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As the Victorian Returns have not come to hand in time a summary of Statistical Returns cannot be printed, but will appear in the Year Book for 1923.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
Presbyterian Church of Australia

Right Rev. the Moderator:

Rev. JOHN MATHEW, M.A., B.D., Minister at Coburg, Melbourne.

Clerks of the Assembly:

Rev. GEORGE TAIT, M.A., South Yarra, Melbourne.

Rev. E. E. BALDWIN, M.A., Moorabool.

The Procurator:

Mr. JOHN ALEXANDER FERGUSON, B.A., LL.B., Sydney.

The Law Agents:

Messrs. DAVIES and CAMPBELL, Melbourne.

Treasurers:

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WALES CHURCH, 23 YORK STREET, SYDNEY.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

Presbyterian Church of Australia

THE THEOLOGICAL HALLS

ORMOND COLLEGE, MELBOURNE.

Faculty.

- Rev. David S. Adam, M.A., D.D., Professor of Systematic Theology and of Church History.
 Rev. J. Laurence Rentoul, M.A., D.D., Professor of N.T. Greek and Exegesis and of Christian Philosophy and Apologetic.
 Rev. John Barnaby, M.A., B.D., Neil Walter Black Lecturer on Paideutics and English Bible.
 J. Howlett Ross, Esq., Geo. Wilson Lecturer on Elocution.

Senatus.

- The Professors, with D. K. Picken, M.A., Master of Ormond College, Rev. John Mathew, M.A., B.D., Convener of Theological Hall Committee, and Rev. John Barnaby, M.A., B.D., Neil Walter Black Lecturer.
 President—Professor Rentoul.
 Secretary—Professor Adam.

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE, SYDNEY.

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 Professor of Systematic Theology and Apologetics—Rev. Ronald G. Macintyre, M.A., B.D.
 Professor of Exegetical Theology of the New Testament and Historical Theology—Rev. Samuel Angus, M.A., Ph.D.
 "Steel" Lecturer in Pastoral Theology and the English Bible—Rev. G. R. S. Reid, M.A.
 Lecturer in Voice Culture and Elocution—Mr. R. Bertram Kohm.
 President of Faculty—Rev. Professor S. Angus, M.A., Ph.D.
 Secretary of Faculty—Rev. G. R. S. Reid, M.A.

EMMANUEL COLLEGE, BRISBANE.

Joint Theological Faculty.

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 N.T. Exegesis—Rev. L. E. Bennett, B.D.
 Church History—Rev. F. North, M.A.
 Apologetics—Rev. E. H. Merrington, M.A., Ph.D.
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 Hebrew—Rev. J. H. Hunter, M.A., B.D.
 Homiletics—Rev. S. Bath, M.A.
 Principal—Rev. R. Glaister, M.A., B.D.
 Secretary of Faculty—Rev. S. Martin, M.A.

THEOLOGICAL HALL, PERTH.

The Rev. W. H. Steele, M.A., Lecturer in N.T. Greek and Exegesis.

The Rev. A. Crow, Lecturer in Apologetics.

Lecturer in English Bible.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Parkin College—In co-operation with Congregational and Methodist Churches.

EXAMINERS.

Entrance Examination.

Scrip and Shorter Catechism—Rev. Jas. Legge, B.A., and Rev. V. Clark Duff, B.A.

English—Revs. A. R. Osborn, M.A., and P. A. Smith.

Hebrew—Revs. M. McQueen, M.A., and D. M. Barnet, B.A.

Greek—Revs. E. E. Baldwin, M.A., B.D., and R. Nairn, M.A.

History—Revs. D. Macrae Stewart and G. Davidson, M.A., D.D.

Moral Philosophy—Revs. Karl Forster, M.A., and J. Edwards, M.A.

Mental Philosophy—Revs. J. H. Hewitt, M.A., B.D., and J. R. Blanchard, B.A.

English Literature—Revs. E. A. Swan, B.A., and J. Scott-Macdonald, M.A.

Exit Examination.

Theology—Revs. H. W. Burridge, M.A., B.D., and W. Grant-Forsyth, M.A., B.D.

Church History—Rev. A. Dunn, B.A., B.D.

N.T. Greek—Rev. J. Gillics, M.A., B.D., and Rev. W. J. Gray, B.A.

Hebrew—Revs. W. J. Holt, M.A., B.D., and H. S. Legge, M.A., B.D.

Apologetics—Revs. W. G. Maconochie, M.A., and A. C. Grieve, B.A.

Contents of Bible in English—Revs. Ivo. Bertram, M.A., and J. Alexander.

H.M. Agents' Examination.

Logic—Revs. T. Scott Neil and W. Tait, M.A.

Greek—Revs. H. C. Matthew, M.A., and J. H. G. Auld, B.A.

History—Revs. Æneas MacDonalld, M.A., and J. J. Gilmore, B.A.

English—Revs. N. Miller, B.A., and W. Fraser, B.A.

Scrip and Catechism—Revs. R. Robertson, M.A., B.D., and J. H. Craig, M.A.

Mental Philosophy—Revs. Thos. Glass, B.A., and D. J. Flockhart, M.A.

Moral Philosophy—Revs. Dr. Seymour and G. Chalmers.

Entrance Examination.

February 13 and March 23, 1923.

H.M. Examination.

July 3, 1923.

Exit Examination.

September 4, 1923.

NOTANDA

Special attention is directed to the following:—

Place and Date of Meeting of next Assembly—At Sydney on the second Wednesday of September, 1924, at 7.30 p.m.

Committees meet on preceding Tuesday and on Wednesday morning and afternoon.

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Presbyterian Church of Australia

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

SESSION FOURTEENTH.

*At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins-street, on
Wednesday, the 6th September, at 7.30 p.m.*

1. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia convened. The Moderator-General being absent, through illness, the Rev. John Walker took the chair, and conducted Public Worship, reading a sermon prepared and forwarded by the Moderator-General, on John xvii.: 18, and xx.: 21. Constitution

2. The Roll of Assembly was submitted by the Clerk, declared of interim authority, and ordered to be finally revised to-morrow morning. Roll

3. The Moderator intimated that the Moderator and ex-Moderators of the General Assembly, and the Moderators of State Assemblies, had agreed to nominate, for the Moderator's chair, the Rev. John Mathew, M.A., B.D. ex-Moderator

4. It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Rentoul, and seconded by the Rev. D. Macrae Stewart:—

“That the nomination be approved.”

The motion was unanimously approved.

5. It was moved by the Rev. John Walker, and seconded by the Rev. W. Fraser:— Thanks to
ex-Moderator

“That the Assembly extend its cordial thanks to the ex-Moderator for his valuable services to the Church during his term of office, and its sympathy with him in his illness.”

The motion was unanimously approved.

6. The Report of the Business Committee was approved.

Appeals

7. It was moved by the Rev. R. W. Macaulay, and seconded by the Rev. John Walker:—

(1) "That all Complaints and Appeals be referred to Commissions, with full Assembly powers, the Moderator to nominate the Commissions."

(2) "That the Business Committee be directed to arrange a period for hearing these Appeals, during which the Assembly does not sit."

The motion was approved.

Rule 112.
N.S.W.

8. The Rev. George Tait gave notice of his intention, when the Overture relative to Rule 112, in the New South Wales code, is before the House, to move:—

"That the Assembly dismiss the Overture, on the ground that the actions set forth in Rule 112 are actions of administration—not of discipline—and are therefore, according to the Articles of Agreement, within the jurisdiction of State Assemblies—not of this Assembly."

Union

9. The Rev. Dr. Adam gave notice of his intention to move the Deliverance relative to Union in the following form:—

(1) "That the Assembly receive the Report, reaffirm its belief in the great desirableness of Union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches, and express its satisfaction that the proposed amendments to the Basis of Doctrine and Polity have been dealt with by the representatives of the three negotiating Churches met in the Joint Committee on Union, and agreement reached regarding them."

(2) "Approve the amended Basis of Doctrine and Polity as in harmony with Presbyterian principles, and approve of Union on this as a Basis so far as concerns Doctrine and Polity."

(3) "Reappoint the Committee on Union of the Churches."

(4) "Instruct the Committee to send this Basis down, in the first instance, to State Assemblies, and thereafter to Presbyteries, Sessions and Congregations, with instructions to report through the Committee before 15th November, 1923, as to whether they approve or disapprove of Union on this Basis, giving numbers approving and disapproving, with the proviso that, in the event of a majority approving of Union, no Bill for giving legal effect to the decisions of the Churches in reference to such Union will be presented to Parliament until after all arrangements necessary to a Union have been agreed to by the negotiating Churches, and not earlier than September, 1928, and that all parties be free meanwhile to advocate their views."

(5) "Instruct the Committee to report in detail the result of the vote to the next meeting of the General Assembly, which shall decide as to future action."

(6) "Further instruct the Committee to reappoint the Subcommittee on Law and Finance, with a view to their preparing plans to be submitted to the negotiating Churches, for dealing with the legal and financial questions concerning the Property and Funds."

(7) "Recommend that in the meantime co-operation, with a

view to Union, be actively prosecuted; that the General Assembly's Committee be instructed to promote this in every way possible, and that State Assemblies be requested to issue similar instructions to their Committees."

10. The Rev. Dr. Rentoul gave notice of his intention, when the Report on Union is before the House, to move the following amendment on the proposed Deliverance on Clause 1:—

"Omit all the words in Clause 1 after the word 'Report,' with a view to inserting the words—"But the Assembly regards the time as not ripe, nor the conditions fitting, for Corporate Union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches, because the 'Basis of Doctrine and Polity' drawn up and submitted by the Union Committee involves,—

"(1) Radical alteration in the fundamental principles of the Presbyterian Church, which we are not at present prepared to surrender, as indicated by the fact that in the State Church with the largest membership, a majority of the members voted against Corporate Union when the question was submitted to them by the Assembly, and the additional fact that Church Courts in the various States have carried vital amendments upon the Proposed Basis;

"(2) The abandonment of our Church's name, titles and relationship with the Presbyterian Churches of the English-speaking world. And, whereas the movement for Corporate Union has aroused feelings of bitterness and disunion which are likely to be intensified as the years go on, to the disruption of the Church and damage of the Kingdom of God;

"Whereas, further, there are indications of a more complete Christian Unity, particularly the recent movements in the Anglican and Baptist Churches;

"And whereas the moral and religious problems of Australia are too urgent to await the outcome of the long protracted negotiations:—

"(1) The Assembly resolves that all negotiations for Corporate Union on the Basis at present before the Church be suspended.

"(2) The Assembly earnestly urges that in the meantime our Church devote its energy to effect, without delay, co-operation between all the Evangelical Churches of our land, in furtherance of the common interests of the Kingdom of God."

11. Dr. Rentoul gave notice of motion that at a fitting time, at a future Sederunt, he will draw attention to the error in the White Book, pp. 16-17, regarding a purported appeal under the names of the Rev. F. A. Hagenauer and Professor Rentoul and others, and to the fact that no such appeal actually exists, and he will move that the entire matter be removed from the records.

White Book

12. It was moved by the Rev. W. Borland, and seconded by Dr. Adam.—

"That the Assembly appoint the following committee to consider and report at a later Sederunt on the question of ordaining

Medical Missionaries

Medical Missionaries, and in particular on the petition of Mr. H. R. Pearson, viz.:—The Rev. W. Borland (Convener), Profs. Adam and Harper, and Revs. Dr. Anderson, F. Paton, R. McGowan, A. Crow, with power to add to its number.”

The motion was approved.

Mr. John
Garland

13. The Business Convener intimated the death of the Assembly's Procurator, Mr. John Garland, in February, 1921, and moved: “That the Assembly record its deep regret at the death of the Procurator, Mr. John Garland, and express its sympathy with his relatives.”

The motion was seconded by General Clark and unanimously approved.

Procurator

14. It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Burgess and seconded:—

“That Mr. John Alexander Ferguson, B.A., LL.B., barrister-at-law, of the High Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of New South Wales, and Elder of St. Stephen's Church, Sydney, be appointed Procurator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, in room of the Hon. John Garland (deceased).”

The motion was approved.

Union

15. It was moved by Dr. Harper, and seconded by Dr. Adam:—

“That it be an instruction to the Business Committee that the whole of Friday be given to the subject of Union, except in so far as the reception of the Archbishop of Melbourne is concerned.”

The motion was approved.

Conference
on Life and
Work

16. The following were appointed a Committee to draft a reply to the communication from the Universal Christian Conference of Life and Work:—Dr. Harper (Convener), Professor Adam, Professor Angus, the Moderator.

Business
Committee

17. The following were appointed the Business Committee:—Revs. Dr. Burgess, A. Thain Anderson, P. J. Murdoch, W. Gray, W. Huey Steele, W. C. Radcliffe, the Clerk, the Law Agent, the Rev. R. W. Macaulay (Convener).

Lord's Day

18. The Rev. R. W. Macaulay gave notice that at a future Sederunt he would move:—

“That the General Assembly, recognising the widespread confusion of thought and practice now prevailing in Australia on the observance of the Lord's Day, and the persistent attacks being made on its observance as a day of rest and spiritual culture, deems it desirable to issue a clear statement of Christian teaching on the observance of the Lord's Day, and remits the matter to the Public Questions Committee, to consider and report to a later Sederunt.”

“No more
War”

19. The Rev. R. W. Macaulay gave notice that at a later Sederunt he would move:—

(1) “That this General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church

of Australia views with intense interest and approval, the recent 'No-more-war' demonstration in Britain, the Continent of Europe, and America, representative of the Church, ex-Service Men, Labour, Women's Organisations, Economics, Literature and Science.

(2) "That the Assembly declares its hearty support of the movement in favour of world-peace.

(3) "That it declares its profound conviction that, in order to render the League of Nations an effective instrument in the attainment and maintenance of peace, it must have the active support of the Christian conscience and Christian forces of the world.

(4) "With this object in view, the Assembly resolves to set apart the First Sunday in November as Peace Sunday, and instruct its Ministers to preach on the subject of world-peace.

(5) "And, further, that the Assembly communicate with the heads of the other Churches of the Commonwealth, and ask them to take similar action."

20. The Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 a.m., in the Scots Church, for the observance of the Lord's Supper, and at 11 a.m., in the Assembly Hall, for ordinary business, which, having been publicly intimated, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, on 7th September, 1922, at 10 a.m.

21. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment. The Sacra- Lord's
ment of the Lord's Supper was observed, the Moderator presiding Supper
and the Rev. R. Scott West assisting, and the Assembly constituted.

22. The Roll was approved as follows:—

Roll

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Elected by Presbyteries.

	Bathurst.	
Rev. W. Pendleton Stewart, B.A.		Mr. J. T. Carey
	The Clarence.	
Rev. J. C. Milliken		Mr. B. Morrison
	Goulburn.	
Rev. George Tulloch W. J. S. Rankin		Mr. T. Elliott H. M. Rolland
	The Hastings.	
Rev. R. G. Crawford, B.A. F. W. Hewlett		Mr. W. T. Cosbey John McIntyre
	The Hawkesbury.	
Rev. John Paterson Alex. McLennan, M.A. J. N. Magee		Mr. W. Morphet J. B. Brown A. P. Biddle
	The Hunter.	
Rev. Joseph Lundie, B.A. William Duffy V. C. Duff, B.A. W. H. Bradley		Mr. John Breckenridge N. H. Goodsir D. McNaughton D. Murray

	Illawarra.	
Rev. J. S. Rapkins H. C. Wilson,		Mr. Alex. Fraser W. J. R. Richardson
	Monaro.	
Rev. Chas. Anderson		Mr. John Jardine
	Moree.	
Rev. A. M. Stevenson, M.C. P. A. Smith		Mr. W. B. Blair Dr. F. S. Stuckey
	Murrumbidgee.	
Rev. C. E. O. Keays J. B. McKissock		Mr. A. S. Lang G. F. Simpson
	New England.	
Rev. D. J. Flockhart, M.A. Jas. Marshall		Mr. H. Mitchell
	North Sydney.	
Rev. A. M. Ogilvie J. J. Gilmore, B.A. A. Edmunds Ivo. E. Bertram, M.A.		Mr. George Gillespie S. J. Carruthers A. G. Baxter Dr. W. Gunn
	Orange.	
Rev. J. Keith Miller Harold G. Ford Robert J. Howie, B.A.		Mr. J. B. Coutts J. T. Gavel Hon. Thomas Brown.
	The Richmond.	
Rev. H. E. Hulme I. F. Brown		Mr. J. Bryce S. Selwood
	Sydney.	
Rev. A. C. Grieve, B.A. Thomas Tait, M.A., B.D. C. N. Button, M.A. R. J. H. McGowan N. H. Joughin, M.A., B.D. W. J. Gray, B.A. W. G. Forsyth D. F. Brandt A. D. Robertson		Mr. John Brinckley W. Peel, J. R. B. Campbell J. A. Ferguson, LL.B. Rev. N. Hey Mr. J. P. Muir J. Silversides Patrick Smith James Thomson
	Wagga Wagga.	
Rev. George Edwards C. Hardie Hain B. D. Morris		Mr. W. G. Balfour W. R. McEntyre John Ross
	Young.	
Rev. J. A. Malcomson Norman Millar, B.A.		Mr. Andrew Hannal. J. H. Mills
	Elected by State Assembly.	
Right Rev. A. S. McCook, B.A.		Mr. W. Scott. W. Wood, J. Kirkland, J. H. Balfour, J. H. Beatson, W. G. Crane, W. D. G. Fairbairn, W. G. Geikie, G. A. Clifton, H. Perdriau, J. Bee, M.A., M.Sc. J. G. MacKee. J. Mars.
Rev. J. Burgess, M.A., D.D. A. Harper, M.A., D.D. E. E. Anderson, M.A., D.D. J. Edwards, M.A. S. Angus, M.A., Ph.D. A. T. Anderson, M.A. R. Scott West. G. A. Gordon, B.A. J. Ferguson. J. Flynn, C. E. James. G. R. S. Reid, M.A.		

QUEENSLAND.

Elected by Presbyteries.

Brisbane.

Right Rev. James Gibson,
M.A.
Rev. C. A. White, B.A.
Jas. Walker, M.A.
W. H. Waters, B.A.
J. B. Galloway.

Mr. John Campbell.
George Smith.
W. J. McLeod
Thomas Whalley
S. Lamont.

Maryborough.

Rockhampton.

Rev. J. T. J. Whyte.

Mr. A. S. Barr.

Toowoomba.

Rev. W. Johnston, B.A.
G. C. Wood.
Robert L. Reid.

Mr. D. A. Mercer.
Jas. Dunn.
Henry Geitz.

Townsville.

Rev. John Sinclair.

Elected by State Assembly.

Right Rev. G. R. Kirke.
Rev. W. C. Radcliffe, B.A.
H. Robertson.

Mr. A. S. Lang
Dr. Luther Morris.
Mr. J. K. Stewart.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Elected by Presbyteries.

Adelaide.

Rev. H. Morris.
W. Floyd Shannon,
B.A.

Rev. J. Nelson
Mr. Richard Bowley

Belalie.

Rev. G. Anderson.
J. McD. Forsyth.

Mr. A. L. McEwin.
J. Holdsworth.

Onkaparinga.

Rev. R. Campbell.

Mr. T. J. Patterson

Elected by State Assembly.

Right Rev. F. S. Souter,
B.A.
Dr. Seymour.

Rev. Wm. Gray.
Mr. A. D. Young.

TASMANIA.

Elected by Presbyteries.

Hobart.

Rev. F. E. Ozer, M.A.,
B.D.

Mr. R. A. Black.

Launceston.

Rev. W. J. Harris.

Mr. F. Paine.

Midlands.

Rev. A. G. Roy.
F. E. Yarnall.

Elected by State Assembly.

Rev. G. B. Murphy, B.A.

Mr. David Storrer.

VICTORIA.**Elected by Presbyteries.**

	Ballarat.	
Rev. John Walker. A. H. Ross. T. J. Riddle, B.A.		Mr. W. Rain. A. Scott. Rev. J. G. Wilson.
	Beechworth.	
Rev. C. T. Fletcher. D. Dow. W. W. Ingram.		Mr. J. Whan.
	Bendigo.	
Rev. H. E. Hunt. G. R. Jones. W. J. Holt, M.A., B.D. J. T. Kelly.		Mr. G. Mackay. G. S. Bisset. R. McKenzie. W. D. Rees.
	Flinders.	
Rev. H. A. Buntine. J. H. Dawe. W. H. Cooper, M.A., B.D.		Mr. S. Evans. A. Mackie. W. Peters.
	Geelong.	
Rev. E. E. Baldwin, M.A. J. Garde. I. Glyn Jones.		Mr. W. C. Robertson, Young Venters, Duncan Smith.
	Gippsland.	
Rev. G. S. Brodie. J. P. MacDougall, B.A. W. D. Marshall, M.A.		Mr. M. McDonald. D. Hopkins.
	Goulburn Valley.	
Rev. W. C. Lahore, M.A., B.D. S. D. Hood.		Mr. A. S. Henderson. J. Christie.
	Hamilton.	
Rev. G. H. Elliott W. Tait, M.A.		Dr. S. Connor. Mr. J. E. Murrell.
	Macedon.	
Rev. S. H. McGowan.		Mr. J. Balharrie.
	Maryborough.	
Rev. H. Erskine. J. G. Scarfe.		Mr. D. Gordon.
	Melbourne North.	
Rev. G. T. Welling. J. A. Forrest. A. Hardie. W. H. M'Cook, B.D. A. I. Davidson, M.A.		Mr. R. Ross. Andrew Wilson. W. J. Stephen. T. Henderson. J. Bell.
	Melbourne South.	
Rev. A. Yule, M.A. G. Carson. A. McCarlie. J. Smiley, B.A.		Mr. G. J. Mauger. F. A. Brown. H. J. Ramsay A. Salmon.
	Melbourne East.	
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	Melbourne West.	
Rev. A. W. Butler. R. M. Fergus, M.A. T. Brown, M.A. D. A. Mackenzie. W. Cox.		Mr. John Craig. W. R. Mooney. A. Fraser. J. Cormack. Rev. G. L. Owens, B.D.
	Mortlake.	
Rev. W. McBride. J. Millar Smith.		Mr. J. Neilson. J. Anderson.
	Penola.	
Rev. H. Adams.		Mr. John Clezy.
	Seymour.	
Rev. H. S. Legge. W. Rowlands.		Mr. J. W. Greenshields. A. D. Stewart.
	Western Plains.	
Rev. J. C. Jones. E. A. Forbes.		Mr. C. P. Robertson. W. Oman.
	Wimmera.	
Rev. A. J. Stewart. E. V. Petherick.		Mr. J. Hamilton.
	Elected by State Assembly.	
Right Rev. F. H. L. Paton, M.A., B.D.		Sir John MacFarland.
Rev. Professor Rentoul, D.D.		Mr. A. L. Pryde.
Professor Adam, D.D.		J. M. Campbell.
D. A. Cameron, M.A.		R. K. Gillespie.
G. Tait, M.A.		A. G. Proudfoot.
H. M. Burns, M.A., B.D.		D. K. Picken.
W. Borland, M.A., B.D.		D. Macmillan.
W. Goyen.		Dr. McKellar Stewart.
W. Fraser, B.A.		Mr. R. A. McIlwraith.
J. Mackenzie, M.A.		W. S. Littlejohn.
R. W. Macaulay, B.A.		George McKay.
J. Barnaby, M.A., B.D.		G. S. Mackay.
D. Ross, M.A.		H. Hopkins.
J. Mathew, M.A., B.D.		H. H. Kemp.
P. J. Murdoch, M.A.		L. K. McNab.
J. A. Barber.		General Clark.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.**Elected by Presbyteries.**

	Albany.	
Rev. Alex. Crow.		Mr. A. E. Brice.
	Fremantle.	
Rev. W. Huey Steele, M.A.		Mr. J. H. Stevenson.
	Goldfields.	
Rev. C. D. P. Taylor.		
	Perth.	
Rev. E. F. Cameron. John R. Thrum.		Mr. W. Christie. W. Currie.
	Elected by State Assembly.	
Right Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A.		Mr. F. A. McMullen.
Rev. S. R. W. Richardson, M.A., B.D.		G. F. Pitchford.

minutes 23. The Clerk and the Convener of the Business Committee were appointed to revise the minutes.

selection committee 24. The following were appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate Assembly representatives to the Judicial Commission, the Board of Missions, and the Standing Committees:—Revs. John Barnaby (convener), Geo. Chalmers, W. C. Radcliffe, Geo. Anderson, F. E. Oxe, A. Yule, W. Fraser, and Messrs. W. Wood, A. L. Pryde, G. A. Clifton and A. G. Proudfoot.

scrutineers 25. The following were appointed Scrutineers of Ballot:—Messrs. J. M. Campbell (convener), H. H. Kemp, D. Macmillan, G. F. Pitchford.

Book of Order 26. The Report of the Committee on a Book of Order was submitted by the Rev. R. Scott West. It was moved by the Rev. D. Macrae Stewart, and seconded by the Rev. P. J. Murdoch:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Express satisfaction with the publication of the second portion of the "Book of Order," and direct the Committee to continue its work until the whole book is completed.

2. Grant the necessary authority to issue the manual for young Communicants, to be entitled, "The Story of the Holy Communion: A Manual of Preparation for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper," and agree to the proposed terms of publication.

3. Give permission to print a small book of prayers for mothers and children.

4. Thank the Convener very especially for his successful labour in the preparation of "The Story of the Holy Communion," and reappoint the Committee, with Principal Anderson, of St. Andrew's, Sydney.

Expenses 27. It was agreed to refer the question of paying Mr. Scott-West's out-of-pocket expenses to the Finance Committee for report to a future Sederunt.

Inland Mission 28. The Report on the Inland Mission was submitted by the Rev. A. Thain Anderson, who moved:—

"1. That the Assembly receive the Report.

"2. Thank the Committee, the Convener, the Superintendent, the Members of the Inland Councils, and all the helpers, especially the office teams.

"3. Thankfully acknowledge the donations that have been received for the work of the Inland, especially that from Mr. W. R. Black, of Brisbane, who has donated 250 Brisbane Gas Coy. shares as a nucleus of an endowment.

"4. Express appreciation of the interest shown in Victoria River by members of the North-South Railway Commission; to the Commonwealth Government for the generous subsidy; to the ladies of Brisbane on the splendid results of the All-Australia Fair; and to the citizens of Brisbane, who have formed a public committee,

under the chairmanship of His Worship the Mayor; also the P.W.M.U. of W.A., which has recently enlarged its constitution to include the A.I.M.

“5. Express satisfaction at the steady development of the Inland Mission, and the faithful work performed by nurses and ministers.

“6. Express regret at the failure to secure a sufficient supply of ministers for the work. The Assembly makes an urgent appeal for four more men to occupy the important positions now vacant.

“7. Direct the attention of the State Councils and Field Committees to the deficit, which has increased to £2600, and urge them to take such steps, in their circumstances, to secure its liquidation as early as possible.

“8. As an increased income of £1500 per annum is necessary to maintain existing work, direct the Board to take steps to approach all people interested in the Inland likely to render substantial help to the Mission.

“9. Authorise the Board to initiate, whenever deemed advisable, a Property Fund, of, say, £25,000.

“10. Appoint the following members of the Inland Councils in the several States:—

“Queensland.—Rev. James Walker (Convener), Messrs. F. Lloyd and Pearce, Miss Renton, Mrs. J. K. Stewart, Mrs. Wyper, Mrs. Noble, Miss Smith, Miss Cairns, Miss Duncanson, Miss McIntosh (Secretary).

“New South Wales.—Rev. G. McL. Scott (Convener), Rev. Alex. Clark, Hon. T. Brown, Messrs. William Wood, James Inglis, Frank Bruce, T. Ramage, A. Boots, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. I. Henkel, J. Smith, L. Allen, D. Streatfield, M. Cole, M. Brodie, F. Glasson, M. S. Watson, V. Patino, E. Congreve, E. Broughton.

“Western Australia.—Rev. F. G. H. Brady (Convener), Right Rev. the Moderator, Revs. J. R. Blanchard, A. Crow, W. H. Steele, A. Crow, N. McDonald, S. R. W. Richardson, Messrs. J. Hope, G. F. Pitchford, C. M. Purdie.

“Victoria.—Revs. J. A. Barber (Convener), D. A. Cameron, J. Barnaby, P. L. Forster, H. C. Matthew, C. Harland, F. H. L. Paton, J. A. Forrest, J. Armour, D. Millar, Messrs. D. Macmillan, D. Steel, Lieut.-Col. T. H. Steel, O.B.E., Messrs. A. M. Fergusson, G. King, F. J. Evans, Misses Gillespie, Rolland, Balfour, Jack.

“South Australia.—Revs. D. Chapman (Convener), R. Mitchell, W. Gray, Messrs. T. J. Patterson, G. H. Low, T. W. Tassie.”

The motion was seconded by the Rev. S. R. W. Richardson.

The Rev. John Flynn, Superintendent of the Mission, addressed the House.

The motion was approved.

29. The Business Convener laid on the table a communication from the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, conveying the greetings of the Australasian Methodist Church, and moved:—

“That the communication from the Methodist Church be received, and the Moderator and Clerk be asked to draft and forward a suitable reply.”

The motion was seconded and approved.

The Petition from State Assembly of Western Australia was introduced by the Revs. W. Huey Steele and Dr. Seymour.

It was moved by the Rev. Professor Angus:—

“1. That a special Committee be appointed to consider in detail, with a view to the greater efficiency of our Church as an Australian Church, the practicability of the unification of the work in the Home Missions, Foreign Missions and arriving immigrants; the question of Beneficiary Funds, so that the ministers of each State may enjoy the maximum benefits presently obtaining; and the question of marriage laws.

“2. That the Committee report to the next Assembly.

“3. That, meantime, such measures as are recommended by this Committee, and approved by State Assemblies, may be put into effect, so far as such approving States are concerned.

“4. That the travelling expenses of members to Melbourne or Sydney be paid out of Assembly Funds; and also the expenses of sending Commissions to South Australia and Western Australia, should this be necessary.

“5. That the Committee be authorised to draft and send to Presbyteries and State Assemblies an Overture relative to the matters mentioned in Clause 1 of the motion, and Presbyteries and State Assemblies be instructed to report on the Overture to next Assembly.”

The motion was approved, and the following Committee appointed, in terms thereof, and the Committee authorised to appoint a Sub-Committee on Finance and Law, with Mr. W. Wood as Convener:—Revs. Dr. Seymour (Convener), W. F. Shannon, J. R. Blanchard, W. H. Steele, Dr. Rentoul, J. Barnaby, J. Mathew, D. A. Cameron, D. Ross, J. A. Walker, J. Flynn, Principal Anderson, A. Thain Anderson, Dr. Angus, Dr. Burgess, Dr. Harper, W. C. Radcliffe, S. R. W. Richardson, Messrs. J. K. Stewart, A. L. Pryde, W. Wood, A. D. Young, W. Scott, D. Macmillan, D. K. Picken, D. Proudfoot, D. Storrer.

College
Committee

30. The Rev. W. Borland gave notice of his intention to move the following Deliverance on the College Committee's Report:—

“Receive the Report, and thank the Committee, and especially the Convener and Secretary. I. Express the thanks of the Church to the examiners for their services, and express approval of the decision of the Executive to fix the exit work for two years in advance, and to recognise as candidates students of the Joint Theological School instituted at Brisbane in 1922. II. Approve the revised rules of admission, as set forth in the Report, and order them to be printed annually in the Year Book, together with the Syllabus of the Entrance Examination for the next two years. III. Adopt the following proposals for modifying the course of Home Mission training:—

“1. Candidates, before being admitted to the Home Missions Course of Study as regular students, shall be required, either (a) to obtain a school intermediate certificate (or the equivalent) in one of the States, or (b) to pass the school intermediate examination in English, History, and one other subject, together with an examination in New Testament Greek, set by the College Committee. Home Mission Committees are recommended to provide tuition for candidates during their Home Mission Course, and, where necessary, for a year preparatory to entrance on the course as regular students.

“2. The Home Mission Course shall consist normally of three years. During the first and second years, the subjects studied shall, as far as practicable, be such as may help candidates to qualify for University matriculation in their own State. Students who succeed in qualifying for matriculation at the end of their second year are recommended to proceed to the University. The subjects of study in the third year of the H.M. Course, for students who do not go on to the University, shall be such as will help in preparing for the Entrance Examination to the Theological Hall.

“3. That an optional course of two years at a University, as private students, in subjects determined by the College Committee, be granted to Home Mission Students in lieu of the ordinary course, two of which subjects must be Greek and English.

“IV. Refer back to the College Committee the proposals in connection with the system of examination, with instructions to go into the matter fully, and report to the next General Assembly. V. Receive and adopt the Report of the Special Committee on a modified course for Medical Missionaries, and on the Petition of Mr. H. R. Pearson. VI. In addition to his present honorarium, grant to the Secretary £20 per annum, to provide clerical assistance for the work. VII. Deal with the Petitions transmitted as advised in the Report and Additional Report.”

The Assembly adjourned, to meet at 7.30 p.m., which having been publicly intimated, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins-street, on the 7th day of September, 1922, at 7.30 p.m.

31 The Assembly met, pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted.

32. The Minutes of the previous day were confirmed.

33. The Rev. Dr. Adam gave notice of his intention, when the Report of the College Committee is before the House, to move:—

“That passes in examinations of the Melbourne College of Divinity qualifying for the degree of B.D., or the Diploma in Divinity

(L.Th.) be accepted as passes in the Exit Examination in subjects which cover the same range of studies."

34. The Report of the Business Committee was approved.

Appeals

35. The Report of the Moderator relative to the Membership of the Commissions to hear Appeals was received. The Report is as follows:—

1. R. J. S. Cullen's Appeals.—Right Rev. A. S. McCook (Convener), Revs. G. R. S. Reid, W. C. Radcliffe, Thos. Tait, Ivo E. Bertram, W. Huey Steele, W. Gray, Messrs. J. Holdsworth, W. Wood, J. A. Ferguson.

2. East Malvern Case.—Rev. A. M. Ogilvie, Dr. Seymour, Dr. A. Harper, A. T. Anderson, J. B. Galloway (Convener), A. Crow, Messrs. J. Brinckley, G. F. Pitchford, J. Campbell.

3. Relative to Rev. Angus King.—Right Rev. F. S. Souter, Revs. Jas. Walker, A. McCarlie, W. Tait, G. Carson, D. Macrae Stewart (Convener), G. B. Murphy, Dr. Adam, R. W. Macaulay, F. E. Oxe, Messrs. A. G. Proudfoot, A. L. McEwin, W. Christie, D. Storrer.

36. A Report was received from the Business Committee, stating that assistance was needed in the Clerk's work; that the Rev. E. E. Baldwin had offered help for this Assembly; and, further, that the Committee recommends the appointment of a Committee to consider the question of appointing a permanent junior clerk, suggest the person to be appointed and report to a later Sederunt; that the Committee should be:—Dr. Burgess and Rev. C. N. Button, New South Wales; Revs. W. C. Radcliffe and Jas. Walker, Queensland; Revs. W. Gray and W. F. Shannon, South Australia; Revs. F. E. Oxe and W. J. Harris, Tasmania; Rev. R. W. Macaulay and Mr. A. L. Pryde, Victoria; Revs. W. H. Steele and A. Crow; Rev. W. Huey Steele, Convener.

The Report was approved, and the suggested Committee appointed.

Immigration

37. The Report on Immigration was submitted by Mr. D. Macmillan.

The Hon. L. E. Groom, M.H.R., addressed the House.

It was moved by the Rev. W. Borland, and seconded by the Rev. W. Thomson:—

"That the thanks of the Assembly be given to Mr. Groom for his illuminating and thrilling address"

The motion was approved, and the thanks of the Assembly conveyed to Mr. Groom by the Moderator.

It was moved by Mr. D. Macmillan, and seconded by Rev. W. Huey Steele:—

"That the Assembly: 1. Receive and adopt the Report. 2. Compliment the Commonwealth and State Governments on the success of the combined scheme of immigration in operation since March, 1921; rejoice in the passing of the Empire Settlement Bill by the

British Parliament, by which three million pounds per annum will be expended—one-half from the Home Government, and the other half by the Dominions—to be used on the transport and settlement of selected immigrants for the Dominions. 3. Rejoice in the formation of the New Settlers' League of Australia, in the important work it has done, and is doing, in welcoming new settlers to Australia, encouraging them to meet and overcome initial difficulties with courage and patience, and in urging the State Governments to make preparations for land settlement and housing accommodation, so that conditions of success for developing the resources of the country may be given to the new settlers. 4. Hope that the Church of New South Wales will complete its arrangements for meeting immigrants, by the appointment of a permanent organiser; that the Churches of South Australia, Western Australia, Queensland and Tasmania be encouraged to use every means they can devise to see to the interests of the new settlers arriving in their States, and that the Executive be authorised and empowered to give these Churches all the assistance in its power for completing their methods for receiving the immigrants. 5. That, in view of the great importance and urgent need of organising the means for receiving immigrants throughout the Commonwealth, the Immigration Committee be put in the possession of funds for this purpose. 6. Appoint the Immigration Committee as follows:—the Victorian members to be the Executive: Revs. D. A. Cameron, W. Borland, W. Thomson, Hugh Jones, F. L. A. Schloeffel, W. Gray, W. Huey Steele, F. G. H. Brady, J. Heyer, F. Souter, Alex. Duff, H. Morris, and Messrs. D. Macmillan (Convener), C. Mackinnon, W. Gray, W. Wood, G. Lewis, G. B. Brown, A. S. Barr, Chas. Paterson and R. Henry."

The motion was approved.

38. The Overture from the Presbytery of Goulburn ancient Rule 112 of the N.S. Wales Code was introduced by the Rev. G. Tulloch. Rule 112,
N.S.W. Code

It was moved by the Rev. George Tait and seconded by Dr. Burgess:—

"That the Assembly dismiss the Overture."

The motion was approved.

The Assembly adjourned, to meet at 10 a.m. to-morrow, which having been publicly intimated, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins-street, on the 8th September, 1922, at 10 a.m.

39. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted.

40. Mr. L. K. McNab was substituted for the Rev. William Tait on the Commission relative to the Rev. Angus King.

fr. R. J. S. Cullen 41. A letter from Mr. R. J. S. Cullen, requesting permission to be represented by Counsel in his Appeal case, was submitted by the Convener of the Business Committee.

It was moved by the Rev. G. T. Welling, and seconded by Rev. A. Thain Anderson:—

“That the request of Mr. Cullen, being contrary to the law of the Church, cannot be granted.”

The motion was approved.

Deaconess T.I. 42. The Request of the Victorian Assembly relative to the Deaconess Training Institute was introduced by the Rev. A. I. Davidson, who moved:—

“That the Assembly accede to the request and appoint a Committee to act as corresponding representatives to co-operate with the Convener of the Victorian State Committee of the Deaconess Institute, in furthering the objects of the request.”

The motion was duly seconded and approved.

Session Clerk 43. The Returns on the Remit, relative to the tenure of office of Session Clerk, were submitted.

The Remit was approved and declared the law of the Church.

Rule 7, Spiritual Freedom 44. The Returns on the Remit relative to Rule 7 of the Chapter on Spiritual Freedom were submitted.

The Remit was approved and declared the law of the Church.

Lord's Day 45. The Rev. R. W. Macaulay moved the motion, of which he had given notice, in the following form:—

“That the General Assembly, recognising the widespread confusion of thought and practice now prevailing in Australia on the observance of the Lord's Day, and the persistent attacks being made on its observance as a day of rest and spiritual culture, deems it desirable to issue a clear statement of Christian teaching on the observance of the Lord's Day, and remits the matter to the Public Questions Committee, to consider and report to a later Sederunt; and, meanwhile, declares that this Assembly utterly disapproves of permitting public parks belonging to the community to be used for purposes of sport on the Lord's Day.”

The motion was seconded by the Rev. D. F. Brandt and approved.

Archbishop of Melbourne 46. According to arrangement, the Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne was welcomed by the Moderator, and addressed the House.

It was moved by the Right Rev. A. S. McCook, and seconded by the Right Rev. F. H. L. Paton:—

“That the cordial thanks of the Assembly be given to the Archbishop for his presence and his beautiful and inspiring address.”

The motion was unanimously approved, and the thanks of the House were conveyed to the Archbishop by the Moderator.

47. The Rev. Graham H. Balfour, of Dunedin, being present, was welcomed by the Moderator, and associated. Rev. G. H.
Balfour

48. The Report on Church Union was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Adam, who moved:— Union

“That the Assembly (1) receive the Report, reaffirm its belief in the great desirableness of Union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches, and express its satisfaction that the proposed amendments to the Basis of Doctrine and Polity have been dealt with by the representatives of the three negotiating Churches met in the Joint Committee on Union, and agreement reached regarding them.

“(2) Approve the amended Basis of Doctrine and Polity as in harmony with Presbyterian principles, and approve of Union on this as a Basis so far as concerns Doctrine and Polity.

“(3) Reappoint the Committee on Union of the Churches.

“(4) Instruct the Committee to send this Basis down, in the first instance, to State Assemblies, and thereafter to Presbyteries, Sessions and Congregations, with instructions to report, through the Committee, before 15th November, 1923, as to whether they approve or disapprove of Union on this Basis, giving numbers approving and disapproving, with the proviso that, in the event of a majority approving of Union, no Bill for giving legal effect to the decisions of the Churches in reference to such Union will be presented to Parliament until after all arrangements necessary to a Union have been agreed to by the negotiating Churches, and not earlier than September, 1928, and that all parties be free meanwhile to advocate their views.

“(5) Instruct the Committee to report in detail the result of the vote to the next meeting of the General Assembly, which shall decide as to future action.”

“(6) Further, instruct the Committee to reappoint the Sub-Committee on Law and Finance, with a view to their preparing plans, to be submitted to the negotiating Churches, for dealing with the legal and financial questions concerning the Property and Funds.

“(7) Recommend that, in the meantime, co-operation, with a view to Union, be actively prosecuted; that the General Assembly's Committee be instructed to promote this in every way possible, and that State Assemblies be requested to issue similar instructions to their Committees.”

The motion was seconded by the Rev. George Tait.

Consideration of the Report was postponed.

49. The Assembly authorised the Moderator to appoint a Commission to deal with the Appeal of the Rev. F. A. Hagenauer. Appeal of
Rev. F. A.
Hagenauer

50. The Moderator read a telegram from the Rev. John Ferguson. Rev. John
Ferguson

Ferguson, expressing his regret that he was prevented by illness from attending the Assembly, and conveying his best wishes for the Church's prosperity.

Presbyterian
Alliance

51. The Business Convener submitted the Communication from the General Secretary of the Presbyterian Alliance, and moved:—

“That the Communication be referred to the Committee appointed to deal with the Communication from the Committee on Life and Work, to report to a later Sederunt what answer, if any, should be sent.”

The motion was seconded by the Rev. Principal Harper, and approved.

“No. More
War”

52. The Rev. R. W. Macaulay, by leave of the House, moved the resolution of which he had given notice on the 6th September, in the following form:—

“(1) That this General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia views with intense interest and approval the recent ‘No-more-war’ demonstration in Britain, the Continents of Europe, and America, representative of the Church, ex-Service Men, Labour, Women’s Organisations, Economics, Literature and Science.

“(2) That the Assembly declares its hearty support of the movement in favour of world-peace.

“(3) That it declares its profound conviction that, in order to render the League of Nations an effective instrument in the attainment and maintenance of peace, it must have the active support of the Christian conscience and Christian forces of the world.

“(4) With this object in view, the Assembly resolves to set apart the second Sunday in November as Peace Sunday, and instruct its Ministers to preach on the subject of world-peace.

“(5) And, further, that the Assembly communicate with the heads of other Churches of the Commonwealth, and ask them to take similar action.”

The motion was seconded by the Rev. D. A. Cameron, and approved.

Union

53. The consideration of the Report on Church Union was resumed.

It was moved, as an amendment, by Dr. Rentoul:—

“Omit all the words in Clause 1, after the word ‘Report,’ with a view to inserting the words, ‘But the Assembly regards the time as not ripe, nor the conditions fitting, for Corporate Union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches, because the ‘Basis of Doctrine and Polity’ drawn up and submitted by the Union Committee involves—

“(1) Radical alteration in the fundamental principles of the Presbyterian Church, which we are not at present prepared to surrender, as indicated by the fact that in the State Church with the largest membership, a majority of the members voted against

Corporate Union when the question was submitted to them by the Assembly, and the additional fact that Church Courts in the various States have carried vital amendments upon the Proposed Basis.

“(2) The abandonment of our Church’s name, titles and relationship with the Presbyterian Churches of the English-speaking world. And, whereas the movement for Corporate Union has aroused feelings of bitterness and disunion which are likely to be intensified as the years go on, to the disruption of the Church, and damage of the Kingdom of God.

“Whereas, further, there are indications of a more complete Christian Unity, particularly the recent movements in the Anglican and Baptist Churches.

“And whereas the moral and religious problems of Australia are too urgent to await the outcome of the long protracted negotiations—

“(1) The Assembly resolves that all negotiations for Corporate Union on the Basis at present before the Church be suspended.

“(2) The Assembly earnestly urges that, in the meantime, our Church devote its energy to effect, without delay, co-operation between all the Evangelical Churches of our land, in furtherance of the common interests of the Kingdom of God.”

The amendment was seconded by the Right Rev. A. S. McCook.

The debate was adjourned.

54. The Rev. G. Tulloch gave notice of his intention, at a future Sederunt, to move:—

“That, in view of settlement in various parts of the Federal area at Canberra, the Assembly refer the question of the necessary supply of Church ordinances to settlers and workmen, in the meantime, to the Home Mission Committees of the Churches of Victoria and New South Wales.”

55. The Board of Management of Sandringham applied for authority to meet this evening at 8 o’clock.

The authority was granted.

The Assembly adjourned, to meet this evening at 7.30 o’clock, which having been publicly intimated, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, on the 8th September, 1922, at 7.30 p.m.

56. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted.

57. The Minutes of the previous day were confirmed.

58. The Report of the Business Committee was approved.

59. It was agreed to substitute the name of the Rev. J. C. Milliken for that of the Rev. R. Scott-West in the Commission on the East Malvern case.

Union

60. Consideration of the Report on Church Union was resumed.

Dr. Rentoul's amendment was rejected, the voting being 85 for, and 130 against.

The following are the names of those voting:—

FOR.

<i>Ministers.</i>	C. T. Fletcher	W. J. R. Richardson
Rev. W. Pendleton	W. W. Ingram	son
Stewart	H. E. Hunt	John Brinckley
J. C. Milliken	G. R. Jones	J. R. B. Campbell
George Tulloch	J. T. Kelly	W. Wood
William Duffy	H. A. Buntine	W. D. G. Fairbairn
J. Lundie	J. H. Dawe	J. Mars
W. H. Bradley	W. H. Cooper	Henry Geitz
J. S. Rapkins	I. Glyn Jones	J. K. Stewart
H. C. Wilson	J. P. MacDougall	A. L. McEwin
C. E. O. Keays	S. D. Hood	Rev. Wm. Gray
D. J. Flockart	G. H. Elliott	Rev. W. Thomson
Harold G. Ford	W. Tait	Mr. F. Paine
J. F. Brown	S. H. McGowan	W. Rain
Thomas Tait	G. T. Welling	J. Whan
C. N. Button	G. Carson	S. Evans
R. J. H. McGowan	T. J. Smith	W. Peters
D. F. Brandt	John Gray	Duncan Smith
A. S. McCook	J. Mular Smith	J. Balharrie
S. Angus	E. A. Forbes	D. Gordon
A. T. Anderson	Prof. Rentoul	T. Henderson
J. Flynn	D. A. Cameron	H. J. Ramsay
C. E. James	J. A. Barber	W. A. Sanderson
G. C. Wood	S. R. W. Richardson	J. Clezy
G. R. Kirke	son	A. L. Pryde
H. Robertson		D. Macmillan
H. Morris	<i>Elders.</i>	L. K. McNab
W. Floyd Shannon	Mr. W. T. Cosbey	W. Christie
F. S. Souter	J. Breckenridge	W. Currie
A. H. Ross	D. McNaughton	
T. J. Riddle	D. Murray	

AGAINST.

<i>Ministers.</i>	A. M. Ogilvie	H. E. Hulme
Rev. W. J. S. Rankin	J. J. Gilmore	A. C. Grieve
R. B. Crawford	A. Edmunds	W. J. Gray
F. W. Hewlett	Ivo E. Bertram	W. G. Forsyth
John Paterson	J. Keith Miller	A. D. Robertson
A. M. Stevenson	Robert J. Howie	George Edwards

C. Hardie Hain	H. Adams	W. G. Crane
B. D. Morris	H. S. Legge	John Campbell
J. A. Malcomson	J. C. Jones	Thomas Whalley
Norman Millar	A. J. Stewart	S. Lamont
J. Burgess	F. H. L. Paton	D. A. Mercer
A. Harper	Professor Adam	Jas. Dunn
E. E. Anderson	G. Tait	Rev. J. Nelson
R. Scott West	H. M. Burns	Mr. J. Holdsworth
G. A. Gordon	W. Borland	A. D. Young
G. R. S. Reid	W. Goyen	David Storrer
C. A. White	W. Fraser	Rev. J. G. Wilson
Jas. Walker	J. Mackenzie	Mr. W. D. Rees
W. H. Waters	R. W. Macaulay	W. C. Robertson
J. B. Galloway	J. Barnaby	M. McDonald
W. Johnston	D. Ross	Dr. S. Connor
Robert L. Reid	P. J. Murdoch	Mr. J. E. Murrell
W. C. Radcliffe	Alex. Crow	R. Ross
R. Campbell	W. Huey Steele	Andrew Wilson
Dr. Seymour	C. D. P. Taylor	W. J. Stephen
F. E. Oxer	Right Rev. J. R.	J. Bell
W. J. Harris	Blanchard	G. J. Mauger
F. E. Yarnall		F. A. Brown
G. B. Murphy		A. Salmon
John Walker	<i>Elders.</i>	W. Gray
J. Garde	Mr. B. Morrison	W. B. House
E. E. Baldwin	H. M. Rolland	A. Fraser
G. S. Brodie	J. B. Brown	Rev. G. L. Owens
J. G. Scarfe	Alex. Fraser	Mr. J. Neilson
J. A. Forrest	H. Mitchell	J. Anderson
A. Hardie	S. J. Carruthers	J. M. Campbell
A. I. Davidson	W. Gunn	R. K. Gillespie
A. Yule	W. Peel	D. K. Picken
A. McCarlie	Rev. N. Hey	R. A. McIlwraith
J. Smiley	Mr. Patrick Smith	G. S. Mackay
D. Macrae Stewart	James Thomson	Geo. Clark
D. Millar	W. G. Balfour	A. E. Brice
R. M. Fergus	W. Scott	J. H. Stevenson
T. Brown	J. Kirkland	F. A. McMullen
W. Cox	J. H. Balfour	G. F. Pitzhford

Consideration of the Report was adjourned.

61. The Rev. G. Tulloch gave notice of his intention, when the discussion on Union is resumed, to move:—"That the Assembly omit the whole of Clause 2, with a view to the insertion of the words:—"Declare the proposed amended Basis of Doctrine and Polity to be out of harmony with Presbyterian principles, and contrary to the law of this Church, and, in consequence, disapprove of same.'"

62. The Assembly adjourned to meet on Monday at 10 a.m., which, having been publicly intimated, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, on the 11th September, 1922.

63. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment at 10 a.m., and was constituted.

Minutes

64. The Minutes of the previous day were laid on the table.

Mr. R. J. S. Cullen

65. The Report of the Commission, relative to the Appeals of Mr. R. J. S. Cullen, was submitted by the Right Rev. A. S. McCook.

The Report is as follows:—

The Commission in the Cullen Appeal Cases met, and having heard parties, unanimously resolved:—

“That the action taken by the Presbytery of Melbourne East having been purely administrative, the General Assembly of Australia has no jurisdiction;

“That the Appeals and Complaint of Mr. R. J. S. Cullen be accordingly dismissed as incompetent.”

A. S. McCOOK, Convener.

The Report was received.

A Petition from Mr. R. J. S. Cullen was submitted by the Convener of the Business Committee.

The Moderator ruled the Petition incompetent.

The Commission was thanked and discharged.

East Malvern Case

66. The Commission appointed in connection with the Appeal in the East Malvern case was submitted.

The Report is as follows:—

The Commission appointed in connection with the appeal of the Rev. George Tait (in the East Malvern case), met on Saturday morning, 9th September, and dismissed the appeal.

J. B. GALLOWAY, Convener.

The Report was received.

The Rev. George Tait intimated his dissent from this finding.

The Commission was thanked and discharged.

Appeals from N.S.W. Assembly

67. The Report of the Commission appointed in connection with the Appeals from the New South Wales Assembly was submitted.

The Report is as follows:—

The Commission met on Saturday morning, the 9th September, and dealt with the Appeals from the N.S.W. Assembly. There was a full attendance of members. Only two out of the three appeals were heard, and decisions upon these were not arrived at. The Commission asks the Assembly to appoint a time for a second session, to enable it to complete the business assigned to it, and suggests that it be authorized to meet on Tuesday, the 12th, at 7.30 p.m.

D. MACRAE STEWART, Convener.

The Report was received, and the Commission instructed to meet to-morrow at 7.30 p.m.

68. The Rev. J. Mackenzie submitted an interim Report from the Public Questions Committee and moved:— Public Questions

“That the Lord Mayor of Melbourne be asked to receive a deputation from this Assembly, to hear its decision concerning the proposal that the public parks should be thrown open for games on Sundays.

“That the deputation consist of the Right Rev. the Moderator-General (Convener), the Moderator of the State Assemblies, the Rev. D. F. Brandt, and Messrs. L. K. McNab, D. Macmillan, Wm. Gray, Dr. Harper, J. M. Campbell, W. Wood and J. Kirkland

“That the Public Questions Committee be instructed to prepare a statement representing the mind of the Church as to the use and abuse of the Christian Sabbath, and that this statement be published in the official organs of the State Assemblies.”

The motion was seconded and approved.

69. The Returns on the Remit, relative to the Administration of the Lord's Supper by Home Missionaries, were submitted. H.M. and Lord's Supper

It was moved by the Rev. W. C. Radcliffe, and seconded by the Rev. J. G. Scarfe:—

“That the Remit be approved and declared the law of the Church.”

It was moved as an amendment by the Rev. T. J. Smith, and seconded by Dr. Adam:—

“That the words, ‘With the insertion of the words, “who have received ordination as Elders,” in line eight of the Resolution of Assembly, relative to Baptism.’”

It was moved as an amendment on the amendment, by Dr. Burgess, and seconded by the Rev. G. S. Brodie:—

“That the words from, ‘with the insertion’ to ‘Elders’ be omitted, with the view of inserting the words:—

“With the substitution of the conditions 1, 2, 3, 4 (down to ‘above’) and 5 of the Return from Melbourne East Presbytery, instead of the conditions contained in the resolution of the 1914 Assembly, Minute 61.”

The amendment was approved, and the words proposed by Dr. Burgess were inserted in Mr. Smith's amendment

It was moved by the Rev. N. S. Millar, and seconded by Dr. Harper:—

“That the following words be added to the amendment, ‘provided they have passed an elementary examination, arranged by the College Committee, on the Doctrines of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.’”

It was moved, as a further amendment, by the Rev. D. A. Cameron, and seconded by Mr. J. Holdsworth:—

“That the words, ‘College Committee’ be omitted, with the view of inserting the words, ‘Home Mission Committees of the various States.’”

The amendment was rejected.

The Rev. N. S. Millar’s amendment was approved.

Dr. Burgess’s amendment, as amended, was approved and inserted in Mr. Smith’s amendment, and in the motion.

It was moved as a further amendment by the Rev. Thos. Brown, and seconded by Dr. Harper:—

“That the following words be added to the motion as amended, ‘And use the forms in the Book of Order of the Church.’”

The amendment was approved.

The motion, as amended, was approved.

70. It was agreed to remit to the Home Mission Committee the question of the publishing in pamphlet form, at cost price, of the regulations relative to the authorization of Home Missionaries to administer Baptism and the Lord’s Supper.

Finance
Board

71. The Report of the Finance Board was submitted by Mr. W. G. Crane, who moved:—

“That the Assembly:

“1. Receive the Report;

“2. Authorise the payment of the expenses of members travelling to the Assembly pro rata, as far as funds will permit, on the same basis as formerly, namely:—That members attending the General Assembly in September, 1922, have the following percentages of their travelling expenses paid by the Church (calculated upon the basis of second-class railway and steamer fares at the reduced rates allowed by the railway and steamship companies), proportion of steamer fares at second-class rates to be paid only where rail transit is not available, viz.—(a) Those paying less than £1, nothing; (b) those paying from £1 to £4 to receive half; (c) those paying from £1 upwards to receive three-quarters, provided that no one in class (b) shall pay less than £1 himself, and no one in class (c) less than £2, the amounts to be paid pro rata in each section up to the amount which the funds at credit will allow, an exception being made in the case of the delegates from Western Australia, who receive their proportion of fares at first-class rates, as in the case of last Assembly;

“3. Resolve that the honorarium to the Moderator be £50 per annum, and to the Clerk of Assembly £30 per Assembly;

“4. Authorise the assessment for General Assembly’s expenses on the following basis, namely:—New South Wales, £205/6/9; Victoria, £205/6/9; Queensland, £60/12/-; South Australia, £34/15/6; Tasmania, £34/15/6; Western Australia, £34/15/6. Also authorise the transference from the General Assembly Expenses Fund to the Travelling Expenses Fund of such sum as may be required for the payment of the members, on the basis set forth in Clause 2.

“5. Authorise the payment to the Treasurership Committee of the New South Wales Church, as Acting Treasurers, two per cent., for collection upon all revenue for all funds, with the exception of moneys received for capital, and the income of the John Frazer Foreign Missions Endowment Fund Account; also for the sum of £26 per annum from the Home Mission Department for rent of room.

“6. Confirm the payments made by the Finance Committee on behalf of the Year Book, and discontinue the publishing of the Year Book.

“7. Authorise the transfer of the amount of credit of the Chaplains' Account, £13/9/5, to the General Expenses Account, and the amount of debit of the Discipline Pamphlet Printing Account, £15/5/9, to the debit of the General Expenses Account; also the amount at credit of the Capital Account, £34/17/8, to credit of the General Expenses Account.

“8. Authorise the Finance Committee to make payment of the expenses incurred by the Committee for the Union of the Churches for printing, etc., and collect the amount so paid from the various States in the same proportion as for the General Assembly expenses.

