithes has been encouraged, and by this means the Federal Committee has been to a great extent relieved of the burden of the financial support of the native teachers on Oba, the allowances received by them having been subscribed by the Christians on the island. In addition a contribution has been made by the Oba members to assist missionary efforts in Mongolia. Bro. Waters has been very ill of late, his illness having been brought on largely by exertions put forth in an effort to subdue a native guilty of wholesale murder. We are pleased to report that he is now well again.

(3) MAEWO. On this island—almost the farthest north of the New Hebrides group—our most recently established islands mission has been commenced, with Bro. A. B. CHAPPELL in charge. He is the only white person on the whole island. Our brother has erected a temporary residence at a place called Sanasum, and has set several teachers to work in the villages of Maewo. Bro. Chappell is not sanguine over the prospect of immediate

results in his work, but is faithfully endeavoring to teach the natives, by word and life, of the love of Jesus Christ. A fine new launch—"The Sunbeam"—costing over £200, has just been forwarded from Sydney to assist in the Islands work. The arrival of this boat will be of great benefit to Bro. Chappell, who has hitherto been entirely isolated from the influences of civilisation, save for an occasional visit from Bro. Filmer. Bro. Chappell will most probably, a little later on, be given the oversight of the north-eastern part of Oba, which lies near Maewo, and if need be, a part of Pentecost as well.

The deepest sympathy of the Committee has been expressed with the Presbyterian Board in the loss of their fine hospital on Ambrim. As a small recognition of invaluable services rendered by this institution to our missionaries and the natives on their stations, the sum of £25 has been voted towards the building of a new hospital.

The attention of this Conference is drawn to the condition of affairs at present existing in the New Hebrides group under the Franco-British Condominium Government. This system of Government has proved a pitiable failure. Traffic in liquor, kidnapping, illegal recruiting, both of women and children, and other acts of injustice and cruelty, have abounded, and have been allowed to pass either insufficiently punished, or (which is more common) altogether unpunished. Our missionaries and also all of our F.M. Committees, have made their voice heard on this matter. Your Committee fervently hope that British influence will never be lessened in, much less withdrawn from, the New Hebrides. Wholesale missionary deportation and indiscriminate slaughter of whites—regardless of nationality—are among the consequences feared, should British Governmental influence be withdrawn from the group.

F. M. Ludbrook referred to the heroic work of F. Filmer during the great upheaval in the islands.

## 3. JAPAN.

Bro. and Sister P. A. Davey, our representatives in Tokyo, the capital of Japan, have been absent from their field of labor on furlough since last Conference. In the interests of their child's health they have paid a visit to the Continent. They are expected in Australia again in a few months' time.

## 4. CHINA.

Our solitary representative among China's millions, Miss Rosa L. Tonkin, still labors at Shanghai, under the direction of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. Largely because of the prolonged absence from China, through sickness, of Bro. James Ware, Miss Tonkin has had a strenuous year of service. Educational and orphanage work, to which has been added the oversight of six colporteurs of the American Bible Society, has engrossed her attention. She is very busy, but happy in the Lord's service. Miss Tonkin is expected to be in Australia on furlough in time for the next Federal Conference.

The sympathy of the Committee has been expressed to the widow and family of the late James Ware, who died on December 21 of last year. He was a most faithful servant of his Master. Many remember with pleasure his visit to our land a few years ago.

H. Pang, who had just returned from a visit to China, made a reference to the peculiar difficulties surrounding the work of Miss Tonkin, and spoke of her consecrated labors in Shanghai.

R. Lyall spoke in appreciative terms of the late Bro. James Ware.

## 5. AFRICA.

At Ingome, in Southern Rhodesia, a station occupied by our N.Z. brethren, the Committee are represented by a native worker, who is supported by the College of the Bible.

An invitation from the F.C.M.S. (of our American brethren) to co-operate in the work on the Congo has received the sympathetic consideration of the Committee, but in view of the large amount of new work being undertaken, has had to be held over till the next Federal Conference.

FOREIGN MISSION FUND—VICTORIAN STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Contributions Received to March, 1913—	Amount Expended to March, 1914—
From Churches and Members . . . . . £1041 1 5	CHINESE MISSION, MELBOURNE—
From Sunday Schools . . . . . 50 14 0	Expenses of Mission . . . . . £20 19 5
From Endeavor Societies . . . . . 16 11 5	Interest on Money Owing on Mis-
From Mission Bands . . . . . 37 8 0	sion Building . . . . . 39 10 0
From Chinese Brethren . . . . . 49 0 0	Allowance, Bro. Jame . . . . . 114 0 0
From Victorian Sisters (collected by Mrs. Zelius)—	174 9 5
For Miss Thompson's Bible	INDIA—
Women (two) . . . . . £13 0 0	Miss Thompson, for Bible Women
For Miss Tonkin's Bible Woman 15 0 0	(two), collected by Mrs. Zelius 13 0 0
For Mrs. Strutton's Bible Wo-	For Bible Woman, contributed by
man . . . . . 8 0 0	Ballarat Girls' Mission Band 5 0 0
36 0 0	Mrs. Strutton, for Bible Woman 8 0 0
From Church, Newmarket, for Support of	G. P. Pittman, for Native Preacher 13 0 0
Native Preacher with G. P. Pittman .. 13 0 0	39 0 0
Special Contribution for Support of Chinese	CHINA—
Native Preacher in Canton, China . . . 25 0 0	Miss Tonkin, for Bible Woman 15 0 0
Special Contribution for Annuity Fund from	For Support Native Preacher in
late Bro. T. H. Jennings . . . . . 100 0 0	Canton . . . . . 25 0 0
	40 0 0
	CHARGES—
£1368 14 10	Proportion of Allowance to Secre-
	tary . . . . . 32 17 6
	Proportion of Allowance to Typiste 26 7 6
	59 5 0
	ANNUITY FUND—
	Contribution from Bro.T. H. Jennings, Trans-
	ferred . . . . . 100 0 0
	£412 14 5
	Balance included in Federal Expenditure .. 956 0 5
	£1368 14 10

ROBERT LYALL, Treasurer.  
Melbourne, March 23, 1914.

Audited and found correct,  
A. HADDOW.

6. CHINESE MISSIONS IN AUSTRALIA.

Chinese missions are established at Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. The work in Melbourne is under the leadership of Bro. J. Pittman, senr., Miss Baker being secretary to the mission.

BRO. JAME, Chinese evangelist, is now laboring with much success in Melbourne, but will soon leave for a brief term's service in Perth. An additional Chinese evangelist, BRO. ARTHUR JOHN SING, has been engaged by the Federal Committee and has labored acceptably for six months in Sydney. His wife, from China, has now joined him, permission having been granted her to stay for three years in Australia.

The Committee desire again to place on record their appreciation of the splendid services rendered by the superintendent, secretary, and teachers in the Chinese Mission. There is still need for more teachers who can attend the mission school in Queensberry-st., Carlton, on one or two nights weekly, for the purpose of instructing the Chinese scholars.

J. Pittman made an appeal for more teachers for the Chinese Mission. There had been twelve additions to the Chinese church during the year by faith and obedience.

IV. DEPARTMENTS OF WORK.

Following is a summary of the various departments of work:—

1. EVANGELISTIC. This holds supreme in every station. Other varieties of mission work are carried on only for the purpose of assisting in winning men to the Saviour, or in order to meet the needs of those who are already made disciples of Christ.

2. EDUCATIONAL. Practically all of our missionaries abroad, and our teachers in the Chinese schools in Australia, have carried on educational work.

3. INDUSTRIAL. To assist the members of their respective stations, Bren. Strutton, Filmer, and Waters have encouraged industrial effort. Weaving and brickmaking at Baramati; coconut growing at Pentecost; and the arrowroot industry on Oba represent the varieties of this work.

4. COLPORTEUR. At Diksal 336 portions of God's Word were sold during the year.

5. WORK AMONG WOMEN. All of our women missionaries are engaged in this work. Especially in India is this branch of the work greatly needed.

