

CHURCH OF CHRIST - BURWOOD

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT, for the Year ended, 31st March, 1946.

We desire to commence this report expressing our thanks to our Heavenly Father for the cessation of hostilities in both Europe and the Pacific during the year just closed. For six years we waited upon our God for deliverance from powerful foes, and with His help we now face the work of restoration and rehabilitation with the same confidence that brought us through that ordeal. Practically all our Servicemen and women have returned home and are settling down to civilian duties although the difficulty of housing is taking them again away from our midst. Only five are still in the Forces. A Social was held on 29th November 1945, to say "Welcome Home" to those who had been away on service.

The Jubilee meetings in May 1945, were well attended, and were a fitting celebration to mark this milestone in the work of the Church. The Broadcast Service on the closing night 13/5/45, enabled many friends in other places, to recall with us the fellowship of other days, and rejoice to hear the name of Christ confessed at the close.

STATISTICS: We commenced the year with a membership of 242 (Active 158, Isolated 40, Supplementary 44), and have added by Faith and Obedience, 10; by letter, 12; as baptised believers, 3; Losses by death, 2; by Transfer, 9; by revision of roll, 20; leaving the present membership at 236, being 160 active, 35 isolated, and 41 supplementary. There were two additions from the Bible School. The average weekly attendances were: At the Lord's Table, 120; Gospel Service 94; Prayer-meeting (mid-week) 11. Last year, averages were 110, 86 and 10.

SPECIAL JUBILEE FUND: After making considerable enquiries concerning possible sites, for opening up a Branch cause in this district, a site was selected in South Strathfield, but we were not able to secure an option on same for long enough to obtain the Church's consent to its purchase. Two special meetings of the Church were held to consider the matter, and on 31st October, the Board was given the necessary approval, should a similar opportunity occur in the future.

In the meantime, the Jubilee Fund was re-opened and provision made on the duplex envelopes for this purpose.

CHRISTMAS MAIL: The Christmas mail continues to be well patronised, and 1706 articles were distributed this year, under the supervision of Miss Dorothy Morton and her helpers at the Christmas Social on December 19, which was one of several happy social gatherings held during the year. 17 cartoon orders were forwarded to our servicemen who were away for Christmas.

PIANO: As a result of the Bible Class efforts, a very fine Beale Piano is now in use in the Church, and we thank all who helped in any way to have this fully paid for, including the re-polishing, so soon after we were able to secure a suitable instrument. Miss D. Morton was appointed as Church pianist, and is making a valuable contribution to the evening services.

OVERSEAS APPEALS: A very wonderful response was made to the U.N.R.R.A. appeal for Clothing for Europe, and £11. was also contributed in a retiring offering taken up for the "Food for Britain" Appeal. The offering for Hospitals this year was also a record - £5.10.0.

CHURCH PAPERS: Owing to the transfer of the former agent, Bro. M. Taylor, whose splendid service over many years we gladly acknowledge, Bro. C. Beaumont has been appointed as agent for the "Christian". Bro. W. Scott, who had been doing good work as the "Messenger" agent also resigned, and Miss T. Laney has been appointed to this position.

LIGHTING: Owing to the coal strike, it appeared that our evening services were going to be difficult to maintain, and provision was made for emergency lights, but same were only needed on one occasion. The Board considered that nothing should be allowed to prevent the regular services being held.

WORKING BEES: Two Saturdays, 10th November and 30th March, were set apart for carrying out certain necessary items in cleaning up the paths, repairs to building, fence etc. and while only a few attended, much good work was done.

AUXILIARIES: The work of the various Auxiliaries has been well maintained in most cases, and another healthy addition has recently appeared in the Soccer Club, which promises to be a great favourite with the sporting section of the Church, and should help to keep our young men together. Two of our activities among the younger ones, ceased to function during the year, - the Junior C.E. Society, and the Young Worshippers' League, both of which have done good work in the past, but as the members grow older, there were not sufficient others following on. We express sincere appreciation to those who worked very hard in these auxiliaries, and would specially mention Sisters Misses J. Murray, C. Fox and L. Sandry, who are always so busy in the work of the Lord.

We were glad to welcome home the LANETY FAMILY early in the year, after about 5 years in U.S.A., and Bro. S.H. Laney was able to take part in the Jubilee services. It has been unfortunate that he has since been on duty in other parts for most of the time, but the other members of the family have entered into the service of the Church.

OBITUARY: We report the Home-Call of our aged Sisters, Mrs. Haskew, who died on 22nd November 1945, while on a holiday at Bowral, and Mrs. James, who died at Ashwood House on 29th December 1945, being 91. Owing to their health, they had not been able to attend service for several years, but were always interested in the work of the Lord. A few weeks later, a former member, Mrs. Metcalf, was called to her rest after considerable suffering, during which her faith remained steadfast in her Lord.