“9. Authorise the Finance Committee to make payment of the expenses incurred by the Committee regarding Western and South Australia, or any Sub-Committee thereof, and collect the amount so paid from the various States in the same proportion as for the General Assembly Expenses Account.

“10. Approve and adopt the Balance Sheets.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. Kirkland.

It was moved as an amendment by the Rev. R. W. Macaulay:—

“That the words ‘and discontinue . . . Year Book’ in Clause (6) be omitted.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Gray.

The amendment was approved.

It was moved as a further amendment by Mr. W. Wood that the following words be added to Clause (6):—

“And, further, that it be a suggestion to the Year Book Committee that the price of the Year Book should be increased to one shilling, and that only necessary matter be printed.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Gray, and approved.

The Deliverance, as amended, was approved.

72. The Report of the Board of Missions was submitted by the Rev. W. Fraser. Board of Missions

It was moved by the Right Rev. G. R. Kirke, and seconded by Mr. W. Wood:—

“That the Assembly:

“1. Receive the Report, and thank the Committee, especially the Convener.

“2. Acknowledge God's goodness in the preserving care

extended, in the health continued and restored, and in the measure of success granted to our Missionaries.

“3. Express appreciation of the faithfulness and devotion of our workers.

“4. Approve the action of the Board with regard to the division and working of the new reserve, situated between the Mapoon-Weipa-Aurukun and Mitchell River Reserves, by our Mission and the Bishop of Carpentaria.

“5. Instruct our Agents that the upkeep of its Mission boat is a first charge on its earnings, and approve of a percentage of its earnings being set aside for the purpose of insurance.

“6. Endorse the action of the Board in registering the ‘Sedney’ in the name of the Convener.

“7. Approve the stocking of the Port George IV. Station on the terms stated in the Report.

“8. Accept with profound thankfulness to God the generous proposal of the Queensland Executive to take over, as from 1st July, 1923, the entire responsibility of the North Queensland Stations, and agree that the Assembly give a grant-in-aid of £1000 per annum for the two years following, and at a diminishing rate for a further period, to be determined by next Assembly, remits to the Board, in consultation with the Queensland Executive, the consideration of details, especially the relation of ordained Missionaries to the Churches which have sent them out.

“9. Approve the scales of salaries, children’s travelling allowances and furloughs.

“10. Direct the Board to continue its enquiries regarding the feasibility of establishing a hospital at Weipa, and the establishment of a Beneficiary Fund.

“11. Thank the Sydney and Melbourne office staffs and the Executives in Queensland and Western Australia for their valuable services.

“12. Instruct our Ministers to urge upon their congregations the needs of the aborigines, and their bounden duty to carry to them the blessings of the Gospel.

“13. Agree that the reduction of the overdraft be spread over four years, and that the assessment, until next Assembly, be as follows:—

I. From 1st October, 1922, till 30th June, 1923:—

Victoria, £1190; New South Wales, £832; Queensland, £600; West Australia, £172; South Australia, £109; Tasmania, £85.

II. From 1st July, 1923, to 30th September, 1924:—

	At Per Annum.	For whole period of 15 Months.
Victoria	£1264	£1580
New South Wales . .	882	1103
West Australia . . .	256	320
South Australia . . .	115	144
Tasmania	79	99

“Approve of the action of the Presbytery of Sydney in ordaining Victor William Coombes as Evangelistic Missionary to India.”

The motion was approved.

73. It was moved by the Rev. W. Fraser, and seconded by the Rev. F. H. L. Paton:— Mr. J. K. Stewart

“That the thanks of the Assembly be tendered to Mr. J. K. Stewart for his act of generosity to the North Queensland Mission.”

The motion was unanimously approved.

74. The Report of the Committee on Beneficiary Funds was submitted by Mr. A. G. Proudfoot, who moved:— Beneficiary Funds

“1. That the Report be received, and the Committee, and especially the Convener, be thanked.

“2. That the Committee be reappointed, with the alterations mentioned below, and instructed to continue its work in general accordance with the terms of the Report.

“3. That Rev. E. F. Cameron take the place of Rev. W. F. Turton (deceased) on the Committee, and the Rev. R. C. Foyster be added thereto.”

The motion was seconded by Dr. Burgess, and approved.

75. The Communication from the State Assembly of Tasmania was submitted by the Right Rev. G. B. Murphy. Tasmanian Centenary

It was moved by the Rev. R. W. Macaulay and seconded by the Rev. F. H. L. Paton:—

“That the Assembly learn with gratification of the celebration of the Centenary of the Tasmanian Church, and appoint a Commission to visit Tasmania, and convey to the Church there its cordial congratulations.”

The motion was approved.

76. The Overture from the Presbytery of Hobart was introduced by the Rev. F. E. Ozer. Commission to Hobart

It was moved by the Rev. F. H. L. Paton, and seconded by the Rev. Professor Adam:—

“That the Overture be approved, and a Commission appointed to visit Hobart to further its aims.”

The motion was approved.

77. The Interim Report of the Committee on Union of Tasmania with Victoria was received. Union of T. and V.

78. The Rev. W. Huey Steele gave notice of his intention, when the Report of the Committee relative to a Junior Clerk is before the House, to move:— Junior Clerk

“That a Junior Clerk be appointed for the term of Rev. G. Tait’s office.”

“That the Rev. John Edwards, Clerk of the Sydney Presbytery, be appointed.”

“That the remuneration be £20 per Assembly.”

79. The Assembly adjourned to meet at 7.30 p.m., which, having been publicly intimated, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, on the 11th September, at 7.30 p.m.

80. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted.

81. The Minutes of the previous day were confirmed.

82. The Report of the Business Committee was approved.

Reception of
Ministers

83. The Report of the Committee on the Reception of Ministers was submitted by Professor Angus.

Rev. N. Hey

The Committee recommended that the Prayer of the Petition of the Rev. N. Hey be granted.

It was agreed that the recommendation be approved, but that the Presbytery of Sydney be instructed to ordain Mr. Hey.

Rev. J. Nelson

The Committee recommended that the Prayer of the Petition of the Rev. John Nelson be approved.

The recommendation was approved.

Rev. M.
O'Doherty

The Committee recommended that the Prayer of the Petition of the Rev. M. O'Doherty be granted subject to a course of study in a Theological Hall for one Session, the subjects of study to be prescribed by the faculty of the Hall he elects to attend, and subject also to the approval of the Presbytery of Sydney on reception of a certificate from the Theological faculty under which he has studied.

The recommendation was approved.

Rev. H. S.
Bunn

The Committee recommended that the prayer of the Petition of the Rev. H. S. Bunn be granted, subject to two years in the Hall without Hebrew, and passing the Exit Examination.

The recommendation was approved.

Mr. G.
McGregor

The Committee recommended that the prayer of the Petition of Mr. George McGregor be granted, but that he be not eligible for a call till after five years from the date of his ordination.

It was moved by the Rev. Professor Angus, and seconded by the Rev. D. Cameron:—

“That the recommendation be approved.”

It was moved as an amendment:—

“That the recommendation be not approved, and the prayer of the Petition be not granted.”

The amendment was approved, and declared the finding of the House.

The Committee recommended that the prayer of the Petition of Rev. C. H. Wilson be not granted. Rev. C. H. Wilson

The recommendation was approved.

The Committee recommended that the prayer of the Petition of Mr. G. T. Lee be not granted. Mr. G. T. Lee

Professor Angus moved, and the Rev. R. Scott-West seconded:—

“That the recommendation be approved.”

The Rev. H. S. Legge moved, and the Rev. J. Garde seconded, as an amendment:—

“That the recommendation be disapproved, and the prayer of the Petition granted.”

The amendment was rejected, and the motion declared the finding of the House.

The Committee recommended that the prayer of the Petition of the Rev. W. T. Coulson be not granted. Rev. W. T. Coulson

The recommendation was approved.

The Committee recommended that the prayer of the Petition of the Rev. J. C. Compton be granted, subject to his taking one year in the Theological Hall, without Hebrew, and passing the Exit Examination.

The recommendation was approved.

The Committee recommended that the prayer of the Petition of Mr. E. A. Davies be granted, so far as to enable him to be taken on trial for ordination, after taking one year in the Hall in subjects prescribed by the College Committee, and passing an examination in five subjects, and on condition that he remain in South Australia for five years. Mr. E. A. Davies

The recommendation was approved.

The Committee recommended that the prayer of the Petition of the Rev. H. G. Dwyer be granted, on condition of his taking two years in a Theological Hall, without Hebrew, and passing the Exit Examination. Rev. H. G. Dwyer

The recommendation was approved.

The Committee recommended that the prayer of the Petition of Mr. T. H. Coombe be not granted. Mr. T. H. Coombe

The recommendation was approved.

The Committee submitted the Petition of the State Assembly of Western Australia, relative to Mr. A. E. Brice. Mr. A. E. Brice

It was agreed to approve the Petition so far as to admit Mr. Brice as a first year's student at the Theological Hall, without an entrance examination and without Hebrew or Greek.

The consideration of the Report was adjourned.

Union

84. The Rev. T. J. Smith gave notice of his intention, when the Report on Church Union is again before the House, to move: "That the following words be inserted between Clauses 4 and 5, viz.:—'That the Assembly appoint a General Committee of the Assembly, representative of both sides, to enquire into the legal and financial questions concerning property and funds, and direct that the result of such inquiry be sent down to Assemblies, Presbyteries and Congregations when the proposed Basis of Doctrine and Polity is sent down.'"

85. The Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 a.m., which, having been publicly intimated, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, on 12th September, 1922, at 10 a.m.

86. The Assembly met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted.

87. The Rev. John Mackenzie gave notice of his intention at a future Sederunt to move:—

"That in the opinion of this Assembly the time has come when the provisions for the reception of ministers with commissions from oversea Churches into this Church should be extended, so as to include New Zealand, provided that a satisfactory reciprocal arrangement can be made, and that the Committee on the Reception of Ministers be instructed to correspond with the New Zealand Church on the subject, and, in the event of a favourable reply, to bring the matter in regular form before next Assembly."

Ministers
with Com-
missions

Union 88. The consideration of the Report on Union was resumed.

It was moved, as an amendment, by the Rev. Dr. Burgess: "That the words 'in harmony with Presbyterian principles' be omitted from Clause 2."

The amendment was seconded by Mr. L. K. McNab.

The amendment was rejected.

It was moved, as an amendment, by the Rev. D. A. Cameron, and seconded by the Rev. C. E. James:—

"That the following words be inserted in Clause 4, after the words 'send this basis down,' 'accompanied by a statement of the arguments on each side, to be drawn up by representatives of each side, be sent down to Presbyteries, Sessions and Congregations—the cost to be provided by the Assembly.'"

The amendment was rejected.

It was moved, as an amendment, by the Rev. Dr. Burgess, and seconded by the Rev. A. I. Davidson:—

“That the words ‘without explanation’ be inserted after the words ‘basis down.’ ”

The amendment was approved.

It was moved, as an amendment, by the Rev. A. Yule, and seconded by the Rev. R. G. Crawford:—

“That the words in line 4, of Clause 4, ‘before 15th November, 1923,’ be omitted.”

The amendment was rejected.

It was moved, as an amendment, by Mr. A. L. Pryde, and seconded by the Rev. W. H. Cooper:—

“That all the words after ‘disapproving,’ in line 6, in Clause 4, be omitted.”

The amendment was rejected.

It was moved, as an amendment, by the Rev. G. Tulloch, and seconded:—

“That the words ‘of three-fifths of the membership of the Sessions, Presbyteries and Congregations’ be inserted after the word ‘majority,’ in line 7, of Clause 4.”

The amendment was rejected.

It was agreed to withdraw Clause 6.

It was moved, as an amendment, by the Rev. John Gray, and seconded by the Rev. A. H. Ross:—

“That the words ‘with a view to Union,’ in Clause 7 be omitted.”

The amendment was rejected.

The motion, as amended, was approved by 92 to 70.

89. The Rev. Dr. Rentoul, on behalf of himself and others, gave in the following reasons of dissent:—

Dissents
Dr. Rentoul
and others

We dissent from the Assembly’s approval of the “Amended Scheme” of Corporate Union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches, and this for the following, amongst many, reasons:—

1. Because the movement for such “Corporate Union” never sprang from the heart or mind of the People, but is a wholly ecclesiastic scheme, initiated and constructed by clerical “Church-leaders” who cannot themselves suffer any of the personal peril and loss which this scheme, if effected, will bring upon the future Ministers, Office-bearers, and Congregations upon whom its practical incidence will press.

2. Because, instead of creating or deepening feelings of brotherliness and the inward spirit of loving fellowship which is necessary to any genuine or enduring “Union,” this movement has aroused, and is intensifying an atmosphere and feeling of bitter antagonism, estrangement and disunion between our Ministers, and between the Elders, Managers, and members and adherents of our Congregations. Even into the homes and social and family life of our people, alienating friend from friend and neighbour

from neighbour. Thus, instead of promoting true religion, and the upbuilding of the Church of God by the spirit and the same mind that were in Christ, it is diffusing the evil spirit of discord and animosity. Thus the Church of God is being torn and sundered instead of healed and strengthened.

3. Because the "Amended Scheme," which we are asked to approve without having had due time for its calm and accurate examination, seems to us to possess no features of improvement in fundamental qualities over the "Proposed Basis" which was so widely rejected, and upon which our Church Courts tabled amendments. But the amendments which were deemed by us, and by weighty judgments in State Assembly or other Church Courts, most vital, have been rejected by the "Joint-Committee" containing a large proportion of non-Presbyterians, who are not adequate judges of fundamental principles of Presbyterianism.

4. Because the "Radical Alterations in the fundamental principles of the Presbyterian Church," which still vitiate the "Amended Scheme" proposed as a "Basis" of Corporate Union, affect profoundly our Presbyterian tenets both as to "Doctrine" and as to "Polity." If assented to, they would destroy what has been most nobly characteristic of our Presbyterianism in its struggles and testimony for faith and popular freedom in the past, and would paralyse the motive-power which energises our Presbyterian brotherhood.

5. Because those main principles and characteristics by which Presbyterianism was known and recognised as holding its place amongst the "Reformed Churches" of God, are, in this Amended Scheme, just as much as in the previous shape of the Proposed Basis, eviscerated or struck away. Thus (1) the unscriptural affirmation (Art. XV.—"Of the Church") which, read in its obvious meaning, asserts the necessity of "Baptism" as bestowing upon children a place in the Church of God, is a daring departure from the standpoint of the Presbyterian Church, and a dangerous wrong against the example of Christ and the spirit and teaching of the New Testament. It is kin to the attitudes of Romanism and Anglo-Catholicism. (2) Thus, again in Art. VII. the great truth of the Reformed Churches doctrine of the Redemption, Vicarious Sacrifice and Reconciliation of God to man in Christ our Sin-bearer, and Saviour, as expressed in its historic, sacred language in the symbols of all the Reformed Churches, and in the Canadian Basis, is with determined Ritschlian hand struck away, although Rainy warned that if it were abandoned the whole structure of the Reformed theology is "a mistake." And Denney, in his last great book, says:—"It must not be let go." And the fact that one verse, torn from its context and true meaning in St. Paul's Romans is joined on to the vague language of Art. VII. does but make the vital omission more notable. Thus, once again, (3) the characteristic truth central to all the Reformed Symbols and nobly expressed by Dykes in the English articles, as to the Gracious Choice by God the Father of a People in His Son, is wholly struck away, although the Presbyterian Church of Victoria demanded it with overwhelming vote. Yet Dr. W. P. Paterson, quoting Dykes and the historian Froude, declares

that it has been the strongest spiritual tonic that has entered into the life of the progressive modern nations.

6. Because the main principles of Presbyterian Polity have also been struck out. It is enough to instance—(1) The Congregation's right to call its own Minister, which Sir Henry Moncrieff declares is the intrinsic right of the Presbyterian Congregation. (2) The fixing of a "time-limit" for the "pastorate"—a change, the suggestion of which was emphatically rejected by the Victorian Assembly in May last, and which is no part of the Canadian Basis. (3) The lowering and uncertain status of the Eldership and the wanton disfranchisement of the Adherents of the Church.

7. Because the movement for "Corporate Union" of the three Churches is hindering and thwarting the larger and nobler Union by co-operation of all the Churches in the common interests of the Kingdom of God.

8. Because the threatened plans for the alienation of our Church's properties by the seizing of its Trusts, Endowments, etc., bestowed upon it for specific purposes, seems to us such a wrong against all principles of rightful ownership, that we should necessarily deem it an effort wholly contrary to morality, and, therefore, to be resisted by every possible effort of honourable and wholesome citizenship and of Christian duty.

(Signed)

J. LAWRENCE RENTOUL	DONALD A. CAMERON
T. J. SMITH	J. ANDREW BARBER
GEORGE TULLOCH	WILLIAM H. COOPER
DONALD MACMILLAN	F. S. SOUTER
A. HAMILTON ROSS	GEORGE CARSON
LOUIS K. McNAB	D. M. MACKENZIE
JOHN K. STEWART	G. K. KIRKE
J. H. DAWE	DAVID F. BRANDT
A. L. PRYDE	G. T. WELLING
J. BALHARRIE	S. D. HOOD
WM. RAIN	J. P. MACDOUGALL
THOS. TAIT	W. W. INGRAM
W. D. G. FAIRBAIRN	J. T. KELLY
A. L. McEWIN	J. WHAN
HUGH A. BUNTINE	CHAS. E. O. KEAYS
SAMUEL EVANS	W. FLOYD SHANNON
WILLIAM DUFFY	HUBERT ROBERTSON
HUGH MORRIS	G. R. JONES

I respectfully enter dissent for such above reasons and other reasons.

S. R. W. RICHARDSON.

The Rev. C. E. James, for himself and others, dissented as follows:—

Rev. C. E.
James and
others

We hereby dissent from the finding of the Assembly upon the Union proposals on the Basis to be submitted to the people.

CHARLES E. JAMES,	W. THOMSON,
JAMES C. MILLIKEN.	A. S. McCOOK.
JOHN GRAY,	

Rev. R. J. H.
McGowan

The Rev. R. J. H. McGowan dissented as follows:—

I desire to dissent because the Basis is defective, from a doctrinal point of view, in such important articles as Scripture, the Deity of Christ (it leaves out the historic words, "of the same substance"), the Resurrection of Christ, the Person of Christ (it omits the words "God and man in one Person for ever"), the Resurrection of the body, the future life, etc.

ROBERT J. H. MCGOWAN.

Rev. Profes-
sor Angus
and others

The Rev. Professor Angus and others dissented as follows:—

We hereby dissent from the decision of the General Assembly in the matter of the deliverance on Church Union, on the ground of variance with the proposed Basis of Union.

C. N. BUTTON,
D. J. FLOCKHART,

JOHN FLYNN,
S. ANGUS.

Rev. P.
Stewart

Rev. Pendleton Stewart dissented, for the following reasons:—

(1) There are so many matters in the Basis of Doctrine and Polity of a contentious nature, that disunion is created within our own Church with a view to Union with Churches which are not our own.

(2) Co-operation, with a view to Union, cannot be undertaken honestly by men opposed to Union, and they thus are prevented from entering into co-operation at all.

(3) The objective of both parties—the spiritual regeneration of our national life—can be attained by a more excellent way, co-operation in the religious education of our children.

W. PENDLETON STEWART.

Rev. J.
Lundie

I dissent from the decision of the General Assembly on the Union question, on the ground that it is contrary to the Basis of Union, and from objections to the Polity.

JOSEPH LUNDIE.

12th September, 1922.

90. The following were appointed a committee to answer the reasons of dissent given in:—The Rev. Dr. Adam (Convener), Dr. Harper, Revs. P. J. Murdoch, G. Tait, and Messrs. J. M. Campbell and D. K. Picken.

91. It was moved by Professor Adam, and seconded by Rev. T. J. Smith:—

"That the Assembly instruct the Committee to reappoint the Sub-Committee on Law and Finance, with a view to their preparing plans, to be submitted to the negotiating Churches, for dealing with the legal and financial questions concerning the Property and Funds."

"That the Assembly appoint a General Committee of the Assembly, representative of both sides, to enquire into the legal and financial questions concerning property and funds, and direct that

the result of such inquiry be sent down to Assemblies, Presbyteries and Congregations when the proposed Basis of Doctrine and Polity is sent down."

The motion was approved.

92. According to notice, the Rev. W. Huey Steele moved:— Junior Clerk

"1. That a Junior Clerk be appointed for the term of Rev. G. Tait's office;"

"2. That the Rev. John Edwards, Clerk of the Sydney Presbytery be appointed;"

"3. That the remuneration be £20 per Assembly."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. C. N. Button.

It was moved, as an amendment, by the Rev. G. Brodie, and seconded by the Rev. P. J. Murdoch:—

"That the words 'Rev. John Edwards' be omitted, with the view of inserting the words 'Rev. E. E. Baldwin.'"

The amendment was approved and the words inserted.

The motion, as amended, was approved.

93. A letter from Mr. R. J. S. Cullen was submitted by the Mr. R. J. S.
Cullen
Convener of the Business Committee.

The Convener of the Business Committee, the Junior Clerk, Messrs. J. M. Campbell and A. G. Proudfoot were appointed to draft a reply, and report to a future Sederunt.

94. The Assembly adjourned, to meet to-morrow, at 10 a.m., which, having been publicly announced, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

*At Melbourne and within the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, on 13th
September, 1922.*

95. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, at 10 a.m., and was constituted.

96. The minutes of the previous day were laid on the table.

97. The Rev. F. H. L. Paton gave notice of his intention, at a Rev. N. Hey
future Sederunt, to move:—

"That the Assembly reconsider its decision regarding the Rev. N. Hey, as its decision was based on a misunderstanding of the nature of the ordination received."

98. The Rev. R. W. Macaulay, by leave of the Assembly, moved:—

“That the Assembly appoint a Committee to consider the status of the Rev. N. Hey and his financial relationship to the Moravian Church and this Assembly, the Committee to consist of the Right Rev. F. H. L. Paton (Convener), Revs. W. Fraser and W. C. Radcliffe, and Messrs. J. Kirkland and A. L. Pryde, and report to a later Sederunt.”

The motion was duly seconded and approved.

Welfare of
Youth

99. The Report of the Welfare of Youth Committee was submitted by the Rev. John Mackenzie, who moved:—

“1. That the Assembly receive the Report, thank the Committee, and especially the Convener.

“2. Express gratitude to God for the marked advance made by State Assemblies in the organising of Youth Departments, and in the development of a more definite programme of work amongst children and young people. Express appreciation of the faithful service rendered to the Church by the Directors and their assistants, and place on record the Assembly’s thanks to the thousands of teachers and leaders who are rendering such faithful and fruitful service in this sphere.

“3. Record satisfaction with the results of the first Interstate Conference held in Melbourne, in May, 1922, and authorise the holding of a similar conference before next Assembly. Thank the State Assemblies of Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland for their generous provision of help to the weaker States.

“4. Approve of the recommendation that consideration should be given to the question of establishing a Welfare of Youth Department of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. Instruct the Committee to bring the proposal before the Assembly of 1924, in regular form.

“5. Express satisfaction with the Australasian Graded Lessons, and congratulate the Joint Board upon the increasing success that has attended their efforts. Recommend the wider adoption and use of the lessons and lesson-helps, and suggest to State Assemblies that they should enter into full partnership in the ownership of the publications.

“6. Approve of the proposal that there should be a National Inter-Church Council of Religious Education, uniting the Sunday School workers of Australia for mutual counsel and help, and as a section of the World’s Sunday School Association. Express appreciation of the work and influence of Mr. W. C. Pearce, M.A., Associate General Secretary of the World’s Sunday School Association, and thank him and his Association for help received during his recent visit to the Commonwealth. Express the hope that there will be a large delegation from Australia to the World’s Convention, at Glasgow, in 1924.

“7. Regret that statistics received indicate no appreciable increase of Sunday School scholars and teachers. Recommend State Assemblies to adopt a uniform method of collecting and tabulating statistics, and that they endeavor to prosecute a more vigorous policy of Sunday School extension.

“8. Again direct the attention of State Assemblies to the

weakness of the work of the Church amongst adolescents. Urge departments to confer as to the best methods of reaching junior and senior adolescents. Direct that the whole problem be thoroughly discussed at the next Interstate Conference, and that definite recommendations be made to the Assembly in 1924.

“9. Emphasise the necessity for a more aggressive effort to secure and train teachers and leaders in every department of Sunday School, Fellowship, Bible Class and Club work. Urge that this matter receive the earnest personal attention of ministers, and that it be kept prominently in view at all Conferences, Camps, and Institutes.

“10. Refer the question of providing a suitable scheme of Memory Lessons for the Presbyterian Schools of Australia to the Committee, with instructions to confer with State Departments, and report to next Assembly.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. G. R. S. Reid.

The Directors of the Welfare of Youth Departments in the various States addressed the House.

The motion was approved.

100. The Report of the Naval and Military Committee was submitted by Dr. Rentoul, who moved:—

Naval and
Military
Committee

“That the Assembly receive the Report, with thanks to the Convener and Committee; reappoint the Committee, with the Victorian Committee as Executive, and the Rev. Dr. Rentoul, O.B.E., as Chaplain-General, Convener, and as Presbyterian representative on the Protestant Naval Chaplaincy Nomination Committees; express appreciation of the care with which the interests of the Naval Chaplains and their duties have been watched over by the Convener in the Naval Chaplains' Nominating Committee, and approve the agreement come to by that Committee as regards facilities for the reception of Holy Communion by men in H.M. warships; commend this agreement to the Presbyterian Senior Naval Chaplain, and to the New South Wales Naval and Military Committee.

“The Assembly instructs the Convener and Executive to continue their wise attention to the matters connected with the proposed decrease of Naval Chaplains.

“In reference to the proposed new scheme for chaplaincy service and administration, the Assembly warmly commends the diligence and care which have been devoted to these important questions by the Chaplain-General and the Senior Chaplain in Victoria; approves the position they have taken, and enters its earnest protest against any changes such as would introduce ecclesiastical inequalities, which, in the original rules and regulations for the Chaplaincy Service in the Defence Force, were carefully avoided, and which, if introduced, would greatly impair the popularity and effectiveness of the entire administration.

“The Assembly commends the diligent work of the Rev. J. H. G. Auld at the R.N. College, Jervis Bay, and of the Rev. T. Worsley Maguire amongst the cadets at Geelong; also recognises gratefully the work of the Rev. Wm. Thomson and the Rev. Hugh Jones, Victoria, in hospital work amongst returned soldiers.”

The motion was seconded by the Rev. W. Floyd Shannon, and approved.

Mr. R. J. S.
Cullen

101. A letter from Mr. R. J. S. Cullen was received, and remitted to the Committee appointed to deal with Mr. Cullen's case.

College
Committee

102. The Report of the College Committee was submitted by Rev. W. Borland, who moved:—

“That the Assembly receive the Report, and thank the Committee, and especially the Convener and Secretary.

“I. Express the thanks of the Church to the examiners for their services, and express approval of the decision of the Executive to fix the exit work for two years in advance, and to recognise as candidates students of our Church attending the Joint Theological School instituted at Brisbane in 1922.

“II. Approve the revised rules of admission, as set forth in the Report, and order them to be printed annually in the Year Book, together with the Syllabus of the Entrance Examination for the next two years.

“III. Adopt the following proposals for modifying the course of Home Mission training:—

“1. Candidates before being admitted to the Home Mission Course of Study as regular students, shall be required, either (a) to obtain a school intermediate certificate (or the equivalent) in one of the States, or (b) to pass the school intermediate examination in English, History, and one other subject, together with an examination in New Testament Greek, set by the College Committee. Home Mission Committees are recommended to provide tuition for candidates during their Home Mission Course, and, where necessary, for a year preparatory to entrance on the course as regular students.

“2. The Home Mission Course shall consist normally of three years. During the first and second years, the subjects studied shall, as far as practicable, be such as may help candidates to qualify for University matriculation in their own State. Students who succeed in qualifying for matriculation at the end of their second year are recommended to proceed to the University. The subjects of study in the third year of the H.M. Course, for students who do not go on to the University, shall be such as will help in preparing for the Entrance Examination to the Theological Hall.

“3. That an optional course of two years in attendance at a University, as private students, in subjects determined by the College Committee, be granted to Home Mission Students, in lieu of the ordinary course, two of which subjects must be Greek and English.

“IV. Refer back to the College Committee the proposals in connection with the system of examination, with instructions to go into the matter fully, and report to the next General Assembly.

“V. Receive and adopt the Report of the Special Committee on a modified course for Medical Missionaries, and on the Petition of Mr. H. R. Pearson.

“VI. In addition to his present honorarium, grant to the Secretary £20 per annum to provide clerical assistance for the work.

“VII. Deal with the Petitions transmitted, as advised in the Report and Additional Report.”

The motion was seconded by Professor Angus.

The consideration of the Report was adjourned .

103. Mr. William C. Allen, a delegate from the Federated Churches of America, addressed the House on the League of Nations. Mr. W. C. Allen

It was moved by the Rev. F. H. L. Paton, and seconded by the Rev. R. W. Macaulay:—

“That this Assembly express its warm appreciation of the noble address delivered by Mr. W. C. Allen; thank him for his presence, and ask him to convey to the Great Federation of our Brethren across the sea, our greetings and our heartfelt sympathy in the great object for which they and we are working.”

The motion was unanimously approved, and the thanks of the Assembly were conveyed to Mr. Allen by the Moderator.

104. The consideration of the Report of the College Committee was resumed. College Committee

It was moved, as an amendment, by the Rev. J. Barnaby, and seconded by the Rev. Huey Steele:—

“That paragraph 1 of III. be omitted.”

The discussion was adjourned.

105. The Report of the Commission on the Haberfeld cases was submitted. Haberfeld Cases

I.—APPEAL OF THE REV. ANGUS KING AGAINST A FINDING OF THE N.S.W. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Commission report their finding as follows:—

“That the Commission sustain the Appeal of the Rev. Angus King against Clause 1 of the finding of the State Assembly (declaring the charge proven); reverse that finding, on the ground that it was against the weight of the evidence; and reaffirm the finding of the Presbytery.”

II.—APPEAL OF MR. H. C. HARTE AGAINST A FINDING OF THE N.S.W. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Commission report their finding as follows:—

“That the Commission dismiss Mr. Harte’s appeal against Clause 2 of the State Assembly’s finding, on the ground that the decision on Clause 1 having been reversed, there is no foundation left for the Appeal. If the first Appeal had been dismissed the grounds of the second Appeal would have been arguable, but not otherwise.”

III.—APPEAL OF MR. H. C. HARTE AGAINST A FINDING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY, DISMISSING HIS CHARGES AGAINST THE REV. ANGUS KING.

The Commission report their finding as follows:—

“That the Commission dismiss Mr. Harte’s Appeal, on the ground that the Presbytery was justified in not proceeding with the case, inasmuch as the finding of the Civil Court, in Mr. Lang’s action against Mr. King, was of such a nature as to remove sole blame for publicity from Mr. King, and so denied the foundation of Mr. Harte’s main charge that the blame for the publication of Church dissensions rests on Mr. King.”

“The Commission recognises that, in connection with this Appeal and its surroundings, grave public scandal has arisen, but on the facts brought forward, the Commission is unable to fix the blame for such scandal, either solely or primarily, on any one of the parties, and expresses regret that efforts to bring about a reconciliation between the parties concerned have so far proved unavailing.”

On behalf of the Commission,

D. MACRAE STEWART,
Convener.

Assembly Hall, Melbourne.
13th September, 1922.

Welfare of
Youth
Committee

106. The following were appointed the Welfare of Youth Committee:—Revs. I. E. Bertram, D. McKay Barnett, N. H. Joughin, G. R. S. Reid, F. A. Darling, R. J. H. McGowan, A. C. Grieve, W. J. Gray, P. L. Forster, W. Goyen, J. Barnaby, T. J. Riddle, F. E. Ozer, G. E. Harrison, N. McDonald, R. Blanchard, F. S. Souter, W. F. Shannon, W. H. Watters, J. B. Galloway, R. Miller, Dr. Smyth, Messrs. G. J. Mauger, J. Kelso, J. Campbell, H. B. Thompson, W. Gray and John Mackenzie, Convener.

Synod of
Melbourne

107. The Rev. P. J. Murdoch gave notice of his intention, when the Report of the Synod in Melbourne is before the House, to move:—

“That the Assembly receive the Report, and express their gratification at the work of the Synod in connection with Suva; thank the Churches of New Zealand, New South Wales, and Victoria for their generous grants; and request the Synod to take charge of the Suva Congregation for the next two years, and request the Victorian Church to give the Synod the necessary authority.”

Shorter
Catechism

108. General Clark gave notice of his intention to move, at a future Sederunt:—

“That a Special Committee be appointed to produce a Catechism suitable for Intermediate Classes in Sabbath Schools; such book to be in effect The Shorter Catechism in use in the Church, explained in language suitable to the present period and to the minds of intermediate scholars.

“That the Committee submit the result of their work to State Assemblies, and that State Assemblies be requested to report to the next General Assembly of Australia.”

109. Colac Church, North-road Church, Gardenvale, and Union Memorial Church, North Melbourne, asked leave to hold a congregational meeting on Wednesday, September 13, at 8 p.m.; and Coburg Board of Management for leave to meet on September 12, at 8 p.m.

Leave was granted in each case.

110. The Assembly adjourned to meet at 7.30 p.m., which, having been publicly intimated, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

TENTH SEDERUNT.

At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins-street, 13th September, 1922.

111. The Assembly met, pursuant to adjournment, at 7.30 p.m., and was constituted.

112. The Minutes of the previous day were confirmed.

113. The Report of the Business Committee was approved.

114. It was moved by the Rev. George Tulloch, and seconded by ^{Canberra} the Rev. W. J. S. Rankin:—

“That, in view of settlement in various parts of the Federal area at Canberra, the Assembly refers the question of the necessary supply of Church ordinances to settlers and workmen, in the meantime, to the Home Mission Committees of the Churches of Victoria and New South Wales.”

The motion was approved.

115. The Convener of the Business Committee submitted greet- ^{W.C.T.U.}
ings from the W.C.T.U. of Victoria, and moved:—

“That the Assembly receive the letter of the W.C.T.U. of Victoria, and instruct the Clerk to acknowledge it with thanks, and assure the W.C.T.U. of the Assembly’s support in all good works.”

The motion was seconded and approved.

116. The following were appointed the Committee of Representa- ^{Deaconess}
tives in the various States to further the interests of the Deaconess ^{T.I.}
Training Institute of the Victorian Church:—Revs. J. B. Galloway, Ivo E. Bertram, S. R. W. Richardson, Hugh Morris and A. I. Davidson (Convener).

117. The following were appointed the Business Committee:— ^{Business}
Revs. Dr. Macintyre and R. W. Macaulay (Joint Conveners), Dr. ^{Committee}
Burgess, J. Edwards, A. T. Anderson, P. J. Murdoch, E. E. Baldwin, and Messrs. John Kirkland, W. Wood and A. L. Pryde.

The following were appointed the Committee on Law and ^{Law and}
Property:—Convener: Mr. A. G. Proudfoot; Southern Section: Sir ^{Property}
J. H. Macfarland, Mr. J. M. Campbell, Rev. G. Tait, Rev. Dr. Adam, Rev. Dr. Seymour (South Australia), Rev. A. Crow (Western

Australia), Rev. D. A. Cameron, Mr. A. L. Pryde, Mr. D. McMillan, Mr. Sanderson: Northern Section: Rev. Dr. Harper, Rev. Dr. Macintyre, Rev. W. C. Radcliffe (Queensland), Rev. Dr. Burgess, Mr. S. J. Carruthers, Mr. J. A. Ferguson (Procurator), Rev. Professor Angus, Messrs. J. K. Stewart, W. Wood, J. G. McKee, M. S. Grant.

Conference
on Reunion

118. The ex-Moderator-General's letter relative to the Sydney Conference on Reunion, was submitted by Dr. Harper, who moved:—

“That the Assembly receive, with satisfaction, the information as to the action of the Primate of the Anglican Church in Australia, in inviting the Moderator-General to appoint representatives of our Church to attend a Conference on the Re-union of the Churches; acknowledge the courtesy and high Christian feeling which dictated and inspires the appeal; approve of the Moderator's action in acceding to this request, and, while not committing itself meantime to the decisions come to at this preliminary conference, appoint a Committee to keep in touch with this movement; instruct this Committee to make it clear, in any negotiations they may enter into, that no form of ‘recognition’ of orders or formula of ‘commission’ to exercise ministerial office in a United Church, which involves a reflection on the validity of ‘orders’ already received by ordination, could be accepted by this Church, and to report any further developments to next Assembly.”

The motion was seconded by Professor Adam.

It was moved by Dr. Rentoul, and seconded by the Rev. A. H. Ross:—

“That the following words be inserted in line 11, after the word ‘ordination,’ ‘or the necessity of, or demand for, episcopal ordination in the future.’”

The amendment was rejected.

The motion was approved.

Union with
other P.C.
of A.

119. The overture relative to Union with the other Presbyterian Churches of Australia was submitted by the Rev. R. W. Macaulay.

It was moved by the Rev. J. C. Milliken, seconded by the Rev. W. Pendleton Stewart, and approved:—

“That the General Assembly (1) sustain the overture; (2) Invite the Supreme Courts of these Churches to appoint committees to meet a Committee of this Church, to ascertain if any vital principle now intervenes to prevent Union.”

Public
Questions

120. The Report of the Committee on Public Questions was submitted by the Rev. John Mackenzie, who moved:—

“That the General Assembly adopt the Report, with thanks to the Committee, and especially the Convener; express sympathy with the Convener in his indisposition, and pray that he may be speedily restored to health; urge upon State Assemblies the necessity for a united effort on the part of the Churches to bring the principles of Christ's Gospel to bear upon all public questions affecting the social, moral and spiritual welfare of the people; call upon ministers, office-

bearers and Church members to work and pray for the suppression of the liquor traffic; protest against the increased facilities for gambling that are being granted by the authorities in some of our States; congratulate the Victorian Parliament upon its rejection of the Totalisator Bill, and recommend State Assemblies to institute amongst the young, Anti-Gambling Leagues, and to make every effort to create a healthier public opinion on this subject; record emphatic condemnation of the attempts that are being made to transform the Lord's Day into a mere holiday, devoted to idleness, sport and amusement; urge Governments and municipalities to preserve, so far as that is possible, the weekly Day of Rest for those employed by them, and to refrain from handicapping Churches and Sunday Schools in their efforts to train the young in the principles of Christian citizenship; urge a more united and vigorous effort on the part of the community to foster the spirit of peace, and to make effective the principles of the League of Nations; appeal to leaders of employers and workmen to labour for a better understanding, and to co-operate for the good of the whole community, on the basis of mutual respect and confidence; express profound regret that, with the concurrence of the Australian Government, the New Hebrides condominium, as between Britain and France, has been reaffirmed, and once more declare that the only satisfactory solution of the New Hebrides problem is the bringing of the Group under British law and control; urge upon the Federal Government the necessity for a more vigorous policy of protection and education, so far as the aborigines of Northern Australia are concerned, and suggest that in any forward movement along this line the co-operation of the Churches should be invited; and, finally, call upon the members of the Presbyterian Church generally to interest themselves more deeply in great public causes, and to labour more earnestly and prayerfully to establish Christ's Kingdom on earth.

Appoint the Committee as follows:—The Right Rev. Moderator-General (Convener), Revs. John Mackenzie (Vice-Convener), W. Borland, D. A. Cameron, Geo. Tait, P. J. Murdoch, F. H. L. Paton, Karl Forster, Messrs. A. G. Proudfoot, D. MacMillan, A. M. Mathieson, J. M. Campbell and A. L. Pryde, with the ex-Moderator General and the Conveners of the Public Questions Committees of the State Churches, the Victorian members of the Committee to be the Executive."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. Huey Steele, and approved.

121. The Assembly adjourned, to meet to-morrow, at 10 a.m., which, having been publicly intimated, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

ELEVENTH SEDERUNT.

*At Melbourne, within the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, on
September 14th, 1922.*

122. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment at 10 a.m., and was constituted.

123. The Minutes of the previous day were laid on the table.

Hobart
Commission

124. The following were appointed a Commission to visit Hobart :—The Moderator-General, Rev. D. A. Cameron and Mr. W. Wood.

Creeds

125. The Request of the State Assembly of New South Wales relative to Creeds was submitted by the Rev. C. N. Button, and supported by the Rev. J. C. Milliken.

It was moved by Professor Angus, and seconded by Professor Harper:—

“That the Request be granted.”

The motion was approved.

College
Committee

126. The consideration of the Report of the College Committee was resumed.

The amendment of Mr. Barnaby was rejected.

It was moved as an amendment by the Rev. T. J. Smith, and seconded by the Rev. John Walker:—

“That the words in Clause (b) of Paragraph 1, ‘together with an examination in N.T. Greek, set by the College Committee,’ be omitted.”

The amendment was approved.

By leave of the House, all the words in III., after the word “State” in (2), were omitted, and the following words substituted:—

“And passes in subjects for matriculation shall count for the H.M. Examinations of these years. Students who succeed in qualifying for matriculation at the end of their second year are recommended to proceed to the University. The subjects of study in the final year of the H.M. Course for students who do not go on to the University shall be such as to prepare for entrance to the Theological Hall, and the final examination of the H.M. Course shall be such as to qualify for entrance.

“3. An optional course of two years in attendance at a University as private students, with passes in such subjects as shall be approved by the College Committee, be granted to H.M. students in lieu of the ordinary course.

“4. (a) In the Home Mission Course, New Testament Greek shall be substituted for Classical Greek.

“(b) Fifty per cent. shall be required for pass in all examinations.”

The words, “the recommendations of,” were inserted in V. after the word “adopt.”

The following words were added to VI.:—“Such honorarium to be made up by contributions of £5 each from Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and £2/10/- additional each from New South Wales and Victoria.”

VII. was agreed to in the following form:—“The decisions set forth in the Report, and the additional Report relative to Petitions transmitted, be approved.”

It was moved by Dr. Harper, and seconded by the Rev. John Walker:—

“That these amended proposals for the Home Mission Course shall not come into force till the beginning of 1925, and that the Committee be instructed to mature these proposals, and report to next Assembly.”

The motion was approved.

The Deliverance, as amended, was approved.

The Deliverance is as follows:—

“That the Assembly receive the Report and thank the Committee, and especially the Convener and Secretary.

“I. Express the thanks of the Church to the examiners for their services, and express approval of the decision of the Executive to fix the exit work for two years in advance, and to recognise as candidates students of our Church attending the Joint Theological School instituted at Brisbane in 1922.

“II. Approve the revised rules of admission, as set forth in the Report, and order them to be printed annually in the Year Book, together with the Syllabus of the Entrance Examination for the next two years.

“III. Adopt the following proposals for modifying the course of Home Mission training:—

“1. Candidates, before being admitted to the Home Missions Course of Study as regular students, shall be required, either (a) to obtain a school intermediate certificate (or the equivalent) in one of the States, or (b) to pass the school intermediate examination in English, History, and one other subject. Home Mission Committees are recommended to provide tuition for candidates during their Home Mission Course, and, where necessary, for a year preparatory to entrance on the course as regular students.

“2. The Home Mission Course shall consist normally of three years. During the first and second years, the subjects studied shall, as far as practicable, be such as may help candidates to qualify for University matriculation in their own State, and passes in subjects for matriculation shall count for the H.M. Examinations of these years. Students who succeed in qualifying for matriculation at the end of their second year are recommended to proceed to the University. The subjects of study in the final year of the H.M. Course for students who do not go on to the University shall be such as to prepare for entrance to the Theological Hall, and the final examination of the H.M. Course shall be such as to qualify for entrance.

“3. An optional course of two years in attendance at a University as private students, with passes in such subjects as shall be approved by the College Committee, be granted to H.M. students in lieu of the ordinary course.

“4. (a) In the Home Mission Course, New Testament Greek shall be substituted for Classical Greek.

“(b) Fifty per cent. shall be required for pass in all examinations.”

“IV. Refer back to the College Committee the proposals

in connection with the system of examination, with instructions to go into the matter fully, and report to the next General Assembly.

“V. Receive and adopt the recommendations of the Report of the Special Committee on a modified course for Medical Missionaries, and on the Petition of Mr. H. R. Pearson.

“VI. In addition to his present honorarium, grant to the Secretary £20 per annum to provide clerical assistance for the work; such honorarium to be made up by contributions of £5 each from Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and £2/10/- additional each from New South Wales and Victoria.

“VII. That the decisions set forth in the Report, and the additional Report relative to Petitions transmitted, be approved.

“VIII. That the amended proposals for the Home Mission Course shall not come into force till the beginning of 1925, and that the Committee be instructed to mature these proposals, and report to next Assembly.”

127. The Report of the Committee appointed to draft a reply to Mr. R. J. S. Cullen's letter was received and adopted.

128. The Committee to open negotiations with other Presbyterian Churches (under the resolution recorded in the evening minute of September 13th) was appointed as follows:—Revs. J. C. Milliken (Convener), Dr. Burgess, H. M. Burns, R. W. Macaulay, John Mackenzie, G. L. Owen, A. H. Ross, W. Pendleton Stewart.

129. By leave of the House, the Convener of the Business Committee submitted the Request of the Executive of the Welfare of Youth Committee of the Victorian Assembly to meet to-day at 3.30 p.m.

The Request was granted.

130. The Committee, relative to the Request of the New South Wales Assembly relative to the Creeds of the Church, was appointed as follows:—

Queensland.—Rt. Rev. J. R. Kirke, Revs. W. C. Radcliffe (Convener), W. Johnston, Jas. Gibson, M.A., with power to add four.

Western Australia.—Revs. R. J. Blanchard, Alex. Crow, S. R. W. Richardson (Convener), H. R. S. Innes, Dr. Ross, with power to add three.

South Australia.—Revs. Dr. Seymour, Dr. Davidson, F. S. Souter and Professor Naylor (Convener), with power to add four.

New South Wales.—Revs. Dr. Anderson (Convener), Dr. Burgess, G. A. Gordon, Dr. Harper, Dr. Angus, Scott-West, Ivo Bertram, A. C. Grieve, John Edwards, C. E. James, Thos. Tait, D. J. Flockhart, C. N. Button.

Victoria.—Revs. W. Borland, John MacKenzie (Convener), Professor Adam, Dr. McKellar Stewart, T. J. Smith, D. A. Cameron, F. H. L. Paton, P. J. Murdoch, W. Goyen, F. E. Oxer, D. Ross, R. W. Macaulay, J. Barnaby, Mr. D. K. Picken.

Union with
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The Rev. Dr. Anderson Convener of the whole.

131. It was agreed that permission be granted to Rev. J. C. Compton to carry out the prescribed year of study in Tasmania. Rev. J. C. Compton

132. The Petition of Mr. P. E. Wylde for the removal of the restriction imposed by last Assembly was laid on the table. Rev. P. E. Wylde

It was moved and seconded:—

“That the Prayer of the Petition be not granted.”

It was moved and seconded as an amendment:—

“That the word ‘not’ be omitted.”

The amendment was rejected.

The motion was approved.

133. The consideration of the Report on the Reception of Ministers was resumed. Reception of Ministers

The Committee recommended that Mr. George McLean be allowed to enter the Theological Hall without sitting for the entrance examination, and that he take the three years' course without Hebrew.

It was ruled by the Moderator that the application of Mr. McLean was out of order. Mr. G. McLean

The Committee recommended that the application of Mr. Joseph Carter, being irregular, be not received. Mr. J. Carter

The recommendation was approved.

The Committee recommended that the Committee be empowered to deal finally with the Petition of the Rev. Arthur Geddes, after reference to the Beechworth Presbytery, whose finding shall be transmitted through the Commission of the State Assembly to the Committee. Rev. A. Geddes

The recommendation was approved.

The Committee recommended that the Committee be empowered to deal finally with the Petition of Mr. T. MacDougall, after reference to the North Melbourne Presbytery, whose finding shall be transmitted through the Commission of the State Assembly to the Committee. Mr. T. MacDougall

The recommendation was approved.

134. It was moved by Professor Angus, and seconded:— Rev. A. McKinlay

“That the Assembly put on record its high appreciation of the Rev. Alex. McKinlay's valuable services during 14 years as Convener of the Reception of Ministers' Committee.”

The motion was approved.

It was agreed to appoint the Rev. A. S. McCook, B.A., as Convener.

135. It was moved by Dr. Rentoul, and seconded by the Rev. G. T. Welling:— Lecturers in Theological Halls

“That the question of ministers of other denominations as

lecturers in the Theological Halls and their relation to the regular Professors in the Hall be remitted to a Committee."

The motion was rejected.

Exit
Examinations

136. Professor Adam moved the motion of which he had given notice in the following form:—

"That passes in examinations of the Melbourne College of Divinity qualifying for the degree of B.D. be accepted as passes in the Exit Examination in subjects which cover the same range of studies."

The motion was seconded by Mr. D. Picken, and approved.

Home
Religion

137. The Report on Home Religion was submitted by the Rev. G. R. S. Reid, who moved:—

"That the Report be received; authority given to the Committee to issue family altar cards, as previously, and that the Committee comprise Revs. G. R. S. Reid (Convener), J. B. Galloway, Messrs. Macdonald and A. M. Ogilvy.

The motion was seconded by Mr. G. Smith, and approved.

Reunion

138. The following were appointed the Committee on Reunion:—
Victoria.—The Moderator, Revs. G. Tait, T. J. Smith, Dr. Adam, D. A. Cameron, Mr. J. M. Campbell.

New South Wales.—Revs. Dr. Harper, Dr. Macintyre, Dr. Burgess, Dr. Angus, Mr. J. Kirkland.

Queensland.—Revs. Jas. Gibson, R. Glaister.

South Australia.—Revs. Dr. Seymour, W. Gray.

Western Australia.—Revs. A. Crow, J. R. Blanchard.

Presbyterian
Alliance

139. Dr. Harper moved, and General Clark seconded:—

"That the Assembly acknowledges the communication from the Presbyterian Alliance, and resolve:—

"1. That in regard to the Hymnary a Committee be appointed to keep in touch with the Revising Committee.

"2. That a sum of £20 be contributed by the Assembly to the Alliance funds, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee.

"3. That, as the distress in Central Europe still exists, a special collection be made in aid of our distressed Presbyterian sister Churches of Europe."

The motion was approved, and the following Committee appointed:—Revs. R. Scott-West (Convener), W. Borland, Prof. Angus, W. H. Ash, G. Carson.

Conference
on Life and
Work

140. The following answer to a communication from the Conference on Life and Work was approved:—

"We respectfully acknowledge the receipt of the communication re the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work, but owing to our great distance from the main centres of

Presbyterianism and the heavy travelling expenses involved, and also our small proportion in the Ecumenical Presbyterian Church, we cannot appoint a special delegate; but if a representative member of our Church finds it convenient to attend any of the Conferences, we shall take steps to accredit him to you. Meantime, we express our deep interest in the proposed work of the Conference, and pray that its deliberations may be richly blessed toward a better understanding of the Spirit of Jesus in Christendom, and towards the furtherance of the interests of the Kingdom of God."

141. The Overture relative to Junior Members was introduced by the Rev. H. M. Burns, and supported by Mr. H. J. Ramsay. Junior Members

It was moved by the Rev. R. W. Macaulay, and seconded:—

"That the Assembly sustain the Overture; sanction the institution of a junior membership; refer the drafting of rule or rules to a Committee, with instructions to send them to State Assemblies and Presbyteries to report to the next General Assembly. The Committee to consist of the Revs. H. M. Burns (Convener), J. B. Galloway, N. Joughin, G. R. S. Reid, D. Macrae Stewart and Mr. H. J. Ramsay."

The motion was approved.

142. The Report relative to Suva was submitted by the Rev. Suva P. J. Murdoch, who moved:—

"That the Assembly receive this Report, and express their gratification at the work of the Synod in connection with Suva; thank the Churches of New Zealand, New South Wales, and Victoria for their generous grants; and request the Synod to take charge of the Suva Congregation for the next two years, and request the Victorian Church to give the Synod the necessary authority."

The motion was seconded, and approved.

143. The Report on the Jewish Mission was submitted by the Rev. A. Yule, who moved:— Jewish Mission

"That this Assembly receive the Report; thank the Committee, and especially the Convener, and re-appoint it; express its high appreciation of the work so faithfully carried on by Mr. Ettmann and Miss Richards, and thankfulness to God for the news of success, both here and in South Africa."

The motion was seconded, and approved.

144. General Clark moved the motion relative to the Shorter Catechism, of which he had given notice in the following form:— Shorter Catechism

"That the question of the use of the Shorter Catechism in Sunday Schools be referred to the Welfare of Youth Committee for consideration, and report to next Assembly."

The motion was seconded, and approved.

145. The Report on the Year Book was submitted by the Rev. Year Book R. W. Macaulay, who moved:—

"Receive the Report; thank the Committee and commend

the Rev. J. R. Fiddian for his laborious and efficient service as Editor and Convener; appoint Rev. R. A. Green as Convener; instruct the Committee to continue the publication of the book, and to carry out its recommendations as to issue and circulation, if it be found practicable, without too great cost; appoint the following as correspondents for the various States:—New South Wales, Rev. D. McKay Barnet; Queensland, Mr. J. Campbell; South Australia, Rev. R. Campbell; Tasmania, Rev. F. E. Oxer; Victoria, Rev. R. A. Green; Western Australia, Rev. W. Huey Steele; and continue the honorarium of the editor at twenty guineas per issue.”

The motion was seconded by the Rev. John Walker, and approved.

Statistics

146. The Report on Statistics was submitted by the Rev. R. W. Macaulay, who moved:—

“That the Assembly—(1) Receive the Report; (2) Authorise the Committee to complete the Statistical Summaries, and publish them in the Blue Book and in the 1923 Year Book; (3) Accept the Convener’s resignation, and appoint the Rev. D. M. Barnet Convener in his place.”

The motion was seconded, and approved.

Union
Committee

147. The following were appointed the members of the Union Committee:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Rev. A. Harper, D.D.	Rev. A. T. Anderson
R. C. Macintyre, D.D.	W. G. Forsyth
J. Burgess, D.D.	W. J. Gray
R. Scott West	John Macaulay
John Paterson	Mr. J. Kirkland
G. A. Gordon	W. G. Crane
G. R. S. Reid	J. H. Balfour
J. H. Auld	J. H. Beatson
Principal Anderson	S. J. Carruthers
A. C. Grieve	J. A. Ferguson

VICTORIA.

Rev. Professor D. S. Adam, D.D. (Convener)	Rev. K. Forster
W. Fraser	R. C. Foyster
J. Mathew	John Walker
J. T. Robertson	Geo. Tait
P. J. Murdoch	Sir J. MacFarland
J. Mackenzie	Mr. Wm. Gray
D. Ross	H. H. Kemp
W. Goyen	W. S. Robertson
Wm. Borland	John Anderson
R. W. Macaulay	J. M. Campbell
D. Millar	A. G. Proudfoot
A. McCarlie	Professor Smyth
A. I. Davidson	Mr. W. B. House
J. Barnaby	Brigadier-General Clark
	Mr. D. K. Picken

QUEENSLAND.

Rev. J. Gibson	Rev. Dr. Merrington
W. C. Radcliffe	W. Johnston
J. B. Galloway	Mr. A. S. Lang
Dr. Glaister	S. Barr
C. A. White	Henry Robertson
Jas. Walker	

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Rev. G. Davidson, D.D.	Rev. H. E. Carey
J. A. Seymour, S.T.D.	Mr. J. Holdsworth
G. C. Love	A. H. Bryson
D. MacDiarmid	T. W. Tassie
Wm. Gray	H. B. Thompson
Geo. Anderson	Professor Rennie

WEST AUSTRALIA.

Rev. A. Crow	Mr. J. Hilton
W. H. Steele	E. A. Black
Rt. Rev. J. R. Blanchard	R. Bracks
Rev. F. G. H. Brady	G. F. Pitchford
Mr. Wm. Christie	F. A. McMullen

TASMANIA.

Rev. F. E. Ozer	Mr. F. Burbury
J. Heyer	McKinnon
Macintosh Carter	J. K. Reid
G. B. Murphy	F. Williams
W. J. Harris	J. Wright
G. Baird	Hon. J. Murdoch
Mr. Henry Meredith	

Professor Adam, Convener.

148. The following Answers to the Reason of Dissent of Dr. Rentoul and others were submitted by Dr. Adam, and approved:—

Answers to
Reasons of
Dissent on
Union

“1. The movement for a Union of Churches, such as will promote greater economy in the use of our common resources and greater efficiency in the work of advancing the Kingdom of God, which is part of a world-wide movement both in the Home field and in the Foreign Mission field, originated in the need felt by the Christian people everywhere, which it was the duty of their accredited representatives in the courts of the Church to express and guide. If corporate union be indeed a blessing to be desired for the Church, future generations of Ministers, Office-bearers and Congregations, to whom its benefits will come, will be filled with gratitude towards those who helped to promote it.

“2. It is not the case that the efforts of the Churches to press towards the desirable goal of greater visible unity have produced the evil results, in the way of ‘bitter antagonism,’ ‘estrangement, discord and animosity’ here alleged. Desirable changes in Church organisation and practice are not usually effected without some measure of divergence of opinion and friction. But, in a Christian Church seeking to follow the path of duty and properly

attuned to the spirit of the Christian religion, such evil results as are here depicted could not possibly occur.

“3. The Proposed Basis, which is referred to in this Reason as widely rejected, was, in fact, widely accepted. In addition to the 30 amendments accepted by the Joint Committee prior to the Assembly of 1920, all the amendments since sent up with the approval of Presbyterian State Committees under the heading of Doctrine, with one exception, which is referred to below, and most of the amendments suggested by State Committees under the heading of Polity, have been given effect to in the amended Basis.

“4. It is denied that there are any ‘radical alterations in the fundamental principles of the Presbyterian Church’ vitiating the amended scheme, and this General Assembly has rejected an amendment, alleging that there are such, and has affirmed that the amended Basis is ‘in harmony with Presbyterian principles.’

“5. (1) Art. XV. ‘of the Church’ does not assert or imply the necessity of ‘Baptism’ as bestowing upon children a place in ‘the Church of God.’ God’s grace does that. The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chap. XXVIII., I., declares that Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament ordained by Jesus Christ ‘for the solemn admission of the party baptized into **the visible Church,**’ which is clearly what is referred to in line 6 of Art. XV. (2) Art. VII. states the great truth of the Reformed Churches’ doctrine concerning the significance of Christ’s sacrifice in the words of St. Paul in Rom. iii., 25-26, which is the proof text adduced by the Westminster Confession in proof of the assertion that the Lord Jesus, by His sacrifice of Himself, ‘hath fully satisfied the justice of the Father.’ (3) The characteristic basal truth of the Divine Sovereignty, as held by our Church in accordance with the Declaratory Statement adopted with reference to the Westminster Confession of Faith, is adequately set forth in the Proposed Basis in Art. III. ‘of the Divine Purpose.’