6. WORK AMONG CHILDREN. Miss Tilley, at Diksal, India; Mrs. Strutton, at Baramati; Mrs. Waters, on Oba; and Miss Tonkin, in Shanghai, give much time to meeting the children's needs.

7. BENEVOLENT. The "Children's Day" moneys provide Christmas cheer and all-the-year-round benevolences for the natives on our respective stations.

8. MEDICAL. On Oba, Pentecost, and Maewo our missionaries treat many cases annually. Until the destruction of the Ambrim hospital our missionaries were able, by the kindness of the Presbyterian missionaries, to have the more serious cases of illness treated in that institution. The medical work of Bro. Watson at Diksal has been attended with much success.

V. NATIVE WORKERS.

Following is a list of native helpers supported by friends of the work in Victoria. The names of such friends are given in brackets.

Bible woman, Shanghai (Victorian Sisters).  
Shushilabai, Bible woman, Baramati (Victorian Sisters).

Bucktabai, Bible woman, Harda (Victorian Sisters).  
Sarubai, Bible woman, Harda (Victorian Sisters).

Dzien, Evangelist, Shanghai (Mr. and Mrs. H. Pang, Carlton, Vic.).

Wamanroa Giakwao, Evangelist, Baramati (Bible College).

Native, Ingome, South Africa (Bible College).  
Rhutton Dhiver, book-room Evangelist, Baramati (Bet Bet church).

Waylio Devraz, Baramati (Kaniva church).  
Mathura Prasad, Daltonganj, India (Newmarket church).

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Shah, Harda, India (Doncaster Mission Band).

Bible woman, Daltonganj, India (Mrs. Zelius, Doncaster).

Teacher, Maewo, New Hebrides (Doncaster Bible Class).

Rackmania, Harda (Ballarat C.E.).  
Peter Takaro, Oba, New Hebrides ("Inasmuch").

Tokovindolua, Oba (Mr. and Mrs. P. Bryce, Cheltenham).

Tabymancon, Pentecost (Bendigo).  
Isaac Torkinas, Macwo, New Hebrides (Berwick Bible Class).

VI. ORPHANS.

The following orphan boys and girls are supported by Victorians:—

Mahadoo, Baramati, India ("Gratitude").  
John, Baramati, India (Victorian J.C. Endeavorers).

Vitthu, Baramati, India (Victorian J.C. Endeavorers).

Nera, Orphan girl, Baramati (Virginia Club, Swanston-st.).

Orphan girl, Baramati (Cheltenham Bible School).

Orphan girl, in home, Poona (Preston J.C.E. Society).

Orphan girl, in home, Poona (North Melbourne Mission Band).

VII. FINANCIAL.

The Treasurer's Statement published herewith shows the splendid total income from all sources of £1368/14/10—a new Victorian record. Deducting the sum of £100 received from the annuity fund, we still have reason to be gratified at the generous response on the part of the brotherhood. A study of the comparative statement given herewith will intensify this feeling of thankfulness. The Committee very heartily thank the brethren for their generous response to the appeals made.

R. Lyall spoke concerning the financial clauses and statement.

VIII. STATISTICAL.

The accompanying statistical schedule represents in graphic form the facts and figures regarding the year ending December 31, 1914, as far as it is possible to represent them thus. They are vouched for as being approximately correct. A statistical schedule of the work of our American

F.M. FINANCIAL COMPARATIVE STATEMENT, 1910-1914.

Received from	1910	1911	1912	1913	1914
Churches and Members	£596 14 2	£733 11 0	£954 3 9	£864 3 4	£1041 1 5
Bible Schools	34 19 2	39 14 0	40 9 11	68 10 2	50 14 0
C.E. Societies	50 16 6	16 19 9	16 15 0	28 2 2	16 11 5
Mission Bands	24 0 0	12 0 0	12 0 0	31 16 3	37 8 0
Chinese Brethren	48 12 11	66 11 6	51 0 0	52 3 0	49 0 0
Sisters (per Mrs. Zelius)	27 0 0	37 0 0	35 0 0	42 0 0	36 0 0
Special Contributions	52 0 0			25 0 0	138 0 11
Totals	£834 2 9	£905 16 3	£1109 8 8	£1111 14 11	£1368 14 10

brethren will be prepared for the forthcoming Federal Conference.

IX. CANDIDATES.

Five candidates who have been provisionally accepted for service abroad are now in active preparation in hospitals or colleges for their life's work as missionaries of the Cross. The candidature of several other volunteers is receiving the best attention of the Committee. It gives us pleasure to welcome at this Conference our Sister Miss F. M. Cameron, of Adelaide, whose course of training will be completed in July, and who will (D.V.) sail about October, for the work in India.

X. THANKS.

The thanks of the Committee are hereby expressed to Bro. F. G. Dunn, editor of the "Christian," for his generous help in continuing the F.M. Page as a feature of that paper, and that for his able editorial advocacy of the missionary cause; to the new editor of *Pure Words* for help rendered in this splendid Bible School magazine; to the F.C.M.S. of U.S.A. for permission to use their exercise "Cry of the Nations," on our own Children's Day; and to all Victorian brethren who by their literary contributions have helped forward the work of missions in this State.

We desire also to express thanks to the Sisters for their loyal support, and especially to Mrs. Zelius, of Doncaster, to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude for her many years of service as collector among the Sisters. We wish her a pleasant voyage to America, where she purposes spending a holiday. We wish, too, to express our thanks to the penny-per-week collectors; to the Bible Schools, C.E. Societies, and individuals who have co-operated; to all who have provided gifts, in money and in kind, for F.M. Stations, to the preachers and church officers whose assistance has been cheerfully given; to Bro. A. A. Haddow, for his services as auditor, to the caretakers of Swanston-st. chapel for kindnesses rendered, and to all who in any way have helped in our endeavors to make Christ known among the heathen.

XI. COMMITTEE.

The following have served on the Committee during the year:—

Bren. R. Lyall, F. M. Ludbrook, J. I. Mudford, A. C. Rankine, J. McColl, W. A. Kemp, F. Butler, and Sisters Mrs. R. Lyall, Mrs. W. A. Kemp, Mrs. G. Manifold, and Mrs. F. M. Ludbrook.

Eighteen meetings have been held since last Conference. The record of attendance is as follows:—

Bren. R. Lyall, 16; T. B. Fischer (died, July), 7; J. I. Mudford, 16; F. M. Ludbrook, 7; A. C. Rankine, 14; J. McColl, 14; W. A. Kemp, 10; F. Butler (appointed, November), 3; Sisters Mrs. Lyall, 14; Mrs. Ludbrook (resigned, June), 0; Mrs. Kemp, 7; Mrs. Manifold (appointed, June), 6.

XII. CONCLUSION.

We desire, in conclusion, to express again our thanksgiving to God for his goodness during the past year. We would take to ourselves and commend to the brethren the weighty words of John R. Mott, spoken at the close of the World's Missionary Conference, held in Edinburgh:—

"The end of the Conference is the beginning of the conquest; the end of the planning is the beginning of the doing. God grant that we may all solemnly resolve so to plan, and so to act; so to live, and so to sacrifice, that our spirit of reality may become contagious among those to whom we go."

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and

honor, and glory, and blessing."

On behalf of the Committee,

J. I. MUDFORD,  
Secretary.

J. I. Mudford moved the adoption of the Foreign Missionary report as a whole, together with financial statements. The motion was seconded and carried.

Thos. W. Smith moved, and F. Harding seconded:

That owing to the increasingly large amount of business now requiring attention at the annual Conference, a business session be held on Easter Monday, in lieu of the picnic, which has usually been held on that day.

After discussion by several brethren, an amendment was moved by S. G. Griffith, that the matter be left in the hands of the Executive with power to act. The amendment was seconded and carried.