BOARD MEETINGS: 12 Meetings of the Board have been held, in addition to several special meetings, and the following brethren have served the Church during the year under review: Preacher - D. Wakeley (12); Elders - W.R. Avonoll (9), P.H. Morton (12); Deacons - T.A. Button (12), P. Chipperfield (11), C. Gwynne (9); E. Leach, Treasurer, (11), W. Smith (10) I.J. Torode (7), E.T. Years (10), R.H. Wakeley (10). Bro. W. Small, Bible School Supt. (1) Bro. I.J. Torode resigned from the Board, on transferring to the Fellowship of the Church at Epping, and the Board desires to express appreciation for his work whilst a member of the Church at Burwood.

THANKS: In conclusion, we desire to express thanks to all who have helped in the work of the Church, many making considerable sacrifices to do so, and without their valuable assistance it would be impossible to carry on. R. H. WAKELEY - Secretary.

TREASURER'S TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT.

We are pleased to submit the attached Statements of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 1946, and should like to make the following comments -

Receipts for all purposes, excluding Manse Rent, were £1215, a weekly average of £22.18.6. This is a decrease of £2.7.6 per week on last year's figures. Contributions to Home and Foreign Missions, Bible College, Preachers' Provident Fund and C.F.A. were slightly lower than last year, the other Committees receiving increased support. The total amount for Committees was £9. below last year. Special Appeals realised £97, which was £75. above last year's figure. An average of over £7.4.0 per week has been given for Conference Committee work and special appeals. General Fund receipts were £64. higher than last year.

Some months ago £50. was paid off the loan owing on Manso, leaving a balance of £690. For the last few years the bank balance has been steadily increasing, until in February it had nearly reached £700. The Officers felt that it was inadvisable to continue paying interest on a loan which could be largely eliminated by using the money available in the General and Building Funds. Accordingly, £500. was paid off in March, so that the interest, the net cost of which this year was nearly £20. will be reduced to a very small figure in future. There is still available in the Bank sufficient credit balance to cover the Jubilee Fund and provide a working fund of over £40. If more money should be needed for any Church project, no difficulty should be experienced in securing accommodation from the Bank.

Thanks are due to the Collectors of various moneys, to the Auditor, and to all who have assisted with the counting of the offerings. The Bible Class is deserving of the highest praise for its work in organising the various functions for the Piano Fund, and in covering all the incidental expenses incurred in presenting the piano to the Church in first-class order. This involved the payment of nearly £10. from its own funds.

Estimated value of our assets at 31st March 1946 is -

Land and Buildings -----	4200
Furniture, fittings, musical instruments, books, floor coverings etc. etc. -----	820
	<u>5020</u>

The only liability is £190. to the Commonwealth Bank, so that our Equity is £4830.

The year just closed has been one of steady financial progress, and for such we thank our Heavenly Father, and pray for His continued blessing on us in the days that lie ahead.

On behalf of the Board of Officers,

E. LEACH, Treasurer,

8th April, 1946.

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 Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st March 1946.

<u>GENERAL FUND.</u>			
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	313.14.10	<u>PAYMENTS</u>	
Balance B/f		Salary	405. 5. 0
Offerings	700.18.10	Travelling Expenses	26.10. 0
Donations	4.12. 0	Cleaning	26.10. 0
Bank Interest	11. 1. 7	Fares	4. 2. 0
Refund, Broadcasting)		Advertising	12. 4.10
line Rental	(1.10. 0	Electricity	6.14. 7
" " Messenger" Subs.	4. 3. 0	Emblems	4.16. 1
Sale of Souvenir)		Flowers	2.12. 6
Programmes	(5. 2. 0	Gas	18. 3
" " Hymn Books	7. 6	"Greetings"	24. 5. 6
Refund Austral A/c		Insurance	3. 0. 0
Bible Class	2. 8. 0	Austral Graded Lessons	11. 9. 8
" School	<u>16. 0</u>	Army Mail	5.10. 2
	<u>730.18.11</u>	Bibles Hymn Books & Literature	1.13. 4
		Broadcasting	1.19. 7
		Conference Fees	3.10. 0
		Canteen Orders	4. 7.10
		Donation - Brotherhood Week	1. 1. 0
		" - S.O.Gole Recognition	2. 2. 0
		Christmas Cheer	5.10. 9
		Kerosene Lamp	3.15. 0
		"Messenger"	3. 1. 3
		Organ Repairs	4. 0. 0
		Printing, Stationery, Postages	12.18.10
		Repairs	7. 0. 7
		Servicemen's Conference Tea	4. 0. 0
		Souvenir Programmes	19. 8. 0
		Telephone	11. 9. 5
		Water Charges	5.13. 4
		Sundry Expenses	6.10. 0
		<u>Balance C/fwd</u>	<u>631.19. 6</u>
			<u>412.14. 3</u>
AVERAGE OFFERINGS -			
GENERAL FUND			
1942/3 -- 11. 0. 9			
1943/4 -- 12. 6. 1			
1944/5 -- 12. 5. 4			
1945/6 -- 13. 4. 6			
	<u>£1044.13. 9</u>		<u>£1044.13. 9</u>