“6. There is no proposal to ‘strike out’ the call of the congregation. (1) Clause 37 (a) of the Proposed Basis provides that ‘the invitation or call of a Minister to a pastorate shall be given by the members of the Church in full communion over eighteen years of age.’ The present rule of our Church provides that a call must be signed or acquiesced in by three-fifths of the members in full communion before it can be sustained. The practice of the Presbyterian Church in regard to the giving of calls to Ministers has varied from time to time in the history of the Presbyterian Church, the electors who acted as representatives of the congregation in this matter having in the early days been limited to the elders, or the elders, heritors and heads of families, as provided for in the First Book of Discipline; but in later days the right of taking part in such election has been recognised as belonging ultimately to the members in full Communion, as is provided for in this Basis. (2) The Presbyterian Church has always maintained its right to final authority in the matter of transference of Ministers in the interests of the Church, and our own Church has already a Rule (No. 640) providing that in certain cases the settlement of a Minister in a particular charge or pastorate shall be subject to review after three years. The proposal for a modification of call brought before the

Victorian Assembly in May last referred to in the sixth reason was not 'emphatically rejected by the Victorian Assembly,' but remitted to sessions, with instructions to consider it and report thereon. The policy of the Church, according to the Proposed Basis, is as stated therein that every effective Minister shall have a pastorate. In the Canadian Basis similar provision is made, as in this Basis, for the transference of Ministers from one sphere to another in the interests of the Church, the only difference being that, in the Australian Basis, a period of six years is prescribed, at the end of which the position shall come up for review, which points towards a minimum period of six years in one sphere, except in very special circumstances. (3) The granting of permission to Congregations, if they so desire, to elect elders to hold office in a particular Congregation for a period of six years, is not a violation either of Presbyterian principles or practice. For many years after the Reformation elders were elected, in accordance with the First Book of Discipline, for one year only, and the Second Book of Discipline also provides for elders exercising office in Congregations for limited periods, after which they may be relieved. There is nothing lowering the Status of Eldership in permitting this where it is desired by Congregations. There is no disfranchisement of 'adherents' from any rights to which 'the Principles of Presbyterian Polity' entitle them, in this Proposed Basis. While a right to outvote the members in full communion in deciding a call to a Minister is not given them, which there would be some reason for saying was contrary to Presbyterian principles, a place is given to them in the election of those who are to attend to the temporal affairs of Congregations, and a vote in the administration of such affairs. (See Basis of 'Polity,' §5 and §10 (e).)

"7. On the contrary, the movement which looks toward Corporate Union as its objective is that which best promotes the cause of effective co-operation between the Churches on the wider scale, as is seen by Resolution 7 of the Sydney Conference, which included the representatives of the Church of England, viz:—"That this Conference desires to take the opportunity of expressing its sympathy with the movement for the Union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches, and its hope that the movement will not be delayed in view of the prospect of any wider movement, since any Union effected between two or more Churches would simplify and facilitate the problem of wider unity contemplated by this Conference."

"8. There are no 'threatened plans for the alienation of our Church's properties by the seizing of its Trusts, Endowments, etc.,' but a proposal only, should our Church by the necessary majority decide to unite with other Churches, to approach Parliament for such legislation as is necessary to give practical effect to a Union, just as was done in 1900. It is quite unwarrantable to suppose that any minority remaining out of such a Union would be ungenerously treated by the majority. It seems unnecessary to do more than call attention to the use of such phrases as 'seizing of Trusts,' 'wrong against all principles of rightful ownership,' 'contrary to morality,' with reference to what has been approved by the General Assembly, and to leave them to tell their own tale."

"The Reasons of Dissent given in by other dissentients who

have not adhered to the eight above mentioned are sufficiently covered by the answers here given."

Hymnal

149. The Report of the Hymnal Committee was submitted by the Convener of the Business Committee, who moved:—

"That the General Assembly:—(1) Receive and adopt the Report, thank the Committee, especially the Convener; (2) Continue the Committee; and (3) Instruct it to carry out, as far as possible, the instructions of the General Assembly of 1920."

The motion was seconded and approved.

Rev. N. Hey

150. The Rev. F. H. L. Paton moved the motion of which he had given notice, relative to the Rev. N. Hey.

The motion was seconded and approved. It was agreed to admit Mr. Hey to the full privileges of a Presbyterian, and to declare him a Minister *Emeritus*.

151. The Report on Mr. Hey's relation to the Beneficiary Funds was submitted by the Rev. F. H. L. Paton.

The Report was approved.

Selection
Committee

152. The Report of the Selection Committee was approved.

Ministers
with Com-
missions

153. The Rev. John MacKenzie moved the motion of which he had given notice, and which is recorded in Minute 87.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Presbytery
of Sydney

154. The Communication from the Presbytery of Sydney was received.

Next
Assembly

155. It was agreed to appoint the next Assembly to be held at Sydney on the Second Wednesday of September, 1924.

Haberfield
Papers

156. It was agreed not to print the Haberfield papers.

Cost of
Appeals

157. The Finance Committee were instructed to collect the cost of printing the Appeals and Petitions from Appellants and Petitioners.

Thanks

158. It was agreed that the cordial thanks of the Assembly be given to the Scots Church authorities, the Hospitality Committee of the Victorian Church, the Hosts and Hostesses who provided hospitality, and to the Caretaker and Officials of the Assembly Hall.

Minutes

159. The Minutes of the 9th, 10th and 11th Sederunts were confirmed.

Close

160. The business of the General Assembly now being concluded, the Moderator delivered a brief address. The Assembly joined in singing the last verses of Psalm 122, after which, the Moderator having intimated that, in pursuance of the General Assembly's

appointment, the next General Assembly will be holden at Sydney, in St. Stephen's Church, on the Second Wednesday of September, 1924, at 7.30 p.m., the Session was closed with the Benediction.

JOHN MATHEW, Moderator-General.

GEORGE TAIT, Clerk.

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEES

Judicial Commission:

Rev. J. Burgess, D. D.
 J. Edwards, M. A.
 Prof. Macintyre, D.D.,
 O.B.E.
 A. T. Anderson, M.A.
 Dr. Rentoul
 P. J. Murdoch, M.A.
 J. Mathew, M.A., B.D.
 J. Mackenzie, M.A.
 S. Martin, M.A.
 C. A. White, B.A.
 W. F. Shannon, B.A.
 W. J. Harris
 Robert Hamlin
 W. C. Radcliffe, B.A.
 A. S. McCook
 John Walker
 A. Crow
 Dr. Seymour
 F. S. Souter
 J. Heyer
 W. H. Steele

Mr. J. H. Balfour
 J. H. Beatson
 J. Kirkland
 Wm. Scott
 Rev. George Tait, M.A.
 Mr. J. M. Campbell, LL.M.
 A. G. Proudfoot
 H. H. Kemp
 Rev. George Ewan
 E. N. Merrington,
 M.A., Ph.D.
 Mr. G. C. Ligertwood
 Mr. F. Burbury

 Sir J. H. MacFarland
 Mr. A. S. Lang
 J. Bee
 T. Henderson

Chairman: Right Rev. The Moderator-General.

Board of Missions.

Rev. R. J. H. McGowan
 D. F. Brandt
 Rev. F. H. L. Paton
 D. Ross
 W. Watt
 G. K. Kirke
 W. Gray
 W. Fraser (Convener)
 W. C. Radcliffe, B.A.
 J. A. Crockett

Rev. J. Paterson
 Mr. W. G. Geikie
 Mr. R. K. Gillespie
 Dr. Currell
 Rev. G. M. Baird, B.A.
 F. G. H. Brady
 T. W. Leggatt
 H. C. Mathew
 Mr. W. Wood
 R. A. McIlwraith

The Code.

Rev. J. Burgess, D.D.
 A. T. Anderson, M.A.
 P. J. Murdoch, M.A.
 George Tait, M.A.
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 J. R. Blanchard, B.A.
 R. G. Crawford
 James Walker, M.A.,
 B.D.
 J. H. Craig

Mr. W. Woods
 J. A. Ferguson
 J. M. Campbell
 G. S. Mackay
 A. S. Lang, F.I.A.Q.
 A. G. Proudfoot
 John Stinson
 W. A. Sanderson

Revs. George Tait and J. M. Campbell, Conveners.

College.

Rev. E. E. Anderson, D.D.
 J. Edwards, M.A.
 W. Borland, M.A.,
 B.D.
 H. M. Burns, M.A.
 Jas. Walker, M.A.,
 B.D.
 Dr. Seymour
 J. R. Blanchard, B.A.
 Right Rev. The Moderator
 Rev. G. R. S. Reid, M.A.

Rev. J. Ferguson
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 J. Barnaby, M.A.,
 B.D.
 Mr. D. R. Picken
 Rev. A. M. Mackillop, B.A.,
 B.D.
 W. G. Forsyth
 F. Milne
 J. Gillies
 K. Foster

Convener: Rev. W. Borland.

Home Missions.

Rev. W. G. Forsyth
 Mr. W. Wood
 Rev. J. A. Barber
 Mr. George McKay
 Rev. Jas. Walker
 John Flynn
 G. M. Scott
 Mr. D. Macmillan
 W. S. Park
 W. D. G. Fairbairn

Rev. A. S. McCook, B.A.
 T. Morgan
 D. A. Cameron
 J. Barnaby
 Geo. Ewan
 Dr. Seymour
 A. D. Leckie
 A. Crow
 A. T. Anderson
 Prof. Angus

Rev. A. T. Anderson, Convener.

Finance.

Mr. J. Kirkland
 W. Wood
 R. K. Gillespie
 A. L. Pryde
 A. S. Lang
 P. R. Henry
 J. P. Muir
 S. J. Carruthers
 J. R. B. Campbell
 S. Grant

Mr. J. H. Beatson
 W. G. Crane
 Sir John MacFarland
 Mr. D. Macmillan
 Rev. W. C. Radcliffe
 Mr. T. W. Tassie
 E. A. Black
 H. Perdriau
 L. K. McNab
 J. A. Ferguson

Convener: Mr. W. G. Crane.

Reception of Ministers.

Rev. Professor Angus
 A. S. McCook
 Professor Adam
 D. A. Cameron
 C. A. White
 Dr. Seymour
 W. H. Steele
 J. Edwards
 T. Morgan
 C. N. Button

Rev. W. G. Forsyth
 A. McKinlay
 J. Barnaby
 Mr. A. L. Pryde
 Rev. Wm. Johnston
 W. Mabin
 John Walker
 A. T. Anderson
 Ivo Bertram
 Mr. W. Wood

Rev. A. S. McCook, Convener.

Statistics.

Rev. D. M. Barnet
 F. A. Darling
 R. W. Macaulay
 F. L. Heriot
 Mr. A. S. Lang
 Rev. W. Gray
 Neil McDonald
 J. R. Fiddian
 G. T. Welling
 Mr. W. B. House

Mr. W. G. Crane
 W. M. Tulloch
 R. A. McIlwraith
 R. J. Oehr
 John Campbell
 Rev. A. G. M. Carter
 A. D. Leckie
 E. H. Chapple
 Mr. H. H. Kemp
 L. K. McNab

Convener: Rev. R. W. Macaulay.

Year Book.

Rev. D. M. Barnet
 F. A. Darling
 R. A. Green
 J. R. Fiddian
 Mr. A. S. Lang
 Rev. F. S. Souter
 E. A. Cameron
 W. H. Steele
 A. C. Grieve
 Mr. A. W. Glencross

Mr. W. G. Crane
 W. M. Tulloch
 A. L. Pryde
 L. K. McNab
 John Campbell
 Rev. A. G. M. Carter
 A. D. Leckie
 W. F. Shannon
 Mr. A. L. Pryde
 W. B. House

Convener: Rev. R. A. Green.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES**Attitude of Church to Her Creeds.****Queensland.**

Rt. Rev. J. R. Kirke
Rev. W. Johnston

Rev. Jas. Gibson

Rev. W. C. Radcliffe, Convener.
With power to add four.

Western Australia.

Rev. R. J. Blanchard
Alex. Crow

Rev. H. R. S. Innes
Dr. Ross

Rev. S. R. W. Richardson, Convener.
With power to add three.

South Australia.

Rev. Dr. Seymour
Dr. Davidson

Rev. F. S. Souter

Professor Naylor, Convener.
With power to add four.

New South Wales.

Rev. Dr. Burgess
G. A. Gordon
Dr. Harper
Dr. Angus
Scott West
Ivo Bertram

Rev. A. C. Grieve
John Edwards
C. E. James
Thos. Tait
D. J. Flockhart
C. N. Button

Rev. Dr. Anderson, Convener.

Victoria.

Rev. W. Borland
Prof. Adam
Dr. McKellar Stewart
T. J. Smith
D. A. Cameron
F. H. L. Paton
P. J. Murdoch

Rev. W. Goyen
F. E. Oxer
D. Ross
R. W. Macaulay
J. Barnaby
Mr. D. K. Picken

Rev. John MacKenzie, Convener.

Rev. Dr. Anderson, Convener of the whole.

Book of Common Order.

Rev. George Cranston
J. B. Galloway
W. Borland
A. E. McDonald
Dr. Rentoul
P. J. Murdoch
D. M. Stewart
Dr. Angus

Rev. J. Mathew, B.D.
G. A. Gordon
Dr. Davidson
T. Tait, B.D.
W. H. Steele
D. Millar
J. Heyer
C. E. James

Rev. R. Scott West, Convener.

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Rev. W. H. Steele, M.A.
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W. Tait, B.D.
J. Ferguson
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W. C. Radcliffe, B.A.
Dr. Burgess
G. A. Gordon
John Paterson
R. C. Foyster

Rev. W. Gray
Mr. A. Mayes
W. Wood
A. L. Pryde
John Kirkland
Hon. John Murdoch
Mr. J. H. Beatson
A. M. Laughton
W. G. Crane
Rev. J. L. Cope

Mr. A. G. Proudfoot, Convener.

Business.

Rev. Dr. Burgess
J. Edwards
A. T. Anderson
P. J. Murdoch
E. E. Baldwin

Mr. John Kirkland
W. Wood
A. L. Pryde

Revs. Dr. Macintyre and R. W. Macaulay, Joint Conveners.

Deaconess Training.

Rev. S. R. W. Richardson
Hugh Morris

Rev. J. B. Galloway
Ivo E. Bertram

A. I. Davidson, Convener.

Commission to Hobart.

The Moderator-General
Rev. D. A. Cameron

Mr. W. Wood

Hymnal.

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F. Darling
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C. H. Talbot
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J. T. Robertson
W. Fraser
J. Heyer

Rev. J. Mathew, B.D.
Wm. Goyen
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Mr. L. Fraser
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W. Gray
R. J. Oehr
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Rev. W. H. Ash, Convener.

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Home Religion.

Rev. J. B. Galloway
Mr. Macdonald

Mr. A. M. Ogilvy

Rev. G. R. S. Reid, Convener.

Immigration.

Rev. D. A. Cameron
W. Borland
W. Thomson
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Nomination of Moderator.

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The General Assembly of Australia



MELBOURNE, SEPTEMBER, 1922

APPEALS.

I.—FROM MR. R. J. S. CULLEN, AGAINST THE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA, IN REFUSING THE PRAYER OF HIS PETITION.

Extract, Minute, June 2, 1921, 7.30 p.m. (S.A.B.B., Vic., 1921, pp. 63, 64).

"The Business Convener intimated that the Petition of Mr. R. J. S. Cullen, complaining of the action of the Presbytery of Melbourne East, in not treating his complaint to the Assembly as an appeal, had come irregularly to the Business Committee, was sent down to the Presbytery of Melbourne East, and had been transmitted simpliciter by that Presbytery, but had come into his hands too late for printing and due consideration by the Business Committee.

"The Assembly agreed to receive the Petition, and Mr. Cullen was heard in support thereof.

"The following is the Petition:—

" 'Dalkeith,' Trammere Avenue,
"Murrumbeena, 23/5/21.

"Rev. R. Macaulay, B.A.,

"Convener, Business Committee, General Assembly of Victoria.

"Rev. and Dear Sir,—

"I have yours of 20th inst., bearing post mark, Melbourne, 23rd, received this evening. I regret not having been notified by you earlier that my paper is only to be treated as a Complaint. This I desire to disapprove of, as it was originally sent in to you by the Presbytery, as I had termed it to them—an Appeal. And, furthermore, it was dealt with by the Business Committee on March 6th as such, and yet the Presbytery, at a later meeting, decided to treat it as a Complaint. I received such notice from the Presbytery, and did not reply to them, but did so to your Committee, as the paper was in your hands.

"I understand that the reason Presbytery gives is as you say, 'That intention to appeal had not been lodged within some months of the decision complained against.' I have adopted a regular and legal course, and I take it that, after my formally calling on the Presbytery to proceed, as instructed, what final action they were going to take one did not know until they answered the same; and, upon receipt of reply to such communication, then was the only immediate time for me to act, and I did so.

"I am now thereby forced to petition the General Assembly of Victoria against such action of the Presbytery of Melbourne East, and herewith forward you the same, as per the Business Committee. At the same time, I am notifying the Clerk of the Presbytery of Melbourne East of my intentions, and forwarding him an outline copy of such petition, and also reasons.

"Petition to General Assembly of Victoria.

"Right Reverend Moderator, Fathers, and Brethren,—

"I herewith Petition your Venerable Court, under Rule 167, page 93, Rules and Forms of Procedure (edited 1915), against the action of the Presbytery of Melbourne East in not forwarding my paper, as sent to them, as an Appeal against their inaction after my formally calling upon them to proceed, as instructed by the General Assembly of Australia.

"I do so on the grounds that my intention to appeal and the Appeal itself were received by them in such due time, as was possible for them to treat with my intentions, after their official notification to me of their final action.

"Yours obediently,

"ROBERT J. S. CULLEN.

"It was moved by the Rev. E. E. Baldwin:—

"That the prayer of the Petition be not granted."

"The motion was seconded by the Rev. W. Borland, and approved, and the decision of the House intimated by the Moderator to Mr. Cullen."

Mr. Cullen appealed from this decision to the General Assembly of Australia.

Reasons for this Appeal.

Extracted from a Letter of Mr. Cullen's, dated 3/6/1921.

"The facts of the case in relation to my Petition to your honourable Court against treating what you considered as a Complaint, instead of an Appeal, can be shown by the correspondence that ensued between myself and the Presbytery of Melbourne East; that, as I was not cited before that Court when they treated with the Assembly of Australia's injunction as regarding my case; but was through correspondence between us, and not on the floor of their Court. I had every right, and was quite within the regular period of time of appealing, when I eventually understood what position the Presbytery finally took up. Whilst, furthermore, as the Presbytery treating the injunction of the Assembly of Australia as regarding my case, and that, too, in my absence, on November 8th, 1920, and not informing me until December 15th, 1920, they practically, by such an unbusinesslike manner, debarred me of giving them ten days' notice of appeal, and to be within the time for giving reasons of such.

Trusting that you will find the same to be in order.

Yours obediently,

ROBERT J. S. CULLEN.

Rev. E. E. Baldwin.

Junior Clerk, State General Assembly,
Presbyterian Church of Victoria."

II.—BY MR. R. J. S. CULLEN, AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA IN MERELY TRANSMITTING HIS COMPLAINT.

The details will be found under the heading, "Complaints." Mr. Cullen's Reasons of Appeal are as follows:—

Reasons of Appeal.

"Dalkeith," Tranmere Avenue,
Murrumbeena, June 3rd, 1921.

To the Venerable the State General Assembly of Victoria.

Your honourable Assembly will take notice, as given you last night, when it was intimated to me the finding of such Court against what you had considered as my Complaint and my Petition respectively, that I am herewith appealing to the General Assembly of Australia in 1922 against such decision, and my Reasons of Appeal are:—

As Against Your Decision Regarding My Complaint.

That the Presbytery of Melbourne East has, by not carrying out the injunction of the General Assembly of Australia, holden in Sydney in September, 1922, and as appertaining to my case, been guilty of contumacy; and, furthermore, in having dealt with such injunction in the manner in which they have, and as recorded in their Presbytery records of November 8th, 1920, without a citation of me to be present thereat, have denied me a defence, and your honourable Court, being a State Assembly, under whose jurisdiction they are, have also failed to see that such inferior Court has been obedient and submissive to those who are their superiors. And, further, whilst, inasmuch as your honourable Assembly was pleased to grant me a certificate to the effect that your action in 1920 implied no reflection on my character, and that there is no reservation at all about it, and that the certificate issued by your Court overrides any mere minutes—those of which I had reason to complain of (the minutes of the congregational meeting at Murrumbeena, on April 15th, 1919)—which, as you say, make one of the minutes in the case. Your action, in face of the Presbytery acting as they did on November 8th, 1920, which is practically their entering of a *nolle prosequi* against me, would have been consistent had you then ordered the deletion of the minutes of the congregational meeting at Murrumbeena, on April 15th, 1919, as regarding myself.

(Signed) R. J. S. CULLEN.

III.—BY MR. R. J. S. CULLEN, AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA REGARDING HIS APPEAL FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF MELBOURNE EAST.

Minute of May 29th, 1922, 7.30 p.m. (S.A.B.B., Vic., 1922, pp. 47; i., ii.).

"Mr. R. J. S. Cullen's appeal against a decision of the Presbytery of Melbourne East was submitted. Parties were placed at the bar.

"The Appeal was:—

"(a)—The Reasons.

"'Dalkcith,' Tranmere Avenue,

"Murrumbeena, September 17th, 1921.

"Dear and Rev. Sir,—

"Relative to the finding of your Court against those charges presented by me thereat on September 12th, and of my then intimating to your Court, in consequence thereof, my intention to now appeal to the Judicial Commission, the whereto I was informed in your Court 'that such was not permissible, such appeal only being allowable to either the Commission of Assembly or the State General Assembly of Victoria,' and thereupon intimating if that, such being so, I would therefore now give notice of my appealing to the next State General Assembly of Victoria, I herewith forward my reasons of so appealing:—

"(1) That the charges presented were of a graver nature than such as the meagre investigation—viz., my presentation of them, and the Rev. J. K. Robertson's reply—and the finding thereon considered them to be.

"(2) That in the charges presented I had serious and well-founded grievances:—(a) Personal wrong; (b) constitutional; (c) that, having been notified by Presbytery, under date of August 19th, 1921, that the investigation of charges had been postponed till 12th September, and I having brought witnesses along that evening, and such evidence as was necessary to corroborate my charges; such witnesses were not examined, neither was such evidence called for.

"(3) That the finding of the Presbytery of Melbourne East is practically an acquiescence in and a confirmation of all such actions thereof as alleged in such charges as being in accord with Presbyterianism.

"Yours respectfully,

"ROBERT J. CULLEN.

"(b)—The Finding Appealed Against.

"Finding of Presbytery, September 12th, 1921, re charges made by Mr. Cullen against the Rev. J. K. Robertson:—

"The Rev. Geo. Tait moved:—'That the Presbytery finds that the charges against the Rev. J. K. Robertson, made by Mr. Cullen, do not call for any process of discipline; expresses its unabated confidence in Mr. Robertson, and congratulates him on his success amid the trying circumstances of his ministry at Murrumbeena; and appoints this resolution to be read to the congregation by the Rev. E. H. Chapple on a convenient Sunday.'

"The motion was seconded by Mr. D. Macmillan, and unanimously adopted.

"Mr. Cullen thereupon gave notice of appeal to the State Assembly.

"(c)—The Presbytery's Minute on the Appeal.

"Resolutions of the Presbytery, September 27th, 1921:—

"Reasons of Appeal to the State Assembly were received from Mr. R. J. S. Cullen against the decision of the Presbytery regarding his charges against the Rev. J. K. Robertson.

"The Rev. Geo. Tait and Mr. D. Macmillan were appointed respondents to defend the judgment of the Presbytery.

"Extracted from the minutes of Presbytery.

"E. H. CHAPPLE, Clerk.

"12/4/22.

"Mr. Cullen was heard in support of his Appeal.

"The Convener of the Business Committee submitted a communication from the Rev. J. K. Robertson.

"The Rev. G. Tait and Mr. D. Macmillan appeared as respondents, on behalf of the Presbytery, and were heard.

"Mr. Cullen was heard in reply.

"The parties were removed from the bar.

"It was moved by Mr. J. M. Campbell:—"That the Appeal be dismissed."

"The motion was seconded by Mr. C. Mackinnon, and approved unanimously.

"The Moderator intimated the decision to Mr. Cullen, who appealed to the General Assembly of Australia."

Extracted from the minutes by George Tait, Clerk.

July 7th, 1922.

The Rev. Geo. Tait and Mr. D. Macmillan were appointed respondents.

MR. CULLEN'S REASONS FOR APPEAL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AUSTRALIA.

"Dalkeith," Trammere Avenue,
Murrumbreena, June 3rd, 1922.

Dear and Rev. Sir,—

Herewith I forward you my Appeal and Reasons to the General Assembly of Australia against the State General Assembly's action in their decision given when in my appealing to them against the finding of the Presbytery of Melbourne East, when dealing with the charges, I, thereat, in regular order, presented before them against the Rev. J. K. Robertson, of Murrumbreena.

The Reasons of my Appeal are:—

(1) That the charges which I presented to the Presbytery of Melbourne East, and also re-presented again in my Appeal to the State General Assembly against the Rev. J. K. Robertson, are such as need a more serious consideration, in view of the facts alleged therein.

(2) That the Presbytery of Melbourne East and your State General Assembly, by their such decisions as so given to my Appeals, allow of the inference being drawn that such allegations as made in the charges, inasmuch as they have not been denied in either Court, have no necessity to be other than regarded as quite agreeable to procedure and conduct permissible in Presbyterianism.

(3) That I maintain that the charges alleged point to the fact that the conduct of the Rev. J. K. Robertson has tended towards seriously impairing the peace, order and unity of the congregation at Murrumbreena.

(4) And, finally, it is not with any spirit of malicious vindictiveness or enmity, neither with the desire to inflict any personal injury, or to be in any way contumacious towards Presbyterianism, but rather to protest against such procedure and conduct being countenanced by Presbyterianism, that I so proceed.

Yours obediently,

ROBERT J. S. CULLEN.

Rev. R. W. Macaulay, B.A.,
Convener, Business Committee,
State General Assembly,
Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

Extracted from the Minutes by George Tait, Clerk, 18/7/22.

IV.—THE REV. GEO. TAIT AND OTHERS AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA IN THE APPEAL OF EAST MALVERN SESSION AND OTHERS.

At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins-street, on the 25th May, 1922, the Assembly met, pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted.

Inter alia:—

The Report of the Special Commission on the Appeal from the Presbytery of Melbourne East was submitted by Mr. J. M. Campbell, who moved:—

"That the Assembly—

"1. Receive and adopt the Report.

"2. Thank and discharge the Special Commission.

"3. Sustain the Appeals, on the grounds reported by the Special Commission; set aside the decision of the Presbytery of Melbourne East, and affirm the finding of the Session of East Malvern, in so far as the finding declares there was no misrepresentation, and, it appearing that there was no evidence that the Vendor was guilty of dishonourable conduct, no further action is necessary.

"4. Instruct the Clerk of Assembly to furnish a copy of this Report and Deliverance to each of the following:—The Clerk of the Presbytery of Melbourne East, the Moderator and Clerk of the Session of East Malvern, and Messrs. Atchison and Taylor."

The motion was seconded by General Clark.

It was moved, as an amendment, by the Rev. George Tait:—

"That all the words after 'Receive' be omitted, with the view of inserting the words, 'Dismiss the Appeal; modify the finding of the Presbytery as follows: While recognising that both parties acted in good faith, declare that Christian principles require that some equitable arrangement, through arbitration or otherwise, should be made for compensating the purchaser for the less amount of land delivered to him.'"

The amendment was rejected.

The motion was approved.

The Rev. George Tait dissented, and appealed to the General Assembly of Australia.

The following adhered to this dissent, and appeal:—Geo. Brodie, D. Millar, D. W. Smith, Ernest Culliford, F. Hanlin and W. E. Blackwood.

Extracts from Minutes, 7th July, 1922.

Reasons of Appeal.

1. The central determining facts of the case show that the vendor honestly thought he was selling, and the purchaser honestly thought he was buying, three acres for his (the purchaser's) exclusive use, while the final result of the transaction was that the vendor gave, and the purchaser received, only 2½ acres for his own use, and three-quarters of an acre—a road—to the use of which the public has as much right as he has. These facts are:—

- (a) The land was advertised as 3 acres, and this advertisement initiated negotiations.
- (b) The vendor, throughout the negotiations, maintained that there were 3 acres.
- (c) The contract of sale described the land as 3 acres.
- (d) The purchaser received only 2½ acres for himself, and three-quarters of an acre—a road—to the use of which the public is as much entitled as he is.

2. The fact that the contract of sale had in it the words "3 acres, more or less," and provided for the existence of an "easement," does not justify the contention that the vendor gave, and the purchaser received, what the vendor undertook to give, and what the purchaser believed he was to receive. Legally, the words "more or less" cannot be stretched to cover three-quarters of an acre out of 3 acres; and, more emphatically, ethically they cannot be so construed. The provision for an easement occurs in most contracts, and generally means a few feet or yards, but could not possibly have suggested to the vendor or the purchaser three-quarters of an acre out of 3 acres. The contract of sale, in the sense in which it was understood by both parties, was not fulfilled.

3. The contention that the land was sold, not by the acreage, but as a block—a parcel—is inconsistent, not only with the facts mentioned in Reason 1, but specially with the facts that before the sale the vendor (1) suggested a survey to determine the acreage, and (2) made the following offer to the purchaser: "If there were more than 3 acres, you pay more; if there were less, you receive an allowance." And the refusal of the purchaser to adopt this suggestion, and this offer, does not mean that he agreed to buy the block irrespective of acreage, but merely that he was content to accept the vendor's assertion that there were 3 acres, and to buy with the usual safeguards inserted in contracts—the more or less clause, and the easement clause.

4. The contention that the three-quarters of an acre shortage being a road, adds to the value of the $2\frac{1}{4}$ acres, by giving them a frontage, is quite foreign to the issue raised, viz., not the legal, but the moral, fulfilment or non-fulfilment of a contract. The vendor did not offer for sale, and the purchaser did not buy, $2\frac{1}{4}$ acres, with a frontage to a road, but 3 acres.

5. The contention that the $2\frac{1}{4}$ acres was then, and is now, worth as much or more than the purchaser paid for it, is also quite foreign to the issue. That issue is not. "Did the purchaser make a good or a bad bargain?" but "Did the vendor deliver the goods he undertook to deliver—deliver the whole of them—deliver them undamaged?" It is plain that he did not. A large part of them is, from a purchaser's point of view, not entirely destroyed, yet very seriously damaged, by the public having as much right to use them as the purchaser has.

6. The facts that the purchaser should have had a survey made, should have employed a lawyer, got his title deeds before the expiry of the time allowed for rectification of mistakes, and from them might have discovered the mistake, and the inferences drawn from these facts, do not, on Christian principles, justify his being saddled with the whole consequences of a mistake to which, as the other facts show, the vendor was also a party.

7. Answers to the contentions that for the Church to pronounce judgment in this matter is (1) an intrusion into the civil sphere, and (2) an interference with individual conscience, will be found in the answers of the Presbytery of Melbourne.

GEORGE TAIT, Clerk.

Answers to Reason of Appeal.

(a) The Special Commission, having held four meetings, and spent over seven hours in carefully examining all the documents and plans in the case, and hearing statements by the parties, and questioning them on the matter, came to an almost unanimous finding that there was no moral obligation on the part of the vendor to repay any part of the purchase money.

They considered that it would be a dangerous matter to interfere between parties where a contract had been deliberately entered into and carried out, and that the Session of East Malvern, in leaving the matter entirely to the conscience of the vendor, came to a right finding.

The General Assembly was, therefore, right in affirming the decision of the Special Commission.

(b) As to the detailed reasons of appeal—

1. The charge made by Mr. S. Atchison against Mr. Taylor was a charge of dishonourable conduct, in having obtained from him by misrepresentation, a contract of sale dated the 15th September, 1920, and thereby having obtained from him, by misrepresentation, an over-payment of £405/5/-, and refusing to restore the same to him, its rightful owner, when requested to do so.

The reasons of appeal admit the honesty of the vendor in the matter.

The vendor never stated positively that there were three acres, but said that he believed there were three acres.

2. It is not correct to say that "The provisions for an easement occur in most contracts, and generally mean a few feet or yards."

The title was produced by the vendor to the purchaser before the contract was entered into, and showed the actual measurements of the land, and that the area of the road was subject to an easement.

3. The land, on which there was a dwelling, and which was fenced in, was not sold by acreage, but as a whole.

4. The purchaser agreed to take his chance of what the area was, more or less, possibly hoping that there would be more.

5. The fact that the vendor claimed a return of £406/5/-, which would reduce the purchase money of the property to £1,780/15/-, and that he is now asking £2,500 for the property, is strong evidence to prove that the purchaser knew exactly what he was getting.

6. If the purchaser had made his claim for compensation within the time allowed by the contract, the vendor would have had the opportunity of cancelling the contract, and returning the deposit; while, owing to the long delay, he may not, when the purchaser approached him, have been in a position to return the whole of the purchase money and take back the property; even then, the purchaser never offered that alternative to the vendor.

(c) These matters of detail, and of evidence, in a business transaction, show how hard it is to determine what the parties really had in their minds,

and show also that this is the kind of question which Church Courts should not enter into, and this was the position taken up, both by the Session of East Malvern and by the Special Commission.

J. M. CAMPBELL.
T. J. SMITH.

The Rev. T. J. Smith and Mr. J. M. Campbell were appointed respondents.

V.—REVS. A. STEWART AND F. A. HAGENAUER AGAINST THE ACTION
OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA, RE NEW RULE FOR
REMOVAL OF ELDERS.

At Melbourne and within the Assembly Hall, Collins-street, the 27th May, 1921.

The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment at 10 a.m., and was constituted.

Inter alia: The overture relative to removal of elders was introduced by Mr. W. B. House.

The Rev. F. A. Hagenauer moved—

“That the Assembly take no action, inasmuch as the proposed legislation is an infringement of the sovereign rights of the General Assembly of Australia, which is supreme in all matters of discipline.”

The motion was seconded by Dr. Rentoul.

It was moved as an amendment by the Rev. J. Mathew, and seconded by the Rev. George Tait:—

“That all the words after ‘Assembly’ be omitted, with the view of inserting the words ‘send the Overtures to Presbyteries, to be considered with the Remits relative to powers of Sessions.’”

The amendment was approved.

It was moved and seconded:—

“That the proposed words be inserted.”

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Adam, and duly seconded:—

“That all the words after ‘Overture’ in the amendment be omitted, with the view of inserting other words.”

The amendment was rejected.

The amendment was approved, and the proposed words inserted.

The motion, as amended, was approved.

The Rev. A. Stewart appealed against this to the General Assembly of Australia, and the Rev. F. A. Hagenauer appealed also, on the ground that it is an infringement of the sovereign rights of the General Assembly of Australia.

Extracted from the minutes by

GEORGE TAIT, Clerk.

18th July, 1922.

Proposed Rule for Removal of Elders.

(Transmitted Simpliciter by the Presbytery of Melbourne East).

It is humbly overtured to the Venerable the General Assembly of Victoria that the following rule be added to the rules and forms of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, viz.:—

“A Presbytery may, subject to appeal only to the General Assembly, resolve to dissolve the pastoral tie, or, if the unsatisfactory condition of a congregation is found to be due to the action or inaction of any office-bearer or member, it may remove such office-bearer or member from office in the particular congregation, or may order disjunction certificates to be given, as in the opinion of the Presbytery the interests of the congregation may require.”

Moved by Mr. W. B. House.

Seconded by Rev. W. Borland.

E. H. CHAPPLE, Clerk of Presbytery.

COMPLAINT.

Of Mr. R. J. S. Cullen, of Murrumbena, against the Presbytery of Melbourne East.

Note.—The complainant having entitled this document a “Complaint and Appeal,” the Presbytery transmits it simpliciter as a “Complaint”; but

reserves its right to contend that the complaint cannot rightfully come to the State General Assembly, but should go to the G.A. of A., whose decision the Presbytery has sought to interpret in the most practicable way.

To the State General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.
Right Reverend The Moderator, Fathers and Brethren,—

I, Robert James Stewart Cullen, a member of the Murrumbidgee Presbyterian Church, and your humble Appellant, do respectfully request the attention of your Honourable Court to the Appeal which I make hereunder, in which I desire to be heard, and through which I make Complaint.

My Complaint is—

(a) Against the action of the Presbytery of Melbourne East, in that they have not proceeded, neither are they prepared or willing to proceed, as instructed by the General Assembly of Australia, as set forth in the injunction sent down to them (G.A.B.B., 1920, pp. 29, 72, 73), as the outcome of my Petition to them in September, 1920; and

(b) That, by their attitude I am denied the inalienable right of justice, through the medium of a fair and open trial, to defend myself against the illegal proceedings (resulting, as they have, in relation to myself, and in a serious violation of our Presbyterian Church policy).

My Reasons of Complaint are—

1. That, having, in regular order, formally called upon the Presbytery of Melbourne East to act as directed, they have refused to so act.

2. That I have, proceeding under the advice given me through the several officials of our Church Courts, conscientiously presented my case in the prescribed constitutional manner to the various Courts of our Church, even to our Highest Church Court in Australia, and I am now reluctantly compelled once more to approach your Court, inasmuch as the Presbytery of Melbourne East are under your jurisdiction, and it is correct that you should see that they are regular in their procedure.

3. The fact that such an injunction was sent down by the General Assembly of Australia to the Presbytery of Melbourne East, to act as therein instructed, is evidence that the procedure adopted in dealing with me was illegal. Whilst some stigma of moral turpitude attaches to a man in being treated in the manner in which I had reason to make complaint, I claim that (as the same has not been remedied or removed), it is my inalienable right once again to approach your Honourable Court.

4. It being a recognisable fact that it is incumbent upon all Church Courts to be exemplary in their own conduct, and correct in their procedure, I am prepared to prove the Presbytery of Melbourne East has failed in this respect.

5. The elementary principles of justice have been denied me.

6. And, finally, I maintain that the Presbytery of Melbourne East has been guilty of gross contumacy.

And now that I have made Complaint, and given reasons for such, let me state that, notwithstanding that I have been contending against a direct violation of our Presbyterian policy, I am most emphatically anxious to prevent our Presbyterian Church from further perpetuating the illegal and un-Christian action which I call upon your Honourable Court to afford me assistance to redress.

Believe me

Yours obediently,

ROBERT J. S. CULLEN.

5th April, 1921.

Extract Minute of 2nd June, 1921, 10 a.m. (S.A.B.B. of Vic., p. 61).

"The complaint of Mr. R. J. S. Cullen against the Presbytery of Melbourne East was submitted, and Mr. Cullen heard.

"It was moved by the Rev. F. A. Hagenauer, and seconded by Mr. A. G. Proudfoot:—

"That the Complaint be sustained, and the Presbytery of Melbourne East be instructed to obey the direction of the General Assembly of Australia, and take Mr. R. J. S. Cullen on trial, according to the Rules of Discipline, or

leave him in peaceful possession of the office of a Ruling Elder in the congregation of Murrumbreena."

"It was moved, as an amendment, by the Rev. R. W. Macaulay, and seconded by the Rev. Professor Adam:—

"That all the words after 'be' be omitted, with a view to inserting the words 'transmitted simpliciter to the General Assembly of Australia.'"

"The amendment was approved, and the proposed words were inserted.

"The motion as amended was approved."

Extract Minute, 2nd June, 1921, 7.30 p.m. (S.A.B.B. of Vic., p. 64).

"The Moderator intimated to Mr. Cullen the decision of the House, relative to his complaint, as recorded in the minutes of this morning's Sederunt.

"Mr. Cullen appealed to the General Assembly of Australia.

"The Revs. G. Tait and W. Borland were appointed as Respondents, to answer Mr. Cullen's appeals."

REPLY.

The Presbytery of Melbourne East respectfully submits the following communication, as both an answer to the complaint and a report to the General Assembly, of its dealing with the instructions on this matter of the Assembly of 1920:—

The Case of R. J. S. Cullen.

The General Assembly of Australia, 1920, agreed to "receive" Mr. Cullen's "Petition," and resolved. "That the case be remitted to the Presbytery of Melbourne East, with instructions to proceed regularly, under Rules of Discipline, and, that the request of the Petitioner, in regard to the minutes, follow the case."

Extract from Minutes of Presbytery of Melbourne East, 8th November, 1920.

Pursuant to notice, the Rev. Geo. Tait moved:—"That the Presbytery of Melbourne East, having considered the decision of the General Assembly of Australia, relative to the Petition of Mr. R. J. S. Cullen, and having reconsidered the case of Mr. Cullen in the light of that decision, finds:—

"1. That the decision of the General Assembly of Australia does not restore Mr. Cullen to his place as a member of the Session of Murrumbreena; and that Mr. Cullen, having been dealt with on the basis of certain facts, and removed by the Presbytery of Melbourne South, now represented by the Presbytery of Melbourne East, from his office as Elder in the Murrumbreena Session, and that removal abiding, the Presbytery cannot, without manifest injustice, initiate another process based on the same facts.

"2. That the General Assembly of Australia does not specify any fact or facts on the basis of which a process of discipline can be initiated, that no person has alleged such facts, and made them the ground of a charge, and that the Presbytery itself knows of no such facts.

"3. That the act of removing Mr. Cullen from his place on the Murrumbreena Session was, in the Presbytery's opinion, an act of administration within its powers, and which does not come under the jurisdiction of the General Assembly of Australia; that though the decision of the General Assembly of Australia, in this case, implies a contrary opinion, it does not directly state it; that other decisions of the General Assembly of Australia—that of Dr. Campbell's Appeal (Minute 49, Blue Book, 1920), and that of the Overture of the Rev. George Tulloch, relative to Rule 112, of the New South Wales Code (Minute III, Blue Book, 1920)—are clearly based on the view that the removal of an Elder from office in a particular congregation is an act of administration, and not of discipline; that the Presbytery would violate its own convictions, surrender the autonomy secured to State Assemblies by the Deed of Union, and go against the clearly expressed opinion of the General Assembly of Australia itself, if it dealt with the case of an Elder, whose usefulness in a particular congregation was at an end, but against whom no charge affecting his moral character or doctrinal views was made, otherwise than by an act of administration.

"And, further, the Presbytery resolves to forward these findings to the General Assembly of Australia."

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. B. House, and carried.

E. H. CHAPPLE,

Clerk of Presbytery.

REVEREND MODERATOR, FATHERS AND BRETHERN.

I beg leave to Petition your Venerable Assembly that I be heard, inasmuch as a most serious personal injustice has been done me.

Wherewith, through the Commission appointed by your Court to deal with my Appeals deeming it necessary to hear the Appellant and Respondents only in the matter of their expression of their respective views as to whether the matters for Appeal were of administrative or disciplinary jurisdiction. The which, after having been expressed, they did privately confer and intimate their finding to me, on Saturday, the 9th September.

That the matters being administrative, my Appeals were therefore dismissed as incompetent.

The grounds of my Petition are:—

1. That the Commission has to a large extent been guided, by the decision of the General Assembly, given relative to the overture (ancient Article of Agreement No. IV.), transmitted by the Presbytery of Goulburn.

2. That a flagrant breach of faith with me has been committed, forasmuch as your Venerable Court gave definite instructions, as per Blue Book, General Assembly of Australia, September, 1920, page 29 (Minute 72), and such instructions not having been carried out, and no further additional evidence, other than what was presented to your Court at that time, having been presented. I claim, civilly, morally and legally, the unassailable rights thereby in such vouchsafed to me.

3. That obedience to such instructions not having been carried out, this Supreme Court should find it incumbent to have me restored to my rightful position, and thereby have the stigma (placed upon me by the action of the late Presbytery of Melbourne South) removed.

4. Whilst, further, in view of such breach of faith, and the present situation having emanated from the illegal procedure enacted at the Congregational Meeting of the evening of April 15, 1919, whereat, in the Church, at Murrumbena, the Rev. J. K. Robertson, by his most unwarrantable imputations, discredited my worthiness as an Elder, more especially in view of the accusation made: "That Mr. Cullen had collaborated with Mr. Romanes in preparing an adverse half-yearly balance-sheet, whereby he (the Rev. J. K. Robertson) had been pilloried in the Board of Management," there has so far been no redress afforded me in the various Court of Presbyterianism.

Asking this Venerable Court to now seriously consider this matter, and that I be heard, as your humble Petitioner, ever praying.

I am, your obediently,

ROBERT J. S. CULLEN.

11/9/22.

"Dalkeith," Tramere Avenue, Murrumbena.

To the Venerable General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Revevend Motderator, Fathers and Brethren.

As this Venerable Assembly has to all intents and purposes disposed of the case in which I and the various Presbyterian Church Courts of the State of Victoria and the Supreme Presbyterian Church Court in Australia have been involved, and has now given a further decision, as against its previous action of September, 1920, when then sitting in Sydney, at that time.

I humbly pray that, so that I may be enabled to explicitly understand the position as it now is, your Court will, in all due respect, be gracious enough to answer my several queries, which I believe should be all that is necessary for the elucidation of the whole matter to me:—

1. What is the finding arrived at by the Commission on my Appeals, and as received by the Venerable Assembly?

2. What are the grounds on which it is based?

3. Does such finding imply that the procedure enacted at the Congregational Meeting of the Murrumbena Church, on the evening of April 15, 1919, was in accordance with the Principles and Polity of our Presbyterian Church when such meeting was by Edict called to take the mind of the Congregation in the matter of the resignation of the Rev. J. K. Robertson, tendered to the late Presbytery of Melbourne South, from his ministerial charge at Murrumbena?

4. Does such finding imply the upholding of the actions of the late

Presbytery of Melbourne South, the Presbytery of Melbourne East and the State General Assembly of Victoria, in their treatment towards me?

5. And, finally, what is now my status in relation to the Murrumbeena Church in particular, and to our Presbyterian Church of Australia in general?

Yours obediently,

ROBERT J. S. CULLEN.

Murrumbeena, 13th September, 1922.

To the Venerable General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Rev. Moderator, Fathers and Brethren.

I desire that your Court would graciously further give me answers to the following questions:—

1. When my Petition was received in Sydney, at your Court, in September, 1920, and the amendment, as moved by Rev. Hagenauer, being approved, and becoming the motion as amended, was approved, how many voted on each side, and what were their names?

2. When it was decided in this Assembly, now sitting, to appoint a Judicial Commission to hear my Appeals, how many voted on each side, and what were their names?

3. How many of those appointed to the Commission to deal with my Appeals voted in favour of my Petition being received, and treated as it finally was in Sydney.

4. How many were appointed to the Commission to deal with my Appeals, their names, how many were present when the matter was dealt with, and their names, and how did they respectively vote?

5. Why were the Appellant and Respondents prevented from, after being dismissed from the bar, being present at the Commission's deliberation amongst themselves?

Yours obediently,

ROBERT J. S. CULLEN.

COMMUNICATIONS.

I.—FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY.

The Revd. George Tait, M.A.,
Clerk of the Assembly,
Presbyterian Church of Australia,
Melbourne.

Revd. and Dear Sir,

I have been instructed by the Presbytery of Sydney to report to the General Assembly as follows, viz.:—

(a) That, on October 11, 1921, a request was received by the Presbytery from the Foreign Missions Committee, that the Presbytery should Ordain Mr. Victor William Coombes as an Evangelist Missionary to India; and that the Presbytery resolved to do so.

(b) That, on October 25, 1921, the Presbytery Ordained Mr. Victor William Coombes as an Evangelist Missionary to India.

In accordance with the above-mentioned instructions, I desire to report this action to the General Assembly. I enclose Extract Minutes.

Yours faithfully,

A. C. GRIEVE,
Assistant Clerk.

At Sydney, and within St. Stephen's Church, the 11th day of October, 1921, the Presbytery of Sydney, being duly convened, met, and was constituted with Prayer.

Inter alia:—A Communication from the Foreign Missions Committee, requesting the Presbytery to Ordain Mr. Victor William Coombes as an Evangelist Missionary to India, was read and received.

Revs. R. J. H. McGowan (Convener) and Alex. Clark were heard in support of the request.

It was moved, seconded and carried: "That Mr. Victor William Coombes be Ordained as an Evangelist Missionary to India, by this Presbytery."

It was moved, seconded and agreed: "That the Ordination take place in St. Stephen's Church, on Tuesday, October 25, 1921, at 8 p.m., the Moderator, Mr. McGowan, and the Clerk, to make all necessary arrangements."

It was further resolved: "That the Clerk be instructed to report the action of the Presbytery, in Ordaining Mr. Coombes, to the General Assembly of Australia."

Closed with Prayer.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Sydney, this 7th day of December, 1921, by me,

A. C. GRIEVE,
Assistant Clerk.

At Sydney, and within St. Stephen's Church, the 25th day of October, 1921, the Presbytery of Sydney met, in *hunc effectum* and was constituted with Prayer.

Inter alia:—The Moderator conducted Public Worship. Rev. R. J. H. McGowan narrated the steps leading up to the Ordination. The Moderator put to Mr. Coombes the prescribed questions. Satisfactory answers having been received, the Presbytery did, in the Name and by Authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, Ordain Mr. Victor William Coombes to the office of the Holy Ministry, as an Evangelist Missionary to India. The Moderator declared him to be duly Ordained, and with the Brethren, gave him the Right Hand of Fellowship. Rev. R. E. Davies gave the Charge to the Minister, and Rev. C. W. Willis addressed the congregation. Mr. Coombes signed the Formula, and his name was added to the Presbytery's Roll of Ministers.

The Meeting was closed with Prayer.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Sydney, this 7th day of December, 1921, by me,

A. C. GRIEVE,
Assistant Clerk.

II.—THE UNIVERSAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE ON LIFE AND WORK.

S.C.S. Union,
141 Bath Street, Glasgow.
June 15th, 1921.

The Reverend,

The Clerk of the General Assembly of
The Presbyterian Church of Australia,
Melbourne.

Reverend and Dear Sir,

I beg to forward herewith, for presentation to your Venerable Assembly, documents relative to the proposed Universal Christian Conference. I have forwarded similar documents to the Presbyterian Churches of New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, West Australia and South Australia.

I trust your Assembly may see its way to co-operate in the movement. If so, it may be that some Committee of the Assembly may afterwards be able to afford guidance and assistance in discussing with the General Arrangements Committee, the best way of securing the preparation and presentation of the Australian point of view in the case of the questions under consideration.

The Rt. Reverend Dr. McClymont, in his closing address at the Assembly of the Church of Scotland, made an explanatory statement on the purpose of the conference. I have pleasure in sending you a copy.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN D. MACGILP,
Acting Secretary.

The Business Committee think it sufficient to print the following:—

UNIVERSAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE ON LIFE AND WORK.

The Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

We, the undersigned, desire to call the earnest attention of your communion to the enclosed statement and appeal for prayer in regard to the projected Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work. You will gather from what is there said, that a beginning has been made, but most of the preliminary work has still to be done. We shall be approaching you again more formally later on, as to representation on the Committee of Arrangements, and as to delegates from Churches or groups of Churches to the Conference itself. This communication is to appeal for the thought and sympathy and prayers of the members of your Communion, for we would emphasise the fact that only in so far as the various Communion of Christendom are willing to participate can the Conference attain its object.

The subjects for discussion must obviously include the great international and industrial problems of the present time, as well as more strictly social questions. But it is impossible for these to be finally determined without the full consultation of all who are willing to help. At present we ask for no more than the assurance that we may hope for the co-operation of the members of your Communion in this enterprise of faith and hope, which we believe is urgent if the Churches of Christendom are to fulfil their task in a world which is so sorely in need of that message from God, and that way of life for which they stand.

The Acting Secretary for the British Section is the Rev. John MacGillp, to whom any communications may be addressed at the office of the Scottish Christian Social Union, 141 Bath Street, Glasgow.

Signed on behalf of the Provisional Executive Committee.

NATHAN SODERBLOM.

(Archbishop of Upsala).

THEODORE PETRIBURG,

(Bishop of Peterborough).

NEHEMIAH BOYNTON,

(Chairman of American Section).

R. C. GILLIE,

(President of National Council of the Evangelical Free Churches of England).

III.—FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN ALLIANCE.

The Rev. J. R. Fleming, D.D.

44 Queen-street, Edinburgh.

The Clerk, G.A.Q.A.

June 3, 1922.

Dear Mr. Tait,—In sending you the Annual Report of the Alliance, might I suggest that you ask one of the Australian members of the Section to speak on the subject at your Assembly? You will see from enclosed list that Professor McIntyre and Mr. Fiddian are members.

I should like much to get into closer touch with your Assembly of the Commonwealth and with the State Assemblies as well. As the Hymnary is about to be revised, this would be a good opportunity for ascertaining your views on that matter, and, perhaps, getting your co-operation. The New Zealand Church has already asked me to act for them.

I wonder if it would be possible for your Assembly to give a small annual grant to our funds. The American Section are raising an extra £100 a year to meet the increased administrative expenses, and we must raise the other £100 somehow. You may ask what service we can render you. Well, we are at least willing to do all we can. There is the free circulation of the "Quarterly Register," for instance, to a number of your ministers. Some day we may be able to send a deputation, and we are exceedingly anxious to enlist your sympathy on behalf of the distressed churches of our order on the Continent of Europe.—With kindest regards, I am, very truly yours,

J. R. FLEMING.

IV.—FROM THE RT. REV. JAS. GIBSON, M.A., MODERATOR
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia:—
Fathers and Brethren,—

Towards the end of last year I was requested by the Archbishop of Sydney, the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, to nominate eight representatives of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to attend a Conference on Reunion of the Churches, which he, in accordance with the wishes of his Church in England, in the Lambeth Appeal of 1921, was inviting to meet at Sydney, in March, 1922.

With the help of State Moderators and Public Questions Committees, I succeeded in getting eight representative men—three from Sydney, three from Melbourne, and two from Brisbane—to attend this Conference, which was held in the Chapter House of Sydney Cathedral, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 28th and 29th March. Besides these eight, there were eight representatives of the Methodist Church, eight of the Congregational Church, and twelve of the Anglican Church, present at the Conference.

Papers on various subjects bearing on re-union were read and discussed at the Conference, and the discussions were characterised by frankness, goodwill, and a large measure of harmony. A report of the proceedings has been published, a copy of which I lay on the table, for the information of the Assembly. The following resolutions were adopted by the Conference:—

I. "That while the right of the Church to determine its own polity at any time is recognised, in the opinion of this Conference, in view of all the circumstances, it is expedient that the polity of a reunited Catholic Church be episcopal, provided that—(1) the appointment to the office of a bishop be shared in by ministry and laity. (2) that such office be exercised in a representative and constitutional manner, so that, in all administrative actions, the bishop should be responsible to the representative Assembly, Conference, or Synod of the Church; (3) that such acceptance of episcopacy does not necessarily imply that ministerial authority cannot be otherwise obtained, or that episcopacy is the only channel of Divine Grace."

II. "That subject to the above resolution, this Conference welcomes the assurance implied in Clause 4 of the Lambeth Appeal, that each group within the re-united Church would be free to retain its characteristic methods of worship and service, in so far as such retention is not inconsistent with the fellowship of the whole."

III. "That this Conference recommends that conditions for mutual recognition of episcopal and non-episcopal orders and commissions be thoroughly explored by the respective churches, and to this end, recommends the appointment of a committee by this Conference, for the purpose of receiving reports from such churches, and ascertaining the possibilities of arriving at a common mind, and reporting to a further Conference suggestions as to details or formulae of any such commission or commissions; further, that the committee consist of the Bishop of Willochra (Convener), the Secretaries of the Conference, and two representatives from each Church, making a total of eleven in all."

IV. "That, while conditions of membership in the re-united church might be satisfied by the Apostles' Creed or some shorter and simpler form of personal confession of Christian faith, a corporate creed would be necessary as a common standard precedent to re-union, and for this purpose the Nicene Creed would be a most appropriate and acceptable form."

V. "That this Conference desires to take the opportunity of expressing its sympathy with the movement for the union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches, and its hope that the movement will not be delayed, in view of the prospect of any wider movement, since any union effected between two or more churches would simplify and facilitate the problem of wider unity contemplated by this Conference."

While not asking this Assembly, in the meantime, to commit itself to these propositions, or any of them, I would venture to suggest that the Assembly should appoint a representative committee, of a moderate size, to keep in touch with this movement for the wider re-union of the churches, and report to a future Assembly.

In view of what is suggested in the third of the resolutions carried at the March Conference, as to "conditions for mutual recognition of episcopal and non-episcopal orders," it might be well to instruct any committee which

the Assembly may see fit to appoint in this matter, to make it clear, in any negotiations they may enter into, that, any form of "recognition" or "commission" to exercise ministry in a united church, which could be interpreted as reflecting on the validity of the "orders" already received by ordination, could not be accepted by our Church.

JAMES GIBSON, Moderator.

V.—FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TASMANIA.

Extract.

At Hobart, and within St. Andrew's Church, on Wednesday, April 12, 1922.

The State General Assembly met, pursuant to adjournment, at 10 a.m.

The Assembly was duly constituted with prayer.

Inter alia:—

The Rev. W. J. Harris, Convener of the Public Questions Committee, submitted his report, and moved the following deliverance:—

1. That the Assembly place on record its profound gratitude to Almighty God for His goodness and mercy to our Church during the one hundred years of its existence in this island, and for the heroism, zeal and energy with which the pioneers and founders commenced the work of the Church, and for the devotion of their successors, who have carried the work on to the present.

2. That the Assembly congratulate the minister, office-bearers, and congregation of St. Andrew's Church, Hobart, upon reaching the centenary of their Church, and trust that rich and spiritual blessing may rest upon their effort to suitably celebrate the event.

3. That the Assembly approve of the endeavor of the Foreign Missions Committee to raise a fund of £1000 for the building of a new mission house on Epi, and for Foreign Mission work generally, and also of the proposal of the Home Missions Executive to raise a fund of £1000 for Home Mission purposes, and that the two efforts be combined under an Assembly's Centenary Thanksgiving Fund.

4. That the Assembly mark the centenary by setting apart the last Sunday in June of this year for the holding of special services of thanksgiving, and that the offerings on that day be devoted to the Assembly's Centenary Thanksgiving Fund.