A resolution was submitted by H. Kingsbury: "That the brethren of the Victorian

Churches of Christ in Conference assembled request Bro. W. H. Allen to convey to the great brotherhood in America their cordial greeting. They rejoice in all the progress that is being made, and pray for a continuance of God's blessing upon all the efforts being put forward in the interests of the kingdom. They trust that there will be a growing fellowship between the American and Australian brethren as the years come and go." A. R. Main seconded the motion, which was carried. Bro. Kingsbury expressed regret at the approaching departure of W. H. Allen; the latter spoke in reply, saying that he would gladly convey the message of the resolution.

F. M. Ludbrook moved in characteristic fashion a comprehensive vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the Conference gatherings. F. McClean seconded the motion, which was carried by enthusiastic acclamation.

Throughout the sessions W. H. Clay led the song service, N. Haddow acted as musical director, Miss Dickens and S. H. Pittman presided at piano and organ.

The singing of the Doxology closed the business session of the Conference.

FOREIGN MISSION NIGHT.

The Foreign Missionary meeting was held in the Masonic Hall on Saturday night.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE FEDERAL FOREIGN MISSIONARY COMMITTEE OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AUSTRALIA (March, 1914). (Year ending December 31st, 1913.)

	FIELDS OCCUPIED											TOTALS	
	INDIA			*† TOKYO, JAPAN	NEW HEBRIDES			CHINESE MISSIONS					
	† YANGTSPOO ROAD, SHANGHAI.*	BARAMATI	DIKSAL		* HARDSA	Aoba	PENTECOST	MAEVO	† ADELAIDE	† MELBOURNE	PERTH		SYDNEY
ESTABLISHED ... ..	1890	1905	1909	1882	1890	1907	1904	1913	1900	1893	1905	1899	
Additions for year ... ..	10	5	5			22	22						76
Present Membership ... ..	153	46	13	131	592	750	344	6	6	37	11	53	2142
MISSIONARIES AND HELPERS—													
Male ... ..	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1					9
Married Women ... ..	1	1	1	1	2	1	1						8
Single Women ... ..	1		1	2	3								7
Native Evangelists ... ..	1	6	1	6	8					1			24
Native Teachers ... ..	4	2	1	39	13	36	17	5				1	117
Bible Women and Other Helpers ... ..	5	6	4	5	4	1							25
Total Workers ... ..	13	16	9	54	32	39	19	6		1		1	190
MEETINGS—													
No. of Locations ... ..	1		1	2	20	38	17	5	1	1	1	1	88
No. each Sunday ... ..	2	4	3	2			51	16	1	3	2	2	86
No. each Week Days ... ..	7	21	21	2			34	10	2	4	1	2	104
SCHOOLS & C.—													
Sunday Schools ... ..	1	1	1	7	20	1			1	1	1		34
Scholars ... ..	100	20	7	588	986	60			4	20	6		1791
Educational ... ..	2	1	1	7	4	2	1	5	1	1	1	1	27
Scholars ... ..	90	20	25	713	327	35	23	80	12	67	4	32	1428
C.E. Societies ... ..				2									2
Members ... ..				80									80
MEDICAL—													
No. of Treatments ... ..		1825	2321	14,19		350	350	50					19,092

\*Figures include F.C.M.S. statistics.

† Last year's figures inserted

A song service was led by W. H. Clay. At the request of the Conference President, F. M. Ludbrook took the chair. The meeting was led in prayer by S. G. Griffith.

Reference was made by the chairman to the great loss sustained by the death of Bro. T. B. Fischer. A. P. Wilson, as preacher of the Cheltenham church, was asked to say a few words regarding our departed brother, who labored so earnestly in the Cheltenham district. G. B. Moysey led in prayer on behalf of those who mourned.

#### GREETINGS RECEIVED AND SENT.

Greetings were received from G. P. Pittman, the Queensland F.M. Committee, and N.S.W. Conference.

A. R. Main moved: "That we, members of Churches of Christ in Victoria in Conference assembled, send our heartiest fraternal greetings to all the workers representing the Australian brotherhood in the foreign field. We beg to assure them of our great appreciation of their faithful labors, of our prayers that the Father's presence and richest blessing may be with and upon them, and of our continued sympathy and support, in order that the work may prosper exceedingly, and that the people for whom Christ died may be brought to know and serve him who gave himself up for them." A. C. Rankine seconded the resolution, which was then carried.

A selection was rendered by the Footscray choir.

I. A. Paternoster, President of the S.A. Conference, and Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Committee, delivered an address. Our watchword, "Where the Bible speaks, we speak," said the speaker, demanded an earnest endeavor to carry the gospel to all parts of the globe. The New Testament was full of missionary ideals and missionary enterprises. Opportunities were opening in many parts. China was awakening, and the duty of directing the eyes of that great country to the Christ must be undertaken by the church of Jesus. Africa offered many avenues of service; India, with its 315,000,000 people, and only one missionary to 68,000 persons, was in urgent need of more help. While the value of the work done by women missionaries must not be, and was not, overlooked, it must be recognised that there was special need for more men in the field.

"A Flying Visit to India" was the subject of H. Kingsbury's address. Some twenty languages and five hundred dialects, said the speaker, were spoken by the many types of humanity crowded into a portion of the earth about half as large as Australia. There were interesting and amusing sights to be seen in India, as well as spectacles unpleasant and disgusting. Train-travelling was quite in modern style. Speaking of our own work, Bro. Kingsbury told of the work at Diksal under Bro. and Sister Watson. A meeting was held, which was addressed by the speaker through an interpreter. A special feature of Bro. Watson's ministrations was the medical and surgical help given to many sufferers. At

Baramati, Bro. and Sister Strutton, assisted by Miss Tilley, were controlling a great work. There were many branches of service—educational, zenana and medical. Farewell addresses were presented to the speaker from the Christians in Baramati and Diksal, expressing many beautiful and Christian sentiments, and including affectionate reference to the late T. B. Fischer.

A selection was rendered by the Lygon-st. quartette party, "When I Think how they Crucified my Lord."

#### PRESENTATION OF MISSIONARIES-ELECT.

The chairman at this stage introduced to the meeting missionaries-elect, soon to go to the field. Miss F. M. Cameron, of Sth. Australia, and Miss Tole, formerly of Launceston, and now of Lygon-st., were sisters well equipped for the work, and would be valuable additions to the missionary ranks.

The Treasurer, R. Lyall, made a brief report of the financial position.

W. S. Mitchell (Baptist Missionary from India) spoke of the conditions existing in India. Illustrations of the gross superstitions of the people were told by the speaker, and the need of the gospel as the only remedy was urged. The power of the gospel was manifest in the lives of converts. As a rule, the higher the caste, the stronger the convert. Some remarkable instances were cited. Evil habits were overcome; dishonest commercial transactions were abandoned; people degraded by sin were raised to an honorable station; persons passing through the portals of physical death entered into eternal life—all through the power of the glorious gospel. Throughout India to-day was a spirit of enquiry, and there were evidences of a great victory soon to be won.

The collection amounted to £84/17/11.

#### CONFERENCE SERMON.

On Sunday afternoon the Conference sermon was preached in the Masonic Hall by H. E. Knott, M.A., before a crowded audience. The subject was "Our Future."

Our future, said Bro. Knott, depended to a large extent on the presence or absence of several human qualities. The first of these was vision. Vision was behind every true service for God and humanity. It was vision that started the Reformation under Luther, that sent Livingstone to Africa, that made Dr. Barnardo engage in rescue work, that produced the evangelist Moody. It was vision that impelled the great men of the Bible to accomplish their wondrous achievements for God. The second quality was faith. We must, like Elisha of old, concentrate attention not on the forces before us, but on the divine forces above us. The great facts of the gospel of Jesus must be firmly held. Paul could preach the simple facts of the gospel in the very streets of imperial Rome. The third great quality was prayer, which had been called "the lost art." The present tendency was to try

methods and to forget prayer. Prayer was the Master's way. Since we fought not against flesh and blood, but against supernatural forces, we must draw upon spiritual forces in order to gain the victory. Every conquest since the day of Christ had been made by prayer. By vision we saw, by faith we attempted, by prayer we secured the victory.