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1946

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Trust Funds</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Conference Executive	6.16. 6	Conference Executive 6.16. 6
Home Missions	40. 8. 6	Home Mission Cttee 40. 8. 6
Foreign Missions	51. 1. 8	Foreign " " 51. 1. 8
Bible Schools & Y.P.	63.10. 3	Bible Schools & YP 63.10. 3
Social Service	19. 7.10	Social Service Dpt. 19. 7.10
NSW Bible College	20. 9. 5	NSW Bible College 20. 9. 5
Boys' Home	27. 8. 1	Boys' Home 27. 8. 1
Broadcasting	11. 5. 5	Conf. Exec. (Broadcasting) 9.15. 5
		Retained) to for Br. (
		Rental) <u>1.10. 0</u> 11. 5. 5
Preachers' Provident Fund	4.12. 3	Preachers' Prov. 4.12. 3
Aborigines	22.11. 1	Abor. Mission Board 22.11. 1
C.F.A.	<u>17.15. 1</u>	Social Ser. (C.F.A.) <u>17.15. 1</u> 285. 6. 1
Hospital Appeal	<u>5.10. 0</u>	Western Sub.Hos. 5.10. 0
Bible School Picnic		Bible School -
Offerings	5.18. 0	Picnic Fund 5.18. 0
Y.P.D. Youth Centre	66. 4. 6	Y.P.D. (Youth Centro) 66. 4. 6
Social Service - Rehabilitation	16. 2	Social Service Dpt. (Rehabilitation) 16. 2
Presentation - J.Hindman	2. 4. 0	Presentation - J.Hindman 2. 4. 0
"Goodly Pearls"	16. 0	Foreign Missions- ("Goodly Pearls") 16. 0
Food for Britain	11. 0. 0	Food for Britain Fund 11. 0. 0
Australian Christian" Sudan Mission Donat.	2.18. 0 2. 2. 0	"Australian Christian" 2.18. 0 Sudan Mission 2. 2. 0 97. 8. 8
	<u>£382.14. 9</u>	<u>£382.14. 9</u>

STATEMENT of RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS for YEAR ended 31st March 1946.

	Receipts	BUILDING FUND	Payments
Balance B/fwd		84. 7. 8 Balance c/fwd	98. 2. 9
Offerings		<u>13.15. 1</u> <u>£98. 2. 9</u>	<u>£98. 2. 9</u>
Balance B/fwd		<u>MANSE FUND</u>	
Offerings		21.15. 2	Insurance 17. 2
Rent		14. 6	Burwood Council, 4. 7.10
		92.15. 0	concreting footpath 2. 0. 0
		115. 4. 8	Water Charges 30. 8. 6
Balance C/fwd (Dobit)		473. 8.10	Interest 550. 0. 0
			Repayment of Principal 1. 0. 0
			Garbage Fees
		<u>£588.13. 6</u>	<u>£588.13. 6</u>
NOTE: Balance of Manse Loan, £190.			
Balance B/fwd		<u>JUBILEE FUND</u>	
Collections		186. 2. 1	Balance C/fwd 189. 4. 5
Offerings		2.10. 6	
		11.10	
		<u>£189. 4. 5</u>	<u>£189. 4. 5</u>
Balance B/Fwd		<u>KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FUND</u>	
		<u>£3. 8. 0</u>	Balance C/fwd <u>£3. 8. 0</u>
Balance B/fwd		<u>YOUTH COUNCIL CROCKERY FUND</u>	
		<u>£2. 0. 0</u>	Balance C/fwd <u>£2. 0. 0</u>
Proceeds of Functions arranged by		<u>PIANO FUND</u>	
Bible Class		74. 2. 6	Purchase of Piano 70. 0. 0
Bible Class Balance		9.14. 6	Purchase of Stool 1.10. 0
			Removal of Piano 1. 0. 0
			Inspections of two pianos 1. 1. 0
			Polishing Piano 5. 0. 0
			Tuning and Repairs 5. 0. 0
			Resonators 5. 0
			Mothballs 1. 0
		<u>£83.17. 0</u>	<u>£83.17. 0</u>
		<u>SUMMARY.</u>	
		General Fund -----	412.14. 3
		Building Fund -----	98. 2. 9
		Jubilee Fund -----	189. 4. 5
		Kitchen Equipment Fund -----	3. 8. 0
		Youth Council Crockery Fund --	2. 0. 0
			<u>705. 9. 5</u>
		Less Dobit Balance Manse Fund-	473. 8.10
		Bank Balance -----	<u>£232. 0. 7</u>

Audited and found correct,
E. T. VEARS,
Auditor.

E. LEACH,
Treasurer,
8th April 1946.

BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT.

Intermediate and Kindergarten Departments - year ended 31st March 1946.

It is with grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father and with a full realisation of His continued care that we report the completion of another year of service in the Bible School. The School spirit is high, and the standard of teaching which has always been high was raised even higher during the year just completed.

