

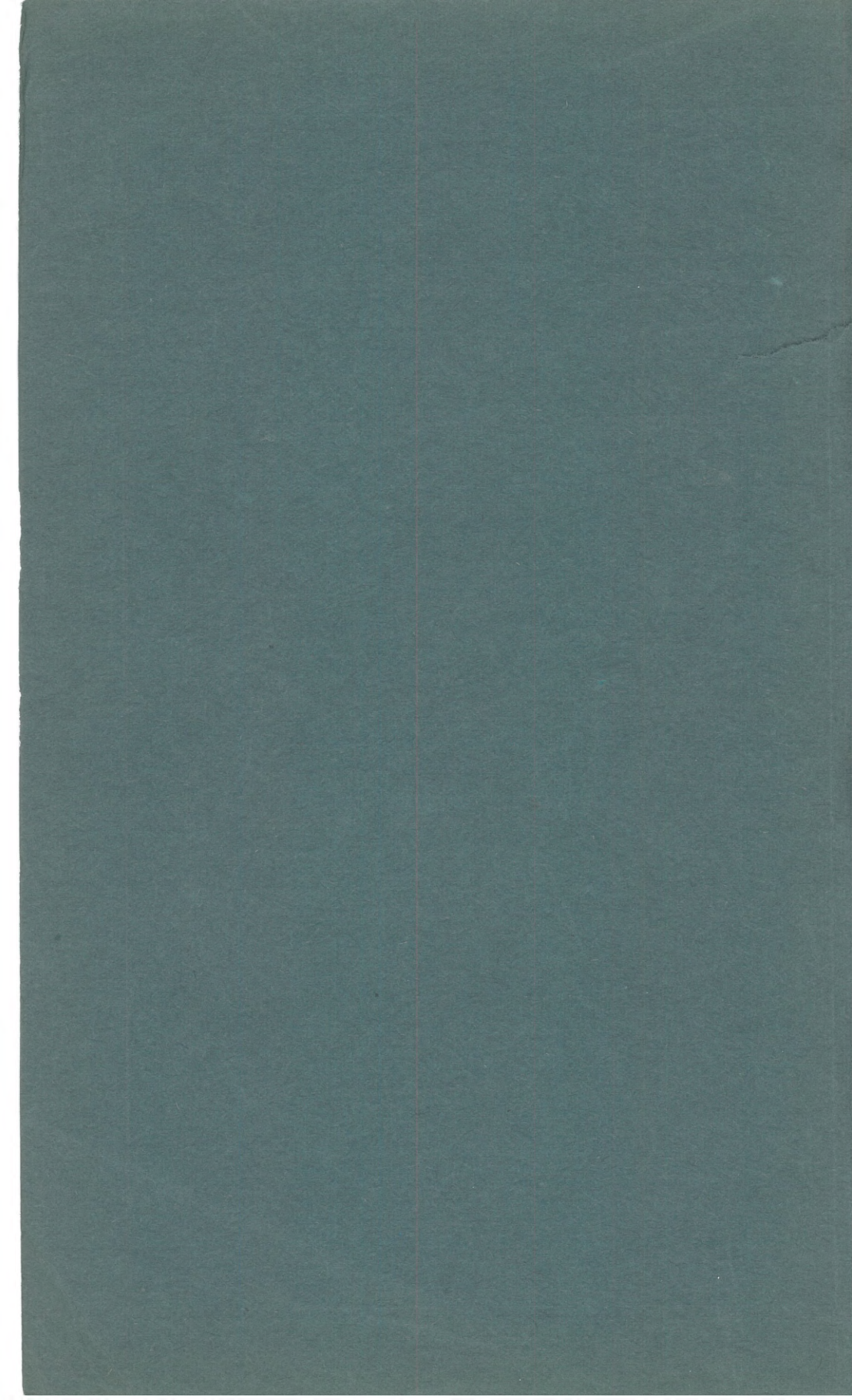
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PASTORAL LETTER

Appointed to be read in all Churches and Home Mission Stations throughout Australia, on Armistice Sunday, November 9th, or on the next convenient Sunday.

To the Presbyterians of Australia:—

The General Assembly draws the attention of its own people, and all others of goodwill, to the importance of Australia's position in the geographic centre of great world movements.

The problems involved in the future development of Africa, the yearning of India for unity, the struggle of China for adjustment to new ideals, and the difficulties of assimilation and development in the Americas, call for the sympathetic interest and spiritual aid of all mankind.

In the centre of these movements stands Australia.

Unique in the possession of the highest common standards of life, with unity in language, in race, and in the Christian Faith, Australia holds a truly remarkable place in the World Order. The domestic problems of Australia are such as could be solved by that friendly co-operation and daring which prevailed in the Australian Imperial Forces throughout the war. If they *were* solved, the hands of our people would be free to proceed with the task of building the fabric of such a nation as would be an example of brotherhood to all the world, a demonstration on a large scale of the successful working of the principles of Jesus. The urgent need for such a demonstration will be plain when the growth of world population is noted. Within a generation there will be great danger of international com-

petition for the vacant lands which are the reserve food sources of mankind. It is needless to stress the menace to the peace of the world involved in such competition. Our purpose is to point out that very soon the nations will require to be convinced that there are available, and in actual use such satisfactory principles and methods of solving the most urgent and bitter conflicts as will persuade all mankind to adopt them in preference to war.

We believe that all the signs point to the fact that God has called Australia to nationhood for such a time as this.

We therefore urge our Ministers and people to sound the call, to all Australians, to consider the God-appointed mission of their country, to waken from a purely self-regarding dream of nationhood, and lift up their eyes to the whitening harvest fields of human hope and endeavor.

With humility, earnestness and honesty, let us solve the local and domestic problems that divide us.

The General Assembly believes that our Lord is trusting Australia with unique responsibilities, and calls on all Australians to accept this challenge to demonstrate to mankind the power as well as the beauty of the Christian Way. Let us show that Christian ideals, Christian methods, and the Christian spirit can be victoriously applied to the greatest tasks of our own nation and the human race.

On behalf of the General Assembly of Australia,

DONALD A. CAMERON.

Moderator.

Sydney, 16/9/1930.

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Church History:—Rev. A. E. Brice.

Pastoral Theology and Homiletics:—Rev. Geo. Tulloch.

Systematic Theology and Ethics:—Rev. E. W. Hogben.

Paideutics:—Professor R. G. Cameron, M.A.

Entrance Examination.

For University Students, first Tuesday in September; for Home Mission Students, first Tuesday in December; Supplementary Examinations, first Tuesday in February.

Home Mission Examination.

First Tuesday in December; Supplementary, first Tuesday in February.

Exit Examination.

See Year Book.

NOTANDA

Special attention is directed to the following:—

Place and Date of Meeting of next Assembly: At Melbourne, on the second Wednesday of September, 1933, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Instructions, etc.—See Index.

Presbyterian Church of Australia

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

SESSION EIGHTEENTH

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, York Street, on
Wednesday, the 10th September, 1930, at 7.30 p.m.

1. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of ^{Constitution.} Australia convened. Public worship was conducted by the Right Reverend Alexander Crow, the retiring Moderator, who preached from I. Corinthians, xiv., 8, and constituted the Assembly by prayer.

2. The Roll of Assembly, as printed in the White Book, with ^{Roll.} changes reported since the printing of the book, was laid on the table, declared to be of interim authority, and ordered to be finally adjusted after the confirmation of the minutes to-morrow. (Minute 28.)

3. The Moderator intimated that the Moderator and ^{ex-Moderator.} Moderators and the Moderators of State Assemblies had agreed to nominate for the Moderator's Chair the Reverend Donald A. Cameron, M.A., Director of Social Services of the State Assembly of Victoria.

4. The nomination was unanimously approved, and Mr. Cameron was conducted to the chair, and delivered a suitable address.

5. It was moved by the Rt. Rev. R. Millar, and seconded by ^{Ex-Moderator} Mr. W. G. Balfour:—

“That the thanks of the Assembly be conveyed to the retiring Moderator-General, the Right Rev. Alex. Crow, for the services he has rendered to the Church during his term of office.”

The motion was unanimously approved.

6. It was moved by the Rev. George Tait:—

Assembly
Hall.

“That the General Assembly thank God for, and congratulate the Assembly of the Church of New South Wales on the opening of its Assembly Hall, and pray that through it there may come increasing efficiency in all the work of the Church.”

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

7. The following were appointed the Business Committee:—<sup>Business
Committee.</sup>
Revs. Dr. Macintyre (Convener), John Edwards, J. C. Milliken,
R. W. Macaulay, J. Smiley, W. C. Radcliffe, W. Floyd Shannon,

A. Crow, with Messrs. W. T. Seaward and W. G. Balfour, and the Clerks and the Law Officers.

Selection
Committee

8. The following were appointed the Committee of Selection:—Revs. V. Clark Duff (Convener), W. A. S. Anderson, Norman S. Millar, H. G. Dwyer, H. M. Burns, E. D. Pearson, with Messrs. Wm. Park, W. G. Balfour, and G. Bingham.

Scrutineers.

9. The following were appointed scrutineers of ballot:—Messrs. S. J. Carruthers (Convener), G. A. Clifton, E. A. Black, and Alex. S. Barr.

Times of
Meeting.

10. It was resolved that the ordinary meetings of Assembly be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with an interval from 1 to 2 p.m. for lunch; evening Sederunt at 7.30 p.m.; that nominations for the Standing Committees close on Monday at 4 p.m., and that the ballot be taken on Tuesday at 12.45 p.m.

Christian
Unity.

11. The Rev. Dr. Macintyre gave notice of his intention, when Report on Christian Unity is before the House, to move the following Deliverance:—

1. That the Report be received.

2. That the Assembly views with interest and sympathy the Conferences which have been held between the Church of England in Australia and our own and other non-episcopal Churches, and authorise the Committee to continue such conference and co-operation.

3. That the Assembly receive with deep respect the communications from the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand, and the South Australasia Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia, regarding co-operation with a view to closer union as the definite goal. The Assembly is most anxious for closer co-operation with every branch of the Church Catholic and is now, as always, ready to co-operate in such ways as may be mutually agreeable.

It particularly expresses this sentiment towards the Congregational and Methodist Churches, and reiterates its conviction that as between these Churches and ourselves it recognises no bar in conscience to closer union.

The matter of closer union is so important, and the issue so far-reaching, that the Assembly would earnestly commend it to the prayerful consideration of all our people, feeling that union between Churches so closely allied and working in the same field is a goal to which this Assembly looks forward.

Further, the Assembly would commend this whole subject to brotherly conference among ourselves; so that when we are prepared for consultation with representatives of other Churches we may enter these conferences for closer union with a clear understanding of the problems to be solved and their possible solution with due regard to the unity of our own Church. In this spirit and with this aim the General Assembly authorises the Committee on Christian Unity to encourage such brotherly

conferences within our own Church and to take such action as may seem desirable to this end.

4. The Assembly appoints the Committee as follows, representatives in each State to be the Executive for that State, the Committee in New South Wales to be also the Executive of the whole, it being an instruction to each State Committee to explore fields for co-operation with other Churches and so far as possible to engage in such co-operation:—

Rev. Professor R. G. Macintyre (Convener).

N.S. Wales.—Revs. Professor Macintyre (Convener), Dr. R. Scott West, Professor Angus, Professor Anderson, J. H. G. Auld, J. C. Milliken, G. R. S. Reid, and Dr. John Walker, and Messrs. J. R. B. Campbell, S. J. Carruthers, W. G. Geikie, John Ross, M.L.A., and Daniel Sneddon.

Queensland.—Revs. W. C. Radcliffe (Convener), Principal Henderson, A. M. MacKillop, N. S. Millar, and R. Millar, and Messrs. A. S. Barr, John Campbell, Alex. Mayes, and J. K. Stewart.

South Australia.—Revs. W. Floyd Shannon (Convener), Jas. Leggatt, D. Chapman, N. L. D. Webster, and A. C. Weber; Messrs. M. F. Culliford, T. W. Tassie, and A. D. Young.

Tasmania.—Revs. J. Crookston (Convener) and J. C. Jones; and Messrs. F. Burbury, G. G. Meredith, and F. Paine.

Victoria.—Revs. W. Johnston (Convener), R. W. Macaulay, John Mackenzie, Professor Oxer, D. Macrae Stewart, and Geo. Tait, Messrs. W. G. Balfour, J. M. Campbell, General Clark, and A. G. Proudfoot.

Western Australia.—Professor A. D. Ross (Convener), Revs. A. Crow, D. Galloway, G. Tulloch and E. D. Pearson, and Messrs. R. Bracks and W. Christie. (Minute 34.)

12. The Rev. John Mackenzie, Convener of the Board of Religious Education, gave notice that when the Report of the Board is before the House he would move that clause 10 of the Deliverance be altered, and that the Assembly representatives be as follows: Revs. J. Mackenzie (Convener), H. Clark (Vice-Convener), J. C. Jamieson, W. H. Waters and W. E. Watkins. Also that clause 12 of the Deliverance be deleted. (Minute 36.)

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

“That the General Assembly recognises that the geographical position of Australia, situated as it is between the vast continental areas of Africa, Asia, and the Americas, has acquired great strategic importance, and that this is daily growing.

“The Assembly observes that the national unity of race, language and creed gives Australia, in contrast with the peoples of neighboring continents, a vast and perhaps unique privilege. The Assembly further believes that the trend of the growth of the world’s population is such as to threaten an ever-increasing pressure on the food supplies of the human race, a pressure which indicates an emerging menace to the peace of the

world. The Assembly declares that these facts constitute a God-given opportunity and appeal to the people of Australia to dispose, as speedily and peacefully as possible, of the comparatively minor problems that divide us, and to take up in unity and brotherhood the task of nation building. The Assembly believes that God has called the Australian nation into being for such a time as this, and earnestly beseeches its fellow citizens to realise that opportunity is now ours to show mankind that Christian ideals, Christian methods and the Christian spirit can be applied to the greatest problems of the nation and the race.

The Assembly appoints the following Committee to draft a pastoral letter on the subject and report to a later Sederunt. (Minute 55.)

Australian
Inland
Mission.

14. Mr. R. A. McIlwraith gave notice of his intention, when the Report of the Australian Inland Mission Board is before the House, to move:—

(1) That the Report be referred back to the Board to prepare and submit to a later Sederunt a statement showing the estimated cost, under various heads, of carrying on the Mission during the years 1930-31 and 1931-2, together with an estimate of the sources of the necessary revenue and the amount expected from each.

(2) That it be an instruction to the Board that this course be followed on future occasions. (Minute 48.)

Papua.

15. The Rev. W. C. Radcliffe gave notice that when the report of the Home Mission Committee is before the Assembly he would move:—

That the matter of supplying services to Papua and the Mandated Territories be remitted to the Home Mission Committee for consideration. (Minute 70.)

Petition:
Mr. George
McGregor.

16. The Rev. W. Johnston gave notice of his intention, when the Petition of Mr. George McGregor is before the House, to move:—

That the Assembly grant the prayer of the petition of Mr. George McGregor, and instruct the Presbytery of Melbourne East to take him on trials for license as soon as he shall have passed an examination on the Church, Ministry, and Sacraments to be set by the College Committee, and in association with the Presbytery of Melbourne West to ordain him to the Ministry for service under the direction of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, with a seat in the Presbytery of Melbourne East. (Minute 26.)

Alexander
Earle
Fund.

17. The Rt. Rev. D. A. Cameron gave notice of his intention, when the Home Mission Committees report is before the House, to move:—

That the question of the allocation of the interest of the Alexander Earle Fund be remitted to the Home Mission Committee for report to a future Sederunt. (Minute 70.)

Church and
Creed.

18. The Rev. George Tait gave notice of his intention, when the Report of the Committee of the attitude of the Church to her creed is before the House, to move as an amendment: 'That all the words after 'be thanked' be omitted with the view of insert-

ing the words 'and re-appointed' and instructed to consider the Report of the Committee on Subordinate Standards submitted to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of England in 1930, and any similar report that may be submitted to the G. A. of the Church of Scotland in 1931 or 1932, and report to next Assembly." (Minute 76.)

19. Mr. D. Sneddon gave notice of his intention, when the Report of the Australian Inland Mission Board is before the House, to move the following Deliverance:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the report.
2. Express satisfaction for the extension of the Mission's activities and continued success.
3. Thank all voluntary workers in all the States for their interest and work.
4. Thank all donors for the support extended to the Mission during the past two years.
5. Thank all Padres and Nursing Sisters and congratulate them on their splendid work.
6. Heartily welcome the Superintendent, Rev. John Flynn, back to his work, and congratulate him on his complete restoration to health.
7. Congratulate and thank the Flying Doctors, Wireless Officers, and all others concerned in the Aerial Medical Service; authorise the continuance of the work with such modifications as may be necessary to meet changing circumstances; and endeavour to co-ordinate both medical and wireless work with kindred activities within the area.
8. Note with satisfaction the steps taken by the Board to provide greater co-operation between the A.I.M. Board and the New South Wales Treasurership Committee and authorise and instruct the Board to continue negotiations with the Treasurership Committee with the view of increasing economy and efficiency and securing a full record of the Board's transactions.
- 8a. See Minute 48.
9. Instruct the Board to initiate a patrol in Central Australia as soon as a suitable man can be found.
10. Appoint the following to constitute the Board:—

New South Wales.

Mr. D. Sneddon (Convener)
 Rev. A. J. Doig
 Rev. J. Flynn
 Rev. D. J. Flockhart
 Rev. D. P. Macdonald
 Rev. J. C. Milliken

Rev. R. C. Racklyeft
 Rev. G. C. Wood
 Mr. H. L. Atkinson
 Mr. C. W. D. Conacher
 Mr. J. R. B. Campbell

Queensland.

Rev. Thomas Harvey

Rev. W. C. Radcliffe

Victoria.

Rev. J. A. Barber

Rev. H. C. Matthew

Rev. J. Barnaby

Rev. J. Walker

Rev. H. A. Buntine

Rev. D. A. Cameron

Dr. G. Simpson

South Australia.

Rev. D. Chapman

Rev. F. H. Patterson

Western Australia.

Mr. E. A. Black

Rev. E. D. Pearson

11. Appoint the following to be members of Councils in the various States, with power to add to their number:—

Queensland.

Rev. Thos. Harvey

Mrs. H. Robertson

Rev. John Armour

Mrs. J. K. Stewart

Rev. F. W. Gresham

Mrs. — Teys

Rev. W. C. Radcliffe

Mrs. John Thomson

Rev. H. Robertson

Miss M. Mackintosh

Mr. John Campbell

Miss M. Burns

Mr. J. A. Douglas

Miss M. Brown

Mr. F. R. Lloyd

Miss M. Cairns

Mr. W. R. Parker

Miss J. Clelland

Mrs. E. F. Francis

New South Wales.Rev. G. Cameron Wood
(Convener)

Miss H. Allen

Miss J. Baird

Rev. S. R. W. Richardson

Miss E. Campbell

Rev. R. Campbell

Miss M. Cole

Hon. T. Brown.

Miss M. Colley

Mr. A. C. Congreve

Miss E. Congreve

Mr. J. Inglis

Miss I. Henkel

Mr. N. Orr

Mrs. E. McDonald

Mr. G. Sherring

Miss I. Paradise

Mr. W. Urquhart

Miss J. Smith

Miss M. H. Brodie

Miss D. Stuckey

(Secretary)

Miss J. Urquhart

Victoria.

Rev. H. A. Buntine (Co-Convener)	Mr. T. McClelland
Rev. J. Garde (Secretary)	Mr. W. J. Scott
Rev. J. A. Barber (Co-Convener)	Dr. G. Simpson
Rev. J. Barnaby	Mrs. H. C. Matthew
Rev. D. A. Cameron	Miss E. Davies
Rev. H. C. Matthew	Miss E. Jack
Rev. J. Walker	Miss Rolland
Mr. C. Croll	Miss K. M. Bain
Mr. A. Fussell	Miss Hartnell
	Miss Strachan
	Miss M. Gillespie

South Australia.

Rev. D. Chapman (Convener)	Mr. T. J. Patterson
Rev. W. Gray	Mrs. H. B. Thompson
Rev. S. Martin, M.A.	Miss C. C. Gordon
Rev. F. H. Patterson	Miss Mitchell
Rev. N. L. D. Webster, B.A.	Miss M. Love
Rev. A. C. Weber	Miss R. Patterson
Mr. E. H. Lowe	Miss Rankine
Mr. H. M. Rolland	Mrs. Roberts
Mr. T. W. Tassie	

Western Australia.

Mr. E. A. Black (Convener)	Rev. C. W. T. Headen
Rev. E. D. Pearson	Rev. E. W. Hogben
Rev. A. Crow	Mr. G. F. Pitchford
Rev. Geo. Tulloch	Colonel McLennan
Rev. D. Galloway	Mr. J. F. Allen

12. That the Assembly, in view of the importance of the work of the A.I.M. Board, approve of the following alterations in Chapter IV. (Constitution and Election of Standing Committees), viz.:—

In Paragraph 2, insert, after the words "the Home Mission Committee": "and the Australian Inland Mission Board."

In Paragraph 3, insert the following words after "Home Mission Committee": "and the Australian Inland Mission Board."

In Paragraph 4, insert after the words "Home Mission Committee": "and the Australian Inland Mission Board."

In Paragraph 6 add: "the Australian Inland Mission Board."

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

SECOND SEDERUNT.

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, York Street, on Thursday, the 11th September, 1930, at 10 a.m.

Lord's
Supper.

21. According to arrangement, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, the Moderator presiding, the Right Revs. Dr. Borland and C. A. White assisting, and the Assembly constituted.

Appeal.

22. By leave of the House, the Appeal of the Rev. George Tulloch was withdrawn.

Scottish
Churches.

23. The Report of the Commissioner to the Scottish Churches was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Macintyre.

It was moved by the Rev. John Mackenzie:—

“That the Assembly receive with pleasure the report of the Commissioner, Dr. R. G. Macintyre, express appreciation of the service he rendered to this Church by his visit to Scotland on the historic occasion of the union of the two great branches of the Scottish Church, convey to him the thanks of the Assembly for the effective way in which he fulfilled his mission, and express the hope that his visit to the Homeland may strengthen the ties of friendship that already bind this Church to the Church of Scotland.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. M. Campbell and unanimously approved.

Rev. Dr.
Boyd Scott.

24. A Commission from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in favor of the Rev. A. Boyd Scott, M.C., D.D., ex-Minister of the Lansdowne Church, Glasgow, was laid on the table by the Convener of the Business Committee.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Macintyre:—

“That the Assembly receive the Commission and welcome the Rev. Dr. Boyd Scott.”

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

Dr. Boyd Scott was welcomed by the Moderator, and addressed the Assembly.

Church of
Scotland.

25. The Communication from the Moderator of the Church of Scotland was received.

College
Committee.

26. The Report of the College Committee was submitted by the Right Rev. Dr. Borland, who moved:—

1. That the Assembly receive the report and thank the Convener, Secretary, and Examiners;

2. Express regret at the death of Dr. J. Mathew, convey the sympathy of the Church to Mrs. Mathew and her family and place on record the Church's appreciation of the late Dr. Mathew's long and faithful services as Convener of the Committee;

3. Approve the Committee's action in granting an Aegrotat Pass to the Rev. A. W. Cooper under the exceptional circumstances;

4. Approve the procedure of the Committee in regard to the Ordination of Home Missionaries in Western Australia under the decision of the Assembly of 1928;

5. Grant the request of the Faculty of St. Andrew's College that in cases in which the Faculty of a State expresses its desire to the College Committee, examinations set by approved public examiners be made alternatives for the Intermediate Examinations required for entrance on the Home Mission Course; the details in each case to be arranged by the Faculty in consultation with the College Committee;

6. Recommend to State Assemblies that the training of Home Missionaries be under the direct supervision of the Faculty of Theology, through whom all correspondence in relation to candidates' studies shall pass;

7. Approve the suspension of the present agreement regarding United Theological Training at Parkin College as decided by the State Assembly of South Australia, and request the State Assembly of Victoria to make all arrangements necessary for the training of students from South Australia;

8. Approve the Committee's action in regard to Messrs. Mark McAlpine, B. Galloway, C. M. Cox, and A. E. Giles;

9. Grant to the Committee full power, after report from the Faculty of Ormond College, to deal with Mr. W. Strathie's case as may be required by his state of health;

10. With regard to the application of Mr. A. E. C. Collins, decide that in view of previous decisions in regard to an Extramural Course of training the application be not granted;

11. Determine that Philosophy of Religion with Comparative Religion be a two-paper subject in the Exit Examinations;

12. Determine that Theology with Christian Ethics be a two-paper subject in the Exit Examinations;

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13. Approve the Regulation of the Committee requiring production from the Faculty concerned of a certificate that a student has completed a three-years' course in a Theological Hall of the Church before the issue of an Exit Certificate;

14. Approve the Committee's action in the matter of returned soldier students;

15. Approve the grading of Mr. F. E. Brown in the second year of the Theological Hall Course;

16. Grant the request of the Faculty of St. Andrew's College, and validate Mr. R. S. Woodger's first year in the Theological Hall;

17. Adopt the proposed alterations in the Syllabus for the Home Mission Course and the Entrance Examinations;

18. Approve the action of the Committee in requiring Home Missionaries to pass the required examination for dispensing of Sacraments before dispensing the Sacrament of Baptism; and change Rule 7 dealing with this matter as follows: Omit "(a), (1), (2), (3), (b) also," and add: "To administer the Sacrament of Baptism according to the Rules of the Church"; before "Lord's Supper" in (b), (1), and (4), to add, "of Baptism and";

19. In regard to the request of the Faculty of St. Andrew's that Mr. J. P. Mortimore and Mr. G. J. Stevens be ordained as Ministers, the Assembly decides that they be allowed to be taken on trial for license after passing the Exit Examination in Old Testament without Hebrew and in Theology and Ethics.

20. Remit to the College Committee the question of making Hebrew an optional subject for all students, with power to consult the various Faculties, and report to next Assembly.

21. Grant the prayer of the petition of Mr. A. B. Erskine in so far that Mr. Erskine be allowed to enter on a Theological Hall Course, that he be required to attend three Sessions of a Theological Hall, and pass the Exit Examinations in all subjects except Hebrew; and the linguistic portion of New Testament Greek; and that the two terms of the Session of 1930 be counted as one year should Mr. Erskine pass the Class Examinations.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. A. M. MacKillop.

It was moved as an amendment by the Rev. H. C. Matthew:

"That the words in Clause 10 be omitted, with a view to inserting other words,"

The amendment was seconded by Mr. J. Steele, and approved, and it was agreed that the following words be inserted:—

Grant permission to Mr. A. E. C. Collins to take an extra-mural course in such subjects (excluding Hebrew), as may be determined by the College Committee after consultation with the Faculty of Ormond College, and sit for the Exit Examination in such subjects.

The motion, as amended, was approved.

It was moved by the Rev. W. Johnston, in accordance with notice of motion. (Minute 16.):—

That the following paragraph be added:—

22. "That the Assembly grant the prayer of the petition of Mr. George McGregor, and instruct the Presbytery of Melbourne East to take him on trials for licence as soon as he shall have passed an examination on the Church, Ministry, and Sacraments to be set by the College Committee, and in association with the Presbytery of Melbourne West to ordain him to the Ministry for service under the direction of the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, with a seat in the Presbytery of Melbourne East."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. D. Macrae Stewart.

The motion was disapproved.

It was moved by the Rev. C. H. Ball, and seconded by Mr. W. T. Seaward:—

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

It was moved as an amendment by the Rev. R. W. Macaulay, and seconded by the Rev. J. C. Milliken:—

"That the following words be added, viz., 'but that Mr. McGregor be allowed to enter on a Theological Hall course, and required to attend three sessions of a Theological Hall, and pass the Exit Examination in all subjects except Hebrew and the linguistic portion of New Testament Greek.'"

The amendment was approved, and the motion as amended was approved.

The Deliverance was approved.

27. The Minutes of the previous day were confirmed.

Minutes.

28. The Roll was approved as follows:—

Roll.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Elected by Presbyteries.