#### CONFERENCE PICNIC.

Weather conditions favored the picnic at Glen Iris on Easter Monday. A large number attended, and spent an enjoyable day. The College buildings were opened for inspection for an hour during the afternoon.

On the afternoon of Easter Monday, at Glen Iris, an informal conference was held by the new Home Missionary Committee and preachers and delegates from subsidised churches. H. E. Knott, Vice-President, took the chair. Free discussion of Home Mission problems took place in good spirit, and helpful suggestions were made.

#### CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION DEMONSTRATION.

Another large company gathered at the Endeavor demonstration on Monday night last. After a brief song service, the President of the Union, Clarence W. Timmins, took the chair. W. Beiler led in prayer. The Scripture lesson was read by J. H. McKean.

F. J. Miles, President of the Victorian Christian Endeavor Union, addressed his remarks chiefly to those who were not Christian Endeavorers. The speaker presented various features of the Endeavor movement, and showed its many avenues of service.

The chairman introduced J. H. McKean as the new President of the Union. Bro. McKean expressed his appreciation of the honor, and at once began his new duties.

R. Conning presented the banner to the Junior Society which had earned it—Moreland.

An address was given by H. Kingsbury on the subject "Christ's Consecration and Mine." The speaker showed that the narrative concerning Jesus revealed the ideal life of complete consecration, and that it must be the effort of each individual to strive after the Christ ideal.

During the evening, musical items were rendered by W. Nankerville, the Northcote Quartette Party, and F. Lang.

God and good angels alone know the vast, incalculable influence that goes out into the universe of matter from the conquered evil and the voiceless prayer of one solitary soul. Wouldst thou bring the world unto God? Then live near to him thyself! If divine life pervade thine own soul, everything that touches thee will receive the electric spark, though thou mayest be unconscious of being changed therewith.—L. M. Child.



Correspondents are requested to condense their reports as much as possible.

## Tasmania.

**HOBART.**—The Girls' Mission Band has been steadily increasing during the last few months. To re-open the class in the new year, Mrs. Jarvis and Mrs. Hayden entertained many of the young people at an enjoyable social evening in the school-room. Weekly meetings have since been held, and on Thursday evening last there was a large attendance of members and friends at a special missionary meeting and social, prior to sending a box away to Pentecost. Mr. F. W. Boreham, Baptist preacher, gave a splendid address, and many other interesting items were rendered. After supper, the work finished by the Band was viewed by those present.—E.I.H.

## West Australia.

**PERTH.**—Amongst our visitors at this morning's meeting were Mrs. D. A. Ewers, Mile End, S.A.; Bro. Taylor, Taylor's Well; Bro. and Sister Hunter, Hawthorn, Vic. H. Redman and Sister Michael have returned after a holiday spent in the Eastern States. D. M. Wilson gave a stirring address upon Bible School work. We were pleased to renew acquaintance with D. A. Ewers, who was our evangelist some eight years ago. To a large gathering in the evening he delivered an impressive address from the text, "Behold I stand at the door and knock."—W.A., April 5.

## Queensland.

**BRISBANE.**—Bro. Taylor (N.Z.) spoke yesterday. Bro. and Sister W. McCallum were received by letter, and welcomed by the church. Visitors: Mrs. and Miss Marfleet, Vic.; Mrs. Williams, Lismore; H. Martin, Eng.; Miss Johnson, Ma Ma Creek; and Miss Johnson, Gympie. The meetings all day showed satisfactory attendance. W. H. Nightingale delivered the gospel message. L. Gole, who is feeling the strain of overwork, has resigned his position as church secretary. The church officers are consulting the trustees with a view to selling the Ann-st. buildings. The present building is a great hindrance to progress, and we hope that a new Christians' temple is in sight.—H.C.S.

**ANNERLEY.**—On March 29 we had the pleasure of having with us morning and evening, Bren. Wilfred and Stuart Trudgeon. The former gave a most helpful exhortation in the morning, and the latter proclaimed the gospel message very acceptably at night. Yesterday morning Bro. Olsen gave a thoughtful message, which was much appreciated. We were pleased to have Bro. and Sister Keeble, of Toowoomba, with us. W. McCallum occupied the platform at night, and delivered the gospel message in a very earnest and thoughtful manner.

**QUEENSLAND NOTES.**—During the last two weeks we have, at the direction of the I.M. Committee, paid a flying visit to Bundamba, where we had a small but impressive service. The night was wet and dark. Boonah was our next place of call, when again the audience was small through the inclemency of the weather, but the service was helpful and suggestive. From those Southern causes we travelled north, conducting services at Gympie, Wooroolin, and Maryborough. These services were enjoyed, and were inspiring to those who gathered; and many expressed the wish that the building had been crowded; for certainly good was done. We also visited Eel

Creek and Bundaberg, where we enjoyed the fellowship and hospitality of the brethren. During the last three months we have travelled quite two thousand miles, spent several nights in the train, slept, or tried to, in twenty-eight different beds, conducted one hundred and six services, taken several confessions, written scores of letters, etc. The following sums have been received for Home Mission Fund: Bro. C. H. Jackson, Bundaberg, 10/-; Bren., Gympie, 5/-.—W. J. Way, Organising Secretary.

## New Zealand.

**WELLINGTON (Vivian-st.).**—On Sunday night there were two baptisms, father and son. This makes 12 baptisms since we came here, and all of them are men and boys.—M. O. Johnston, March 31.

**NELSON.**—Good attendance at the prayer meeting last week. On Lord's day, Bro. Mathieson spoke at both morning and evening services. "The Ten Commandments" was the subject chosen for the gospel address, when the chapel was filled. We are all looking forward to our rally day on May 10. The Bible School continues to prosper, the elder scholars willingly taking the places of absent teachers.—H.E.A., April 1.

**PETONE.**—The usual meeting for the breaking of bread was held on Lord's day morning. It was fairly well attended. We have with us our Bro. Grinstead, the evangelist for the associated churches in the Wellington district. Already his influence is being felt by the increase in the audiences, and the general interest taken by the members. We pray that this is the beginning of good things, which we have been earnestly looking forward to.—L.E.W., April 1.

**PALMERSTON NORTH.**—On March 22 we celebrated our Sunday School anniversary. The children's singing under the leadership of the superintendent, Bro. Hearle, was much appreciated. The attendance in the afternoon was small, but was larger in the evening, when Bro. Johnston spoke, his subject being "Without an Umpire." On Wednesday evening the services were continued—children's tea, songs, recitations, and prize giving. The secretary's report showed an increase of 49 scholars, brought about by the rally held during the year.—M.C., April 2.

**WELLINGTON (Vivian-st.).**—To-day we commenced a three months' "Increased attendance Campaign," and were encouraged by larger congregations morning and evening. M. O. Johnston, at the morning service, gave a special address to children, who were present by invitation. The Bible School is on the up-grade; 53 present this afternoon, a record for many months.—A.H.E., April 5.

**DUNEDIN.**—98 scholars present at the Bible School yesterday. Owing to the intention of C. F. and Mrs. McDonald to return to Melbourne, we are losing the services of our esteemed Bible School teacher, Mrs. McDonald. Mrs. P. D. McCallum will take the place of Mrs. McDonald. A Mutual Improvement Class under P. D. McCallum was commenced last week, when a lecture on the "Rhine" district, illustrated by lantern views, was delivered by the leader.—L.C.J.S., April 6.

**OAMARU.**—Since last report the annual meeting was held, and good interest displayed in the work of the Lord. Sisters Miss Cook (China Inland Mission) and Mrs. Mansill (Bulawayo) were present, and gave most interesting addresses.