5. That a Commissioner be appointed in connection with the Assembly's Centenary Thanksgiving Fund, and that a sum not exceeding 5 per cent. of the fund be set apart for his expenses.

6. That the Home and Foreign Mission Executives, with the Moderator as Convener, be the Assembly's Centenary Thanksgiving Fund Committee, and that this committee prepare a pamphlet for distribution among the congregations in time for the Thanksgiving Sunday.

7. That the General Assembly of Australia be informed of the steps being taken to celebrate the centenary in the island, and that the Assembly be asked to help in the celebration.

8. That the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria be invited to participate in the centenary celebrations connected with Thanksgiving Day.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. A. E. Culliford, and unanimously approved.

Closed with prayer.

Extracted from the Records of the State Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Tasmania, this twenty-ninth day of August, 1922, by me.

J. HEYER, Clerk of Assembly.

OVERTURES.

I.—ANENT ARTICLE OF AGREEMENT No. IV.

(Transmitted by the Presbytery of Goulburn.)

Whereas it is clearly set forth in the Article of Agreement No. IV. of this Church that the General Assembly is supreme with regard to the

discipline of the Church; and whereas, in proof of this, the General Assembly adopted, on September 30th, 1918, new rules in regard to discipline, after such had been considered and approved by a majority of Presbyteries and State Assemblies; be it known that the State Assembly of New South Wales, on the 11th day of May, 1916, amended its Rule 112, and inserted the following words:—"Or the Presbytery may, subject to appeal to the General Assembly of the State, resolve to dissolve the pastoral tie, or, if the unsatisfactory condition of the parish is found to be due to the action of any office-bearer or member, it may remove such office-bearer from office in the particular congregation, or may order disjunction certificates to be given, as the interests of the congregation may require. Similar action may be taken in any case in which it appears to the Presbytery that the vital interests of the congregation necessitate such action. Any case which involves the moral character or doctrinal teaching of a minister, office-bearer or member can be dealt with only in accordance with the rules on procedure in regard to discipline."

It is therefore humbly Overtured to the Venerable the General Assembly by the Presbytery of Goulburn:—That, in view of the fact that this Assembly is supreme in all matters of discipline, the Assembly declare: (1) Whether the matters set forth in amended Rule 112, New South Wales, are matters of discipline; and (2) If so, that said rule be declared in excess of jurisdiction, and therefore null and void, seeing it places in the hands of Presbyteries certain powers which can be exercised without a proper trial, and which cannot be reviewed by this Supreme Court; and, in view of the fact that vital spiritual and civil rights are involved in such powers, as between minister and people, elders and people, and members and fellow-members, of which they should not be deprived without procedure under the strict rules of discipline, which are designed to protect all the rights of members of this Church, and which can be appealed to this Court, this Assembly define its position in relation to these important matters; or (3) take such action as will determine where administration ends and discipline commences.

The Presbytery representatives were appointed to state the Overture and support it in the General Assembly. Closed with prayer.

Extracted from the records of the Presbytery of Goulburn this 21st day of June, 1922, by me.

ALBERT J. CARTER, Presbytery Clerk.

II.—RELATIVE TO OTHER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES IN AUSTRALIA.

At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins-street, June 1st, 1922. The Assembly met, pursuant to adjournment, at 7.30 p.m., and was constituted.

Inter alia: The Rev. R. W. Macaulay moved the motion, relative to other Presbyterian Churches in Australia, of which he had given notice, and which is recorded in the morning minute of May 30th,

The motion was seconded by the Rev. J. Barnaby, and approved, and the Revs. R. W. Macaulay and J. Barnaby were appointed to support the Overture in the General Assembly of Australia.

Relevant Part of Notice of Motion, May 30th.

"3. Overture the General Assembly of Australia as follows:—Whereas there are scattered over Australia a number of Churches of the Presbyterian faith and order not in fellowship with the Presbyterian Church of Australia, and whereas there is a duty laid on the Church of God to promote the spirit of union, the General Assembly of Victoria respectfully Overtures the General Assembly of Australia to take these premises into consideration, and invite the Churches indicated (1) to appoint corresponding members to the General Assembly and the State Assembly of that State in which their main work lies; (2) to appoint committees to examine with us the points of difference between the Churches, and ascertain if any question of vital principle now intervenes to prevent the union of these Churches and the Presbyterian Church of Australia; or do otherwise as in its wisdom it may see fit."

Extracted from the minutes by

July 7th, 1922.

GEORGE TAIT, Clerk.

III.—RE JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP.

At Melbourne and within the Assembly Hall, Collins-street, the 31st May, 1922.

The Assembly met, pursuant to adjournment, at 7.30 p.m., and was constituted.

Inter-alia: The Overture from the Session of West Hawthorn, relative to a Junior Membership, was submitted, and supported by the Rev. H. M. Burns.

It was moved by the Rev. R. W. Macaulay:—

“That the Assembly transmit the Overture to the General Assembly of Australia, with a recommendation for favourable consideration.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. A. H. Campbell, and approved.

Extracted from the Minutes of July 7th, 1922.

GEORGE TAIT,
Clerk.

Transmitted by the Presbytery of Melbourne South, *Simpliciter*.

Whereas it is desirable to endeavour to enrol in Church membership our young people between, say, 12 to 18 years of age, and whereas it is hardly fitting that such should enjoy the full privileges and incur the full responsibilities of membership as at present recognised; it is hereby humbly overtured by the Session of St. Stephen's, Caulfield W., through the Presbytery of Melbourne South, to the State Assembly, that steps be taken for the institution of a Junior Membership in our Church, or for otherwise dealing with the situation as the Assembly in its wisdom may determine.

J. SMILEY, Clerk.

IV.—FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF HOBART.

At Hobart, the 29th day of August, 1922, which day the Presbytery of Hobart, being duly met and constituted with prayer.

Inter alia: The Presbytery resolved to transmit the following overture to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia:—

Whereas a long-standing difficulty has confronted the Presbyterian Church in Hobart by reason of three (3) churches placed centrally, in close proximity to one another;

And whereas this circumstance has rendered suburban Church extension exceedingly difficult;

And whereas there is a growing sense of the necessity of some action being taken at this time;

And whereas the Presbytery of Hobart consists almost exclusively of the representatives of the three city Churches concerned, which further adds to the difficulty of finding a solution:

It is therefore humbly overtured to the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia, by the Presbytery of Hobart, that a Commission be appointed to consult with and advise the Presbytery of Hobart with a view to the furtherance of Presbyterianism in the City of Hobart and its suburbs, or to take such steps as the General Assembly of Australia, in its wisdom, may direct.

Closed with prayer.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Hobart, this Thirty-first day of August, 1922, by me,

A. G. MACKINTOSH-CARTER,
Associate Presbytery Clerk.

PETITIONS.

1.—FROM THE W.A. STATE ASSEMBLY, RE HOME MISSIONS.

To the Venerable the Moderator and Members of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, indicted to meet in Melbourne on Wednesday, the 6th day of September, 1922.

The Petition of the State Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Western Australia:

HUMBLY SHEWETH

That your Petitioners, forming the State Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Western Australia, entered into the Union of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the full belief that such Union would bind the Churches

entering the Union in such a way as would not only be helpful to the whole, but be specially beneficial to such of the members as were in a weaker condition than the others.

Your Petitioners had hoped that some method would have been adopted whereby a unification of the Home Mission Schemes of the various Churches interested could have taken place, thereby enabling Churches, such as ours in Western Australia, to overtake the large territories that are within their borders, and which ought to be supplied with Presbyterian ordinances, but this duty it is well nigh impossible for these Churches to undertake single-handed.

Your Petitioners venture to declare that, in their opinion, the present procedure tends to militate against the weaker churches, owing mainly to the fact that there is no machinery which enables the General Assembly of the Church in Australia to focus its whole strength upon such churches.

Your Petitioners further declare that, under the present order of things, some Ministers who serve the Church of Australia in States where our Church is weak are penalised by the fact that the Church within the State in which they labour is unable to establish a Provident Fund(s) of its own.

Your Petitioners further declare that, in their opinion, the time has come when some action should be taken which will make our Presbyterian Church continental in fact as well as in name, for we maintain that State boundaries should not prevent our struggling congregations from feeling the vital pulse of the whole Church. Our Home Mission enterprises should represent the consolidated effort of the Commonwealth.

Your Petitioners feel that, in view of the existence of these disabilities, the General Assembly of Australia should be requested to take into consideration the need of developing a policy which will enable the Church more effectually to meet the growing demands of Australia.

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

E. F. CAMERON,

Clerk of Assembly.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES.

At Perth, and within St. Andrew's Church, on Thursday, the 11th day of May, 1922, the Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted. The Right Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., Moderator.

Inter-alia: Mr. Petherick gave notice that he would move at a later Sederunt that the following be sustained and transmitted to the G.A.A.:—

AT A LATER SEDERUNT.

"The Assembly sustained the Petition introduced by Mr. Petherick (anent Interstate Mission Enterprise). On the motion of Mr. Petherick, seconded by Mr. Richardson."

Extracted on this fourth day of July, 1922.

E. F. CAMERON,

Clerk of Assembly.

REQUEST.

I.—FROM THE VICTORIAN STATE ASSEMBLY, RE DEACONESS TRAINING INSTITUTE.

At Melbourne and within the Assembly Hall, Collins-street, the 26th May, 1922, the Assembly met, pursuant to adjournment, at 7.30 p.m., and was constituted.

Inter-alia: The report of the Deaconess and Training Institute was submitted by the Rev. A. I. Davidson, who moved:—

"That the Assembly . . . resolve to transmit to the General Assembly of Australia the request of the Deaconess Institute Committee that recognition be given by the General Assembly of Australia to the Deaconess and Missionary Training Institute. . . ."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. D. A. Cameron and approved.
 Extracted from the minutes of July 7th, 1922.

GEORGE TAIT, Clerk.

Recognition by G.A.A.—From time to time we have trained students from other States. As the Institute is becoming increasingly of value outside our own State, it seems to the Committee desirable that authority should be secured to solicit support from other States. With this in view, the Assembly is asked to request that the General Assembly of Australia give its recognition to the Institute, and commend its interests to the various State Assemblies, thus opening a way by which your Committee may, as it is able, approach those interested in other States for support.

II.—FROM THE N.S.W. STATE ASSEMBLY, RE CREEDS.

This is to certify that on May 19th, 1922, the New South Wales General Assembly carried the following resolution:—

“That, whereas our standard creeds arose out of the problems and controversies of an age-long past, and were, therefore, clothed in the thought-forms, philosophical and theological, of a time very different from the present, this Assembly request the General Assembly of Australia to appoint a special committee to conduct a full enquiry with a view to determine what attitude the Presbyterian Church of to-day should adopt towards these creeds and confessions, more particularly the Westminster Confession and Catechisms, and to report, with recommendations, to next Assembly.”

Certified this 20th June, 1922, by me,

JOHN BURGESS,
 Clerk of N.S.W. Assembly.

RETURNS TO REMITS.

I.—ADMINISTRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER BY HOME MISSIONARIES.

An Overture was received from the General Assembly of Queensland in September, 1918, sustained and sent down to Assemblies and Presbyteries. In September, 1920, it was reported that the Returns showed that an absolute majority of Presbyteries had not approved, and the Remit was sent down again for further consideration.

The Overture was:—

“Whereas the resolution of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia (Minute 61, 1914, and Minute 71, 1916) authorises certain Home Mission Agents to administer the sacrament of Baptism, but not the sacrament of the Lord's Supper; and whereas a large number of our faithful people is thereby prevented from enjoying an opportunity of observing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and, in effect, Home Mission Agents also are deprived of the privilege of communication; it is hereby, therefore, humbly overtured to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland that the resolution contained in Minute No. 61 of the G.A. of 1914, authorising Home Mission Agents to administer the sacrament of Baptism, be amended by inserting the following words, viz.:—‘And the sacrament of the Lord's Supper’ after the words, ‘the sacrament of Baptism,’ in the ninth line of the resolution, or to do otherwise,” etc.

Minute No. 61 of the G.A. of 1914 is as follows:—

“That the Assembly, in view of the fact that in many parts of the Commonwealth it is not meantime possible to obtain the services of an ordained Minister of the Word, hereby authorise as a temporary administrative arrangement to meet such need, and until such need be supplied that Home Missionaries who have passed the first examination of the Home Mission course, and other experienced Home Missionaries who are specially authorised by their State Assembly, Students in Theology, and Licentiate, acting as Home Missionaries, be empowered to administer the sacrament of

Baptism according to the rules of the Church, under the following conditions.—

“(1) That they be specially authorised to do so by the Presbytery of the bounds in those cases where it is clear to the Presbytery that an ordained Minister of the Word is not ordinarily available for such purpose.

“(2) That those exercising this function shall straightway report the details of each case of Baptism to the Interim Moderator, or, if there be no Interim Moderator, to the Clerk of the Presbytery, or, in the case of the Australian Inland Mission, to the Convener of the Committee, which Committee of the Australian Inland Mission shall, for the authorisation of the sacrament of Baptism, have the same powers as a Presbytery.

“(3) That the power conferred upon Home Missionaries or Students in Theology be exercised only in the district for which it is given, and only so long as those authorised are acting on behalf of the Church in such district.”

The words, “who have received ordination as Elders,” were added in 1914, but omitted in 1916.

In 1920, the Returns were:—

Assemblies Approving (1920): Queensland (now re-affirmed), South Australia.

Additional Returns (1922) are: Tasmania and Victoria (approves the principle, but suggests that the safeguards provided for cases of baptism be revised to suit the sacrament of the Lord's Supper), Western Australia.

Assemblies Disapproving (1920): New South Wales, Tasmania (now reversed).

Presbyteries Approving (1920): Adelaide, Ballarat, Beechworth, Belalie, Brisbane, Geelong, Gippsland, Goulburn, Goulburn Valley, Hamilton, Hastings, Launceston, Macedon, Melbourne North (if prescribed form of service be used and due preparation of applicants), Melbourne South (provided that missionaries be of at least three years' standing, and are ordained Elders), Monaro, Murrumbidgee, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville, Wagga.

Additional Returns (1922):—

Reaffirmed: Beechworth reaffirmed its former consent, but made it subject to a condition that the clause shall not apply to Victoria, Belalie, Geelong (subject to conditions prescribed by Melbourne North and South, as above), Goulburn, Hamilton, Hastings, Macedon, Wagga.

Approve: Albany, Bendigo (recommends that a special course of instruction on the sacraments be given to those Home Missionaries to whom the privilege is extended, as provided for in the case of Baptism), Maryborough (Q.), Melbourne West (suggests revision of safeguards to suit Lord's Supper), Moree (on condition that stringent safeguards as to moral character of missionary and his knowledge of the meaning and ends of the sacrament be provided, and suggest (1) authority be given by the Presbytery, (2) Presbytery to enquire into and be satisfied with missionary's moral character and knowledge, (3) at least two years' service be required of the missionary prior to his application, (4) authority to be valid only within bounds of Presbytery granting it, and that it be (5) exercised under direction of Interim Moderator), Mortlake, Western Plains (suggests that permission be given only in cases where the Presbytery of the bounds consider that the difficulty of the Moderator under whom the Home Missionary is working is sufficiently great to justify the permission; that permission on each occasion be carefully considered, and in a conservative spirit; and that the members present at each celebration be reported and recorded in the minutes at the next meeting of Presbytery).

Presbyteries Disapproving (1920): Bathurst, Clarence, Fremantle, Hobart, Hunter, Midlands, Moree, New England, North Sydney, Orange, Perth, Richmond, Sydney, Western Plains, Young. (Of these, it will be noticed, Moree and Western Plains have now reversed their negative vote of 1920).

Additional Returns (1922):—

Re-affirm Disapproval: Fremantle, Hobart, Hunter, Perth, Richmond, Sydney.

Disapprove: Maryborough.

(Note.—Twenty-eight Presbyteries out of 51 now approve, and 14 now disapprove.)

Assemblies Approving: South Australia (re-affirmed).

Assemblies Disapproving: New South Wales (re-affirmed).

Presbyteries Approving: Adelaide (re-affirmed), Ballarat (re-affirmed), Gippsland (re-affirmed, "subject to Presbyterial authority"), Launceston, (re-affirmed), Melbourne East (subject to the insertion of the following words, in place of the words in the resolution of the General Assembly of 1914, Minute 61, after "under the following conditions":—

- (1) That each year, before giving a Missionary special authority to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Presbytery of the Bounds shall satisfy itself that no ordained Minister of the Word can be made available to visit the Mission Station in the course of the year for that purpose; and shall fix the date of dates of such special administration.
- (2) That for each special administration of the Ordinance, the Interim-Moderator shall be responsible, and shall report each such administration to the Presbytery, and shall authorise and direct the Missionary to associate with him, on each occasion, certain members of the Church, to act on behalf of the Kirk Session in the administration of the Sacrament.
- (3) That in no case shall discipline be exercised by those thus authorised to act, but any cases of discipline shall be reported to the Interim-Moderator to be dealt with according to the law of the Church.
- (4) That a list of members, and of those desiring to communicate for the first time, shall be submitted before each occasion, to the Interim-Moderator and Kirk Session, who shall be responsible for the admission of members on profession of faith, and receiving and granting certificates of membership.
That no Home Missionary shall administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on any occasion except those fixed under conditions as above, and that whenever it is possible, the Missionary authorised as above shall be ordained as an Elder of the Church.
- (5) That no Home Missionary be thus specially authorised, unless he has passed the First Year's Examination of the Home Mission Course, or has been specially recommended to the Presbytery for this duty by the Home Mission Committee under which he is employed.

2. Remit Relative to Standing Order 4.

Approved.

3. Remit Relative to Rule 7.

Approved.

Extracted from minutes of Presbytery.

E. H. CHAPPLE, Clerk.

Melbourne North (re-affirmed, with different proviso, "That the safeguards approved in connection with the Sacrament of Baptism be revised to suit the requirements necessary for administration of the Lord's Supper"); Melbourne South (re-affirmed, with different proviso, as follows, "(a) "That the Home Missionaries officiate by special resolution of Presbyteries only; (b) That the firm of service supplied by the Book of Common Order be used in the case of inexperienced missionaries; (c) That the law of the Church in regard to Sacrament being dispensed under the direction of the Session be observed"); Murrumbidgee (re-affirmed); Rockhampton (re-affirmed); Toowoomba (re-affirmed); Wimmera (subject to proper safeguards).

Presbyteries Disapproving.—Clarence (re-affirmed), Illawarra, Midlands (re-affirmed), Monaro (reversing vote, 1920), North Sydney (re-affirmed), Orange (re-affirmed).

Summary.—5 Assemblies "approve," 1 Assembly "disapproves," 29 Presbyteries "approve," 26 Presbyteries "disapprove."

II—RE TENURE OF OFFICE OF SESSION CLERK.

An Overture was received by the Victorian Assembly from the Presbytery of Bendigo, and, on the motion of the Rev. Geo. Tait, was sustained in the following form:—"Whereas uncertainty has arisen as to the tenure of office of a Session Clerk, it is hereby humbly overtured to the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia to amend Standing Order 4 by inserting

in line five as a new sentence, 'The Clerk is elected by and holds office at the will of the Court,' or to deal otherwise," etc.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. M. Campbell, approved, and sent down to Presbyteries.

At the General Assembly of Australia (1920) the Overture was introduced by the Rev. Geo. Tait, who moved: "That the Overture be approved and sent to State Assemblies and Presbyteries to report to next Assembly."

The motion was seconded and approved.

Assemblies Approve: Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia, Queensland.
Disapprove: None.

Presbyteries Approve: Albany, Bathurst, Beechworth, Belalie, Bendigo, Fremantle, Hamilton, Hastings, Hobart, Macedon, Maryborough, Melbourne West, Moree, Mortlake, North Sydney, Perth, Richmond, Seymour, Seymour, Wagga, Western Plains.

Disapprove:

Assemblies Approving: South Australia.

Assembly Disapproving: New South Wales.

5 "approve," none "disapprove."

Presbyteries Approving: Adelaide, Ballarat, Brisbane, Clarence, Gippsland, Illawarra, Launceston, Melbourne North (if the interpretation be that a clerk who has been regularly appointed may be continued in office, though he cease to be a member of the Court), Melbourne South, Midlands, Monaro, Murrumbidgee, Orange, Rockhampton, Wimmera.

35 Presbyteries "approve," none "disapprove."

III—RE RULE 7 OF THE CHAPTER ON SPIRITUAL FREEDOM.

The Overture from the State Assembly of Victoria, relative to Rule 7 of the Chapter on Spiritual Freedom, was approved and sent to Presbyteries and Assemblies to be reported on to next Assembly.

The Overture was.—"It is hereby humbly overtured to the General Assembly of Australia by the State Assembly of Victoria to amend Rule 7 of the rules to give effect to the Declaratory Statement on the Spiritual Freedom of the Church as follows:—Omit all the words after the word 'of' in line three. and substitute the following: 'State Assemblies and Inferior Courts to exercise their administrative functions, as these are secured by the Articles of Agreement.'"

Assemblies Approve: Queensland, Victoria, Western Australia.

Disapprove:

Presbyteries. Approve: Bathurst, Beechworth, Geelong, Goulburn (provided that these administrative functions are made clear by the Assembly as requested by Presbytery's overture), Hamilton, Hastings, Hobart, Macedon, Melbourne West, Moree, North Sydney, Perth, Seymour, Seymour, Wagga, Western Plains.

Disapprove: Bendigo, Fremantle, Maryborough.

Assembly Approving: New South Wales.

Assembly Not Approving: South Australia, "passed from the Remit."

Presbyteries Approving: Ballarat, Brisbane, Clarence, Fremantle (correcting White Book), Gippsland, Illawarra, Launceston, Melbourne North, Melbourne South, Midlands, Murrumbidgee, Rockhampton.

Presbyteries Which "Took No Action": Adelaide, Orange, Wimmera.

Summary:—Assemblies: 4 "approve," 1 took no action; Presbyteries: 27 "approve," 2 "disapprove," and 3 "took no action."

REPORTS.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

1. The Business Committee respectfully report that, in view of the absence from Australia of their Convener, Professor R. G. Macintyre, D.D., and with his sanction, they invited the Business Convener of the Victorian Assembly (the Rev. R. W. Macaulay, B.A.), to act as their Convener until the Assembly met, and that Mr. Macaulay agreed to do so.

2. The Business Committee propose that the hours of sitting be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (with an interval from 1 to 2.15 p.m.), and from 7.30 to 10.

3. It has been arranged that the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be observed in the Scots Church at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 7. With a view to an economy of the Assembly's time, and a due regard to the order and dignity of the Sacramental service, certain changes of procedure were discussed. The Assembly Arrangements Committee of the Victorian Church has kindly worked these out, and, with the approval of the Moderator-Designate, drafted an amended Order of Service. Particulars will be found on pages 1 and 2 of the White Book, and members are invited to give effect to the suggestions there made.

4. The Committee propose that the business for Wednesday evening and Thursday be as follows:—

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th.

(Assembly Hall.)

- 7.30 p.m.—1. Constitution of Assembly.
 2. Roll.
 3. Report of Business Committee.
 4. Election of Moderator and Address.
 5. Vote of thanks to Retiring Moderator (proposed by the Rev. John Walker, seconded by the Rev. John Ferguson).
 6. Communication concerning proposed Universal Conference on Life and Work.
 7. Dr. Burgess' Notice of Motion concerning the Procurator.
 8. Notices of Motion.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th.

10 a.m.—In the Scots' Church. Communion Service.

11 a.m.—In the Assembly Hall.

1. Confirmation of Roll.
 2. Appointment of Business Committee.
 3. Appointment of Selection Committee.
 4. Appointment of Scrutineers.
 5. Report on Book of Order.
 6. Report of Home Mission Committee and Overture.
 7. Report on the Inland Mission.
 8. Report on Finance.
 9. Report on Beneficiary Funds.
- 7.30 p.m.—1. Report on Immigration and Address by the Commonwealth Attorney-General, the Hon. L. E. Groom.
 2. Report on Welfare of Youth.
 3. Business left over.

5. The Committee think it desirable that the Assembly should, at its first sitting, decide when it will take up certain matters, and they propose the following:—

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.

Report, Board of Missions and Jewish Mission.
 Report, College Committee.
 Report on Church Union.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Appeal, Rev. A. King and Mr. H. C. Harte (sitting in private).

Report on Year Book.
Report on "Record."

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11.

Morning.—Overtures.
Petitions.
Remaining Appeals.
Report on Church Union (resumed discussion).

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.

Morning.—Report on Reception of Ministers.
Evening.—Inland Mission Demonstration.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.

1. Report, Naval and Military Committee.
2. Report on Public Questions.
6. The Committee propose that the daily minutes be made available as soon as they arrive in the forenoon, and that they be taken as read. Corrections should be handed in (in writing) during the day, and the minutes confirmed, as the first business each evening, at 7.30 p.m.
All of which is reported,

On behalf of the Committee,

R. WILSON MACAULAY,
Acting Convener.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

After consultation with members of the Committee, the Acting Convener desires respectfully to draw the Assembly's attention to the following points:—

1. Six Appeals are listed, together with a Petition, which is equivalent in all but name to a seventh Appeal. Another Appeal has now come to hand, making in all practically eight Appeals. Due consideration of these threatens to absorb a large proportion of the Assembly's time. The question arises, therefore, whether it is not necessary to find some other way of dealing with these Appeals, and your Convener asks that the Assembly should determine at the outset whether it will attempt to hear the Appeals or refer them to a commission.

2. Last General Assembly adopted the principle of a time limit for speeches on the matter of Church Union. Some objection has been raised to this as limiting discussion on the one matter that ought to be most thoroughly and amply discussed. Limitation at some point would appear to be desirable, and the Assembly is asked to consider (or to refer to the Business Committee for consideration and report) what business, if any, should be subjected to time limits, whether speeches should be limited or the time for debate, and at what stage of the proceedings limitation should begin.

3. Pending a decision on these points, especially the first, your Convener has not thought it necessary to incur the expense of printing the voluminous MS. attached to the eighth Appeal, now to hand. The Appeal in question is one direct from the Presbytery of Sydney to this General Assembly. The question arises whether this Assembly will receive the Appeal, which has not gone through the State Assembly. The matter is one of discipline, in which this Assembly is supreme, and there has been no possibility, since Sydney Presbytery dealt with it, of appealing to the State Assembly, whose sittings for the year were over. The Assembly is accordingly recommended to receive the Appeal. All of which is respectfully submitted by—

R. WILSON MACAULAY, Acting Convener.

10/8/22.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUSTRALIAN BENEFICIARY FUNDS.

At the time of the meeting of the General Assembly, in September, 1920, negotiations for the union of the two beneficiary funds connected with the Church in New South Wales were maturing, and the local movement received encouragement from the General Assembly's consideration of the larger Australian scheme. Until the local union of funds was effected, well-informed opinion in the New South Wales Church was that the Australian scheme

could not make much advance there, as it was thought an attempt should be made to complete settlement of the difficult matter of local union before the establishment of an Australian fund. The committee, therefore, notes with satisfaction that the arrangements for the local union were at last perfected by the State Assembly, in May, 1921, and came into operation immediately. The scheme is working satisfactorily, though amended regulations suited to the altered conditions have yet to be introduced. The convener visited Sydney in August, 1922, to investigate the matter in its bearing on the Australian scheme, and found that decided confidence existed in the success of the local union, but, in view of various details still awaiting settlement, he formed the opinion that the Church in New South Wales is not quite ready for an immediate advance towards the Australian scheme. He believes, however, that the questions in relation to the discontinuance of local funds, in favor of the Australian fund, or their amalgamation with it, submitted to the managements of all local funds after the General Assembly of 1918, which, for reasons indicated previously, have not been dealt with in New South Wales, should be brought under the notice of the committee of the new united fund there, so that the information obtained from other States may be completed and a foundation obtained for further negotiation of more definite character.

Interesting developments in regard to contributions to and benefits under local funds are taking place, both in New South Wales and Victoria. Under the New South Wales united fund, ministers now contribute £5 annually to each of the two forms of benefit, namely, (a) age and infirmity; (b) widowhood and orphanhood. These contributions are supplemented by collections and interest on investments, which greatly exceed the ministerial contributions in amount. The annuities are also uniform. Aged and infirm ministers draw annuities of £100, irrespective of length of service, though in two different years £120 was paid. The annuity for widows is £37/10/-, and for orphans under 17, £12/10/- each. A special effort has been made, since the union of funds was effected, to raise money to increase the annual allowance for widows to £100, but, in spite of much earnest work, it has not so far met with the success hoped for. When in Sydney, the Convener ascertained that there is no partiality in Sydney in favor of the reproduction of the local scale of benefits in the Australian scheme. The largest benefit, consistent with actuarial solvency and reasonable safeguards, is hoped for, but there is a decided preference for uniform rates of benefit, as against any scheme including increments based on length of service.

In Victoria, features of the State funds which rendered them complex, seem likely to disappear. The two local funds may be combined under one management, while the heavy entrance fees and system of increments, it is expected, may be discontinued.

A special committee of the Victorian State Assembly reported on various matters connected with the beneficiary funds in May, 1922, and arrived at conclusions regarding benefits similar in important respects to those which our committee had reached.

The Victorian Committee recognises that "the annuities which are now provided for, were fixed long ago, when money purchased far more than it does at present," and submitted a scheme which is reproduced here. It is intended to provide benefits from a united fund. "The amounts," says the Committee (Vic. S.A. B.B., May, 1922, p. LXXVII.) "represent what has to be provided in respect of each ratepayer by the ratepayer himself, along with the congregation or committee in connection with which his work is done.

A.—Pension of £150 per annum upon retirement at age of 65. This is a fixed sum, not dependent on length of service.

B.—Widow's allowance of £78 per annum. This also is a fixed sum, not dependent on the husband's length of service.

C.—Orphan's allowance of £26 per annum, until age of 18.

Age at Joining.	Cost of A.	Cost of B.	Cost of C.	Total.
25	£9 6 0	£15 16 10	£3 17 5	£29 0 3
28	10 19 0	17 6 3	3 17 5	32 2 8
30	12 6 0	18 8 5	4 2 3	34 16 8
33	14 11 0	20 5 0	4 7 5	39 3 5
36	17 8 0	22 7 5	4 10 5	44 5 10
38	19 16 0	24 1 0	4 11 8	48 8 8
40	22 13 0	25 16 5	4 11 8	53 1 1
45	32 17 0	31 14 8	4 4 10	68 16 6
50	51 0 0	40 17 3	3 9 8	95 6 11

The ages given in the above scale are by way of illustration only, the necessary contributions for every year of life from 25 to 50 being available. The contributions are high, but the cost of reduced benefits can be ascertained by a simple calculation. The scheme has been "approved generally" by the Victorian State Assembly, and preliminary steps have been taken to bring it into effect. The Convener believes that it constitutes a working basis for an Australian scheme of benefits, though some reduction in the amounts of the allowances may be found necessary.

There are important details receiving the attention of the Convener, which, as they have not yet been submitted to the whole Committee, are reserved from treatment in this report, though some of them may be mentioned in the Assembly.

For the Committee,

A. G. PROUDFOOT, Convener.

26th August, 1922.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions, in submitting its report, desires to express its gratitude to God for His preserving care during the past two years. Soon after the Assembly met in 1920, the Mission lugger, "W. S. Rolland," ran on a reef, and all on board had to swim for their lives. After several hours in the water, they safely reached the shore, so that, fortunately, the accident was not accompanied with any loss of life. The untoward event brought out the brighter side of the native character, as two of the crew (aborigines) kept by and assisted Mr. Norman Paull, who could not swim. But for their assistance, the Board would have had to record the loss of a valued life.

During the past year Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. MacCormack, all suffered so much from fever that it was necessary that they should come to a healthier climate for a time, and this they, fortunately, were able to do without the work at their stations being interrupted. Thus, from perils of the sea and perils of the climate, we have reason to thank God that our workers have been preserved.

Staff.—Rev. J. R. B. Love, B.A., M.C., D.C.M., Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. MacCormack, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Miller, Mr. M. Holmes and Miss E. Finger, and Mr. W. F. Mackenzie (temporary), all in North Queensland; Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Beard, Mr. N. A. Paull and Mr. A. Beard, in N.W. Australia. Since last Assembly, Mr. Love has completed his theological course, and on October 10, 1921, he was licensed and ordained by the Presbytery of Adelaide, South Australia. The Board had hoped that the South Australian Church, which had withdrawn from the New Hebrides, would have adopted him as its Missionary, and undertaken his support, but it was resolved to embark on work in Korea. Mr. Wilson, of Mornington Island, has also qualified for licence. His furlough is due, after which the Board hopes he will return to his station, duly ordained.

Soon after last Assembly, the Board, at the request of his parents, sent Mr. Alwyn Beard to assist at Port George IV. He has been of great use on the station, and, along with Mr. Norman Paull, kept the work going whilst his parents were absent on furlough.

Of the other new workers, the first to be appointed was Miss Esther Finger. While Mr. Love was on furlough, he urged upon the Board the necessity of appointing a teacher for the school at Mapoon, as no woman could be expected to look after her own family, act as matron on the Station and teach in the School. Miss Finger, who was preparing for work among the Aborigines, applied, and was appointed.

Other new workers are Mr. and Mrs. H. Mayer. Mr. Mayer was a Home Missionary with the New South Wales Church. He was appointed for a year, with the prospect of extension. He has done good work at Weipa, Aurukun and Mapoon, and recently Mr. Love has appointed him to take oversight at Weipa, during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Dyer at Mornington Island. Mr. Mayer is petitioning the General Assembly to be allowed to sit in February next for the Entrance Examination to the Theological Hall (exempt from languages), and to do an extra-mural course of study. His petition is supported by the Board, the Queensland Executive and Mr. Love. Mrs. Mayer is a certificated Kindergarten teacher.

The other new workers are Mr. and Mrs. Miller. Mr. Miller was recommended to the Queensland Executive as well fitted for the work of the Mission, and his wife was known to the Convener of that Executive as a devoted Christian worker. Since their appointment, they have been working as Assistants, at Weipa.

The Board also appointed Mr. W. F. Mackenzie as a temporary assistant at Mapoon, during the long vacation of the Theological Hall. Mr. Mackenzie has held a Fraser Scholarship, and is looking forward to the Foreign field. He spent two months at Mapoon, and gave valuable help.

The Board has to record, with deep regret, the death of one of its members, the Rev. W. F. Turton, of East Fremantle. Mr. Turton was also Convener of the Foreign Missions' Committee in West Australia, and in that capacity rendered valuable service to the Mission. The wider field under our purview has also suffered through the death of the Rev. R. M. Fraser, of Epi, New Hebrides, and that of the Rev. David M. Lyall, of Korea, both of them devoted and successful Missionaries.

Furloughs.—These were granted to Mr. Love, Superintendent at Mapoon, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Beard, and Mr. and Mrs. MacCormack. Mr. Love took advantage of his furlough to complete his Theological course at Ormond. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's furlough was also due, and arrangements were made for their relief, but were not carried out, and they remained at their station. They purpose, however, coming on furlough about November of this year. They will be relieved by Mr. and Mrs. Dyer. Through the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Mayer and Mr. and Mrs. Miller, the Board was able to relieve Mr. and Mrs. Dyer and Mr. and Mrs. Holmes without hampering the work at their stations.

Fraser Scholarships.—This fund is being fully taken advantage of. The present holders of the Scholarships are Messrs. E. D. Pearson, H. R. Pearson, of New South Wales; John W. P. Gillan and Robert Smith Blair, Victoria; and Miss Elizabeth Dunn, Tasmania. As the accumulated interest of past years was exhausted, and the current income only was available, it was necessary, if the first three named were to continue participating, to reduce the amount allotted to each, so the Board decided to divide the two-thirds available for male students among the three. As there was no female applicant at the time, the Board, having taken the opinion of the Law Agent, granted one-half of the other third to Mr. Blair, Victoria.

Mission Boats.—The "W. S. Rolland," which had run on a reef, was refloated, taken to Broome, and repaired. As the engine has not proved such an advantage as was expected, it was not replaced, and the Board has given instructions that it be sold. The "J. G. Ward," at Mapoon, and the "Morning Star," at Mornington Island, are indispensable in the working of their stations. Another boat, the "Sedney," has been added to the Mission fleet, without cost to the Board, as the purchase money was raised by the natives at Aurukun, under the direction of Mr. Holmes. The motor launch, "Namaleta," at Mapoon, has been sold, as the cost of repairs required was more than her usefulness warranted. The money received for her was used to provide whale boats for Weipa, and an outstation at Musgrave.

Cattle.—In October last the matter of stocking the Port George IV. Station, was brought under the notice of the Board by Mr. Paull, who urged that advantage be taken of an opportunity that had presented itself of procuring a herd of cattle, at about £4 per head. He was authorised to purchase these, at a cost not exceeding £200. The Board, considering that the ordinary funds were not available for such a purpose, approached the West Australian Government on the subject, through the Hon. J. M. Fowler, M.H.R., but its reply was not satisfactory. Mr. R. K. Gillespie, a member of the Board, has, however, offered to advance the money, the capital and interest to be a charge on the Port George "Presbyterian Mission No. 2 Account," in which are entered the sums received for produce, and the earnings of the "Rolland." The cattle are expected in September.

When this matter was before the Board, the larger question of stocking all the stations was brought under its notice, by the Rev. A. Stewart, but the consideration of it was deferred.

Insurance.—It has been decided to create a fund for the insurance of the Mission Buildings, and also of the boats, by taking a percentage of their earnings. The nucleus of such a fund has been already made by the payment

of £20 from the earnings of the "Rolland" into the Savings Bank in Melbourne.

STATIONS.

Mapoon.—This station continues to prosper. Mrs. MacCormack acts as matron. Under Miss Finger's management the school, which has 84 on its roll, maintains its high reputation.

His Excellency, Sir Matthew Nathan, Governor of Queensland, visited the station recently, and was impressed with the work done, being particularly interested in seeing so many young couples settled on their own allotments.

The people at Mapoon are peaceable and self-respecting; no crime was reported last year.

Mr. Love is making arrangements whereby the "J. G. Ward" will have a more assured income, and so relieve the Board to a great extent of the cost of her upkeep.

A cottage has just been erected for the Superintendent. The cost has been defrayed by a legacy to the P.W.M.U., Victoria, from the late Mrs. Sarah Walker, of Royal Park, the mother of Mr. J. S. Walker, an esteemed member of the Melbourne Executive. Mr. R. K. Gillespie, another member of the Board, provided wire doors and windows, to add to the comfort of the Superintendent.

Weipa.—Owing to various causes, there have been frequent changes in the staff at this station. The health of Mr. and Mrs. Dyer necessitated an immediate change, and for a time the station was in charge of a man from the Merluna Cattle Station. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Mayer and Mr. and Mrs. Miller took charge, and, although all were new to the work, they "made good." Nothing has been done with regard to a hospital at Weipa.

Aurukun.—Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, assisted by their son, Malcolm, still carry on the work here. Towards the end of 1921 they had a much-needed change, Mr. and Mrs. Mayer, with the help of Mr. Malcolm Holmes, taking charge in their absence.

On their way back, they spent about a month in Queensland, and their visit to the Churches was much appreciated.

Before leaving on furlough, Mr. Holmes had a long cherished wish fulfilled, in being able, out of the proceeds of the industry of the natives, to purchase a small lugger, named the "Sedney," for use in beche-de-mer fishing, and general Mission purposes. Although the "Sedney" has cost the Board nothing, it is registered in the name of the Convener of the Board, who holds it in trust for the Mission.

As Aurukun suffered from drought recently, Mr. Holmes has to send all the natives away from the station, to the great detriment of the work. To avoid this in future, the Board has provided him with piping, so that water can be brought to the station from a permanent supply. He also took back with him an engine and saw-bench, which will provide profitable employment for the natives, and a supply of building material for the Mission as a whole.

A new reserve has been created by the Queensland Government, between the Mapoon-Weipa-Aurukun and the Mitchell River reserves. The Board has agreed to the division of it proposed by the Bishop of Carpentaria and Mr. Love.

Mornington Island.—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the only white people on the Island. Lately a number of girls were placed under their care by the police authorities, for whom a dormitory has been built. A Church also is in course of construction.

Through the kindness of friends in Queensland, the station has been provided with an organ and Communion cups and plates.

Port George IV.—Mr. and Mrs. Beard, Mr. Norman A. Paull and Mr. Alwyn Beard are carrying on the work at this station. Mr. Beard writes, "Looking back over the past two years, we can see a great improvement." The Sunday services are regularly conducted. Quarrels among the natives are rare. Numbers of children attend the school daily, and the older people spend 15 to 20 minutes singing hymns after the day's work is done. More ground has been taken in, making about 15 acres under cultivation. Friends in Perth have supplied the Mission with a plough, a wind-mill and a hive of bees. The Board has advanced the price of 1½ tons of galvanised wire, a cultivator and harrows, which are to be repaid out of an account which Mr. Paull was

authorised to open in the bank, and into which are paid the sums received for produce, and the earnings of the "Rolland."

Besides doing the work of the Mission, the "Rolland" has been employed in carrying out some Government and other contracts. After the wreck it was felt desirable to insure the vessel, but as it was found that Insurance Companies would only insure her against total loss, and only at what we considered a prohibitive rate, the Board decided that 10 per cent. of her earnings should be placed in the Savings Bank in Melbourne, as an Insurance Reserve, and £20 has been so placed.

Mr. H. L. Richardson, our agent in Broome, having left for Mesopotamia, recommended Mr. Vernon B. Knott as his successor, and with the approval of our agents at Port George IV. the Board appointed him.

Finance.—As directed by last Assembly, the Board considered a beneficiary scheme for its agents, but found that it was not possible to get its unordained men placed on the Beneficiary Funds of any of the Churches. Mr. Love was placed on the Beneficiary Funds of the South Australian Church, by which he was ordained. The matter must not be overlooked.

The Board has drawn up a scale of salaries and allowances for its Missionaries and European Assistants, which it recommends the Assembly to adopt. In the past, the Educational Allowances have been met by bonuses. This year a bonus of £60 was granted to Mr. Holmes, and an additional bonus of £40 was granted to Mr. Beard, making his bonus for the year £100. He is thus receiving £280 in all, his salary at the time of his appointment being £180 per annum, with an allowance of £30 for his children, to which another £30 was added later on for the same purpose. To do away, as far as possible, with the granting of bonuses, the Board submits the following scale of salaries and allowances for the consideration of the Assembly.

Ordained Missionaries, £240 per annum, and Educational Allowances. Maximum salary, £350 per annum.

Unordained Missionaries or Assistants, £210 per annum, and Educational Allowances. Maximum salary, £320 per annum. When the wife receives the Government Grant, the joint salary remains the same.

Educational Allowance for children, 1 to 12, £15 per annum; 12 to 18, £25 per annum.

Mr. and Mrs. Holmes' joint salary is at present £325 per annum, and they are receiving this year a bonus of £60. No alteration in their salary is recommended, but the amount of bonus to be reviewed each year.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson's joint salary is at present £345 per annum. No alteration is recommended.

Unmarried Male Missionaries or Assistants. Each case to be decided on its merits. No alteration is recommended in the salaries of Mr. Norman A. Paull (£180 per annum), Mr. Malcolm Holmes (£100 per annum), and Mr. Alwyn Beard (£52 per annum).

Unmarried Female Assistants, £125 per annum.

FURLoughs.

Three months during the third hot season.

Three months during the sixth hot season.

Fifteen months commencing the ninth hot season.

In all cases, exclusive of time spent in direct journey, from and to the field.

TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

Second-class railway fares, second saloon passages, and freight of goods.

Ladies travelling unattended may be allowed saloon passage.

Incidental expenses, not to exceed £5, allowed to adults for each voyage.

Hospitality Allowance at Weipa not to exceed £30 per annum, to be a charge on the Station account.

Should this scale be agreed to, the following would be the salaries paid by the Board to those now in the Mission.

Agent.	Salary.	Educational Allowance.	Total.
Rev. J. R. B. Love	£240		£240
Mr. R. M. MacCormack	210	£15	225
Mr. H. L. Dyer	210		210
Mr. H. Mayer	210	30	240
Mr. C. J. Miller	85	15	100
Mr. T. W. Holmes	200	60	260
Mr. M. Holmes	100		100
Mr. R. H. Wilson	220		220
Mr. G. I. Beard	210	70	280
Mr. N. A. Paull	180		180
Mr. A. Beard	52		52
	£1917	£190	£2107

Whilst the work at all the stations was never in so hopeful a condition, and is being carried on by faithful and devoted agents, the state of the finances is most unsatisfactory, and has given the Board much concern. Last Assembly assessed the Churches at sums which left the Board with an income of £600 short of its estimated expenditure, but gave it authority to appeal to the Churches to make up the shortage. Unfortunately, the wreck of the "Rolland" involved an additional outlay of £420. The Board was also called upon to pay to the Public Trustee the sum of £302/0/10, due to the Rev. A. Richter. Appeals were made to the various Churches, and met with some response, but fell short of enabling the Board to meet its obligations.

The Board received from the P.W.M.U. of Victoria, a bequest of £300, from the late Mrs. Walker, for a house at Mapoon, for the Rev. J. R. B. Love. The wire doors and windows were provided by another donor. An organ costing £20 was provided for Weipa by some kind friends.

On the Receipts side of the Financial Statement, it will be seen that the assessments made on the various State Churches have been fully met, and Queensland has given, in addition, a special contribution of £100.

On the Payments side of the Statement, the items that call for special mention are the repairs to the "Rolland," costing £420, and the repairs to the "Ward" and "Namaleta," at a cost of £351/0/10.

Fares to and from stations are again in a very heavy item, amounting to £726/5/7. Unfortunately the Board can see but little relief from this.

It will be seen that, owing to the cost of repairs to the "Rolland," and the General Assembly failing to assess the Churches, as requested last report, this period finishes with a deficiency of £155.

The estimated expenditure for the year beginning 1st October, is:—

Salaries	£1917
Educational Allowances	190
Assistants' Salaries	146
Boatmen and Repairs to Boats	300
Port George IV. Boat and Station	400
Fares and Freights	210
Office Expenses	150
Upkeep of Stations	100
General	150
Rev. N. Hey	32
Secretary's Honorarium	20
	£3595

In the above estimate of expenditure, the item "Wages of Boatmen, &c.," applies only to North Queensland. As the item, "Boat and Station Upkeep," has reference to Port George IV., the Board asks the Assembly to grant the £400, and to authorise that it be paid in quarterly instalments. In considering this item, the Assembly will bear in mind that the Port George Station receives from the West Australian Government the sum of £5 per head for sick and indigent natives only, leaving all other expenses connected with the uplifting of the natives to be borne by the Church.

The four States—Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania—according to statistics shown in 1920 B.B. of G.A.A., give on an average, respectively, per member to Foreign Missions as follows:—Victoria, 4/8; New South Wales, 3/10; South Australia, 4/3; Tasmania, 4/2, while

Queensland and Western Australia give on an average 10d. The Board proposes that, seeing they have no other Missions, Queensland and Western Australia should give 2/6 per communicant towards the Aboriginal Missions in their own States, and the balance be an assessment on all the Churches in proportion to their communicants. The present overdraft to be paid by all the Churches, in proportion to their communicants, payment to be spread over two years.

Assessment for year's estimated expenditure		£3,595	0	0
Less Charge of 2/6 per Communicant on Queensland	£1160	0	0	
Less Charge of 2/6 per Communicant on Western Australia	275	0	0	
			1435	0
				0
				£2160

States.	Communi- cants.	2/6 per C'cant.	Half O/D.	Assessment per member.	Total.
Victoria	35,000		374	1,028	1,402
New South Wales	23,000		244	676	920
Queensland	9,300	1,160	96	274	1,530
Western Australia	2,200	275	24	64	363
South Australia	2,500		26	74	100
Tasmania	1,500		16	44	60
	73,500	1,435	780	2,160	4,375

The thanks of the Board are given to the Auditor, the office staffs in Sydney and Melbourne, and to the Executives in Brisbane and Perth.

Signed for the Board by direction.

W. FRASER, Convener.

W. WATT, Secretary.

ADDENDUM TO FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT.

Re Victor William Coombes and his Ordination as an Evangelistic Missionary to India.

In view of the urgent need for someone to manage our financial accounts in India, the Rev. A. Thain Anderson, M.A., on 12th July, 1921, moved, at a meeting of the Foreign Missions Committee, that the Convener be authorised to approach Mr. Coombes, to ascertain if he be willing to go to Sholinghur as an Evangelistic Missionary. In a letter, dated 3rd August, 1921, Mr. Coombes indicated his willingness to go, and the Committee resolved to recommend accordingly to the next Quarterly Meeting. There were several meetings, at which the Committee conferred with Mr. and Mrs. Coombes. At the Quarterly Meeting, on 4th October, 1921, it was resolved that he be accepted as an Evangelistic Missionary to India, and, on the motion of the Rev. A. Clark, seconded by the Rev. J. H. Craig, M.A., it was agreed that the Presbytery of Sydney be requested to ordain him as such. The Sydney Presbytery agreed to do this, and, on 25th October, 1921, Mr. Coombes was ordained "to the office of the Holy Ministry, as an Evangelistic Missionary to India." Mr. Coombes in addition to a Public School education, has done two years at Sydney High School, and one and a half years at Missionary and Bible College, Croydon. He has passed High School Bursary, Junior University, and the Final Examination Incorporated Institute of Accountants, Commonwealth of Australia, and holds the degree A.I.C.A. For seven years he was engaged in Public Accountancy, and held the position of Chief Clerk in a leading Sydney firm of accountants. He showed himself to be a very acceptable preacher. He was highly recommended by Rev. R. E. Davies, of Hurstville, Rev. C. W. Willis, of Kogarah, Mrs. Ward, and others.

His wife, in addition to a Public School education, has had three years in Technical College, taking the full course in Art of Teaching, Dressmaking, Millinery and Art, and one year of the Missionary Training Course, at St. Hilda's C.M.S. College, Melbourne. She acted for a short time as deaconess, and had a little nursing training at Royal Hospital for Women, Paddington.

Mr. Coombes was greatly influenced by the Fellowship Association work,

and Mrs. Coombes by the Mission Band. The reports regarding both, since their arrival in India, have been highly satisfactory. The fact that there is already a native Pastor, fully ordained, in Sholinghur (the Rev. A. B. Balasundrum), and the situation in India, made it imperative that Mr. Coombes should be ordained before leaving Australia.

REV. J. H. MCGOWAN, Convener, F.M. Com.

REPORTS OF STATE COMMITTEES.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

We are glad to state that since our last report our Missionary staff has received much-needed augmentation, and our financial position has improved.

The Rev. V. W. and Mrs. Coombes sailed for India last November, the Rev. C. E. and Mrs. Turnbull (D.V.) return there in October, and Mr. G. S. Stewart has been appointed as missionary to the long-vacant post at Nogugu, New Hebrides, for a term of three years. The Committee greatly regret the resignation for health reasons of Miss Jessie McCredie, B.A., and the severance of the tie with our Mission work of Dr. Flora Innes. Miss Tester, who had been only a few months in India (at Kodaikanal), engaged in language study, has also for medical reasons had to return. The Rev. F. W. Wood, B.A., of Collarenebri, rendered important service by spending the year 1921 in Sholinghur, and acted during that time as chairman of our Indian Mission Council. In addition to "holding the fort" till reinforcements arrived, he has, by his verbal and written reports, guided our decisions. Mrs. Wood, who accompanied her husband at her own expense, greatly assisted on the women's side of the work. Miss McLean, after 30 years' service, is still in the field as eager as ever, but is expected to return to Australia in a few months' time, as also Miss Thomson (the acting matron of the Goodlet Hospital), whose supervisory work has been timely and valuable. To all our assessors at the Indian Mission Council we are under great obligation, and particularly at present to the Rev. A. Silver, M.A., of the Church of Scotland Mission at Arkonam, who is acting as chairman of our Council, and Dr. Galen Scudder, of the American Arcot Mission, who is supervising the Goodlet Hospital. We hope that the two lady doctors needed for this hospital and the two lady missionaries required for educational and Zenana work in our field, will be speedily forthcoming. Ours is a great opportunity of serving, not only Christ, but also King and Empire through adequately staffing and supporting our Indian Mission, for while our duty to evangelise is by no means confined to the Empire, yet surely the non-Christian races within it have a special claim upon us. India is the greatest trust ever committed to a Christian nation, and the present situation there presents both a crisis and an opportunity.

The Rev. D. L. and Mrs. Paterson, of Malo, New Hebrides, are at present in Scotland on long furlough, but are expected to return in November. An important step has been the ordination as native pastors of Dete at Nogugu, and Winzi at Malo. We hope that the principles of self-government and self-support will be increasingly developed in the native Church. We desire to again place on record our very high appreciation of the faithful oversight, through long years, of Nogugu, by the Rev. F. G. Bowie, M.A., of Tangoa.

In regard to the work among the Chinese in New South Wales, the Rev. J. F. Kem Yee is at present in charge both of Sydney and Newcastle, the Rev. J. Young Wai having retired after 40 years' service. Mr. F. L. Law, of Wellington, New Zealand, had been appointed to fill the vacancy, but the Minister for Home and Territories declined, under the Aliens' Immigration Act, to grant permission for him and his family to come to Australia. Our Committee felt in honor bound to pay Mr. Law a sum of £50 to meet the equities of the situation.

As regards finance, the deficit of £5070/8/7, outstanding at the end of 1919, had, through special appeals, been reduced at the end of 1921 to £1592/9/8, and at this date (August, 1922), stands at £1086/4/8. The receipts for 1920 and 1921 were each of them the highest to date, those for 1920 amounting to £6511/3/11, and for 1921, £8867/10/9, an increase of over £5000 on the receipts of the previous two years. It should, however, be borne in mind that, included in the revenue of the past few years, are a number of special donations given in answer to urgent appeals, and it can scarcely be expected that these should be repeated.

We desire once again to acknowledge our great indebtedness to the Women's Missionary Association, without whose loyal and unwearying help we could scarcely have surmounted our difficulties.

For the last two years no paid secretary has been appointed, the work being done by the Conveners, with the loyal assistance of the office staff. Mrs. Ward and Miss Symonds, of the W.M.A., rendered very acceptable service as Missionary speakers in a number of congregations and Presbyteries. For all of good that has been done, we would give all the glory to God, and though there are many difficulties, we go forward looking to God to supply our needs.

ROBT. J. H. MCGOWAN,
Convener, New South Wales Committee.

NEW SOUTH WALES FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD.

DISBURSEMENTS.	1920.			1921.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aborigines Mission	846	1	11	796	10	10
Chinese Mission	726	3	11	524	0	1
New Hebrides Mission	628	3	7	699	4	7
Indian Mission	3,197	1	9	2,583	4	5
Indian Hospital	208	19	11	618	0	4
Indian Building	2	13	7			
Native Teachers, New Hebrides . .	111	6	5	64	3	9
Nogugu Mission	64	4	2	151	2	3
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Transfer	5,784	15	3	5,436	6	3
Transfer to Deficit Fund	105	0	0			
Debit Balance, 1st January, 1920 . .	5,070	8	7	4,941	4	5
Credit Balance, General Mission, 31st December, 1921				82	9	9
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	£10,960	3	10	£10,460	0	5
RECEIPTS	1920.			1921.		
	£.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Aborigines Mission	77	19	0	112	10	4
Chinese Mission	105	0	4	172	8	10
New Hebrides Mission	150	10	1	216	11	2
Indian Mission	1,038	5	7	1,393	17	0
Indian Hospital	240	19	3	272	1	6
Native Teachers	33	4	4	16	0	0
Nogugu Mission	20	0	0			
General Mission	4,847	5	4	3,335	7	2
Deficit Fund				3,348	14	9
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	6,513	3	11	8867	10	9
Refund	37	10	0			
Debit Balance, 31st December, 1920	4,409	9	11			
Debit Balance, Deficit Fund, 31st 31st December, 1921				1,592	9	8
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	£10,960	3	10	£10,460	0	5

Victoria.

The past two years have shown steady progress, both at home and on the field, but the inadequacy of the income, and shortage of workers, has prevented any forward movement. The death of the Rev. D. M. Lyall has been a sore grief to the Church, and a heavy blow to the work in Korea, where he was doing splendid service in the education and training of the future leaders of the Church and the nation. Dr. Hoggarth, of Vila, has resigned, owing to his wife's health, and the Rev. M. Frater felt constrained to do likewise, but, at the urgent request of the John G. Paton Committee, has undertaken two years' deputation work in Britain and America. Mr. J. W. Mansfield, a former assistant on Ambrim, takes charge of Panwa for two years. Dr. Hoggarth has been succeeded by Dr. Vernon Davies, D.S.O., and Hog Harbour has been filled by the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. W. Anderson. Mr. Anderson returns to the Mission after some years spent in planting. His wife is a daughter of the veteran Missionary, Rev. P. Milne. From the South Australian Church we have received the Rev. Thomson and Mrs.

Macmillan, who take charge of the whole of Tanna and Aniwa. The Rev. J. C. Rae has moved to Erromanga, and will oversee the work in Aneityum. By this arrangement, the John G. Paton Committee becomes responsible for the work on the five Southern Islands of the Group. Mrs. Lyall's services have been retained for the work at the Home Base. She discharges the regular duties in the Foreign Mission Office with great ability, and has also initiated several new enterprises, such as a stamp department, which brings considerable income to the Mission Funds, and is also creating much interest in new quarters. An office team of young ladies comes on two afternoons a week, and renders very fine service.

The Rev. F. H. L. Paton brought back from Korea a valuable report on the condition of the work, and emphasised afresh the need for reinforcements. The primary needs on that field are—Four other Clerical Missionaries, three Women Evangelistic Workers, and another Nurse for Chinju Hospital; a Boys' Middle School Building at Masan, a Girls' Middle School at Fusanchin, a Rescue Home for Girls, and the permanent transfer of Dr. Maclaren to Severance Hospital, and Medical School at Seoul—the initial cost being about £14,800, with an additional annual expenditure of £4,000. The Assembly of 1921 gave it most serious consideration, and resolved to "Approve the forward policy formulated by the Korean Local Mission Council, and authorised the Committee to carry it out, provided the overdraft has been either wiped out or materially reduced, and a sufficient income is assured before new obligations are undertaken." The P.W.M.U. has already sent out the additional nurse, and through the happy collaboration of the South Australian Church, one of the Clerical Missionaries has been provided, in the person of the Rev. George Anderson, who goes forth as the first Missionary of that Church to Korea. This has been rendered possible by the transference of the Rev. Thomson Macmillan to the John G. Paton Committee. Mr. Hoyul Kim, Headmaster of the Boys' Middle School at Masan, came to Melbourne at the end of last year, and is now taking his first year in Arts at the University.