	Bathurst.	
Rev. P. Hope, B.A. J. Waugh, B.A.		Rev. W. G. Maconochie, M.A. Mr. G. MacKenzie
	The Clarence.	
Rev. W. D. McIlraith, B.A.		Mr. Ben Morrison
	Dubbo.	
Rev. C. Yuill K. W. Burton, B.A.		Mr. D. Munro F. W. Gavel
	Goulburn.	
Rev. W. G. Sharpe, B.A. G. Logan, B.A.		Mr. Andrew Macintosh T. Elliott
	The Hastings.	
Rev. R. W. Wannan S. T. Knight		Mr. G. C. Lindsay John Gibson
	The Hawkesbury.	
Rev. John Paterson, V.D. H. Stanley Parsons, Th.L. R. Bourne Garner		Mr. Robert Shearer H. C. Munro A. P. Biddle
	The Hunter.	
Rev. J. Lundie, B.A. John Robb George Nesbitt		Mr. R. C. White James Kerr John F. Draffin
	Illawarra.	
Rev. G. M. Torbett, M.A. J. F. Christian		Mr. W. J. R. Richardson R. C. L. Tindell
	Monaro.	
Rev. J. N. McGee		Mr. J. C. Ryle
	Moree.	
Rev. John McDonald V. W. Coombes		Mr. John Bicket A. W. Pulsford
	Murrumbidgee.	
Rev. W. Carlyle Moulton D. J. Munro S. MacIntyre		Mr. Arthur Nixon Donald Ross A. G. Gibbins
	New England.	
Rev. A. M. Stevenson, M.A., M.C. J. Faulkner		Mr. Thomas Fletcher
	North Sydney.	
Rev. D. M. Barnet, B.A. S. B. Evans A. D. Marchant, B.A., B.D. S. R. W. Richardson, M.A., B.D. E. H. Vines, M.A., B.D. T. Jamieson-Williams.		Mr. J. I. Forsyth Roland Love John Mars W. P. Thomas W. O. Montgomery
	Orange.	
Rev. H. S. R. Innes, B.A. J. H. Costello		Mr. William Pavey Donald McLeod
	Richmond.	
Rev. A. J. Parker, B.A. W. J. S. Rankin Alex. G. Wood		Mr. John Bryce James P. Baillie W. A. Proudfoot
	Scone.	
Rev. A. S. Hutchings		Mr. W. T. Seaward, B.A.
	Sydney.	
Rev. Prof. Kenneth Edward, D.Phil. W. J. Gray, B.A. H. R. Grassick G. W. McAlpine J. L. Cope Alexander Fleming W. J. Grant, B.A. J. C. Milliken J. N. Hey		Mr. R. Stevenson William Wright Daniel Sneddon Joseph Silversides J. P. Muir William Urquhart William Watt E. Andrews Patrick Smith

Wagga Wagga.

Rev. J. B. Galloway	Mr. T. H. Armour
G. Edwards	J. S. Parry
D. McN. Livingstone, M.A.	Henry Hague

Young.

Rev. J. A. Malcomson	Mr. W. McLachlan
J. Walton	A. Armstrong
S. L. McKenzie, B.A.	W. McClintock

Elected by State Assembly.

Rev. A. J. Doig, B.A.	Mr. J. R. B. Campbell
Rt. Rev. C. A. White, B.A.	J. A. Ferguson, LL.B.
Rev. John Edwards, M.A.	J. Downes
John Walker, D.D.	John Ross, M.L.A.
R. G. Macintyre, C.M.G., D.D.	Wm. Park
W. A. S. Anderson, B.A.	S. J. Carruthers
John Flynn	J. H. Beatson
D. J. Flockhart, M.A.	Wm. Cowan
V. Clark Duff, B.A.	J. H. Balfour
A. P. Cameron, B.A.	J. J. Henderson
E. E. Anderson, D.D.	Dr. Wm. Gunn
A. S. McCook, B.A.	Mr. G. A. Clifton
G. R. S. Reid, M.A.	J. McRae

QUEENSLAND.

Elected by Presbyteries.

Brisbane.

Rev. Thomas Harvey	Mr. Alex. S. Barr
George K. Kirke	Alex. Cairns
A. MacKillop, B.A., B.D.	John Campbell
Norman S. Millar, B.A.	Samuel Lamont
W. Wilson Smith	Alexander Stewart
Charles B. Watts	W. T. Kelly

Maryborough.

Rev. T. G. Allan	Dr. L. Morris
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Rockhampton.

Rev. J. A. Hunter, M.A., B.D.	Mr. J. A. McKie
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Toowoomba.

Rev. Andrew Watson	Mr. P. Hamilton, M.A.
D. A. Brown	J. A. Savage
Malcolm McDermant	Albert Ellis

Townsville.

Rev. A. Asboe	Mr. H. Christie
H. C. Wilson, M.A.	J. Diack

Elected by State Assembly.

Rt. Rev. Robert Millar	Mr. George Milliken
Rev. W. C. Radcliffe, B.A.	Alex. Mayes
Mervyn Henderson, M.A.	William B. Wilson
John Armour	Malcolm H. Finlayson

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Elected by Presbyteries.

Adelaide.

Rev. E. A. Davies	Mr. L. V. M. Leal
James Leggatt	Thomas Black
David Chapman	J. W. Rankine

Belalie.

Rev. A. E. Page, B.A., B.D.
F. H. Patterson

Onkaparinga.

Rev. J. Fairlie Forrest, B.A.	Mr. A. D. Mathieson
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Elected by State Assembly.

Rt. Rev. H. G. Dwyer	Mr. T. W. Tassie
Rev. W. Floyd Shannon, O.B.E., B.A.	Peter Miller

TASMANIA.**Elected by Presbytery.**

Rev. James Crookston	Mr. G. Bingham
F. E. Yarnall	F. Paine
A. W. Ivory	F. Burbury

Elected by Assembly.

Rt. Rev. J. C. Jones, B.A.	Mr. G. G. Meredith
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VICTORIA.**Elected by Presbyteries.****Ballarat**

Rev. G. H. Elliott	Mr. K. McLeod
S. J. Honiball	R. A. Learmonth
J. McD. Forsyth.	

Beechworth.

Rev. F. H. Butchers	Mr. J. Whan
Alex. Stewart	R. E. Thompson
T. W. Darby	

Bendigo.

Rev. T. Menzies-Miller	Mr. G. Mackay
D. A. MacKenzie	David Steele

Flinders.

Rev. C. H. Ball	Mr. George Burge
J. Keith Miller	
John Meers	

Geelong.

Rev. J. B. Rentoul	Mr. C. Anderson
T. W. Maguire, B.A.	Rev. F. W. Rolland, M.A.
Alex. Simms, B.A.	Mr. J. N. Elder
H. E. Carey	J. McConochie

Gippsland.

Rev. C. E. Hipwell	Mr. David Hopkins
J. P. Chaliner	A. E. Jeffries

Goulburn Valley.

Rev. W. H. Patterson	Mr. C. Pavey
J. G. Sharpe	J. H. Alexander

Hamilton.

Rev. S. D. Hood
R. Rankin
W. H. McMeekin

Macedon.

Rev. E. W. S. Bishop	Mr. J. Balharrie
J. T. Kelly	R. R. Green

Mallee Downs.

Rev. J. H. Hewitt, M.A., B.D.	Mr. A. McClelland
S. A. Vertigan	J. B. Mann

Maryborough.

Rev. H. A. Erskine, B.D.	Mr. T. C. Hodgson
H. H. Donaldson	

Melbourne North.

Rev. A. Yule, M.A.	Mr. W. Pollard
J. A. Forrest	P. Forman
A. I. Davidson, M.A.	J. B. Brown
R. Robertson, M.A., B.D.	S. J. Cook
J. Legge, B.A.	J. Steele

Melbourne South.

Rev. H. G. Jones, M.A.	Mr. L. Fraser
A. G. M. Carter, B.A., B.D.	S. Webb
H. M. Burns, M.A., B.D.	A. Salmon
A. J. Porter	A. E. Goddard
E. A. Swan, B.A.	R. C. Bearup

Melbourne East.

Rev. E. H. Chapple		Mr. J. D. Arthur
R. A. Green, B.A.		J. Cameron
W. Johnston, B.A.		D. W. Nicoll
W. L. Collins		J. A. McPherson

Melbourne West.

Rev. R. W. McLean, M.A.		Mr. A. L. Weir
E. H. M. Shugg, B.A.		J. G. Linnell
R. Nairn, M.A.		T. D. Lewis
J. F. Anderson, B.A.		Peter Porteous
J. Brown, M.A.		T. Black

Mortlake.

Rev. A. F. Lawson, M.A., B.D.		Mr. E. J. Kelly
H. J. Saw		J. Proud
J. G. Robertson, B.A., B.D.		W. H. Philpott

Penola.

Rev. F. C. Vickerman, B.A.		Mr. Albert Schinekel
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Seymour.

Rev. J. F. Sims		Mr. G. A. Horne
Wm. Tait, M.A.		R. Dobson

Western Plains.

Rev. A. S. Houston, M.A.		Mr. A. Angus
A. McMeekin		Wm. Oman

Wimmera.

Rev. G. P. Campbell		
F. W. Rankin		
E. M. Baird, B.A.		

Elected by State Assembly.

Rev. D. A. Cameron, M.A.		Mr. H. R. Balfour
Rt. Rev. W. Borland, M.A., D.D.		W. G. Balfour
Rev. George Tait, M.A.		J. M. Campbell
E. E. Baldwin, M.A.		Brig.-General Clark
Karl Forster, M.A., B.D.		Mr. W. Peters
J. A. Crockett		E. Holmes
T. Watt Leggatt		H. H. Kemp
H. C. Matthew, M.A.		G. B. Leith
H. A. Buntine		R. A. McIlwraith
J. Smiley, B.A.		W. McRae
Professor F. E. Oxe, M.A., B.D.		W. Cattach
J. C. Jamieson		A. G. Proudfoot
D. Macrae Stewart		Dr. W. A. Sanderson
R. W. Macaulay, B.A.		Mr. W. H. Thompson
James Walker, M.A., B.D.		D. C. Robertson
J. Mackenzie, M.A.		E. C. Butler

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Elected by Presbyteries.

Albany.

Rev. J. R. Thrum		Mr. John Barkley
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Fremantle.

Rev. A. E. Brice		Mr. E. A. Black
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Goldfields.

Perth.

Rev. David Galloway		Mr. Henry Scott
Neil McDonald		William Smith
George Tulloch		G. W. Simpson

Elected by State Assembly.

Rt. Rev. E. D. Pearson		Mr. R. Bracks
Rev. A. Crow		W. Christie

Mission
to the
Jews.

29. The Rev. A. Yule gave notice of his intention, when the Report on the Mission to the Jews is before the House, to move the following deliverance:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report; thank the Committee, especially the Convener, and re-appoint them as follows:—Revs. A. Yule (Convener), J. Alexander, D. M. Barnet, D. F. Brandt, E. C. Ettmann, A. McCallum, R. J. H. McGowan, F. H. L. Paton, Hugh Paton, D. W. Smith, D. M. Stewart; Miss Richards; Messrs. G. Clifton, L. K. McNab, C. E. Rennie, P. Smith, J. S. Walker, A. R. Wilson.

2. Express thanksgiving to God for Mr. Ettmann's return to the work, and for his prosperity in it.

3. Request that prayer for Israel's salvation be offered in our congregations throughout the Commonwealth on 28th September, the Sunday which precedes the Day of Atonement (October 2nd); and urge all our people at all times to continue in intercession. (Minute 66.)

Films.

30. Mr. W. T. Seaward gave notice of his intention at a future sederunt to move: "That this Assembly, recognising the necessity for careful censorship of Films, and believing that the Chief Commonwealth Censor is earnestly desirous to this end, commends his endeavours to secure that the standard of Films in Australia is maintained at such a level as will raise, and not lower, the moral tone of the community. (Minute 86.)

Adjournment.

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

THIRD SEDERUNT.

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, York Street, on
Thursday, 11th September, 1930, at 7.30 p.m.

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

32. The Report of the Business Committee was approved. Business Committee.

33. The Communication from the South Australia Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia was laid on the table by the Convener of the Business Committee. Methodist Church.

It was agreed to subjoin to the Communication a note to the effect that the Ministers who signed the resolution which accompanied the Communication did so in their private, and not in their representative capacity.

34. The Report of the Committee on Christian Unity was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Macintyre, who moved the Deliverance of which he had given notice the previous evening. (Minute 11.) Christian Unity.

The motion was seconded by the Rt. Rev. Alex. Crow.

The motion was approved.

It was agreed to forward copies of the resolution to the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand, and the South Australia Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia.

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

FOURTH SEDERUNT.

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, York Street,
on Friday, 12th September, 1930, at 10 a.m.

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

Religious
Education.

36. The Report of the Board of Religious Education was submitted by the Rev. John Mackenzie, who moved:—

1. That the Assembly receive the Report; thank the Committee and especially the Convener; congratulate the Convener on his recovery from his recent illness; express appreciation of the faithful and efficient service rendered by the Director during the past two years, and express sympathy with Mr. Goyen in the serious illness through which he has just passed, and the hope that he be speedily restored to health; thank the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, and Miss Winch, the office accountant, for their attention to the finances of the Board; convey to all teachers and youth workers, the thanks of the Assembly for their devotion to the service of Christ in this great sphere of opportunity and need.

2. Congratulate New South Wales and Queensland upon their action in appointing Organising Agents for their respective States, and express the hope that their work may be richly blessed. Congratulate Victoria upon the increase of its agents, and the smaller States upon the loyalty and devotion of voluntary workers who are doing office and extension work.

3. Re-appoint the Rev. William Goyen, Director of the Board, until the end of 1932, at a salary of £500 per annum, with a Manse allowance of £156 a year.

4. Express satisfaction that the work of publication has been carried on so successfully in co-operation with the Methodist Y.P. Department, the Departments of our own Church, and the Dominion of New Zealand, urge the increased use of the Family Altar Card, approve the action of the Board in publishing the Young Presbyterian's Manual, and commend to Sessions and Boards of Management the proposal that there should be presented to each young Communicant, on joining the membership of the Church, a copy of the "Young Presbyterians' Manual," and "The Romance of the Catholic Presbyterian Church," by the late Dr. Gray Dixon.

5. Thank the Victorian Church for its generous offer in connection with the "Record," declare the "Record" to be the Missionary Magazine (for children) of the General Assembly of Australia, urge State Departments to promote its circulation in the Sunday Schools of their respective States, and appoint the Rev. T. Watt Leggatt as Editor of the "Record" for the following two years, at a salary of £50 per year.

6. Appoint the third Sunday in October as Young People's Day, and instruct the Committee to prepare an Order of Service

for use throughout the Commonwealth. In connection with the third Jubilee of the S.S. Movement originated by Robert Raikes, commend to the notice and study of all Teachers and Youth Workers, the booklet written on the subject by the Director.

7. Rejoice in the increased activity of Fellowships, Bible Classes and Young People's Societies, and in evidence of their widened influence. Express hearty approval of the efforts now being made to establish in the Presbyterian Church of Australia a "One Youth Movement," with a Federal unity, and a common badge and name.

8. Express appreciation of the action of Mr. R. A. Malloch in presenting to the Joint Board the sum of £100 to perpetuate the memory of Professor John Smyth, and to encourage teacher training for Sunday School work.

9. Urge upon all State Departments and Committees that they should make an accurate survey of the situation so far as Sunday School work is concerned in city and country, and that they should promote a definite policy of Sunday School extension and enrolment.

10. That the Assembly representatives on the Board of Religious Education be: Rev. John Mackenzie (Convener), H. Clark (Vice-Convener), J. B. Galloway, J. C. Jamieson, and W. E. Watkins, and that the appointment of proxies be approved.

11. That the following be the Assembly's representatives on the Joint Board of Australasian Graded Lessons: Rev. John Mackenzie, Rev. W. H. Waters, Rev. J. C. Jamieson, Rev. E. H. Vines, Rev. H. Clark, Rev. J. Fairlie Forrest.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. E. E. Vines, and approved.

37. The Overture from the Presbytery of the Richmond, relative to representation in the General Assembly, was remitted to the Finance Committee for report to a later Sederunt. (Minute 60.)

Overture re
Representation

38. The House sat in private.

Reception of
Ministers.

The Report of the Reception of Ministers' Committee was submitted by the Rev. A. S. McCook.

1. The Report recommended that the prayer of the Petition of the Rev. Frank Charles be not granted.

The recommendation was approved.

2. The Report recommended that the prayer of the Petition of the Rev. Thomas Duncan be not granted.

Rev.
Thomas
Duncan.

The recommendation was approved.

3. The Report recommended that the prayer of the Petition of the Rev. Gwilym Trevor Hughes be granted, subject to his attending for two years at a Theological Hall, and passing the Exit Examination, the subjects for study to be prescribed

Rev. G. T.
Hughes.

by the College Committee on the recommendation of the Theological Faculty; and that he serve the required period of one year under the Home Mission Committee.

It was moved as an amendment by the Rev. T. Jamieson Williams:—

That the words 'two years' be omitted, with a view to inserting other words, viz., 'one year,' and that all words from 'and pass' to 'Theological Faculty' be omitted.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. J. H. Costello.

The amendment was disapproved.

The recommendation was approved.

Rev. N. T.
McDonald.

4. The Report recommended that the prayer of the Petition of the Rev. Norman T. McDonald be granted, subject to his attending for two years at a Theological Hall, and passing the Exit Examination, the subjects for study to be prescribed by the College Committee on the recommendation of the Faculty; that his attendance during the present year as a private student at Ormond College be accepted as one of such two years; and that he serve the required period of one year under the Home Mission Committee.

It was moved as amendment by the Rev. Robert Nairn:—

"That the words 'two years' be omitted with a view to inserting other words, viz., 'one year'; and that all words from 'and pass' to 'the Faculty' be omitted."

The amendment was disapproved.

The recommendation was approved.

Rev. R. F.
Melville.

5. The Report recommended that the prayer of the Petition of the Rev. Robert Frederick Melville be granted in so far as attendance for a third year at the Hall is concerned; but that he be required to pass the Exit Examination in the prescribed subjects, and serve for the required period of one year under a Home Mission Committee.

The recommendation was approved.

Rev. O.
Stennett.

6. The Report recommended that the prayer of the Petition of the Rev. Oswald Stennett be granted, subject to his attending for three years at a Theological Hall, and passing the Exit Examination in all subjects except Hebrew; and that he serve the required period of one year under the Home Mission Committee.

Consideration was deferred pending conference between the Reception of Ministers' Committee and Mr. Stennett. (Minute 82.)

Rev. W. K.
Steward.

7. The Report recommended that the prayer of the Petition of the Rev. Wilfred Keith Steward be granted subject to his attending for two years at a Theological Hall, and passing the

Exit Examination, the subjects for study to be prescribed by the College Committee on the recommendation of the Faculty; and that he serve the required period of one year under the Home Mission Committee.

The recommendation was approved.

8. The Report recommended that as the Rev. A. E. Page, ^{Rev. A. E. Page.} B.A., B.D., has completely fulfilled all conditions required by the Assembly's previous finding, no further restriction be placed upon his sphere of ministerial service.

The recommendation was approved.

39. The House resumed in public.

It was moved by the Rev. A. S. McCook:—

“That in view of the fact that the Assembly of Australia in 1926 passed two conflicting resolutions regarding the issue of Certificates to Ministers received from other Churches on the completion of their course, your Committee recommend that the following be the finding of the Assembly on the subject:—

“That the Convener of the Committee on the Reception of Ministers from other Churches be authorised to issue a Certificate of Status to each Minister on receiving a certificate from the Committees concerned that he has satisfactorily completed the conditions prescribed by the General Assembly.”

The motion was seconded by the Rev. Karl Forster, and approved.

40. The minutes of the 11th September were confirmed.

Minutes.

41. Permission was given to the Finance Committee to meet at 7.30 o'clock this evening.

Authority to meet.

42. The Report of the Board of Missions was submitted by the Rev. T. Watt Leggatt, who moved:—

Board of Missions.

“That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the report, thank the Committees and the Convener and Secretary, also the Executive in Perth.

2. Express deep thankfulness to God for his manifold mercies to our Missionaries, and to the people among whom they minister; and for His many blessings vouchsafed to the whole Church in its Missionary operations.

3. Express sympathy with the relatives of the late Revs. J. D. Landels, J. Gillan, and J. Young Wai, Mr. R. K. Gillespie, Miss Menie Campbell, and Miss Annie Thompson; and with the Rev. P. R. and Mrs. Currell on the death of their daughter; and with Dr. Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong in their experiences of sickness.

4. Express appreciation of the services of Mrs. McCormack and of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Beard; congratulate the Rev. R. Boyd on the completion of 36 years of service in the New Hebrides;

thank Mr. A. L. Pryde for his many years' service as Treasurer of the Board; and express great gratification for the new workers and volunteers for the Church's Missionary work.

5. Approve of the appointment of Mrs. J. G. Ward, Dr. W. Gunn, and the Revs. A. Fleming, T. W. Leggatt, and H. C. Matthew as the Church's representatives on the National Missionary Council.

6. Commend to the Church and people, the study of the report of Mr. J. W. Bleakley, on the Aborigines and Half-castes of Central and Northern Australia; and urge the Commonwealth Government to accept the recommendations of that report, as determining the policy of the government in its treatment of the Aborigines and Half-castes in Australia, and to put them into effect as opportunity offers.

7. Congratulate the Rev. J. R. B. Love and the Rev. W. F. Mackenzie on their work of Bible translation, and commend this work to the prayerful interest of the Church.

8. Instruct the Board to devise a system of insurance or some other scheme for Missionary Assistants at work under the Board.

9. Approve the recommendations of the Board:—

- (1) That the debit balance on the "Watt-Leggatt" Launch Account be transferred to the ordinary account.
- (2) That the grant to the Queensland Church for the next two years be at the rate of £500 per annum.
- (3) That the budget for the next two years be at the rate of £2,250 per annum.
- (4) That the Annual assessment for the next two years be as follows:—

Victoria	£1000
New South Wales	900
Tasmania	105
South Australia	105
Western Australia	140

£2250

- (5) Appoint Mr. W. H. Thompson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, as Treasurer.
- (6) Represent strongly to the Commonwealth Government the fitness of the waiving of the order issued for the deportation of Mr. Lee Chut, inasmuch as he has been over 20 years in Australia, and has proved himself in every way an exemplary citizen, as well as a valuable member and Elder of the Presbyterian Church."

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Christie.

The Rev. J. R. B. Love, Superintendent of the Kunmunya

Mission, Port George IV., Western Australia, addressed the Assembly.

The motion was approved.

43. The House sat in private.

Pastor
Winzi.

It was moved by the Rev. T. Watt Leggatt, and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Macintyre:—

“That in view of the urgency of the matters raised by the Report of the Commission appointed to inquire into the case of Pastor Winzi, of Malo, New Hebrides, this Assembly instruct the Board of Missions to place all the papers immediately before the Commonwealth Government, the Imperial Government, and the Church of Scotland, in order that the case may be reviewed.”

The motion was approved.

44. The House resumed in public.

Overture re
Tenure of
Eldership.

The Overture from the State Assembly of Victoria relative to the tenure of the Eldership was laid on the table by the Convener of the Business Committee, and supported by the Rev. George Tait, and Mr. J. A. McPherson.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Macintyre:—

(1) That the Assembly sustain the Overture anent the Eldership in so far as it brings the matter before the Assembly.

(2) That the Assembly declare that there is no barrier in principle against the limitation of the term of office of an Elder in a congregation, but that the matter of determining such limitation, if thought desirable, and the arrangements therefor, is one for each State Assembly, always safeguarding that ordination to the Eldership is for life unless deposed therefrom as distinct from the functioning of an Elder in that particular congregation and parish.

The motion was seconded by Mr. L. Fraser.

The motion was disapproved.

It was moved by General Clark:—

“That the Overture be not sustained.”

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

45. Mr. W. T. Seaward gave notice of his intention to move at a later Sederunt:—

Theological
Students.

“That the attention of the Faculties of Theology in the various States be drawn to the need for instruction to students in Church Law and Procedure, and that, where such instruction is not now being given, the Faculties be requested to have it given. (Minute 92.)

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

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

At Sydney, and in the Assembly Hall, York Street, on Friday, the 12th September, 1930, the Assembly met pursuant to adjournment at 7.30 p.m., and was constituted.

Business
Committee.

47. The Report of the Business Committee was approved.

Australian
Inland
Mission.

48. The Report of the Australian Inland Mission was submitted by Mr. D. Sneddon, who moved the Deliverance, of which he had given notice (Minute 19).

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. B. Brown.

The Rev. J. A. Barber, Patrol Organiser of the Australian Inland Mission, was welcomed by the Moderator.

The words, "and thank the Board, and especially the Con- vener," were added to Paragraph 1.

Mr. R. A. McIlwraith, by leave of the House, withdrew the amendment of which he had given notice (Minute 14), and it was agreed to insert the following Paragraph 8a after Para- graph 8:—

"Instruct the Board that a statement showing the estimated cost, under various heads, of carrying on the Mission, together with an estimate of the sources of the necessary revenue, and the amount expected from each, be produced at each subsequent Assembly."

The Deliverance as amended was approved.

Adjournment.

49. The Assembly adjourned to meet on Monday, the 15th September, 1930, at 10 a.m., which, having been publicly inti- mated, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

SIXTH SEDERUNT.

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, York Street, on Monday, the 15th September, 1930, at 10 a.m., the Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted.

50. Authority was granted to the Canberra Executive to meet this morning at 10.30 o'clock. Authority to meet.

51. The Rev. R. W. Macaulay gave notice of his intention at a later Sederunt to move:— Economical and Industrial situation.

“That the General Assembly appreciates the repeated intimation that the public life of Australia needs, and that its leaders will welcome any help and guidance through the present distress that can be given by the Christian Church.

“The Assembly declares that the present economic and industrial depression is an urgent call to all men of goodwill to intercessory prayer and vigorous thinking; affirms its belief that no satisfactory solution is possible until a new spirit of trust and willingness for co-operation prevail between the various sections of Australians, and that this in turn depends on the rapid acceptance of higher standards of candor and active unselfishness than have yet prevailed on either side.

“The Assembly believes that the necessary processes of economic readjustment must be slow in realisation, if they are to be as thorough as is manifestly necessary, and should therefore be undertaken without delay.

“The Assembly further declares that the immediate situation calls for: (1) drastic elimination of public and private extravagance, and a permanent readjustment of national life to the standards imposed by living within one's income; (2) a widespread and unselfish co-operation for the relief of distress; (3) honesty and faithfulness in work and equitable treatment of workers and businesses.

“The Assembly believes that the Christian Church has an immense opportunity to serve the Kingdom of God and the interests of the people by a courageous preaching of the gospel and its application to life, and urges Ministers and Congregations to prayer and the highest example of consistent Christian living.” (Minute 90.)

52. The Rev. R. W. Macaulay gave notice of his intention to move at a future Sederunt:— League of Nations.

“That the General Assembly re-affirms its support of the League of Nations as an instrument for furthering the spirit of international trust and for the promotion of alternatives to war; records with thankfulness the advances towards international disarmament, and the renunciation of war as an instrument of policy that have been made since last Assembly; declares once again the earnest desire of the Presbyterian Church to promote every effort towards Peace; requests State Assemblies, Presbyteries and Ministers to keep steadily before the Church

and the public the great desirability of promoting a will to peace, and especially urges its courts and congregations to secure corporate and individual membership in the League of Nations ment of policy, that have been made since last Assembly; declares Union; renews its own membership of the League of Nations Union (Sydney Branch), and directs the Treasurership Committee to pay the annual subscription until next Assembly." (Minute 91.)

Naval and
Military.

53. The Report of the Naval and Military Committee was submitted by the Rev. W. Floyd Shannon, who moved:—

"That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report and thank the Chaplain General and the executive in South Australia; thank also the Rev. D. Macrae Stewart for his assistance so graciously rendered; and the Senior Chaplains and others for their useful reports.

2. Recognise with gratitude the spiritual work done by the Chaplains at the military camps and at the various ports and naval depots; and by those who have served in the military and naval schools; and express deep appreciation of the faithful work rendered by the two naval Chaplains on the warships.

3. Express regret that the Military Authorities have not seen it possible to abolish Sunday training; but appreciate their efforts to reduce it as far as practicable.

4. Reappoint the Committee, to consist of the Chaplains in the different States; the Chaplains in the State wherein the Chaplain-General is resident to act as the Executive; the Chaplain-General to be the Convener."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. A. M. MacKillop, and approved.

Home
Religion.

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

"1. That the Assembly receive the report and thank the Convener, and especially the Convener, for their services.

2. Express satisfaction at the continued circulation of "The Family Altar Card" and its earnest desire that it may be more widely extended.

3. Again urge upon all ministers and kirk sessions to make every effort to encourage the practice of Family Worship with the aid thus provided.