The young men of the Bible Class and Improvement Society are moving in the erection of a class-room at the rear of the chapel section. Bro. Mathieson on a recent Lord's day morning exchanged with Mr. Mill, of the Baptist Church, who gave us a helpful exhortation. In preparation for the sale of work, gift afternoon and evening were held at Sister Vine's home and in the Bible School. A good response was made in saleable articles. A serious accident befell one of our young men, Bro. T. Blair, whereby he lost his right arm.—K., March 29.

**WANGANUI.**—A very fair meeting was held on March 29 at the breaking of bread. C. Downey, of Stratford, exhorted. The school attendance was up to the average, 70 being present. Bro. Downey spoke again at the gospel meeting. We are much indebted to him for his assistance. The sisters held their annual sale of work on April 2. This resulted in a fair amount being raised for church and building funds. A "kitchen party" was tendered on March 31 to Sister Elsie Dee in honor of her approaching wedding.—H.S., April 6.

**WELLINGTON SOUTH.**—A welcome social was tendered W. Phillips last Friday evening, when about 250 members and friends assembled. H. Callum presided, and addresses of welcome were given by D. Campbell, on behalf of the South Wellington church; M. O. Johnston, as a fellow-evangelist; Bro. Grinstead, on behalf of the Wellington suburban churches; Milton Vickery, on behalf of the Middle District Associated Churches of Christ; and R. A. Wright, on behalf of the Wellington Central Church. These addresses were interspersed with a pianoforte duet by Sister Mrs. Hadfield and Sister Thomas. Recitations were given by Bro. Hardham, of the Lower Hutt church, and Sister Hargraves, of the Wellington Central Church. Those who assisted so splendidly with the singing were Bren. T. Hazelwood, A. Thomas, J. Inkersall and Westoby; and Sisters L. and A. Hearle, A. Patching and Wiles. Afterwards Bro. Phillips suitably replied. To-day we celebrated our twentieth anniversary. This morning practically every member on the roll was in attendance, and a large number of members from Kilbirnie, Lower Hutt and Petone were present. D. Campbell, one of the early pioneers and our elder, presided. Bro. Withington, of the Petone church (who was the second convert in the South Wellington church) read the Old Testament lesson, and Bro. Hazelwood (who was instrumental in bringing the former to the church) read the New Testament lesson. Bro. Phillips gave an interesting address on "Fountains of Water." The collection amounted to £24. In the evening there was a large number present, when Bro. Phillips gave a powerful address entitled, "An Impossible Condition" (Heb. 6: 4-6).—Alf. Laing, April 5.

## New South Wales.

**HAMILTON.**—Bro. Jinks has been chosen to deliver a special sermon for Empire Sunday here, and as editor of "Religious Topics" in the daily paper gives a prominent place to the churches of Christ, and is also preparing some Sunday School scholars for an examination.

**BELMORE.**—Interest intensified in the gospel services. A lady who confessed Christ after a powerful address by Bro. Forbes was baptised during the week, and yesterday received into fellowship. Bro. Forbes spoke at the worship meeting yesterday, and at the close a Christian present expressed the desire to come into fellowship.—John Rodger, April 6.

**LILYVILLE.**—April 5, meetings good. In the morning Bro. Clydesdale exhorted from John 14, and was much appreciated. Bible School well attended; one new teacher enrolled. At night Bro. Saunders' address was on "The Sorrows of Jesus." On the 6th a temperance meeting took the place of the men's society. Bro. Paternoster, from Adelaide, gave an address. April 12, meetings good throughout the day.—E.G.B.

**ENMORE.**—For the past week we have been enjoying a splendid series of meetings in connection with the Conference. The Enmore church

has been specially uplifted. Fine gospel service to-night, when J. E. Thomas preached the gospel. All were delighted with his message. At the morning service we had many visitors, and a most helpful exhortation by R. Enniss, of Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic.

LISMORE.—March 29 and April 5, good meetings. During the week one young man, 24 years of age, came to find the way to God, and after a long Biblical talk together immediately was baptised into Christ. Sister S. Stevens has left for a holiday in Melbourne, for the purpose of recuperating in health. The month of self-denial (March 15 to April 12) is now on, and we hope will prove useful. First "Missionary Committee" lantern lecture was given in the Tabernacle, April 8, on "N.S.W." Bren. E. Savill and Withers have addressed the church since last report. Bro. Stevens continues to preach to good audiences on Sunday nights.—S.S., April 9.

NORTH SYDNEY.—A number of visitors were present at the morning service, including Bro. Lang, from the church at Mosman, who gave an uplifting address. Bro. Gale, who presided, expressed regret at the loss to the church of Miss Ivy Wardale, who has been called to higher service. We were pleased to have Bro. Modral with us, who conducted the Sunday School. At the evangelistic service an attentive congregation assembled before Bro. Gale, his subject being "The Significance of the Resurrection." The choir, conducted by Bro. Tingate, rendered a splendid anthem entitled "Be Not Dismayed."—F. J. Reeson.

PADDINGTON.—April 5 was marked by special addresses, and the presence of visitors from different quarters. In the morning W. R. Rowles, our secretary, spoke from Joshua 14: 10, "These forty-five years," expressing gratitude for the keeping of the Lord during forty-five years of Christian experience. Our brother took his stand along with the late C. L. Thurgood, on April 4, in the Lygon-st. chapel, when they were mere boys. The additions from our Bible School are usually most satisfactory. Sister Somerville was present after long absence through illness; also Sisters Tayler, Moree; Emerson, Footscray; and Cowell, Marrar; Bren. Cowell, Marrar; Harrison (2), Launceston; and J. Read, Buckie, Scotland. In the evening a brief service for the children was conducted by F. Collins, assisted by a children's choir and Bible School orchestra, and later, before a large audience, I. A. Paternoster, of South Australia, spoke to a large and attentive audience. His address on "The Marriage Feast" was listened to with rapt attention from beginning to end.—F.C.

BELMORE.—April 5 was our Bible School rally day. The scholars under the leadership of A. E. Forbes rendered several choruses. The kindergarten, under the superintendency of Miss E. Smith, gave a short demonstration of the work done in this department. Bro. Forbes and Bro. Edwards addressed the parents, friends and scholars assembled. A collection in aid of the proposed Canterbury Cottage Hospital amounted to £2/2/-. The school has during the past six weeks been divided into two sides; the Blues and the Reds, under the captaincy of Miss A. McMann and Master H. Kent. Rally Day was the climax of the efforts of these two sides to try to have an attendance of 200 scholars on that date. The competition resulted in a tie, each side having 87 scholars present, which with 27 teachers made a total school of 201.—A. H. Smith, April 7.

## Victoria.

ST. ARNAUD.—The three special services in connection with the Bible School anniversary yesterday (Sunday, April 12) passed off well. We had record attendances at each service. In the evening the chapel was nearly full, the audience very appreciative, all enthusiastic, and the little band of disciples here feel lifted up, and like one of old, will "thank God and take courage."—D.M.McC., April 13.

PRAHRAN.—Junior Endeavorers, under the leadership of Miss R. Farrell, brought groceries, etc., as Easter gifts for needy families. Open-air meetings conducted by students from the College

of the Bible are well backed up by our people here, 42 being present to help recently. B. Wendorf and Miss Lettie Cockroft are now secretaries of C.E. Society in place of Miss I. Perry, resigned. Practices for Bible School anniversary in charge of Lcs. Brooker, in full swing. Church membership is now approaching 200.—P. J. Pond.

ULTIMA.—The week's mission conducted by T. Hagger and W. Clay concluded last Monday night, when four people confessed their Saviour. To-day (Sunday) sixteen men and women journeyed 20 miles to Swan Hill—six to be baptised by Bro. Mudge; six others (so interested) who wished to witness the ordinance; the remaining four being accompanying brethren. Several others are almost persuaded. The missionaries did a fine work (as religion was at a low ebb here), a large proportion of the audiences being non-churchgoers. The Methodist minister, who is leaving the district, in a parting word to the writer, remarked, "I hope we will soon see eye to eye on Christian Unity—I believe we shall."—Gilbert G. Goudie, April 12.