It has been a source of gratification to the Committee that our esteemed Secretary has been elected Moderator. His appointment is exceedingly popular, and his opening address at Assembly was a powerful pronouncement on "The Problems of the Church." The P.W.M.U. has again rendered splendid help in connection with finance. Under its auspices, a Fete was held in the new Scotch College grounds which, in a single afternoon, raised nearly £2,000 for Foreign Missions, of which the Union generously gave half to the Foreign Missions Committee. The Committee of business men appointed two years ago set going a number of new methods in connection with finance, among which was the allocation of a Foreign Mission Quota for each congregation. The amount apportioned, contrasted with their previous giving, gave congregations at first a great shock, but, on further consideration, the principle was approved, and, by last Assembly, applied to the whole budget of the Assembly schemes. The Assembly further recommends the adoption of the Weekly Free-will Offering in the Duplex Envelope. The organisations at the Home Base have been growing in activity. One of the most encouraging features is the growing interest of the youth of the Church in Missionary work. At Easter last about 700 of our young people were gathered in various conferences, which have already resulted in a deeper revival of interest in spiritual things. The Young Men's Bible Class Union is also coming into line with the others, in taking a share in the Missionary work in Korea, in connection with the maintenance of the Boys' Middle School at Masan.

In connection with the reduction of the Foreign Mission debt, Mrs. Armstrong, of Toorak, offered to give £50 if 160 others would do the same. The matter was taken up with considerable enthusiasm, and although the whole amount of £7500 was not realised, the debt was substantially reduced by £6100. The deficit on the year, with the balance of the old debt, stood at £4465 on 31/3/22.

The Assembly again appointed November as a month of self-denial and prayer for Foreign Missions.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT,

Including Contributions to Debt Extinction and P.W.M.U. Funds.

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
1921	£21,043	£24,186
1922	28,789	33,251

Tasmania.

1. The first report of the new Convener and recording indebtedness to Rev. J. Heyer, M.A., for his invaluable and lengthy service.
2. Draws attention to the booklet, "Fraser of Epi," which committee has published.
3. Board of Missions full quota has been paid to date.
4. At the last the Maritime Service account, so long against us, has been wiped out.
5. Need of a new Mission Station building at Burumba, New Hebrides, is very pressing. It is proposed to use the share of the Foreign Missions from the Tasmanian Church Centenary Fund for this purpose.
6. Victorian Church is asked to discontinue their grant of £50 per annum.
7. Ordinary income for the year, £396. An anonymous gift of £50 was received for building purposes.
8. Reports from Epi show the work to be very disorganised and at low ebb.
9. The help of the Tasmanian P.W.M.U. acknowledged, as well as our indebtedness to the Rev. M. Frater and Mr. J. W. Mansfield for oversight of the station.

1921.	1922.
Income General Fund . £398 0 0	Income General Fund . £384 0 0
Native Teachers' Fund . 50 0 0	Native Teachers' Fund . 14 0 0
	Expenditure . £385 Balance £13
	Expenditure . 25 Balance 25
	Expenditure . 187 Balance 197
	Balance 14

GEO. M. BAIRD, Foreign Missions Convener.

South Australia.

During 1920 the committee in South Australia had before it a suggestion to transfer the station and missionary on Tanna to the John G. Paton Fund Committee. If this were done, it was pointed out, the whole of the island of Tanna would be under the care of the John G. Paton Fund Committee. The association of the late Dr. Paton with Tanna (the island that rivals in fame both the Martyr Island of Erromanga and Aneityum, the scene of the labors of Geddie and Inglis), would be of great service to the committee in London in stimulating contributions for Christian work in the New Hebrides. The committee had the assurance that the work on Tanna would be adequately maintained if the suggested transfer were made. When the State Assembly met in 1921, it was resolved to agree to the transfer, and the committee was instructed to consider a suitable field for Foreign Mission work for this Church in the future.

The committee had under consideration several suggestions during the year that followed, but the thing that commended itself to the committee and the Assembly was to support a missionary in Korea. The committee had a conference with the Rev. F. H. L. Paton, secretary of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Church in Victoria, who set out the expenditure that would be involved, and, on the authority of his committee, invited the Church in this State to send one of the six additional missionaries to Korea which the Church in Victoria had been asked to send to the district allotted in the South Kyung Sang Province. The State Assembly adopted this proposal, and appointed the Rev. George Anderson, M.A., Minister of Port Augusta, who had volunteered to go. Mr. Anderson was released from his charge on June 1, and, after visiting most of the congregations in this State, left Adelaide for Korea, with his wife and little daughter, on July 20.

After carrying on the work on Tanna for forty years, the Presbyterians in this State part with their station and missionary and people on Tauna with a regret that words cannot express. To have had only two missionaries in those forty years—Mr. Gray for thirteen years, and Mr. Macmillan for twenty-six years, and one year vacant—is a record that calls for thanksgiving to Almighty God. These men and their wives have seen the people on Tanna pass from the bondage of darkness and superstition to the light and freedom which the knowledge of Jesus Christ gives. But in taking the step that has been taken, the Church in this State is now sure that it is doing the will

of God, helping the John G. Paton Fund Committee to keep alive an interest in Christ's work in the New Hebrides, and responding to an urgent call to extend Christian work among people still heathen.

The financial responsibility in sending and maintaining a missionary in Korea is a heavy one for the Church in South Australia. It is estimated that the erection of premises will cost £1,000; against that, the committee has £748 in hand, and the maintenance £600 per year. This means that the Church in this State will need to raise annually £795, nearly twice as much as the amount raised in the past. A financial statement of receipts and expenditure for the past two years is appended.

There is no doubt in the mind of the committee and people in South Australia as to the suitability of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson for the work in which they are being sent.

A proposal for co-operation with the Church in Victoria is under consideration. If this comes about the Church in South Australia will get the advantage of the interest which a larger field of mission work can give.

By authority,

W. GRAY, Convener.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR TWO YEARS
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1921.

DR.

Balance, December 31, 1919		£57 13 0
Missionary's Salary, Half-year	£386 13 4	
Special Allowance for Lantern Expenses	10 0 0	
Allowance for Children	100 0 0	
Provident Fund Charge	2 4 2	
Banner Publication Charge	9 15 5	
Office Expenses, etc.	67 2 4	
Shipping Charges	4 1 6	
Board of Missions' Levy	162 15 0	
		<hr/> 742 11 9
Balance Sahdu Sundar Singh's Collection, sent India		3 3 0
Sent Port George IV. Mission		2 0 0
Remitted Tanna, for Native Preachers		16 5 0
Share of Evangelists' Expenses		2 1 11
Sundry Balances		199 16 6
		<hr/> £1,023 11 2

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Contributed through Schemes of the Church	£701 17 8	
Contributed S. Schools and Young People..	99 15 2	
Proceeds Assembly Meetings	43 5 4	
Sundry Contributions	9 10 0	
Refund Anent Shipping Charges	4 0 0	
		<hr/> £858 8 2
Contributed for Native Teachers.		24 0 0
Contributed Port George IV. Mission		2 0 0
Balance Collection at the Sahdu's Meeting		3 3 0
Contributed by Natives of Tanna		136 0 0
		<hr/> £1,023 11 2

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF QUEENSLAND.

ABORIGINAL MISSION FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1920 AND 1921.

RECEIPTS.

	1920.	1921.
To Balance	£333 19 5	£224 9 5
„ Collections, Donations, etc.	620 17 2	558 5 7
„ Refund	28 0 0	
„ Reserve Account		100 0 0
„ Balance		74 6 4
	<hr/> £982 16 7	<hr/> 957 1 4

DISBURSEMENTS.

	1920.	1921.
By Contribution to Mission Board for Year	£334 15 0	£550 0 0
By Contribution to Mission Board for 1st Quarter, 1922		137 10 0
„ Donation to Mission Board		100 0 0
„ Mornington Island Organ		17 9 0
„ General Expenses	95 12 2	141 7 4
„ Passages	28 0 0	10 15 0
„ Reserve Account	300 0 0	
„ Balance	224 9 5	
	£982 16 7	£957 1 4

West Australia.

During the last two years considerable advancement has been made in— (1) Education and care of native children; (2) In making the Mission self-supporting.

The staff is doing splendid work, and showing a real intelligent interest and capacity of a very high order, in the discharge of the responsibilities of the Mission work.

The late Convener, the Rev. W. F. Turton, passed away in February of this year. As a Convener of F. and A. Committee, Mr. Turton showed a heartfelt interest in and conspicuous ability in conducting the business in connection with Port George IV. He had a perfect judgment and understanding of the general scheme, in all its details, and occupying a position between the Board of Missions and the Missionaries, his advice and guidance were sound and invaluable. The spiritual aspect of the Mission was always foremost in his mind and prayers.

He is a great loss to the West Australian Church.

In 1921 a plough and harness were forwarded, and Mr. Paull reported it was doing splendid work and saving an enormous amount of labor.

This year a windmill and a hive of bees were sent up, the windmill for irrigating the crops, and the bees for pollinating blossoms.

The bees sent last year perished, but necessary care enabled those sent this year to arrive safely.

The plough and harness, windmill and bees were provided by the P.W.M.U., at a total cost of about £50.

At a recent exhibition in Perth of N.W. products, arranged by the Secretary of the N.W. Department, Mr. A. V. Neville, a display of tobacco leaf, rice, cotton, peanuts, bean meal, "mungawarra" (jam made from fruit of the black fruit tree), cypress pine, sandalwood, ironwood, iron ore, and native weapons and ornaments, was on view. Mr. Neville greatly appreciated this assistance to the exhibition. In addition to these products there are grown at the Mission, bananas, paw-paws, pineapples, maize, millet, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, sunflowers, pumpkins, and melons.

The cattle purchased were expected in August, about fifty head.

A ton and a quarter of fencing wire, authorised by the Board, has been sent up.

The stock consists of 6 cattle, 156 goats, 1 mule and fowls.

Health—Excellent.

Conduct of Natives—Uniformly good.

Two dormitories—one for boys and one for girls—have been constructed, into which girls and boys retire at night for safety.

A school is conducted by Master Alwyn Beard, and the children show gratifying aptitude at learning.

Altogether, the work of the Mission is very satisfactory, and gratitude is due to the Missionaries, Mr. Paull and Mr. and Mrs. Beard, for their faithful and efficient work.

F. G. H. BRADY, Convener.

MISSIONARIES' REPORTS.

Mapoon.—Rev. J. R. B. Love reports:—"In October, 1919, the Rev. R. Hey, after over twenty-nine years' service as the Missionary in charge of the Mapoon Mission, resigned his work, and was succeeded by myself." I found on taking over the charge of this Mission, that a very high moral tone pre-

availed. This I attributed mainly to the influence of the two ladies, Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Hey. Great industrial progress had also been made, which in the eyes of any who know the difficulty in getting reliable work done by aboriginals, is a very high testimony to the missionary genius of my honored predecessor, Rev. N. Hey.

"Mapoon has now 318 full-blooded and half-caste inhabitants. On the whole, the aboriginals are decreasing, while the half-castes, children of half-caste parents, trained and married at Mapoon, are increasing.

"Main source of the natives' living is beche-de-mer fishing. The married people also have their own gardens.

"About 6,000 cocoanuts are growing. The Mission has approximately 200 head of cattle, 23 horses and 4 mules.

"In my most emphatic opinion, the Church is rendering an invaluable service to the State, in taking charge of these people, and in preventing the spread of venereal disease, both by keeping the native and half-caste women under supervision, and in bringing up the children under sanitary conditions.

"None of the children who have been in the care of the Mission, and housed in the Mission dormitories, has died since I came to Mapoon. The present number of dormitory children is 85, so that this record of health is cause for great thankfulness.

"The main work of the mission is also the most cheering. The truth and value of the Christianity of the Gospels is here not a matter for argument nor doubt, but it is simply a patent fact, to be observed in the daily lives of those humble people.

"The entire strength of the missionary's position is the fact of his being the emissary of the Gospel.

"Every day's work begins with common prayers in the church. Sabbath and mid-week services are held at Mapoon and the two out-stations, being conducted either by one of the missionaries or one of the natives.

"In April, 1922, five adult baptisms were administered. This is the most encouraging experience I have had, as they all asked voluntarily for baptism. I believe it would not be difficult to persuade all of the adults at present not baptised to accept baptism; but I have made no attempt no to persuade anyone to take this step, but of his or her own wish. I would look with disfavor on anything in the nature of an emotional revival among these people. They are very excitable, very emotional, and would be easily influenced in such an assembly as a revival meeting. But the daily life, I think will be best shown to have improved by 'patient continuance in well-doing.' Thus I place a high estimate on these five adult baptisms, as showing the working of the Gospel in their hearts, and I hope for more to come, in their own time, and of their own accord.

"Finally, I think it can be fairly claimed that the Church has established in these Aboriginal Missions, much more than just Christian missions to the heathen aboriginals. These missions are doing valuable work, not only for the aboriginals, but also for the whites of our country. The missions are taking the natives and changing them from being probable sources of physical and moral pollution to the country into centres of Christianity, where the ideals of Christ may have an opportunity to prevail, and whence, in turn, the same ideals may go out and influence the rest of our land."

Aurukun.—Population—Since last report the population has increased from 296 to 322, not from an increased birth-rate, but from natives who have come from the Kendal River. Kendal River has been gazetted an Aboriginal Reserve, and Aurukun Superintendent has been appointed by Government as Superintendent, until either our own Church or some other one assumes control permanently.

Spiritual Side.—This gives great cause for thankfulness, as the tone of the place has wonderfully improved. Tribal fighting occurs but seldom, and it is pleasing to see the members of different tribes dwelling in peace. Two young men have been baptised, and are a great help. The attendance, both at Church and daily prayer, has been very good, and the behaviour devout. Four young married couples, together with the senior girls, join the Staff every evening at family worship.

Scholastic.—The School has been regularly maintained by Mrs. Holmes, by Violet, an aboriginal young woman, who was trained by Rev. E. Brown at Weipa. The number on the roll is 46. The average attendance for the girls is 100 per cent., for the boys 20 per cent. The latter are often taken by their parents to the bush. The girls and young women are becoming expert at

mat and bag making. Crochet work is excellent, and the big girls make their own dresses, also sew and repair for the old women. Sewing classes for all women who care to come, are held every Tuesday, to whom a Bible lesson is also given.

Health.—On the whole, the health of the people has been good. The treatment for hookworm has had a marked effect, which it is hoped will be permanent.

Industrial.—This, as opportunity offers, is pushed ahead, but has not progressed as much as was anticipated, owing to frequent set-backs.

A lugger was purchased from sandalwood sales, at a cost of £200, and for the last twelve months has been of great service.

A complete saw-mill plant has now arrived from Brisbane, and will be erected as speedily as possible. Tools will be required this coming year, as none have been purchased for six years. The garden lately planted is showing good promise, as, with the aid of water, we are not now so dependent on the seasons.

Finance.—Our accounts about balance. It has taken some finessing, as the Government Grant, our sole supply, is not sufficient for much advancement. We hope the saw-mill will supply any deficiency. The sale of sandalwood reached £250—a great help, though this source will soon be cut out.

We heartily thank those who so splendidly supported us with clothing for the people at Christmas; the Board for unfailing help and advice; the good folk who so regularly supply papers and letters; and last, but by no means least, the writers of cheering letters, which greatly hearten us.

(Signed) TOM. W. HOLMES, Superintendent.

Mornington Island.—In writing a brief review of the work attempted, and the progress made, we cannot tell of great successes. We can, however, write of a steady development, of an awakening interest, of a wider and more personal contact, of the laying of a foundation which, we hope, may be deep and sure. Our influence is greater, our opportunities more frequent, and we pray for grace to seize them all.

Health.—The health of our community has, on the whole, been excellent. During the early months of last year, many of the people suffered from a painful eye disease. However, the most severe cases responded to treatment, without leaving any apparent permanent injury. The "Morning Star" was sent, by request, to Normanton last year, to bring Dr. McLeod, the hook-worm specialist, but owing to the withdrawal of the Gulf steamer, his visit was cancelled. During the period under review, there were nine births and eight deaths.

Spiritual.—In estimating the spiritual progress of our work, one has but little of a tangible nature upon which to base facts. Services are held daily, and on the Sabbath we have two services, as well as a class for the children. A manifest quickening of interest is to be noticed at the services, especially on the part of the young people. The arrival of a small organ is lending a brightness to all our meetings for worship.

Education.—School is held regularly, and here, again, a great improvement is seen. The average attendance at school has increased from 12 to 26. Five native girls were recently sent here, from Burketown, by the police. These five girls and four of our own island girls are now residing in a recently-erected dormitory.

Industrial.—(a) Agriculture.—The disadvantages that have to be contended with are white ants, poor soil and annual inundations. The white ant part has no remedy. By frequent tillage, and the addition of manures, the soil is being improved. The garden has been enlarged. A plough is now used instead of the hoe. 500 coconuts have been planted in a nursery. The nett return from the garden for 1920 was a little over 10 tons, and for 1921, 14½ tons.

(b) Buildings.—As far as possible, locally grown timber is used in building. The timber is all lined and squared with adzes, by the natives, before it is used. We have erected a comfortable dwelling for the colored assistant, a new cottage for the captain of the boat, a 16ft. x 20ft. dormitory for the girls, a 16ft. x 12ft kitchen, in which all the meals are prepared and served, and a shelter shed 40ft. long has now been erected in the camp. New fences have also been erected. The area now fenced consists of approxi-

mately 24 acres. A new well has been put down, and timbered throughout, and a pump erected over it.

(c) **Employment.**—Out of school hours, the children are employed about the garden. The great stand-by job is that of carrying drift sand to the low-lying portion of the garden, so as to raise it above flood level. The women are given work about the garden, weeding, etc. The men are employed on the boat, at beche-de-mer fishing, cutting sandalwood, timber for fencing and building purposes.

Recreation.—To meet the needs of the people in this respect, a see-saw and swing have been put up for the girls. For the young men and boys, I have erected parallel bars, a horizontal bar, hand rings, etc. I hold drill and gymnasium classes with the boys twice a week. The gramophone and magic lantern are also used to amuse and interest the people.

Stock.—We now have five horses on the Station, also 33 head of mixed cattle, 94 goats and 2 pigs.

Assistants.—We are assisted in our work by a half-caste couple from Mapoon. Henry Lewis, the captain of our boat, is also a most genial and willing worker. His work deserves special mention.

Conclusion.—The two-fold aim of your Missionary has been to complete his studies for full status, and to equip the Mission with all necessary buildings and improvements. These realised, leaves us free to develop the natural resources of the Reserve. We feel confident we shall be able to earn sufficient to meet the cost of the upkeep of our boat, as well purchase equipment necessary to the further development of our work.

In all our work we have tried to be faithful—faithful to our Church, to our people, to our opportunities, to ourselves.

(Signed) ROBERT H. WILSON.

Port George IV., W.A.—As the Western Australian Convener deals with the work at this Station, we submit only the following additional summary.

Generally speaking the conditions and health of the natives on the Reserve have been excellent. The season for native food has been a good one. School was regularly held for the children, who appear to be progressing. Some progress has been made in writing and simple arithmetic. Alwyn Beard still continues the work of teacher. During the year, Mr. and Mrs. Beard and their two children went on furlough.

We have now seven girls and five boys under the age of 16 in the dormitories. Many more of the young people have settled round the station.

The annual sports and Christmas treat was held about Christmas time, when 188 people received gifts of sweets, food, clothing, etc.

During the year an additional area of 4.5 acres of land, situated three-quarters of a mile from the main Station, has been roughly cleared, fenced and greater part of it planted with maize, sorghum, beans and cotton. There is a fairly large area of land here fit for cultivation, and we propose resuming more of it in our fields.

During last year we had the advantage of horse-drawn machinery and a small drill. By the aid of these things we were able to get more work done, and to do it better.

Upland rice was the crop to which most attention was paid, as it is of such economic value. The results have been very encouraging, and larger plantings will be made in subsequent seasons. We planted 58 lbs. of paddy in about 2½ acres, of which 2 acres were cut for grain, for a yield of 24 bushels of paddy, or at the rate of 12 bushels to the acre.

Some produce, timbers, etc., have been exported to Broome, but the greater part of our produce is consumed on the Station.

The stock return at close of the year comprises:—6 cattle, 156 goats, 1 mule, 1 young horse, and a number of fowls. Permission was granted for the purchase of 50 head of cattle, but owing to pleuro regulations gazetted by the Government, the drovers, up-to-date, have been unable to get them through.

Some work has been done by chartering the boat to a survey party, and in conveying stores to a cattle station at Walcott Inlet. The boat is kept in continuous commission, except for a few weeks at the stormy season of the year.

In conclusion, we would acknowledge the subsidy from the Department of the North-West, for the support of the sick, indigents and children, and

thank the Board for the help they have bestowed on us; the ladies of the P.W.M.U., for Christmas boxes, plough, harness and windmill. We know love for the people prompts these gifts, and we appreciate all that is done towards helping them into a wider, fuller life, for which purpose the Mission has been established among them.

(Signed) N. A. PAULL.

Some particulars of produce grown on Station during year ended 30/6/22, and comparison with year ended 30/6/21.

	July-Dec., 1920.	Jan.-June, 1921.	Total.
Potatoes	3,742 lb.	3,300 lb.	7,042 lb.
Pumpkins	924 "	1,497 "	2,421 "
Melons	282 "	606 "	888 "
Fruit	—	1,746 "	1,746 "
Beans	—	67 "	67 "
Maize	—	—	—
Rice	—	—	—
Tomatoes	—	—	—
Peanuts	105 "	511 "	616 "
Bananas	No record kept.	—	—

Grand Totals 12,780 lb.

	July-Dec., 1921.	Jan.-June, 1922.	Total.
Potatoes	3,452 lb.	155 lb.	3,607 lb.
Pumpkins	2,176 "	2,608 "	4,784 "
Melons	2712 "	3,022 "	5,734 "
Fruit	852 "	2,774 "	3,626 "
Beans	361 "	298 "	659 "
Maize	22 "	376 "	398 "
Rice	—	1,350 "	1,350 "
Tomatoes	320 "	—	320 "
Peanuts	—	—	—
Bananas	No record	36 bunches	36 bunches

Grand Totals 20,478 lb.

GEO. J. BEARD.

BOOK OF ORDER.

The Committee begs to report that the second portion of the "Book of Order" was issued at the beginning of last year, and that it has been very favourably received, not only in our own Church, but also in Britain and in America.

The first portion of the book has been delayed on account of the cost of production, but the Committee hopes to have it ready for next Assembly.

By direction of last Assembly, a manual for young Communicants has been prepared, and as satisfactory arrangements have been made with the publishers of the Book of Order, the Committee asks for the necessary authority to issue it as a text book of the Church.

The Committee desires permission to print at an early date a small book of prayers for mothers and children.

DRAFT REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHURCH UNION (TO BE FINALIZED AT A MEETING OF THE FULL COMMITTEE ON 6TH SEPTEMBER, AT 10 A.M.).

In accordance with the instructions given to it by last Assembly, your Committee, in conference with the committees of the other negotiating Churches, gave careful consideration to the 30 proposed amendments to the Basis of Union sent down to it by that Assembly, and also to about 50 other proposed amendments, which were sent in to it, with the approval of one or

other of the State Committees on Union, subsequently to last General Assembly.

All the proposed amendments were printed and circulated among the members of the Union Committees of the three negotiating Churches, and these were considered at six sessions of the Full Joint Committee, held in Melbourne, from 21st to 23rd September, 1921, attended by 60 representatives from the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia.

A considerable number of the proposed amendments were of only minor importance, and others over-lapped, but wherever an amendment was likely to improve a clause, or make its meaning more explicit, it was accepted. The work of the Joint Committee was characterised by goodwill and harmony, and an earnest desire to give fair consideration to all proposed amendments, and reach agreement regarding them. Your Committee would point out that, in accepting these amendments, strict care was taken not to violate, or in any way weaken, principles which could be regarded as fundamental, and which were believed to be secure when the vote of the people was taken in 1920.

The Committee had in view, specially, the case of those who said they were in favour of union, but could not vote for union on the basis submitted, because they objected to some of its details, either in the statement of doctrine or in the polity, and they endeavoured to go as far as possible in meeting and removing objections, by accepting a large number of the proposed amendments. The proposed Basis of Doctrine and Polity, as now amended, has been the result of many years of patient consideration and conference, and your Committee is confident that the amendments that have been accepted will be found to remove the objections expressed by many, especially in Victoria, and may secure for Union the support of many who favour union, but have hitherto voted against it, or abstained from voting, because of dissatisfaction with some of the details in the basis as formerly submitted.

A complete list of the amendments accepted is given in an appendix to this report, but your Committee desire to draw special attention to some of the most important of them.

I. As regards the doctrinal statement.—(1) For the words in the preamble “we affirm our belief in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as the primary source and ultimate standard of Christian faith and life,” the Joint Committee accepts as an amendment the substitution of the words, “We affirm our belief in the Word of God in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the supreme rule of Christian faith and life”; and

(2) Agrees to insert, after this, the words, “We acknowledge the faith of the ancient Church as expressed in the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds.”

(3) In Art. VII.—“Of the Lord Jesus Christ”—for the words, “and became the propitiation for the sin of the world,” there are now substituted the words, “and was set forth as a propitiation through faith by His blood, that God might be Just, and the Justifier of him that hath faith in Jesus.” taken in full from Rom. III., 25.

(4) Art. IX. is expanded to read thus, “Of Repentance, Faith and Justification—We believe that every one who, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, repents and believes the Gospel, confessing and forsaking his sins, and relying upon God’s redeeming love in Christ for salvation, is, through Christ’s perfect obedience and atoning sacrifice, justified, being freely pardoned and accepted as righteous in God’s sight”; and, (5) a new article has been added after this, on “Adoption.”

(6) In Art. XIV.—“Of the Church”—line 6, the words “together with their children” are altered to read “together with their own and other baptized children”; and (7) in Act XV. (a) the “proper subjects of Baptism” are, with greater explicitness, defined as “believers and their children, and children presented by Christian guardians,” etc.

(8) After Art. XVII. a new article is introduced, “Of our Lord’s return—We believe that, on a day known only to God, the Lord Jesus will come again, and we look for this appearing of the Saviour as the blessed hope of His Church.”

(9) Perhaps the most important of the amendments accepted under the heading of doctrine, however, is that agreed to in the clauses dealing with the Relation of a Minister to the Doctrines of the Church, in order to meet the objection raised, especially in Victoria, that those clauses, as they stood, did not, with sufficient explicitness bind the candidate for ordination to an

acceptance of the doctrinal statement of the Church as a statement of what he himself personally believed. To meet this a clause has been introduced, taken from the Canadian Basis, to this effect:—"These candidates shall be examined on the Statement of Doctrine of the United Church, and shall, before ordination, satisfy the Conference that they are in essential agreement therewith, and that, as ministers of the Church, they accept the statement of Doctrine as in substance agreeable to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures," and in the ordination service the candidates are asked to answer three questions, in the third of which are the words, "Do you accept and believe the Statement of Doctrine of the United Church, as in substance agreeable to the teaching of Holy Scriptures?" and "Are you resolved, out of the Holy Scriptures, to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing which is not agreeable thereto?"

II. As regards Polity (1) an important amendment has been agreed to in the form of an addition to Clause 7, providing that "For a period to be determined in each case by the Conference, an existing charge may, when a majority of its full members so desire, retain its present organisation as a congregation, or be regarded as a circuit." Some conservative Presbyterian or Congregational charges, with cherished historical associations and traditions, accustomed for long to go on by themselves, with customs and methods of their own, might, perhaps, hesitate to place themselves within "circuits" or under "circuit" authorities, without knowing more about this "circuit" system and its working. This new clause gives power to the State Assembly or Conference to give every consideration to such congregations, and allow them to continue in their accustomed way, so that they might not feel as though they were being rushed into new things, or new arrangements in relation to neighbouring congregations, before they were ready for them or saw their full bearing.

(2) Another amendment of some importance, as regards Polity, is the addition of a new clause, 17, defining more clearly and fully the position and functions of the lay preacher, which had been dealt with more briefly in Clause 33 of the previous basis.

(3) Under the heading of "Training for the Ministry," Clause 29 (b), which requires that all candidates for the ministry must have qualified for University Matriculation before being admitted to the Theological Hall, is modified so as to admit, as an alternative, in cases of candidates of 25 years of age or more, that they have "passed an alternative examination in subjects prescribed by the General Assembly."

(4) In Appendix I., which sets forth what is proposed as regards "church properties," when legislation is sought for, the words, "on such terms as Parliament shall consider just," are inserted as qualifying any application to be made for an act confirming Union, and making equitable provision for property interests in connection therewith.

Other amendments under the head of Polity, dealing with the calling of congregational meetings, the election and functions of managers and elders, and the functions of Presbyteries and General Assembly, are intended to make matters more explicit, but do not introduce any materially new elements into the basis. Altogether, the Joint Committee approved of about 40 proposed amendments, 16 under Doctrine and 24 under Polity, of the 80 submitted to it, some of which overlapped or were redundant.

Information was asked for from the different States as to any developments that had taken place since last Assembly, in the way of co-operation between the negotiating churches, on the lines indicated in last Assembly's deliverance. The replies are given in an appendix to this report. From these it will be seen that the extent to which co-operation can be effectively carried out depends largely on whether a decision has been come to in favour of ultimate incorporating union as the objective or not. Co-operation between churches, in view of, and as preparing the way for, ultimate incorporate union, is one thing, and co-operation between churches and denominations, which have decided to remain apart, as separate denominations, is quite another thing; and before the churches concerned can agree as to how far they can go in the way of co-operation in Home Mission and Church Extension, Welfare of Youth, Training of Candidates for the Ministry, etc., it is necessary that they should know clearly whether the co-operation proposed is co-operation with a view to union, as the decided policy of the Church, to be carried into effect as soon as the time seems ripe for it, or co-operation as a substitute for union, the churches having decided to remain apart as separate denomi-

nations. In the latter case, the co-operation that may reasonably be expected is much more restricted than in the former case. The lack of a clear understanding on this point, as to whether the Presbyterian Church, especially, is really aiming at organic union as the ultimate objective or not, has hindered, and will continue to hinder, effective co-operation until a clear understanding is reached.

The decision of the members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, in 1920, was in favour of union on the Basis of Doctrine and Polity then submitted, by a majority of 6 to 4 of those who took part in the vote, which was about 60 per cent. of those entitled to vote. Various amendments to the proposed Basis had, however, been suggested, and the Assembly sent these to the Committee, with instructions to revise the basis in the light of suggested amendments, to see whether it might thereby be made more acceptable to many in the Presbyterian Church, who declared that they were in favour of union, but could not vote for it on this basis.

The basis having been amended in conference with the representatives of the other negotiating churches, it seems to be the right and proper thing that it should be sent down again to the minor courts and people of the Presbyterian Church. Such a course should, it would seem, commend itself to all parties. To leave matters as they now stand, with a majority decision of the Presbyterian people in favour of union, as shown by the vote of 1920, yet one which the Assembly has not so far regarded as sufficiently decisive as a mandate, for organic union, is eminently unsatisfactory to all concerned. To invite the Methodist and Congregational Churches to co-operation under these circumstances, is not fair to them, as it leaves it uncertain as to whether the co-operation asked for is with a view to organic union within a reasonable time, or as a substitute for union, in prospect of continued separation as distinct denominations. The first-mentioned, accordingly, is the course which your Committee recommends the Assembly to adopt.

And, in order that our people may be assured against any undue haste, the Committee thinks it well, if it be decided to ask for another vote, to give an assurance that, in the event of a majority vote in favour of union being given, no action to secure legislation, giving legal sanction to a union, will be taken for at least five years, during which effective co-operation, preparing the way for union, may be carried on.

A Sub-Committee appointed to consider and report on questions concerning law, property and finance, involved in union, has drawn up a progress report. It is obviously incomplete, as furnishing any basis of agreement, which would need to be gone into more fully if negotiations are to be continued. But it supplies information as to the properties held by the different churches, and the terms on which they are held, and gives an indication as to the kind of legislation that might be necessary in the event of union being proceeded with, and so is given, for information only, in an appendix to this report.

The clause agreed to by the Joint Committee, in Appendix I. of the Amended Basis, makes it clear that, in any legislation to be applied for giving legal sanction to a union, as affecting property, the interests of justice will be conserved.

APPENDIX I.

ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS OF DOCTRINE AND POLITY.

PREAMBLE.

In the Preamble three amendments have been accepted, namely, (1) in second line, insert "Jesus" before "Christ," the phrase to read, "Church of Jesus Christ in Australia."

Later on in the preamble, substitute for what appears in the printed Basis the following:—(2) We affirm our belief in the Word of God in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the supreme rule of Christian Faith and life.

(3) We acknowledge the faith of the Ancient Church, as expressed in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds.

DOCTRINE.

Article VII., line 7, read: "He manifested the love and showed forth the righteousness of God, and was set forth as a propitiation through faith by

His blood, that God might be Just, and the Justifier of him that hath faith in Jesus; for us He rose, etc.”

Article VIII., line 4, read: “Whom the Father gives unto all who ask Him.”

Article IX., add in title, “Justification.” The title will then read, “Of Repentance, Faith and Justification.”

In same article, line 3, read: “Is, through Christ’s perfect obedience and atoning sacrifice, justified, being freely pardoned, etc.”

After Article IX., in present Basis, insert the following new article, and alter following numbers accordingly:—

Article X.—Of Adoption.—“We believe that God bestows on those who receive Christ as their Saviour and Lord the adoption of sons, with a right to all the privileges of the children of God, so that they are enabled, in a filial spirit to say, Abba, Father.”

Article XIII.—Of Prayer, in line 5, substitute “asking” for “praying.”

Article XV.—Of the Church, line 6ff. to read: “Consisting of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to Him, together with their own and other baptised children, organised for the confession of His name, etc.”

In same article, last line but one, omit “this” before “faith.” It will then read, “which professes faith in Jesus Christ, etc.”

Article XVI. (a).—“The proper subjects of baptism are believers, and their children, and children presented by Christian guardians, upon whom, etc.”

Article XVIII.—A new article. Of our Lord’s Return.—“We believe that on a day known only to God, the Lord Jesus will come again, and we look for this appearing of the Saviour as the blessed hope of His Church.”

Article XX., omit “Last” before “Judgment.” The title of the article will then read: “Of the Resurrection, the Judgment, and the Future Life.”

In the section—“The Relation of a Minister to the Doctrines of the Church,” after Clause 1, insert the following new clause as (2), from the Canadian Basis:—“These candidates shall be examined on the Statement of Doctrine of the United Church, and shall, before ordination, satisfy the Conference that they are in essential agreement therewith, and that, as ministers of the Church, they accept the Statement of Doctrine as in substance agreeable to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures.”

In 3 (c) the second question will read:—“Do you accept and believe the Statement of Doctrine of the United Church, as in substance agreeable to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures?”

The third question will read:—“Are you resolved out of the Holy Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing which is not agreeable thereto?”

POLITY.

Clause 3, line 3, read:—“Shall be (a) by the Elders’ Meeting, or (b) by the local church on the initiative of the Elders’ Meeting.”

Clause 6, add the following:—“Congregational meetings shall be called if requisitioned by not less than one-fourth of the Church members. All congregational meetings shall be called by the Elders’ Meeting.”

Clause 7, in line 4, after “circuit,” insert:—“For a period, to be determined in each case by the Conference, an existing charge may, when a majority of its full members so desire, retain its present organisation as a congregation, or be regarded as a circuit. A congregation is a body of persons meeting for public worship in one place.”

Clause 8. The councils and courts of the Church shall be:—(a) The Board of Management; (2) The Lay Preachers’ Meeting. Then as printed.

Clause 9.—Substitute the following:—“There shall be a Board of Management, and, where practicable, an Elders’ Meeting for each congregation included within a circuit, and a Circuit Council for the entire circuit.”

Clause 10 (c) read:—“A number of managers, chosen by full members, or, where a congregation so desires, by full members and adherents of the congregation.”

Clause 11, line 2, after “circuit” omit “and shall when present have the right to preside; in his absence, or should he not wish to preside.” and begin a new sentence, “The minister who usually ministers, etc.”

Clause 12, line 3, after “purposes” add:—“It shall also promote efforts to raise funds for the general enterprises of the Church.”

Clause 13, line 12, substitute "the" for "its" before "members," and in line 3, read:—"To be elected by and from among those in full membership in such congregation, and to be duly ordained to that office. Unless otherwise desired by a congregation, Elders shall hold office for six years, but shall be eligible for re-election."

Clause 14, line 1, read:—"The Elders' Meeting is a spiritual court of the Church, and shall consist of the Minister, or Ministers, and the Elders of the congregation," etc.

Clause 15 (a).—Substitute the following:—"To exercise oversight over the admission of persons into full membership; the election of members to its own body, and to the Board of Management; the granting of certificates of removal; the conduct of members and adherents; the exercising of discipline, etc."

Clause 15 (b), line 2, after "petitions from members add 'and adherents.'"

Clause 16 (h) to read:—"To recommend to Presbyteries suitable candidates for the Ministry, and suitable laymen for enrolment as Lay Preachers."

Clause 17, the following new clause to be inserted, and alter the numbers following accordingly:—

17. The Office of Lay Preacher shall be recognised as part of the organisation of the Church. In each circuit a meeting of Lay Preachers shall be constituted, in accordance with the law of the Church, and shall meet quarterly. Such a meeting may appoint for a probationary period, and test and train candidates for the office of Lay Preacher. Such candidates, if recommended by the Lay Preachers' Meeting, and by the Circuit Council, may, after examination and approval by a Presbytery, be admitted to the status of Lay Preacher, and publicly set apart to that office. When it is impossible to hold a Lay Preachers' Meeting, all the functions of that Meeting shall be discharged by the Circuit Council.

Clause 21. The duties of Presbytery. Add the following as (g), and alter following sections accordingly:—"To induct Ministers to pastorates."

Clause 23. "It shall be the duty of the Conference" section (j) to read:—"To license and ordain or direct Presbyteries to license and ordain candidates accepted by it for the Ministry."

Clause 26. "Functions of General Assembly." Section (b), line 7, and following; substitute:—"It must receive the approval of a majority of the Presbyteries and of the Conferences of the whole Church, and a majority of three-fifths of the members present when the final vote of the General Assembly is taken; second, that the freedom of worship at present enjoyed in the uniting Churches shall not be interfered with in the United Church."

TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY.

Clause 29, last line, read: "accepted by a Conference for training in the Theological Hall."

Clause 30 (b), substitute the following:—

(b) That they have (1) obtained the School Leaving Certificate, or (2) qualified for University Matriculation, or for entering the University for the purpose of taking a degree, or (3) being not less than 25 years of age, passed an alternative examination in subjects prescribed by the General Assembly.

Clause 33, as printed in Basis to be omitted. The numbers will then be as printed.

Clause 35, last line, after "appointed" insert comma, and add—"and at other times as may be required."

Clause 37 (a), line 4:—"Such invitation or call shall be in writing, and duly signed on the prescribed form by such members, and shall be conveyed, etc."

Appendix I, Church Properties, line 4, read:—"And provision made, on such terms as Parliament shall consider just, that real and personal property vested, etc."

APPENDIX II.—CO-OPERATION.

A.—VICTORIA.

The Committee on Co-operation, appointed by the Victorian Assembly in May, 1921, held several meetings with the corresponding committees of the other two Churches negotiating for union. Proposals unanimously adopted

for co-operation in the spheres of Training Students for the Ministry, Welfare of Youth and Home Missions, were submitted to the Commission of Assembly in November, 1921, and the respective Committees were instructed to meet and confer with Committees corresponding to them in the other two Churches. In the Welfare of Youth department, co-operation to a large extent, especially as regards a common scheme of lessons and publications, already exists with the Methodist Church. One difficulty with respect to co-operation with the Congregationalists in this sphere, is the lack of any central authority to co-ordinate Youth Work. Little headway was made in the sphere of Training for the Ministry. The Home Missions Committee, before meeting, according to instructions, with Committees of the other Churches, asked the Presbyteries for an expression of opinion concerning the probable effects on their work of a scheme of co-operation, such as had been approved. The replies, though disappointingly few, were deemed favourable, and the Home Mission Committee decided to support a motion, in conference with the other two Committees, asking the higher courts of the respective Churches to appoint four members from each to form the Joint Committee with the view, at the earliest possible date, of operating the scheme. At the meeting in May, 1922, the State Assembly gave the requisite authority, and at the first meeting of the Joint Committee the first case submitted by the Presbyterian Church, from the Presbytery of Gippsland, was considered. At once a practical difficulty arose. One congregation, although recommended by delegates from the Presbytery, was not in favour of co-operating for the term of three years. The Joint Committee unanimously agreed to certain proposals, which have been submitted to the local authorities for approval, and, as the business for the next meeting, recommends each Home Mission Committee to forward, with full particulars, the names of districts in which the local authorities considered some re-arrangement desirable. The schemes of proposed co-operation on which Conference is authorised are as follows:—

RE HOME MISSIONS.

I.—Guiding Principle.

That in view of the present position of the movement for Union, nothing should be done in Home Mission or Church Extension Work to complicate the negotiations for Union, or that may have to be undone when Union is consummated.

II.—Possibilities.

1. New Work—
 - (a) Districts not ministered to by any of the three Churches.
 - (b) Districts where one is working, and which one of the others may wish to enter.
 - (c) Districts where two of the three Churches are established and which the third may desire to enter.
2. Existing Work—
 - (a) Districts where all three are represented, and where the withdrawal of one or of two Agents would relieve the strain, and leave the area adequately ministered to.
 - (b) Districts where two are working, and where one would be sufficient to meet the needs.
 - (c) Districts where there need be no withdrawal, but where a co-operative arrangement as to times and places for Divine Worship would be of advantage.
3. City Mission Work—

United effort to reach the non-church goer, and to counteract the apathy of the masses.

 - (a) Systematic house to house visitation.
 - (b) Share the preparation, cost and widespread distribution of suitable "Leaflets for the People" in defence and exposition of the Christian faith.
 - (c) Co-operation of our various relief agencies amongst the poor and the "down and out."
 - (d) United Missions in Halls, Parks, Beaches, and on Yarra Bank.
 - (e) United publicity work.
4. Any Other Matters—

Which may from time to time commend themselves to the judgment of the Committee appointed to consider the general question of co-operation between the three Denominations.

III.—Schemes of Co-operation.

1. A standing "Joint Committee on Co-operation in Home Mission Work" be established, consisting of twelve members, and comprising four from each of the negotiating Churches, each Denomination appointing its own representatives.

2. The Home Mission Committee of either of the negotiating Churches may submit for the consideration of the Committee, any matter of co-operation that it may deem desirable and practicable.

3. All applications for local co-operation and adjustments must come to the Joint Committee, through the H.M. Committee of one of the Denominations concerned, though the Joint Committee may itself make proposals to submit for the consideration of particular districts through the official meetings and courts of the Denominations affected.

4. The decisions of this Committee must represent a three-fourths majority of the representatives of each of the Denominations concerned in the matter under consideration.

5. All suggestions and plans for co-operation must be considered and approved by this Committee, and be finally endorsed by the Denominations concerned before becoming operative.

IV.—Principles of Co-operation.

1. It is understood that in all cases of co-operation the scheme agreed upon in the Committee shall have the general approval of the Churches and congregations concerned, such being officially expressed in the way recognised by the respective Denominations.

2. In all cases of amalgamation, the Minister or Home Missionary shall be regarded as representing the co-operating Churches, though he shall be appointed in the way usual in his own Denomination. He and his work shall remain, in every respect, under the direction of his own Denomination.

A separate list of the Members, Communicants and Adherents of each Denomination shall be kept by the local Minister or Home Missionary. Notes of removal shall be issued to all leaving for another district to the Minister of their own Denomination (if there be such) in the new district.

3. Where amalgamations release houses, Churches, and other buildings that become surplus, the Committee may include in the co-operative scheme recommendations relating thereto, for the consideration of the Denominations to which such properties belong.

4. Where, in the opinion of the Committee, a Home Mission or Sustentation Grant is necessary in a district being co-operatively worked, it may recommend to the H.M. Committee of the Denominations represented the sum which, in its judgment, is necessary, the amount agreed upon to be shared equally by the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, or, if the amalgamation comprises all three Denominations, to be in the proportion of two-fifths Methodists, two-fifths Presbyterian, and one-fifth Congregational, and if between Methodist or Presbyterian and Congregational, to be in the proportion of two-thirds and one-third.

5. Where amalgamations take place, the Committee, in determining which Church shall remain, shall take into consideration (a) the relative numbers of members and adherents of the three denominations within the area affected; (b) all other similar cases where amalgamation has been agreed upon, so that in the general scheme throughout the State each denomination shall receive equitable consideration.

6. That an annual written report be supplied by the H.M.C. of the denomination in charge of a co-operative district for the consideration of the Joint Committee.

7. All cases of amalgamation to be reviewed after three years, and a change in the denomination of the representative made, unless the Joint Committee regards such a change as undesired.

RE EDUCATION AND WELFARE OF YOUTH.

1. Publications.—Satisfactory co-operation in selection of lessons and publications is already in operation.

"In 1922 the arrangements previously reported for the united working of the Hall came into operation. The students of the three Churches—Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational—have their lectures together, and the arrangements are controlled by an united Theological Faculty. We retain our own Theological Faculty for the supervision of our own students. The subjects and lecturers in the combined school are as follows:—

Theology and Ethics.—Rev. R. M. Glaister, M.A., D.D.

N.T. Exegesis.—Rev. L. E. Bennett, B.D.

Church History.—Rev. F. North, M.A.

Apologetics.—Rev. E. H. Merrington, M.A., Ph.D.

Bible in English.—Rev. S. Martin, M.A.

Hebrew.—Rev. J. H. Hunter, M.A., B.D.

Homiletics.—Rev. S. Bath, M.A.

The Committee has been giving some attention to securing and assisting candidates for the ministry, and already has met with an encouraging response."

The Rev. G. R. S. Reid, M.A., Secretary of the Theological Faculty, St. Andrew's, Sydney, states:—

"We have, as previously, during the past few years, continued united classes with the students of the Methodist and Congregational Churches, and this arrangement has worked satisfactorily."

The following is the record of attendances at the meetings of the Executive, from October, 1920, to end of July, 1922:—Revs. W. Borland (Convener), 16; Prof. Rentoul, 8; Prof. Adam, 10; Prof. Skene, 3; J. Barnaby, 11; F. Milne, 14; J. Mathew, 8; J. Mackenzie, 5; D. A. Cameron, 0; J. Gillies, 4; Mr. D. K. Picken, 13; H. M. Burns (Secretary), 17.

Your Committee was instructed (B.B., 1920, Minute 68) to take into consideration whether Medical Degrees shall be added to Arts and Science Degrees, as preparation for the Theological Hall. Being convinced that any University Degree affords the necessary general basis for theological study, and considering the time opportune for recasting and simplifying the rules for the Entrance Examination, the Committee recommends the following to be approved by the Assembly, and ordered to be printed annually in the Year Book, together with the Syllabus for the two following years:—

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

Rules of Admission.

(1) Every candidate must be a member of the Presbyterian Church in full communion, and shall produce to the College Committee a certificate from the Presbytery, within whose bounds he usually resides, that his character is suitable to his desire to enter the ministry of the Church.

(2) Every candidate shall produce evidence to the College Committee (a) that he has obtained or qualified for a University Degree; or (b) that he has matriculated and completed a three years' course of study within a University, and has passed for graduation in the following subjects:—English, Greek, Philosophy, British History, Political Economy or Sociology; or (c) that he has matriculated and attended one year at a recognised University, and passed at least one-third of the examinations for the degree of B.A. or M.A., with Greek as one of the subjects, and has been sent forward to the College Committee by a special resolution of his State Assembly, authorising his examination as an exceptional case; or (d) that he produce a certificate of having completed the course for the training of Home Missionaries, and passed in all its examinations; also a certificate from the Convener of the State Home Mission Committee that he has discharged his duties as a Home Mission Agent to the satisfaction of the Committee.

(3) Every candidate admitted under Rule (2) (a) and (b) shall be examined in Scripture Knowledge and Shorter Catechism, in Hebrew, in Greek and in English, in so far as he has not passed a degree examination in these subjects.

(4) The subjects of the Entrance Examination shall be Scripture Knowledge and Shorter Catechism, English, Greek, Hebrew, British History and Mental and Moral Philosophy. Each candidate must secure at least 50 per cent. of the aggregate of marks in the subjects in which he is examined; at least 50 per cent. in the subjects of Scripture and Shorter Catechism, English and Greek; and at least 35 per cent. in each of the remaining subjects in

2. Recommended that a thoroughly representative Sunday School Council be formed. This has recently been done.

3. Religious Instruction in State Schools.—A representative Council is already at work.

4. Hostels.—Recommended that united efforts be made in country towns of great need. Further, that a return be secured as to the number of boarders by Churches to provide hostels for boys and girls attending high schools, and that in the city each Church should make an effort to provide for the provided.

5. Free Kindergartens.—Recommended that, in addition to existing free attending high schools, and the nature of the accommodation at present Kindergartens, the denominations aim at establishing free Kindergartens, with religious instruction, under Church control, and that, where possible, adjacent congregations should combine in a co-operative effort.

RE THEOLOGICAL TRAINING.

1. That the various college Committees of the respective Churches shall retain their authority and functions in regard to trainees of their own Churches, their own lecturers, etc., their own scholarships, bursaries, etc.

2. That advanced courses be provided, in addition to ordinary pass course, to assist students to examinations of Melbourne College of Divinity.

3. That it be suggested that the joint course time table be so arranged that the classes will begin at the same time as the University Arts Lectures.

4. That a scheme of studies be drawn up by the Theological Training Sub-Committee.

5. That, until the doctrine of the Basis of Union is finally agreed upon by the three Churches, instruction in confessional theology be given by the teachers of the respective Churches.

As regards Welfare of Youth work, the co-operation between the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches of Victoria in selection of lessons and publication of literature has been continued, and the Churches in the other States are contemplating entering into partnership in the business part of it.

As regards Theological Training, there has been some preliminary conference, but nothing has yet been done.

The New South Wales Council on Co-operation consists of 36 members, 12 of whom are Presbyterian, and its object is to promote co-operation in all matters in which common action may be practicable, and to cultivate the spirit of union in every possible way. During last year, sub-committees were appointed to consider lines of co-operation in several new spheres of work.

As previously, Devotional Fellowship has been encouraged, through interchange of pulpits on Sundays, and united meetings on week-days, and inter-communion at various seasons.

A large amount of co-operation has now been in existence for some time in various departments, particularly in ministerial training, and in Sunday School Publications and Religious Instruction in State Schools. The united classes, under the joint Theological Faculty, have proved beneficial to the students of all three Churches. The Australasian Scheme of Lessons has also been adopted by the great majority of our Sunday Schools in the three Churches throughout the State, and it is hoped that further co-operation may soon take place in teacher training, and in the joint syllabus of Scripture Lessons for State Schools.

The chief progress to be reported during the past year, has been made in the sphere of Home Mission co-operation and Church extension work. Proposals were submitted to the three Home Mission Departments by the Council of Co-operation, and these have now been adopted by these Departments. A Board of Administration, consisting of the three H.M. Superintendents, or Secretaries, together with two Ministers and two Laymen from each Department, has been appointed to give effect to these proposals, and to suggest other proposals as may be agreed upon by the Departments concerned.

A guiding principle has been laid down, that, in view of the present position of the movement for Union, nothing should be done in Home Mission or Church Extension work to complicate the negotiations for Union, or that may have to be undone when Union is consummated. In other words, that such operations should now be carried on in terms of Union, rather than in terms of denominationalism.

It has been agreed to recognise community Churches within certain areas,

and in regard to sites and planting of Churches, to take common action wherever practicable. It is hoped this policy may be followed in congested areas, in sub-city areas, and also in Bush Mission work, in concurrence with the willingness of the local people.

The benefit of this movement for co-operation will be greatly felt in bringing about mutual knowledge and understanding of the outlook and methods of the three Churches, and in bringing us to realise that we are no longer working in isolation for self-interest, but in the spirit of Christian comradeship and helpfulness.

G. A. GORDON, Convener.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE CHURCH UNION
COMMITTEE ON MATTERS IN RELATION TO LAW AND PRO-
PERTY AND ADMINISTRATION.

I. Missions.—(1) In the administration of the Mission work of the United Church there shall be two departments—

- (a) Home (including all mission work within the Commonwealth of Australia);
- (b) Foreign (including the Missions already established or which may be established in other countries).

II. Publishing Interests.—(1) It shall be left to the General Assembly of the United Church to determine how far the publications now issued by the negotiating Churches should be amalgamated or otherwise dealt with.

III. Colleges.—(1) All the colleges connected with the three negotiating Churches shall, as far as possible, sustain the same relating to the United Church as they now sustain to their respective Churches.

IV. Beneficiary or Annuitants' Fund.—(1) The rights of present and prospective claimants on existing funds in any of the negotiating Churches shall be adequately protected.

(2) Subject thereto the present capital investments of the various beneficiaries or annuitants' funds of the negotiating Churches shall be combined into a common trust.

(3) The General Assembly shall provide, by means of the common trust, for annuities to aged and retired ministers and the widows and orphans of ministers.

(4) The General Assembly shall provide for the assessing of all ministers, and the collection of contributions from the local Churches towards such common trust, and the payments to annuitants.

V. Law.—(1) When a basis of Union has been agreed upon by the negotiating Churches, the Union should be consummated and the United Church incorporated by Special Acts of the State Parliaments of the Commonwealth, which should contain, among others, provisions to the following effect:—

- (a) Ratifying and confirming the Basis of Union as agreed upon.
- (b) That all the estate, real and personal, belonging to or held in trust for or to the use of the negotiating Churches, or belonging to or held in trust for or to the use of any corporation under the government or control of or in connection with any of the said negotiating Churches, shall be vested in The United Church or in Boards, Committees or Corporations under the control thereof, and shall be used and administered in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Basis of Union.

Note.—This provision would cover all property which might properly be described as denominational property.

- (c) That, subject to the provisions of the next succeeding paragraph hereof, all property, real and personal, in the Commonwealth, held in trust for or to the use of a Church, Charge, Circuit, or Congregation of any of the negotiating Churches, shall be held by trustees appointed by or on behalf of such Church, Charge, Circuit, or Congregation, upon trusts set forth and declared in a Model Trust Deed.

This Model Trust Deed should be a schedule to the Act, and should contain, among others, a provision to the following effect:—That the property is held for the Church, Charge, Circuit, or Congregation, as part of the United Church, and that no property so held shall

be sold, exchanged, or in any manner encumbered, unless the Conference shall, at the instance of the Church, Charge, Circuit or Congregation, have given its sanction.

(d) That any property or funds owned by a Church, Charge, Circuit or Congregation, at the time of the Union, solely for its own benefit, or vested in trustees for the sole benefit of such Church, Charge, Circuit or Congregation, and not for the denomination of which the said Church, Charge, Circuit or Congregation formed a part, shall not be affected by the legislation giving effect to the Union, or by any legislation of The United Church, without the consent of the Church, Charge, Circuit or Congregation for which said property is held in trust.

VI. Property.—(1) It is impossible at present to give any accurate statistics as to property, and the following figures are approximate only, and, as in some cases they are made up on different systems, cannot form a basis for accurate comparisons:—

The Methodist Church has—Churches, 2,593; Parsonages, 693; Sunday Schools, 944; Colleges, 11; Hospitals, 3.

Church Building and Loan Funds amounting to ..	£145,965
Insurance Funds amounting to over	£30,000
A Supernumerary Fund of	£536,000

These are apart from Mission properties and funds.

The Presbyterian Church has—Churches, 1,302; Sunday Schools, 402; Manses, 458; Colleges, 12; Capital Funds, £725,546

The Methodist Church has debts owing, including those to the different loan funds of the Church, £618,888.

These figures do not, in either case, include properties not under the direct jurisdiction of the General Conference of the Methodist Church or the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Presbyterian Church has debts, £296,869.

There are in Victoria, in connection with the Methodist Church, endowments for educational and other purposes, amounting to £67,500. No information is available as to such funds in the other States, although in New South Wales there are considerable similar endowments.

The particulars obtained from the **Congregational Churches** are not very full.

They state that they have 213 pastorates, and about 280 ministers, and the following funds:—

Church Building Association	£36,000
Provident Funds	£76,000

REPORT OF COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

At the 1920 Exit Examination 21 passed, viz., 12 from Ormond (1 after a Supplementary Examination in Church History), 6 from St. Andrew's, 3 from Emmanuel (1 after subsequently passing Greek Entrance).

At the 1921 Entrance Examination, 11 passed, viz., 8 for Ormond, 2 for Emmanuel, 1 for St. Andrew's.

Two of the men for Ormond, i.e., W. F. Sutherland and R. B. Knox, though not entering the Hall till 1922, were allowed to sit for this Entrance Examination, with a view to clearing their way for subsequent Honour work at the University. V. McKeown (also for Ormond) having passed in Scripture and Shorter Catechism and Hebrew, it was agreed by the Executive that these passes should be held over to be validated when his Entrance Examination was completed, by his passing in Greek.

At the 1921 Exit Examination, 20 passed, viz., 11 from Ormond, 5 from St. Andrew's, 4 from Emmanuel. Also R. H. Wilson, of Mornington Island, who was granted by the Assembly a special extra-mural course.

At the 1922 Entrance Examination, 12 passed, viz., 8 for Ormond (1 after a Supplementary Examination in Greek), 3 for Emmanuel, 1 for St. Andrew's (after a Supplementary Examination in Greek).

In the case of W. F. Mackenzie (Ormond), whose marks were.—Greek, 33; Scripture and S.O., 68; Hebrew, 61, a recommendation was received by

the Executive from the State Assembly of Victoria, that on the ground of his war-service, he should be allowed to pass his Entrance Examination, if he pass his post-sessional examination in all subjects. The Executive forward this recommendation to the Assembly, with their endorsement.

In the Supplementary H.M. Examinations, 1920, held subsequently to the last General Assembly, one South Australian student passed in the 1st year, one N.S.W. in the 2nd year, 2 Victorians in the 3rd year, one Queensland in the 4th year. Five failed, two subsequently passing in a further Supplementary Examination.

For the 1922 H.M. Examinations, 43 students presented themselves, viz., 23 Victorians and Tasmanians, 14 N.S.W., 5 Queenslanders, 1 S.A.

Of these 31 passed. 7 have been granted Supplementary Examinations and 5 have failed.