4. That the following Committee be appointed with authority to make arrangements for the publication and distribution of "The Family Altar Card":—The Rev. G. R. S. Reid (Convener), the Right Rev. the Moderator (Rev. D. A. Cameron), the State Moderators, Alex. Crow, Wm. Goyen, J. B. Galloway, and W. C. Radcliffe, Messrs. W. Gray, W. H. Balfour, Wm. McRae, and John Mars."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. J. B. Galloway, and approved.

55. The Rev. R. W. Macaulay moved the motion of which he had given notice on the 10th inst. (Minute 13). National Responsibility.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. G. R. S. Reid, and approved, and the following committee was appointed to draft a letter to be submitted to a later Sederunt: The Moderator and the Revs. G. R. S. Reid, D. Macrae Stewart, and R. W. Macaulay (Convener). (Minute 80.)

56. The Report on Suva was submitted by the Rev. J. Smiley, who moved:— Suva.

“That the Assembly receive the report; express its gratification at the success of the plan for co-operation between the Methodist and Presbyterian Congregations in Suva; approve of the decision of the Joint Council; re-appoint the Commission with Assembly powers; continue the congregation under the care of the Presbytery of Melbourne South.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lachlan Fraser, and approved.

57. The communication from the Rev. James Jackson was laid on the table. Rev. James Jackson.

It was moved by the Rev. J. C. Milliken:—

“That the Assembly receive the communication and transmit it to the Presbytery of Melbourne South.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. T. Seaward, and approved.

58. The Overture from the Home Mission Committee of the New South Wales Church was introduced by the Rev. A. J. Doig. Overture, re Home Mission Service.

It was moved by the Rev. George Tait:—

“That the Overture be sustained, and that the following words be added to Regulation 5 (Ministers and Preachers of other Denominations): “If, after he has served for at least six months the congregation in which he has officiated is prepared to call him, and the Home Mission Committee approves, the Reception of Ministers Committee is authorised to grant the Certificate.”

The motion was seconded by the Rev. J. A. Crockett, and approved.

59 The Overture anent rightful subjects of Baptism was introduced by the Rev. A. Yule and Rev. J. Legge. The parties were removed from the bar. Overture, re Baptism.

It was moved by the Rev. A. Yule: “That the Overture be sustained and the declaration of 1906 printed for circulation and inserted in the next edition of the Rules and Forms.”

The motion was seconded by the Rev. J. Legge, and approved.

Overture, re
Representation

60. Consideration of the Overture from the Presbytery of the Richmond, relative to Representation to the General Assembly of Australia (Minute 37), was resumed. The Overture was introduced by the Revs. W. J. S. Rankin and A. J. Parker. The parties were removed from the bar.

Finance
Committee.

61. The Report of the Finance Committee was submitted by Mr. J. R. B. Campbell, who moved:—

“That the Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.

2. Approve and adopt the Balance Sheet.

3. Authorise the payment of the travelling expenses of members attending this Assembly on the basis set out in the Report.

4. Resolve that the honorarium to the Moderator be £50 per annum, to the Senior Clerk of Assembly £30, and to the Junior Clerk £20, per Assembly.

5. Authorise the assessment for General Assembly's expenses as set forth in the Report. 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 the Report.

6. Authorise the payment to the Treasurership Committee of the New South Wales Church, as Acting Treasurers, two per cent. upon all revenue with the exception of moneys received for capital, and the income of the John Fraser Foreign Missions Endowment Fund Account.

7. Confirm the payments made by the Finance Committee on behalf of the Year-Book, and fix the annual honorarium to the Editor at £21.

8. Authorise the payment of the sum of £20 per annum to the General Presbyterian Alliance, Edinburgh.

9. Convey the special thanks of the Assembly to the Con- vener (Mr. J. R. B. Campbell).”

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. G. Balfour, and approved.

Overture, re
Representation

62. Consideration of the Overture from the Presbytery of the Richmond was resumed.

The special Report of the Finance Committee relative to the Overture was submitted by Mr. J. R. B. Campbell. The Report recommended that the Overture be not sustained, but suggested that the next meeting of the Assembly should not be held until 1933.

It was moved by Mr. J. R. B. Campbell, and seconded by Mr. W. G. Balfour:—

“That the Report be received.”

The motion was approved.

It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Macintyre:—

“That the Assembly sustain the Overture in so far as it raises the matter of expense incurred in attending meetings of Assembly, remit the matter to Presbyteries and State Assemblies for report to next Assembly, and resolve to meet in Melbourne in 1933.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. W. G. Balfour.

The motion was approved.

63. A telegram from the Rev. G. McLaren Scott, acknowledging the Assembly's greetings to the Australian Inland Mission Medical Service, was received. Australian Inland Mission.

64. The minutes of the 12th September were confirmed. Minutes.

65. The Report on Fire Insurance was submitted by the Rev. Norman S. Millar, who moved:— Fire Insurance.

“That the Assembly—

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

2. Recommend the scheme of Church Fire Insurance as adopted by the Queensland Assembly for the favorable consideration of other State Assemblies, and draw attention to the importance of including Clause 16 in any scheme adopted.

3. Appoint the following Committee:—

Messrs. S. J. Carruthers and John Downes (New South Wales), J. M. Carroll, A. W. Harkness, A. G. Proudfoot, and D. C. Robertson (Victoria), Rev. Norman S. Millar (Convener) and W. C. Radcliffe and Mr. G. Johnston (Queensland), Rev. G. Tulloch and Mr. W. Christie (Western Australia), Mr. H. H. Richardson (South Australia), and Mr. G. G. Meredith (Tasmania).”

The motion was seconded by Mr. D. C. Robertson, and approved.

66. The Report on the Mission to the Jews was submitted by the Rev. Alex. Yule, who moved:— Mission to the Jews.

“That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report; thank the Committee, especially the Convener, and re-appoint them as follows:—Revs. A. Yule (Convener), J. Alexander, D. M. Barnet, D. F. Brandt, E. C. Ettmann, J. N. Hey, A. McCallum, R. J. H. McGowan, F. H. L.

Paton, Hugh Paton, D. W. Smith, D. M. Stewart; Miss Richards; Messrs. G. Clifton, L. K. McNab, C. E. Rennie, P. Smith, J. S. Walker, A. R. Wilson.

2. Express thanksgiving to God for Mr. Ettmann's return to the work, and for his prosperity in it.

3. Urge upon the Committee that it keep in mind the possibility of appointing a Missionary to work among the Jews.

4. Request that prayer for Israel's salvation be offered in our congregations throughout the Commonwealth on 28th September, the Sunday which precedes the Day of Atonement (October 2nd); and urge all our people at all times to continue in intercession."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. D. M. Barnet.

The Rev. E. C. Ettmann addressed the Assembly.

The motion was approved.

Authority
to meet.

67. Permission was given to the State Moderators and the Conveners of the Moderator's Committee in each State to meet the following day at 2 p.m.

Canberra
Executive.

68. The Report of the Canberra Church Executive was submitted by Mr. Roland Love, who moved:—

1. That the Report be received, with thanks to the Committee and the Convener.

2. That the co-operative movement in the Federal Territory be again commended.

3. That the Assembly approve the scheme contained in the Report to raise the required funds for completing the buildings, viz., by appealing to the Churches of New South Wales and Victoria to lend £15,000 and £10,000 respectively for five years to overcome the immediate difficulty, these loans to bear interest at £7 per cent. per annum.

4. That the Assembly approve the scheme contained in the Report for providing interest on the money to be so raised, viz., by securing 250 individuals who will each undertake to pay the interest on £100 at 7 per cent. for five years, in order to provide for the guarantee of the interest on such loans.

5. That the Assembly direct that the services of the Commissioner, Rev. John Walker, D.D., be at once set apart primarily for obtaining the guarantees mentioned in the Report and hereby authorised, and that when this particular work has been perfected his services be devoted to making provision for the annual obligations mentioned in the Report.

6. That the Assembly direct that there shall be no expenditure by the Canberra Committee or any other Committee of the Church in respect of the St. Andrew's Church or Parish, except of the money contributed by the Canberra Congregation for its

own Church purposes, without the consent of the Conveners of both the Treasurership and Property Committees of the New South Wales Church and the Executive of the Board of Finance of the Victorian Church. This condition to continue until the loans by the said Churches of New South Wales and Victoria are entirely repaid.

7. That the term of the appointment of the Rev. John Walker, D.D., be renewed from the 1st January, 1931, until the last day of December following the next meeting of the General Assembly of Australia, at the rate of £800 per annum.

8. That in the event of a vacancy occurring in the position of Minister of Canberra and Commissioner of Assembly in relation to Canberra, the Canberra Executive, with the approval of the Commission of Assembly, have the authority to deal with that vacancy and to make any necessary appointment up to the time of the meeting of the General Assembly.

9. That the full Committee appointed at the last Assembly (Minute 25, paragraph 7) be thanked and discharged.

10. That the Executive Committee be as follows: Mr. J. R. B. Campbell, Convener; Messrs. Roland Love, the Procurator, R. W. Gillespie, Andrew Reid, John Ross, M.L.A., Revs. Dr. Macintyre, Dr. Walker, W. A. S. Anderson, with power to co-opt others. Five to be a quorum.

The motion was seconded by Mr. A. G. Proudfoot, and approved.

69. The Assembly adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, which having been publicly intimated the Sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT.

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, York Street, on Tuesday, the 16th September, 1930, at 10 a.m.

The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted.

Home
Missions

70. The Report on Home Missions was submitted by the Right Rev. Donald A. Cameron, who moved:—

That the Assembly receive the report, thank the Committee and Convener; give thanks to God for blessing on the work done, recognise the faithful and self-denying service of Home Missionaries, office bearers, and Christian workers in the various stations, emphasises the great example set by other branches of the Presbyterian Church throughout the world, and urge our people in both settled charges and Home Mission Stations to give themselves heartily and generously to the evangelising of our own land.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. A. W. Ivory.

Papua.

It was moved as an amendment by the Rev. W. C. Radcliffe, in accordance with notice of motion (Minute 15), that the following words be added:—

That the matter of supplying services to Papua and the Mandated Territories be remitted to the Home Mission Committee for consideration, and such action as may be deemed necessary, provided that the requisite financial arrangements can be made.

The motion was duly seconded, and approved.

Alexander
Earle
Fund.

The Rt. Rev. D. A. Cameron moved the amendment, of which he had given notice (Minute 17), relative to the allocation of the interest of the Alexander Earle Fund.

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

The motion as amended was approved.

Social
Services.

71. The Report on Social Services was submitted by the Rt. Rev. D. A. Cameron, who moved:—

That the Assembly receive the report; thank the Committee and the Convener; express appreciation of the generosity of the family of the late Mr. Archibald, and of the gift of Mrs. McCracken; approve of the advance made and commend the work to all the State Churches as a Christian duty, and an effective way of making known Christ's power, wisdom and love; and appoint the following Committee:—Right Rev. D. A. Cameron (Convener); Revs. Dr. Macintyre, T. Brown, V. C. Bell, D. McKay Barnet, G. Cameron Wood, W. L. Collins, P. L. Forster,

D. S. Jones, James Walker, G. Tulloch, N. L. D. Webster, Hubert Robertson, and W. E. Watkins; Messrs. J. R. B. Campbell, J. Balfour, Geo Johnston, A. F. Whitehill, and W. B. Wilson.

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

72. The Report on Beneficiary Funds was submitted by Mr. ^{Beneficiary} A. G. Proudfoot, who moved:—_{Funds.}

That the Assembly,

1. Receive the Report, thank the committee and authorise it to continue its work during the next three years, and report to the next Assembly.

2. Reconstitute the Committee as follows: Mr. A. G. Proudfoot (Convener), Revs. W. A. S. Anderson, J. L. Cope, J. Paterson, E. F. Campbell, R. C. Foyster, W. H. Steele, W. Tait, W. Gray, E. D. Pearson, D. Galloway, and W. C. Radcliffe, Messrs. S. J. Carruthers, J. R. B. Campbell, A. Mayes, W. H. Thompson, G. Roland Love.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. W. A. S. Anderson.

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

That the following paragraph be inserted after Paragraph 1:—That the General Assembly request the New South Wales Assembly to reconsider the scheme for a proposed Australian Beneficiary Fund, and the question submitted to it by the General Assembly of 1928.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. J. H. Hewitt, and approved, and the number of the final paragraph was changed from 2 to 3.

The motion as amended was approved.

73. The Committee on the Book of Common Order was ^{Book of} reappointed. _{Order.}

74. The Report on the Year Book was submitted by the ^{Year} Rev. John Waugh, who moved:—_{Book.}

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report;

2. Express its appreciation of the services of the Editor (Rev. J. R. Fiddian, M.Sc.), and the Manager (Rev. W. Goyen);

3. Continue the subsidy of £30 per annum, if found necessary;

4. Request Ministers and Office-bearers to encourage the circulation of the Year Book among their people.

The motion was duly seconded, and approved.

Moderator's
Committee.

75. The Report of the Moderator's Committee was submitted by the Rev. W. A. S. Anderson, who moved:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.

2. Congratulate the Rev. Alexander Crow upon the large number of visits made and great tracts of country travelled during his term of office, visits which were appreciated by the people and were a decided help to the Church.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. M. Campbell, and approved.

Church
and Creed.

76. The Report on the Church's Attitude to its Creed was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Anderson, who moved:—

1. That the Report be received.

2. That the Committee be thanked and discharged.

The motion was duly seconded.

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

That the word "discharged" be omitted with a view to inserting other words, viz.: reappointed, with the following additions:—The Revs. Professor Edward and A. D. Marchant (New South Wales), and the Revs. Professors F. E. Oxe and Hector Maclean (Victoria).

The motion was seconded by the Rev. W. G. Maconochie, and approved.

The motion as amended was approved.

Immigration.

77. The Report on Immigration was submitted by the Rev. J. C. Milliken, who moved:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive and adopt the Report.

2. Regret that it has been found necessary to partially suspend immigration to Australia owing to the untoward circumstances at present existing, and express the hope that with God's blessing such conditions will return as will lead to the removal of these restrictions in assisted immigration to Australia, and the resumption of facilities for our kith and kin from overseas being brought to assist in the development of our resources and the strengthening of the Churches.

3. Commend the Immigration Committees of the State Churches whose reports are appended for so cordially receiving and seeing to the welfare of our people from overseas on arrival; thank the Ministers and Home Missionaries for visiting them on arrival in their parishes and with the people showing them kindness so as to make them feel at home in their new and strange surroundings; and join in the hope that existing agencies will be kept going in the day of small things and wait expect-

antly for a larger number of migrants to land that with returning prosperity will be brought to Australia.

4. Congratulate the Church of New South Wales on gaining by its Family Settlement Scheme many families in country parishes, and workers direct from overseas, to assist in various offices and activities of the congregations of the Church.

5. Urge the State Churches to consider the advisability of making arrangements to meet and welcome at their respective ports the tourists expected to arrive in Australia under the auspices of the Australian National Travel Association, and give them information about the Institutions and activities of the Church of Australia as they may be able.

6. Appoint the Immigration Committee as follows, the Victorian members to be the Executive: Rt. Rev. Dr. Borland, Convener; Revs. D. A. Cameron, Hugh Jones, W. Thomson, A. C. Weber, N. L. D. Webster, J. C. Milliken, E. H. Vines, G. Tulloch, A. E. Brice, Alexander Duff, W. C. Radcliffe, J. C. Jones and C. Matear, Messrs. C. Mackinnon, H. J. Ramsay, W. Urquhart, R. S. Byrnes, J. Downes, A. S. Barr, G. G. Meredith, J. B. Gurr, W. Christie, R. Bracks, P. Porteous, W. Tulloch, and L. V. M. Leal.

The motion was duly seconded, and approved.

78. The Ballot was taken.

Ballot.

79. It was agreed to give the Rev. Wm. Johnston a Commission to represent the Presbyterian Church of Australia at the meeting of the Presbyterian Alliance at Belfast in 1933.

Rev. W. Johnston.

80. It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Macintyre:—

Commission of Assembly.

That the Assembly:—

1. Resolve that a Commission of the Assembly, to operate between the close of this General Assembly and the commencement of next Assembly, be appointed, with full Assembly power, to deal with and finally determine all such matters as may in its opinion be proper to be so dealt with, and determined on grounds of urgency or on such other grounds as it may in its absolute discretion deem proper or expedient;

In all its actings the Commission shall proceed according to the Constitution of the Church, and shall be accountable to the next General Assembly;

Such Commission to consist of fifteen members, and the Moderator-General as Chairman thereof.

2. Resolve that the following be the members of the said Commission, namely: the Moderator (Rt. Rev. D. A. Cameron); the Revs. J. Edwards, Karl Forster, Mervyn Henderson, R. W. Macaulay, Dr. Macintyre, John Mackenzie, A. S. McCook, J. C. Milliken, W. C. Radcliffe, and George Tait; Messrs. W. G. Balfour, J. R. B. Campbell, J. A. Ferguson, G. Roland Love, and A. G. Proudfoot;

Ten to form a quorum.

3. Resolve that the said Commission shall meet in Sydney and shall be summoned from time to time, as occasion may require, by the authority of the Moderator-General by notice in writing addressed to each member at least fourteen days before the day appointed for the meeting.

4. Resolve that vacancies in the membership of the said Commission, howsoever caused, shall be filled by appointment under the hand of the Moderator-General.

5. Instruct the Finance Committee to pay the first-class return railway fares of representatives attending meetings of the Commission.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. M. Campbell, and approved.

Canberra
Building.

81. The Report of the Canberra Building Committee was submitted by the Rev. Dr. Walker, who moved:—

That the Report be received, and the Committee thanked and reappointed.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. N. S. Millar, and approved.

Reception of
Ministers.

82. Consideration of the Report of the Reception of Ministers' Committee was resumed. The Committee's Report on the case of the Rev. O. Stennett (Minute 38) was submitted by the Rev. A. S. McCook.

The Report recommended that the prayer of the petition be granted, subject to Mr. Stennett's attending for three years at a Theological Hall, and passing the Exit Examination in all subjects except Hebrew; and that he serve the required period of one year under a Home Mission Committee.

The recommendation was approved.

Minutes.

83. The Minutes of the 15th inst. were confirmed.

Reference:
Home
Mission
Committee.

84. The Reference from the State Assembly of Victoria, relative to the nomenclature of the Home Mission Committee, was laid on the table.

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

That the Assembly receive the Reference, and declare that the purpose of the Reference has already been achieved by a resolution of this Assembly. (Minutes 43, par. 12, and 48).

The motion was seconded and approved.

Alexander
Earle
Fund.

85. The Report of the Home Mission Committee relative to the Alexander Earle Fund was submitted.

The Report recommended that the interest be allocated as follows:—1-6th to Queensland; 1-6th to Tasmania; 1-3rd to South Australia; and 1-3rd to Western Australia.

The recommendation was approved.

86. By leave of the House, Mr. W. T. Seaward moved the motion of which he had given notice (Minute 30) in the following form:—^{Films.}

1. That this Assembly, recognising the necessity for careful censorship of Films, and believing that the Chief Commonwealth Censor is earnestly desirous to this end, commends his endeavours to secure that the standard of Films in Australia is maintained at such a level as will raise, and not lower, the moral tone of the community.

2. That a copy of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Customs, with a request that the standards of censorship be made as high as possible in view of the moral influence exercised by Films upon the community, especially upon the younger generation.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. Dr. Macintyre, and approved.

87. Mr. S. J. Carruthers reported, on behalf of the scrutineers, that the Revs. J. Barnaby, Dr. Borland, A. G. M. Carter, D. J. Flockhart, W. G. Forsyth, R. W. Macaulay, and James Walker had been elected to the College Committee, and the Revs. J. A. Crockett, J. F. Forrest, and W. Gray, and Messrs. M. H. Finlayson, John Ross, and W. H. Thompson to the Board of Missions.^{Ballot.}

The Report was received, and the Clerks were instructed to revise the list of members accordingly.

88. The Report on Statistics was submitted by Mr. S. J. Carruthers, who moved:—^{Statistics.}

That the Report be received and the thanks of the Assembly given to Convener and the Committee, and to those who sent in their returns.

The motion was seconded and approved.

89. The Report of the Committee appointed to draft a Pastoral Letter relative to Australia's position and responsibility was submitted by the Rev. R. W. Macaulay, who moved:—^{National Responsibility.}

That the Assembly approve generally of the Pastoral Letter; remit it to the Committee for completion; authorise the Moderator to sign and issue it; and direct it to be read from all pulpits of the Church in Australia on Armistice Sunday or the next convenient Sunday.

The motion was seconded, and approved.

90. The Rev. R. W. Macaulay moved the motion of which he had given notice (Minute 51) relative to the present economic and industrial situation in Australia.^{Economic and Industrial Situation.}

The motion was duly seconded, and approved.

League of Nations.

91. By leave of the House, Mr. W. T. Seaward moved the motion relative to the League of Nations, of which the Rev. R. W. Macaulay had given notice (Minute 52).

The motion was seconded by the Rev. R. W. Macaulay, and approved.

Theological Students.

92. Mr. W. T. Seaward moved the motion relative to instruction of students for the ministry in Church Law and Procedure, etc., of which he had given notice (Minute 45).

The motion was seconded by the Rev. C. A. White, and approved.

Special Committees.

93. The Clerks were instructed to revise the list of members of Special Committees, and make any necessary changes.

Business Committee.

94. The following Business Committee was appointed to act between Assemblies:—Revs. Dr. Macintyre (Convener), John Edwards, J. C. Milliken, and W. A. S. Anderson, Messrs. S. J. Carruthers, Roland Love, and Wm. Urquhart.

Adjournment.

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

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, York Street, on
Tuesday, the 16th September, 1930, at 7.30 p.m.

The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted.

96. It was moved by the Rev. Dr. Macintyre:—

Thanks of
Assembly:
Hospitality.

That the thanks of the General Assembly be given to the New South Wales Hospitality and Arrangements Committee for the admirable arrangements made, and the generous hospitality extended to members.

That the thanks of the Assembly be given to the Women's Missionary Association of New South Wales for hospitality in connection with Assembly luncheons, and for other hospitality extended to members and their wives.

The motion was duly seconded, and approved unanimously.

97. It was moved by the Rev. R. W. Macaulay:—

Burnside
Homes.

That the thanks of the General Assembly be given to the Directors, and particularly to the Managing Director, of the Burnside Homes, in connection with the visit to the Homes on Saturday, the 13th September; to friends who provided motor-cars; to the ladies of St. Andrew's congregation, Parramatta, for providing afternoon tea; to the Trustees of the State Assembly of New South Wales for the use of the Assembly Hall, and to the General Secretary and the Staff for their invaluable assistance.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Wm. McRae, and approved.

98. According to arrangement, a Demonstration was held in connection with the Australian Inland Mission.

A.I.M.
Demonstration

99. Addresses were delivered by the Right Rev. the Moderator-General, the Chairman of the Australian Inland Mission Board (Mr. D. Sneddon), the Patrol Organizer of the Australian Inland Mission (Rev. J. A. Barber), and the Superintendent of the Australian Inland Mission (Rev. John Flynn).

100. 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 would be held in the Assembly Hall, Melbourne, on the second Wednesday of September, 1933, at 7.30 p.m., and the minutes of this day's Sederunts having been confirmed, the Session was closed with the benediction.

Close of
Assembly.

DONALD A. CAMERON,

Moderator-General.

GEORGE TAIT, Clerk.

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEES

Judicial Commission (38).

Rev. Dr. Macintyre	Mr. J. A. Ferguson
J. Edwards	J. H. Balfour
C. A. White	J. H. Beatson
W. A. S. Anderson	J. Downes
A. D. Marchant	D. Sneddon
James Gibson	Major T. MacLeod
A. M. Mackillop	Mr. F. T. Grove
W. C. Radcliffe	Dr. W. A. Sanderson
Robert Millar	Sir John MacFarland
A. A. Mackenzie	Mr. J. M. Campbell
A. C. Weber	A. G. Proudfoot
E. E. Baldwin	G. C. Ligertwood
R. W. Macaulay	G. G. Meredith
J. Mackenzie	Rev. M. Henderson
G. Tait	W. Johnston
J. Smiley	
R. C. Foyster	
A. Crow	
Neil McDonald	
G. Tulloch	
J. C. Jones	
W. F. Shannon	
D. Chapman	

Convener: Right Rev. the Moderator.

Board of Missions (20).

Rev. A. Fleming	Mr. P. Smith
N. Hey	John Ross, Junr.
Dr. Gunn	M. H. Finlayson
G. K. Kirke	R. A. McIlwraith
W. Gray	H. R. Balfour
J. A. Crockett	W. Christie
T. W. Leggatt	W. H. Thompson
H. C. Matthew	Rev. N. L. D. Webster
F. H. L. Paton	J. F. Forrest
E. W. Hogben	
F. J. Thomas	
J. C. Jones	
J. McMaster	

Convener: Rev. T. W. Leggatt.

Code (20).

Rev. John Edwards	Mr. J. A. Ferguson
Dr. Macintyre	A. G. Baxter
W. A. S. Anderson	G. C. Ligertwood
V. Clark Duff	G. Johnston
N. S. Millar	J. M. Campbell
W. C. Radcliffe	A. G. Proudfoot
J. A. Craigen	Dr. W. A. Sanderson
E. E. Baldwin	
G. Tait	
R. W. Macaulay	
N. McDonald	
C. Matear	
W. Gray	

Conveners: Rev. G. Tait and Mr. J. M. Campbell.

College (20).

Rev. D. F. Brandt
 T. J. Williams
 J. Edwards
 A. S. McCook
 N. S. Millar
 S. Martin
 E. E. Baldwin
 K. Forster
 James Walker
 A. M. MacKillop
 D. J. Flockhart
 W. Grant Forsyth

Rev. H. M. Burns
 Dr. Borland
 J. Barnaby
 R. W. Macaulay
 A. G. Mackintosh Carter
 Professor A. D. Ross
 Mr. D. K. Picken
 W. W. Briggs

X Convener: Rev. Dr. Borland. X

Finance (20).

Rev. W. A. S. Anderson
 W. C. Radcliffe
 Mr. J. H. Beatson
 G. Johnston
 W. G. Balfour
 R. A. McIlwraith
 W. H. Thompson
 W. Christie
 Roland Love

Mr. J. R. B. Campbell
 Hon. J. M. Hunter
 Mr. Alex Mayes
 A. G. Proudfoot
 D. K. Picken
 E. A. Black
 S. J. Carruthers
 G. G. Meredith
 J. Downes
 A. D. Young
 J. M. Balfour

Convener: Mr. J. R. B. Campbell.

Home Missions (24).

Rev. A. J. Doig
 D. J. Flockhart
 C. F. D. McAlpine
 D. M. Barnet
 T. Harvey
 J. A. Barber
 J. Barnaby
 H. A. Buntine
 P. L. Forster
 G. Tulloch
 D. A. Cameron
 F. E. Yarnall
 J. A. Crockett

Rev. A. D. Leckie
 A. S. McCook
 W. C. Radcliffe
 W. F. Shannon
 D. Chapman
 A. W. Ivory
 Mr. A. S. Barr
 E. A. Black
 Donald Ross, Junr.
 M. H. Finlayson

Convener. Rev. D. A. Cameron.

Reception of Ministers (20).

Rev. A. S. McCook
 A. J. Doig
 A. M. MacKillop
 X Dr. Borland
 K. Forster
 Dr. Anderson
 Dr. Angus
 Rev. D. J. Flockhart
 C. A. White
 A. D. Marchant
 W. W. Smith
 Professor Oxer
 James Walker
 N. S. Millar

V. Clark Duff
 J. Edwards
 G. Tulloch
 A. C. Weber
 F. E. Yarnall
 Mr. D. K. Picken

Convener: Rev. A. S. McCook X

Statistics (20).

Rev. D. M. Barnett
 G. M. Torbett
 J. C. Milliken
 W. Meikle
 E. H. Chapple
 A. C. Grieve
 J. R. Fiddian
 F. L. Heriot
 J. C. Jones
 W. Gray
 A. W. Ivory
 H. G. Dwyer

Mr. S. J. Carruthers
 W. G. Crane
 John Campbell
 R. A. McIlwraith
 J. Hope
 John Steele
 H. J. Ramsay
 P. Smith
 J. Holdsworth
 W. Christie
 J. Downes
 C. R. James

Convener. Mr. S. J. Carruthers.

Year Book (20).

Rev. J. C. Milliken
 A. M. Ogilvie
 D. M. Barnett
 Hubert Robertson
 E. F. Cameron
 J. R. Fiddian
 R. A. Green
 E. W. Hogben
 J. Waugh
 A. D. Marchant
 J. C. Jones
 R. W. Macaulay
 E. D. Pearson

Rev. W. Gray
 R. Campbell
 W. F. Shannon
 Mr. John Campbell
 W. H. Thompson
 G. G. Meredith
 R. Bracks

Convener: Rev. John Waugh

Board of Religious Education (20).