SWAN HILL.—We had splendid meetings last Lord's day. Had quite a contingent from Ultima, when those who recently decided at Ultima mission were baptised, and in addition two more from Ultima district confessed and were baptised. At the close of Bro. Mudge's address on "If a man die, shall he live again?" one young man made the good confession, and was baptised the same hour.—P.McD., April 13.

HAWTHORN.—On Saturday evening Bro. Alfred Tucker and Sister Mabel Richards were united in marriage. There was a large attendance at the ceremony. We had good meetings on Sunday. Conference brought our share of visitors, including Bro. and Sister Dickson, of Norwood; Bro. and Sister E. Allan, of Doncaster; Bro. and Sister Peck, of Bayswater; Sister Graham, North Richmond; Sister Miss Cameron, missionary-elect, of Maylands, Adelaide. Bro. Dickson gave a good address. Good attendance at the evening service, although many of our members are away on holiday.—A. C. Rankine.

HARCOURT.—The annual business meeting of the church was held on April 4. This meeting was well attended, and a keen interest of a gratifying nature was manifest throughout. All the retiring officers were re-elected. Bro. Schwab is doing faithful service. The few members at Sutton Grange are still laboring on, and are to be commended for their steadfastness. A social was held recently to bid Sister Myrtle Hogarth goodbye. Sister Hogarth has done good service as organist for some time. She goes to Castlemaine, where she has already engaged in work of the church, being appointed organist. The S.S. picnic, held on April 6, was well attended, and proved a great success.—F.P.

CARLTON (Lygon-st.).—Conference Sunday, a large number of visiting brethren met with us around the table to remember the Lord's death. After the feast we had a fine address from Gifford Gordon, of Geelong. At night every inch of space was filled by an attentive audience. S. G. Griffith delivered a splendid discourse upon "Who Are Deceived?" H. E. Knott, M.A., and A. R. Benn also took part in the service. The male quartette sang two nice pieces, which were greatly appreciated. S. H. Pittman was with us all day, and kept very busy in rendering beautiful music upon the organ for the benefit of the country visitors. We regret to report the death of Sister McDonald, senr., who has been called home after a long and painful illness. In connection with the Conference our Dorcas sisters were quite happy in providing refreshments as usual for the visitors. A large number accepted the invitation to dinner and also to tea, when there were upwards of 200 present.—J.McC.

BOORT.—Good meetings all day Sunday. W. Jackson, son of Bro. and Sister Jackson, was baptised and received into fellowship on Sunday morning. Sister Lily Stayer was also welcomed into fellowship. The Bible Class was the largest yet held. After the evening service two girls (who confessed their faith the last night of the mission) were baptised. The Boort church join-

ed with the Wedderburn church in a picnic on Easter Monday at the Granite Ranges, where a happy day was spent.—G.H.O., April 14.

MELBOURNE (Swanston-st.).—We had a great day on Sunday. The services were of a special character on account of Conference. We had a large meeting in the morning, when Bro. Paternoster, from S.A., gave the address. The building was crowded out at night, when Gifford Gordon was the speaker. He gave a very fine address. A feature of this service was the rendering by the choir of Maunder's "Olivet to Calvary," under the leadership of Bro. Ernest Tippet. This was a great musical treat, and much enjoyed by all present. Our only regret was that a large number of friends were turned away on account of the crowded state of the building. During the day members and friends were entertained by the sisters to dinner and tea in the lecture hall. About 160 sat down to dinner, and considerably over 200 to tea. We are indebted to the sisters for their work in this direction.

## South Australia.

MILANG.—On March 25 we held our business meeting. Interesting reports were presented by the secretary and treasurer, also the Bible School, the Young People's and Junior Endeavor Societies, and the evangelist, all showing that the work had been well maintained. The morning meetings especially have been very well attended. This morning at a large meeting we had the joy of receiving one who after many years has learned the way of the Lord more perfectly.—J.C.W., April 5.

UNLEY.—The special services conducted by Bro. Huntsman during the past week were well attended, and of great interest, bringing vividly before those present the events during the last week of our Saviour's life here. To-day the theme at the three services was "The Resurrection." There was a splendid attendance this evening. In the morning among the visitors were Herbert Schache, from Chatswood; Mrs. W. Rankin, from Enmore, and Miss Louie Jones, from Moonta.—P.S.M., April 12.

PORT PIRIE.—Good meetings continue, and interest is well sustained in all branches of work. Bro. Fleming exhorted in the morning and conducted "question meeting" at Men's Forward Meeting in the afternoon of March 1. Bro. Johnston preached to a good congregation at night. Bro. Enniss visited us on March 18, in the interests of the College of the Bible. Bro. Hamp presided on March 22, and Bro. Bottrill's exhortation was much appreciated. Mr. T. Ramage was much admired at the M.F.M. meeting, and at night Bro. Fleming conducted a very bright and impressive baptismal service, preaching excellently and eloquently on "Patience." Our latest is a Young Men's Training Class, which is conducted by Bro. Johnston. Our Y.P.S.C.E. is going well. It has undertaken the support of the "opium" child, "Shantie," at Bro. Strutton's home at Baramat, and to this end a very interesting if novel evening was given by the Juniors, workers, and friends on April 1, and about £4 was raised to that end. Sunday School picnic to be held on Wednesday of Easter week, and S.S. anniversary on first Sunday in June.—E. A. Arnold, April 5.

WALLAROO.—On May 29 our meetings were exceptionally good, and at the close of the gospel service a young man made the good confession. He has since been baptised, and was received into fellowship last Lord's day. To-day we have had a good time, and at the close of this evening's service our hearts were gladdened to see a young woman respond to the invitation. We are greatly encouraged in our work. The church is busy preparing for the mission. Cottage meetings are being held throughout the town, and there is a good interest manifest.—E.J.K., April 12.

KADINA.—On Monday evening last the children's anniversary services were continued with a public meeting and singing by the children, Bro. Verco being chairman. Encouraging reports were given by the writer, as supt., and Bro. Hawke, the school secretary, showing that our number was



still on the increase, notwithstanding that we have lost some of our best members. Special addresses were given to the children by Bro. Cuttriss, from Moonta, and Bro. Wiltshire, from Wallaroo. On Good Friday the scholars, parents, and friends journeyed to Mr. Allen's farm, where we held our picnic. The weather was perfect for the children. We are sorry to report that just as we got to the picnic ground a little boy about 9 or 10 years old fell off the trolley and broke his leg just above the ankle. Bro. Verco exhorted the church to-day from Matt. 28: 6; subject, "The Risen Saviour." This evening the subject chosen was from Romans 1: 4, "The Resurrection of Jesus."—Jas. H. Thomas, April 12.

QUEENSTOWN.—Wednesday, April 8, the wedding of Miss E. Smith to Mr. J. Crump, was celebrated. The chapel was prettily decorated by friends of the bride. On April 10 our S.S. picnic was held, when the children assembled at the Botanic Park, and had a grand day. Sunday, April 12, morning, fair attendance of members at the Lord's table. Bro. Coin presided. Bro. Hawkes addressed on 1 Cor. 15. Afternoon, Bro. Brooker addressed a men's meeting on "The Intricate Mechanism of Man," which was a splendid educational address. He also exhibited with a microscope. Evening, Bro. Brooker spoke on "The Cross" to a large audience, and also referred to the sad circumstances surrounding the death of James Williamson, a young married man, of this district, who was shot on the Semaphore beach last January, which occurrence has ended so sadly. We are sorry to state that Sister J. S. Watkins severely sprained her ankle on Friday, and is confined to her bed in great pain. Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Bro. Brooker will address a meeting of women only. We had three confessions last Sunday night.—H. Watkins, April 12.

## Here and There

H. Kingsbury's address is 112 Eglinton-st., Moonee Ponds, Victoria.

One confession at Swan Hill, Vic., last Sunday night, S. H. Mudge preaching. We regret to hear of the serious illness of the eldest son of Bro. Mudge.