The groundwork carried out in the School has borne, and will continue to bear the spiritual fruit of young lives brought to an acceptance of the call of Christ. There was a small decrease in the enrolment during the year. This drop was greater than the roll figures indicate as the school began to gain ground again towards the end of the Church year. Decreases were due to removals from the district, changed circumstances in homes which involved children attending other schools, and the dejection of children we had never really gained. The last mentioned cause came about when we came in competition with other organisations which use Sunday afternoon for secular training.

There were also promotions to the Bible Class.

The School commenced the year with an enrolment of 65 (Inter 30, kinders 18 and staff 17) and concluded the year with 59 on the roll. The distribution of these was as follows - Inter 27, kinders 18 and Staff 14. The average attendance throughout the year was 39. Misses L. Button and D. Larsson and Messrs. W. Sim and W. Ellis, were forced to cease teaching in the Intermediate Dept. during the year, and Miss A. Wylliams was unable to carry on as Kinder Superintendent. We were sorry to lose the services of those who were unable to carry on, and now record our thanks for their consecrated service and help to the Bible School.

Mr. W. Small, General Supt. of the School for the past year, is unable to accept nomination for the position again this year. He is Treasurer of the Y.P. Dept., and is fully occupied in other Church work and finds that he is unable to contribute the time that is necessary for the success of the school. We regret this decision has become necessary, and thank him for his work during the period he has been with us.

We were pleased to welcome Miss V. Piper as assistant to Miss Murray - Miss J. Noakes as a Kinder Helper, and Mr. Ron Wakoley in the Inter. Department.

Mrs. E. Millar became Kinder Supt. after Miss Wylliams resigned. The modern Self-teaching methods begun last year have been continued with considerable success, and the teachers of the school enjoy a happy association which comes to those who are working together for Christ and His Church. At the Young People's Dept. Scripture Examination in July last, the School maintained the excellent results attained in past years. 11 Pupils from the Intermediate Dept. passed the examination with an average pass mark 67. There were several honour and merit passes.

The Bible School Anniversary services were held on Sunday 4th and Wednesday 7th Nov. last. Mr. Hardiman gave the address at the Sunday afternoon service, whilst Mr. P. E. Thomas spoke on Wednesday evening. Both addresses were very helpful and the services were marked by good attendances.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Prowse for his excellent work in training the children in the singing of the Anniversary songs.

The Annual Picnic was held at Bronte Beach on Saturday 2nd March. Although held at a distance from Burwood, a considerable number of Church members attended. This fellowship added to the enjoyment of the day and the picnic was a success in every way.

We wish to thank Mrs. Murray and her helpers for the picnic catering, also Messrs. Chipperfield and E. Millar, who rescued us from an awkward situation in regard to the transport of supplies to the picnic ground, and to all those who helped to make the picnic the success it was.

A move of importance during the year was the inaugural meeting of a Fellowship of Parents, Teachers and Friends of the School. Some of the objects of the Fellowship are:- (1) To bring parents and teachers into closer association in the interests of the school. (2) To make available to parents the latest and best in child-training. (3) To interest the parents in the work of the school and plans in hand to help the children. (4) To build a Fellowship on the basis of mutual interest. Those who attended the first meeting were unanimous in their assurance that the move would be helpful to both parents and the school.

In conclusion we again thank all those who have helped us, and we especially thank our Heavenly Father for all His goodness, and we pray for a continuance of His help through the coming year. E. Years - 31/3/46.

BIBLE SCHOOL. INTERMEDIATE & KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENTS.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1946.

<u>GENERAL FUND:</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>
<u>Collections:</u>		
General	14. 5. 0	Picnic Expenses 9.11. 0
Anniversary	3.13. 7	Anniversary Expenses 5.11. 0
	17.18. 7	Parents & Teachers F/ship 15.10
<u>Donations:</u>		Cradle Roll & Kinder Exp. 8. 9
Picnic 1945	4. 0	Exam Fee 5. 0
do 1946	7. 3. 0	Pre-School work 10. 0
Sale of Y.P. Stickers	17. 3	Fellowship Study Manuals 16. 0
" Picnic Supplies '45.	1. 6	Y.P. Department Stickers 1. 0. 0
Inter C.E. Cot Fund	7. 1	Donation to Cot Fund 1. 1. 0
		Subscription to "Parent" 1. 9. 3
		Rolls, Postage & Birthday Cards 18. 9
		Books for Rewards 2. 9. 5
Balance B/fwd 1/4/45	26.11. 5 8.10. 3 £35. 1. 8	24.16. 0 10. 5. 8 £35. 1. 8

NATIVE TEACHER FUND.

Collections	3.11. 3	Foreign Mission Committee 5. 0. 0
J.C. Endeavour	9. 9	
Inter C.E.	16. 8	
	4.17. 8	
Balance B/fwd 1/4/45	4. 2. 2	Balance carried forward 3.19.10
	£28.19.10	£28.19.10

Audited and found correct
E. Leach - Auditor.

E. Years - Treasurer
31/3/46.

WILLING WORKERS' BIBLE CLASS - Annual Report 31/3/46.