Rev. J. Mackenzie
 Professor Hector Maclean
 J. B. Galloway
 H. Clark
 E. H. Vines
 G. R. S. Reid
 J. C. Jamieson
 Karl Forster
 W. H. Waters
 R. Millar
 A. D. Marchant
 J. K. Robertson

Rev. N. McDonald
 A. W. Ivory
 A. D. Marchant
 Mr. John Campbell
 C. J. R. Price
 N. F. Nelson
 Miss Quine
 Janet Hopkins

Convener: Rev. John Mackenzie.

Australian Inland Mission (24).

Rev. A. J. Doig
 J. Flynn
 D. J. Flockhart
 D. P. Macdonald
 J. C. Milliken
 R. C. Racklyeft
 G. C. Wood
 T. Harvey
 W. C. Radcliffe
 J. Barber
 J. A. Barnaby
 H. A. Buntine
 D. A. Cameron

Rev. H. C. Matthew
 J. Walker
 D. Chapman
 F. H. Patterson
 E. D. Pearson
 Mr. D. Sneddon
 H. L. Atkinson
 C. W. D. Conacher
 J. R. B. Campbell
 Dr. G. Simpson
 Mr. E. A. Black

Convener: Mr. D. Sneddon.

Special Committees

A.I.M. Councils.—See Minute 19, Paragraph 11.

Attitude of the Church to Her Creed.—Rev. Dr. E. E. Anderson, Convener. **New South Wales:** Rev. E. E. Anderson, Dr. Angus, D. F. Brandt, Professor Edward, J. Edwards, D. J. Flockhart, G. A. Gordon, A. D. Marchant, A. S. McCook, R. J. H. McGowan, Dr. Macintyre, J. C. Milliken, G. R. S. Reid, W. P. Stewart, Dr. R. Scott West, and T. J. Williams; Messrs. A. G. Baxter, J. H. Beatson, W. G. Geikie; Rev. Dr. E. E. Anderson, Convener. **Queensland:** Revs. R. Bardon, J. Gibson, J. A. Hunter, A. M. MacKillop, and W. C. Radcliffe, Messrs. J. Campbell and J. K. Stewart; Rev. W. C. Radcliffe, Convener. **South Australia:** Revs. Dr. Davidson, W. F. Shannon, Dr. C. D. Duguid, and Mr. G. C. Ligertwood; Rev. W. F. Shannon, Convener. **Tasmania:** Revs. C. Matear, G. E. Harrison, and J. C. Jones; Messrs. G. Bingham, G. G. Meredith, and H. C. Buchanan; Rev. W. Mabin, Convener. **Victoria:** Revs. Dr. Borland, D. A. Cameron, J. Gillies, John Mackenzie, P. J. Murdoch, Professor Maclean, Professor Oxer, F. H. L. Paton, A. G. Roy, George Tait; Sir John MacFarland; Messrs. J. M. Campbell, L. K. McNab, D. K. Picken, and A. G. Proudfoot; Rev. F. H. L. Paton, Convener. **Western Australia:** Professor A. D. Ross; Messrs. P. C. Anderson, F. W. Berry, and W. Christie. Professor Ross, Convener.

Beneficiary Fund.—See Minute 72.

Book of Common Order.—Rev. Dr. Scott West (Convener), Revs. Dr. Macintyre, Dr. E. E. Anderson, Dr. Angus, Dr. Kenneth Edward, G. A. Gordon, J. B. Galloway, W. C. Radcliffe, J. Gibson, A. E. Macdonald, P. J. Murdoch, W. H. Steele, R. W. Macaulay, D. Macrae Stewart, Professor Gillies, and W. Goyen.

Business.—See Minute 94.

Canberra Executive.—Mr. J. R. B. Campbell Convener; Messrs. G. Roland Love, the Procurator, R. W. Gillespie, Andrew Reid, and John Ross, M.L.A.; Revs. Dr. Macintyre, Dr. Walker, and W. A. S. Anderson, with power to co-opt. others. Five to be a quorum.

Canberra Building Committee.—Revs. Dr. Borland (Convener), Dr. Scott West, D. A. Cameron, D. Macrae Stewart, Professor Oxer, John Walker, N. S. Millar, Dr. Macintyre, Dr. Angus, and Dr. Davidson; Sir John MacFarland; Messrs. H. H. Kemp, Herbert E. Ross, Andrew Reid, A. Kemp, T. M. Shakespeare, E. Smith, J. M. Pringle, H. D. McBean, and F. T. Grove; with power to co-opt.

Christian Unity.—See Minute 11.

Fire Insurance.—See Minute 65.

Immigration.—See Minute 77, paragraph 6.

Mission to the Jews.—See Minute 66, paragraph 1.

Moderator's Committee.—Revs. W. A. S. Anderson and W. J. Gray, Messrs. J. R. B. Campbell and W. Cowan, N.S.W.; Revs. G. M. Baird and J. Smiley, and Mr. W. H. Thompson, Victoria; Rev. W. C. Radcliffe and N. Millar, and Hon. J. M. Hunter, Queensland; Revs. G. Tulloch and A. Crow, and Mr. W. Christie, Western Australia; Revs. W. F. Shannon and A. C. Weber, South Australia; and Rev. J. C. Jones and Mr. G. G. Meredith, Tasmania.

Naval and Military.—See Minute 53, paragraph 4.

Religion in the Home.—See Minute 54, paragraph 4.

Social Services.—See Minute 71.

Suva Commission.—The Clerks of Assembly, the Rev. P. J. Murdoch, and the Rev. J. Smiley (Convener).

Commission of Assembly.—The Right Rev. D. A. Cameron (Moderator-General); the Revs. J. Edwards, Karl Forster, Mervyn Henderson, R. W. Macaulay, Dr. Macintyre, John Mackenzie, A. S. McCook, J. C. Milliken, W. C. Radcliffe, and George Tait; Messrs. W. G. Balfour, J. R. B. Campbell, J. A. Ferguson, G. Roland Love, and A. G. Proudfoot. Ten to form a quorum. Moderator-General to fill vacancies.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

AND OTHER PAPERS

PRESENTED TO

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AUSTRALIA



SYDNEY, SEPTEMBER, 1930

Communications

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

121 George Street,
Edinburgh, November, 1929.

At the reunion of the Church of Scotland and the United Free Church of Scotland in Edinburgh, on 2nd and 3rd October, the General Assembly was honored and encouraged by the presence of many distinguished delegates, and by numerous messages of congratulation, from all parts of the world. Among the greetings were those of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. And in the name of the General Assembly I thank you cordially; your message of goodwill and encouragement was received with gladness, and I assure you of our gratitude and high regard.

That this Reunion should have evoked such wide-spread approval is a matter for devout thankfulness to God, Who has brought us to this day of realised hope and of answered prayer. We pray that it may redound to His glory and further the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour.

Again I thank you for the kindly interest you have shown at this time, and trust that in days to come our fellowship may be even more intimate

With Christian regard, Yours faithfully,

JOHN WHITE, Moderator.

RE CHURCH UNION.

PRESBYTERIAN, CONGREGATIONAL AND METHODIST REPRESENTATIVES
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

To the Rt. Rev. the Moderator, Woodville, 23rd July, 1930.
and Brethren of the General Assembly
of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Dear Sir and Brethren,

We, the undersigned, being the representatives of the Presbyterian, Congregational, and Methodist Churches of South Australia, request the favorable consideration of the General Assembly to the following resolution which was unanimously agreed upon at a meeting of ministers and laymen representing the three Churches, held in Adelaide, on Thursday, July 3rd, 1930:—

“This meeting, representing the Congregational, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches of South Australia, having considered the matter of the Union of the three Churches, urges that the Congregational Union of Australia, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the General Conference of the Methodist Church, shall each appoint representatives to form a General Committee to consider the union of the three Churches on a Federal basis.”

Having regard to the fact that during recent years there has been closer co-operation between us in spiritual and moral issues, and believing that there is a general desire for the renewal of negotiations for union, and that such union will be to the greater glory of Almighty God and the furthering of His Kingdom, we have taken this course after much prayer and searching of heart. We believe that our brethren of the Presbyterian Church devoutly desire the consideration of the proposal which we lay before you, assuring you of our prayers, for the blessing of God upon your deliberations.

Yours in the Name of our Lord,

FRANK LADE, President-General of the Methodist Church of Australasia.
H. G. DWYER, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of South Australia.
D. S. KIEK, Chairman of the Congregational Union of South Australia.

J. H. ALLEN, President of the Conference of the Methodist Church of South Australia.

W. FLOYD SHANNON, Clerk of the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of South Australia.

E. J. STACY, Secretary of the Congregational Union of South Australia.

S. CARROLL MYERS, Secretary of Conference of the Methodist Church of South Australia.

(Note. It was explained to the Assembly that the Ministers who signed the foregoing letter did so in their private and not in their representative capacity).

COMMUNICATION FROM METHODIST CHURCH OF AUSTRALASIA.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE.

REV. GEORGE TAIT,

Dear Sir,

The accompanying resolution was unanimously agreed upon at the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church of South Australia held in March. It was accordingly forwarded to the Annual Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of South Australia, and I have received a letter from the Clerk to the Assembly, the Rev. W. Floyd Shannon, in which he states, "The resolution sent on from your Conference was received with satisfaction and thankfulness. I was instructed to suggest to you that as we cannot take any steps towards an organic union except through the General Assembly of Australia, you should forward it direct to that body. It is hoped that something may come out of it that will lead to practical results."

I may say that the Council of the Congregational Union have elected a Committee to consider the proposal, and if your General Assembly would also favorably consider it and elect a Committee also, it is possible that some progress may be made toward the Union for which we pray.

May I ask therefore that you will kindly bring the Resolution before the General Assembly at its meeting in September.

Yours very truly,

S. CARROLL MYERS.

Secretary of the Conference of the Methodist Church of South Australia.

Resolution of the Conference of the Methodist Church of South Australia at the Annual Conference in March, 1930.

"That this Conference of the Methodist Church of South Australia again declares its conviction that the Union of the Churches is in accordance with the will of God, and for the advancement of His Kingdom. It hereby appoints a Committee to confer with representatives of the Congregational and Presbyterian Churches in this State with a view to the renewal of negotiations for Union between the three denominations on a federal basis, and to report to the District Synods and the next Conference."

Committee:—The President and Secretary of the Conference, the President-General (Rev. F. Lade, M.A.), the Revs. W. T. Shapley and E. T. Pryor; Messrs. S. W. Jeffries, LL.B., J. F. Ward, M.A., A. T. Wreford, F. H. Griffiths, J. H. Hobbs, and R. D. Nicholls, M.P.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

Dear Mr. Moderator-General,
Stow Memorial Church, Adelaide,
16th January, 1930.

At the Biennial Assembly of the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand, held in Brisbane last May, the following resolution concerning Church Union was passed. I am sending it on to you so that officially our

brethren and friends in the Presbyterian Church of Australia may know the present feeling of our Assembly on this matter.

Rev. W. L. Patison moved an amendment, of which notice had been given, seconded by Dr. Wright. The amendment became the subsequent motion, and was carried as follows: While fully appreciating the need of closer union between such sections of the Christian Church as are able to find no bar in conscience, to their union, and sympathising with the spirit and intention of the request of the Queensland Union to consider the union of the Methodist and Congregational Churches, this Assembly respectfully suggests that consideration of the request be deferred, and that steps be taken by the Federal bodies of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches to explore the possibilities of co-operation, with closer union as the definite goal. The Assembly, therefore, requests the Committee on Church Union to confer with such representatives as may be appointed by the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches and to report to the Federal Executive.

With greetings and goodwill to the great Church you represent,

Yours fraternally,

The Moderator-General,
The Presbyterian Church of Australia.

G. H. WRIGHT

COMMUNICATION FROM REV. J. JACKSON.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia.

Brethren,

I beg respectfully to call your attention to the unfair treatment I have received at the hands of the Presbytery of Melbourne South in the matter of holiday allowance as Minister of the Suva Congregation for a period of three years. I was appointed by the Synod of Melbourne to the charge in May, 1925, and completed my term of service in April (30th), 1928. I was therefore entitled to holiday allowance for this period of three years—a month's salary for each year of service, the salary being at the rate of £350 per annum—£250 paid by the congregation, and £100 by the General Assembly. The congregation paid their share of the allowance, three months salary (£62/10/-), but the Presbytery refused to pay the Assembly's share, and for reasons stated in their letter to myself, dated 6th November, 1929. In addition to the holiday allowance, return fares to Australia for Mrs. Jackson and myself were also due me, and a sum of £12/10/- which I claim for acting as interim moderator for a period of four months (June 1st to September 30th, 1928). This made three claims in all on the Presbytery, and the following letter received by me from the Presbytery's Clerk, the Rev. John Smiley, B.A., gives the Presbytery's reply (I add the comments which I passed on to Mr. Smiley in certain letters sent him) " your letter was addressed to me (dated 2/11/28) personally. I considered I ought to put your three claims before the Presbytery, and get its instructions. These instructions are as follows:—

(1) "In regard to your holiday allowance, after examining the minutes relating to your appointment, the Presbytery is satisfied that there was no holiday allowance. The contributing Churches made a grant of £100 towards your stipend, the congregation arranged for your holidays.

(2) "In regard to your claim for £12/10/-, your appointment terminated on May 31st, 1928.

(3) "In regard to your claim for return fares from Suva to Australia the minutes show that the travelling expenses of the Minister appointed, to and from Suva, were to be paid, but as you did not return to Australia there were no travelling expenses incurred.

"The Presbytery further instructed me to say that it is not a free agent in this matter, it is simply the Administrator of a trust fund for the contributing Churches, and must act in accordance with the conditions laid down

in the agreement. If it were simply a matter of sentiment it would perhaps act differently."

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. SMILEY.

Sandringham, Victoria,

6th November, 1929.

Claim 1.—Comment: Even if it be the case that no mention about a holiday allowance is made in the late Synod's minutes that does not settle the matter, for it is common practice to-day to give every Minister in a charge an annual holiday. Here is what the Moderator of the New Zealand Church has to say about the matter: "It does seem to me that you are entitled to some holiday after service there. Over here there is no settlement made in these days without it being stipulated that the Minister is entitled to a month's holiday every year, and that of course carries with it full payment while on leave." (New Zealand is one of the contributing Churches). Further, I have in my possession a letter—a Synod paper—which the Clerk of the late Synod, Rev. Hugh A. Buntine, sent me and which contains a reference to a holiday ("The Synod also gratefully accepts your offer to take your holidays at the close of your term in Suva. This will be a great help in view of the fact that the Synod will probably disappear in November") while the same official informed the Rev. H. O'Sullivan, of Yea, Victoria, when making inquiries in view of a vacancy, that the stipend was £350 with four weeks holiday per year. Then my predecessor, Rev. G. L. Johnson, now of North Melbourne, Victoria, was given a holiday allowance ("our return fares (3) were paid, and I had two months holiday pay. I left Fiji a little before my three years were up, as I wanted to get back for the Assembly. So far as I remember the Suva Board paid me their share, and the Synod the balance. I am not sure of the exact amount, but I was paid at the rate of £300 p.a. I had no trouble about getting my money." What more convincing evidence is required to prove that my claim is a just one? The congregation did their part, but according to the Presbytery's view of the position they should have seen that the Presbytery did its part.

Claim 2.—Comment: My three years terminated on 30th April, 1928, not on 31st May, 1928, as stated by Mr. Smiley, and I was asked by the Synod to continue until the end of the year. I was so situated that I could not do this. Then I was asked, along with the session, to arrange for the supply of the pulpit until the end of September. I consented to do this, and was able to secure the services of Dr. Stevenson, of Canada, with whom I had been in correspondence. Here is Mr. Smiley's own acknowledgment, that I acted as interim moderator for the four months, 1st June to 30th September: "The Presbytery has appointed Dr. Stevenson as supply till December 31st, 1928, and as you have stated that you are unable to continue to act as interim moderator your resignation has been accepted." I am justly entitled to remuneration for the service rendered when I was drawing no salary. What I claim is the difference between the sum paid Dr. Stevenson for pulpit supply and the regular stipend. This obviously should be paid by the Congregation, but the Presbytery should see that it is paid.

Claim 3.—Comment: I could have taken my holiday in June, 1928, but postponed it until later in the interests of the proposed union, and was thanked by the Synod for my willingness to help. Then I was not going to incur the expense of tickets until I was sure that the money would be forthcoming. I wrote to the Presbytery about the matter on 2nd November, 1928, but did not receive an answer until thirteen (13) months had elapsed.

There is one passage in Mr. Smiley's letter that I cannot understand. At the time of his writing all the money in the Presbytery's possession, the money received from the contributing Churches for stipend and fares, had been handed over to the Suva Congregation, the larger portion of which has since been used by them to pay for building repairs and manse furnishing. Has this money been used according to the conditions referred to in the

closing part of his letter? It is out of this money that my claims should be met, and I have informed the congregation to this effect, so that they may not be taken unawares should you decide this appeal in my favor.

I have reason to believe that all the facts were not before the Presbytery when it came to its decision, and I trust that this further statement of my case will enable the General Assembly to come to a just decision.

Yours sincerely,

JAMES JACKSON.

Nuvua, Fiji,

30th June, 1930.

P.S. 1.—The Rev. Hugh A. Buntine, who was clerk of the Synod that appointed me, is the official who dealt with my appointment, and consequently he should be fully conversant with the facts of the case. I wrote him twice about the matter in dispute. No answer came to my first letter. A reply to the second letter came through a relative of mine to the effect that he had sent on the information asked for to the Presbytery of Melbourne South, and that he was too busy at the time to write me, but would do so later. His reply has not yet reached me. I do not know what statement he made to the Presbytery, but an earlier letter of his to myself in which he speaks of "holidays," together with his reply to Mr. O'Sullivan's inquiries, is clear proof that he could not do otherwise than support my claim.

2. I drew the attention of the congregation to the following "statement" made by the Presbytery of Melbourne South in its letter to myself: "The contributing churches made a grant of £100 towards your stipend, the congregation arranged for your holidays." (If this "statement" is the result of the re-statement of the conditions referred to in a communication received by me from the New South Wales Church.—"The conditions under which the work is being carried on at Suva were recently re-stated for the information of our H. M. Department in a communication from the Rev. J. Smiley, clerk of Melbourne South, and these conditions were considered and accepted by our General Assembly in May"—then it has no bearing on my case, for I was not appointed by the Presbytery of Melbourne South. I am exactly in the same position as was my predecessor, the Rev. G. L. Johnson, and I claim to be treated as he was). This I said threw the whole responsibility for holiday arrangements on the Congregation, but their Board of Management refused to act on this. The Presbytery whom they consulted, said the Congregation owed me nothing, and so no further action has been taken by them. It appears a reasonable proposal, seeing that the congregation was put into possession of the money out of which my claim would be met.

3. With regard to my third claim, what I have asked for, meanwhile, was the setting apart the cost of tickets to be made available when required.

J. J.

Overtures, Etc.

OVERTURE RE ELDERSHIP.

At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, on Wednesday, the 7th May, 1930, the Assembly met, pursuant to adjournment at 7.30 p.m., and was constituted.

Inter alia: The Overture relative to the tenure of the Eldership was submitted by the Rev George Tait, who moved:—

“That the following Overture be sent to the General Assembly of Australia, appointed to meet in September next:

1. Whereas it is a fundamental principle of our Presbyterian polity that the membership of the Church has a right to a substantive share in its government;

2. Whereas it is through the eldership that the membership of the Church exercises this right;

3. Whereas, under the present custom of life tenure for elders, this right of the membership is unduly limited;

It is hereby humbly overtured to the General Assembly of Australia to take these premises into consideration and to declare that elders should not be elected for life, but for a limited time; or to deal with it as in its wisdom seems best.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. A. McPherson.

Consideration of the motion was deferred until after the Overture from the Presbytery of Melbourne East had been dealt with.

Consideration of the Rev. George Tait's Overture was resumed.

The motion was approved and the Rev. George Tait and Mr. J. A. McPherson were appointed to support the Overture in the General Assembly of Australia.

Extracted from the Minutes.

GEORGE TAIT,

Clerk.

REFERENCE RE NOMENCLATURE OF THE HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

At Melbourne, and within the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, on Tuesday, the 13th May, 1930.

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

Inter alia: It was agreed to refer to the General Assembly of Australia the question of the nomenclature to the Home Mission Committee and the Board of Inland Missions.

Extracted from the Minutes.

GEORGE TAIT,

Clerk.

OVERTURE ANENT RIGHTFUL SUBJECTS OF BAPTISM.

The Presbytery of Melbourne North at a meeting held on 7th July, 1930, agreed to adopt and transmit to the General Assembly of Australia the following Overture:

That this Presbytery Overture the General Assembly of Australia to make more accessible to all concerned its declaration—passed in 1906—concerning the rightful subjects of Baptism, by directing that this declaration be printed in the Book of Rules, Chapter V.

The Revs. A. Yule, and J. Legge were appointed to support the Overture.

A copy of the declaration referred to is enclosed for insertion in the White Book.

ROBERT ROBERTSON,

Clerk.

G.A.A. (1906) REPORT ON RIGHTFUL SUBJECTS OF BAPTISM.

The view of the Church is explicitly stated in the Confession of Faith, and in the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.

The Shorter Catechism says: "Infants of such as are Members of the Visible Church are to be Baptized." The Larger Catechism says: "Infants descending from parents, either or both professing faith in Christ, are to be baptized." The Confession of Faith says: "The infants of one or both believing parents are to be baptized."

This view, which makes Christian faith on the part of at least one of the parents essential to the validity of the ordinance, is the only one which is in accordance with the nature of the ordinance as that is set before us in the Scriptures. As great spiritual truths are symbolised in this ordinance, and obligations of a special kind with regard to the training of the children are incurred, by those who receive baptism for their children, to administer this sacrament to the children of such parents as are without Christian faith, degrades the ordinance to a meaningless form, and brings parents under responsibilities which they are unable to discharge.

The Assembly, therefore, would counsel Ministers and Sessions to take heed that the ordinance be administered only to the children of such parents as are one or both communicants of the Church, or who, being themselves baptized, make such a profession of faith as would entitle them to become full members of the Church and partakers of the Lord's Supper.

They would further suggest that the following questions, or questions of a similar kind, be put to those who are not communicants of a Christian Church, who are seeking to have their children baptized:—

1. Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world, who in His love gave His life for the world's redemption, and in the Holy Spirit the Sanctifier?
2. Do you believe in the Christian Church as an Institution founded by Christ, in which all who are regularly baptized have a place as members?
3. Do you engage to bring up your child (or children), as far as you are able, in the knowledge of God and of His holy will?
4. Do you agree so to order your lives as will set before your child an example of holy living?

J. MEIKLEJOHN,

(Convener).

Dr. Meiklejohn moved, Dr. Harper seconded, approval of the Report. Motion approved.

93. It was further agreed to send a copy of the Report to every Minister of the Church.

OVERTURE ANENT REPRESENTATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AUSTRALIA.

FROM PRESBYTERY OF THE RICHMOND, N.S.W.

At Lismore, and within the Presbyterian Church, there, on Thursday, June 19th, 1930, which place and time the Presbytery of the Richmond being duly met and constituted with prayer.

Inter alia: It was agreed that the following Overture be submitted to the General Assembly of Australia at its meeting in Sydney in September next. Whereas the general financial condition of Australia is at present somewhat strained and likely so to continue for a longer or shorter period, and

Whereas, our Denomination, in common with other Denominations, feels the effect of such strain, to aid the reduction of our General Assembly's expenses.

It is hereby humbly overtured by the Presbytery of the Richmond, to the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia, to amend the Regulations of Article III. (Articles of Agreement, Deed of Union), 126, by substituting in Clause I, paragraph 2, the word "Twenty" in place of "Sixteen," and in Clause I, paragraph 3, the word "Seven," in place of "Five."

Or to deal with the matter otherwise as the General Assembly in its wisdom may deem fit.

The Revs. W. J. S. Rankin and A. J. Parker, B.A., were appointed to support the Overture.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of the Richmond, this 26th day of June, 1930, by me,

RICHARD MILLER,

Clerk of Presbytery.

OVERTURE ANENT REGULATION ON THE RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

Practice and Procedure I., XI., C, 219 (5).

Whereas the words "Thereafter, he shall serve under the Home Mission Committee of his State for a period of one year," if strictly interpreted render it incumbent upon a State Home Mission Committee when appointing a Minister who comes within the scope of the regulation to employ him for a term of one year in a Home Mission Station or in a Sanctioned Charge that in regard to an appointment is under the care of the Home Mission Committee,

And whereas in course of the administration of the regulation in the State of New South Wales the Home Mission Committee has found that circumstances arise in which the interests of the Church generally would be better served if a Minister so appointed could at some time during the course of his probationary period of service proceed to a settlement in the Charge in which he is serving under the Home Mission Committee,

The Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in New South Wales hereby overtures the General Assembly of Australia to take these premises into consideration, and to direct that the regulation may be so interpreted that a Minister who has fulfilled not less than six months of the period defined by the regulation may, if the Charge in which he is serving under appointment by the State Home Mission Committee is ready to extend to him a Call and the Presbytery of the bounds approve of the proposed action, be granted his Certificate of Status with a view to his being duly Inducted.

D. J. FLOCKHART,

Convener Home Mission Committee, New South Wales.

Appeal

APPEAL OF REV. GEORGE TULLOCH.

Overture to the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia:—

Whereas it is recognised as a fundamental principle of our Presbyterian polity that the Communicants of the Church have a right to substantive share in its government.

Whereas it is through the Eldership that the Membership exercise this right; and whereas under the present custom of the life tenure of Elders this right of the Communicants is unduly limited and the Communicants have only an indirect—not a direct representation in the Courts of the Church.

It is accordingly overtured to The General Assembly of Australia to take these premises into consideration and to make provision either (1) for the re-election of Elders every five or seven years; or (2) for the retirement of a certain number at regular intervals—by which means it will be possible to give the Communicants of the Church their due share in the government of the Church; or to deal with the matter as the General Assembly in its wisdom may deem best.

GEORGE TULLOCH.

38. An Overture from the Rev. G. Tulloch anent tenure of Elders, was called for. He moved, it was seconded and agreed:—

“That the Report be received.”

It was moved by Professor Ross, seconded and agreed:—

“That the Overture be dismissed as irrelevant in so far as it deals with a matter regulated by the State Assembly Rule over which the G.A.A. has no jurisdiction.”

The Rev. G. Tulloch recorded his dissent and gave notice of his intention to appeal to the General Assembly of Australia.

64. The Rev. G. Tulloch handed in his reasons for appealing against the resolution of the Assembly, dismissing his Overture.

The Rev. A. Crow and Professor A. D. Ross were appointed to answer the objections on behalf of the Assembly. Reasons for dissent from the decision of State Assembly to refuse to transmit Overture re Elders:—

- (1) “That the matter is one of more than State wide importance in view of the fact that at the time of the Union of the Church Elders held life tenure in all States.”
- (2) “The General Assembly of Australia is not Overtured to make this provision itself, but as is the case in all legislation touching States to remit the matter to State Assemblies under the Barrier Act if approving of the change.”
- (3) “The G.A.A. should not stultify itself in refusing to hear a matter which may lead, if adopted, to a greater spiritual impetus to the whole Church.”
- (4) “As matters of semi-governmental character have been discussed by the G.A.A. from time to time this should not be treated in a different manner.”

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO ANSWER REASONS OF DISSENT.

To the Venerable the General Assembly,—

Your Committee has considered the reasons for dissent to the decision of the State Assembly submitted by the Rev. G. Tulloch, and submit answers as follow:—

- (1) An Overture is, according to rule 18 of the Presbyterian Church in Western Australia, a proposal to enact, repeal, amend or interpret a law, or a proposal to have something done or declared which it is competent for the Court so overtured to do or declare. Under rule 21 an Overture amending an existing rule must "set forth definitely the rule or form of procedure which is to be affected by the proposal."
- (2) The Overture of the Rev. G. Tulloch proposed to amend—although this is not explicitly stated therein—the State Assembly rule No. 210 which reads: "Elders retain office for life unless deposed"; a rule which is of the same form as the corresponding rules of the Presbyterian Church in the other States of Australia.
- (3) The Rev. G. Tulloch states in his reasons for dissent that the General Assembly of Australia is not overtured to make provision for limited tenure of eldership. But his Overture reads "It is accordingly overtured to the General Assembly of Australia to take these premises into consideration and to make provision either (i) for the re-election of elders every five or seven years."
- (4) The Overture was therefore dismissed as irrelevant on the ground that it overtured the General Assembly of Australia to amend a rule of the State Assembly over which it had no jurisdiction.
- (5) That the matters referred to in the premises are of more than State-wide importance is frankly admitted, but the fact remains that the General Assembly of Australia is not empowered to modify of its own motion the form of government adopted by a State Assembly.