W. G. Combridge, evangelist in the Brim district, Vic., was married on Tuesday last in Lygon-st. chapel. We wish them every joy and happiness.

Bible School Day will be observed in Victorian churches on May 3. Workers are asked to prepare for a big day. Preachers are requested to take appropriate themes. All are advised to watch for future notices.

There were four confessions at the closing service of the week's mission held by Bren. Hagger and Clay in Ultima, Vic. Two others have since decided, and the six have been baptised and received into fellowship.

The church at Launceston takes 62 copies of the "Christian" weekly, and the agent, H. J. Cameron, writes: "I am going to try and get 100 subscribers within the next six months, if possible." This is good, and beats some churches with double the membership. We would be glad to hear from other agents in the same strain.

Bible School Union, Victoria.—Delegates of the B.S. Union are requested to attend the next monthly Executive meeting, which will be held in the lecture hall, Swanston-st., next Monday, April 20, at 8 p.m. Special business. Secretaries please note that the address of the newly-appointed secretary, J. C. F. Pittman, is "Clarendene," De Carle-st., Moreland.

The Feathered Preacher.—"I have one preacher," said Martin Luther, "that I love better than any other upon earth; it is my little tame robin, which preaches to me daily. I put his crumbs upon my window sill, especially at night. He hops on to the sill when he wants his supply, and takes as much as he desires to satisfy his

need. From thence he always hops on to a little tree close by, and lifts up his voice to God, and sings his carol of praise and gratitude, tucks his little head under his wing, and goes fast to sleep, and leaves to-morrow to look after itself. He is the best preacher that I have on earth."

Dead Sea Water.—Sir John Gray Hill, writing of the Dead Sea (in the Palestine Exploration Fund's *Quarterly Statement*), makes an interesting reference to the curative value of the water: "Perhaps, in view of the recent prospecting for oil on the shores of the lake, more will soon be known about its waters and its east shore. Some day I believe the value of its waters, and of the waters of Calirrhoe on the east side, will make it a place of resort in the winter months for curative purpose. I have found the use of the Dead Sea water most invigorating. I get a supply at my house brought in old petroleum tins on donkey back, and use it somewhat diluted for my morning tub."

True to their Lord.—An American missionary has been calling special attention to the malignity with which Christian converts are treated by heathen neighbors in India. Among other experiences, he describes native Christians appealing to him: "'Please help us to get water.' It was three o'clock, and the heat was terrible. Yet these people, right in sight of fresh water, were refused it, and could get it only from a filthy tank. Christians are often barred from pasturing their goats in the common pasture ground, so that they have been obliged to sell their stock for an inconsiderable sum. When asked if they retaliated, they replied: 'No. Christ teaches us to endure.'"

The picture by Mr. Kyrik Woronoff, the celebrated Russian artist, entitled "He That Believeth and is Baptised," which has been on exhibition at the Dore Gallery, says the *British Weekly*, is now in the lecture hall of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, where it was unveiled on Monday evening. It represents a baptismal scene in a Russian lake amid the hills and forests. A venerable pastor is immersing a young girl in the presence of a group of reverent spectators on the shore. The picture, which was driven out of Russia by the refusal of the authorities to allow it to be advertised, witnesses to the progress of Baptist views in that country, largely through the work of Pastor Fetler, of St. Petersburg, whose brother, now a student of the Pastors' College, acted as interpreter for Mr. Woronoff on Monday night in explaining the picture.

### VICTORIAN CONFERENCE BREVITIES.

The essay of Mrs. Manifold at the Sisters' Conference was a very fine production.

The sisters proved to be excellent caterers. All enjoyed the meals which they provided.

The Temperance Committee presented a fine programme; it was worthy of a larger audience.

Home Mission session on Friday afternoon filled the Masonic Hall. It was an inspiring time.

G. E. Chandler, of Colac, said he believed in talking a thing up. He regarded this as a way to succeed.

Fine tribute was paid by Bro. Moysey and others to the faithful brethren in some of the country churches.

The devotional addresses of Bren. Binney, J. J. Franklyn, W. C. McCallum, and Whelan gave a fine spiritual tone to the meetings.

Thrilling stories of conversions in connection with our Home Mission work were told. We all rejoiced at the power of the gospel.

J. Pittman advocated the distribution of our literature, and urged that assistance in this direction should be given to weak churches.

S. G. Griffith, in speaking of our future work, said that preaching and the gratuitous distribution of our literature should go hand in hand.

The quartette singing during the meetings was a departure which all enjoyed. We were favored by Northcote, Lygon-st., and Doncaster in this matter.

J. R. Combridge in his talk on Friday afternoon humorously referred to the "middle-men," and from that time that was the expression of the Conference.

The Foreign Mission sessions were delightful and helpful.

H. E. Knott's sermon was a splendid effort, and worthy of the great occasion.

H. Kingsbury told us that he was taken for a Chinese conjurer in Madras, and for a Japanese at one time in America.

Conference was proud of the heroic work of Bro. Filmer in the recent volcanic outburst on the island of Ambrim.

W. S. Mitchell thrilled us all with the account of work in India. We were delighted to have fellowship with this good brother.

Much amusement was caused by the account of Bro. Clay's trip to Brim, seeing that for some miles he rode behind in a one-seated buggy—tied in by rope.

Bro. Potts retired from the secretaryship of the Bible School Union after many years' service. Much appreciation was expressed of the good work he had done.

The absence of J. E. Allan, S. H. Mudge, E. Davis and Hugh Gray was noted with regret. This quartette of faithful evangelists were all absent through illness.

Northcote delegates were loud in their praise of the good work done by the Extension Committee and Fund in helping Northcote to erect the commodious chapel there.

The printed report of the Victorian Conference showed a credit balance of £2/19/- when the books closed at the end of February; but at the time the Conference was in session over a month later, there was a debit balance of £180/11/2.

The President in his address gave some interesting statistics, in which he demonstrated that the best years from an evangelistic standpoint were those in which a State and singing evangelist were employed by the Home Mission Committee.

F. M. Ludbrook is a worthy successor to C.M. Gordon as the mover of the vote of thanks at the close of the business sessions. In the course of his speech on this matter he declared that some of the modern head-dress of the ladies reminded him of the old hymn, "Ho! my comrades, see the signal waving in the sky."

J. C. Martin, who represented the Baptist brethren on Friday afternoon, said that they had tried to find out the secret of the success of the Churches of Christ, and had come to the conclusion that it was due to the fact that ministry was not confined to the supported preachers, but that good use was made of "laymen."

### LOST.

Lost at Sisters' Conference, Lygon-st., glasses in red case. Please leave with Mr. Reid, caretaker, and oblige.

### COMING EVENTS.

APRIL 26 & 28.—Burnley Church Anniversary. Sunday, April 26, 11 a.m., worship; speaker, H. E. Knott, M.A. 7 p.m., special evangelistic service. Tuesday, April 28, at 6.15 p.m., tea; tickets, 1/-. Public meeting, 8 p.m. Speakers, A. R. Main, M.A., and S. G. Griffith. Special items. Swanston-st. choir will sing.

### WANTED.

Wanted, General, good home. 93 Victoria Avenue, Albert Park.

Wanted.—An Evangelist for the Mataura Church of Christ. For particulars, apply to George Beaumont, Secretary, Church of Christ, Mataura, New Zealand.

### BIRTH.

LOVELL.—On March 11, at Columbia, O., U.S.A., a daughter—Constance Dora. Friends please accept this intimation.

### THANKS.

Bro. John Fischer, of Eden Hills, S.A., desires to thank the many brethren throughout Australia for their loving sympathy, expressed in various ways, with him in his recent bereavement.

## The Family Altar

Conducted by M. M. Davis,  
From the "Christian Standard."