A gratifying feature of the Examination was the good work done by the 4th year men. In this year all passed (1 after Supplementary in Greek).

For the 1922 H.M. Examinations, 44 students presented themselves, viz., 23 Victorians and Tasmanians, 14 N.S.W., 6 Queenslanders, 1 S.A.

Of these passed, have been granted Supplementary Examinations have failed.

In connection with these Examinations in the H.M. Training Course, it may be reported that the Executive agreed that whenever the marks allotted by an Examiner were not more than 5 below the standard required for a pass, the paper in question should be submitted to the second Examiner, and the average result taken.

The number of Home Mission Agents taking the course of training who have been admitted since last Assembly is 18; from Victoria and Tasmania 8, from New South Wales 5, from Queensland 4, from South Australia 1.

At a meeting held 2nd March, 1921, on the motion of Professor Adam, it was agreed that in future the Exit work should be fixed two years in advance. This has been done.

Since last Assembly the following changes have been made on the Staff of Examiners:—

Entrance Examination.

English.—Rev. P. A. Smith, in place of Rev. J. H. Terras.

Exit Examination.

Theology and Ethics.—Rev. H. W. Burridge, M.A., B.D., in place of Rev. Wm. Borland, M.A., B.D.

Church History.—Rev. W. J. Gray, B.A., in place of Rev. H. S. R. Innes, B.A.

Greek.—Rev. H. S. R. Innes, B.A., in place of Rev. K. F. Partridge, M.A., Contents of Bible in English.—Revs. Ivo E. Bertram, M.A., and J. Alexander, in place of Revs. J. Sinclair, B.A., and G. R. S. Reid, M.A.

Home Mission Examination.

Scripture and Catechism.—Revs. R. Robertson, M.A., B.D., and J. H. Craig, M.A., in place of Revs. H. S. Legge, M.A., B.D., and J. Marshall.

Mental Philosophy.—Rev. D. J. Flockhart, M.A., in place of Rev. J. Barnet Steele, B.A.

Mental Philosophy.—Rev. D. J. Flockhart, M.A., in place of Rev. J. Barnet The Rev. A. I. Davidson, M.A., has intimated to the Committee his desire to be relieved of his examinership.

The hearty thanks of the Assembly are due to the Examiners, for their able and conscientious discharge of their duties, and also to those who have kindly acted as Supervisors.

At a meeting of the Executive on 11th July, 1921, a letter was read from the Rev. R. Glaister, M.A., D.D., intimating a movement to form a joint Theological School in Brisbane, and asking whether the College Committee would recognise the teaching so given. Dr. Glaister was informed that, while the College Committee has no control over the Teaching Staff of our Theological Halls, having to do only with the Entrance and Exit Examinations, it would be prepared to recognise as candidates students sent up from such a School, and would report in these terms, as it now does to the General Assembly.

A recent letter from the Rev. C. A. White, B.A., Convener of the Theological Hall Committee, states:—

which he is examined. The same minimum of marks is required in any Supplementary Examination.

(5) Candidates admitted under Rule (2) (c) shall be exempt from the Entrance Examination in the subjects in which they have passed a University Degree Examination.

(6) Candidates admitted under Rule (2) (d) shall be examined in Hebrew, Greek and English only, in view of Examinations already passed in the Home Mission Course. If such candidates do not take Hebrew, they shall be examined in English Literature, as an alternative subject.

(7) Candidates who have failed in the Entrance Examination, in not more than two subjects, may be admitted to a Supplementary Examination; but a Supplementary Examination shall not be allowed in Scripture Knowledge and Shorter Catechism, or in English, unless the candidate has secured at least 35 per cent. of the possible marks in that subject in the Entrance Examination.

HOME MISSION TRAINING.

According to the instructions of last Assembly, the two proposals submitted by the Committee, for modifying the course of Home Mission Training, were sent to State Home Mission Committees, which were asked to report, through the College Committee, to this Assembly.

The proposals were:—

(1) That no candidate be admitted to the Home Mission Course of Study as a regular student, until he has attained the standard required for the Intermediate Certificate of the Universities, with Greek as one of the subjects.

(2) That the Home Mission course shall consist nominally of three years, and shall include such subjects as are required for University matriculation.

The N.S.W. Home Mission Committee approves of number 1, approves, also, of the proposal in number 2, to make the Home Mission course consist nominally of three years, and suggests that students be encouraged to take their third year in the University, which implies that, during their first and second years, they have been doing subjects preparatory to University matriculation.

The Victorian H.M. Committee welcomes any practical proposals for improving the present course of training; suggests that the studies in Greek for those doing the Home Mission course, should be limited to N.T. Greek, and expresses the opinion that the proposal requiring Intermediate Certificate, with Greek as one of the subjects, before admission to the Home Mission course of training, would seriously hamper the Committee.

The South Australian H.M. Committee recommends, "That the arrangements for Home Mission Training remain as at present, but that prospective candidates be urged, wherever possible, to proceed to University matriculation."

The Queensland H.M. Committee is in favour of "the gradual raising of the standard of the present course," and desires to see "the substitution for Greek of alternative subjects of study, suitable for initial training, and useful to ministers of the Gospel," but thinks the changes proposed are "too sweeping" to be introduced at once, and that the adoption of such a scheme would, under existing circumstances, be disastrous to the work carried on by the H.M. Committee.

The Western Australian H.M. Committee disapproves of No. 1, as impossible for W.A., and criticises No. 2, as rather vague, and not sufficiently definite or explicit as regards the subjects of study during the three years' course, pointing out that the courses for University matriculation are not the same in each of the six Universities of Australia.

After consideration of these reports, your Committee recommends that the proposals be modified to read as follows.—

1. Candidates, before being admitted to the Home Missions Course of Study as regular students, shall be required, either (a) to obtain a school intermediate certificate (or the equivalent) in one of the States, or (b) to pass the school intermediate examination in English, History and one other subject, together with an examination in New Testament Greek, set by the College Committee. Home Mission Committees are recommended to provide tuition for candidates during their Home Mission course, and, where necessary, for a year preparatory to entrance on the course as regular students.

(2) The Home Mission Course shall consist normally of three years. During the first and second years, the subjects studied shall, as far as practicable, be such as may help candidates to qualify for University matriculation in their own State. Students who succeed in qualifying for matriculation at the end of their second year, are recommended to proceed to the University. The subjects of study in the third year of the H.M. Course, for students who do not go on to the University, shall be such as will help in preparing for the Entrance Examination to the Theological Hall."

The Committee recommends the General Assembly to adopt these amended proposals, to come into force at the beginning of 1924.

Your Committee was requested by an Examiner to refer a certain matter connected with the Exit Examination to the Examination Board, but found this impracticable. The Board of Examination is defined in Rules and Forms, Chapter V., Regulations, under Article VIII. of the Deed of Union (p. 46), paragraph 4, as consisting of the Examiners and the College Committee, but the provision in paragraph 2, "That any matter of difference (as to questions set and marks assigned) shall be referred to the Examination Board for decision," has never been observed literally, and is, in fact, unworkable. This function has been discharged invariably by the Executive, and the Board of Examination, as above defined, has never met. Your Committee, therefore, recommends that the Regulations under Article VIII. should be revised, in the light of its resolution, reported to the General Assembly of 1918 (B.B., p. 89, par. 2, Supplementary Report), "That at least one-half of each draft examination paper be composed of questions submitted by the professors or lecturers," on the basis of a proposal made by Mr. Picken, and approved by the Executive, as follows:—(1) That in the Exit Examination there be only one external examiner in each subject, to act in conjunction with the teacher of the subject in each of the States; (2) that the external examiner set one-half of the paper in each subject for all students; (3) that each teacher of the subject set the other half of the paper in his subject, for the students in his own State; (4) that all the candidates' answers to all the questions be examined by the external examiner; and that each teacher examine all the answers of the candidates in his own State; (5) that candidates be required to attain the pass standard in both halves of each paper; (6) that the right to determine the final form of the paper, and the result in every case, be reserved to the executive, after comparing the marks assigned by the external examiner and the teacher.

PETITIONS.

1. Mr. H. R. Pearson (23), a distinguished student of medicine, who has completed six qualifying courses for the B.A. Degree, including History, English, Logic and Mental Philosophy, and proposes, if practicable, to complete that degree, as well as the degree in Medicine and Surgery, petitions the Assembly to permit him to enter the Theological Hall, as a Second Year Student, after graduation in Medicine, and grant him ordination after two years study in Theology—languages (Greek and Hebrew) being optional; or after such modified course of Theological Training as will best equip him to represent the Church as a Medical Missionary. Credentials are presented from the Presbyteries of New England and of Sydney, the Convener of Home Missions, N.S.W.; the Foreign Mission Committee, N.S.W.; the Faculty of St. Andrew's College, Sydney, and others. The Committee thinks it reasonable, if practicable, to grant a modified course of Theological Training, with Hebrew, at least, as optional. It is informed that the State Assembly of Victoria gives ordination, both to Medical and Educational Missionaries, without requiring a three years' theological course, as prescribed in Act VIII., paragraphs 1 and 4, of the Deed of Union, for "candidates for licence." Those thus ordained in Victoria, however, have not the same ministerial status as licentiates of the Church in terms of the Deed of Union. To secure this status, your Committee does not see how a shorter theological course than three years can be accepted, without alteration in the Articles of Agreement, which forms part of the Deed of Union, but recommends that the whole matter be considered and finalised, if possible, at this Assembly, and that, for that purpose, a committee be appointed to report at a later sederunt.

2. Mr. E. H. Vines (34) is a Master of Arts (Melbourne), with Final Honours in Classics and Honours, English, Part I., holds the Diploma of Education of Victoria, is Senior English Master in Armidale School, also

teaches Latin and Greek, intends to complete the B.D. course (Melbourne College of Divinity), took a year and a half (1911-12) at the Congregational Theological College of Victoria, with a view to educational missionary work in India. Mr. Vines petitions the Assembly to grant him permission to sit for the entrance examination to the Theological Hall in 1923, and materially to shorten his theological course. Adequate credentials accompany the petition. Your Committee recommends that permission be granted Mr. Vines to sit for the Entrance Examination in 1923, and, in the event of his passing, that he be graded as a second year student.

3. Mr. Herbert Mayer (29), who has been a missionary agent since July, 1921, under the Board of Missions, among the aborigines in Queensland, and desires to qualify himself more fully for that work, was a Home Missionary of this Church in New South Wales, from 1917 till 1921. In the petition, which is forwarded by the Board of Missions, with a request that it be considered favourably, Mr. Mayer asks that he be allowed to sit for the Entrance Examination, being exempt from languages (Hebrew and Greek), and that he be allowed an extra-mural course, the latter end of which he will spend in Emmanuel College, Brisbane, when on furlough. The Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition be not granted, but that Mr. Mayer be admitted to the examinations of the Home Missionary course, with a view to qualifying for entrance, and that the concession granted him in March, 1918, but of which he did not then take advantage, viz.: "That he be graded as a student of the second year, and, if he do well in the examination of that year, he be advanced to the fourth year," be again offered to him.

4. Mr. R. H. Wiles (43) was a Home Missionary of this Church in New South Wales, from 1912 till 1916, when he enlisted in the A.I.F., was badly gassed at Messines, and afterwards severely wounded at Mont St. Quentin (1918), remaining in hospital till after the Armistice. He spent six months in Randwick Military Hospital, after returning to Australia, then re-entered the service of the Home Mission. The petitioner presents excellent credentials and testimonials, from H.M. Committee, the Presbytery and others, together with a medical certificate from Dr. Armitage, Government Medical Officer at Tumbaramba, under whose care he has been during the last three months, and who does not think "that he could pursue an arduous course of study without imperilling his general well-being." Mr. Wiles petitions that, in consideration of health conditions, resulting from his war services, he be granted entrance to the Theological Hall without languages (Hebrew and Greek). Your Committee recommends that, in consideration of his war service, Mr. Wiles be graded as a fourth year student in the Home Mission course, without being required to take Greek in that year; but that he be required to pass New Testament Greek, with the other subjects, at the Entrance Examination.

5. Your Committee also had referred to it the petition of Mr. P. E. Wylde, Minister at Port Pirie, South Australia, printed in the Appendix to this Report. It does not appear that this petition comes within the province of your Committee. Attention may be drawn, however, to the following relevant facts:—(1) There is no indication that Mr. Wylde received either a good general education or any theological training; (2) the General Assembly of 1918 declined to grant his petition for ordination (B.B., Minute 116); (3) the South Australian Assembly subsequently instructed the Presbytery of Belalie to ordain Mr. Wylde; (4) the General Assembly of 1920 declared "the act of the General Assembly of South Australia, and of the Presbytery of Belalie, to be contrary to the law of this Church, but, while expressly safeguarding this being considered a precedent, agree so far to condone the offence as to recognise Mr. Wylde as a Minister of this Church, but not eligible for a call to any other charge than that of Port Pirie, without the consent of the General Assembly of Australia." (B.B., 1920, Minutes 108 and 109). Your Committee transmits the petition with these memoranda, and without recommendation.

W. BORLAND, Convener.

ADDITIONAL REPORT OF COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

The Committee had under consideration the large amount of clerical work required of the Secretary, and the consequent difficulty of obtaining the services of an active minister of the Church in that office. It was resolved to advise the General Assembly to increase the honorarium by the amount of £20, to provide clerical assistance.

It was reported from Ormond College that the Theological Hall Committee received, with regret, the resignation of Prof. Alex. Skene, M.A., of the Chair of Old Testament Language and Literature and Homiletics, and that for 1922 they had appointed the Rev. T. J. Smith, M.A., lecturer in Old Testament Studies, and the Rev. W. Borland, M.A., B.D., Lecturer in Homiletics.

Petition.

6. Mr. Claude Caldwell Wearne, 30, four years a Home Missionary of the Baptist Church; passed the three H.M. Examinations; studied part of First Year Course in Baptist College, Melbourne; war breaking out, enlisted and served three years in A.I.F.; war service being taken as completing First Year's Course, took Second Year's Course in Sydney Baptist College, and passed successfully (1919-20); during Third Year Course (1920), suffered nervous breakdown, and was given leave of absence for two years; has attended English I. and Philosophy I. and II., at the Sydney University; has studied Classical and N.T. Greek, Hebrew (rudiments, one year only), among other subjects, at the Baptist College; admirable certificates as to character, ability, and intention; certificate from Presbytery of Sydney, transmitting application, "with the recommendation that, on condition of passing the Entrance Examination in English and Greek, Mr. Wearne be received as a Student of Theology, with exemption from Hebrew"; petitions to be received as a student for the ministry on a shortened course. Your Committee recommends that Mr. Wearne be granted permission to sit for the Entrance Examination in Scripture Knowledge and Shorter Catechism, Greek and Hebrew.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDAINING MEDICAL MISSIONARIES, ETC.

1. It is desirable to recognise the existing practice of ordaining Medical Graduates for work in the Foreign Field, subject to the following provisions, (a) that they satisfy the College Committee as to their adequate knowledge of the doctrine and administration of the Sacraments; (b) that they shall not exercise the function of the ordained ministry, except in the Foreign Mission Field, and under direction of their F.M. Committee. (2) Graduates in medicine seeking admission to a course in a Theological Hall, leading to licence and ordination as ministers of the Church should be required to pass the Entrance Examination in Scripture Knowledge and Shorter Catechism, in English Literature, and in New Testament Greek; and at the end of the three years' course, to pass the Exit Examination without Hebrew.

ADDITIONAL NOTE TO REPORT.

The Committee, having received from the Reception of Ministers' Committee the Petition from the West Australian State Assembly with regard to Mr. A. E. Price ("White Book," pp. 77-78), decided that, while it did not come within their province to deal with it, this petition should have the consideration of the Assembly, and they herewith transmit it.

FINANCE COMMITTEE, 1922.

The Committee herewith submits the audited balance-sheets and report. As indicated in the report of 1920, the position in connection with the funds of the Assembly has continued to be more or less unsatisfactory, largely on account of the cost of the printing of the 'Blue Book' of 1920, this being very extensive. It would help very much if reports to the Assembly could be shortened.

The amount realised from the Hymnary Royalty Account for the two years, 1920-21, with interest on the credit balance, was £75/12/4. This was transferred to the credit of the Travelling Expenses Account, and there is thus nothing left at credit towards the travelling expenses of this Assembly, the whole amount having been absorbed in the Travelling Expenses Account in connection with last Assembly; so that provision will require to be again made by the Assembly for the travelling expenses of members from the

Ordinary Expenses Account, and irrespective of Hymnary Royalty, as the prospective amount for the latter can only be very small.

In the General Assembly Expenses Fund the amount at credit is £108/13/5, with a sum of £63/15/- outstanding from Tasmania at the time of the preparation of this report. In addition to this amount, Western Australia and Tasmania are due a sum of £13/17/4 each, making £27/14/8 outstanding in connection with the printing of the Basis of Union. The expenditure in this account since last Assembly has been £1,351, including £87/14/9 for the Year Book, and the sum of £452/6/8 had to be transferred on account of travelling expenses in accordance with the instruction of last Assembly, these expenses being higher than usual. Another item which was abnormal was a sum of no less than £200/15/11 for printing in connection with the Union of the Churches, this amount being divided by assessment proportionately among the various States. The assessment paid by the various States, and including the assessment for the honorarium to the College secretary, has been £1,045/1/-, the total revenue, with other items set forth in the account, being £1,267/12/4. A sum of £163/16/5 was received on account of the Union of the Churches printing, the balance being outstanding as already indicated. In the event of payment being received of the amounts outstanding, due by Tasmania and Western Australia, the sum at credit would have been £203/3/1; but this credit has been brought about through the fact that three years' assessment has been collected within the period, so that the amount assessed was really £100 short of the requirements, including the large amount required to be transferred on account of travelling expenses. To make provision for the expenditure on the same scale for the present Assembly, the assessment would require to be increased by about £427, i.e., £213/10/- for each year, and your Committee recommends that this should be assessed in the following proportions, namely:—

Victoria	£205	6	9
New South Wales	205	6	9
Queensland	60	12	0
South Australia	34	15	6
Tasmania	34	15	6
Western Australia	34	15	6

Making a total revenue of £575/12/- per annum, or a revenue of £1,151/4/-, which your Committee estimates would be sufficient to cover what is required.

Unless some steps are taken by the General Assembly to cause an adequate increase to the Capital Account, your Committee would recommend that the present credit of £34/17/8 be merged into the General Account.

Further, your Committee recommends that the credit in the Chaplains' Account, £13/9/5, be also transferred to the General Account, and the deficit in connection with the printing of the "Procedure in Discipline" pamphlet, £15/5/9, be charged to the General Expenses of Australia Account. As is always the case, your Committee is not in a position to make any definite forecast as to the cost of traveling expenses to this Assembly, but makes recommendation that the payment be on the same basis as formerly, namely:— That members attending the General Assembly in September, 1922, have the following percentages of their travelling expenses (calculated upon the basis of second-class railway and second-class steamer fares at the reduced rate allowed by the railway and steamship companies) paid by the Church, viz.:— (a) Those paying less than £1, nothing; (b) those paying from £1 to £4, to receive half; (c) those paying from £4 upwards to receive three-quarters, provided that no one in class (b) shall pay less than £1 himself, and no one in class (c) less than £2, the exception being the delegates from Western Australia, who will be allowed their proportion at first-class rate. The accounts for the Home Mission Department, included in which is the working of the Australian Inland Mission, are set forth in full, the costs in the various sections being given under their respective headings, with a view to supplying at a glance what is being expended at each place. The total revenue evolved from all sources for the two years has been: To 30th June, 1921, £5,062/18/-, and to 30th June, 1922, £5,359/17/9, and the expenditure for the same periods, i.e., to 30th June, 1921, £5,562/16/3, and to 30th June, 1922, £6,762/18/7; total for the two years, £12,325/14/10, leaving a debit balance (including the debit of £722/15/11 at 1st July, 1920), at the end of June last of £2,625/15/-, with a sum of £500 held at credit of Reserve Account, thus leaving a net debit at 30th June of £2,125/15/-. The Depart-

ment has also the following credit amounts on hand:—Aeroplane Account, £137/1/4; A.I.M. Property Account, £1,062/17/10; Alice Springs Building Account, £237/2/7; Birdsville Building Account, £907/16/7.

The amount of £1,000 is held to the credit of the John Frazer Foreign Missions Endowment Fund, and is invested at 6½ per cent., and the interest is paid to the credit of the Board of Missions each half-year.

In connection with the Year Book, the outwards payment from your Committee was £87/14/9, the amounts received on account of sales being £25/4/11, showing, so far as expenditure and receipts actually passed through the hands of your Committee are concerned, a shortage of £62/9/10—a very serious loss with the funds in their present condition.

On behalf of the Committee,

WALTER G. CRANE, Chairman.

HYMNAL COMMITTEE.

There is but little to report to the Assembly. The publisher of the Hymnal has been communicated with, in regard to the proposed addition of certain Kindergarten pieces, but the matter has not yet been finalised.

The Committee is gratified to be able to report that the Welfare of Youth Department of the Church in Victoria finds that the Church's book is far and away the best selling Sunday School Hymn Book on its shelves.

The suggested revision of the Hymnary has made no progress, because the two great Churches in Scotland have hitherto not been in accord in the matter, but at the Assembly, in May last, united action was agreed on, and it will now be possible to act on the instruction given at last Assembly, to ascertain how far the co-operation of the Australian Church is desired.

For the Committee.

W. H. ASH, Convener.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee has the honour to report that the work of the Department has been carried on for the past two years despite a continued shortage in men. Extension work has been greatly curtailed for this reason. All praise is due to the indefatigable workers who have carried on amid many discouragements and difficulties.

Australian Inland Mission.

The Board, in submitting its report of two years' strenuous work, would express gratitude to God for the measure of success granted in the large field of the Inland. Difficulties in the field, removals causing vacancies yet unfilled, and financial stringency, have not made the management of this far-flung field easy.

We heartily acknowledge the loyal support of all workers, the various State Conveners and their Councils, and the invaluable work of the Office Treasurers and Church Representatives.

Since the Rev. J. C. Gibson vacated the Katherine in 1917, no successor has offered to carry on the splendid work he accomplished. It is to be hoped that some volunteer will soon offer to man this difficult, but very important, part of the Northern Territory.

Marranboy Penola Home.

Although no Minister of the A.I.M. has served the district of Katherine for these five years, the work of our Mission has not been unrepresented. The Penola Home, at Marranboy, has, with the Nursing Home at Hall's Creek, been our witness of endeavour and progress. Sister J. K. Herd and Nurse D. Dunlop, both of Brisbane, succeeded the Sisters Mouritz, and ably sustained the standard of work set by the latter ladies. Sister Herd has

recently returned to her home in Brisbane, and Nurse Dunlop will be relieved as soon as successors are found. Meantime, she is holding the field with the assistance of Nurse Gray, who will join her companion at Victoria River Downs as soon as the new nurses arrive at Marranboy.

Victoria River Downs.

Negotiations for a new Nursing Home at Victoria River Downs are approaching completion. An amount of £540 has been raised locally for building purposes, and the Federal Government has agreed to subsidise this amount at the rate of £2 for every £1 raised in the district. A total amount of £1,620 is, therefore, available for the erection of a suitable building. A recent epidemic of malaria carried off a number of people, thus accelerating the demand for an A.I.M. Nursing Home on the lines of Marranboy. Already two nurses have gone forward to take charge, Sister E. M. King and Nurse Jean Gray, of Melbourne. Sister King is nursing the malaria patients at Victoria River Homestead, where accommodation is provided pending the erection of the home. Nurse Gray is at present at Marranboy.

Hall's Creek.

The work at this home has gone forward without interruption. The Sisters Rogasch were relieved over a year ago by Sister Janet Hepburn and Nurse Gill, both of Melbourne. Owing to the prevalence of fever, the latter have had a somewhat strenuous time since their arrival.

Broome Mission.

At Broome our activities are practically at a standstill. No successor has been found since Rev. S. R. W. Richardson resigned last October. The pearl fisheries, on which the town largely depends, have been in a state of collapse for over two years, only a very few boats being in commission. It may be necessary to consider the erection of a church before another man is settled there.

Port Hedland Mission.

At Port Hedland Rev. K. D. McDonald continues in charge, but he has handed in his resignation, which will take place about October. The Pilbarra district has proved a difficult problem. Our missionary has been greatly handicapped through lack of suitable church buildings. A motor car is urgently needed for the vast outlying country. Sister E. M. Inglis and Miss Nance Inglis are still in charge of the Port Hedland Nursing Home. They have now completed three years' service, and new nurses are being sent forward to relieve them. Here a new home has been built at a cost of over £2,000, the money for which (with the exception of a loan of £400 from headquarters, since almost repaid) was raised entirely by local effort, with £750 Government subsidy. The local committee are to be congratulated in doing such a splendid work on their own initiative.

Carnarvon Mission.

Since last report the work has gone steadily on under the ministry of the Rev. John Waugh, who has been able to make some extended trips by motor into the outback country. A Girls' Culture Class and a Debating Society, organised and carried on by Mr. and Mrs. Waugh, have met with success, and have helped the general life of the Church. Several special fetes have been run by the local people, and another fete, which is hoped to eclipse all previous efforts, is to be held in November of this year. From this centre large quantities of reading matter have been distributed over a large area. A temporary manse has been purchased at a cost of £800.

East-West Railway Mission.

This Mission, representing Methodist, Congregational, Baptist and Presbyterian (A.I.M.) Churches, has been without a missionary for a considerable time.

Beltana Mitchell Home.

This home is under joint control of the Smith-of-Dunesk Mission, and the A.I.M. Board. Sister Kinnear, who had rendered faithful service, resigned over a year ago, and Sister Ruby Young, of Adelaide, was appointed sister-in-charge. Miss Myrtle Symons has acted as companion to both Sisters.

Oodnadatta Hostel.

At the time of presenting our last report, Sister Jean Williamson, assisted by Miss Maggie Williamson, were the nurses in charge. On the completion of their term of service some months ago, Sister I. J. Martin, of Melbourne, was appointed, and Miss M. Colley, of Sydney, was appointed as companion. Miss Colley, who has had considerable experience as a deaconess in Sydney, has succeeded in organising some healthy societies in Oodnadatta, especially among the younger people. She also conducts the regular Sunday services in the township. The present hospital needs re-modelling to bring it up to modern requirements.

Central Mission.

The Rev. Coledge Harland has been in charge of this large parish until he resigned a few months ago. No successor has yet been found to continue the work. A manse was purchased two years ago at Oodnadatta, the headquarters of the Central Mission.

Alice Springs.

The masonry work of the new Coritchea Home was completed at the end of June of this year, but more funds must be on hand before we are able to complete the building. The local people are raising a further instalment, to which the Federal Government will add a 2 to 1 subsidy.

Birdsville.

Your Committee deeply regrets that so little has been done to assist Queensland. It is possible that ultimately West Queensland will become the scene of our greatest activities. Recently the people of Birdsville have over-tured the A.I.M. for a nursing home, and, on receipt of a sympathetic answer, they forwarded £60 towards the enterprise. Meantime, Senator Foil, who had visited Birdsville, published articles in the Brisbane press which aroused widespread interest, especially among A.I.M. sympathisers. The direct sequel to this was an "All-Australia Fair," at which, under the able leadership of Mrs. Wyper, the sum of £700 was realised. This amount is being supplemented by donations from those whose interest had been newly stirred. Another sequel is one of the most significant happenings we have yet reported, viz., the formation of a Citizens' Committee, under the chairmanship of the Mayor of Brisbane. Definite plans of action have not been shaped, but this committee hopes to render material assistance in the founding of new nursing homes in West Queensland, beginning with Birdsville.

Cloncurry.

When last we reported, the Mission work at Cloncurry was being diligently carried on by Mr. W. R. McKenzie. On his resignation some fifteen months ago, Rev. J. V. B. Steel, of Young, N.S.W., was appointed, and during that period has done most successful work. In consequence of the state of his health, Mr. Steel has sent in his resignation, and we are looking for a successor. A new manse and a more modern church are urgently needed, and a new motor car must be provided to meet the needs of this extensive parish.

FINANCE.

As to the financial side of the work, the position gives cause for considerable anxiety. The revenue from all sources for the year has not been adequate to meet our ever-growing expenditure. The debit balance in the General Fund at 30th June, 1922, now stands at £2,625/15/-; against this, however, we have credits in certain temporary accounts held for special purposes amounting to £2,444/8/4, making the aggregate debit £181/6/8. The local response in our field stations has been disappointing on the whole. It is earnestly urged that self-help be the motto in the field to a greater extent than ever before.

It must be remembered that during the period of review, a donation of 250 gas shares has been made by Mr. W. R. Black, of Brisbane. These shares must be retained as an endowment, and they are equivalent to £1,400 cash. Also our investments in buildings and property amounted to £4,040.

Rev. F. J. Wilkin, D.D., Rev. Principal Holdsworth, Rev. F. W. Norwood;

A. THAIN ANDERSON, Convener.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

As our tenth year of operation draws to its close, we find ourselves in a peculiar position. Katherine, Broome, Oodnadatta and the East-West Railway (interdenominational) are all vacant; the ministers of Cloncurry and Port Hedland have already resigned, and will be leaving shortly; and yet there are no volunteers in sight. Thus it looks quite possible that, ere long, the A.I.M. will be reduced to one minister in the field, Rev. John Waugh, of Carnarvon.

While we hope the tide will turn before that, the situation is none the less disquieting, and may justify a survey of our position in relation to the whole continent. I feel that we are face to face with a crisis, which calls for earnest and prayerful thought and action.

Practically the whole population of Australia is concentrated in coastal sections along the east and south. Even when we classify as "closer-settled" all areas which carry more than one person per square mile, these sections aggregate only 15 per cent. of the total area.

Of the balance, no less than 21 per cent., i.e., **more than the closer-settled sections**, is utterly devoid of settlement. The remainder, 64 per cent. of the whole continent, is mostly held under various forms of leasehold for grazing purposes, and carries a widely-dispersed population, averaging about one person to ten square miles.

It will be obvious that ordinary means of evangelism are quite impracticable for our dispersed citizens. It is difficult enough to care for people when they are isolated, but when one comes to the far Inland, a still more serious handicap appears, viz., the abnormally low "femininity," involving absence of child life. The facts have already been detailed in "The Inlander," so far as they can be given exactly; but it is necessary to make deductions from these facts to arrive at the approximate position. Thus, after allowing for the concentration of bush women in the little townships, for minors, also for Asiatics and half-castes—who in one or two areas constitute more than half the females—it may be assumed that over much of the Inland there are ten men to every woman. Some may agree that to attempt building churches without women is like trying to make bricks without straw. The absence of women; of medical care when needed; of other children for playmates; of educational facilities; of means of recreation; of news; all these drawbacks tend to make this serious anomaly chronic. And where women are not, men are liable to let themselves drift.

The very isolation, however, develops in pioneers some characteristics that may suggest our means of warfare. We may mention these: Power of contemplation, abnormal memory for incidents, extreme chivalry towards women, intense interest in young children, carrying with it a keen appreciation for anything accomplished in the interests of bush children. If we can work on these characteristics, it may prove that the evangelism of the Inland is actually easier than would at first sight appear.

In suggesting this hope, however, I would add my conviction that the task is much more difficult than we realised at our inception ten years ago.

There is a prevalent opinion that ministers sent to the far Inland are wasted on the desert air—in other words, they have infinite room, but no people to speak of. This idea is altogether wrong: the people are there—if they can be reached. Out in the sparsely-settled areas, as classified above, there are about 200,000 people. There are supposed to be (counting A.I.M. and "Home") 26 Ministers and Home Missionaries, which works out at one Presbyterian minister to 7,700 aggregate population. In the closer-settled areas we have over 5,200,000 people and 715 Presbyterian Ministers and Home Missionaries, i.e., one minister to 7,300 aggregate population.

It may be worth tabulating the figures, excluding the vacant 650,000 square miles of vacant territory in Australia, amounting, as already stated, to 21 per cent. of the whole.

A COMPARISON.

	Closely-settled Areas.	Sparsely Settled.
Percentage of whole	15	64
Area. Square Miles	450,000	1,900,000
Population	5,235,000	200,000
Density, say, Persons to Ten Square Miles . .	110	1
Presbyterian Ministers	715	26
Ratio to Aggregate Population	1 to 7,300	1 to 7,700

Not all the sparsely-settled areas are under the A.I.M. Less remote portions remain under the care of their respective State Assemblies, and there are found the majority of ministers and people alike. Thus twenty ministers and Home Missionaries are supposed to be provided by the States. Unfortunately, two only of these State Stations are at present supplied by ordained ministers—Wentworth and Collarenebri—leaving the following sanctioned charges vacant:—Port Augusta, Smith-of-Dunesk (Beltana, S.A.), Hillston, Goondiwindi, Longreach and Springsure. Home Missionaries are supplying these posts for the most part, but some of the Home Mission stations are vacant. It is thus clear that the State Committees are faring little better than ourselves, in spite of easier access.

In view of the world-wide shortage of ministers, not to mention the many vacancies in sanctioned charges in our own Home Base, there is need for patience in face of our difficulties. It must be asked, however, if the existing state of affairs can be permitted to continue. In the Home Base, it is generally possible to keep the flag flying in some way or other, with good lay preachers and ordinary "supply," besides the quiet, unflinching work of Sabbath School teachers. But in sparsely settled areas, once the personality of the minister is removed from his district, things spiritual are virtually unrepresented in any way. Can we allow our most valuable pioneers to toil on without inspiration or cheer from the Church? Is not our simple, and almost severe, expression of Faith peculiarly fitted to appeal to silent men of the uttermost bush?

It will be obvious that nothing can be done to improve matters in the far-off fields of Australia unless by adding burdens and increasing difficulties in the Home Base. It may be speculated that, if the Home Base faces such real sacrifice, mysterious strength will be given to overcome the strain so created.

What is a reasonable ideal in the way of staff for the sparsely-settled areas? Personally, I would not suggest any attempt to provide frequent services in every microscopic township of the furthest bush, for there is a limit to our powers. My firm conviction is that the bush will be evangelised by the silent power of the institution rather than by spoken words. The bushman, even when the minister is not visible, even when the latter has not been met for months perhaps, will contemplate the fact that a man is going about in remote, dangerous parts, simply in order to do good and express goodwill. The challenge must arise in the thoughts of each onlooker sooner or later, "Why?" Again, the bushman knows that the minister is not acting as an individual; he travels as the representative of a Church. Again comes the query, "Why?" then "What?" Because the bush is so devoid of care, contemplation of exceptionally active goodness will surely point to inspiration of God! Where the work is true, the only language the bushman can find to describe is "Christ-like!"

Starting with this theory, that effective personal touch, even though at long intervals, will lead to fruitful contemplation—the reasonable promise of ultimate faith—we may content ourselves with the ideal of a "patrol" of ministers, who will perhaps not average more than two visits per year to the isolated habitations (not often "homes") under their care. In view of the immense distances—the sparsely settled areas are equal in extent to 21 Victorias—it is surely a modest proposal that the workers should be increased to 42, which would involve 16 additional for State Committees and A.I.M. combined, still leaving each minister with an average of 4,700 persons, aggregate, to care for (about the existing ratio in Victoria to-day).

If there is to be a forward movement of such a kind, I think it should be preceded by a conference of representatives of all State Committees concerned with the A.I.M., for it has not been possible hitherto to adjust boundaries exactly. It may be asked, "Can the number of ministers be secured?" and "Can the right type of man be found?" Both questions are hard ones, and only experiment can answer them. At the past rate of progress, I answer, without hesitation, No. But no serious attempt has been made by the General Assembly to press the matter. If the whole church raised its voice—not merely the A.I.M. Board—there might be a surprising response from experienced ministers who have never yet regarded the problem of the Inland as a personal matter.

It is necessary to point out that the cost of adding ministers to the A.I.M. staff, working the furthest areas properly, will be much more than originally realised. I have been deeply disappointed myself to find how

much must be found by way of subsidy; how much of patience, while waiting for harvest; and I am sure that the experience for the minister in the field is terribly depressing.

Because of the great difficulties, I have already urged the Board to give attention to equipment rather than to numbers; to provide attractive church halls in the very few centres where buildings are practicable, and manses more cosy than the average down south, where the minister and his wife may find it easier to shut out temptations to seek their discharge. Lately, noting the marked success of our present policy of sending out two trained nurses to each Home, instead of a nurse and an untrained companion, I am inclined to think that it might be worth while trying the effect of two ministers in one car, so far as the outer patrols are concerned. On those lonely trails it is really not safe for one man to travel alone, and probably two well-mated apostles would accomplish more in one visit than one weary witness in two.

The cost of maintenance for the cars has given us much anxiety. Yet every serious traveller in the bush now journeys on petrol, and I believe the prestige of the Gospel would suffer if the minister travelled as in the days of yore. Further, it is really cheaper to keep well-paid staffs moving fast, than to have them waiting on the road for animals to feed and recover from fatigue.

From the above remarks it may be inferred already that, in my opinion, the A.I.M. has not really begun. That is the feeling I have. We have conducted ten years of valuable experiment, but nothing has been consolidated, no real harvest garnered, no district brought to self-support. Incidentally, we show a debit of over £2,000 on our ordinary working account.

The most striking feature of the work is the growth of our Nursing Department. At the outset we took over one trained nurse only. Now we have twelve, all of whom will be trained when forthcoming changes have been effected, and we are shortly adding four more nurses, making eight Homes. Other places are inquiring, and are likely to follow on with definite requests.

Appreciation of this department is most marked among the bush people, even though not all our admirers are noble enough to contribute what their praise would indicate. Our policy, as completed at last Assembly, allows the people to take over the institutions when they are able to form proper Public Hospital Committees. The effect of this provision has been signal, and all kinds of men are now testifying to the "National" character of A.I.M. work. Lest fears should arise from the contemplation of the deficit on our ordinary (maintenance) account, this list of special receipts, to hand during the last three months, should be studied:—

SPECIAL RECEIPTS IN THREE MONTHS.

Local Contributions from Birdsville, toward Nursing Home	£600
Proceeds of "All Australia Fair," Brisbane, toward A.I.M. Property Fund	700
Gift of Mr. W. R. Black, Brisbane, Gas Shares, 250; market rate, £5/12/-	1400
Subsidy towards Nursing Home Building, Victoria River, N.T., from Commonwealth Government	1080
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	£3780

Frankly, I doubt if we can secure an adequate ministerial staff in the near future. That may require years to accomplish, but there are cheering rumours about the interest already prevailing among certain young men now studying for the ministry. Hence, my strong recommendation to use this nursing work, admittedly temporary, as a means of preparing the way for future ministers. An imagination would be dull, surely, if not stirred by the thought that—if the work is carried a little further—every birth in the loneliest regions, practically, will be under the Church roof; and most of the dying will pass away practically in the arms of our representatives. Can one estimate the religious significance of such a state of affairs spread over two decades—remembering the admitted fact, that all this is done in the interests of all, and not for the advancement of one denomination in particular? In regard to the recruiting of ministers in the future, can one overestimate the difference, say, between asking Mr. Gibson to travel the Territory in our early days, and inviting someone to go now—after Homes have been estab-

lished at Marranboy, Victoria River and just across the border at Hall's Creek?

But it is my duty to point out that the Mission has grown out of hand. For a long time we have been dazed by opportunities concerning our own deficiencies. If we are to attempt to enter in, our charter must be enlarged, and our exchequer increased proportionately. It is for the Church to say.

The public opinion already created, and the confidence already placed in our nursing by three Governments, offer a hope that a little more activity on our part might well lead to national recognition of bush needs. The Minister of Home and Territories has already stated in public that the aeroplane will solve the medical problems of the Territory. The Prime Minister has already promised to try out wireless telephones in the same connection. If wireless can be introduced, the problem of Church Services is automatically solved. People in the inland may then "listen in" to a service held at our centre 500 miles away—just as our late Convener, on what proved to be his death bed, thanks to the aid of a wireless friend, took part in the service at which his Church's Honour Roll was unveiled.

Three things are required:—A larger Maintenance Fund; a considerable Property Fund; and an undertone of Faith in the whole Church, thrilling each member with the comfort that, if the price is paid, the Inland will be bought for Christ and the Continent.

JOHN FLYNN.

QUEENSLAND.

There is nothing of outstanding importance to report. The work has been carried on as the supply of men permitted, but is still suffering from the depletion of missionaries which occurred during the war years. The recovery is slow, but steps have been taken to find in the United Kingdom workers for the places which cannot be filled here. The want of a supply of suitable men is really our only handicap.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

During the last two years seven new Home Mission stations have been opened, and one that was attached to a neighbouring parish regained its former position. Six Home Mission stations were raised into sanctioned charges, and five charges which for years had been worked by the Home Mission Committee were restored to their former status and settled.

The Maitland Coalfield Mission, under the care of the Rev. V. Clark-Duff, B.A., as superintendent, with three Home Missionary assistants, has already done good work in a growing area, which, in the near future, will carry a large population. Several church sites have been secured, one church erected, and a manse is soon to follow. At present eleven centres are being worked, and shortly there will be over 30.

The Hume Reservoir Mission is making steady progress. A house has been built for the Home Missionary, with a room for services, Bible Classes, etc. The Sunday School has grown from seven to about 70. Services are also held at the camp on the Victorian side of the Murray.

The nature of the Mission is such that adequate financial returns cannot be expected; nevertheless, both the Victorian and the New South Wales Churches should rejoice, and gladly assist, for the Gospel is being preached and the children are instructed.

The influx of immigrants already arriving will make Home Mission operations more important than ever, and our difficulties connected therewith will increase tenfold. Our Church in general is much too apathetic on the Home Mission question, and many of our leaders have but a misty idea of the situation. To convince our Church and its leaders that we "are doing a great work" is a herculean task, and but for our faith in the living God and in the importance of the work, we would have abandoned any effort to stir them up to a sense of their duty, in blank despair. To provide an ample supply of men and means for this ever-expanding department will be a proof that the Church has been convinced of its importance, and is ready to rise in its might to do its legitimate share in evangelising this fair land, which must have a great future.

THOMAS MORGAN, Convener.

VICTORIA.

During the year 1921-22 one new station was opened and eight stations that had been under the care of Home Missionaries were raised to the status

of ordained charges. The demands for help for soldier settlements are still urgent. For this work men specially gifted are needed. For the work eleven men were enlisted. Although not nearly sufficient men are available, the committee are set against the employment of men not likely to be an asset to the Church.

By the aid of the Home Mission Sites and Buildings Fund, which extends generous assistance for repayment, stations are learning to help themselves to provide the necessary buildings. New sites are purchased in districts where settlement is expected, but much more in this direction should be accomplished. A City Home Mission Fete, in the Melbourne Town Hall, that was open for a week, proved a good advertisement for the work, and debts on the properties were reduced to the amount of £1,500. Luncheon-hour services have been maintained at factories under the leadership of Mr. Jarvis; the Kindergarten movement is extending, and has already afforded the communities an example of practical Christianity.

The endeavour to link up strong congregations with those in congested areas is meeting with a growing success. West Hawthorn and Kew have provided the salary of a deaconess for Collingwood. Camberwell has set up a day Kindergarten in Abbotsford; Malvern, Toorak and Scots' Church led the way in establishing a day Kindergarten in South Richmond. The Mission to the sawmillers, to which the chief Protestant denominations contribute, continues to meet a great need. Mr. Rowland, appointed by the Congregational Church, is at present in charge. The sum of £25 was paid to Suva congregations last year, and an annual grant of £50 was made for three years on certain conditions. A gratifying feature in the last financial statement was the reduction of the deficit by £514.

JOHN BARNABY, Convener.

TASMANIA.

In submitting its Report and Balance-sheet for 1922, the Tasmanian Executive would again gratefully acknowledge the fine Christian spirit of the Victorian Church in so freely sharing with Tasmania the men at their disposal during these years of their own acute need. The Tasmanian Church recognises and appreciates the spirit shown and the help given.

The record of the Home Mission year shows little progress in actual Church extension work. At Stanley, in the north-west, the bounds of that station have been extended to take in new settlements, with satisfactory and promising results. Scottsdale, Newtown and Stanley are progressive stations, the two former having applied through their Presbyteries for the appointment of exit students in October of this year, with a view to going on to full status. In the matter of Newtown, the application should be carefully considered, and before a new charge is initiated in this rapidly-growing and important suburb, every effort should be made to induce one of the three churches in the centre of Hobart to pull up its roots and establish itself at Newtown.

The Home Missionaries generally have done their work faithfully and earnestly, often under difficulties. The Executive would encourage our men in their studies, and their going forward to qualify for the full ministry of the Church. The following stations are at present vacant: Deloraine, Queenstown and Sorell.

Finance.—The revenue for the year is fairly satisfactory; it would have been better but for the fact that the annual effort was made during the last month of the year, and a number of charges and stations failed to send in their returns in time to have same credited in the year's work.

The women of our Church have again shown their interest in a most practical way through their Missionary societies, and helped the funds to the extent of £60. The amount available from debentures is slightly better than last year.

The Tasmanian Church has entered on its centenary year. The occasion is to be marked by an effort to raise the capital sum of £2,000, to be equally divided between Foreign and Home Mission Executives.

The thanks of the Committee are given to the Victorian Moderator, the Right Rev. D. A. Cameron, M.A., who, during his official visit to the Island Church, met the Executive and made a specialty of encouraging the Home Mission work.

We would request the prayers of the Church for the Church's Home

Mission work in the Island, especially that consecrated men be forthcoming for its extension.

On behalf of the Executive,

ALAN D. LECKIE, Convener.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA .

The purely Home Mission work of Western Australia is in a more satisfactory state than for some years past. It has been found necessary to abandon some of the goldfields towns where formerly good congregations existed. But when the mines were worked out the population vanished, there being nothing else to attract anyone to stay there. Against this we have stationed three men in the wheat belt within a short period, and it is in this part that the hope of the State lies. In one district we have equipped the worker with motor transport, and a much greater area is thus reached. It is our ideal for the future. In one district we have united our forces with the Methodists, and formed a Union Congregation. We supplied the worker for the first two years, and now a Methodist is in for the same period. We give equal subsidies, and the arrangement works admirably. There has been of late an unhealthy centralising tendency in Western Australia, and, small as our country population had been, it was decreasing and moving into the city. The vigorous immigration policy of the present Government is, however, sending great numbers into the country and putting a welcome responsibility on our country preachers.

In the work of the regular ministry we are much worse off than we were at the last Assembly. We had then 23 ministers in the State; to-day we have only 16. Our list of vacancies is heartbreaking, and tends to get longer instead of shorter.

W. H. STEELE.

IMMIGRATION.

The subject of immigration is rapidly coming to the place in public estimation which its importance demands. It is felt by all classes of the community that for defence, and in order to maintain our claim to hold Australia for Australians, its population must be increased very greatly, and that by our kinsfolk from Britain. This conviction is shared with us by British statesmen. Lord Birkenhead, Lord Chancellor of England, said recently, "The Dominions have illimitable areas and immeasurable prospects. If these were reinforced by means of a first-class immigration policy which would make use of the material available among our excellent workmen now unemployed in Britain, there was a chance of breeding in our Dominions a stalwart race, inheriting the great traditions of Britain."

Mr. Bonar Law expressed himself in these terms: "The Dominions were vitally necessary in war, and they are equally necessary in peace."

The Chairman of the Overseas Settlement Committee, Mr. L. S. Amery, at a luncheon given in London in appreciation of his work, especially in connection with the Empire Settlement Bill, said, "What we have to do is to abandon insular prejudices, and see the Empire as a whole, and see to its development. This must be our conception. It is in co-operation for the better distribution of our people that we have now made a beginning."

The Empire Settlement Bill, which has been passed by the British Parliament, pledges the British Government to spend pound for pound with the Governments of the Dominions, up to three millions per annum, for transport to, and settlement of, British people in the Dominions. Sir Joseph Cook, on behalf of Australia, signed the agreement to carry out the provisions of the Empire Bill for passage money on the 19th July of this year. The Parliaments of Australia, Commonwealth and State, are at present formulating their policies for taking advantage of this generous provision of the British Government for assisting our kinsfolk to come to and populate and develop the resources of Australia.

An organisation, known as the New Settlers' League, has been formed, and is playing a most important part in immigration. Its object is to awaken and foster a keen and wide-spread interest in immigration among our people, and to assist the Government in pursuing a wise and vigorous policy on this subject. By its influence and practical knowledge, it points out and endeavors to push on the preparations essential to the success of land-seekers in developing and making productive the soil, and get the home life, with the advantages of comfort, for their families, and education for their children. Through its country branches, which are formed, or will soon be formed, in every country town, advice and assistance is given to the new settlers on their arrival and afterwards by the members. The New Settlers' League is composed of representatives of Mercantile, Agricultural, Educational, Manufacturing, Religious and kindred institutions. It is the duty of the metropolitan branches to meet and entertain immigrants on the day of their arrival in port, where the Church representatives can meet with the members of their respective Churches socially.

Mr. William Wood, the Financial Secretary of the New South Wales Church, is honorary treasurer of that division of the League, and the Victorian agent, the Rev. William Thomson, is a member of the Council of the Victorian Division and a Vice-President of the Metropolitan Branch of the New Settlers' League.

The New South Wales Government is preparing a scheme for an agreement with the Federal Government for constructing railways and roads, for securing agricultural settlement and fruit-growing by land-seekers here and abroad, in response to the slogan of Sir Joseph Carruthers, "a million farms for a million farmers." The Victorian Government has announced a land settlement scheme which will be shared by overseas settlers, and expects to provide employment for farm workers up to 10,000 for this year, and to offer land for settlement to the number of 2,000 settlers per annum. South Australia is specialising in boy immigrants—50, and up to 80, of these arrive by each steamer at present, and the State aims at getting 6,000 lads for farmers in the near future. West Australia is aiming at getting 25,000 immigrants per year, chiefly for land settlement. Queensland and Tasmania are at present stationary in regard to immigration.

These facts are adduced to show that the Church of Australia, if it is to get and keep hold of its people, who comprise at least 25 per cent. of the

new arrivals, must not only have an adequate organisation at the ports to welcome and advise them on landing, but have Ministers and Home Mission agents all over the Commonwealth to minister to their spiritual needs, and to provide suitable buildings for services and Sunday school work.

As instructed, the Executive sent notices to the Church organs in Great Britain and Ireland, of the arrangements for receiving immigrants at the ports, with list of Conveners, etc., to whom names of intending immigrants should be sent. At the request of the Executive, the Rev. Smith McBain, M.A., of Westcroft, Warmingham, Surrey, England, formerly of Victoria, has kindly consented to act as the representative of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, to give information to Presbyterians about their prospects of success in this Commonwealth.

The Committee has been informed that the Victorian Immigration Committee appointed the Rev. Wm. Thomson to visit the Northern Districts of the State, where a large number of immigrants were settled as orchardists. Mr. Thomson reported most favourably on their success on the land, and of the interest they are taking in the work of the local congregations.

The reports received from the State Churches are as follows:—

New South Wales.—The members of the Immigration Committee do their best to meet the steamers, and advise country ministers when the addresses of immigrants are obtained. Work is found for those who apply. The agency is acknowledged to be inadequate, and steps are being taken to secure the permanent services of a suitable organiser.

Victoria.—The Rev. Wm. Thomson devotes all the time necessary for the work of meeting and advising the immigrants arriving at this port, and also, with the consent of the Committee, continues his Chaplaincy and Repatriation work in the Caulfield Hospital, in an honorary capacity. Since April, 1920, to 31st July, 1922, eighty-three steamers have arrived, bringing 2,692 Presbyterian immigrants. This is an average of about 26 per centum of the whole who have landed in Victoria during that period. Mr. Thomson gets the addresses of nearly all, and promptly notifies Ministers and Home Missionaries of their arrival in their parishes. There has been no difficulty in finding work for those brought to Victoria for farm work, and they have, with but few exceptions, given satisfaction to their employers. Ministers generally get and keep in touch with these men and their families.

Mr. Thomson is much indebted to the Director of Immigration, Mr. S. Whitehead, and the members of his staff, for assistance in his work, and to the "Presbyterian" and "Messenger," for the publicity given, whereby farmers seek his help in securing suitable Presbyterians as workers. The personal contact which Mr. Thomson gains with the new-comers, at the welcome entertainment given by the Metropolitan Branch of the New Settlers' League, is very helpful to the work and is much appreciated by them. The Rt. Rev. the Moderator has issued a letter of welcome to Presbyterians from overseas, which is personally addressed to each, and given to him on the steamer before he lands. The new-comers have expressed their high appreciation of this kindly act.

South Australia.—The Rev. F. Souter writes: "As far as I know, our Church has not done anything in the reception of immigrants arriving in our State. At the last Assembly I was appointed Convener of the Committee, and I hardly know how to commence. In connection with the boys who have recently landed in S.A., I have received from the State Immigration Department the names of Presbyterians and their location. I have been enabled to supply our country ministers with this information. We would welcome all the help we can get from the General Assembly of Australia.

Queensland.—The Rev. Alexander Duff reports that very few immigrants have been coming here for the past two years. "I have met the boats when possible, and send the names and addresses of Presbyterians to the ministers in whose districts they settle. The officers of the State Immigration Bureau are helpful in enabling me to get into touch with the immigrants."

Western Australia.—The Convener, Rev. J. Ninian Melville, reports:—"Our agency is not adequate for the needs of the situation, particularly in view of the large influx of immigrants expected in W.A. The Premier, who has just returned from a visit to the old country, has entered into an arrangement with the British Government to provide, during the next three

or four years, to receive 75,000 immigrants. Financial assistance would be necessary to at all cope with this position."

Owing to the indifferent health of the Convener, the Rev. W. Huey Steele, M.A., of Cottesloe, has been Acting-Convener.

Tasmania.—No report.

As showing the benefit financially of immigration to the Commonwealth, the declared capital of selected immigrants—those brought for farm work, from 1st January to 30th June, 1922—is approximately considerably over £200,000. This does not include the amount of capital possessed by nominated immigrants, which is not available.

D. MACMILLAN, Convener.

MISSION TO THE JEWS.

Your Committee is happy to report that the work of evangelisation has proceeded with success and with good promise. Several have been baptised into the Name of Jesus Christ, many homes have been opened to our missionaries, and inquirers have regularly visited Mr. Ettmann.

His health, never robust, has, unfortunately, caused him trouble. A major operation, in 1921, weakened him considerably, and he has asked to be relieved from the personal work in New South Wales, to which he has been devoting three months each year.

A warm invitation from the Dutch Reformed Church, in South Africa, for a six months' visit to them, was congenial to Mr. Ettmann, and, with the Victorian Committee's approval, he is now over there, and reports a welcome increase of health, through the voyage, and the renewal of early friendships.

We earnestly invite the prayerful support of all our congregations and individual members.

ALEX. YULE, Convener.

NAVAL AND MILITARY COMMITTEE,

Your Committee beg to report that, owing mainly to the "retrenchment" policy of the Australian Commonwealth Government, and, in some respects, to other circumstances, certain new and unlooked-for problems have emerged.

1. With reference to Naval Chaplains and their duties:—

(1) An application to the Naval Board, by the Anglican Church authorities, regarding the "provision of facilities for the reception of Holy Communion by the boys of the 'Tingira'" (or other warship) whose Protestant Chaplain might be a non-Anglican, was by the Board referred to the Naval Chaplains' Nomination Committee. In friendly conferences between the Presbyterian, Anglican and Methodist members of that Committee, an agreement was come to as follows:—

"In the event of the Chaplain of the 'Tingira' being a non-Anglican, provision should be made whereby the boys of the 'Tingira,' who belong to the Anglican Communion, shall have facilities for the reception of Holy Communion not less than once a month, either by a visit from an Anglican clergyman or 'visiting Chaplain' (i.e., an Anglican clergyman who is not on the Navy list). And that provision should in that case be made whereby the necessary Confirmation classes should be conducted either by an Anglican Naval Chaplain or (a) Chaplain of the Garden Island Depot (if Church of England), or (b) Chaplain of the Reserve in Sydney, and that, in the event of the Chaplain of the 'Tingira' being an Anglican, similar privileges should be extended to the boys of the other Protestant Communions in regard to provision of ministrations for Holy Communion."

"It is suggested that the most convenient mode of securing the observance of the above recommendations would be monthly

exchanges, by mutual arrangement, between Anglican and non-Anglican Chaplains, where such exchanges are practicable."

There is an additional paragraph recommending it as a "duty" or "privilege" of the Senior Chaplain of each denomination to make arrangements, where practicable, for a monthly celebration of the Lord's Supper, by boys and men serving in H.M. ships or on shore.

We earnestly call the attention of the Presbyterian Senior Naval Chaplain in New South Wales, and of the "Naval and Military Committee" in New South Wales, to this matter.

- (2) In connection with the Government's "retrenchment" policy, the Naval Board has determined to reduce the number of Navy Chaplains. The Board has also offered generous "resignation" terms, seeing that the Chaplaincy is a life tenure for those who may choose to retire. This has perplexing results. We, and many others, would deeply regret the retirement of either of our specially-qualified and greatly-valued Naval Chaplains, Senior-Chaplain Tulloh and Chaplain Hardie. Nor is there a likelihood of that just now. One Chaplain of a different denomination, with probably another, has tendered his resignation; but the difficulty is not, thereby, permanently dealt with. It affects the **proportion** of Chaplaincy representation as concerning the respective churches. The ultimate problem can be solved only by private conference and in the spirit of mutual concession. We advise, therefore, that it be left at present in the hands of our representative in the Naval Chaplains' Nominatoin Committee, who will, should need arise, consult with the Executive.

2. The question of greatest difficulty relates to the Chaplaincy service in the Commonwealth Military Forces.

The results of the Great War, with its sacrifice of life and its ruinous cost for those who remain, have radically affected the administration of the Australian Military Defence Force. The Force itself is, at present, practically in abeyance. The altered scheme for its reorganisation and administration is not yet finalised. Evidently, however, it will alter profoundly the Chaplaincy staff, and the numbers and duties of a diminished Chaplaincy sub-staff in each of the six "Military Districts" or States.

The sweeping nature of the proposed changes may be indicated by a few features:—

According to the rules and regulations prior to the war, each of the four larger "denominations" (Church of England, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian Church and Methodist Church) had an equal number of chaplains, the number on the permanent "establishment" being for each denomination:—Queensland, 6; New South Wales and Victoria, 12 each; South Australia and West Australia, 5 each; Tasmania, 4 (including in each case a Senior Chaplain). Equality was similarly observed with respect to the "Unattached" List. Even during the war the same proportion was faithfully adhered to within the Australian Commonwealth.