ALEX. CROW.

A. D. ROSS.

Extracted from W.A. Blue Book, 1930, by me,

E. W. HOGBEN,

Clerk of Assembly.

Petitions

PETITION OF MR. GEORGE MCGREGOR.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The Petitioner as undersigned in renewing his application is thoroughly convinced that the visible mark of ordination as one set apart by the Church for a special branch of work would be helpful to his influence.

That after twenty-five years experience as a preacher to fallen and destitute men and women, and as the Church's representative in Christian philanthropy to the poorest of the poor, he feels that the declaration of the importance of his work, and the appreciation, that here is a sphere requiring special

qualifications in the Church's representative, would give him both a quicker access and surer permanent standing with those long away from Church connection, and as a rule prejudiced as to the Church's interest in them.

Close connection with those down and out, and poor and miserable, always makes one aware that they think the Church not only ignores, but despises them. The ordination of special workers amongst them helps to remove this feeling, and makes them feel that the Church is as careful about whom it sends to them as to ordinary Congregations and Parishes.

Your Petitioner repeats:—

That he was born in Scotland, in 1875, and is married. That he was educated at High School Academy, and a Business College at Glasgow, Scotland, 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 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 Presbyterian Church of Scotland as a Home Missionary, and appointed to the Mission of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, John Street, Glasgow.

That in 1910, he came to New South Wales, Australia, as an accredited Home Missionary to the Presbyterian Church of that State, and was appointed to the Kurri-Kurri, Weston Charge, in the Maitland Coalfields.

That in 1912, the Church of New South Wales appointed him as Immigration Agent, with the additional duty of Assistant to Rev. W. M. Dill-Macky, D.D., Scots Church, Sydney.

That in 1914, he came to Melbourne, Victoria, and took charge of Collingwood and Fitzroy branches of Melbourne City Mission.

That in 1918, he was appointed by the Home Mission Committee of the Victorian Presbyterian Church as Special Missioner to the congested City Area around Young Street, Fitzroy, where he labored for seven years. 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 the lapsed masses of people where poverty and crime abound. The work has so grown that it became necessary to enlarge the buildings twice. That under your Petitioner's direction, the helpers and supporters almost entirely cleared off the debt incurred. That in 1924, he was appointed Missioner to the Presbyterian and Scots' Church, Joint Mission, 99 Russell Street, Melbourne, the headquarters of which are now situated in the School Hall of West Melbourne Presbyterian Church, corner Lonsdale and William Streets, Melbourne. This Mission is the Central Social Agency of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, ministering to the large number of poor and needy in the centre of the City, having the approval and support of many public bodies including the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Melbourne.

That to develop the Mission and special Social work amongst the masses of the people further ordination is a pressing necessity, which was recognised by the Presbytery of Melbourne East as per their recommendation to the General Assembly dated 14th June, 1928.

That your Petitioner prays Your Venerable Court to consider his case sympathetically and raise him to the status of a Minister in full standing.

Enclosed is a recommendation from the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, also 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.

Presbyterian Church of New South Wales.

Scots Church, Sydney, New South Wales.

Wm. Howat, Esq., Melbourne City Mission.

Cr. A. Miller, J.P., ex-Mayor of Fitzroy.

Cr. A. Boell, J.P., Mayor of Fitzroy.

A. Wheeler, M.B.C.M., Fitzroy.

John Livingston, Esq., House of Representatives, Melbourne.

Rev. D. A. Cameron, M.A., Director of Social Services, Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

Rev. A. D. Leckie, Home Mission Director.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

GEORGE MCGREGOR.

Presbyterian and Scots' Church Joint Mission,
C/r. Lonsdale and William Streets,
Melbourne.

March 1st, 1930.

PRESBYTERY OF MELBOURNE EAST.

The Presbytery, having considered the Petition, passed the following motion:

"The Rev. W. Johnston moved that the Presbytery, recognising the exceptional gifts of Mr. McGregor and the unique efficiency of his work, agrees to transmit his Petition for Ordination to the General Assembly of Australia, with the Presbytery's hearty recommendation, and that two of its members be appointed to support it."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. J. Barnaby. Members of Presbytery strongly supported the motion and spoke in the highest terms of Mr. McGregor, and of the splendid work he is doing in this city among the poor and the non-church-going classes. It was stated that the Hall where his meetings are held is over-crowded.

The motion was unanimously approved, and Dr. W. Borland and Rev. W. Johnston were appointed to support the petition at the Assembly.

Extracted from the Minutes of Presbytery by,

E. H. CHAPPLE,

Clerk.

27/5/30.

Transmitted by the College Committee with the recommendation that the prayer of the petition be granted.

PETITION.

FROM MR. A. B. ERSKINE FOR ORDINATION.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The petition of the undersigned respectfully sheweth:—That he was born in Pennsylvania in U.S.A. in 1882. Although born in America he lived most of his early life in Scotland. He was educated in the Board School. He

studied English, French, and Mathematics in High and Technical Schools. He took a full course in Anatomy and Bonesetting. He has his Diploma from the Bible Training Institute, Glasgow. He was engaged in Y.M.C.A. and Evangelistic Mission work for many years in Scotland. He came to Australia in 1910 to take up work in the North-West Mission in the State of New South Wales. He was stationed at Bourke for ten months, and from this centre he travelled thousands of miles in the blackblocks. In June, 1911, he became Assistant Minister to Rev. Philip Norman in Scone, Aberdeen parish. In November, 1914, he took charge of the Narrabri-Wee Waa parish. The work so prospered under his ministry that when he left 5½ years afterwards the parish called an Ordained Minister. In 1920 he visited Scotland, and while there had a Church under the United Free Church. On his return to Australia he took charge of Murray Bridge-Monarto parish in South Australia. After laboring with much success for six years he was transferred to Woodside-Tweedvale parish, where he is still in charge.

Your Petitioner therefore prays your Venerable Court to consider favorably the work he has done for the Church during a period of nearly twenty years, and raise him to the full status of a Minister.

And your Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

(Signed) ALEXANDER BLACK ERSKINE.

(This Petition is transmitted with the approval of the Presbytery of Onkaparinga, and is accompanied by letters from Revs. W. Spence and T. Morgan, Messrs. H. Logan, D. T. Burges, and J. S. Pfeiffer, also by petitions from the Elders of the Presbytery, and from the Woodside-Tweedvale Congregation).

PRESBYTERY OF ONKAPARINGA,

Extract Minute Re Petition from Mr. A. B. Erskine.

At Tweedvale Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, January 28th, 1930, which day and place the Presbytery of Onkaparinga met and was duly constituted with prayer.

Inter alia: Mr. A. Erskine laid on the table a petition to the G.A.A. praying to be ordained as a Minister of the Church in full standing. The petition was accompanied by the following documents. Letters from the Revs. W. Spence and T. Morgan, Messrs. H. Logan, D. T. Burges, J. S. Pfeiffer, and R. Mansen, secretary of Highlands and Islands Committee of U.F. Church, together with the petition was a petition from elders of the Presbytery of Onkaparinga requesting the granting of Mr. Erskine's request. Also a petition from the members and adherents of the Woodside-Tweedvale Congregation requesting the ordination of Mr. Erskine, and stating their preparedness to call him as Minister if the G.A.A. granted the request.

It was moved by Mr. A. Law, seconded by Mr. J. S. Pfeiffer, that the petition be sent on to the General Assembly of S.A., with the approval of the Presbytery.

The Clerk moved as an amendment that the petition be sent on to the General Assembly of S.A. simpliciter. The amendment was not seconded.

The motion on being put was carried.

The Clerk recorded his dissent from the decision of the Court. Closed with prayer.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Onkaparinga this first day of February, 1930, by me

J. A. CRAIGEN,

Presbytery Clerk.

STATE ASSEMBLY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Adelaide, March 20, 1930.

Which day and place the State Assembly of South Australia met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia: "The petition of Mr. A. B. Erskine for Ordination was laid on the table, accompanied by the various documents supporting it. Mr. Alex. Law and Mr. J. Hay spoke in its favor, and the following motion was carried:—

"That the Petition be received, and transmitted through the Victorian Church to the G.A.A., with the recommendation that the prayer of the Petition be granted and that the Petitioner be required to undergo two Sessions' training in a recognised Theological Hall."

It was agreed that the members of the Court and the South Australian representatives to the G.A.A. be asked to support this Petition.

Extracted from the Minutes of the South Australian Assembly, this 10th day of April, 1930, by me,

W. Floyd Shannon,
Clerk of Assembly of S.A.

Request from the Theological Hall of South Australia in reference to Mr. Erskine's studies.

Mr. Erskine started attendance at Parkin College at the beginning of the 2nd Term, 1930. I have now, on behalf of our Theological Hall Committee, to ask the College Committee if they will favorably consider Mr. Erskine's case, and permit him to complete his Exit in two years, the last two Terms at Parkin College this year to count as a whole year, and the 1931 Session to be taken at Ormond College, Melbourne. I have further to ask for your Committee's approval to Mr. Erskine taking "Apologetics" and "Church History" for the Exit, this year, and the remaining subjects in 1931.

An early reply will greatly oblige,

Yours faithfully,

S. MARTIN,
Convener Theological Hall Committee.

Transmitted simpliciter by College Committee.

Commission

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Offices of the Church,
121 George Street,
Edinburgh, 30th May, 1930.

In the name of the Church of Scotland I have great pleasure in certifying that the Rev. A. Boyd Scott, M.C., D.D., is a Minister of the Church of Scotland, in full standing, and is cordially commended to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, and the Supreme Courts of other Presbyterian Churches which he may visit.

Dr. Boyd Scott has completed a notable Ministry in Lansdowne Church, Glasgow and has laid our Church under deep obligations by his wise leadership, his administrative ability, as well as by his eminent service as a Preacher of the Gospel.

I hope that Dr. Boyd Scott may have the opportunity of informing our friends overseas regarding the union of our Scottish Churches, so recently consummated and the hopeful prospects of increased activity in the work of the Church at home and abroad.

JAMES HARVEY, D.D.

Joint Senior Clerk of the General Assembly of the Church
of Scotland.

Reports

I.

COLLEGE COMMITTEE REPORT.

The College Committee begs to submit its report for the past two years with thankfulness for a substantial increase in the number of students for the Ministry under its charge during the period.

On the return of the Convener from the Old Land at the end of 1928, the Committee passed a vote of thanks to Mr. D. K. Picken (Acting Convener), for the able way in which he had guided the Committee during the Convener's absence. Owing to ill-health, Mr. Picken has been given leave of absence, and the Committee expresses the hope that Mr. Picken may soon be able to take his place again on the Committee fully restored to health.

The Committee records with regret the death of Dr. J. Mathew, who for many years held the position of Convener and left his mark deeply upon the early years of the College Committee's history.

Matters remitted to the Committee: The Rev. A. W. Cooper, who was received into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church by the General Assembly of 1926, and required to take two years in a Theological Hall and pass the Exit without Hebrew, was granted an Aegrotat pass for the Apologetics of 1928, because of serious breakdown in health. Later on in 1929, representation was made by the Faculty of Ormond College, on Mr. Cooper's behalf asking that he be granted a further Aegrotat pass in Old Testament and Church History. Doctor's certificates were produced showing that Mr. Cooper's state of health prevented him facing the strain of examination work, and the Senatus of Ormond College reported that his class work was excellent. The Committee decided to grant a pass in those subjects. A certificate to that effect was sent to the Convener of the Reception of Ministers' Committee (Rev. A. S. McCook).

Mr. Lyall Hume was set an examination on the Church Ministry and Sacraments, and having passed on the paper, the Committee issued a Certificate for his Ordination. The subjects set by the Committee for the Rev. R. F. Melville were the Exit in Theology and Old Testament and New Testament Greew. Mr. Melville submits a petition through the Committee to the General Assembly asking that the period of three years' attendance at a Theological Hall prescribed by the General Assembly of 1928, be reduced to two years with the passing of all Exit subjects except Old Testament. The Professors of Ormond College unanimously and cordially recommended that the petition be approved, and the Committee recommended to the Reception of Ministers Committee that Mr. Melville's petition be granted and the year remitted.

The Committee decided that the work to be done by the Rev. W. Roberts should be Exit Theology (including Church, Ministry and Sacraments) and Church History.

Immediately after the Assembly of 1928, the Committee made arrangements for the special "Supplementary Examinations on the same (Intermediate or Junior or Lower) work, in each case, as that on which the Candidate had been examined," in lieu of these examinations for entrance on the Home Mission Course. Enquiries were made from the Faculties as to qualified examiners and these were approved, a short report by the examiner, with the marks and papers set, being required by the Committee. Examinations have been held in Queensland, New South Wales, and for one student from South Australia. The results seem to justify the new system, and a need of States where no Supplementary Public Examinations exist has been met. In the case of West Australia and Victoria where there are Supplementary examinations, the Committee decided to secure the marks obtained from the University and to decide the candidate's position on them. This has been done in several instances.

A request from the Faculty of St. Andrew's that these Supplementary Examinations be made alternatives for the Intermediate Examinations required for entrance on the Home Mission Course has been referred by the Executive to the Full Committee.

Ordinations in West Australia according to Special Finding of General Assembly of Australia (B.B. 1928, Min. 77). The State Assembly of West Australia has sent forward names of Home Missionaries for ordination to the Ministry in West Australia according to the decision of the General Assembly of 1928 (Min. 77). In each case a Form of Application has been filled in giving required details with acknowledgment of the fact that the ordination is only for the State of West Australia. Credentials and testimonials have been produced and examinations passed on the Church, Ministry and Sacraments in each case, and the Committee has taken special care to have before it the evidence on which the West Australian Assembly decided to select the candidates. Seven names have been considered, and the experience and qualifications of the candidates accepted as satisfactory. Certificates have been issued authorising the Presbytery concerned in each case to proceed to the ordination of the selected men. The names are as follows:—Mr. James Adamson, Albert Edward Jones, David Henry Dyke, John Henderson, James Henry Gardner Archibald, Charles W. T. Headen and John Eddleston. **

The Committee draws the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that there are at present eleven regularly ordained Ministers in settled Charges in West Australia, including two appointed by the Australian Inland Mission.

Theological Hall of South Australia. The Committee reports having received a communication from the Rev. Floyd Shannon, Clerk of Assembly of South Australia, remitting the Deliverance of that Assembly of 1930, on the Theological Hall Report in which it was decided that twelve months' notice be given to the Parkin Trust of their desire to suspend the present agreement regarding United Theological Training at Parkin College; and that commencing with 1931 Session, and until further notice, the Theological students of South Australia be required to take their course of training at Ormond College, Melbourne, on the distinct understanding that the Victorian Church sends to South Australia men to take the place of those temporarily transferred. The Committee decided to report the matter to the General Assembly. It also points out that there is now no Presbyterian Lecturer in Parkin College, and no Presbyterian students in the Theological Hall there.

Exit Examinations. The Committee reports the following cases in connection with the Exit:—Mr. Mark McAlpine, B.A., of New South Wales, was granted permission to take the Old Testament alternative for Hebrew on account of serious illness and on the assurance of the Faculty of St. Andrew's College that Mr. McAlpine's health was sufficiently good to justify his continuing his course of training.

An Aegrotat Pass was granted to Mr. B. Galloway, B.A., of New South Wales, on the Linguistic part of the Hebrew paper in Exit on account of eye trouble. Evidence was submitted of Mr. Galloway's state of health by Doctor's certificate, and the Faculty of St. Andrew's College strongly recommended that the pass be granted, testifying to Mr. Galloway's fine character and work.

Mr. C. Y. Reid and Mr. W. Strathie, students of Victoria, were granted permission to take their Exit Examinations in February, 1930, instead of in the previous November on account of illness. Mr. Strathie has continued to suffer from illness as the result of war service, and was unfit to sit in February. The Faculty of Ormond College recommended an Aegrotat Pass in his case in Old Testament and Apologetics. The Committee refers the case to the General Assembly with the relevant evidence of illness and war service.

Mr. C. M. Cox and Mr. A. E. Giles, students of Victoria, who failed in Hebrew Language at the November and February examinations, were granted permission to take a special examination in May, 1930, on the ground of a misunderstanding having arisen with regard to the date of their Class Examinations at Ormond College for which they were preparing. These students passed the examination.

The Senatus of Ormond College submitted to the Committee an application from Mr. A. E. C. Collins of the New Hebrides through the State Assembly of Victoria, asking that an Extra-Mural course of study be set Mr. Collins. The Senatus recommended that the application be granted and that the College Committee prescribe the course most helpful to him.

Mr. Collins passed all subjects except one for the degree of B.A. at the University of Melbourne, passed the Entrance Examination for the Theological Hall with Hebrew, and took part of the First Year of the Theological Course until a breakdown in health compelled him to relinquish his studies. He is now acting with great acceptance as Assistant to the Rev. F. G. Bowie at Tangoa Teachers' Training Institute, New Hebrides.

The Faculty of Queensland asked that a more fitting and permanent Certificate for Exit be given by the Committee. The matter was deferred until the full Committee should meet in Sydney.

The Committee decided that the Apologetic Subject for Exit be divided into two parts, viz.:—Philosophy of Religion and Comparative Religion, and a separate paper set on each part for 1929. The Committee recommends that in future it be a subject of two full papers.

A request has come before the Committee from one Faculty that Theology and Christian Ethics be a two paper subject instead of one and a half papers. The Committee considers that this should be granted.

It was decided by the Committee that the total marks to be allotted for all questions in each Exit Subject be 100, and that the portion set by each examiner should carry half of the total.

Owing to the fact that some students are now completing their Exit Subjects in two years and confusion has arisen in the matter of issuing Exit Certificates, the Committee passed the following regulation; and asks the General Assembly to approve the same: "That no Exit Certificate be issued by the College Committee to any student until he has completed the three years' course of study in a Theological Hall, and a Certificate to that effect is received from the Faculty concerned."

Owing to a number of men who are returned soldiers breaking down in health during their Theological Hall Course, the Faculties have been asked to give full particulars concerning ex-soldier students, with any concessions in their course which may be considered advisable.

Owing to the adjustment of the Exit work for 1930 to that of the Melbourne College of Divinity, an alteration was made in New Testament Greek as indicated in the 1929 syllabus. The Committee decided to allow the Faculties to choose which of the set portions should be taken and instructions have been issued to the External Examiner to set questions from both prescribed portions.

Mr. F. E. Brown, M.A., a Home Missionary of Victoria, who passed the Entrance Examination, was on the recommendation of the Senatus of Ormond College graded as a second year student in the Theological Hall course. Certificates were presented to the Committee showing that Mr. Brown had attended and passed a two years' course of Theological training in Oberlin College, America.

The Senatus of Ormond College has reported to the Committee that the Rev. N. T. McDonald, an ex-Baptist Minister applying to be received into the Presbyterian Church of Australia, had entered Ormond College Theological Hall as a private student. The Committee has recommended to the Reception of Ministers Committee that should Mr. McDonald's petition be granted by the General Assembly any work already done in the Theological Hall be counted as part of the work required.

Home Mission and Entrance Examinations. Several Home Mission students who were in the employ of the Church prior to the meetings of the General Assembly of 1928 were allowed to take their examinations at the ensuing December Examinations, although they had not been graded before May of that year.

An application that a pass in accountancy examinations be accepted as an equivalent for the three Intermediate subjects has not been entertained.

In spite of the definite rule in the Year Book and Syllabus of the Committee that the standard for a pass in all College Committee Examinations is 50 per cent. some examiners in their reports have indicated that they favor passes being granted on a lower standard. This has caused the Committee trouble and extra work, with loss of time to the students in securing finality. The Committee requests examiners to observe the rule.

Requests from several States for students to be allowed to enter on their Theological Hall Course before passing all the Entrance Examinations have been received, and not entertained in view of the decision of the General Assembly 1924 (Min. 25) "No student be allowed to enter the Theological Hall until he has passed the whole of the Entrance Examination."

The Faculty of St. Andrew's is reporting the case of Mr. R. S. Woodger, and the Committee recommend that under the circumstances Mr. Woodger's first year in the Theological Hall be recognised.

Protests have been entered from the remoter States regarding the lateness of results in Exit and in Home Mission Examinations. The Committee regrets that there has been cause for complaint, but would point out the wide area to be covered, the number of candidates' papers to be examined, and the fact that often papers have to be sent for and forwarded to a second examiner. Efforts have been made to expedite the securing of returns; and in the case of the Home Mission Examinations, it has been decided, owing to the increasing number of candidates presenting themselves for these examinations, to divide the work in English, Greek and History between two examiners each year.

The following alterations have been made in the Syllabus for Home Mission and Entrance Examinations:—

Psychology: The Psychology of Everyday Life (Drever).

Old Testament Alternative for Hebrew: Books of Amos and Hosea (Cambridge Bible Introduction and Notes). "The Progress of Prophecy" (Farley).

Greek: Machen's Greek Grammar: 1st year Chapters 1-16, 2nd year Chapters 17-end.

I. First Year.

2.—English Language and Literature. (a) 1931.

Essay of 300 or 400 words. (Nesfield's Manual of English Grammar and Composition, Part II., pages 118 to 209, is recommended for study).

Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" (Oxford and Cambridge Edition).

Scott's "Ivanhoe."

Milton and Wordsworth (Australasian Literature Primers, published by Whitcombe and Tombs).

Essays by Addison and Lamb (Peacock's "Selected English Essays").

(b) For 1932.

Essay as above.

Shakespeare's "Macbeth" (Oxford and Cambridge Edition).

Dickens' "David Copperfield."

Keats and Tennyson (Australasian Literature Primers).

Essays by Addison and Lamb, as above.

II. Second Year.

2.—English Language and Literature. (a) For 1931.

Essay of 300 or 400 words. (Nesfield's "Senior Course of English Composition," is recommended for study).

Shakespeare's "Hamlet" (Oxford and Cambridge Edition).

George Eliot's "Middlemarch."

Shelley and Browning (Australasian Literature Primers).

Essays by Bacon and Carlyle (Peacock's "Selected English Essays").

(b) For 1932.

Essays as above.
 Shakespeare's "King Lear" (Oxford and Cambridge Edition).
 Thackeray's "Henry Esmond."
 Shelley and Browning, as above.
 Essays by Bacon and Carlyle, as above.

III. Entrance Examination. The work prescribed in the Home Mission Course, with the exception of First Year English.

Dispensing Sacraments by Home Missionaries. Mr. James McPhail and Mr. B. H. Crowe of Queensland, and Mr. J. Colvin, of West Australia, have been authorised by the Committee to dispense Sacraments.

As the Rules of the General Assembly do not state clearly that an examination is required to be passed before Home Missionaries can dispense the Sacrament of Baptism, and some Presbyteries have claimed that they are exempt, the Committee decided that in the meantime the Rule should be interpreted to mean that Home Missionaries must pass the examination of the College Committee before being entitled to dispense the Sacrament of Baptism and to refer the matter to the General Assembly.

Petitions. The Convener of the Reception of Ministers Committee has re-mitted to the College Committee two petitions from Home Missionaries praying that they be raised to the full status of the Ministry. Both petitioners have approached the Assembly previously.

The College Committee is having the petitions printed with relevant documents and refers them to the Assembly.

The Committee recommends that the prayer of Mr. George McGregor's petition be granted; and in the case of Mr. A. B. Erskine transmits the petition simpliciter. A request from the Theological Hall of South Australia in regard to Mr. Erskine's period of study is also transmitted simpliciter.

Grading of Candidates.—Candidates have been graded as follows since the last meeting of the General Assembly:—

First Year:

Victoria: W. H. Watkins, D. Drennan, A. M. Clark, G. R. Williams, J. E. Lloyd, A. R. Barnett, G. Nathan, E. L. Sykes, H. Wright, T. Watt, I. M. Thomson, R. McLelland, J. W. Wright, H. M. Bell, W. G. Johnstone, G. T. Renfrey, A. Boag, J. Symington, J. C. Booth, P. Geddes.

New South Wales: W. Young, A. A. Adam, A. Balmer, R. M. Somerville, A. C. Begbie, J. W. Miller, H. Cunningham, A. MacLachlan.

Queensland: T. Simpson, J. McPhail, R. R. Martin, G. B. Miller, C. E. Paull, J. Stewart, W. J. A. Daniels, W. Young, Peter Munro, W. C. McDougall, W. R. Faulkner, R. McC. Park.

Western Australia: D. F. Somerville, T. Brash.

Second Year:

Victoria: A. S. McNaughton, C. W. Peel, W. A. Fraser.

Western Australia: J. Colvin.

Queensland: Wm. McPheat, L. T. Bailey, W. J. A. Daniels.

New South Wales: L. G. K. Blanchard, R. C. Russell.

Third Year:

Victoria: H. F. S. Anderson, F. E. Brown.

South Australia: A. C. McLean.

New South Wales: W. Piggott.

The Executive has held 20 meetings to the end of July, 1930, and the attendances are as follows:—Dr. W. Borland, 17; Prof. Oser, 11; Prof. Gillies, 14; Prof. MacLean, 14; Rev. E. E. Baldwin, 17; Rev. J. Barnaby, 10; Rev. J. Walker, 10; Rev. H. M. Burns, 12; Rev. A. G. M. Carter, 6; Rev. F. Milne, 8; Rev. R.

W. Macaulay, 6; Dr. Mathew, 1; Rev. K. Forster, 19; Mr. D. K. Picken, 12. The Rev. J. Walker was co-opted by the Executive in view of his knowledge of Queensland.

The following examiner has resigned: Rev. T. Mathers.

The following new examiners have been appointed: Rev. A. G. Mackintosh Carter for Exit Theology and Ethics; Rev. D. A. Hodges for Logic.

SUBMITTED BY THE PROFESSORS OF ORMOND COLLEGE.

Re Mr. William Strathie.

We were instructed by the Theological Education Committee to prepare a statement of the case for Mr. W. Strathie.

1. He is a third year student; his age is 37.

2. His record of War Service is:—

1914.—Enlisted in the Black Watch, one of Kitchener's First Hundred Thousand.

1915.—France, in trenches before Armentieres and Festubert. Battle of Loos, one of 73 survivors out of 1,100. Ypres salient, near Hill 60 (3 months).

1916.—Ploegsteert area (5 months). Somme sector (Montauban, Longueval, Delville Wood), July; Vimy Ridge, August. Somme sector, 13 days battle of the Butte de Warlencourt.

1917.—Arras, series of battles from 9th April to 5th June. Passchendale Ridge—August to October. Nieuport sector—October.

1918.—The Somme, 7 days and nights' withdrawal in face of the enemy, relieved by the Australian 4th Division. Sector of Hollebeke—April. Capture of Meteren—July. Hoegenacker Ridge—August. Ypres salient—September. From 28th September to 26th October fought every day. At the roll-call on November 12th the only one left of the original 8th Battalion, Black Watch. Army of occupation, at Solingen, till transferred to Army Reserve, May 25th, 1919.

Out of a total war service of 4 years 7 months, 3 years 7 months continuously on active service.

His certificate of transfer to the Reserve gives his health as A1.

3. He came to Australia at the end of 1923. November, 1924, in charge of Erskine Church Mission, Carlton, for nearly 2 years. Being graded 2nd year he had to cover 2 years study in 7 months. After serving at Merbein and Renmark, S.A., he was appointed, being now in the Theological Hall, to Erskine again. This was a testimony to his gifts and capacity, but led to a partial breakdown. After some months he had to resign. For 21 months he was in charge of Bunyip, but the nervous strain compelled his resignation. He has always given his Home Mission Work its full value along with his studies.

4. Dr. Ramsay Mailler, who is at present in Europe, gave a certificate that he would be unable to sit for his exit subjects in November, and he was allowed to sit in February, but the expectation was disappointed on the eve of the examination.

5. Till the end of last year he passed in every subject set without any supplementary examination. He attended classes right up to the time of the examination, and did his work to the complete satisfaction of the Professors, passing also class tests in O.T. and N.T. and doing the O.T. Critical Exercise in the 2nd year. He is attending all classes regularly this year. He has for many years read widely and constantly in English Literature, and has a great interest in the niceties of the English Language. This is manifest in his conduct of public worship.