It is with a pleasureable sense of something atttempted, something done, that the Bible Class realises it has completed one year of service and of growth for which we thank God. - Although there have been some changes and loss of some members, we find that our enrolment for March 1945 was 25 with an average attendance of 20, and for March 1946, the enrolment has reached 28, with an average attendance of 24. This enrolment should have been much greater, but some have transferred to the Bible School Teaching Staff, and some have left, but to balance this however, we have received two graduates from the Bible School and since March 1945, we have received 8 new members. During the year, two of our Class members began the Y.M.C.A. Training Course namely, Max Gray and Ron Wakeley, which was of much benefit to them, but owing to "Technical Difficulties" their training was interrupted. Also during the year, the Class combined with the Bible School in preparation for an item which was presented at the Silver Jubilee Celebrations which were held in May 1945. The item took the form of a Play "Wonderful Words of Life"; those from the Bible Class taking part, were, Mr. Ron Wakoloy Miss Valerie Dowd, Mr. Norman Piper, Mr. Somerville, Miss Jean Noakes, and Mr. Ken Taylor was the Chairman, and our Bro. Hayden McCallum gave us the address. For Mothers' Day 13/5/45, the Class joined with the Bible School in celebrating this occasion, with the mothers of the children present. Also at this gathering, Mr. W. Small was welcomed as Bible School Supt, and later gave the address.

In August, all the Inter-Church Youth Groups (of which Mr. Ken Taylor is Chairman, and Miss Jean Noakes, Secretary) were to present Plays etc., our group presented a Play entitled Mr. Togtherill joins the Angels", which was well acted and received.

Several outings for the Class and others have been arranged during the year - one special event being a match between the Tennis Club Team and a Church team, namely, "The Rest" at which everyone was playing up to the mark and the Tennis Club Team only won the afternoon by a few points from "The Rest". Those competing were:- For the Tennis Club, Miss Gwen Flood, Miss Muriel Spiller, Miss Jean Chipperfield, Miss Jean Noakes, Messrs. Ken Taylor, Bruce Taylor, Tony Wright and Norman Piper; and for "The Rest" Mrs. D. Wakeley, Mrs. R.H. Wakeley, Mrs. West, and Messrs. Max Gray, Elwyn Eyles, - Scott and P. Chipperfield. ---

The 17th August was a very impressive date to all, which of course was our 3rd Birthday for the Class much belated, at which we were able to receive donations to help us along with the effort to buy a piano to be presented to the Church at an appropriate time. At this evening the class was able to raise through the very kind help of those present, for which we are very thankful, the sum of £ . On the 2nd March we held our S.S. Picnic at Bronte at which the Bible Class presented the programme. On the 8th March we held our next evening for all who were interested in helping us further in regard to the piano for the Church, and we again thank those who attended and gave support.

The Tennis Club Financial position:- Up till the Season ended 24/11/45, the Club had a Credit balance of £2.8.1½. Subscriptions may be paid weekly or by the payment of £1. at the end of the Season. Several have taken advantage of the latter. It was decided that the Tennis Club be limited to sixteen members for the time being. The present membership stands at 11 leaving 5 vacancies. A proposal is under consideration for the formation of the Burwood Inter-Church competition. In the meantime challenge matches are being arranged. The Officers of the Tennis Club are as undermentioned:-

Captain: Norman Piper; Vice Captain: Bruce Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer, Tony Wright, also the Bible Class officers are as undermentioned:- President, Mr. K. Taylor, Vice-President, Mr. Neville Somerville, Secretary, Miss M. Dugan, Recording Sec. Miss Ivy Wakeley, Treasurer, Mr. Max Gray, Birthday Secretary, Miss Doreen Woolley, Welcoming Convener, Mr. Neville Somerville; Missionary Correspondent, Mr. Colin Smith; Music and Praise, Mrs. D. Wakeley; Social Convener, Mr. Norman Piper; Book Stewards, Messrs. B. Taylor and H. Eyles; Publicity Officer, Mr. Neville Somerville; Assistant, Miss N. Williams; United Church Fellowship representatives, Miss M. Dugan and Mr. W. Scott.

The Friday Night Young People's Fellowship have through the year joined with other groups such as this one, for concerts etc., so as to enable them to help raise funds for the purchasing of a permanent camp site for the Christian Youth Camps which are held each Easter and Christmas, which have been a great blessing and help to all who have attended. The Financial position of the Fellowship at present is £ in hand, the average amount for each month being 9/2½d. The expenditure for the year was very light being 1/lid. which was used for purchasing soft drink for the use of the F/ship at social gatherings.

Some two months ago a Table Tennis Club officially commenced. Mr. Norman Piper is Captain, and Mr. Ken Taylor President. The Club meets every alternate Tuesday at 8 pm. So it is with grateful hearts we look back and thank God, and all those who have helped us to make the year's work such a great success.

BIBLE CLASS 4TH ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT - from MARCH 4th 1945 to 31 March 1946.