In relation to the A.I.F., however, for war service outside Australia, this equality was completely altered, and the numbers and distribution of Chaplains were arranged on the basis of the population—Census of 1911. This resulted in much dissatisfaction, and rendered the very effective Chaplaincy Service of our Church quite inadequate to cover the vast extent of the war zones, training camps and hospital necessities.

It is this unfortunate "census basis" which, according to the new scheme, is proposed as the future basis for the numbers and administration of the chaplaincy staff. It is a basis quite hollow and unreal in itself; and it would, we think, have disastrous results for the service. The mere census enumeration gives no real indication of the actual membership and youthhood of the respective churches, and it is practically meaningless as regards the vast field of Australia over which the cadet training camps will be distributed.

The proposed scheme divides the Chaplains into two groups—(1) "Departmental and Regimental," corresponding to the former "establishment;" (2) "Unattached List." In the (1) "Departmental and Regimental" List, the proportions would be: New South Wales and Victoria, Church of England, 17; Roman Catholic, 10; Presbyterian, 5; Methodist, 5, etc. And so on, in lesser proportions in the other States. The proportionate numbers on the "Unattached" Lists make the inequality still more manifest. Other objection-

able features mark the new proposed scheme, of which the above is sufficient indication. It is manifest that, if the scheme be adopted, its results will be not only to impair greatly the effectiveness and fairness of the Chaplaincy service, but also render the Defence Force a means of aggrandising the two episcopal ecclesiastical bodies (the Anglican and the Roman Catholic) in the eyes of the youthhood of Australia.

Repeated conferences have been held between our Chaplain-General and our Senior Chaplain, on the one hand, and the Chaplain-General and Senior Chaplain of the Methodist Church on the other hand, regarding the proposed scheme. Its various clauses have been carefully scrutinised and discussed seriatim. Each for himself and for those represented by him, has (as requested by the military authorities) forwarded to headquarters his report and criticism. All have, we understand, protested earnestly against the objectionable proposals. We earnestly commend their watchfulness and diligence in this matter.

New appointments, or re-appointments, of "Naval Reserve Chaplains" at the ports of Thursday Island, Newcastle and Launceston, have, on the nomination of the "Naval Chaplains' Nominating Committee," at the request of Dr. Rentoul, been approved by the Navy Office, viz., Lieutenant, the Rev. J. R. B. Love, M.E., D.C.M. (Thursday Island); the Rev. A. R. MacVittie, M.A., Newcastle, and the Rev. W. J. Harris, Launceston. But the office reports that the Naval Board "has recently decided to close the R.A.N.R. Sub-District of Thursday Island." Lieutenant Love will, accordingly, be relieved from this onerous duty.

We are glad to learn that all difficulty as to the religious oversight of the Presbyterian youths at the Royal Naval College, Jervis Bay, has been removed, the effective Minister and ex-Chaplain, the Rev. J. H. G. Auld, B.A., Shoalhaven, Nowra, New South Wales, having been officially recognised as having full access to the College, with rights and responsibilities in this matter.

We also desire warmly to commend the work done by Naval Reserve Chaplain, the Rev. T. Worsley Maguire, B.A., of Geelong, Victoria, who has instituted, with marked success, "united parades," with religious service for the naval cadets at that port. The other "shore chaplains" have joined, with hearty co-operation in these services. They have received warm commendation from the Governor-General and the Lieutenant-Commander in Charge.

We further gratefully record the great services rendered by the Rev. Wm. Thomson and the Rev. Hugh Jones in hospital and kindred work in Victoria.

REPORT OF PUBLIC QUESTIONS COMMITTEE.

Owing to the fact that the Convener has just resigned from his charge, and is not in good health, it is possible for your Committee to present only a brief and incomplete report.

State Committees have been active throughout the Commonwealth in endeavouring to educate and guide public opinion in reference to questions and problems which bear directly upon the social and moral welfare of the community. It is an unfortunate fact that from all the States there come reports of laxity and indifference to the things of the Kingdom on the part, not only of the people, but in many cases also of their leaders, from whom better things might be expected.

It is satisfactory to be able to report that the Churches are being compelled by the situation to join forces, and to make a common stand for righteousness. There is evidence that in several States such a testimony is of growing value and influence.

The Drink Traffic.

All over Australia the fight against the abuse of alcohol is being vigorously prosecuted. The temperance forces are rapidly being organised, and they are now able to make a much more effective protest than in former years against proposals to extend the hours of trading, and to give greater facilities to a traffic which is a fruitful source of crime, degradation and disease. Up to the present the General Assembly has made no pronouncement upon the policy of Prohibition, which has been endorsed by most, if not all, of the State Assemblies. There can be no question, however, as to the deter-

mination of the Presbyterian Church to use every righteous means to secure the restriction and final elimination of this demoralising traffic in alcohol.

Gambling.

Two years ago the General Assembly resolved to bring under the notice of the Prime Minister and of the State Premiers the danger to public morals involved in the adoption of State lotteries and the granting of increased facilities for betting and gambling. Your Committee regrets to have to report that the situation has not improved. True, in Victoria, a Bill introduced into Parliament for the purpose of legalising the Totalisator was defeated by a large majority, but there were other factors besides abhorrence of gambling which contributed to its defeat. The fact is that the public conscience is no longer sensitive upon this subject. Your Committee would once more register the conviction that, if the gambling evil continues to spread as it has done in recent years so that its taint is now apparent even amongst children, the issue can only be disaster. Gambling is the mother of the twin vices of dishonesty and idleness, and in all ages such vices have destroyed nations and empires. The creation of a healthier public opinion is essential. It is recommended that Welfare of Youth Departments should institute Anti-Gambling Leagues amongst the children of the Sunday Schools and the young people of the Bible Classes and Fellowships, and that State Assemblies should direct minutes to preach special services declaring the mind of the Church upon this subject. Positive teaching, as well as denunciation, is needed.

The Lord's Day.

The maintenance of the great possession of the Lord's Day, as a Day of Rest, is becoming increasingly difficult in Australia. The determination of so many classes of people to regard it simply as a public holiday or a day for personal recreation or organised sport is a serious menace to the work of the Church, and to the liberties of labouring men. The whole trend of modern industrial legislation has been in the direction of shortening hours of labour and giving wage-earners time to develop and enrich their lives by relief from undue working strain. They have most to lose by the abandonment of the traditional attitude of our nation and the Christian Sabbath. In view of this imminent danger, the Church must not merely utter its protest, but must seek to make its own services more attractive, and to strengthen its work amongst the young.

Public Health.

In all our large cities prominence is being given by the medical profession to the necessity for a more general and resolute effort to cope with the ravages of disease. In particular, the seriousness of the situation, so far as venereal diseases are concerned, is being emphasised. The Church welcomes the co-operation of those public-spirited physicians who recognise that these disorders are rooted not simply in the physical, but in the moral, nature of man, and that in their cure religion has a very real part to play. The Church must continue to hold up the Christian ideal of marriage and of personal purity; it must seek to establish its young people in right habits of thought and life, and it must refuse its countenance to doctrines and practices which, while promising safety from disease, issue inevitably in a lowered moral tone.

International and Industrial Peace.

The war ended four years ago, but Peace is not yet. The charge has been made against the Church that its members, though they were passionate in their desire for victory, are lukewarm in their efforts to secure peace on earth, goodwill amongst men. If the world's peace is to be established, the principles of the League of Nations must be generally accepted and practised, and without the active support of Christians in all lands, the League can become little more than a debating society. The Assembly would call upon State Assemblies, and members of the Presbyterian Church generally, to co-operate actively with all organisations and individuals whose aim is to make war impossible amongst civilised peoples.

In spite of strikes and dispeace in the industrial world, it is evident that many responsible captains of industry and leaders of Labour are accepting principles which will inevitably draw them into closer and better relationships. Church committees on industrial problems have been able to secure

a hearing from both sides, and, in some few cases, to promote better understandings. In connection with the present unemployment problem, the assistance of the Church is being sought, and, in some States, such help as is possible is being actively given. Your Committee believes that the Christian principles of co-operation and conciliation offer the only solution of the present industrial unrest. They would urge that both sides should seek to find practical ways of giving expression to these principles.

The New Hebrides.

The text of the agreement entered into by Great Britain and France concerning the New Hebrides has just come to hand. It is, in its main provisions, identical with the agreement proposed in 1914, but not completed on account of the war. There is no relief from the evils of the Condominium system of Government, and, in consequence, the rights and liberties of the natives are very imperfectly safeguarded. The door is also left open for the unrestricted introduction of foreign labour into the group. Certainly an attempt has been made to provide for the stricter administration of the laws dealing with the purchase of land, recruiting and labour conditions. It remains, however, to be seen whether a serious effort will be made to give effect to these regulations. Your Committee would urge the Assembly once more to register its condemnation of the evils associated with the Condominium form of Government, and while calling upon British citizens and its own Missionaries in the Group to give loyal obedience and support to the authorities, it would press upon the attention of the Imperial and Australian Governments the necessity for ending, at the earliest possible moment, the present inequitable arrangement.

The Aborigines.

The Convener of the General Assembly's Committee has co-operated with the Victorian Public Questions Committee in representing to the Federal Government the necessity for a more humane and positive policy in dealing with the problem of the aborigines in Northern Australia. It is not yet generally recognised how valuable these aborigines may be in the development of a territory where white labour is practically unobtainable. The Missionaries have shown that the native is capable of being Christianised and trained for useful service. State Governments have recognised the value of the work being done by the Churches, but a much stronger lead should be given, and a much more definite policy initiated by the Federal Government. Already the aborigines have suffered untold miseries through the selfishness and immorality of individuals and the neglect of Governments. It is high time that this unhappy chapter in our nation's history were closed.

JOHN MACKENZIE, Acting Convener.

COMMITTEE ON THE RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

APPLICATIONS.

I.—REV. N. HEY.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth:—That your Petitioner was born in Bavaria, in the year 1862. That at his birth he was given to God by his parents, and from early boyhood his desire was that he might be a Missionary of the Cross. That he received his training in the Moravian Missionary College at Niesky, near Herrnhut, and after passing the prescribed studies, was ordained by Bishop Sutcliffe, in the North of Ireland, to the Holy Ministry, and was set aside for the work in North Queensland. The Moravian Church has no Lay Ordination.

His manner of life and work during the last 30 years, is well-known to the whole Church.

That after his retirement and rest, his health has somewhat improved, and he has, for the time being, attached himself to the Congregation at Bexley, N.S.W., as an active member, and has been inducted as an Elder into the said Church.

That his name has been placed on the list of the Lay Preachers' Association in connection with the Fellowship Union of N.S.W., in which capacity he conducts Divine services and gives Missionary addresses whenever and wherever he is needed. He could not attempt to take the whole duties involved in a full charge, nor does he take any remuneration for his services. Through the generosity of the last General Assembly, he is financially in the same position as all the retired ministers of the Presbyterian Church. The Moravian Board contributes £88, and the Presbyterian Mission Board £32 per annum.

That, in recognition of his long service, and for the better discharge of his self-imposed duties, in the interest of the Church and the extension of Christ's kingdom, he asks your Venerable Court, in their wisdom, to grant that his name be placed on the list of the retired ministers of the Church in full standing; and your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

N. HEY.

"Mapoon," Bexley, 27/7/22.

Copy Ordination Certificate of the Rev. N. Hey, 1891.

In the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who is over all, God blessed for evermore. Amen.

Whereas, from the earliest times of the Christian Church, Bishops, Presbyters and Deacons have been ordained therein, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. So hath this salutary institution been sacredly observed in the Protestant Church of the United Brethren, from its first establishment to the present time, for the work of the Ministry and edification of the Children of God.

For this same end, our dear brother, Nicholas Hey, having been called to the service of our Church, hath, on this thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, been Ordained by me with prayer and imposition of hands, to be a Deacon of the Brethren's Church, in the presence of our Congregation, at Gracehill (North of Ireland—N. Hey), in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the Episcopal Seal of our Church.

We implore the Lord of the Harvest to furnish His servant with His Spirit, and the requisite gifts for the work to which He hath called him; to make him a faithful steward of the mysteries of God, and, at length, to confer upon him a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

CHARLES EDWARD SUTCLIFFE, Episcopus Fratrum.

Episcopal Seal.

32 Rochester Road, Canterbury, Victoria,
27/7/22.

Rev. A. McKinlay,

Convener, Reception Committee.

Presbyterian Church of Australia.

I am forwarding the Rev. N. Hey's Petition to be received as a retired minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, with the heartiest approval and recommendation of the Executive of the Board of Missions. He ought to have received this status long ago, and it is entirely owing to his own modesty, in refraining from making application, that it has not been attended to. His long and faithful service as our Missionary to the Aborigines, which God has so signally blessed, is well known to the whole Church, and I am sure that the Assembly will rejoice to place him on its roll of ministers.

I am, yours sincerely,

W. WATT, Secretary.

II.—REV. JOHN NELSON.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Petition of the undersigned, John Nelson, Minister of the Presbyterian Church in India, sheweth:—

1. That your Petitioner is a fully accredited Minister of the Presbyterian Church in India.
2. From 1890 to 1908 he officiated as Acting Chaplain, Church of Scotland, to Presbyterian soldiers throughout India.

3. From 1904 to 1908, he was stationed, as Presbyterian Chaplain, at Belgaum, South India, till he was invalided home to Scotland for an operation on his throat.

During the period of his ministry, he was a member of the Kolhapur Presbytery, in good standing—a letter of credence is attached.

4. In 1909, after his operation, he returned to India. Owing to the complete loss of his voice, the Board of Directors at Poona considered him unfit for further service (see doctor's certificate).

5. As his son, Major J. J. Harper-Nelson, M.D., was posted to Bangalore, he went to live with him. Being unable to do any more preaching, it was then proposed that he should return to Australia. He, therefore, left India and arrived in Adelaide on the 18th February, 1911.

6. He became associated with Chalmers Church, where he and his wife were admitted to membership by the Rev. T. Tait, M.A., B.D., who was then Minister of the Church.

7. In 1917 he was elected an Elder of Chalmers Church, and was inducted by the present Minister, Rev. Dr. J. A. Seymour.

8. Your Petitioner, who was invalided out of India through the loss of his voice, is now a resident of Adelaide, and while having no desire to settle in a charge, wishes to be associated with the Assembly in Australia, and transferred from the Presbyterian Church of India.

He, therefore, prays Venerable the General Assembly of Australia to take these premises into consideration and receive him into the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JOHN NELSON.

The above Petition is supported by following:—

1. Certificate from Kolhapur Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in India.
2. Medical Certificates from Colonel J. B. Smith, M.B., I.M.S., Civil Surgeon, Poona, India; Dr. W. J. Wanless, M.D., Miraj, Bombay Presidency, India.
3. Rev. Dr. J. A. Seymour, Minister of Chalmers Church, Adelaide, South Australia.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN INDIA.

This is to certify that Rev. J. Nelson is a Member of the Kolhapur Presbytery in good standing. As he has proceeded home on medical advice, this Letter of Credence is given to him, that it may introduce him to the people of God, and facilitate his occasional communion with any Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, among whom he may for the time be sojourning.

By order of the Presbytery.

(Signed) J. M. IRWIN, Moderator.
SHIVARAM MASOF, Clerk.

Kolhapur, S.M. Country, Bombay Presidency, India.
March 25, 1908.

III.—REV. M. O'DOHERTY.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth:—

1. That your Petitioner was born at Roscommon, Ireland, on 10th November, 1884, and is, therefore, now 38 years of age.
2. That your Petitioner began his primary education in the National School of Ireland. At the age of 11 he entered St. Coman's Grammar School, from which he graduated in 1899 to Summerhill College, Sligo. The course of Secondary Education at Sligo included Latin, Greek, French, English and Higher Mathematics. After matriculation, he passed first Arts, at Royal University, Ireland, graduating with honours to Maynooth, in 1905. From Maynooth he won a bursary, entitling him to five years' free course in College des Irlandais, University of Paris. During the first year in Paris he studied Logic and Philosophy, in all its branches, while the remaining four years were specially devoted to Biblical and Historical Theology, Dogmatics and the Canon Law. While in Paris the Ne Temere Decree was passed, and

your Petitioner studied it first-hand from its framers. The final examinations were passed with honours.

3. That your Petitioner was ordained sub-deacon and deacon in Paris, in June, 1911. On 15th August, 1911, in the Pro-Cathedral, Galway, he was ordained to priesthood by Bishop O'Dea, being then 26, for work in the diocese of Elphin. Shortly after he was leased under contract to Bishop Cleary, of Auckland, for seven years. During this period he was for three years associated with St. Patrick's Cathedral, and as R.C. Chaplain to Auckland Hospital. Worked in conjunction and harmony with Rev. Mr. Jeffries, of the Presbyterian Church. Later he worked successively at Huntly, Cambridge, Waiuku and Puhoi. In the last-named place, after two years' work, a unanimous petition from the parish was presented to the Bishop that the appointment should be extended.

During a holiday visit to N.S.W., awaiting an opening in his native diocese, your Petitioner met an old friend, Monsignor O'Haran, who persuaded him to remain in Australia, and he took up work in the parish of Darlinghurst. While here he met Archbishop Duhig, of Brisbane, with whom he went, and was joined to the Cathedral staff. He was then promoted to the parish of The Valley, Brisbane, and, after nine months, appointed to the senior curacy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane, and stationed at Toowoomba. On 1st November, 1920, he resigned from the parish, and a few weeks later withdrew irrevocably from the Church of Rome. Not wishing to relinquish the still impelling call to the work of the Holy Ministry, your Petitioner was very undecided as to what course he should take, and to which section of the Protestant Church he should seek to attach himself. Eventually, through Mr. Wallace, of the Protestant Federation, he was introduced to Rev. J. Enright, Presbyterian Minister of Bondi, who, in turn, took him to Mr. Wood, of the Church Office, by whom he was introduced to Professor Macintyre. After examination and enquiry, he was directed to preach a trial sermon, which he did, in the Bondi Church, and was thereupon recommended to the Home Mission Committee for appointment.

On March 6, 1921, he was appointed as one of the assistants on the Maitland Coalfields Mission, under Rev. V. Clark-Duff, being stationed first at Greta, which he completely reorganised, and latterly at Abermain. On this same field he still labours with acceptance and success.

4. That the reasons which ultimately led your Petitioner to sever from the Roman Catholic Church may be briefly summarised as follows:—

- (a) A growing want of harmony with its ethical teaching and standard of morality.
- (b) Inability to longer subscribe to many of its doctrines and decrees, especially those of more recent enforcement, such as "Ne Temere," "Papal Infallibility," "Motu Proprio."
- (c) Renunciation on Scriptural and intellectual grounds of such fundamentals of Roman Catholicism as "Confession," "Transubstantiation," "Worship of Images," "Seven Sacraments," "Purgatory," etc.

5. That your Petitioner is led to seek a wider field and fuller service in the Presbyterian Church, constrained by the following considerations:—

- (a) The Presbyterian Church, with its inherent spirit of cohesion offers more spiritual affinity.
- (b) The simplicity of its service adds to the solemnity of its worship.
- (c) Its doctrine and form of government, he believes to be founded on, and to be in conformity with, the Word of God, as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

6. That your Petitioner can submit letters of highest commendation from Bishop Cleary, of Auckland; Bishop Duhig, Brisbane; and can refer your Venerable Court for reference to Rev. Jeffries, of Auckland; Rev. V. Clark-Duff, of Kurri; also to other Protestant friends in New Zealand.

7. Accordingly your Petitioner prays your Venerable Court to receive him into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Faithfully yours,

M. J. O'DOHERTY.

Abermain, 3/6/22.

After discussion, it was unanimously resolved that the Presbytery of the Hunter recommend the prayer of the Petitioner be granted, subject to a

course of study in a Theological Hall, for one session, the subjects of study to be prescribed by the Assembly.

Closed with prayer.

Extracted from the records of The Hunter Presbytery this 18th day of July, 1922, by me.

ARTHUR TORRENS, Presbytery Clerk.

Documents: Bishop of Galway's Certificate of Ordination, Bishop of Auckland's Letter of Appointment, letter from Archbishop Duhig, Brisbane.

IV.—REV. H. S. BUNN.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Rev. Howard Stanley Bunn.—The Petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth:—

1. That your Petitioner was born at Launceston, Tasmania, in the year 1889, is married, but has no children.

2. That he received his early education at the Footcray (Melbourne) State School, where he reached the highest grade.

3. That at the age of 15 he obtained a clerical position in the firm of Messrs. Lewis and Whitty, Richmond, Melbourne, where he remained seven years.

4. That for two years he was privately tutored by Misses I. Lee, M.A., and I. Sims, B.A., of Melbourne, in the Junior Public Examination subjects. He passed this examination in English Language and Literature, History (with distinction), Geography, Geometry, Algebra and Greek (with distinction). Later he passed the Senior Public Examination in English and History, so qualifying for admission into the University of Melbourne, as a matriculated student.

5. In 1911, at the age of 22, he entered the Baptist Theological College of Victoria. His training there embraced the following:—

(1) Hebrew Language and Hebrew Old Testament—three years.

(2) Old Testament Exegesis (Psalms Vol. I., Isaiah Vol. I., Cambridge Bible)—two years.

(3) Greek Testament Exegesis (Portions of Gospel according to St. Matthew, and the Acts of the Apostles, and the Epistle to the Hebrews in Cambridge Greek Test)—three years.

(4) Church History (1st, 2nd and 3rd Centuries and Reformation period)—two years.

(5) Homiletics—three years.

The lecturer for the above five subjects being the Rev. Principal Holdsworth, M.A.

The Examiner in Hebrew was Rev. J. Barnaby, M.A., B.D., of Ormond College.

(6) Systematic Divinity—three years.

(7) Biblical Introduction—two years.

(8) Church Polity—one year.

The lecturer for these three subjects being the Rev. F. J. Wilkin, M.A. D.D.

(9) Apologetics—two years.

Lecturer, Rev. F. C. Spurr, now of Regent's Park Chapel, London.

(10) Comparative Religion—one year.

Lecturer, Rev. Hedley Sutton, M.A., now of Bengal, India.

(11) Elocution—three years.

Lecturer, Prof. J. Howlett-Ross, of Melbourne.

He passed all these subjects with an average percentage of 83½ marks. Several of the final examinations being set and marked by lecturers of other Theological Halls. The Baptist College year began at the beginning of March and terminated at the end of November.

(6) During the three years at the Baptist College, he attended lectures at the Melbourne University, and passed in the following subjects:—

(1) English, First Year in Arts Course.

(2) English, Second year in Arts Course, under Prof. Walter Murdoch, M.A.

(3) Mental Philosophy and Psychology, under Prof. Boyce Gibson, Ph.D.

7. Prior to entering College, he had served as supply in many of the Melbourne suburban pulpits. During his College course he was engaged in similar work, spending his vacations in temporary charge of pastorates.

8. On finishing his college course he was ordained, early in 1914, a Minister in the Baptist Church, and for over two years held the Pastorate of the Baptist Church at Daylesford (Victoria). In 1916 he accepted a unanimous call to the Warracknabeal (Victoria) Church, where he served for one year, resigning to go abroad as a Y.M.C.A. officer with the A.I.F. At Warracknabeal he was elected president of the Wimmera District Baptist Association.

9. In London he was appointed Headquarters Secretary of the International Y.M.C.A. Hospitality League. After twelve months in England and Scotland he received orders to proceed to France, but the signing of the Armistice necessitated his return to Australia.

10. Shortly after his return to Melbourne he accepted a unanimous call for twelve months to the pastorate of the Sandgate (Queensland) Baptist Church. On the expiry of that period the call was renewed, but he declined it, deciding to go temporarily to the Blackall Range, where he was engaged in preaching in the Nambour-Yandina district.

11. In June, 1921, the Baptist denomination having no vacant church in Queensland, and the Presbyterian Church being in great need of Ministers, he was introduced by the Baptist authorities to the Financial and Organising Secretary, Rev. W. C. Radcliffe, B.A., of the Queensland Presbyterian Church, for temporary work. He was sent to Goondiwindi to re-open the Presbyterian Church in that district, which had been closed for nearly three years. Since then he has been engaged in the Presbyterian Church. He is now about to leave Goondiwindi, owing to the rule preventing applicants serving in vacant charges, to act till next November as locum tenens for Rev. A. C. Kennedy, of Bundaberg, during his absence in Scotland.

12. He is a Minister in good standing of the Baptist Church, under no censure or liability to censure on any ground whatsoever.

13. His doctrinal views, save for a wider interpretation of the Sacrament of Baptism, on which his views are now quite in harmony with those held by the Presbyterian Church, have undergone no changes, as he has always held the creed characteristic of the Presbyterian Church. The Presbyterian polity he entirely endorses. He is convinced that he can best serve the cause of Christ in the Presbyterian Church.

14. He has prayerfully sought Divine guidance in regard to this application, and he believes he is following such guidance in his petition.

15. Herewith are the following documents in support of the statements in this petition:—

- (1) Baptist College Certificate, showing subjects sat for and passed.
- (2) Certificate of good standing as a Baptist Minister from the Executive Committee of the Baptist Association of Queensland.
- (3) Melbourne University Certificates (three).
- (4) Statements by Revs. Principal Holdsworth, M.A., F. J. Wilkin, M.A., D.D., F. C. Spurr, F. W. Norwood, Thomas Harvey (Organising Secretary, General Assembly, Queensland), Andrew Watson (Warwick, Interim Moderator of Goondiwindi), etc.
- (5) Certificate of service abroad with the A.I.F., from the National Committee of Y.M.C.A. of Australia.
- (6) Reference from his only employers, Messrs. Lewis and Whitty.

16. Your Petitioner is in all respects physically sound and ordinarily enjoys good health.

17. Your Petitioner now prays your Venerable Court to receive him as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, and your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

HOWARD STANLEY BUNN.

Goondiwindi, Queensland, March 6, 1922.

EXTRACTS MINUTES.

At Warwick, the 6th day of June, 1922, which day the Presbytery of Toowoomba being duly met and constituted with prayer.

Sederunt:—Revs. Thomas Harvey (Moderator), Wm. Johnston, B.A.,

A. A. Martin, A. Wood, G. C. Wood, A. Watson, and R. L. Reid (Clerk), ministers; with Messrs. Wm. Chisholm, A. E. Cornell, Jas. Dunn, John Lather and Robert MacLean, elders.

Inter alia: The Clerk read a petition from the Rev. Howard Stanley Bunn, Baptist minister, to the General Assembly of Australia, praying for admission to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Presbytery found from the documents submitted by Mr. Bunn, and from independent inquiry—

1. That he is a member in good standing of the Baptist Church, most highly esteemed by his brethren, with an excellent record of work done, and "under no censure nor liability to censure on any moral or doctrinal grounds."

2. That his education is at least equivalent to what we require from our own Home Mission candidates for the ministry.

3. That since June, 1921, till May last, he was in charge of our Church at Goondiwindi, in this Presbytery, that he re-opened it after having been closed for three years; that during the eleven months he was there he gathered a good congregation, and organised it, and at his leaving it was in every way in a healthy and hopeful condition.

(He left it only after he had decided to Petition the Assembly to be received as a Minister, and to comply with the Rule of the Assembly in such cases. He is now acting as locum tenens for Rev. A. C. Kennedy, at Bundaberg, during the latter's absence in Scotland).

4. Personal testimony was borne by members of the Presbytery to Mr. Bunn's Christian devotion, his scholarly attainments, his gifts as a preacher, pastor and organiser; his tact, his fine presence and his work at Goondiwindi.

In view of the above facts, it was moved by Rev. Wm. Johnston, B.A., and seconded by Rev. A. Watson, that this Presbytery most cordially recommends the General Assembly of Australia to grant his petition. This was agreed to unanimously.

Closed with prayer.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Toowoomba this 21st day of June, 1922, by me,

ROBERT L. REID, Presbytery Clerk.

Documents.—Certificates (3), Melbourne University, Certificate from Baptist College, on completion of this course; letters from Rev. F. C. Spurr, Rev. F. J. Wilkin, D.D., Rev. Principal Holdsworth, Rev. F. W. Norwood; Certificate of Status from Baptist Association of Queensland, Rev. A. Watson, Rev. Thomas Harvey (organising secretary Presbyterian Church, Queensland).

V.—MR. GEORGE MCGREGOR.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth:—

That he was born in Scotland in 1875, and is married, with one grown-up daughter.

That he was educated at High School, Academy, and a Business College at Glasgow, Scotland, qualifying for and receiving the certificate of the London Society of Arts for business course.

That he was a communicant of the Established Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

That he received two years' training in the Bible Training Institute, Glasgow, and in 1905 joined the staff of the Glasgow City Mission, where he received practical experience in Slum and Social Institutional work.

That in 1906 he was accepted by the Established Church of Scotland as a Home Missionary, and appointed to the Mission of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, John Street, Glasgow, Scotland, under the direction of Rev. James Paton, D.D.

That in 1910 he came to New South Wales, Australia; was accepted as an accredited Home Missionary by the Presbyterian Church of that State, and appointed to the Kurri-Kurri and Weston charge, in the Maitland coal fields, where he laboured with acceptance to the people, and where a church was built.

That in 1912 the Church of New South Wales appointed him as Immigration Agent, with the additional duty of assistant to Rev. J. Dill-Macky, D.D., Scots' Church, Sydney. The duties were performed to the satisfaction of the committees and church members, as references will show.

That in 1914, for health reasons, he came to Melbourne, Victoria; and took charge of Collingwood and Fitzroy branches of the Melbourne City Mission.

That in 1918 he was appointed by the Home Mission Committee of the Victorian Presbyterian Church as a Special Missioner to the congested city areas around Young Street, Fitzroy; where he is at present. The work of this mission is of the inner-suburban type, and is the church's effort to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the ordinances of His Church to lapsed masses of people where poverty and crime abound. It has involved a large amount of social and institutional effort, and the organising of many guilds and associations for men, women, young people and little children. The response and attendances have so grown that it became necessary to enlarge the building twice.

That, in addition to adding to the Mission Hall, three adjoining cottages were purchased and converted into class rooms.

That under your petitioners' direction the helpers and supporters have almost cleared off the debt incurred.

That to develop the mission further, ordination is a pressing necessity.

That your petitioner at one time entered on study for the Ministry, but had to choose between his pastoral and evangelising services and attendance at classes.

That he gave his reasons to the Home Mission Committee, and thinks the larger connection the church now has in Fitzroy justified his decision.

That your petitioner prays your venerable court to consider his case sympathetically, and raise him to the status of a Minister in full standing.

That enclosed are letters of commendation from the Established Presbyterian Church of Scotland; Rev. J. Dykes Lang, City Mission, Glasgow; Rev. J. Paton, D.D., St. Paul's Church, Glasgow; Mrs. Paton, St. Paul's Church, Glasgow; Presbyterian Church of New South Wales; Scots' Church, Sydney, N.S.W.; Wm. Howat, Esq., Melbourne City Mission; Cr. C. A. Miller, J.P., ex-Mayor of Fitzroy; Cr. A. Boel, J.P., Mayor of Fitzroy; A. Wheeler, M.B., C.M., Health Officer, Fitzroy; John Livingston, Esq., House of Representatives, Melbourne; Rev. J. Barnaby, M.A., B.D., Home Mission Committee Convener.

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

GEORGE MCGREGOR.

Presbyterian Mission, Young Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne, Victoria.

EXTRACT MINUTE.

The Presbytery of Melbourne North met at the Assembly Hall on April 3, 1922. Rev. T. W. Leggatt, Moderator, presided.

Inter alia: The Clerk reported in regard to Mr. George McGregor's application, and moved, "That we send on the application with our approval." The motion was seconded and rejected, in favour of a motion by the Rev. A. I. Davidson, seconded by Rev. R. Robertson, "That we send on the application simpliciter."

G. M. CONNOR, Clerk.

VI.—REV. C. M. HILSON.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth that he was born at Jedburgh, Roxburghshire, Scotland, in 1868; is married; his wife being a nurse and sister of the Ballarat Hospital, and of the Women's Hospital, Melbourne. Has two sons, aged respectively 19 and 17 years, formerly pupils of Scotch College, Claremont (Principal Anderson, M.A.), and one daughter, 12 years, with entrance to the Modern School for five years.

That he was educated at Dr. Fyffe's (LL.D.) "The Nest" Academy, in Jedburgh, passed through his father's tweed mills for three years' experience, to know the whole business and to study the conditions of workers. That he was then prepared for the Edinburgh University Matriculation examination in arts by Mr. D. S. Cairns, M.A., Mr. W. T. Cairns, M.A.; and in Edinburgh by Mr. A. Thompson, M.A.—a professional coach—and passed satisfactorily in the required subjects, English, history, geography, algebra, Euclid, Books I-III. (inclusive), arithmetic, mechanics, logic, Latin and French. That he thereafter took out lectures in theoretical and practical anatomy, dissections

of first year (Sir Wm. Turner), natural history (Prof. Cossar Ewart), and theoretical and practical chemistry, under Prof. Drinkwater. That he was then advised by his cousin, Dr. Cavehill, and Sir Wm. Turner to have a sea voyage to Australia, and if he was able to return, he was informed by the professor that his medical years would stand. That he was unable for financial reasons to return, and had a year's training on a friend's station (Hon. A. B. Murray, at Wirraberra, South Australia), assisting there, as in Scotland, doctor friends in their practices, and later in various places as a Minister.

That he became assistant to a qualified masseur, so as to utilise his medical training, and practised in Hobart, Christchurch and Collins Street (Melbourne), with Drs. Fitzgerald, David Grant, C. Ryan and Fred. Bird, etc., and was offered, by the latter, the position—to be created—of Hon. Assist. Masseur to the Melbourne Hospital. That being advised by Dr. Grant to have more localised work, he thereafter practised in Ballarat, and held the hospital position there for nine years, and was married there by the late Rev. Dr. T. R. Cairns. That he was one of the Provisional Board of Y.M.C.A.; convener of religious work for three years, superintendent of Grenville Street Mission Hall and open air work; lay preacher for Minister friends about Ballarat, and took young men's and women's classes for Dean Lyndon Parkyn for several months when he was in England; was organiser for Council of Churches of "After Service" open air services, started first at Rev. Southey's advice, by "St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Scots' Church C.E.," which finally united up both Anglican and Nonconformist churches for the summer. Your petitioner also inaugurated the "Australasian Massage Association" (A.M.A.), with help of leading masseur friends in Sydney and Melbourne (Dr. Springthorpe first president), the services of the diplomates of this body being largely used abroad and at home during the late war. That, urged by Rev. Mr. Southey (C.I.M.) and Mr. Reeve, of Indian Mission (whose health had been restored by him), to consider the need of men "for the west," your petitioner was introduced by card from Rev. Dr. Cairns, to the convener of each State H.M. Committee, and was called at last by wire from Rev. A. S. C. James, to supply the Boulder Church for about two months. Being joined by Mrs. Hilson and boys, he laboured there for nine months. That he was then sent to Northam to raise, if possible, the mission, "as a Scotchman among Scotch folk," to full standing, Mr. James stating that otherwise it would be closed.

By the guidance and interest of the interim Moderator, Rev. C. P. Taylor, who ordained your petitioner as an elder under special clause of the General Assembly, and with help of the loyal Session, Board, choir, school and guild and friends in town and of the church, we were enabled under God to build the present church, free of debt after opening services, by sale of old manse and church blocks, etc. The foundation stone was laid by the late Hon. Geo. Throssel, Rev. A. Crow presiding on the occasion. That your petitioner sat for and passed the third year examination of H.M. Committee, but, owing to failure of certain books to come to hand soon enough (they arrived about six or seven weeks before examination), he was unable to attain such standard as by the resolution affecting him would have allowed him to pass out as a fourth year student. That at this point your petitioner regrets that he failed to consult, as he usually did, the interim Moderator and others, who might have guided him more wisely, and made a mistake which he has since regretted sincerely. Being informed that it was believed that after completion of Northam Church he would accept an offer from another church (the Baptist Union) to join its ministry on a lowered standard to admit him at once, which was quite incorrect, and being advised to consider his future and that of his family by a leading citizen, who had heard the statement made in Perth, and becoming anxious, led to the separation, which your petitioner now knows to have been a mistake. That he later on did become immersed, and, feeling that this was understood to mean a complete severance of Presbyterian ties, he accepted pastoral charge in the Baptist Union, and after three years, and passing an exit examination, with papers set to cover the previous years, gained in church history, Butler's analog, theology, Greek grammar, Gospel, John 1-4, respectively, 90-81-93 and 78, Revs. Anderton, Bryant, Gilmour and Harry being examiners. That he has been an accredited Minister for seven years, labouring in Clare (South Australia), Albany, Midland Junction, where he reorganised the work and made the church a head centre, and in Ravensthorpe, where he also reorganised

the hospital work on the death of the secretary, at wish of the Board, and acted as secretary for a year, also assisting the doctor, whose fractured arm he set and fully restored.

That he found, however, that he was considered, though successful enough, too much of a Presbyterian, and so desired to be in ministerial work of his mother church once more.

That, during the war, your petitioner volunteered for service abroad or at home "as masseur," but failed, though Sir Newton Moore, through War Office, used his influence, and Sir C. Ryan wired him to join him in French hospital work, but the Armistice intervened. That he had 21 months' home service, and since demobilisation has assisted suitable cases towards recovery, by massage and osteopathic treatment as an expert. That he was organiser of the Protestant Federation during branch forming in metropolitan suburban area, and, while acting as such, supplied at Maylands, East Fremantle, etc., and at Subiaco and Geraldton, pending settlement of new Minister. That he has for the last eight or nine months supplied as a H.M. Agent at this town and district of Narrogin, assisting the Board and people towards building this church.

Your petitioner attaches letters bearing on his work and character, and humbly prays your venerable court to take these premises into favourable consideration and raise him to the status of a Minister in full standing.

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) CHARLES MACKINLAY HILSON.

EXTRACT OF MINUTE.

At and within Scots' Church, Albany, on Monday, 13th March, 1922, the Presbytery of Albany met, and was constituted with prayer.

Inter alia: Rev C. M. Hilson forwarded a petition for transmission to the General Assembly of Australia, praying for admission to the ministry of the church. It was agreed unanimously that the petition and documents pertaining thereto be sent on "simpliciter" to the General Assembly of Australia.

Extracted from the minutes of the Presbytery.

20th March, 1922.

ALEX. CROW, Clerk.

At Perth, and within St. Andrew's Church, St. George's Terrace, on Friday, the 12th day of May, 1922, at 9.30 a.m., the Assembly (of Western Australia) met, pursuant to adjournment, and was duly constituted. The Right Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., Moderator, presided.

Inter alia: The petition to the General Assembly of Australia of the Rev. C. M. Hilson, for status as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, was taken up. The Clerk moved, "That the petition, with accompanying documents, be transmitted to the G.A.A., simpliciter." Mr. Richardson moved an amendment to delete the word "simpliciter," so as to include the words, "with the recommendation that the prayer of the petitioner be not granted." The amendment was put and carried. The motion, as amended, was put and carried.

Extracted by me this fourth day of July, 1922.

E. F. CAMERON, Clerk of Assembly.

Documents: Letters commendatory from 16 Ministers, 12 laymen, 5 medical men, 9 military officers.

VII—MR. GEORGE THOMPSON LEE.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia,

The Petition of GEORGE THOMPSON LEE, the undersigned, respectfully sheweth:—

That your Petitioner is a Home Missionary, stationed at Gooram, Victoria, and is an Elder of your venerable Church.

That he is the eldest son of the late George Duke Lee, who was Presbyterian Minister at Cavendish, Victoria, for about thirty years.

That your Petitioner was born in Ballarat, on the Twentieth (20th) day of April, 1860, and is now sixty-two years of age.

That he was educated at the Ballarat College, and at Hamilton Academy; passed the Three Years' Mission Course, and was hindered from continuing his studies for the full ministry owing to eye-sight trouble.

That, as a young man, being a Sabbath School teacher and active worker

in Cairns' Memorial Church, under the Rev. George D. Buchanan, he was entrusted with the responsibility of conducting the Mid-Week Service, in conjunction with others, during the absence of the minister on sick leave. For an extended period Mr. Buchanan was away at Queenscliff, returning for Sabbath work only, and the Session urged your Petitioner, with two or three others, to conduct these services.

That your Petitioner entered the service of the Church as Home Missionary under the Rev. Thomas Gray, of Horsham, in August, 1890. Since then he has served in the following stations:—

HEYWOOD, under the Rev. T. Shanks, M.A., B.D.
 WINCHELSEA, under the late Rev. J. V. M'Nair.
 COBRAM, under the Rev. W. L. Fenton.
 MERINO, under the late Rev. Charles Thompson.
 DROUIN, under the Rev. C. Hay Hunter, M.A.
 DIMBOOLA, under the Rev. J. R. Fiddian, M.Sc.
 LINDENOW, under the Rev. F. Milne, M.A., B.D., and the Rev. H. M. Burns, M.A., B.D.
 VIOLET TOWN, under the Rev. John Garde.
 SCARSDALE, under the Rev. F. E. Yeaman and Rev. W. J. Murray.
 COBDEN, under the Rev. Andrew Dunn, M.A., B.D.
 GOORAM, under the Rev. W. Rowlands, of Euroa.

Documentary evidence is appended in regard to record at these centres.

Two stations, namely, Drouin and Merino, were raised to fully-sanctioned charges immediately following your Petitioner's term of service, and several other stations were similarly raised shortly after.

Your Petitioner has been working at Gooram since November, 1919. During his second year the Federal Committee of the Mission Charge asked the Home Mission Committee to allow him to remain another year. This request was recommended by the Seymour Presbytery, and granted by the Home Mission Committee. At the Federal meeting, held in March, 1922, he was unanimously recommended to stay at Gooram for a fourth year.

In 1914, at the request of his Moderator, the Rev. F. E. Yeaman, your Petitioner made an unsuccessful request to your venerable Assembly for further recognition. The Petition was unanimously and mostly cordially recommended by the Ballarat Presbytery. He respectfully directs your Court to the attached letter from the Rev. John Mathew to his present Moderator, which has an important bearing upon this matter.

Your Petitioner is once again approaching the General Assembly at the very earnest and urgent request of the Moderator of the Gooram Charge, the Rev. W. Rowlands. He forwards documents bearing upon his work and character throughout the long period of THIRTY-TWO YEARS. He humbly prays your venerable Court to take these premises into favourable consideration, and to raise him to the status of a Minister in full standing on the grounds of long, faithful and successful service.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

GEORGE THOMPSON LEE.

9th May, 1922.

Letters commendatory: Revs. J. Mathew, B.D., Wm. Rowlands, F. E. Yeaman, J. A. Pawson, C. Hay Hunter, J. Garde, F. Milne, etc.

PRESBYTERY OF SEYMOUR.

The Manse, Murchison.

1st June, 1922.

In Melbourne and within the Assembly Hall, the Presbytery of Seymour met on 24th May, 1922, and was constituted with prayer.

Inter alia: A petition was received from Mr. G. T. Lee to the General Assembly of Australia praying that he should be raised to the full status of the Ministry.

After full discussion it was moved that the petition be forwarded to the General Assembly, with a strong recommendation from the Presbytery, that the prayer of the petition be granted. The motion was carried.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

Extracted from the minutes of Presbytery to me,

H. S. LEGGE, Clerk.

VIII—REV. WILLIAM JOHN COULSON.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth:—

That he was born in Sydney, N.S.W., in 1868, is married, and has two children.

That he received his early education in the National and Public Schools of New South Wales, and in the Technical College of Sydney. He then assisted his father in business for some ten years, during which period, at the age of eighteen years, he joined the Baptist Church, and engaged in Christian work therewith, including Christian Endeavour, Band of Hope, Sabbath School, Choir, Open-Air Preaching, etc. Thereafter, in 1898, he first enrolled as a Home Missionary with the Baptist Church, and then entered on their course of training in the Melbourne Baptist College, studying under Rev. Principal Dr. Whitley, Professor Holdsworth and Dr. Wilkin, and Professor Sugden and Mr. Arthur, of Queen's College, Melbourne, for three years, taking up English, Bible History, Criticism and Exegesis, Christian Evidences, O.T. and N.T. Introduction, Systematic and Biblical Theology, Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, Church History, Apologetics, N.T. Greek, Logic, Psychology, Ethics, and qualified for the Ministry.

He then entered on a pastorate of three years as Baptist minister at Hinton, N.S.W.; was translated to Wangaratta for two years, to Shepparton for five and a half years, and Hamilton for three and a half years, from which he resigned in 1916. He took up his residence in Frankston, where he became connected first as a worshipper and then as an occasional preacher with the Presbyterian Mission. He undertook occasional work for the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church, and was, in 1920, finally asked by the Home Mission Committee to take charge of work from time to time at Ultima, Meeniyan, Montague Mission, Glenorchy, and is now assistant to the Rev. J. J. Spalding, B.A., at Ararat.

From all his pastorates, the applicant received letters of commendation on being translated, and was recognised as an efficient minister of the Baptist Church.

Your Petitioner's reason for seeking to enter the Presbyterian Ministry is that, being in good health, and feeling that he can still serve the Church of God for some years, he would wish again to enter upon duties of a minister in full standing. He accepts the Presbyterian teaching regarding Infant Baptism and the Lord's Supper, as being in accord with the teaching of the New Testament, and accepts the Presbyterian form of Church government as being Scriptural and justified by historical results.

He therefore prays your Venerable Assembly to receive him into the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

W. J. COULSON.

Documents accompanying Petition.—College certificate from the Baptist College; Certificate of Disjunction from the Baptist Union.

Letters of commendation from: Rev. J. Andrew Barber, B.A., Rev. A. D. Brodie, Home Mission Committee, Dr. J. McKeddie and Mr. W. H. Melville.

PRESBYTERY MINUTE.

At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins-street, 25th May, 1922, which time and place the Presbytery of the Wimmera met, by authority of the General Assembly, and was constituted. Sederunt, Rev. W. Naismith.

Inter alia. A Petition, together with testimonials, was received from Mr. W. J. Coulson (formerly of the Baptist Church), requesting to be admitted as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church. It was agreed that the Petition be transmitted to the General Assembly of Australia, to meet in Melbourne in September.

JOHN J. SPALDING. Acting Clerk.

IX.—REV. J. COOKSON COMPTON.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth:—

1. That your Petitioner was born in Lincoln, England, and is 42 years of age, is married, but has no family.

2. He received a sound English private school education, under Mr. John Hooper, M.A., LL.B., L.C.P., and, on the completion of his school course, took up teaching in private schools in England, Germany and Belgium.

3. Desiring to enter the Ministry, he studied for Ordination under Mr. J. T. Pugh, M.A. (Oxon), and Mr. E. Langdon, M.A. (Camb.).

The course of study included:—O.T. and N.T. Scripture, Exegesis, Criticism, Homiletics, Greek, Latin and Hebrew. The latter he read with a converted Jewish Rabbi. Other subjects of study were Church History, Philosophy (Schwegler), Systematic Theology. Books studied included:—McClymont "N.T. Writers," Denny on "The Death of Christ," Edersheim's "Life of Christ," Kirkpatrick on "The Psalms," Expositor's Bible "Isaiah," "Christian Ministry" (Gore), "Lectures on Preaching" (Phillip Brooks), Hooker's Works, H. Browne on "The Thirty-nine Articles," "Butler's Analogy," "History of the Christian Church" (Foakes Jackson), "Reformation Period" (Henry Gee), "Bible Handbook" (Angus), etc., etc.

4. He was ordained for the Ministry of the Church of England after passing the required examination for Deacon's Orders in 1913.

The examination was held at Sale, Gippsland, where your Petitioner had come, at the invitation of the Bishop's Commissary, Rev. Archdeacon Rivett, of London. The said examination of that year was identical with Th.L., A.T.C.

The following year, 1914, after passing a further examination, and Bishop's private examination in Pastoral Theology, he was ordained to Full Orders in the Anglican Church by the late Bishop Pain of Gippsland, Australia.

5. After several years ministry in Victoria, and acting on medical advice on account of his wife's health, was compelled to seek a cooler climate in Tasmania.

6. During the last four (4) years in Tasmania, good work has been done, as enclosed testimonials declare.

7. Being for some considerable time seriously exercised in mind as to the soundness of Church of England teaching and practice on some essential issues, he was led to the study of other doctrinal teaching. Ritualistic and other tendencies in the Anglican Church had further influenced him to consider his position.

8. After studying the doctrine and practice of the Presbyterian Church, he felt convinced that her position was more in accord with Holy Scripture and Primitive Apostolic teaching, and tended to greater efficiency in the work of extending Christ's Kingdom.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that your Venerable Court will grant his request to be admitted to the Sacred Ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

JOHN COOKSON COMPTON.

Documents enclosed.—(1) Letters of Orders. (2) Testimonial from the Bishop of Tasmania. (3) Testimonial from the Richmond Municipal Council. (4) Certificate of Examinations from Ven. Archdeacon Smith. (5) Certificate of Examinations from Rev. Canon H. T. Langley, M.A.

PRESBYTERY OF HOBART.

EXTRACT.

At Hobart and within the schoolroom of St. John's Church, on Tuesday, the twenty-eighth day of February, 1922, the Presbytery of Hobart met by appointment at 7.30 o'clock p.m., and was duly constituted with reading of the Scriptures and prayer.

Inter alia: The Rev. J. C. Compton re-submitted his Petition to the General Assembly of Australia in proper form, as requested by the Presbytery.

The Petitioner makes application to be received into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Pursuant to the favourable reports that had been given at previous meetings, it was moved by the Rev. G. B. Murphy, B.A., and seconded by the Rev. A. G. Mackintosh-Carter, B.A., B.D., that the petition be transmitted to the Reception of Ministers Committee with approval.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Closed with prayer.

At Hobart and within St. Andrew's Church, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of May, 1922, the Presbytery of Hobart met, by authority of the Victorian State Assembly, at 7.30 o'clock p.m., and was duly constituted with reading of the Scriptures and prayer.

Inter alia.—The Clerk reported that the petition of the Rev. J. C. Compton to the General Assembly was in proper form and ready to be forwarded to the Reception of Ministers Committee. The Petition had been approved by the Presbytery on February 28th of this year.

It was moved by Mr. G. G. Meredith and seconded by the Rev. A. G. Macintosh-Carter, B.A., B.D., that in forwarding the Petition to the Convener of the Reception of Ministers Committee, the Clerk be instructed to add that since his appointment by the Home Mission Committee to Glenorchy, the Rev. J. C. Compton has been for three months under the close observation of the Presbytery, and that the Presbytery desires to report very favourably on his work.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Closed with prayer.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Hobart, this 11th day of July, 1922, by me.

J. HEYER, Presbytery Clerk.

X—MR. EDWARD ALEXANDER DAVIES.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

I, Edward Alexander Davies, was born in the City of Liverpool, England, September 24, 1884. Was educated at St. Mary's School, Kirkdale, Liverpool. At seventeen years of age, I experienced a spiritual change, the deciding factor, in a combination of circumstances, which led to this, being the ministry of the Assistant Minister of St. Peter's Presbyterian Church, Liverpool. At eighteen I was led to think of offering myself for Christian work. There being no preparatory school in connection with our own Church, I intimated my desire to the Rev. W. Gough, M.A., Rector of St. Cuthbert's, Liverpool. After coaching me for six months, he introduced me to the Rev. Wilson Carlile, Prebendary of St. Paul's, London, who received me into his Training College London West. Here I was trained in Systematic Bible Study, Church History, Sermon Building, the Art of Public Speaking, Conducting of Services, Visitation of the People, Open Air Work, Christian Evidences, etc. The training period extended over eighteen months. I then passed the Bishop of London's Examination in subjects mentioned, and received his licence as a fully qualified Evangelist in the Church of England. The way now opened for me to return to the Church of which I was a product. The man who led me to decision for Christ wrote me intimating that there was a vacancy on the staff of the Liverpool City Mission, and urged me to write the Superintendent, Mr. Alexander Armstrong, F.R.G.S. I did so, and after passing the prescribed examinations, and serving a probationary term of fifteen months, I was received on to the regular staff of the Mission.

Here I remained for nine years, and for just over seven of same had charge of the influential Presbyterian Mission centre, Earsman Memorial Hall, attached to Princes' Park Presbyterian Church, Liverpool South.

Like others, whose whole time was devoted to the service of the Church, I was exempt from military service. However, on December 9, 1915, I enlisted as a combatant, in the ranks of the Liverpool Scottish, was wounded and gassed in the Third Battle of Ypres, and after twenty-six weeks in hospital and convalescent, was discharged on small pension, February 25, 1918, suffering from effects of gas.

Upon discharge from colours, the North London Presbytery invited me to take charge of the Poplar Church, London, E. After preaching trial sermons, March 17, 1918, I was accepted by congregation, and commenced my ministry April 1, 1918. After two years happy relationship, the Medical Board of Chelsea advised a change of air, in order to counteract the effects of the poison. This meant forfeiting the prospects of ordination. However, there was no alternative, and so I set sail for Australia, March, 1920.

Was appointed to take charge of the Wallaroo Church, May, 1920. After serving here for eighteen months, was appointed to the Woodville charge,

October, 1921. Here my health has considerably improved, my last medical report being very optimistic.

Feeling that I can best serve the interests of my Church if regularised, and granted an equal footing and opportunity with other ministers in the town, I pray your Venerable Court to admit me into the ministry of our Church. And your Petitioner in duty bound will ever pray.

EDWARD ALEXANDER DAVIES.

Credentials Enclosed.

1. General Secretary of C.A. Training College.
2. Mr. Alexander Armstrong, F.R.G.S.
3. Rev. Robert Graham, Superintendent of Liverpool City Mission.
4. Rev. Nichol Grieve, M.A.
5. Army Record.
6. North London Presbytery (Minuted).
7. Session—Poplar Presbyterian Church.
8. Rev. Donald Ross (Clerk. North London Pres.).
9. Warden Presbyterian Settlement, London.
10. Doctor Alexander Ramsay.

In possession, but not enclosed.

11. Rev. F. S. Collen, Manchester.
12. North and East London Ministers' Fraternal.
13. President Free Church Council, Poplar.
14. Session, Brockley, London, S.E.
15. Session, East Ham, London, S.E.
16. Rev. Monck Mason, M.A. (Colchester).
17. Rev. Laurence Carr (Overstrand).

The Manse,

Salisbury-street, Unley, South Australia.

22nd May, 1922.

The Convener,

Reception of Ministers' Committee.

This is to certify, in the name and by the authority of the Presbytery of Adelaide,

The Presbytery resolved:—

That the Petition of Mr. E. A. Davies, asking for Ordination, be transmitted to the Assembly, with the recommendation that its prayer be granted.

Certified by me, this 22nd day of May, 1922.

W. FLOYD SHANNON,

Clerk of the Presbytery of Adelaide.

The Manse,

Salisbury Street, Unley, South Australia,

22nd May, 1922.

The Convener,

Reception of Ministers' Committee.

This is to certify, in the name and by the authority of the State Assembly of South Australia,

That the Assembly resolved:—

That the Petition of Mr. E. A. Davies, asking for Ordination, be transmitted to the General Assembly, with the recommendation that its prayer be granted.

Certified by me, this 22nd day of May, 1922.

W. FLOYD SHANNON,

Clerk of Assembly of South Australia.

XI.—REV. HERBERT GEORGE DWYER.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth.—

That he was born in Vellore, India, in 1879, is married, and has two children.

That he received his early education in the College of the Church of Scotland, Vellore, India, passing the middle school examination. He after-

wards continued his education in the Doveton Protestant College, Madras, passing the Matriculation for the Madras University. He then studied mechanical engineering for three years, at the Madras Railway Workshops, and did two years in the Sydney School of Mechanical Drawing, qualifying for the position of Melbourne representative to Mr. F. Walsh, Patent Attorney, of Sydney and Melbourne. Then, feeling a call to the ministry, and being in touch with the Baptist Church, he decided to enter its Home Mission service. He served at Quambatook, Bacchus Marsh and Beulah, and entered on a three years' course of study, including English, Bible History, Christian Evidences, Life of Christ, O.T. and N.T. Exegesis, Systematic Theology, Homiletics and Church History, with two years English and Formal Logic and Psychology, at the Melbourne University, with passes in English Part I, and Deductive Logic.

1910, he became Baptist minister at Rainbow, and stayed four years. Thereafter he was appointed to Sale, remaining six months, leaving owing to a serious illness. He then became Baptist minister at Wangaratta, staying two years.

In March, 1917, while still minister of Wangaratta, he enlisted in the A.I.F., in the Army Medical Corps, remaining on active service in France till the Armistice, and when the unit was disbanded returned to Australia, in December, 1919. After his discharge, he went on to the land for a time, to recuperate his health, which now is fully restored.

Your Petitioner's reason for seeking to enter the Presbyterian ministry is that he no longer holds with the Baptist doctrines regarding believers' baptism, and believes that the Presbyterian form of Church government and doctrines are most in accord with the teaching of the New Testament.

He, therefore, prays your Venerable Assembly to receive him into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

HERBERT GEORGE DWYER.

Letter commendatory, enclosed from Rev. Principal Holdsworth, of the Baptist College; Rev. Dr. Wilkin, of the Baptist College; Revs. F. Chisholm and Henry H. Childs, Presbyterian ministers.

PRESBYTERY OF PENOLA.

It was moved by the Rev. Jas. Cully and seconded by Mr. G. F. Ferguson:—

That the Rev. H. G. Dwyer's Petition be favourably received and transmitted to the General Assembly's Committee on the Reception of Ministers.

Carried.

The above is an extract from the minutes of the Presbytery of Penola, which met in St. Andrew's Church, Narracoorte, on 12th July, 1922.

Certified by

JAMES CULLY, Clerk.

XII.—MR. JOHN HENRY COOMBE.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Petition of John Henry Coombe, the undersigned, respectfully sheweth:—

That he is thirty-nine years of age and is married.

That he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for twenty-four years, and was elected to the Eldership of North Carlton Presbyterian Church, at the age of twenty-one years, during the ministry of the Rev. J. A. Forrest, but declined to act, on account of youth.

That in the year 1912 he was conscious of a definite call to Foreign Mission service, and in the Providence of God, the way was opened for that work in the year 1917, when he joined the Nepalese Mission—an interdenominational mission established in the province of Bihar, North India, and working on behalf of the Ghurkas (or Nepalese) of North India.

That he studied under Rev. Adam Begg, in New Zealand, and has qualified in Latin, Theology, Psychology, Church History, History of Missions, Systematic Bible Study, Hinduism, Islam, and Tropical Hygiene. He also took a Cambridge Correspondence Course in Hebrew and Greek, and obtained a first-class pass in First Hindi, and distinction, with 92 per cent.,

in Second Hindi language examinations, and a first-class pass in the Nepali language. (Certificates of which have been left in India.) That he has been engaged in Foreign Mission work for five years, as a member of the Nepalese Mission in North India.