6. The discussion of this case led to our recommendation through the College Committee about men with war service whose cases may be similar.

7. We believe that, if he is relieved of the necessity for study to pass examinations, he has every prospect of a successful ministry, and that he will be able for the work.

Recommendations were produced from Rev. John Sinclair, Ex-Moderator of Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Rev. John Barnaby, Superintendent of the Group Mission, Melbourne; Rev. D. A. Cameron, Director of Social Services, Presbyterian Church of Victoria; Rev. A. D. Leckie, Home Missions Director, Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

Signed:

F. E. OXER.

JOHN GILLIES.

HECTOR MACLEAN.

Certificates were produced:—

- (1) Of Transfer to Reserve on Demobilisation.
- (2) From Dr. Ramsay Mailer, Collins Street, Melbourne.

II.

REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

Petitions from Ministers of Other Churches.

Petitions for admission into the Presbyterian Church of Australia have been received from the following Ministers of other Churches:—

- (1) Rev. Frank Charles.
- (2) Rev. Thomas Duncan (Congregational), Calcutta, India.
- (3) Rev. G. Trevor Hughes (Methodist), New South Wales.
- (4) Rev. Norman Thomas McDonald (Baptist), Victoria.
- (5) Rev. Oswald Stennett (Baptist), New South Wales.
- (6) Rev. Wilfred Keith Steward (Baptist), South Australia.

The petitions are presented on the Schedules provided by the General Assembly; and the following is a summary of the answers to the prescribed questions.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations regarding the petitions that have been presented:—

- (1) **Rev. Frank Charles.**—That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

(2) **Rev. Thomas Duncan.**—That the prayer of the petition be not granted.

(3) **Rev. G. Trevor Hughes.**—That the prayer of the petition be granted, subject to attendance for two years at a Theological Hall, and pass the Exit Examination, the subjects for study to be prescribed by the College Committee on the recommendation of the Theological Faculty; and that he serve the required period of one year under the Home Mission Committee.

(4) **Rev. Norman T. McDonald.**—That the prayer of the petition be granted subject to attendance for two years at a Theological Hall, and pass the Exit Examination, the subjects for study to be prescribed by the College Committee on the recommendation of the Faculty; that his attendance during the present year as a private student at Ormond College be accepted as one of such two years; and that he serve the required period of one year under the Home Mission Committee.

(5) **Rev. Oswald Stennett.**—That the prayer of the petition be granted, subject to attendance for three years at a Theological Hall, and pass the Exit Examination in all subjects, except Hebrew; and that he serve the required period of one year under a Home Mission Committee.

(6) **Rev. W. Keith Steward.**—That the prayer of the petition be granted, subject to attendance for two years at a Theological Hall, and pass the Exit Examination, the subjects for study to be prescribed by the College Committee on the recommendation of the Faculty; and that he serve the required period of one year under the Home Mission Committee.

(7) **Rev. R. F. Melville.**—That the prayer of the petition be granted insofar as attendance for a third year at the Hall is concerned; but that he be required to pass the Exit Examination in the prescribed subjects, and serve for the required period of one year under a Home Mission Committee.

(8) **Rev. A. E. Page, B.A., B.D.**—That, as he has completely fulfilled all conditions required by the Assembly's previous finding, no further restriction be placed upon his sphere of ministerial service.

Re Certificate of Status.

It having been reported to the Committee that the Assembly of Australia in 1926 passed two conflicting resolutions regarding the issue of Certificates to Ministers received from other Churches on the completion of their course, your Committee recommends that the following be the finding of the Assembly on the subject:—

“That the Convener of the Committee on the Reception of Ministers from other Churches be authorised to issue a Certificate of Status to each Minister on receiving a certificate from the Committees concerned that he has satisfactorily completed the conditions prescribed by the General Assembly.”

A. S. McCOOK,

Convener.

(1) **Rev. Frank Charles.**

The Rev. Frank Charles, whose petition for admission was granted by the General Assembly in 1926, “subject to attendance for three years at a Theological

Hall, passing the Exit Examination in all subjects, except Hebrew, and producing satisfactory evidence of full ordination," and who has not completed any of these requirements, now petitions as follows:—

Unto the Venerable The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The petition of the undersigned, Rev. Frank Charles, respectfully sheweth:—

That he forwarded a Petition for admittance into the Presbyterian Church of Australia at the G.A. of A. of 1926. To that Assembly documents, etc., were forwarded concerning Petitioner through the Moree Presbytery. I was recommended a course of two years at the Theological Hall, which I have been unable to undergo through circumstances in which I have been placed.

I am now petitioning Assembly for a reconsideration of my case, for admittance into the Presbyterian Church of Australia, the reason being that for over seven years I have faithfully served your church under the Home Mission Committee, as an ordained man from another church.

In May, 1923, I was asked to go to Walgett to act as Minister of that which had been without anyone for some considerable time. I was there labouring for over six years, and met with great success in my work for the Master.

I was therefore unable to leave that work owing to the local committee's strong demands to the then Home Mission Superintendent, the late Rev. Thomas Morgan, and was asked by the above and the late Mr. William Wood to continue in that work.

As opportunity arrived, I did resign the Walgett Charge in August, 1929, with a view to fulfilling the demands of the Church. At the end of 1929, through illness, I was unable to proceed. I am now serving under the Home Mission Committee in the Barellan-Rankin Springs Charge, and have met with remarkable response in the work.

Your Petitioner therefore prays your Venerable Court to grant his request.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

F. CHARLES.

September 3rd, 1930.

(2) Rev. Thomas Duncan.

He is a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, born on the 8th September, 1898.

He belonged to a Presbyterian family, and was baptised in a Presbyterian Church.

He was educated at a public school in Aberdeen. At sixteen years of age he joined the North of Scotland Bank, where he served a five years' apprenticeship, passing the Associates examinations of the Institute of Bankers in Scotland.

During the War he served first in the Gordon Highlanders and then in the Machine Gun Corps from June, 1917, to September, 1918, when he was wounded in France. He was demobilised in January, 1919. In July, 1920, he accepted an appointment with the Tata Industrial Bank and served in their London Office until November, when he was appointed to Calcutta.

He had always taken an active interest in religious work, and was occasionally made use of as a lay preacher. He was a member of the United Free Church of Scotland (of which the Rev. David Reid, D.D., is the present minister).

He was ordained to the eldership of the Church and occupied the pulpit on three occasions.

In September, 1923, he was appointed Pastor of the Union Congregational Chapel. He studied for the ministry of the Congregational Church and passed the following examinations of the Congregational Union of England and Wales:—

First Year—1924.

1. A Written Sermon.
2. A Short Essay.
3. New Testament—Acts, Century Bible; Life of St. Paul—Stalker.
4. Old Testament—Jeremiah, Century Bible.
5. Congregationalism—Its Principles and History. Manual of Congregational Principles—Dale. The Story of English Congregationalism—Hooper.
6. English Grammar—Outlines of English Grammar—Nesfield.

Second Year—1925.

1. —Bible—Jeremiah—Century Bible. Acts—Century Bible. A Critical Introduction to the New Testament—Peake.
2. Theology—An Outline of Christian Theology—Clarke. Preaching—Phillips Brooks.
3. Church History.—The Reformation—Lindsay.
4. English Language.—Outline of English Grammar—Nesfield.
5. English History.—The First two Stuarts and the Puritan Revolution (Gardiner).

Third Year—1926.

1. Bible.—Isaiah, Vol. II.: Skinner, Cambridge Bible. John, Century Bible. A Critical Introduction to the Old Testament—Gray.
2. Theology.—The Fact of Christ—Carnegie Simpson. Doctrine of the Atonement—Mozley.
3. Church History.—The Reformation—Lindsay.
4. English History.—Short History of the English People—Green.
5. English Literature.—The Tempest—Cambridge Press. First Book of Paradise Lost—Milton. The Life of Milton—Pattison.

Fourth Year—1928.

1. Bible.—Isaiah—Century Bible. Mark—Century Bible. The Bible, Its Origin, Significance and Abiding Worth—Peake. A Critical Introduction to the Old Testament—Gray.
2. Theology.—The Person of Christ—Mackintosh. The Christian Doctrine of God—Clarke.
3. Church History.—The Beginning of the Middle Ages—Church. Nonconformity—Seibie.
4. Philosophy.—Social Psychology—McDougal. Outlines of History of Ethics—Sidgwick.

He was ordained to the Congregational Ministry, with the laying on of hands, in December, 1928, and is at present a List A Minister of the Congregational Union of England and Wales. Six ministers took part in his ordination—two Congregationalists, two Presbyterians (Drs. Urquhart and Reid), one Wesleyan Methodist and one American Methodist. In the **Recommendations Regarding the Ordination Service**, sent by the Congregational Union, item No. 6 reads:—

“At the ordination prayer the Ministers, with some representative of the Church, should group themselves around the Ordinand, and it is fitting that the Apostolic and early Congregational practice of the laying on of hands should be observed.”

He is married, and has three children, one boy, age 9, and two girls, ages 6 and 4.

His term of service in India will be completed on 28th February, 1932. Cost of passages to Australia will be paid by the Church he at present serves.

He desires to enter the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, being of opinion that there is a better opportunity of service.

He submits the subjoined testimonials from:—

Rev. W. S. Urquhart, Ph.D., Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University, and Principal of the Scottish Churches College.

Rev. David Reid, D.D., Minister of Wellesley Square Church of Scotland, Calcutta.

Rev. F. F. Longman, Treasurer for North India of the London Missionary Society, and a Deacon of Union Chapel.

The Presbytery of North Sydney resolved unanimously that: “The petition be forwarded to the General Assembly of Australia, with a recommendation to favourable consideration.”

(3) Rev. Gwilym Trevor Hughes.

He received his early training in the Board and County Council Schools of Wales. He took the full course at the Methodist Theological College, Sydney, and passed the examinations in the following subjects:—New Testament, Greek; N.T. Exegesis, Philosophy and Ethics, O.T. Theology, Sociology. Homiletics and Elocution.

Whilst in College he attended the classes of Professors Harper, Macintyre and Thatcher, and also those of Archdeacon Davies.

His course extended over three sessions.

He was ordained to the Ministry of the Methodist Church at the Conference in Sydney in 1917, by Rev. P. J. Stephen.

He was born at Cherrapongee, Assam, India.

He is 44 years of age.

Is married. Number of children, three.

Except in early youth, he has never been connected with any other than the Methodist Church of Australia.

He served in the following circuits:—Hawkesbury (2 years), Gunning (3 years), Gladstone (2 years), Wallsend (3 years), Rylstone (1 year), Forbes (2 years).

Letters show that he resigned from the Methodist Ministry while Minister at Forbes, and while still enjoying the esteem of his people and the brethren in the Ministry.

Reasons for desiring to enter the Presbyterian Ministry:—

“A strong objection to the itinerant system, and a desire to the Church of which my father was a Minister.”

His action does not involve any change of principle. He has never previously applied for admission to this, or any other Church.

The Presbytery of Orange unanimously resolved that: "The petition be transmitted with a strong recommendation that the prayer thereof be granted."

Documents in support are:—

Certificate from Rev. W. E. Bennett, M.A., B.D., President of N.S.W. Methodist Conference.

Certificate from Rev. W. E. Bennett, M.A., B.D., Principal of Leigh College, Enfield, Sydney.

Certificate from Rev. C. A. S. Woodhouse, Chairman of Western District, N.S.W.

Certificate from Rev. E. E. Hynes, Chairman Maitland District, N.S.W.

Certificate, accepting resignation, and of commendation, from Rev. E. Coplin Thomas, Secretary N.S.W. Methodist Conference.

Letters of commendation from:—

Rev. John Owen, Ex-President Presbyterian Church of Wales.

Rev. R. J. Williams, General Secretary, Foreign Mission of Presbyterian Church of Wales.

Rev. Peter Hughes Griffiths, Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Wales.

Rev. John J. Job, M.A., Fishguard Presbyterian Church, Wales.

Rev. A. J. Burt, Manly.

Rev. W. Ambrose Williams, Rockdale.

Rev. A. J. Barrett, Bombala.

Rev. G. A. Baily, Eccleston.

Rev. H. H. Childs, Croydon Park.

Rev. Joseph Lundie, Hamilton.

Rev. G. Watkin Turner, Homebush.

Rev. H. D. Mackie, Hay.

Rev. G. Cameron Wood, Petersham.

Rev. T. Eurfyl Jones, Moderator, Presbytery of Orange.

Rev. H. S. R. Innes, B.A., Orange.

Mr. H. K. Nock, President, N.S.W. Farmers and Settlers' Association.

Mr. G. Thomson, Wentworth Falls.

Mr. Douglas G. Walker, Forbes.

Rev. H. S. Bunn, B.A., Clerk, Presbytery of Orange.

(4) **Rev. Norman T. McDonald.**

His early education was received at Victorian State Schools, and privately from Rev. R. Nairn, M.A.

He attended Scotch College and matriculated in the following subjects:—

Junior Public.—Greek (Distinction), Latin, English, English History (Distinction), Geometry and Algebra.

Senior Public.—English and English History.

In the year 1915 I attended the University and also Ormond College for tutorial classes, passing in three subjects:—Psych., Log. and Ethics. English P.1. History P.1.

But as these subjects were set for students who had volunteered for War Service (for which I had volunteered, and was subsequently rejected), and as the work done did not cover the entire course, I studied them again in subsequent years, using different text books. Thus, I actually studied and passed in these subjects twice.

During the years 1916-1919 (inclusive), while studying at the Baptist College, I attended the University, taking a single subject each year.

1916.—Psych., Log. and Ethics.

1917.—Hist. Phil.

1918.—Advanced Ethics.

1919.—Geology P.1.

Since leaving the Baptist College I have studied and passed in the following subjects:—

1921.—English P.1.

1922.—History P.1.

1923.—Pol. Econ.

1924.—Sociology.

1925.—English P.2.

I am now studying Classical Greek with the purpose of completing the B.A. Degree as soon as possible.

Beside this, I have always made a practice of reading widely on subjects of general interest, with the result that last year I published a book on Immortality, entitled "The Dawn Beyond the Sunset." Press references to this book accompany the petition.

Question 2 (c).

Studied at the Baptist College 1916-1919, the following subjects:—

O. Test.	Gk.			Ch.		Bib.			Syst.
Exeg.	Test.	Heb.	Theism.	Hist.	Hom.	Intro.	Eloc.	Apol.	Theol.

As a student of the Baptist College I attended Ormond College from 1917-1919, passing in the following subjects as listed above:—

1917.—Theology.

1918.—Theology and Apol.

1919.—Apol.

(Verified by certificates and letter from Professor Rentoul and Principal Holdsworth.)

He has been Pastor of the following Congregations:—

In the year 1913, Presbyterian Home Mission Station, Berriwillock.

In the year 1914, Presbyterian Home Mission Station, Lara.

From 1915-1919, preached at various places for 5 years, while in College.

1920: Baptist Church, Eaglehawk, Bendigo. Exit student charge (18 months).

1921-1926: Baptist Church Warracknabeal. (5½ years approx.).

November, 1926, to November, 1929 (3 years), Baptist Church, Moonee Ponds, Melbourne.

1930. Presbyterian Home Mission Station, Bunyip.

Reasons for Desiring Admission to the Presbyterian Church.

1. "Because I believe the Doctrine and the Polity of the Presbyterian Church to be in accord with the will of God as revealed in the Scriptures and made clear in subsequent history.
2. "Because I believe that the outlook of the Presbyterian Church is more suited to the needs of the present age than that of any other Denomination.
3. "Because it is the Church in which I received my early training, the Church in which I was converted and called to the work of the Christian Ministry, and the Church in which I feel I can best serve God and my fellow men."

Explanation of Change of View.

"My action involves a change in my view of the Sacrament of Baptism, and of that only. In the year 1915, believing that Baptism was to be administered to believers only, and that on confession of faith in Christ Jesus, I was baptised and applied for admission to the Baptist Church. Since then, with deeper knowledge and wider experience, I have been led to revoke my early decision and now hold that the children of believers also have a right to the covenanted blessings of their parents, and are fit and proper subjects for the sacrament of baptism."

RESOLUTION OF PRESBYTERY OF MELBOURNE WEST.

"That this Presbytery warmly and unanimously recommends that the prayer of the petition be granted, and that the Rev. Norman T. McDonald be admitted as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in full standing."

The following documents are submitted in support:—

Certificate of Status from Rev. G. P. Rees, General Secretary, Baptist Union of Victoria.

Letters from Rev. Robert Nairn, M.A., Flemington.

Rev. Hugh Adams, Auburn.

Rev. James A. Forrest, Canterbury.

Rev. Charles R. Andrews, Coburg.

Rev. Prof. John Gillies, Ormond College.

Mr. F. P. Morris, Ex-President, Baptist Union.

Rev. W. Naismith, Ivanhoe.

Rev. F. J. Rankin, Methodist Minister, Carnegie.

Rev. W. I. Pearse, Ex-Chairman, Congregational Union of Victoria

Rev. Dr. F. W. Boreham, Kew.

Rev. L. E. Tranter, ex-General Secretary, Baptist Union of Victoria.

Sessional Certificates from Ormond College.

Copy of Diploma of Baptist College.

Several reports of Examiners and references to the Book, "The Dawn Beyond the Sunset."

(5) Rev. Oswald Stennett.

His early education was received at the Superior District Public School, Bowral, N.S.W. Also took a course, as an external student at Stott's Business College, Sydney. His Theological Training was received at the Baptist College, Sydney, where he attended three sessions.

Subjects Studied:—Theology, Biblical Introduction, Church History, N.T. Greek, N.T. and O.T. Exegesis, Apologetics, Homiletics, Ethics, Elocution.

He obtained the College Diploma. He was licensed to preach the Gospel by Rev. H. Polkinghorne, at Alstonville, N.S.W., on July, 1921; and was ordained in November 28th, 1929.

He was born at Bega, N.S.W.

His age is 33. Is married, 2 children.

He was formerly a Methodist lay preacher, but since joining the Baptist Church has not been associated with any other Church.

He has served in the following Churches:—Lambton (1 year), before entering College; Maitland-Hinton (4 years); Lithgow (1 year).

He left his last charge under the following circumstances:—"Knowing that under the polity, government and doctrines of the Presbyterian Church one can exercise a wider ministry. I resigned in anticipation of work under the said denomination."

Reasons for desiring to enter the Presbyterian Church:—"Out of harmony with prevailing views among Baptists; larger outlook and opportunities; congenial atmosphere for the expression of one's faith."

Reasons given for change of principle are:—"Baptism immersion. Not in the interests of a professing Church and age to adhere tenaciously to ancient customs. Acceptance of Presbyterian standards regards children of Christian parents being born into the Church."

The Presbytery of Bathurst unanimously resolved that "the Petition be transmitted to the Assembly with the recommendation that the prayer thereof be granted."

Documents in support are:—

- (a) Certificate of Status as a Baptist Minister from Rev. G. H. Morling, M.A., President Baptist Union of New South Wales.
- (b) Certificate of Character from Rev. G. H. Morling.
- (c) Letters from Rev. P. Hope, B.A., Lithgow.

Rev. S. Prenter, Hinton.

Rev. Geo. Haughan, Ex-President Northern District Baptist Association.

Rev. G. Parry Jones, Townsville, Q.

Rev. H. Polkinghorne, Ballina.

Mr. A. E. Smith, Hamilton.

(6) Rev. Wilfred Keith Steward.

His early education was received at Grange Public School, and Kyre College, South Australia. He passed the University Primary Public and Junior Public in four subjects.

His Theological studies comprised two years in the Baptist College, Extra-Mural Course, and two years in the South Australia Baptist College.

Subjects taken in the Extra-Mural Course were:—History and Doctrines of the Baptists, Church History, History of the Bible, Elementary Greek, English Language and Literature, Theology, Homiletics, N.T. Introduction, O.T. Introduction.

At the Baptist College, subjects were:—Pastoral Theology, Homiletics, Theology, O.T. Exegesis, N.T. Exegesis, Paideutics, and Applied Psychology, Sociology, Comparative Religion, Church History, N.T. Exegesis.

He attended for one term at Parkin College, and took lectures in Theology under Principal Kiek; and Introduction to Isaiah under Rev. A. H. Bell, M.A., B.D.

He also took some subjects at Adelaide University, and passed in English Literature.

He was licensed to preach the Gospel by the S.A. Baptist Home Mission Department; and was ordained to the ministry by the Baptist Union of South Australia at Adelaide, in 1921.

He was born at Stockport, S.A.

His age is 35. Is married, no children.

His only church has been the Baptist.

In August, 1928, was granted two years leave of absence by the Baptist Union to become Organising Secretary for the Morialta Protestant Children's Homes Incorporated.

He has served his Church in the following places:—

Parilla and Pinnaroo Baptist Home Mission Churches, 1915 and 1916.

Port Lincoln Home Mission Church, 1917 and 1918.

Wayville and Parkside Baptist Churches, each three months during College vacations.

Semaphore Park, and Semaphore and Peterhead Baptist Churches—Cof-pastor with Rev. A. C. Hill, B.A., B.D., December, 1920, to August, 1921.

Norton's Summit and Cherryville Baptist Churches, 1921 to 1923.

Black Forest and Richmond Baptist Churches, December, 1923, to July, 1928.

He left his last charge under the following circumstances:—

"I resigned from the pastorate of the Black Forest and Richmond Baptist Churches in order to become the Organising Secretary of the Morialta Protestant Children's Homes Inc. The relationship existing between those churches and myself was most cordial, and I was unanimously urged by the deacons of the former Church to reconsider my resignation. Since August, 1928, I have been engaged by the Morialta Protestant Children's Homes Inc., as Organising Secretary, and my term expires on 31st July, 1930. With the Homes are affiliated the Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregational Churches, and the Churches of Christ, and I have preached constantly in churches of these denominations during the past two years."

Reasons for desiring to enter the Presbyterian Church:—

"Although other charges are vacant in the Baptist denomination, and other spheres of service are open to me, I believe that I can best serve the Kingdom of God in the Presbyterian Church, and that the Presbyterian form of Church government has justified itself historically, and is best suited to conditions of life to-day.

"My thoughts have been turned towards the Presbyterian Church for some years, and my desire to enter the ranks of its ministry was strengthened by the knowledge of the happiness of my late brother (Rev. F. J. H. Steward, B.A.), in its service and work.

"Having carefully and prayerfully studied the matter, I now believe the teaching of the Presbyterian Church regarding the Sacrament of Baptism to be in keeping with the spirit and meaning of the New Testament. Further, I believe the Presbyterian conception of the Church and the Christian Ministry to be in harmony with the teaching of the new Testament."

The Presbytery of Adelaide resolved unanimously that "the Petition be forwarded with a strong recommendation that the prayer thereof be granted."

Documents submitted in support:—Certificate of Status from Rev. Albert C. Hill, B.A., B.D., General Secretary, Baptist Union of South Australia.

Letters from Rev. A. C. Bell, M.A., B.D., Adelaide.

Mr. H. J. Penno, President Morialta Protestant Children's Homes Incorporated, S.A.

Extract from letters of Dr. W. G. Torr.

(7) **Rev. R. F. Melville.**

The Rev. R. F. Melville, of Healesville, Victoria, whose petition to be received into the Presbyterian Church was granted by the General Assembly in 1928 "subject to attendance for three years at a Theological Hall, and taking such subjects as shall be prescribed by the Theological Faculty with the approval of the College Committee, and pass the Exit Examination in such subjects; that he also serve for the prescribed year under a Home Mission Committee"; now petitions for exemption from attendance for a third year at the Theological Hall.

The petition is supported by the Theological Faculty of Ormond College; the College Committee; Rev. A. D. Leckie, Convener of Home Missions in Victoria; and Mr. John Roy, Senior Elder, Healesville Presbyterian Church.

(8) **Rev. A. E. Page, B.A., B.D.**

Rev. A. E. Page was received by the General Assembly in 1924, subject to certain conditions which he has completely fulfilled. The last of these conditions required him to remain for a term of five years in the service of the Church in South Australia, and added that "after that period his case he again referred to this Assembly to decide as to his place of ministerial service."

Mr. Page now asks that further restriction as to his place of service be removed.

III.

REPORT OF THE AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION.

The Board of the Australian Inland Mission, in submitting its report to this Assembly, places on record its thanks to Almighty God for the help and encouragement received during the past two years, and for the measure of success vouchsafed to it in carrying on the great work entrusted to it.

The usual difficulties, disappointments and worries incidental to work of this nature have been encountered, sometimes singly, at other times in battalions, but all have been negotiated with varying measures of success, and at the time of writing everything is working smoothly and the outlook is most encouraging.

Last year the A.I.M. sustained a double loss in circumstances that brought home to us the handicap of isolation. Sister M. Gilbert became ill at her post in Birdsville, just when our little experimental wireless transmitter there happened to go out of order. As the Flying Doctor could not now be summoned, Sister Gilbert was motored into Cloncurry, where an operation was performed.

Meantime, Mr. Traeger set out from Cloncurry accompanied by Mr. J. Shackleton, recently appointed as assistant to Rev. George Scott, to repair the Birdsville transmitter. Having done this, the visitors went for a swim and Mr. Shackleton was drowned. The very next day (3rd November) news was received of Sister Gilbert's death. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved, and we press on to attain those means by which available medical aid may be made more efficient, and swifter in action.

Superintendent.

The Superintendent, Rev. John Flynn, who was granted twelve months' leave of absence by last Assembly, left on a world tour on 27th February, 1929, and returned on 28th February, 1930.

The Board is pleased to report that the Superintendent has come back fully restored to health, and has taken up his work again with all his old energy and ability, but with this difference, that whereas his former outlook was continental, he now thinks in terms of Empire.

During Mr. Flynn's absence the duties of Superintendent were taken over by Rev. J. A. Barber, Patrol Organiser, who carried on with enthusiasm, and to the full satisfaction of the Board.

Patrols.

Patrol Organiser.—The Patrol section of our work has been carried on successfully under the able supervision of the Patrol Organiser, Rev. J. A. Barber, who has made several extended tours of the territories served by the several Padres, and who has also visited all of the Nursing Homes under the care of the Board, since last Assembly.

These tours of the Patrol Organiser are extremely important and valuable, and fully justify the expense incurred, as it is only by this means that the Board can be kept in touch with the doings in the different districts where the Mission's activities are centred. Many differences are smoothed over before they become difficulties, and many difficulties are disposed of on the spot, resulting in the avoidance of possible friction, and the saving of much time, which would be spent if many of these things had to be dealt with from headquarters.

The Patrol Organiser, with the Board's honorary medical adviser, Dr. George Simpson, made a special trip to take over and open "The Elizabeth Symon Nursing Home" at Innamincka, on the 11th May, 1929. A full and interesting account of this visit will be found in "The Inlander," No. 20, published in November, 1929, which (for the benefit of those who are not already in possession of a copy) can be obtained at the A.I.M. Rooms, 92b Pitt Street, Sydney.

Cloncurry.—Rev. G. McL. Scott, Patrol Padre in the Gulf area, is continuing his good work in his vast district. Among the places he has visited are Birdsville, in the south-west corner of Queensland, Burketown in north-west corner of the same State, Marranboy, away in the north of North Australia, Alice Springs, in the very centre of Australia, and nearly on the Tropic of Capricorn. A glance at an A.I.M. map will give the best idea of the vast distances Padre Scott has travelled in his mission work to reach these widely scattered districts.

In addition to his patrol work, Mr. Scott has done very valuable work for the Mission in connection with the A.M.S. His advice on many difficult matters arising therefrom, coming from a man on the spot, has been valuable and helpful to the Board.

Broome.—Rev. Philip Somerville is still at Broome, and is doing good work in that district.

The town of Broome has decayed considerably during late years. Many residents have left the district, and the Broome congregation has suffered in consequence. Through the generosity of a number of Victorian friends largely inspired by Rev. J. A. Barber, however, the Board was enabled to procure a motor car for Mr. Somerville's use, which has made it possible for him to penetrate the country eastward of Broome towards Fitzroy Crossing and Hall's Creek, and southward as far as Port Hedland, and thus has extended the usefulness of the Broome Station, and widened his influence as a messenger of the Gospel in those lonely parts.

Carnarvon.—Rev. W. E. Dorin is in charge of this far west station, and his parish includes all the territory within a radius of five or six hundred miles. Mr. Dorin is doing splendid work in that area, visiting stations, encouraging his people by words of cheer, and the distribution of books and periodicals, his visits being eagerly looked forward to by those whom he so faithfully serves. Mr. Dorin was

due for relief last year, but volunteered to remain another year, an offer which the Board gratefully accepted.