Receipts		Payments	
To Balance B/fwd to 1945	8. 7. 5	May Catering	15. 7
" Offerings for Year	16. 0. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Speaker's fare	2. 0
Mar. 11 - Refund Catering	15. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Birthday cards	4. 0
May 31 - Interest in Bank	12. 0	Bank Deposit	1. 0. 0
Oct. - Gift	8. 0	I.C.Y.F.C.	
Jan. - Sale of F/Ship hand bks	7. 6	Affiliation	5. 0
		Aug. Catering	2. 6. 7
		Oct. "	17. 6
		2 doz. books	1. 4. 0
		Mar.	2. 6. 10
		17/46 Bal. Piano	9. 14. 6
		Stamps, Env.	
		Birthdays	5. 4
		" cards	3. 0
		2 doz. F/ship	
		books	1. 4. 0
		Boxes for	
		Hymn bks	10. 0
		24th I.C.Y.F. affil	5. 0
			12. 1. 10
		Credit Bal. in bank	17. 12. 9
			8. 17. 7
	<u>£26.10. 4</u>		<u>£26.10. 4</u>

Max A. Gray.

WOMEN'S MISSION BAND & LADIES' AID REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 1946.

In presenting this report we acknowledge our indebtedness to our Heavenly Father for bringing us safely through another year. During the year we held 10 Devotional meetings with an average attendance of 17. The Missionary Educational literature was again used at most of our meetings. We had several visiting speakers, and the Women's Prayer meeting Committee was in charge of one meeting. We also had a special meeting to raise funds for our Overseas Christmas Offering. Representatives of our Band visited several sister Churches on the occasion of their Anniversaries. Sick and shut in members have been visited, birthdays remembered, and Baptismal candidates waited on. The Home Mission 1/- Fund was collected as usual.

Our Ladies Aid held 7 meetings at Western Suburbs Hospital, when a good quantity of sewing and mending was done. There was an average attendance of 8.

D.Chipperfield - Hon. Sec.

LADIES AID FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1945/1946.

Receipts		Payments	
Balance B/fwd 1/4/45	7.11.10	Birthday cards & Postage	9. 1
Collections for Year	5. 6. 9	Sunshine Fair	10. 0
		Conference Literature	5. 0
		Mission to Jews	10. 0
		Balance on hand 31/3/46	11. 4. 6
	<u>£12.18. 7</u>		<u>£12.18. 7</u>

MISSION BAND

Receipts		Payments	
Balance B/fwd 1/4/45	17. 0	Cash forwarded to H.M.C'ttee	2. 2. 0
Collections per Envelopes	4. 1. 0	" " " F.M. "	9. 0. 0
" H.M. 1/- Fund	1. 18. 0	Balance on hand 31/3/46	4.13. 0
Concert F.M. Living Link	8.19. 0		
	<u>£15.15. 0</u>		<u>£15.15. 0</u>

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR.

The Society recommenced its services in March 1945 after a period of recess. The meetings at these Sunday morning's gatherings were for sometime very small, and we were not receiving the inspiration which the C.E. affords. So a meeting was called for all who were interested and who were intending members of the society, and at this meeting we found that Sunday morning was inconvenient for some, and that a week-night should be found which would be suitable. It was decided after much discussion that the Society should meet fortnightly on Tuesday evenings commencing at 8 pm at which we have had the inspiration needed. Although the suggestion of Tuesday night meetings is on trial for 3 months, we find that our verdict is that they should continue as they have for the past two months or so. The amount in hand stands at £

J. Chipperfield - Secretary.

INTERMEDIATE C.E. SOCIETY - 31st March 1946.

The C.E. Society stands principally to train young men and women for service within the Church, and also to help them take their place in the world as Christian citizens. The activities of the Society are under the direction of 2 Committees - Prayer Meeting and Missionary Committee and Whatsoever (or Sunshine and Social Committee).

The Prayer Meeting & Missionary Committee is responsible for the weekly meetings of the Society and endeavours to develop among the members the art of speaking, leading meetings, praying etc. and encourages any who have singing or musical ability. It is their task to keep the Society in touch with and to foster interest in the work of Home and Overseas missions. In this connection the Society has donated £11.7 towards the upkeep of our Native Teacher in India; we were pleased to have Mrs. A. Wakely to speak on the work of the Sudan United Mission; and have read "news" of the work being done on the various fields. A more extensive missionary programme is being arranged for the new year. With the thought of "home" missionary work in mind, the Endeavourers commenced a Pre-Gospel Prayer Meeting in April of last year and whilst often this only consists of a few, we feel that it has been worthwhile.