### "HE CARETH FOR US."

Our care for our children is everlasting. From the time when the babes are born till the last moment of consciousness we are deeply interested in them. We rejoice in their prosperity, and sorrow with them in adversity; and the sorrow is greater than the joy. Our relation to them is unlike that of the animal creation, which cares for its young only while they are young. Ours is God-given friendship, and not a passion. A passion is a thing of only a few weeks or months, but a friendship will never die—neither in this world, nor in the world to come. Friendships like that of Jonathan and David, and Luther and Melancthon, can not be destroyed by death. God and Christ are our friends who stick closer than a brother, and they will walk by our side and care for us during the week to come.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 19.

Gems of Thought.—"My grace is sufficient for thee" (2 Cor. 12: 9).

There is a pathetic little story of a blind girl, told by Ian Maclaren in an old number of *Frank Leslie's*: "If I dinna see"—and she spoke as if this was a matter of doubt and she was making a concession for argument's sake—"there's naebody in the Glen can hear like me. There's no a footstep of a Drumtochter man comes to the door but that I ken his name, and there's no voice oot on the road that I canna tell. The birds sing sweeter to me than to onybody else. I've lost naething; my life has been all getting."—*Mrs. R. W. Lowe.*

Bible Reading.—2 Cor. 12: 1-10: God is always good.

### MONDAY, APRIL 20.

Gems of Thought.—"Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom" (Psalm 51: 6).

Get but the truth once uttered, and 'tis like  
A star new-born that drops into its place  
And which, once circling in its placid round,  
Not all the tumult of the earth can shake.

—*Lowell.*

Bible Reading.—Psalm 51: 1-7: The importance of truth.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21.

Gems of Thought.—"And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive-leaf plucked off" (Gen. 8: 11).

The following incident is told of Mrs. Nansen's pigeons: One day a wonderful bird tapped at the window of Mrs. Nansen's home at Christiania. The carrier-pigeon had been away from the cottage thirty long months, but it had not forgotten the way home. It brought a note from Nansen saying that all was going well with him and his expedition in the polar regions. We boast of human pluck, sagacity and endurance, but this loving little carrier-pigeon, in its homeward flight after an absence of thirty months, accomplished a feat so wonderful that we can only give ourselves up to amazement and admiration. —*W. Hetherington.*

Bible Reading.—Gen. 8: 8-11: Noah's dove.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22.

Gems of Thought.—"Watch therefore; for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 25: 13).

"We'll watch and we'll pray, with our lamps  
Trimmed and burning,  
We'll work and we'll wait till the Master's re-  
turning,  
We'll sing and rejoice, every omen discerning,  
For we know not the hour."

It is not possible to prepare for emergencies and testing times at the moment. He that would swim ashore from the wreck, must have learned to swim before the emergency came.—*Peloubet.*

Bible Reading.—Matt. 25: 1-13: How to meet emergencies.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23.

Gems of Thought.—"There came a woman unto him having an alabaster box of ointment very precious, and she poured it on his head as he sat at meat" (Matt. 26: 7).

"It is better to buy a cheap bouquet,  
And give it to your friend this very day,  
Than a bushel of roses, white and red,  
To lay on his coffin when he is dead."

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Bible Reading.—Matt. 26: 6-13: Monument-building.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24.

Gems of Thought.—"When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (Jas. 1: 15).

When Leonardo da Vinci was painting his masterpiece, "The Last Supper," he selected as the person to sit for the character of the Christ a young man, Pietri Bandinelli by name, connected with the Milan Cathedral as chorister. Years passed before the great picture was completed, and when one character only—that of Judas Iscariot—was wanting, the great painter noticed a man in the streets of Rome whom he selected as his model. With shoulders far bent toward the ground, having an expression cold, hardened, evil, saturnine, the man seemed to afford the opportunities of a model terribly true to the artist's conception of Judas. When in the studio, the profligate began to look around, as if recalling incidents of years gone by. Finally he turned, and with a look half sad, yet one which told how hard it was to realise the change which had taken place, he said, "Maestro, I was in this studio twenty-five years ago. I then sat for Christ."—*Arthur Clare Eddy.*

Bible Reading.—Jas. 1: 12-15: Evolution of sin.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25.

Gems of Thought.—"And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them and carried up into heaven" (Luke 24: 51).

It does not surprise one that Jesus should suddenly disappear, any more than that a bubble should rise to the surface of the water, or that he ascended from the earth, any more than that

a bird should open its wings and fly. It was not strange that Jesus should pass into the unseen; it was strange that he should appear in the seen.—*John Watson.*

Bible Reading.—Luke 24: 49-53: Christ's ascension.

## Correspondence.

### OUR VETERAN PREACHERS.

There are men in the King's service who should now be free from the necessity of serving one particular church, but who can, because of their experience, and knowledge of the Word, still prove of great service to the brotherhood. These veterans have served the churches faithfully and well, some getting a fair remuneration for their labors, and some very little, while none have been in receipt of the salary of the successful business man. The calls upon them have been great, and the opportunity for saving, little. We have an Aged Preachers' Fund in existence, which if supported, will provide for those who, like myself, will eventually grow old; but what I am concerned about is, what are we going to do with those who ought to be supported now? By the courtesy of the Methodist Conference Secretary I am provided with their scheme for superannuation. I find that preachers having served 44 years are paid up to £166 per year. Of course, these preachers have paid into a fund, and the circuit also, but our veterans have never had that opportunity, so it is useless talking of what might have been. The question is, what shall be done now? Allow me to suggest a remedy which ought to work.

That each State Evangelistic Committee employ every evangelist over the age of 65 as servants (not pensioners) of the Committee. Let them find their own work, or be directed to some work by the Committee, and let the Committee apply to the Aged Preachers' Fund for a subsidy. This will meet the present need, and regarding younger men, there is time enough yet. It will be said perhaps that it is rather bad taste for a preacher to take this matter up; but in self defence let me remind the brethren of two things, First, that the preachers have to talk up everything else; second, there does not seem anyone else willing to take the matter up. I trust some one will write and support me in this, as I am sure there are numbers of our brethren who love and esteem our aged preachers, and will be quite willing to support such an idea as I suggest.

From a non-too-young preacher of S.A.

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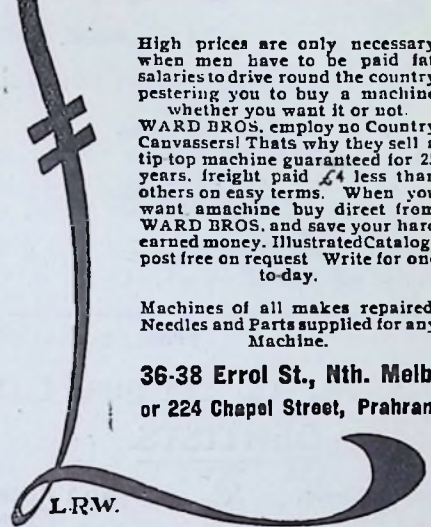
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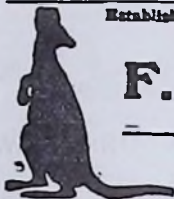
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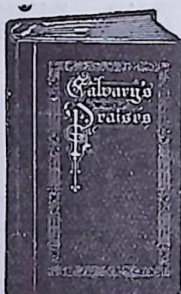
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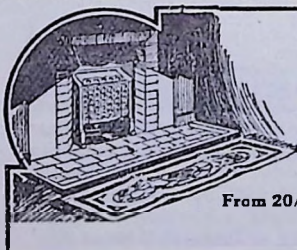


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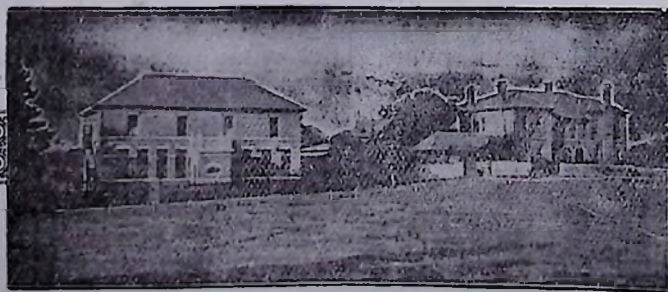
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