The A.I.M. is also assisting in the following activities:—

Home Mission work in the Kondinin district of W.A.

Home Mission work in the Mt. Isa district of Queensland.

The East-West Railway Mission.

The Smith of Dunesk Mission at Beltana, South Australia.

Clubs.

Due to the practical interest and enthusiasm of Adelaide friends, a club room has been built and equipped at Alice Springs. This Club Room is serving a very useful purpose, in as much as it provides a centre for social life in that district, and, in the meantime, is being availed of for religious services.

The Club at Cloncurry has been re-established since last Assembly, and under the supervision of Patrol Padre, Rev. G. McL. Scott, provides an acceptable meeting place for residents of, and visitors to that town. Concerts and other entertainments are given in the Club Room, and as the A.M.S. wireless operator is stationed on the premises, full advantage is taken of the programmes transmitted by the Broadcasting Stations.

Nursing Homes.

Since last Assembly the work of the Nursing Homes has been carried on continuously. During the earlier part of the term some difficulty was experienced in enlisting Nursing Sisters, but the nursing staff has been so splendidly loyal to the Mission, that in every instance where sisters have been asked to carry on after the expiry of their terms of engagement, they have done so without question. That difficulty, however, has disappeared, as applications are now coming in freely.

On 11th May, 1929, "The A.I.M. Elizabeth Symon Nursing Home" at Innamincka was opened by Rev. J. A. Barber, who was accompanied by Dr. George Simpson, Hon. Medical Adviser to the A.I.M. This Home is doing splendid work in the district, and as an example of the value of the Nursing Homes, mention might be made here of an outbreak of Typhoid Fever, which occurred in that district recently, and which assumed such serious proportions that a Doctor had to be sent from Tibooburra, and an extra A.I.M. Nursing Sister, who, fortunately, was on her way home from Birdsville, was diverted to Innamincka, to help deal with the outbreak.

Unfortunately a few deaths occurred, but the mortality was nothing to what it would have been had the A.I.M. not been on the spot to grapple with the epidemic in its early stages.

In January of this year, the Esperance Nursing Home was opened. The A.I.M. interest in this Home is rather unique. The Home was erected by the W.A. Government for the people of Esperance, who specially asked the A.I.M. to take charge of it for two years, the Esperance people to pay all the expenses incidental to the management, staffing and maintenance. The arrangement is working well.

The addition of these two Homes brings the total to twelve.

The Board hoped to have added Fitzroy Crossing to the list during this calendar year, but owing to the financial depression, and the shortage of money occasioned thereby, the W.A. Government is not so far able to redeem its conditional promise to participate in the cost.

It was also expected that the new ward and nurses' quarters at Hall's Creek would be built during this year, but after long negotiations with the W.A. Government it was found that the cost was going to amount to very much more than the original estimate, and the Board felt that it was not justified in proceeding at what was considered to be an excessive cost.

It gives the Board special pleasure to report a new milestone on the A.I.M. way. Last July our Nursing Home at Lake Grace attained maturity. It is now a Public Hospital under control of a local Board.

Although it is many years since the General Assembly of Australia approved the policy by which the A.I.M. should aim at developing its nursing homes into public hospitals—where and when practicable—Lake Grace is the first of our homes to realise its independence. Pending refund of some outstanding capital in the building, the A.I.M. meantime retains legal control of the property.

The national policy of the A.I.M. has been widely remarked and approved. That policy is now demonstrated.

Aerial Medical Service.

This Service has been carried on since its inception in May, 1928, and continues to prove its value over the area in which it is available.

Dr. K. St. Vincent Welch, the first flying officer of the Service, concluded his term in May, 1929, and was succeeded by Dr. J. A. Spalding, who carried on and consolidated Dr. Welch's good service till May of this year, and who was in turn succeeded by Dr. A. May.

Wireless.

Our wireless work, as is generally known, is carried on co-ordinately with the A.M.S., and is a necessary adjunct to that service, as without the wireless, people at present without ordinary telegraphic or telephonic facilities could not avail themselves of the A.M.S.

As the Superintendent is dealing more fully with both these services in his report, it is not necessary to go over the same ground herein.

Records and Accounts.

Since last Assembly, by arrangement with the New South Wales Treasurership Committee, the Board has taken over from that Committee, the bulk of the work entailed in the keeping of the accounts and records necessary to its activities. For some years past it has been felt that the arrangements for controlling and administering the funds of the A.I.M. were not satisfactory, principally on account of the great amount of duplication of the work that was in existence, and also the inconvenience of having the records kept in one office and the actual work done in another.

While the negotiations for the change were in progress, it was discovered that there was no definite statement on record defining the extent of the authority given to the N.S.W. Treasurership Committee, by the General Assembly of Australia. The Committee could not say how far their authority went, and a search of the Blue Books failed to throw any light on this extraordinary position.

The Board therefore asks the Assembly to clarify the position so far as the administration of the A.I.M. finances is concerned.

The Future.

The most important work before the Board is the co-ordination of the interests of all the different authorities affected by the operations of the A.M.S.

Some delicate situations have developed since the beginning of the A.M.S., and as these involve the Commonwealth Government, various State Governments, the B.M.A., Hospital Committees, Amalgamated Wireless, and others, it will be readily seen that to get all these parties down to some common ground, thereby harmonising the different interests, and allotting the responsibilities, is no mean task, the difficulties of which will test to the full the diplomacy of the A.M.S. Advisory Committee and the worthy Superintendent, upon whose shoulders the burden of the negotiations will fall.

The extension of the Patrol organisation is important from two points of view. Firstly, the work of the Patrols in existence has proved the value of the

work done by Padres, and, secondly, it is necessary that Nursing Homes be visited at least once, and, if possible, twice a year. These visits are doubly necessary for Homes where it is difficult to get committees to function, and the visits of the Padres are a great help and encouragement, both to the residents, and to the nursing sisters.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, the Board desires to heartily thank all Conveners, Councils, Office Teams, Officers and Committees of the various Nursing Homes, Doctors, Padres, Nurses, Subscribers, and all others who have assisted in any way to carry on the operations of the Mission, and prays that Almighty God will continue to bless this great work of ministering to his people in the great lonely spaces of Australia.

D. SNEDDON, Convener.

A.I.M.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

The period since last Assembly has, for me, been very broken, and overflowing with interest. The first five months were occupied chiefly with the transfer of responsibilities to Mr. Barber and other members of our staff; also in planning further development of our experimental Aerial Medical Service—in both medical and wireless branches.

WORLD TOUR.

Having joined the "Otranto" at Sydney late in February, I was able to confer with many colleagues in Hobart, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Perth. In Melbourne I attended meetings of the Board, at which it was decided to extend the Aerial Medical Service experiment for a second year.

While abroad, owing to generous provision made for me to observe life in other lands, I was able to leave the boat at Port Said, spend a few days there, and travel up the Nile to Luxor and Aswan, seeing ancient monuments and the wonderful dam which is now being raised to give vastly increased capacity. One wished it could be transferred to Central Australia!

Returning to Cairo, I joined my old friend, Mr. J. Nield, of Manly. Together we travelled through Palestine to Damascus, thence over Lebanon, and via Beyrout, to Constantinople, Athens, and Naples, Marseilles; and, overland, to London.

About a week later, having learned from officials at Australia House that I had been appointed as delegate for Australia, with Dr. Park, I returned to Paris, by air, to attend the "First International Congress on Aerial Medical Services" (L'Aviation Sanitaire).

Travelling direct to Edinburgh, in May, it was my privilege to attend both Assemblies of the Scottish Churches, at each of which I was invited to speak.

There followed a delightful rest in London, where I frequently saw Mr. Donald Macmillan, and other old friends—there were 25,000 Australians in the Old Land last year.

In July, I returned to Edinburgh and attended a meeting of the Colonial and Continental Committee of the United Free Church, at the request of our old friend, Dr. Macdonald Webster; then journeyed leisurely northward, via Stirling and Inverness to Tain and John o' Groat; across, via Thurso, to Tongue; down to Elgin, across to Oban; thence to Glasgow, the Trossachs, and back to London. During this tour, I came in touch with "The Highlands and Islands Medical Service," a wonderful movement—founded in 1912, the A.I.M. Birth-year—which is now solving many problems of isolation, which, in principle, though not in distance, are identical with our own.

Crossing to Switzerland, late in August, through Belgium, Luxemburg, and Alsace-Lorraine, I attended an International Conference gathered in Basel to arrange for continuous activity in restoring health to distressed Protestant Churches of Europe.

Afterwards, in company with one of the Scottish delegates, I spent two glorious days in the Black Forest, Germany; then a fortnight, wandering alone, amid the peace and beauty of Switzerland, trying to realise that the whole of that wonderful country could be placed within one Australian cattle station on which I had recently been a guest. I visited the arena of Calvin, Knox, and the League of Nations. My return journey was through Rheims and Amiens, where I toured part of the war area.

After a short spell in London, I again visited Edinburgh, to be present at the Union Celebrations of the Scottish Churches, then Aberdeen, and Glasgow—where I was present at the first Foreign Mission Demonstration of the re-united Church of Scotland—and over to Belfast.

There followed a happy fortnight among kinsmen, and Church folk. Dr. Porter, Convener of the Colonial Committee, arranged a dinner in my honour, at which I met a group of Church Leaders, and the following Sunday I conducted the afternoon service in the Assembly Hall.

Then came a run along the Coast to the Giant's Causeway, and back through Balymena; on to Dublin, Killarney, Limerick, and back via North Wales to London. Soon it was time to join the "Montrose" at Liverpool.

It was interesting for me to learn, by the way, that my father's Scottish ancestors dwelt at Montrose, while my mother's Ulster ancestors had emerged from Kirkcudbright.

Features of the return journey included the evening of the shortest day at Greenoch, Xmas day on rough seas of the Atlantic; St. John's (Nova Scotia), Montreal, Ottawa, Belleville (Ontario), where I spent a week-end with Dr. Seymour; Toronto, Niagara, New York—where Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brookes wanted to know the latest about our A.M.S., which their kinsman, Colonel Tom White, has helped to build up; and Dr. Angus, Professor Osborne, and Mrs. Osborne, proved that one cannot get far away from Australia—and Washington.

In Washington, Dr. Elwood Mead and his colleagues, who control the vast irrigation systems of U.S.A., helped me to plan out the short time remaining, and loaded me with valuable reports.

By making a non-stop run through Chicago—where the thermometer registered 10 degrees below zero (42 below freezing), quite a calm, mild day at that season—down the Mississippi Valley to New Orleans, thence through Texas to El Paso, where I crossed into Mexico for half an hour's tour, I was able to spend the week-end at Phoenix, Arizona.

There I saw the irrigation area, and the Presbyterian Church. That Church, quite a humble one in its way, employs two secretaries and a full-time treasurer, besides a caretaker—a certificated engineer, who draws salary equal to that of many a minister. This official looks after an elaborate (radiator) heating plant, besides a warmed-air injector and ventilating air filter; also refrigerating machinery for cooling the air when desired. That Phoenix Church, truly, is neither hot nor cold! Nevertheless, it has much to say about the art of doing things in hand with all one's might and it has no deficits over which to shed tears.

Next came Los Angeles and San Francisco-Oakland, where I talked with Mr. Gillanders, and visited the "fruit-ranch" of Mrs. Congreve's relatives; then continued up the Sacramento Valley, and on to Seattle and Vancouver to join the Aorangi.

These brief references may serve to indicate that the purpose of my furlough was fulfilled. The few conferences mentioned above were just sufficient to help me realise the fulness of my freedom, and to assure me that older lands have problems even greater than our own.

To all who assisted in providing for me this delightful experience, I wish to express a gratitude that will deepen with the years. One cannot really measure advantages of such a tour until, after overcoming arrears, one is able to make time for reflection.

OVERSEAS FRIENDS OF A.I.M.

In many quarters, overseas, there is keen desire for information about Australia and the A.I.M., and to share in the interest and privilege of upholding highest British ideals in outlying portions of the Empire.

For such keen souls, there is need for some kind of "British Presbyterian Association," which might deliver us all from that danger of which Australians were recently reminded by Professor Hugh Black—insularity.

We of the A.I.M. have never pressed appeals for money, overseas, though we have welcomed many spontaneous gifts. I have begun to feel, however, that we may have been denying some kinsfolk an opportunity to find comfort.

For many overseas hearts are sad because of lonely graves in this continent. Since my return, with Mr. Barber's assistance, I have secured photos. of one grave, that of a brilliant son of a world-famous family, who died while assisting Australia to apply the science of geo-physics in the development of our mineral wealth. That photo. is being sent to the broken-hearted Mother, whom I met in Montreal. She still mourns—and she can place no flowers on the grave of her beloved son.

And there are others, thousands of others, whose family names are not of world-wide fame, but whose hearts are just as sad. Such might find solace by participating in our growing ministry of comfort for those still in battle. I commend this subject to all, but there has not yet been time for me to prepare suggestions.

Development of A.I.M.

During my absence, the A.I.M. prospered exceedingly, and our attainments are now such that we may well render thanksgiving; but success always brings with it corresponding difficulties, from which we have not been immune.

1. We have acquired, in many quarters, a reputation for wealth. Much of that reputation is based on fiction—the penalty of avoiding deficits.

The rest is based on misunderstanding. The unreflecting, hearing that generous special gifts, or legacies, have come to the A.I.M., rush to the conclusion that we have funds to scatter abroad, forgetting that the intention of our Benefactors (which must be respected) is to fortify our movement against such times as this, when, without adequate reserves, some of our far-flung activities might be brought to a humiliating standstill. No engine can function properly without an adequate fly-wheel.

2. After years of painful inadequacy, our organisation is now in touch—though not as effectively as we desire—with almost the whole field included in our objective. This means, roughly, a circle almost two thousand miles in diameter; an area equal to two-thirds of the United States of America.

The ramifications of our work have increased, inevitably, as rapidly as the volume.

3. The good reputation, won for the A.I.M. by our various workers in the field, has brought about an embarrassing increase of cries from Australia's Macedonias.

Having, wisely, given first attention to the most isolated regions, where we had the field largely to ourselves, we have only lately been faced with the need for the co-ordination of our own enterprises with kindred activities which meet us on our borders, both in religious and in welfare work.

These growing-pains are very welcome, and very interesting. Since my return, I have been giving most of my attention to problems of organisation, both for the Home Base and for the Field.

Without entering into details, I wish to pay the highest tribute to the wisdom and energy of our Convener, who had already taken steps towards bringing the evolution of our office up to the demands of growth in our whole organisation.

Owing to extraordinary complications of the time in which the Assembly meets, following on my long absence, it was impracticable for me to deal in advance with several of our chief interests.

During the last three days, these subjects have received close attention from our Board, whose members had arrived in advance of the Assembly Army. Proposed alterations and additions to the deliverance will reveal quietness and confidence.

Aerial Medical Service.

Our Aerial Medical Service experiment has attracted much public attention, not only throughout Australia, but also in Canada and South Africa, as well as in the Old Land. Much more interest would have been aroused had it been permissible for us to tell our stories freely at the time. But we were severely handicapped by two considerations.

First, the medical profession is fully as silent as the Navy. Its members will tackle anything, but they resent any publicity that tends to glorify the individual rather than the profession. So long as tales of the Flying Doctor could relate to one individual only, we were obliged to exercise great restraint.

Second, the effort was, up till last May, purely an experiment. Since then, it has been continued only tentatively, awaiting the decision of this Assembly.

And here I should mention one of the most remarkable features in all our experience during eighteen years. Begun through the enterprise of a small group of enthusiasts, without any strain on our congregations, this experiment was carried on for a whole year with a doctor, pilot, aeroplane, two wireless officers—all adequately paid—and much wireless gear.

At the end of the first year (March, 1929), the Board had to decide whether to continue for a second year or not—with over 80 per cent. of the necessary money already in the bank!

Last May, after the second year of operation, the Board and its Advisory Committee were satisfied that the experiment had proved that our dream of a "Mantle of Safety" for Australia's uttermost citizens was practicable.

Meantime, results of our wireless work had exceeded our highest hopes of even three years before. (Hermannsburg, equipped with only a "Pedal" transmitter, 550 miles from our "Central" at Cloncurry, has been in regular communication for over a month.)

And the means? We are still pouring out steadily and silently, and yet there is ample oil in our cuse!

There is need for co-ordination of this service, also, with other efforts within the sphere of influence. Thus, efficiency would be increased, with a progressive decrease of expense.

(Note: While this report was being written (11th September) the following radiogram reached the A.I.M. Office, the first to come from our "Pedal" wireless station just established at Borraloola, North Australia, an outpost whose isolation has, in the past, been the cause of tragic suffering. This is how the grateful citizens express themselves, through their spokesman, Mr. John Macintyre:—
 "CONGRATULATIONS AND SINCERE REGARDS FROM BORROLOOLA FOLK ON THE INAUGURATION OF THE WIRELESS SERVICE STOP WE CONSIDER YOURS IS THE FIRST FOOTSTEP ON THE SANDS OF TIME FOR A NEW ERA.")

I strongly recommend an attempt to develop the experimental service into a permanent one, to be closely co-ordinated with kindred services, and to be extended, if this become practicable by growth in A.M.S. income and supporting reserves.

We have a story to tell. Such a story, explaining our merciful purpose, would be a fine tonic for primary producers, near and far.

Our "Men on the Land" are now being requested to pull Australia out of the difficulties in which we have become entangled. Let us raise for them a hearty cheer, and the Nation will surely cheer with us.

Thus, increasingly, the A.I.M. will demonstrate our original trinity of purpose—a purpose born of practical faith.

For the Nation: To its uttermost bounds, security and uplift.

For the Church: Co-operative effort, in difficult places, among her dispersed battalions.

For Our Kirk: To her remotest adventurous members, through the ministry of devoted Sisters and Padres, the right hand of fellowship in Christ and the Continent.

(Signed) J. FLYNN.

IV.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions submits the reports of the State Committees on Foreign Missions, and recognises, with deep thankfulness, the goodness of God for the period of two years under review. The reports presented reveal the deep interest of the Presbyterian Church in the Commonwealth in its missionary enterprises, and the great generosity of many of the people in a time of financial depression.

It mourns the loss of many such staunch friends as the late Mr. R. K. Gillespie in Victoria, and Miss Annie Thomson in New South Wales, concerning whom the State Committees have put on record their warm appreciation of many and varied services to the cause of Missions. It expresses its deep sympathy with Dr. Davidson in South Australia in his illness; it extends its sympathy to the Rev. P. R. and Mrs. Currell in the loss of their daughter; and to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong on their retirement from work owing to ill health. It regrets the loss from its service of Mrs. MacCormack, owing to the necessity of providing an opportunity of education for her children. It records its warm appreciation of the long service of the Rev. R. Boyd in the New Hebrides, and wishes him a happy period of retirement. It rejoices in the coming to the service of the Church, in its missionary activities, of Miss J. Byron, Mapoon; of Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller, Weipa; of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dougherty, Mornington Island; of Dr. Janet Watt, Mr. C. S. Boyall, B.A., and Mrs. Boyall, and Miss C. McCredie, to India; of the Rev. F. T. and Mrs. Borland to Korea; of Dr. and Mrs. H. Burrell and Dr. and Mrs. D. Macleod to the New Hebrides. It warmly welcomes the student volunteers, Mr. Wilfred Paton and Mr. J. W. P. Gillan for the New Hebrides, and Mr. S. E. McKay for North Queensland.

The Fraser Scholarships are at present held by Miss Betty Robertson, Queensland; Mr. Olaf Spence, New South Wales; Mr. D. A. Keenan, Victoria; and Miss Gladys Giles, who has had experience in North Queensland, and hopes to return to work amongst the Aborigines, after the completion of her studies at the Deaconess Institute. Of all of these the Board has received satisfactory reports about their educational work. Mr. T. Watt had to resign his scholarship owing to ill health, and Miss Thelma Griffiths received another bursary.

On 31st December, 1929, the Board lost the services of Mr. A. L. Pryde owing to his resignation of his position as General Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. Mr. Pryde had been treasurer of the Board for about 30 years, and the Board put on record its appreciation of his valued services.

The Board rejoices that a National Missionary Council of Australia has been established, with headquarters, for this year, in Sydney; and that State Councils have been organised in South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria. The Board recommends that the Church's representatives on the National Missionary Council of Australia should be: Mrs. J. G. Ward, Rev. A. Fleming, Dr. Wm. Gunn, and the Revs. T. W. Leggatt and H. C. Matthew. These Missionary Councils have drawn the Mission Boards and Societies of the Churches closer together, and have been instrumental in keeping the missionary interests before the public and the Government.

The issuing of the Bleakley report (1928), making a survey of the work of Governments and Missions in Northern and Central Australia, on behalf of Aborigines and Half-Castes, was of vital importance, and the Board has co-operated with other Churches, in seeking to have the recommendations of that report accepted, as determining the policy of the Government, in the care of the Aborigines and Half-Castes in Northern and Central Australia. It is with much regret that the Board learned, from newspaper reports, that the Minister for Home Affairs has declared his intention to ignore these recommendations (Pages 15 and 17), for the providing of homes, under mission control, for Aborigines and Half-Castes at Darwin and Alice Springs.

The Board of Religious Education issued a leaflet by the Rev. W. F. MacKenzie, entitled "The Australian Aboriginal: His Side of the Question," which was widely distributed throughout the States.

During the past year the Board has given serious consideration to the position of Assistant Missionaries, who are not provided for under the Beneficiary Fund of one of the State Churches. It has received valuable information in this matter from the New Zealand Church, and from the Australian Board of Missions. It is of the opinion that some arrangements for superannuation should be made with these missionaries upon their appointment, in the interests of the missionaries and their families.

Mr. G. I. Beard, who has worked so faithfully for the past 10 years at Port George 4th, has notified the Board that he intends to retire from the work after he comes on furlough next year.

Kunmunya Mission, Port George IV.—Under the Superintendent, the Rev. J. R. B. Love, and Mr. G. I. Beard, the work at the Kunmunya Mission at Port George IV., Western Australia, is in a very satisfactory and encouraging condition. Over 300 natives are in close and friendly touch with the mission, and the missionaries are gradually providing ample facilities for the fostering of a healthy, industrial, and social community around the mission centre. Mr. Love reports on conditions as follows:—

Buildings.—Owing to the generosity of the P.G.F. of Western Australia, the Church building has now complete walls, with French windows along both sides, and is a comfortable and dignified house of worship. The floor has been cemented over stone flags, the stones having been brought in by the natives on Sundays as offerings, till a sufficient quantity was accumulated to cover the floor. The weekly bringing in of stones was a very picturesque scene for some weeks. The Worrora people call "money" by the native word "kaiug," which means "stone." So, when they were bringing their weekly offerings for the house of the Lord, they were bringing in "kaiug," which might be rendered "money" or "stone," and was certainly their equivalent of a money gift. From Mrs. Sutherland of Toorak was received the generous donation of £100, which has provided an organ and handsome jarrah seats for the Church.

The generosity of Miss Armstrong of Toorak has provided a new and neat dormitory for the girls, which has been built by Mr. Beard. As the aborigines all love to camp by a fire, an open fireplace was included in the dormitory. An elderly native woman sleeps with the girls and acts as duenna, and, with their own fire and their own buildings, the girls are very comfortable and happy. The boys' dormitory has been rebuilt. Three cottages have been built for leading married young people. A shore shed has been built at the boat landing, three miles from this station, where boat gear and stores can be safely stored. A dinghy has been built for fishing for food. Fishing has been carried on with quite good results in supplementing the supply of fresh food.

Varied activities on land and at sea are carried on.

On Land.—Under the direction of Mr. Beard, cultivation has been carried on. Four acres have been planted with peanuts, about three acres with rice, and some five acres with sorghum grains (Feterita, Kaffir corn and Milo sorghum), sweet potatoes, pumpkins, melons, and various vegetables, pineapples and paw-paws are under cultivation. Last season one acre of peanuts yielded a return of £20/11/8. The present season does not promise to be very good, owing to late and light rains. It is too early yet to say what the peanut crop will be. This

is the only crop under cultivation at present with financial prospects. A considerable quantity of corn, potatoes (sweet), vegetables and rice has been grown for home consumption, which has added largely to the resources of the Mission; but none of these crops have proved marketable. Extensive inquiries have been made into the possibility of a fibre industry, literature has been obtained through the Western Australian Council for Industrial Development, to which body our thanks are due for their efforts. The result appears to me to put the sisal hemp industry out of court for Australia. Plants are growing here and an area of four acres is under this plant. It grows, but does not flourish as in East Africa.

At Sea.—The “Watt-Leggatt,” under the capable handling of Alfred Brown, has carried the mails and stores monthly, except for the wet season break, with entire satisfaction. The “Watt-Leggatt” cost for the last year £382/13/8 and earned £159/8/5, a nett cost to the Mission for her services of £223/5/3.

The “W. S. Rolland,” under the charge of Harry Shadforth, has been engaged in beach-combing, i.e., fishing for beche-de-mer, turtle shell and pearl shell. Her earnings for the period were £248 and expenses £225/3/11, showing a nett profit on the year’s working of £22/16/1. This is reasonably satisfactory, taking into consideration the fact that the “W. S. Rolland” has paid Harry’s wages of £8/10/- per month, with additional commission of 5 per cent. on his earnings, has employed and paid and clothed his boat’s crew, and shows a balance to be placed to the cost of renewals. The beche-de-mer industry here does not show signs of producing large sums for the development of the station. It just pays for itself. It is good to know that it keeps a member of the Mission staff (Harry) patrolling up and down the coast near the Mission Reserve, which must be an influence for good. For the past two years the earnings and expenses of the boats have been as follows:—

“The Watt-Leggatt”:

	1928-1929.	1929-1930.
Earnings	£315 4 11	£158 9 5
Expenses	£494 12 8	£382 13 8

“W. S. Rolland”—

Earnings	£208 7 5	£248 0 0
Expenses	£170 13 10	£225 3 11

On the matter of general conduct, education, and religious life the Superintendent has many encouraging things to say.

“Conduct.”—The conduct of the natives at the station has left nothing to be desired. There has not occurred a case of theft, impertinence, or disobedience. During the year I reported to the Board my distress at the action of some of our men when went out to the bush and took part in tribal killings, and the case of a man who killed his wife owing to a foolish superstition. The men involved in these cases have been removed by the police to Derby, where they have still to undergo trial. The subsequent behaviour of even these men has greatly encouraged me and given me reason to hope that, in spite of the lapse into heathen cruelty, we are making real progress in our work of influencing the moral and spiritual outlook of these people. I have already reported to the Board the action of the men who had prepared for a big corroboree on Good Friday, and who, when I pointed out to them the solemn regard in which we held that day, at once removed their decorations, which had taken all the afternoon to prepare, and postponed their corroboree till Easter Monday, when no objections were raised to a time of play.

“The visit of a police party in connection with the reported tribal killings has further vindicated the discipline of the Mission and the value of a truthful and honest dealing with the natives. A number of natives were wanted by the police on a charge of killing two men in the bush. All men and women were told to assemble at the Mission next day. They did so, the men present who were implicated, submitted voluntarily to arrest, when told that they must go to Derby with the police for trial. Two men were at a distance in the bush. Two messengers were sent out to summon them, telling them frankly that they must go to Derby, under arrest by the police. On the sixth day the messengers returned, the two wanted men had obeyed the order and came in and gave themselves up (which

facts I hope will be taken into consideration at their trial). Thus, through the influence of the Mission, the men wanted by the police were arrested without violence or strategy and the necessity for ceasing from tribal killings has been demonstrated.

“Education.—I have instituted a change in the method of schooling. School lessons are now given for two hours per day on four days per week, in the elementary subjects of reading, writing, simple figuring, geography, singing and sewing, in the afternoons. In the mornings the children are employed in taking their share of the ordinary industrial work of the station, agriculture, building, etc., both boys and girls. I have reduced the school hours in the afternoons only, in the belief that an elementary knowledge of reading and writing with a practical system of industrial training, will be of more service to the native children than a full-time school. The school has been under the excellent management of Mrs. Ina Brown, the wife of our half-caste captain of the “Watt-Leggatt,” who has a gift for teaching and obtains the affection, as well as the obedience, of the children. There are twelve scholars in the school. During the cooler months of the year a weekly class for women has been held by Mrs. Love and Mrs. Beard, which includes Bible lessons and sewing, the women making dresses for themselves.

“Religious Instruction.—Morning prayers are conducted daily in the Church at 7 a.m., consisting of singing of hymn or psalm, reading and exposition of Scripture lesson, prayer, followed by the Lord’s prayer in the local native tongue. A weekly evening class has been held for the teaching of the men and women to read the Scriptures in their own tongue. Services are conducted twice on Sunday: in the mornings by Mr. Beard, and in the evenings by myself.