The Intermediates contribute regularly to the upkeep of the Cot in the Children's Hospital, and also set aside portion of their weekly offering for the Boys' Home at Pendle Hill. During the year a competition was held for a period of 3 months to stimulate interest in the work, and a gold C.E. Pin was offered to any or every member attending punctually every Sunday for that period. 5 were successful in reaching this standard. The Whatsoever Committee is responsible for various duties and among them being the collecting and counting of Communion glasses each Sunday, collecting of Hymn Books, providing a greeting in the form of a text for the Preacher on Sunday mornings, opening windows in Church before the morning service, cutting of lawns in front of building, and the sending of Birthday cards to the ladies and Matron of Ashwood House. The Endeavourers also undertook to put felt on the legs of the chairs and tables used by the Kindergarten; we held a "Flower and Fruit" Day, the proceeds of which were sent with the Society's good wishes to several who were sick, and with the Y.P. Society visited Ashwood House the Saturday prior to Mother's Day. The visit arranged for Christmas to this Home had to be postponed owing to the power and transport restrictions but the little gifts which had been prepared for the ladies were posted to them. As a Jubilee present to the Church, the Society were able to provide 3 chairs for the school-room. Social activities of the Intermediates have included a hike to Jerusalem Bay, attendance at a "Barbecue" arranged by the Epping Endeavourers and the celebration with a party of our 4th Birthday, to which all past members, present Y.P. members and the Bible Class were invited. An exchange meeting with Lygon Street, Melbourne, Inter C.E. was arranged during the year.

The Society has been represented at the District Executive meetings and District and State Union Rallies, Camp Fire and Leaders' Conferences. The membership is - Active 11, Associate 3, making a total of 14 in all, with an average attendance of 8.5 for the year. Three have signed the Active Member's Pledge. The aim for the Society for 1946 is 20 active or associate members, and the motto "Higher Ground."

The finances are distributed as follows:- 20% of weekly offering donated to NATIVE TEACHER - 10% to COT FUND - 20% to BOY'S HOME - 50% to GENERAL FUND.

In closing we wish to acknowledge our thanks to all who have helped during the year in speaking to the Society at their monthly Consecration meetings: to all who have helped by their encouragement and interest, and most of all to our Heavenly Father for His blessing and guidance. We trust the year ahead will be one of greater effort and consecration in the work of Christ and the Church.

C, FOX. Superintendent.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>
To Balance	8. 5	By Roll Call advertise 1. 6
Refund on Topic Books	5. 0	Birthday Party expensos 9. 3
Offering (General)	3. 0. 1	Donation to District Union 5. 0
" (Nat. Teacher)	1. 1. 7	Birthday Cards for
(Cot Fund)	12. 2	Ashwood House 4. 6
" Boys' Home	1. 4. 0	Postage 2. 3
		Topic Books 8. 6
		Sundries 6
		Postage (AshHouse) 4. 6
		Payment Nat. Teacher 6. 11
		Cot Fund 4. 8
		Balance 4. 3. 8
		<u>£6.11. 3</u>
Balance £4.3.8 in hand as follows:-		
General Fund	1.17. 6	
Native Teacher	14. 8	
Cot Fund	7. 6	
Boys' Home	1. 4. 0	
	<u>£4. 3. 8</u>	

CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT:

In presenting the Annual Report of the CHOIR it is with a sense of pleasure because of several contributing factors which have conspired to make it of incalculable worth as an added ministry to the preached word. The spirit of partnership, sympathy and of oneness has blended the services into one harmonious whole. The consecrated talent of the singers has greatly enriched the services. The success of the Choir is largely attributable to the untiring service of the Choir-master, Mr. Prowse; his patience, loyalty, and leadership has qualified him as an ideal master of the Baton. We are grateful also to Sis. Mrs. Wakeley, who has so ably and consistently at the organ performed a high standard of work. We also acknowledge and appreciate the acceptable solos by Bro. G. Marley, Sis. Nancy Fisher, Sis. Lily Millar, and others of the congregation. We gladly welcome new members and invite others who can read music. The average attendance at practice night is 14. Sunday evening services 16. The Choir is adding to the library of Music and anthems and is in good condition and order. Sister Miss Lillian Sandry has been our honorary treasurer and has preserved the funds showing a Credit Balance. We would place on record our appreciation for the work well done. The year has been an auspicious one in so much that "Peaco" was proclaimed - members of services have returned to their former place - some have married - some engaged, last but not least, a beautiful piano has been placed at our disposal for accompaniments. For all these privileges we say "Thank you!" (Mrs) E. MILLAR. - Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - April 1945 to March 1946.

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>
Balance Brought forward	2.13. 6
Weekly Contributions	2. 6. 3
	4.19. 9
Less Payment Anthems	1. 2. 2
Credit Balance in hand	<u>£3.17. 7</u>

LILLIAN SANDRY. - Treasurer.HELPING HAND REPORT 1945-1946

We are glad to report progress of our happy Helping Hand Band since March 31st '45 to '46. To this we owe and offer our gratitude and love to our Heavenly Father. True the Psalmist has said "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised." We have not grown very much numerically, but the love and interest in each other is a display of real Christian fellowship. Last year we enrolled 9 members - today, stands an enrollment of 11 with an average attendance of 5 to 6 regularly; to the faithful few we say "Thank you" and "God bless." Our Club seeks to serve in the interests of others - 2 visits were made to Ashwood House during the year - 2 evenings were held and collections taken for our Boys' Home and Piano Fund - visits to the sick in the homes have been made - which have been said to have been a blessing. We are thankful for the privilege of this gracious ministry. D. Hall - Secretary.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 31 March '46.