That he has been requested by his Foreign Mission Board to take the Superintendence of the Nepalese Mission, and your Petitioner respectfully requests your Venerable Assembly to authorise one of the Presbyteries to ordain him as a Foreign Missionary, so that he might have sufficient status to effectively carry through his work as Superintendent of the Nepalese Mission.

That his reason for requesting Missionary ordination through your Venerable Assembly, is that he may continue in the Membership of the Presbyterian Church.

That references as to Petitioner's character and qualifications may be had from Rev. J. R. Anderson, Kew; Rev. J. A. Forrest, Canterbury; Wm. P. Jarvice, Esq., A.F.I.A., 70 Elizabeth-street, Melbourne.

Your Petitioner humbly prays your Venerable Assembly to take this Petition into favourable consideration.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

JOHN HENRY COOMBE.

Dated at Melbourne this 20th day of July, 1922.

Oakleigh, Victoria

22/7/22.

The Rev. A. McKinley,

Convener Reception of Ministers.

Dear Sir,—The enclosed Petition has just come into my hands. It is too late for transmission through the Presbytery, according to the Rules. Our Presbytery does not meet till 14th August, and it would be too late in any case.

Evidently the Petitioner did not know of the three months' notice.

I understand the desire was to have the Petition transmitted simpliciter.

I am sending it on to you to do what you think fit with it, under the circumstances.

I do not know the Petitioner personally. The minister of North Carlton, Rev. A. R. Osborn, M.A., doubtless could supply information if desired. He handed the Petition to me.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. CHAPPLE, Clerk of Presbytery.

XIII.—MR. ALLEN EWART BRICE.

Petition of the W.A. State Assembly.

Mr. Allen Ewart Brice was born near the city of Oxford, England, in 1888, being now 33 years of age, married, and with one boy, aged 6. His father was of Welsh extraction, and his family originally belonged to the Welsh Calvinist Church. On removing to Oxfordshire, and owing to there being no Presbyterian Church within a distance of many miles, his people became members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, of which Church Mr. Brice subsequently became a member. His opportunities for receiving an education were limited to the State school. He made the best use of the means within his reach, passing through all the standards of the elementary code before he reached the age of 12 years. His schoolmaster, who had interested himself in the lad, then made provision for him to take extra subjects, not provided for in the ordinary curriculum. Among these subjects were French, English Literature and Bookkeeping. He had hoped to pass on to a secondary school, but at this time his father's health failed, and, at the age of 14 years, he had to leave school and take up business pursuits. Five younger brothers and sisters made this step necessary. He, however, attended night school for three or four years, and afterwards attended University Extension Lectures, History and Literature being the subjects he was more especially interested in. At the age of 16 he commenced to conduct services for his Church, and at 17 years he was a local preacher on trial. At 19 years of age, he went to live in London, and joined the Church ministered to by Dr. Guest. He left England when he was 23 years of age, and settled in W.A., taking up business pursuits. At the request of a Presbyterian

minister on board the boat by which he travelled, he conducted services on the high seas on three successive Sundays. He conducted services at Guildford Methodist Church the first Sunday he was in Australia, and was thereupon asked to study for the Methodist ministry. He did not consent to this course, but continued in business till the end of 1918. During this period he became a member of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Geraldton, and frequently conducted services in that Church. In January, 1919, he offered himself for H.M. work, and was sent to Denmark. By doing this he sacrificed one-half of his income, as by this time he had secured a good commercial position.

It is the Home Mission work which Mr. Brice has done during the past three and a half years, together with the impression which he has made upon ministers and laymen alike, by his sterling character, his fine literary gifts, his wide general knowledge, and his good pastoral and pulpit ability, which has led the Assembly of Western Australia to approach the General Assembly of Australia in terms of the above Petition.

ALEX. CROW.

Included in the books which Mr. Brice has recently read are:—By Dr. Geo. A. Smith: "Modern Criticism and the O.T.," "The Book of Isaiah," "The Book of the Twelve Prophets"; by Dr. David Smith: "The Life and Letters of St. Paul"; by Sir Wm. Ramsay: "The Teaching of Paul in Terms of Present Day"; by Dr. Denney: "The Death of Christ," "The Atonement and Modern Mind," "Studies in Theology"; by Dr. Jackson, "The Preacher and the Modern Mind"; by Dr. Orr, "The Resurrection of Jesus"; by Arch. Trench: "Notes on the Parables," "Notes on the Miracles"; Neander's "Church History"; Green's "Short History of English People"; Tucker and Murdoch's "Primer English Lit.;" Stopford Brooke's "English Literature;" several of Shakespear's Plays; Dr. Milligan's "Book of Revelation"; Dr. Marcus Dods' "Genesis and 1st Corinthians."

The W.A. Assembly's Action.

At Perth and within St. Andrew's Church, on Tuesday, the 9th day of May, 1922, the Assembly of W.A. met and was duly constituted. The Right Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Moderator.

Inter Alia: Mr. Crow moved, and it was seconded, that a Committee, consisting of the Moderator and the Rev. S. R. W. Richardson, M.A., B.D., and the mover, be appointed to draw up a Petition, embodying generally the terms of the overture from the Albany Presbytery anent Mr. A. E. Brice. The motion was approved. Mr. Crow was appointed Convener.

At a later Sederunt, Mr. Crow introduced the Petition to the G.A.A., anent Mr. A. E. Brice. He moved, and it was seconded, that the Petition be sustained.

An amendment was moved, seconded and rejected, and the Petition sustained.

Extracted by me this fourth day of July, 1922.

E. F. CAMERON, Clerk of Assembly.

The Assembly of the Church in Western Australia herewith respectfully Petitions the General Assembly of the Church of Australia for power to ordain Mr. A. E. Brice, of Broomehill, Western Australia, after he has completed the Theological Course (without sitting for the Entrance Examination) in all the subjects of the Syllabus, except Greek and Hebrew.

E. F. CAMERON, Clerk of Assembly.

In the name and on behalf of the Committee.

ALEX. MCKINLAY, Convener.

XIV.—MR. GEORGE McLEAN.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Petition of the undersigned being the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales respectfully sheweth:—

That at a meeting of the Home Mission Committee held within the Presbyterian Church Offices, Sydney, on Tuesday, March 1, 1921, the following motion, proposed by Mr. W. S. Park, and seconded by Mr. G. A. Clifton,

was carried unanimously:—"That the case of Mr. George McLean, Home Missionary, who has been in the service of the Home Mission Committee for seven years, during which time he has done exceptional good work in very severe districts, be referred to the General Assembly of Australia, through the Reception of Ministers Committee, with the recommendation that he be ordained as a Minister in full standing of the Presbyterian Church of Australia."

1. The said Mr. George McLean was thirty-two (32) years of age in March, 1922.

2. He entered the Home Mission Service in 1914. He was appointed to Woy Woy-Gosford Home Mission Station, which was then in a low and precarious condition. After two and a half years of faithful and arduous service, it became, under his care, a sound and thriving Charge.

In 1917 he was transferred by the Home Mission Committee to Bourke, which is an extensive Charge in the pastoral area out West, and which, owing to the climate and trying conditions, is a most difficult Charge to work. The vast distances to be covered entail long, tedious and frequent journeys. The boundary of the Charge on the east is 60 miles from Bourke, its centre; on the west, 212 miles; on the south, 160 miles; and up to the Queensland border on the north, 85 miles.

Also, at the request of the Presbyterian pastoralists in Queensland, he holds periodical services at homesteads, which are situated well over 20 miles within that State. The whole area which he endeavours to supply with religious ordinances is nearly 30,000 miles in extent. On one trip he is away from headquarters for three weeks, covering in that time over 600 miles, and he has no trip less than 200 miles.

3. During the past five years his work in the Charge has been most successful. The Communicants' Roll did not exist in 1917, and now shows a membership of 14 at headquarters, with 10 removals during the five years.

From one Sunday School in 1917, with 14 members, there are now four Schools, with 140 names on the rolls. Fifteen townships and 80 homesteads and selectors' homes are visited, in which services are held as regularly as the weather and the state of the roads permit. Scattered and outlying homes far distant, which never had a service, and where children had no religious instruction, are now as regularly supplied as it is possible for one man in such an extensive Charge to do.

The reasons why the Home Mission Committee is making this Petition are as follows:—

1. That the conditions of the Charge, his frequent and long journeys, and the great demand upon his time, make it impossible for him to adequately prepare for the examinations prescribed for the Home Mission Course of Study. He has repeatedly taken up the subjects for the year, and has for three years attended the classes held annually in Sydney during the month of February to assist the Home Missionaries in their studies. He has also prosecuted his studies under Rev. W. Grant Forsyth, Director of Studies.

On one occasion, when he intended to sit for the examination, his car broke down repeatedly in a lonely part of the bush, hundreds of miles from headquarters, when he endured much hardship and privation; and, when ultimately he was able to return home, he was several days too late for the examination.

Owing to that adverse circumstance, and his constant lack of leisure for study, he became thoroughly disheartened and sent in his resignation. As the Home Mission Committee value him highly, and would be loth to lose him, he was persuaded to continue in the service on the understanding that a petition would be forwarded in his favor to your Venerable Court.

2. That the Home Mission Committee experience a great difficulty in obtaining capable men, who are willing to undertake the oversight of that difficult Charge, as well as of others in which conditions are similar.

3. That the Interim Moderator lives 225 miles from Bourke, and the expense—over £20—makes it prohibitive for him and his elders to proceed periodically to Bourke to dispense the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the result being that the Communicants are deprived of that blessing, and candidates for membership are kept waiting for long and uncertain intervals before they can be received into Church fellowship, i.e., until the Superintendent of Home Mission visits the districts, the interval between his last two visits being 22 months.

4. The people deplore the conditions which now obtain, stating that

some who are waiting to be received as Communicants lose patience owing to the long delay and drift unto other Churches.

5. That, owing to the difficult nature of the Charge, the trying climate, especially for women and children, with lack of local facilities for education, and also owing to the dearth of ministers, if Mr. G. McLean resigns, the Home Mission Committee would be at their wits' end to find another suitable man to replace him.

6. That Mr. McLean is an able man and an earnest, acceptable preacher. He is blessed with sound, common-sense and much tact. He thoroughly understands the people with whom he comes in contact, in town and country. He is also an excellent bushman, which, next to grace, is, in that vast district, an absolutely necessary qualification. He has during his five years' service given an undeniable proof of his ability to work a Charge that bristles with difficulties. During that period the building debt has been wiped off, the Church renovated, a new Estey organ, that cost £87. purchased, also a bell to summon the people to worship. At present the Church is absolutely free of debt.

7. That Mr. McLean is highly respected, and well spoken of throughout the whole district, and there is a general desire among the people that he may be allowed to remain as their minister.

8. That, if ordained, Mr. G. McLean is willing to reside in Bourke as the Minister of the Charge for a further period.

That your petitioners, therefore, pray your Venerable Court to grant the prayer of the Petition, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

On behalf of the Home Mission Committee,

THOMAS MORGAN, Convener.

XV.—MR. JOSEPH CARTER.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Petition of the undersigned, praying to be received as a Minister, or Home Missionary, of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, respectfully sheweth:—

That he was born in London, England, in the year 1867, and is married. That he received a general education in the Public Schools of London, and Private School at Cambridge.

That he received his education for the Ministry, Pastor's College (Spurgeon's), London. He was for some years a member of the Pastor's College Evangelists' Training Class. He also took in the (Evening) Lectures to Students for the Ministry in Old and New Testament Theology, and a Greek course under Professor Sylvester, of the London University.

That previous to the accepting of his first call to a Settled Charge, he was engaged in Evangelistic Christian Endeavor (County General and Organising Secretary), and other Christian activities.

That he has had twenty-four (24) years' pastoral experience.

That he was ordained to the Christian Ministry, October 22, 1908.

That he, at the present time, is serving as Minister of the Fiske Union Church, Sask., Canada, which is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Time of service, two (2) years.

That he has served as Minister of other Charges of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and as a Pulpit Supply under the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, in the State of New South Wales, in the following Charges:—Berrigan, Corowa, Condobolin, Hollbrook, Inverell, Culcairn, Orange, Cessnock, Wagga Wagga and Wellington.

Your Petitioner attaches letters, etc., bearing upon his work and character. He humbly prayeth that his petition may find acceptance.

Your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated at Fiske, Saskatchewan, Canada, this Twelfth day of July, 1922.

JOSEPH CARTER.

P.S.—Your Petitioner will (D.V.) arrive in Sydney, N.S.W., October 18, 1922.

J.C.

XVI.—REV. ARTHUR GEDDES.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth:—

That he was born in Ballarat (Vic.) in 1890, is married, and has two children.

That he was ordained by the Victoria and Tasmania Methodist Conference in March, 1919.

On leaving the State School he spent two years at the Grenville College, Ballarat. Deciding to adopt engineering as a profession, he passed his examination as a First Class Factory Engine Driver.

In 1911, he began preaching as a Local Preacher in the Ballarat West Circuit. For two years he was an acceptable lay preacher. In 1913 he was received by the Home Mission Committee, and appointed to Sea Lake (Vic.). At the Conference in 1914 he was accepted as a candidate for the Ministry, and sent to Queen's College.

After a year there, he passed his examinations with first-class honors. Owing to scarcity of men, he was sent on probation, and laboured at Hope-toun, Rainbow and Wodonga. His work in each charge was successful. His place in the examination results during the four years of probation was second the first and second years, third the third year, and second the final year.

Your Petitioner was ordained in March, 1919, and placed at Woomelang, where he remained three years. His work was marked by continuous advance; not sudden flight, but steady growth.

Your Petitioner's reason for seeking a change of denomination is based on an intense conviction that the Presbyterian polity is preferable to the Methodist.

Certain of this, he prays your Venerable Assembly to receive him into the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

(Signed) ALFRED GEDDES.

REPORT OF SELECTION COMMITTEE.

The Selection Committee beg to report that they recommended the following nominations for the Assembly's representatives on the Standing and Special Committees. Further nominations are to be called for, and the ballot taken on Thursday, September 14th:—

Judicial Commission Vacancies.—For State of New South Wales—Revs. J. Burgess, J. Edwards, A. T. Anderson, Prof. McIntyre, W. C. Radcliffe, A. S. McCook, John Walker, A. Crow, Dr. Seymour, F. S. Souter, J. Heyer, W. H. Steele; Messrs. J. H. Balfour, J. H. Bentson, J. Kirkland, W. Scott, Sir J. H. MacFarland, Messrs. A. S. Lang, J. Bee and T. Henderson. Twelve to be elected.

Board of Missions.—Revs. W. Fraser, W. C. Radcliffe, J. A. Crockett, T. W. Leggatt; Messrs. W. Wood, R. A. McIlwraith. Convener, Rev. W. Fraser. State of Victoria.—Vacancy—Rev. H. C. Matthew.

The Code.—Revs. R. G. Crawford, A. Thain Anderson, James Walker, J. H. Craig; Messrs. A. G. Proudfoot, John Stinson and W. A. Sanderson. Victorian Vacancies.—Revs. P. J. Murdoch and G. Tait; Messrs. J. M. Campbell and G. S. Mackay. Convener, Rev. G. Tait and Mr. J. M. Campbell.

College Committee.—Right Rev. the Moderator, Revs. W. G. Forsyth, F. Milne, J. Gillies, G. R. S. Reid, K. Forster. Convener, Rev. W. Borland.

Home Missions.—Rev. A. Thain Anderson, M.A., Prof. Angus, Ph.D., Revs. John Flynn, G. M. Scott; Messrs. D. Macmillan, W. S. Park, W. D. G. Fairbairn. Convener, Rev. A. Thain Anderson.

Finance.—Messrs. J. P. Muir, H. Perdriau, S. J. Carruthers, L. K. McNab, J. R. B. Campbell, J. A. Ferguson, LL.B., S. Grant. Convener, Mr. W. G. Crane.

Reception of Ministers—Revs. John Walker, J. Edwards, A. Thain Anderson, Thomas Morgan, Ivo Bertram, C. N. Button; Mr. W. Wood. Convener, Rev. A. Stuart McCook.

Statistics.—Revs. A. D. Leckie, J. R. Fiddian, E. H. Chapple, G. T. Welling; Messrs. H. H. Kemp, W. B. House, L. K. McNab. Convener, Rev. R. W. Macaulay.

Year Book.—Revs. A. D. Leckie, W. H. Steele, W. Floyd Shannon, A. C. Grieve; Messrs. A. L. Pryde, A. W. Glencross, W. B. House. Convener, Rev. R. A. Green.

Submitted by

JOHN BARNABY, Convener.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia.

Your Committee on Statistics beg respectfully to report as follows:—

1. The Statistics of the Victorian Assembly have not come to hand.
2. The West Australian figures to hand are incomplete, and require checking and completion.

In view of these facts, the Committee propose to submit no returns at present, but ask leave to have some statistical returns printed for the Assembly's Blue Book, and in the Year Book for 1923.

They further draw the Assembly's attention to the fact that the last Assembly directed the Public Questions Committee's attention to the reference to it by the Assembly of 1918, which has not been reported on.

So far as the figures to hand may be accepted as a guide, there is a slight improvement in the number of new communicants and in the total membership, but the improvement is not great, and is off-set by the serious leakage from our Sunday Schools, revealed in the returns to hand. The whole position plainly demands an amount of attention and study that have not yet been possible in the time available in the General Assembly.

The Convener intimates that, in view of the pressure of other duties, he feels compelled to resign his office as Convener, and the Committee recommend that the Rev. D. McKay Barnett be appointed Convener in his place.

FROM THE SYNOD OF MELBOURNE ON SUVA.

The Synod has endeavored to discharge the task laid upon it by the Assembly of 1920.

1. The Synod secured promises of £50 per annum from the Churches of New South Wales, New Zealand and Victoria, on the understanding that the work in Suva should be vigorously developed.

2. The Synod communicated with the Suva Session respecting developments. The Session, while approving of some of the suggestions, intimated that they could do nothing without financial assistance. The financial position was so bad that the Synod secured the assistance of New South Wales, New Zealand and Victoria, to the extent of £25 each.

3. The Rev. T. Shanks having resigned the charge of the Congregation, the Synod called for applications for the position from Ministers in Australia and New Zealand. The Rev. G. L. Johnston, of Springvale, was chosen. The Congregation guaranteed a stipend of £250, with Manse, and the Synod agreed to supplement that amount to the extent of £100, and to pay travelling expenses. The appointment is for three years.

The Synod propose to devote any money they have to spare from the grants to developing the work, but they regret that, after fulfilling their engagements, they will have very little to expend in this way. They have great confidence in Mr. Johnston's vigour and capacity, and hope much from his ministry.

P. J. MURDOCH, Clerk.

WELFARE OF YOUTH.

Your Committee is glad to be able to report that since last Assembly there have been very hopeful developments in several departments of the work carried on by the Church for the spiritual welfare of its children and young people.

Organisation.

In all the States there has been a strengthening of the Youth Departments. In Victoria the Rev. Wm. Goyen continues his work as Director and as Manager of Publications for the Joint Board which controls the Australasian Graded Lessons. During 1921-22 additional agents employed in Victoria were as follows:—Assistant Director, Kindergarten Directress, Young Women's Book-Class Travelling Secretary (part time), and Book-room Officer.

In New South Wales the Rev. W. H. Joughin was appointed to the directorship of the Department shortly after the meeting of last Assembly. He has made a promising beginning in his work, and, at the last meeting of the State Assembly, a Kindergarten Directress was appointed to assist in the primary section of the work.

In Queensland, Rev. J. B. Galloway, director of Sabbath Schools, is responsible for a vast and thinly-peopled area, and his task is a heavy one. He is assisted by a lady, who acts as primary supervisor.

Conference of Representatives of State Departments.

So far, only the stronger States have been able to set apart special workers for departmental service in this sphere. Help is urgently needed in the weaker States, and last Assembly earnestly recommended the stronger States to give whatever assistance they could to their weaker neighbours. Your Committee is glad to be able to report that, following the Assembly's resolution, a conference of Directors and members of State Committees was held in Melbourne, on May 3rd and 4th, which was attended by the following, viz.:—The Convener, Revs. J. B. Galloway (Q.), F. A. Darling and W. H. Joughin (N.S.W.), F. Souter (S.A.), W. Goyen, J. Barnaby, P. L. Forster and F. Hanlin (Vic.). At this Conference it was decided to request the State Assemblies interested to agree that Rev. F. Hanlin, Assistant Director, Victoria, should spend August, 1922, in West Australia; that Rev. J. B. Galloway, the Queensland Director, should give six weeks to South Australia in 1923, and that the Rev. W. H. Joughin, the New South Wales Director, should be freed for similar work in one of the States in 1924. In addition, Victoria is responsible for assisting Tasmania. All these proposals were agreed to by State Assemblies. As a result, it will be possible for a large Sunday School area to be touched in a new way by the Church, and much needed help given. It is highly desirable that Interstate Conferences on similar lines should be held regularly.

A Commonwealth Department of Youth Needed.

The development of a national policy in the sphere of young people's work is thus becoming an accomplished fact. Your Committee is strongly of opinion that the time is ripe for the setting up of an effective Welfare of Youth Department, which shall be representative of the whole Church of Australia. As such an arrangement was not provided for when the Basis of Union was agreed upon, it is recommended that your Committee be authorised to give full consideration to this proposal, and to bring it in definite form before the 1924 Assembly.

The Australasian Graded Lessons.

These lessons have now established themselves firmly in the life of the Church in Australia and New Zealand, and the circulation, as will be seen from the table which follows them, shows a steady increase:—

Average Monthly Circulation,

	First Half of 1918.	First Half of 1920.	Aug., 1922.
"The Teacher"	7,100	10,060	13,000
"The Scholar"	19,415	35,465	46,500
Packets of Leaflets	789	958	1,150
"The Open Door"	1,482	1,300	1,200
Senior Text-Book	2,625 (half-yearly)	3,500	4,000

Over the whole area this represents a great and gratifying advance. The only weakness apparent from these figures is at the senior end.

Partnership in Publications.

Although the Presbyterians and Methodists of Victoria are the joint proprietors of the publications, the way has been deliberately left open for Presbyterians and Methodists in other States to join this partnership, and to receive their full share of the profits. A new contract, for a further period of five years, is about to be arranged by the Joint Board and the Victorian Departments. In this contract it will be provided that all the States participating should combine as one partner in the ownership of the literature, and that each State should participate, pro rata, in the profits of the literature, less editorship and office costs. It is highly desirable that all the Presbyterian State Assemblies should authorise their departments to enter into this partnership. By so doing, they will maintain a balanced proportion between the two denominations interested; they will secure a greater measure of control of publications and facilitate the ultimate establishment of a Commonwealth Department of Literature and Publications.

The World's Sunday School Association.

In the early months of 1922, Mr. W. C. Pearce, M.A., Associate Secretary of the World's Sunday School Association, visited Australia and New Zealand in the interests of a world-wide organisation of Sunday School workers and a world-wide programme of Sunday School work. Mr. Pearce is a man of large experience and sound judgment, and his visit was a great inspiration to Sunday School workers throughout Australia. He held meetings in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Newcastle and Brisbane, and in each State Sunday School workers agreed to establish State organisations, and to meet in a preliminary conference at Melbourne on September 18th and 19th. It is hoped that at this conference all the States will be represented, and that steps will be taken to organise a Commonwealth Council of Religious Education. Such a Council would become a section of the World's Sunday School Association. It would endeavour to plan for a strong delegation to the World's Convention at Glasgow in July, 1924. It would seek to arrange, every four years or so, a National Convention of Sunday School workers in Australia. It would collect accurate statistics, advise on such questions as lesson courses, and the best methods of teacher training, standards of efficiency, etc. In addition, it might accept responsibility for a special Sunday School Missionary effort, probably in some section of the Pacific. Your Committee is of opinion that this movement should be zealously fostered, and that the time is ripe for the setting up of State Councils of Sunday School workers and for a nation-wide organisation. It would be necessary that, in any such organisation, the Youth Departments of the Churches should be fully represented, and their autonomy carefully safeguarded. Subject to this proviso, your Committee heartily recommends this movement for the approval of the Assembly and of our people generally.

Statistics.

Once more your Committee has to report the difficulty of drawing any valid conclusions from the statistics submitted in the State Year Books. They are admittedly imperfect, and are not compiled on a uniform plan. So far as teachers and scholars are concerned, there is a slight advance upon 1920; but the figures are practically identical with those of 1905. At present there are in all the States 1219 Sunday Schools, with 2116 male teachers and 6160 female teachers, a total of 8276. There are 33,209 boys on the rolls and 41,695 girls, a total of 74,904. Since 1905 the population of Australia has increased by a third. Had the roll number of Sunday School children increased in the same ratio, we should now be able to report not 75,000, but 100,000 scholars. Here, alas! are the lost legions of the Church.

It is obvious that the Church in Australia is not tightening its hold upon the youth of the nation. In spite of all the faithful effort and willing sacrifice made by so many devoted Sunday School workers, the drift is not stemmed. The facts submitted should receive the earnest and prayerful consideration of the whole Church. The Sunday School is only one factor in the situation, but it is a reliable barometer of the vitality of the spiritual life of the nation. Obviously there is urgent need in our land for a revival of aggressive evangelism, of home religion and of the teaching mission of the Church. For the Church, the loss of its children would be utter defeat.

The Problem of Adolescence.

Last Assembly urged that special attention should be given by all the States to this problem, but, so far as the reports and figures show, no progress has been made towards its solution. In the report presented to the Queensland Assembly, the following appears:—"We regret again to have to report that the Fellowship and Bible Classes affiliated with the Fellowship Union may be counted on the fingers of two hands, and that the majority of our congregations where such young people's organisations exist hold themselves strangely aloof from the organisation which the Assembly has provided to co-ordinate their activities. We reaffirm our belief that the association of all our young people's societies in one body, with the resultant exchange of ideas, methods and experiences, would materially help toward the solution of this vital problem. One thing is clear: When boys and girls reach the age of fourteen, they, especially the boy, require more specialised attention and treatment than they are receiving at present."

In New South Wales there are 68 Bible Classes and 123 Fellowships, the latter with 1582 members—671 men and 911 women. In the Victorian report the following statement is made:—"It is obvious that by our present methods only the fringe of the (adolescent) problem is being touched. This is an admittedly a difficult age for our young people. The bonds of restraint have been relaxed, family life is weak, education is largely materialistic in spirit and aim, sensuality and love of pleasure are ruining thousands in their early youth, the Sabbath is becoming increasingly a public holiday, and church attendance is being belittled. In the face of these facts, the Church must aim at having a stronger policy in reference to its adolescents."

The Victorian Church has collected the most complete statistics covering the whole area of young people's work. The main facts, disclosed in its latest report, are as follows:—Sunday Schools, 548, scholars below 14 years, 29,811; from 14 to 17 years, 4713; above 17 years, in Bible Classes—Young men, 1283; young women, 904; mixed classes, 556. Total, 2743. Fellowship Associations, 62, with 1207 members; Christian Endeavour Societies, 14, with 222 members; Senior Girls' Missionary Unions, 90, with 1584 members; Teachers' Training Classes, 53, with 319 members. The totals here, so far as senior work is concerned, are lamentably small, and yet Victoria stands easily first in the number and strength of its young people's organisations. Urgent requirements in this sphere are:—

1. A greater sense of the need of specialised effort amongst the young men and young women of our Church.
2. A national policy, as to best type of organisation in congregations, and for the Church as a whole.
3. A greater willingness on the part of the Church to lay responsibility on the young people themselves.
4. Provision of more literature, study courses, etc., for class study and leader training.
5. Conferences and Conventions, State and National, for the discussion of urgent problems, and the securing and training of leaders for Bible study and club work amongst boys and girls between 14 and 17, and for older adolescents. Much help might be obtained by a study of the rapid developments in this sphere that are taking place at present in Scotland and America.

Your Committee suggests that extended consideration be given to this whole subject at the next Conference of Directors and State Committees, and that a full report with recommendations be presented to the General Assembly of 1924.

Teacher Training.

The development of the modern Sunday School, with its several separate, yet inter-related, departments, demands a new standard of teacher training. The minister must be recognised in the most responsible sense, as the director of religious education in his own parish. He must be accepted as the leader, and he must qualify himself for leadership by a diligent study of the whole problem in all its aspects. He must gather around him and train for service workers in every department—primary, intermediate and senior. He must have the assistance of those who have made a special study of the problems of boy life and girl life. He must train leaders in all the spheres to work together and to view the work as a whole. It is obvious that the old types of Sunday School and Superintendent are not equal to the needs of the present

situation. The minister must resume with a new understanding and a new enthusiasm his teaching function, and, above all, he must be a "teacher of teachers." Unless this elemental fact is grasped, it does not seem probable that progress in the years to come will be any more rapid than it has been in the past.

In conclusion, your Committee would urge that this whole subject, which is so vital to the very existence of the Church, should receive the careful and prayerful consideration of the General Assembly, and of all State Assemblies. The problems indicated will not be solved merely by the passing of resolutions.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee.

JOHN MACKENZIE, Convener.

THE YEAR BOOK.

Since last meeting of Assembly two issues of the "Year Book" have been published, according to instructions, and we believe that the publication continues to serve a useful function in the Church. A financial statement, covering the period in question, is appended, but this includes items both of income and expenditure for the 1920 issue. The statement now is almost final, a few pounds only being still expected as income for the current issue. We had to draw from the treasurer for the two years £87/14/9, of which £25/4/11 has been refunded, and there is £4 just to hand to be forwarded. That means that the last two issues have cost the Church, roughly, £30 each. The printer's bill in 1921 reached high-water mark at £54/19/3, and reduced rates are to be expected for the future.

What do we get for our money here? And is it worth while? This is the only book which gives the list of our ministers in charges throughout the continent. It gives a directory of the conveners and other officials in all the departments of Church work in all the States, and a good deal of information scattered over six Assembly Blue Books and the General Assembly's Blue Book. It forms a convenient statement about our work to furnish to the Public Libraries and to Church offices overseas, and to set before members of congregations who take an interest in the larger life of the known and representing the continental aspect of Australian Presbyterianism, we would like the Assembly's assurance that the cost is not excessive. It may run to a figure between £50 and £60, against which the income from sales and advertisements is an offset, although one that cannot be absolutely relied on.

Rather late this year the bookseller who was keeping the account for the Committee asked to be relieved of the duty. Two proposals made by the convener came to nothing. So, as the time was short, he collected the amount's owing directly, which means a small saving to the Committee.

J. R. FIDDIAN.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1921-22.

Cr.		Dr.	
Balance, 1920	£2 7 0	Postages, Exchanges, &c. . .	£5 14 5
Victorian Theological Hall (2 years)	10 0 0	Honorary (3 years)	31 10 0
Sales and Advertisements, part 1920, 1921, 1922	80 18 4	Printing—	
Advances from Treasurer—		Balance, 1920	£15 3 2
1921	£64 6 5	1921	54 19 3
1922	23 8 4	1922	44 1 7
	87 14 9		114 4 0
		Refunds to Treasurer	25 4 11
		Balance in Hand	4 6 9
Total	£181 0 1	Total	£181 0 1

ADDENDUM TO THE YEAR BOOK REPORT.

The Committee, after its meeting on September 6, recommends:—(1) That a forward move be made, and an increased issue be put out; (2) That

all ministers be asked to make an effort to place a copy of the Year Book in every family of their congregations, once every three years; (3) That more particulars be given about congregations; (4) That a correspondent be appointed in each State, to watch over the interests of the Year Book, and promote its circulation.

The Committee advises that the Editor, Rev. J. R. Fidian, be commended for the efficient and laborious service which he has rendered to the Church in the publication and distribution of the Year Book.

INTERIM REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNION OF TASMANIA WITH VICTORIA.

The Committee report that the existing union has been extended for the term of another five years, from 31st March, 1922, and that a Special Committee has been appointed to enquire into the prospects of the suggested corporate union. This Committee has already met, and, while considering the general question, is maturing proposals for more efficient Presbyterian oversight, and the increasing of fellowship amongst the congregations, by a better grouping of Charges.

J. HEYER, Convener.

COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO MR. CULLEN'S PETITIONS.

The Committee appointed to deal with two petitions and a letter from Mr. R. J. S. Cullen report as follows:—

1. As to the 1st Petition.

Your Committee recommend as follows:—

- (a) That Mr. Cullen be informed that the finding of the special Commission is contained in the Minutes of the sitting of Assembly on 11th instant.
- (b) That no grounds were given by the Special Commission.
- (c) That the procedure at the Congregational meeting referred to is not now before the Assembly.
- (d) That the actions referred to are not before the Assembly.
- (e) That Mr. Cullen's position is that of a communicant and an elder not acting in any congregation.

2. As to the 2nd Petition.

The Petition seeks to reopen the matter which has been decided by the Assembly, and to reverse its decision.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that Mr. Cullen be informed that the Petition is incompetent and cannot be granted.

3. As to the letter.

This letter asks for information as to the numbers voting on certain questions, in what way they voted, and other details.

The Committee recommend that Mr. Cullen be referred to the Minutes of the meeting of Assembly, which contain the only official information on these points.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MR. HEY'S RELATIONS TO OUR BENEFICIARY FUND.

1. By the agreement between the Presbyterian Church of Australia and the Moravian Board of Missions, we undertook to pay £7 a year into the Beneficiary Fund of the Moravian Church, in return for which they undertook to pay Mr. Hey's retiring allowance.

2. This was done up to the date of Mr. Hey's retirement, when the Moravian Board paid him a retiring allowance of £88. This was supplemented by order of the General Assembly of 1920, to bring Mr. Hey's retiring allowance to £120.

3. While your Committee recognises that this is a wholly inadequate retiring allowance for one who has rendered such faithful and distinguished service to the cause of Missions, it cannot, in view of the state of the Foreign Mission Funds, recommend any alteration in the arrangements already made.

(Signed) FRANK H. L. PATON.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA HOME MISSION ACCOUNT.

DR.

STATEMENT, 1ST JULY, 1920, TO 30TH JUNE, 1921.

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DISBURSEMENTS.			
	Salaries.	Expenses.	Total.
Field Expenditure—			
Katherine District—			
Maranboy—			
Sister Mouritz	£45 16 8	£31 17 0	
Miss Mouritz	23 16 8	31 14 0	
Sister Herd	83 6 8	26 0 0	
Nurse Dunlop	55 6 8	25 5 6	
			£323 3 2
Kimberley District—			
Hall's Creek—			
Sister Rogasch	100 0 0	0 14 6	
Miss Rogasch	47 13 4	30 5 0	
Sister Stephens	25 0 0	35 8 6	
Miss Madigan	19 10 0	35 10 2	
Nurse Gill	25 0 0	35 3 0	
Medicine		11 12 8	
Gramophone		28 15 6	
			394 12 8
Broome District—			
Rev. S. R. W. Richardson	252 0 0	2 17 0	
			254 17 0
Pilbarra District—			
Port Hedland—			
Rev. K. D. McDonald	301 0 0	2 19 0	
Sister Inglis	100 0 0	2 6 0	
Miss Inglis	52 0 0	0 10 8	
			458 15 8
Gascoyne District—			
Carnarvon—			
Rev. J. Waugh	300 0 0	2 18 6	
First Aid Kits		4 4 4	
Local Expenses		50 3 2	
Architect's Fees		40 0 0	
			397 6 0

RECEIPTS.	
By Subscriptions from—	
Victoria	£1910 11 6
New South Wales	1724 19 9
Queensland	400 0 0
South Australia	433 19 8
	£4469 10 11
Kimberley District—	
Kimberley Goldfields Hospital	151 16 0
Miss Madigan, Refund	2 10 3
	154 6 3
Central District—	
Beltana	40 0 0
Sister Young, Refund	4 4 0
Miss Sprigg, Refund	5 6 8
	49 10 8
Carpentaria District—	
Kuridala	30 0 0
United Free Church of Scotland	100 0 0
United Free Church of Scotland S/S	7 5 0
Presbyterian Church of England	35 0 0
Presbyterian Church in Ireland	50 0 0
Missionary Work in Bush of Australia	37 15 5
Estate of late Thos. Morrow	100 0 0
Mrs. E. Bell	1 0 0
Sister Herd	0 10 0
Rev. E. Macintosh	0 10 0
L. Y. C. Smith	1 1 0
Bank of New South Wales Refund	0 3 9
Interest from Reserve	26 5 0
	£5062 18 0

Central District—

Oodnadatta—

Rev. C. Harland . . .	320 12 0	27 16 6
Sister Williamson . .	100 0 0	0 15 6
Miss Williamson . . .	47 13 4	11 8 0
Sister Dunsmore . . .	31 10 0	0 1 6
Miss Brown	15 1 10	0 1 0
Purchase Cottage . . .		52 1 3
Law Costs		7 3 9
Hostel Expenses		45 3 6

Field Expenditure—

License Fee		0 5 0
Rent		2 0 7
Insurance		5 3 6
“Messenger” Subscrip- tion		0 10 0
Exchange		0 3 8

667 10 11

Beltana—

Sister Kinnear	£100 0 0	0 13 0
Miss J. McLeod	27 6 8	6 0 0
Sister R. Young	15 15 0	0 1 0
Miss Sprigg	9 13 4	0 0 6
Miss Symons	20 6 8	0 1 0
License Fee		0 5 0

180 2 2

Carpentaria District—

Cloncurry—

Rev. W. R. McKenzie . .	131 5 0	32 5 3
Rev. J. B. Steel	116 13 4	30 3 0
Hymn Books		0 11 6
First-Aid Kits		4 4 4
Repairs and Petrol . . .		16 11 3
Insurance		3 18 6

335 12 2

East-West Mission—

Rev. W. Rutt	60 0 0	0 3 0
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60 3 0

Undistributed Expenses—

Rev. J. Flynn	400 0 0	165 4 8	
Sister M. Souter (first year training)		30 1 0	
First-Aid Kits		7 6 8	
"Inlander"		280 0 0	
"Inlander" Blocks		29 10 0	
"Inlander" Postages		40 17 10	
Telegraphic Address		2 2 0	
"Messenger" Weekly Notes		35 14 7	
Printing & Stationery		11 16 6	
Printing Minutes		1 16 6	
Insurance		42 10 0	
Demonstration in Town Hall		92 15 3	
"N.T. Times"		2 12 6	
Exchange on Cheques		9 5 0	
Postages		57 9 3	
Freights on Parcels		4 16 2	
Interest		30 6 11	
2 per cent. on Revenue as per B/Book, 1920		67 4 4	
			1311 9 2

Office Expenses—

T. Ramage	£300 0 0		
Rent		26 0 0	
Pictures		13 18 6	
Printing & Stationery		9 11 11	
Typewriter Re- quisites		2 2 0	
			351 12 5

3126 7 2 1608 17 2 4735 4 4

Transfer to—

Aeroplane Account	15 5 0
A.I.M. Property Ac- count	598 4 4

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA HOME MISSION FUND.

DR.

STATEMENT, 1ST JULY, 1921, TO 30TH JUNE, 1922.

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DISBURSEMENTS.				RECEIPTS.	
Field Expenditure.	Salary.	Expenses.	Total.	By Subscriptions from—	
Katherine District—					
Maranboy—					
Sister Herd	£108 6 8	£26 6 4		Victoria	£1565 0 0
Nurse Dunlop	100 0 0	0 2 0		New South Wales	1177 3 1
Sister King	27 1 8	35 3 6		Queensland	1090 0 0
Nurse Gray	27 1 8	35 3 6		South Australia	95 0 0
			£359 5 4		<u>£3927 3 1</u>
Kimberley District—					
Hall's Creek—					
Sister Rogasch	33 6 8	60 7 11		Katherine District—	
Miss Rogasch	4 6 8			Sister Dunlop, Refund	6 12 6
Sister Hepburn	100 0 0	0 16 0		Kimberley District—	
Nurse Gill	100 0 0	0 7 0		Sister Hepburn	3 12 0
			299 4 3	Nurse Gill	3 12 0
					<u>7 4 0</u>
Broome District—					
Rev. S. R. W. Richardson	134 0 0	1 4 2		Pilbarra District—	
			135 4 2	Port Hedland Nursing Home	338 0 0
Pilbarra District—					
Port Hedland—					
Rev. K. D. McDonald	300 0 0	3 0 0		Gascoyne District—	
Sister Inglis	100 0 0	2 10 0		Carnarvon	130 0 0
Miss Inglis	52 0 0			Central District—	
			457 10 0	Oodnadatta Hostel—	
Gascoyne District—					
Carnarvon—					
Rev. J. Waugh	300 0 0	2 16 10		Kidman & Co.	70 0 0
			302 16 10	Miss Colley, Refund	0 16 3
Central District—					
Oodnadatta—					
Rev. C. Harland	243 15 0	48 0 5		Alice Springs—	
Sister Williamson	66 13 4	14 19 5		Kidman & Co.	25 0 0
Miss Williamson	8 13 4			Birdsville—	
Sister Martin	83 6 8	13 6 7		Birdsville Hospital Committee	600 0 0
Miss Colley	34 13 4	18 1 0			<u>695 16 3</u>
				United Free Church of Scotland	100 6 2
				Presbyterian Church of England	35 0 0
				Presbyterian Church in Ireland	50 0 0
				A. M. Bathern	2 2 0
				Mrs. Bohning	2 0 0
				W. H. Grant	1 0 0
				Sister J. K. Herd	1 0 0
				Nurse Martin	1 1 0
				G. F. Pritchard	31 9 3
				L. Y. C. Smith	1 1 0

License Fee		0 5 0	
Rent		2 0 7	
Insurance		5 3 6	
"Messenger" Subscription		0 10 0	
Furniture		11 17 0	
			551 5 2
Beltana—			
Sister Kinnear	20 16 8	8 14 0	
Sister Young	91 13 4	4 12 6	
Sister Jorgensen		22 0 6	
Miss Symons	52 0 0	0 0 6	
License Fee		0 5 0	
			200 2 6
Carpentaria District—			
Cloncurry—			
Rev. J. B. Steel	350 0 0		
Insurance		5 15 6	
			355 15 6
East-West Missions—			
Rev. W. Rutt	60 0 0	0 4 6	
			60 4 6
Undistributed Expenses—			
Rev. J. Flynn	400 0 0	100 0 0	
Miss M. Smith (1 year's training)		20 0 0	
"Inlander," Vol. 6/2, Vol. 7/1		664 17 6	
"Inlander" Wrappers		1 11 6	
"Inlander" Maps		71 8 0	
Maps, Plans, Drawing Materials		18 18 5	
Telegraphic Address		2 2 0	
"Messenger" Weekly Notes		27 0 6	
Printing & Stationery		9 7 0	
Printing Minutes		10 7 3	
Insurance		42 0 0	
"N.T. Times"		1 10 6	

„ Interest from Reserve	28 2 6
„ Refund, Amount Overdrawn	2 0 0
	<u>£5359 17 9</u>

Buttons			8	0	0		
Binders			16	15	6		
Advertising in "Wit- ness," &c.			10	7	0		
Exchange on Cheques			15	0	2		
Postages			52	14	8		
Freight on Parcels . .			9	12	8		
Interest			71	12	6		
2 per cent. on Revenue, as per Bank Book, 1920 . .			80	4	9		
Amount Overdrawn . .			2	0	0		
			<hr/>				1635 9 11
Office Expenses—							
T. Ramage	300	0	0				
Miss Brodie	10	10	0				
Rent			26	0	0		
Printing & Stationery			1	2	6		
			<hr/>				337 12 6
	3108	5	0	1586	5	8	4694 10 8
Transfer to—							
Aeroplane Account . .			53	4	0		
A.I.M. Property Ac- count			1390	3	11		
Alice Springs Account			25	0	0		
Birdsville Account . .			600	0	0		
			<hr/>				2068 7 11
	3108	5	0	3654	13	7	6762 18 7
Balance at 1st July, 1921 . .							1222 14 2
							<hr/>
							£7985 12 9
To Balance							<hr/>
							£2625 15 0
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Sydney, 31st July, 1922.

Examined and found correct.

HOWARD CRANE, F.I.A.A.,
Official Auditor to Presbyterian Church of New South Wales.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA HOME MISSION ACCOUNT.

Dr.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

Cr.

DISBURSEMENTS.	
1922.	Home Mission Reserve Account.
June 30.—To	Interest to Home Mission Account for 1920/21
	„ Balance
	£54 7 6
	500 0 0
	<u>£554 7 6</u>

1922.	Aeroplane Account.
June 30.—To	1 Complete Valve Receiver, with Amateur Apparatus Wave, 14,000 Metres
	„ Balance
	£57 10 0
	137 1 4
	<u>£194 11 4</u>

1922.	A.I.M. Property Account,
June 30.—To	Purchase Manse, Oodnadatta
	„ Advance to Port Hedland for Nursing Home
	„ Purchase Manse, Carnarvon
	„ Furnishing Manse, Carnarvon
	„ Balance
	£500 0 0
	406 0 0
	615 0 0
	125 18 9
	1062 17 10
	<u>£2709 16 7</u>

RECEIPTS.	
1920.	July 1.—By Balance
1922.	June 30.—By Interest, 1920/21
	£500 0 0
	54 7 6
	<u>£554 7 6</u>

1922.	July 1.—By Balance
1920.	July 1.—By Balance
1922.	June 30.— „ Subscriptions
	„ Interest, 1920/21
	£500 0 0
	£113 19 3
	68 9 0
	12 3 1
	<u>£194 11 4</u>

1922.	July 1.—By Balance
1920.	July 1.—By Balance
1922.	June 30.— „ Rev. John Flynn
	„ Miss F. Glasson
	„ Mr. W. S. Park
	„ Mr. Stewart
	„ Hon. Dugald Thomson
	„ Estate Late Thos. Morrow
	„ Noorat Presbyterian Church
	„ Proceeds Fete at Branxholme, North Sydney
	„ Proceeds Fete at Carnarvon
	„ Proceeds All Australia Fair, Brisbane
	„ Port Hedland Nursing Home
	„ Subscriptions
	„ Interest, 1920/21
	„ Transfer from Birdsville Account
	£187 1 4
	134 8 0
	50 0 0
	50 0 0
	100 0 0
	50 0 0
	50 0 0
	100 0 0
	50 0 0
	315 13 10
	130 0 0
	700 0 0
	300 0 0
	161 13 8
	18 1 1
	500 0 0

1922.	July 1.—By Balance
	£2709 16 7
	<u>£1062 17 10</u>

1922.	Alice Springs Building Account.	
June 30.—To	Advance on Account of Building	£457 11 8
„	Balance	237 2 7
		£694 14 3

RECEIPTS.		
1920.	July 1.—By Balance	£554 14 3
1922.	June 30.— „ Subscriptions	96 2 7
	„ Interest, 1920-1	43 17 5
		£694 14 3

1922.	Birdville Building Account.	
June 30.—To	A.I.M. Property Account, as per Board Minute, dated 12/10/20	£500 0 0
„	Balance	907 16 7
		£1407 16 7

1920.	July 1.—By Balance	£582 7 0
1922.	June 30.— „ Subscriptions	£143 0 0
	„ Birdsville Hospital Committee	600 0 0
	„ Interest, 1920/1	82 9 7
		£1407 16 7

1922.	Carnarvon Manse Building Account.	
June 30.—To	A.I.M. Property Account	£57 3 3
		£57 3 3

1922.	July 1.—By Balance	£907 16 7
1920.	July 1.—By Balance	£52 7 6
1922.	June 30.— „ Interest	4 15 9
		£57 3 3

Sydney, 31st July, 1922.

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HOWARD CRANE, F.I.A.A.,
Official Auditor to Pres. Church of N.S. Wales.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA EXPENSES FUND ACCOUNT.

DR.

STATEMENT, 10TH AUGUST, 1920, TO 10TH AUGUST, 1922.

CR.

DISBURSEMENTS.		
To Meeting in Sydney, September, 1920—		
Printing	£3 12 11	
Communion Wine	0 7 6	
Hire Tables	2 5 0	
Advertising	10 10 8	
Cartage	1 4 4	
Preparing Church	3 0 0	
Church Officer	5 5 0	
		£26 5 5
„ Meeting in Melbourne, September, 1918—		
Slides	2 12 6	
Postages in Melbourne	24 11 9	
Church Officer	5 10 0	
		32 14 3
„ College Committee—		
Secretary's Honorarium, Rev. H. M. Burns	40 0 0	
Postages, per Rev. H. M. Burns	6 13 5	
Postages, per Rev. J. Mathew	0 14 1	
		47 7 6
„ Union of Churches—		
Reports	4 10 6	
Expenses re Union	9 5 1	
Printing Basis of Union and Voting Papers	187 0 4	
		200 15 11
„ Reception of Ministers—		
Postages		0 10 0
„ Year Book, 1920	64 6 5	
„ Year Book, 1921	23 8 4	
		87 14 9
„ Address to Governor-General	10 10 0	
„ Printing Blue Book and Minutes	336 16 8	
„ Printing for Moderator	2 9 0	
„ Printing and Stationery	5 12 0	
„ Postages	5 10 7	
„ Telegrams	0 14 3	

RECEIPTS.		
By Balance, 10th August, 1920		£149 11 1
„ Proportion of Expenses—		
For 1918—		
West Australian Church	£12 10 0	
Tasmanian Church	12 10 0	
		£25 0 0
For 1920—		
Victorian Church	130 1 0	
N.S.W. Church	130 1 0	
Queensland Church	38 5 0	
South Australian Church	21 5 0	
West Australian Church	21 5 0	
		340 17 0
For 1921—		
Victorian Church	130 1 0	
N.S.W. Church	130 1 0	
Queensland Church	38 5 0	
South Australian Church	21 5 0	
West Australian Church	21 5 0	
		340 17 0
For 1922—		
Victorian Church	130 1 0	
N.S.W. Church	130 1 0	
Queensland Church	38 5 0	
South Australian Church	21 5 0	
West Australian Church	21 5 0	
		340 17 0
„ Honorarium, Secretary, College Committee—		
Victorian Church	20 0 0	
N.S.W. Church	20 0 0	
		40 0 0
„ Reception of Ministers' Committee—		
Printing in Blue Book	3 10 0	
„ Year Book Sales	25 4 11	
„ Refund from States' A/c., Printing Basis of Union	163 16 5	
„ Collection at Opening of Assembly	12 10 1	

„ Exchange on Cheques		1	1	0
„ Postages, per Dr. Macintyre, 1916-21		2	3	6
„ Honorariums—				
Moderator, 1920-1921		100	0	0
Clerk		30	0	0
„ Travelling Expenses, Transfer, as per Blue Book, 1920		452	6	8
„ Two per cent. on Revenue, 1920	7	17	2	
„ Two per cent. on Revenue, 1921	0	11	4	
			8	8
		£1351	0	0
„ Balance		108	13	5
		£1459	13	5
„ Amounts Due by (Annual Expenses)—				
Tasmania, 1920	£21	5	0	
Tasmania, 1921	21	5	0	
Tasmania, 1922	21	5	0	
		£63	15	0
„ Due for Printing Basis of Union—				
Western Australia	13	17	4	
Tasmania	13	17	4	
	£27	14	8	
	£91	9	8	

„ Interest to 31st December, 1921	13	14	0
„ Interest from Capital	3	15	11
		£1310	2
			4
		£1459	13
			5
By Balance	£108	13	5

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Sydney, 31st July, 1922.

HOWARD CRANE, F.I.I.A.,

Official Auditor to Presbyterian Church of New South Wales.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AUSTRALIA TRAVELLING EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

DR.

STATEMENT, 10TH AUGUST, 1920, TO 10TH AUGUST, 1922.

CR.

DISBURSEMENTS.		RECEIPTS.
To Paid Travelling Expenses to Meetings in Sydney, September, 1920—		By Church Hymnary Royalty Account
Victorian Representatives	£212 10 6	,, General Assembly Expenses Account, as per Blue Book, 1920
New South Wales Representatives	25 18 1	
Queensland Representatives	44 7 4	<u>£75 12 4</u>
South Australian Representatives .	47 2 7	By Royalties Received from Trustees in Edinburgh to 31st December, 1920
West Australian Representatives .	138 6 9	,, To 31st December, 1921
Tasmanian Representatives	26 5 1	£27 0 10 31 12 7
	<u>£494 10 4</u>	<u>£58 13 5</u>
,, Interest	33 8 8	,, Oxford University Press, 1920
	<u>£527 19 0</u>	,, Oxford University Press, 1921
Church Hymnary Royalty Account.		10 19 0
,, General Assembly Travelling Expenses A/c.	£75 12 4	,, Interest to 31st December, 1921 . .
	<u>£75 12 4</u>	15 14 2 1 4 9
Capital Fund Account.		By Balance, 1920
,, Interest to Expenses Account	£3 15 11	,, Interest to 31st December, 1921
,, Balance	34 17 8	£75 12 4 £34 17 8
	<u>£38 13 7</u>	,, Balance
		<u>£34 17 8</u>

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Sydney, 31st July, 1922.

HOWARD CRANE, F.I.I.A.,
Official Auditor to Presbyterian Church of New South Wales.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AUSTRALIA.
JOHN FRASER FOREIGN MISSION ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT.

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Sydney, 31st July, 1922.

HOWARD CRANE, F.I.A.,
Official Auditor to Presbyterian Church of New South Wales.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 17th AUGUST, 1920, TO 27th JULY, 1922.

RECEIPTS.		
Victoria to 30/6/22	£1,814	10 0
New South Wales to 30/6/22	1,383	15 0
Queensland to 30/6/22	1,028	5 0
Queensland (Special Contribution)	100	0 0
South Australia to 30/6/22	279	5 0
Western Australia to 30/6/22	403	1 9
Tasmania to 30/6/22	161	10 0
Interest on Comrie Bequest	5	2 2
Mapoon Natives	16	5 6
Donation and Discount	3	8 6
Sarah Walker Bequest, per P.W.M.U., for House, Mapoon	300	0 0
Donation for Wire Doors and Windows for House, Mapoon	38	13 10
Contributions for Repairs, "Rolland"	75	18 5
Contributions for Organ, Weipa	20	0 0
Balance (Deficiency)	1,559	8 1
	<u>£7,189</u>	<u>3 3</u>

PAYMENTS.		
Balance, 16/8/20	£24	12 4
Salaries—		
Rev. J. R. B. Love, to 30/6/22	£460	0 0
„ N. Hey	100	0 0
Mr. G. I. Beard, to 30/6/22	500	10 0
„ R. H. Wilson, to 30/6/22	440	0 0
„ T. W. Holmes, to 30/6/22	430	0 0
„ N. A. Paul, to 30/6/22	360	0 0
„ R. M. MacCormack, to 30/6/22	299	3 4
„ H. L. Dyer, to 30/6/22	296	12 2
„ H. Mayer, to 30/6/22	181	15 6
„ Malcolm Holmes, to 30/6/22	125	0 0
„ C. J. Miller, to 30/6/22	73	11 6
„ Alwyn Beard, to 30/6/22	56	6 8
„ R. B. Bousfield	80	0 0
„ W. F. Mackenzie (Temporary)	18	0 0
Assistants and Boatmen's Wages	712	2 8
	<u>4,133</u>	<u>1 10</u>
Pension—Rev. N. Hey	50	13 4
Boat Maintenance, Stores, &c., Port George IV.	580	0 0
Repairs to "Rolland"	420	0 0
Fares and Incidental Expenses	726	5 7
Repairs and Upkeep, "J. G. Ward" and "Namaleta"	351	0 10
Public Trustee for Salary re Rev. A. Richter	302	0 10
Materials for Rev. J. R. B. Love's House	280	12 8
Broad Wheels and Axle for Cart, Mapoon	14	6 2
Charge for Keeping Accounts, &c. (two years)	100	0 0
Printing, Postages, Drafts, &c.	101	8 2
Honorarium to Secretary	35	0 0
Organ for Weipa—Contra	20	0 0
Interest on Overdraft	50	1 6
	<u>£7,189</u>	<u>3 3</u>

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JOHN FRAZER FOREIGN MISSION SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

Balance, 16/8/20 £84 7 6 New South Wales Treasurership Committee, 2 years interest, to 30/6/22 137 2 7	£221 10 1	Scholarships— J. W. P. Gillan £41 13 4 E. D. Pearson 41 13 4 H. R. Pearson 41 13 4 Robert Blair 6 5 0 Miss Kerr 12 10 0 Miss Dunn 12 10 0 Balance 65 5 1	£221 10 1
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"ROLLAND" INSURANCE FUND.

Cash £20 0 0	£20 0 0	Balance in Savings Bank, 27th July, 1922 £20 0 0	£20 0 0
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August 2nd, 1922.

Examined and found correct.

MORTON & WATSON,
Auditors.

THE QUEENSLAND EXECUTIVE OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Dr.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM 1st AUGUST, 1920, TILL 31st JULY, 1922.

Cr.

RECEIPTS.		
1920—Aug. 1.		
To Balance		£962 5 11
1922—July 31.		
„ Government Grant for Mapoon ..	£1,000 0 0	
„ Government Grant for Weipa ..	1,000 0 0	
„ Government Grant for Aurukun	1,000 0 0	
„ Government Grant for Morning- ton Island	1,000 0 0	
	<u>4,000 0 0</u>	
„ Board of Missions—Refund of Millers' Passages	41 6 6	
„ Board of Missions—Refund of Incidental Expenses	10 0 0	
„ Donation for Mapoon	3 0 0	
		<u>£5,016 12 5</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.		
1922—July 31.		
By Mapoon—Mission Station Account	£792 10 0	
Teacher	250 0 0	
School Requisites	20 0 2	
		<u>£1,062 10 2</u>
„ Weipa—Mission Station Account ..	1,013 0 11	
Teachers	270 16 8	
School Requisites	4 0 9	
		<u>1,287 18 4</u>
„ Aurukun—Mission Station Account	804 4 10	
Teacher, 3½ years	375 0 0	
Repairing Magneto	4 0 0	
Disinfectants	1 3 0	
		<u>1,184 7 10</u>
„ Mornington Island—		
Mission Station Account	767 10 0	
Boat	93 3 0	
Tanks	46 13 2	
Furnace Pans	8 10 0	
Teacher	250 0 0	
School Requisites	2 10 0	
		<u>1,168 6 2</u>
„ Accident Insurance Premiums	35 4 3	
„ Mr. Miller, for passages to Thurs- day Island	41 6 6	
„ Mr. Miller, for Incidental Expenses	10 0 0	
„ Mapoon, for Salary of Native Girl	3 0 0	
„ Bank Fees and Exchange on Drafts	26 15 0	
„ Petty Cash	0 13 6	
„ Balance	196 10 8	
		<u>£5,016 12 5</u>

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Brisbane, August 21, 1922.

Audited and found correct.

A. S. LANG, F.I.A.Q., Auditor.

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