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>
To Balance B/fwd	7.12. 3
" Interest	1. 2
" Collections	4. 7. 9
" Proceeds Evenings for Boys' Home	7. 0. 0
" Proceeds Evenings Piano Fund	2.10. 0
" Donations	6. 0
	<u>£21.17. 2</u>
Bank Balance	9.13. 5
Cash in hand	9. 1
	<u>£10. 2. 6</u>

" Balance c/f10. 2. 6£21.17. 2SOCCER CLUB

This report is presented with thankfulness to Almighty God for the many blessings since the inception of the Club. It is with pleasure that I am privileged to present this, the first report of the Church Soccer Club. The first meeting of the Club was held on the 13th September 1945 with an attendance of 15 - since then, the membership has increased to 25, playing members total 14. The Club has affiliated with the Protestant Churches Association, and will play under their direction during the football season. A splendid team has been formed and coached under the capable leadership of Bro. W. Sim. Bro. Sim has been appointed Captain; Bro. Max Gray Vice-Captain, and with Bro. W. Scott Senr. on the Selection Committee. The colors chosen for the team are green with white Vee. The team has enjoyed practice games with the following teams - Concord Baptist (2 games), Ryde Baptist and Strathfield Baptist. The team is now in good form and looking forward with confidence to the Competition games.

We are thankful for the happy fellowship which exists in the team, and the splendid co-operation of the Management Committee.

We are grateful to the President, Bro. T. Gray, the coach, Bro. Sim and Treasurer, Bro. Chipperfield for their splendid service. Many thanks are due to Mrs. Gray for supplying the material and making the corner flags.

We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for generous donations contributed by many of the brethren of the Church, also for the encouragement we have received from the Official Board, and the Church in this new venture. We also express our appreciation and thanks to the Helping Hand Club for the successful evening arranged by them in aid of the Club. The amount received from the Helping Hand Club due to their fine effort was £7.10.0. Our prayer and hope for the future is that many young men may be brought to know Christ through this new Auxiliary. G. Gwynne - Sec.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Donations	10.11. 6	Affiliation Fees	1. 0. 0
Membership Fees	2.18. 0	Good Faith "	1. 0. 0
Total Receipts	<u>13. 9. 6</u>	Two Footballs	3. 7. 0
		Registration fees	12. 0
Payments	<u>13. 6. 2</u>	13 Shirts	7. 8. 2
Cash in hand	<u>3. 4</u>		<u>13. 6. 2</u>

ISOLATED CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT

In submitting our Annual Report, it gives us much joy to know we have had the privilege of serving others and bearing testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ. To one and all we have given of our best, and folk have appreciated their monthly message of love and the greetings from the Home church. By the replies we have had it is good to know that lonely ones have been spiritually helped and comforted by our National Broadcast message of the 31st March in saying "Yes we do realise we should all be one in Him." They also commented on the sweetness of the music and the singing, going over so beautifully clear, and are still looking forward to their monthly letters especially where there is no Church of Christ. We take every opportunity of trying to spread the Gospel month by month - our reasonable service for one who has, and is doing so much for us. We close our report thanking God for the opportunity of service.

(Mrs) HOSKISSON and (Miss) ALLAN

OUR ARMY MAIL

From Sept. 1942 to February 1946, your Soldier Correspondent maintained a monthly correspondence by means of a circular entitled "Our Army Mail", with all those in the services, belonging to the Church, or closely connected with our work or Church families. During the period 42 monthly circulars were prepared and the mailing list includes 98 names, many of whom were on Service the whole of the period, and the letters received from them from time to time invariably expressed appreciation for this regular contact with the Church. Our Church Paper "Greetings" was also enclosed and our Servicemen were thus kept well informed of Church activities, and although many are settling down in other districts as they come back into civilian life, we feel sure the regular word from the Church did much to bring them spiritual comfort in their varied experiences and will result in holding their continued interest in the deeper things of life. I would like to thank all who helped in the writing of these letters, particularly Sis. L. Gwynne for typing the envelopes each month. R.H. WAKELEY.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION:

1945/46.

Members of the C.F.A. at Burwood subscribed regularly to this Association. Nothing much is heard of the help that this Fellowship gives. It was formed in this State and others, for the purpose of assisting members who are embarrassed by financial worries etc., - who, if needy are assisted by making application to the Committee appointed. This Committee considers each individual case and acts accordingly. Many have been helped in this way - quite confidentially. Burwood members have subscribed the sum of £17.13. 0 to this worthy cause.

I thank those who so willingly subscribe Sunday by Sunday, and so make my position as agent much easier.

Any members wishing more information concerning the C.F.A., please see your agent, as we hope to enrol every member even at a penny per week.

P. CHIPPERFIELD.