“The Gospel of St. Mark has been translated into the Worrora language, the printer’s proofs corrected and returned to London for printing by the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Gospel of St. Matthew is almost completed. In this connection I have very great pleasure in acknowledging the gift of £8 from the Theological students of Ormond College for translation. This amount has been remitted to the Western Australian Secretary for the Bible Society to go towards the cost of printing St. Mark.

“Several men wished to join the Church at Easter time, but, in view of the late killings of men in the bush, I have deemed it wiser to delay these applicants for baptism till they can demonstrate their influence as Christian men by preventing such occurrences away from the station, as distinct from the easier course of good conduct at the station.”

The Superintendent reports that, at Easter time, 1929, the first baptisms into the Christian faith took place in the Kunmunya Mission. Four men, three women and their five children, were admitted on the profession of faith of the elders. Mr. Love speaks highly of the character of these first members of the Christian Church among the Worrora tribe. After the baptism, in the presence of 100 natives, the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was dispensed, Mr. Beard and Harry Shadforth acting as Eders.

The Board cordially endorses the comment of the Superintendent:—

“Mr. and Mrs. Beard, in particular, will feel that their work of nine years has been crowned with its due fruition at last! and I know that all who worked here formerly, and all who have loyally supported the mission will feel that now their faith in the blackfellow is being rewarded. It is not the fact of baptism that counts, but the fact that lives are being lived which warrant us in administering the Sacrament to those who, we believe, as far as we can judge, are worthy to be enrolled in the church.”

It also agrees with his statement in this year’s report:—

“I cannot close this report without once more expressing my sense of the worth-while-ness of this mission of the Church to the Aborigines. In any land it would be worth while to make known the saving grace of Christ to people who, without us, will never hear His holy name except as a term of blasphemy. In this land which we have taken, our debt and duty to the barbarians is intensified. The study of the aboriginal language of these people has given me an insight into the mental capabilities of these usually despised people, that is amazing and con-

vinces me yet more of the universal kinship of all the children of men as potential children of the Kingdom of God."

The Board rejoices that this mission is so deeply in the hearts of many of the people of the Church in all the States, and that so many have remembered it with special gifts, which have enabled the missionaries to make such satisfactory provision for the carrying on of the work.

And, finally, it gives thanks to God for the manifest tokens of His blessing upon the labours of the missionaries, for the first-fruits of the Church in the Kunmunya Mission, Port George IV., for the marked progress in Christian character and conduct amongst the native Christians, for the evangelistic zeal of the Christian leaders at Aurukun as manifested in their visits to the Kendal River district with the message of the Gospel to their own people, and for the Missionaries' activities at Kunmunya and Aurukun in translating the Gospels into the languages of the people, and so enabling them to hear "the wonderful words of God" in their own tongue.

(Signed) T. WATT-LEGGATT, Convener.

Report of Committee on Missions to the Heathen, Queensland, for the years 1928 and 1929.

The period under review has been characterised by changes, difficulties and disappointments, consequently it has been fraught with considerable anxiety to the Committee in charge of the work as well as to the workers on the field. On the other hand, there is certainly cause for encouragement and even rejoicing, for the reports from each station tell of steady progressive work. The lives of the people are surely on the up grade, and many of the children in the schools are showing signs of considerable intelligence. At Aurukun quite a new and exceptional interest has been manifested by the people. On their own initiative, and with the guidance of the Superintendent, the Christian people have organised themselves into parties who systematically visit the tribes to the South and give the Gospel message to the people in their own language. This part of the Reserve was explored by Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, who were well received by the people, many of whom had never seen a white man.

The health of the people generally has been good, and the Stations have been free from any epidemic of a severe nature. Apart from one incident, at Weipa, when some men quarrelled and indulged in spear throwing, the conduct of the people has been very good. It has been a source of great disappointment, owing to financial stringency, that nothing has been done for the people on Bentinck Island.

The State Assembly unanimously passed a resolution that on the completion of ten years' service on the field, the salary of Missionaries and Assistants be increased by 25 per cent. Rev. R. H. Wilson and Mr. C. J. Miller will be the first to enjoy the benefits of this increase. For the greater part of 1929 the Convener (Rev. G. K. Kirke) was absent from the State. During that period Mr. James Caulfield took his place as acting Convener and ably and with acceptance met the obligations of the position. Last year the "J. G. Ward," which has given such noble service for our Cause in North Queensland, had to be thoroughly overhauled and recoppered at a cost of £820. Of this amount £236 remains to be paid.

Concerning the Staff.

Having completed three years' service, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney resigned and meantime are not likely to offer again for the work. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong found the climate and conditions too trying and also tendered their resignation. Owing to the educational claims of her boys, Mrs. R. McCormack has also resigned from the work of the Mission. In the month of March, 1930, Miss Grace Currell (17 years), daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Currell, of Mapoon died in the Ipswich Hospital. She had acquitted herself with great credit in the work of the school at Mapoon and had won the confidence and love of the people of the station in a very marked way. Her place as teacher at Mapoon has been taken by Miss Jean Byron, of Brisbane. Mr. S. E. Mackay, an Exit student of Emmanuel Theological Hall, 1929, visited the North and

spent three months on the Mission Field. As a result he has decided to devote his life to this service and after ordination will return to the Field towards the end of the year. He will be the first Queensland trained minister to hold office on our Northern Mission Field. He was one of the ablest of the students in the Hall. New workers in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dougherty and Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller have been accepted. Mr. Gage has returned to Weipa and is now superintendent of that station. Mrs. Gage hopes to be able to go North soon.

The Staff at present is—

Mapoon: Rev. P. R. and Mrs. Currell, Miss Byron.

Weipa: Mr. and Mrs. Gage, Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller.

Aurukun: Rev. W. F. McKenzie, B.A., and Mrs. McKenzie, B.A., Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Miller (on furlough).

Mornington Island: Rev. R. H. and Mrs. Wilson (on furlough), Mr. and Mrs. J. Dougherty.

To be appointed: Mr. S. E. Mackay.

Finance.

The financial position is depressing. 1928 began with a debit balance of £528, and 1929 closed with a debt of £1213. At the meeting of the State Assembly in May, the debt, including the amount due on the "J. G. Ward," was £2000. This is no doubt due to the present financial stress, the severe drought which prevailed in Queensland and the comparatively small membership of the Church in a young far-flung State. A special effort for the reduction of this debt is being made. It will be evident that the grant from the Mission Board will need to be extended to enable the Committee to carry on its work.

A summarised statement of receipts and disbursements for the two years is appended.

G. K. KIRKE,

Convener.

ABORIGINAL MISSION FUND.

Receipts and Disbursements for two years, till 31st December, 1929.

Current Account.

	Receipts.		1928		1929	
			£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Congregations	1954	2 0	1597	11 3		
„ Donations	330	4 2	189	3 6		
„ Sundry	65	17 11	55	2 3		
„ Board of Missions	687	10 0	500	0 0		
„ Debit Balance	624	3 11	1213	0 6		
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			£3661	18 0	£3554	17 6
	Disbursements.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
By Dr. Balance	528	2 0	624	3 11		
„ Salaries	1990	6 3	1978	3 4		
„ Passages	403	5 5	322	18 10		
„ Late R. M. MacCormack	132	15 8	18	0 0		
„ Furniture and Building Material, &c.	230	11 7	175	4 4		
„ Insurance and Beneficiary Funds	86	2 9	84	3 3		
„ "J. G. Ward" Running Expenses			33	14 3		
„ do Engine for Dinghy			41	4 8		
„ Mission Children	62	6 7	42	7 0		
„ General Expenses	228	7 9	234	17 11		
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			£3661	18 0	£3554	17 6

"J. G. WARD" REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

Receipts.			Disbursements.		
To Contributions	237 14 0	By Cost of Repairs	820 10 2
„ Government Grant		350 0 0	„ Expenses	3 18 0
„ Dr. Balance	236 14 2			
		<u>£824 8 2</u>			<u>£824 8 2</u>

MISSIONS TO THE HEATHEN, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Your Committee is conscious that it has to present a report that is far from satisfactory. It has been faced with the consequences of the financial drift that set in years ago. It has been difficult to get on to all the monetary obligations of the Church in the State for its Mission enterprise. The deficit appeared in the office books as £325 at December 31, 1927. But it was found that a big sum was then owing as our share of levy for the Board of Missions. This was paid and put up the deficit. Steps were taken at once to wipe out the deficit, and in spite of what came in for this purpose we closed the year 1928 with a deficit for £404. The result of the appeal to meet this deficit has given us £395/0/11. And our expenses of sending Mr. and Mrs. Anderson back to Korea amounted to £165/14/9. The receipts from Mr. Anderson's meetings are not known, but his expenses were £12/10/2. The levy for the Board of Missions has been reduced to £110 per year. Authority was given to the General Treasurer to pay the balance of the levy for 1928 (at the rate of £140 per year), £35, and the present levy to 30/9/29, £110.

It was decided to make a special appeal to increase contributions through schemes of the Church and to raise money to liquidate all existing debts carried by Committees of the Assembly, and stabilise the finances of the Church.

At an early stage it was felt that it would be a great advantage to your Committee if it had members of the P.W.M.U. Executive to sit as members. Your Committee co-opted the three P.W.M.U. officials—President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Your Committee had the benefit of their help and counsel though rest of the year.

Mr. Anderson, during his stay among us, visited every congregation. He also addressed gatherings in Victoria, and was very helpful in gatherings of our young people of the Church. He also visited our Colleges again and again. His lantern talks were special features of his visit where they could be given. Your Committee acknowledges its indebtedness to Mr. David Gordon and Mr. Coultas for helping Mr. Anderson at many of his meetings. Mrs. Anderson also did a large amount of deputation work. On leaving for the eastern States, Mrs. Anderson was fittingly farewelled by the P.W.M.U., and Mr. Anderson was given a suitable "send off" a little later. The Andersons left Sydney for Korea, September 14, 1929, and reached Korea in good health about October 6th.

A branch of the National Missionary Council has been formed in Adelaide, and your Committee thought it proper to join. The convener is the present representative to this Council.

The Rev. J. R. B. Love keeps your Committee informed about our work among the aborigines at Kunmunya, Port George IV. Extracts from his letters appeared in the "Banner." The Rev. R. H. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, from Mornington Island, paid a very short visit to Adelaide in January. The visit was too short to do more than take them to a cafe for lunch. We still have interest in Mr. Macmillan and Tanna. He gets regularly revenue from the Helen Lyall and Margaret Irene Gray Funds for his work. He always acknowledges these gifts with appreciation, and recalls the days when he was our missionary.

It was with regret that your Committee lost the services of Dr. Davidson, who was for a time convener of this Committee. He was smitten down with a severe illness early last year. It will be fitting that the Assembly should

convey to him and Mrs. Davidson and the members of the family an expression of our unqualified sympathy for them.

The financial difficulty is what lies before the Church in carrying on our work in Korea. The compact with the P.W.M.U. has come to an end for the promised £130 a year. The P.W.M.U. has been approached for a renewal of similar help to continue. Mr. Anderson is in need of a motor car for his work, and a fund has been started to get a car for him. The sum of £31/12/3 has come in. But the effort to raise what is needed has been deferred in view of the appeal for the £8,500 to stabilise the funds of the Church.

By authority of the Committee,

W. GRAY, Convener.

FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT.

Tasmanian Auxiliary.

The period covered by this report has been one of some anxiety to the Committee. Since Rev. F. Reid's retirement early in 1928, the mission station on Epi has been vacant in spite of earnest endeavors to find a successor. A Victorian layman volunteered for the post, but after inquiry into the condition and demands of the work it was decided that the appointment of an unordained man be not proceeded with. Efforts have been made both in Australia and in the old land to find a man, but without success. The Committee appreciates the help that the Rev. F. G. Bowie gave in appealing for volunteers in Scotland.

The New Hebridean Synod at its last meeting, in reply to an inquiry, advised the Committee that it considered Epi no longer offered an adequate field for a missionary's work. In view of this advice the Committee has been in consultation with the Victorian Committee, and is now preparing to review its whole policy. At a meeting held in March last a motion was carried "that this Committee confer with the Victorian F.M. Committee with a view to the unification of the work, and the allocation of a missionary to the Tasmanian Presbytery." It was also decided that an annual contribution of £150 be made to the Foreign Mission work of the Victorian Church until the Tasmanian Church is able to secure a representative in the field.

Quite recently, however, a communication from Rev. M. Frater has given a new view which may deeply affect the situation. As the result of medical treatment given to the natives by the Rockfeller Foundation, it is anticipated that the depopulation of Epi, in common with that of other islands, will probably be checked and that there may be again an opportunity for settling a missionary there.

The deepest thanks of the Committee are due to Rev. M. Frater, who cheerfully undertook the oversight of the work on Epi after Rev. F. Reid's resignation. This is the more appreciated as the Committee is well aware that already the men in the New Hebrides are over-burdened. For the very full and interesting reports of his work we also thank Mr. Frater.

In the absence of a representative, the interest of the Church is maintained in the Native Teachers, and in other departments of the work on Epi, supervised by Mr. Frater. Our quota of £97 per annum for work in North and North-West Australia has also been met.

The Committee thank the congregation, P.W.M.U. Sunday Schools, and Young Peoples' Societies for their continued interest in the work.

After two years' work as Convener, Rev. J. L. Hurse asked to be relieved of his duties, and Rev. F. J. Thomas has been appointed in his place. The thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. Hurse for his untiring interest during a difficult and somewhat discouraging period.

F. J. THOMAS, Convener.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for two years ending December, 31st, 1929.

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
	£ s. d		£ s. d
To Balance, 1/1/28	117 19 2	By Salary Rev. F. Reid	50 0 0
„ Contributions, 1928	539 16 11	„ Island Expenses	82 8 6
„ Contributions, 1929	379 6 8	„ Native Teachers	160 0 0
„ Assembly Grant, 1928	50 0 0	„ Board of Missions	194 0 0
„ Assembly Grant, 1929	50 0 0	„ Launch Expenses	41 12 2
„ Bequests, 1928	6 18 0	„ Travelling Expenses	11 12 9
„ Bequests, 1929	6 18 0	„ Hymn Books	5 0 0
„ Natives' Fund	14 12 0	„ Typewriter	15 5 0
„ Interest	6 8 11	„ Sundries	7 15 7
		Balance	604 5 8
	<u>£1171 19 8</u>		<u>£1171 19 8</u>

ANDREW L. PEACOCK,
Treasurer.

REPORT FOREIGN AND ABORIGINES COMMITTEE, WESTERN
AUSTRALIA.

We have to report steady progress both spiritually and materially in the work at Port George IV.

The work of the Rev. J. R. B. and Mrs. Love, ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Beard, has been greatly appreciated by the Committee, and we feel that the whole Church owes them much for their untiring interest and labor.

We are glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. Love will soon be taking a long needed rest, but regret that there is a possibility of Mr. and Mrs. Beard retiring from the work in the near future.

As far as this State is concerned much interest has been shown in the Mission by the various organisations of our Church. The P.W.M.U. has not only made valuable monetary contributions to the work, but has, from time to time, sent gifts for the comfort of the missionaries, and the welfare of the people and children.

The P.G.A., which made possible the building of the new Church, has from time to time since, added other things for its better equipment.

The Young Men of the Bible Class Union have also done much in providing materials for building operations. In addition to this, various individuals, Churches and Sunday Schools, have shown their practical interest.

It is pleasing to know that many of the native Christians have been showing the desire to do missionary work, and by visiting the different tribes and holding meetings with them, have not only carried the gospel, but have also been the means of settling disputes and thus saving tribal fighting.

Mr. Love has translated the Gospel of Mark into the Native tongue, and the manuscript is now in the hands of the British and Foreign Bible Society for printing. Keen interest in this transaction has been taken by those outside our Church, and no less than three branches of the Society in Western Australia have notified the Secretary of their willingness to contribute towards the cost of publication.

For the Committee.

(Signed) E. W. HOGBEN.
Convener.

NEW SOUTH WALES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Foreign Missions Report, 1928-1930.

In presenting this report the Committee desire to acknowledge with gratitude the goodness of God in providing them with new workers for India.

the money required to meet the expenditure for 1928 and 1929 and the increased interest being shown in the missionary enterprises of the Church. They are able to report that a son of the Manse has started his University course with a view to becoming a Medical Missionary, while others are beginning to turn their thoughts towards service in the mission fields.

The Committee believe the Church is realising the importance of sending the Gospel to the heathen, and of endeavoring to build up in their midst a strong native Church self-governed, self-supported, and with a strong missionary spirit—which will compel them to go out and win others for Christ and His Church.

INDIA.

The Committee are glad to report that their staff in India has been strengthened with the arrival on the field of Mr. C. S. Boyall, B.A., and Mrs. Boyall, who are stationed at Pallipat, of Miss Catherine McCredie, who will be stationed at Sholinghur, and Dr. Janet Watt, who will have the oversight of the Goodlet Hospital, Sholinghur.

Since last report, the Committee have received several handsome gifts. From Mrs. Kirkland £1000 for the building of the Girls' Home. Several friends gave a similar amount for the erection of a Boys' Home. The girls of 1929, attending Pymble Presbyterian Ladies' College, raised sufficient money for the building of a Caste Girls' School at Sholinghur; while the girls of the same year attending Croydon Presbyterian Ladies' College, subscribed enough money for the erection of a Village School at Pallipat. An anonymous friend donated £500 to form the nucleus of a scholarship fund. The Girls' Auxiliary have made themselves responsible for the salaries of the Doctor at Sholinghur, and a member of the nursing staff. The Women's Missionary Associations of the Hunter Presbytery have accepted the responsibility of providing the salaries of four nurses; while the Fellowship Association contributes £100 per annum towards the expenses of running the Boys' Branch School, the members of the Armidale Association providing another £100 for scholarships for Indian students. A number of W.M.A.'s, Sunday Schools, private individuals and Y.P.M.B.'s support between them 85 children at a cost of £6 per child per annum. The major portion of the salaries of the Missionary at Pallipat and the Nursing Superintendent of the Goodlet Hospital is provided by Ashfield and St. Stephen's congregations respectively. The Women's Missionary Association has also rendered valuable service in collecting money. They were able to give £400 from the accumulated profits of the Cafe and Cafeteria (1928-29) to the funds of the Committee.

The work in India has been carried on as in former years. Our senior Missionary, Rev. C. E. Turnbull, in his report says:—"Apart from the number added to our Christian community by baptism, we firmly believe that our people are growing in the grace and knowledge and love of God, and that they are in an increasing measure bearing witness to the power of Christ in their Lives. Some of them are beginning to realise their duty as Christians to their less fortunate neighbors, and one man, since his baptism a few years ago, has been instrumental in bringing no less than five families into the fold of Christ.

"In all parts of our field there is a great willingness to hear the Christian message, and accept it. Many confess to be secret believers in Christ, and others are seeking to live up to His teaching, yet they are hindered from making a public confession by two considerations—the caste people by the thought of being excommunicated from Hindu society, and the non-caste from fear of persecution and consequent economic distress."

Miss Goldie says in the closing sentences of her report:—"I would like to leave with you the thought which has grown in me with increasing wonder throughout the year. It is that of the overwhelming possibilities offering to-day. No village has refused us permission to enter and preach. The doors of the homes, particularly in Sholinghur, stand open, and the little children refuse to be turned away from school."

During the two years 9308 patients have attended the Hospital for treatment. It was found necessary to treat 911 of these as in-patients.

The Committee in 1929 suffered loss by the death of one of their number—Miss Annie Thomson. This devoted lady gave unsparingly of her time and talent to the furthering of the cause of Foreign Missions in this State. At a critical period in the history of the hospital at Sholinghur, she volunteered to go out and take charge of that institution. Her offer of service was for one year—she remained three—and during that period did yeoman service.

The name of Miss Thomson is a household one in the Christian homes at Sholinghur and Pallipat.

New Hebrides.

We regret that Malo and Nogugu still remain vacant. The work, however, has been supervised by the Rev. F. G. Bowie, of Tangoa, and during his absence on furlough by the Rev. Wm. Anderson, of Hog Harbour.

There has been a considerable amount of trouble on the Island which culminated in the British Resident ordering the deportation of Pastor Winzi. The Rev. F. G. Bowie, during his stay in Britain, took the matter up with the Colonial Office, and as a result of his representations we hope the day is not far distant when the Pastor will be allowed to return, and resume his work amongst his people.

Chinese.

The work amongst the Chinese in and around Sydney and Newcastle has been faithfully carried on by the Rev. L. S. Leung. There is increased interest shown in the work, as is evidenced by a better attendance at the services on the Sabbath, the establishment of a Fellowship Association and also a Sunday School.

It will interest the members of Assembly to learn that Mr. Sung, the Consul-General for China, and his wife are both earnest Christians, and are in thorough sympathy with the work carried on by our Church amongst their countrymen.

A new Vice-Consul for China has recently arrived, in the person of Mr. Ming Yeng Lee. Mr. Lee has also identified himself with the work of our Church, and thus a good example is being set to the other Chinese.

The Rev. John Young Wai, Minister emeritus of the Chinese Church, Campbell Street, Sydney, was translated to the Church Triumphant on Saturday morning, the 23rd June, 1930.

Mr. Young Wai served the Presbyterian Church in Victoria for some years, being stationed at Ballarat and Beechworth, and then for almost 48 years was Minister to his countrymen in and around Sydney. During his ministry, the Churches in Foster Street and Campbell Street were built; also one at Waterloo.

He was a good workman, and throughout the State are to be found many who claimed him as their spiritual father. A large number of his countrymen who are resident in China were also led, through his influence and godly example, to accept Christ as their Saviour.

Mr. Young Wai was held in the highest respect by all his countrymen, and by those Australians who were privileged to know him.

Aborigines.

As in past years, we have shown our interest in the work amongst the Australian Aborigines by paying the assessment passed by the Assembly, by gifts sent at Christmas time to the various mission stations, and also by giving publicity throughout the State of the work done by the members of the Aborigines Mission staff.

The financial statement is as follows:—

Financial Statement.

	1928—		
Income		£8250	2 2
Expenditure		£7005	1 3
	1929—		
Income		£8579	4 1
Expenditure		£7709	1 3

VICTORIA.**General.**

The two years' period under review has had the usual experience of loss and gain. The Revs. J. Gillan and J. D. Landells, who had served faithfully in the New Hebrides for many years, and were latterly ministering to congregations in Victoria, were removed by death. The Rev. G. H. Balfour and Mr. R. K. Gillespie, members of the Executive, also passed away. These were sadly missed from the active work of the Committee. The late Mr. R. K. Gillespie left his home in Kew to the Committee, to be used as a Missionary Rest Home. This home had originally been the home of the late Dr. J. G. Paton, and this fine legacy is to be known as the "Gillespie-Paton" Missionary Rest Home, and will be used for the comfort of missionaries on furlough.

The Rev. H. C. Matthew, who succeeded the Rev. F. H. L. Paton as Foreign Mission Secretary, in 1929, completed five years' devoted service, and was cordially re-appointed for another term of five years.

The Foreign Mission Stamp Department has been in existence for 8 years, and has been the means of providing £1160 for Foreign Mission Funds.

The Rev. R. Boyd, after 36 years' service in the New Hebrides was compelled, through ill health, to resign, and the Assembly with deep regret, accepted his resignation as from the 31st December, 1930.

During the period under review the Committee has welcomed several new missionaries: the Rev. F. T. and Mrs. Borland went out to Korea in 1929, as the missionaries of the Senior Fellowship; Dr. and Mrs. H. Burrell have just gone to Vila, in the New Hebrides, to take charge of the Paton Memorial Hospital there; and under the J. G. Paton Fund Committee, Dr. and Mrs. D. MacLeod have taken up work at Lenakel, Tanna, New Hebrides. The Committee also has been greatly rejoiced to receive, as volunteers for work in the New Hebrides, the Rev. Wilfred Paton, and Mr. J. W. P. Gillan, grandsons of the late Dr. J. G. Paton.

The Missionary Societies and Organisations connected with the Church have given valuable co-operation in Missionary work. These are:—Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union (P.W.M.U.), Presbyterian Girls' Fellowship (P.G.F.), Presbyterian Young Men's Fellowship (P.Y.M.F.), Presbyterian Senior Fellowship (P.S.F.), and Young People's Mission Bands.

Aborigines.

The monetary contribution of the Victorian Church to this important work is £1030 per annum, and last Assembly, realising its responsibility, heartily agreed to continue this amount for the next two years. It considered itself bound to act upon the principle that the work amongst the Aborigines is of first importance in its missionary activity, and that whatever restrictions might have to be put on other work, this work should not, on any account, be curtailed.

Chinese.

In 1929, Mr. Paul Chin, who had worked for 22 years uninterruptedly amongst his own people in and around Melbourne, was given 6 months furlough. Mr. Chin visited China, and returned to his work with renewed vigor.

The school work amongst the children and the young men who come to the Commonwealth, by special permission of the Government, to study English, is carried on in Melbourne. The evangelistic work in Melbourne and in various country districts is diligently prosecuted by one Chinese minister, and three Chinese evangelists, with a staff of voluntary helpers.

New Hebrides.

Vacancies at South West Bay, at Erromanga and Aneityum, at Epi, at Malo and Nogugu, and at Ambrim, involve the small staff of Missionaries in the group in very heavy responsibilities. The Victorian Church rejoices that there is now a full staff of missionaries at the hospital in Vila; three nurses and one doctor. There is also a group of competent Native Assistants. The Rev. J. Jones of Vila retires from the work this year, and Dr. Burrell will undertake the supervision of the Church on Efate in addition to his work at the hospital.

The Teacher Training Institute at Tangoa, under the Rev. F. G. Bowie and his assistant, Mr. A. E. C. Collins, does fine service for the whole group.

The missionaries report the great need for vigilance in their work of protecting the interests of the natives. More stringent legislation has been put into operation for the suppression of the sale of liquor.

Health conditions throughout the group are good, and a great boon has been conferred on the natives by the representatives of the Rockefeller Institute, who, in co-operation with the missionaries, has gone around the villages and given to the natives injections for the cure of hookworm and yaws.

The missionaries speak very highly of the loyalty and faith of the native Christians, and bear warm testimony to the vigilance and fidelity of the native teachers as they carry on the work of teaching and preaching at the outlying stations, and hold together the groups in the villages in the absence of Foreign Missionaries.

Korea.

A great door and effectual has been opened to the Church in Korea. For over 40 years the work has been diligently prosecuted, and the response of the Korean people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ has shown a remarkable spontaneity. In a country with a population of 20 million, 6 Churches from America, Canada, and Australia have united under a Federal Council to evangelise the people. To our Church has been assigned the province in the South East of the Peninsula, with a population of 2 million.

Throughout Korea, a strong, self-governing, self-propagating Church, moving steadily to self-support, has been established. The Churches unite for the higher education of ministers and doctors in Pyeng Yang and Seoul, and our Church provides a teacher at each of these colleges, for higher education. Through the Bible Institute, a fine body of teachers, helpers, and bible women are serving their own people with great zeal and love. A grateful, warm-hearted people, who have shown the quality of their Christian life in their Bible study, their prayer life, and their missionary activity are giving a great Christian testimony in the midst of heathen darkness.

A fine hospital in the central city of our province with two foreign doctors, brings the blessing of Christian healing to hundreds of people. Baby Welfare work has done much to reduce the death rate amongst the children. Industrial School work gives a new opportunity in life to many Korean girls, while schools and churches provide the means of making the new Christian Korea, which is destined to play a great part in evangelising the millions who are Australia's nearest neighbors. For this work the Church maintains a staff of 15 women and 11 men, who with the missionaries' wives make up a missionary community of 38 adults.

FINANCIAL.

The financial returns for the two years give great cause for thankfulness. In spite of the economic depression through which the country is passing, the

people maintain their generosity to the cause of Christ overseas. The income from all sources for the two years is as follows:—

	1928	1929
Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union	£10,370	£11,249
Foreign Mission Committee	£17,933	£17,954
Totals	£28,303	£29,203
Grand Total	£57,506	

T. WATT-LEGGATT,
Convener.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 19/8/'28 to 31/7/'30 is as follows:—

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Victoria to 30/6/30	2077	10 0	Balance at 19/8/28	55	2 7
New South Wales to 30/6/30	1627	10 0	Grant to Queensland Exe- cutive	1062	10 0
South Australia to 30/9/30	255	0 0	Salaries—Rev. J. R. B. Love	£645	16 8
West Australia to 7/2/30 .	340	0 0	Children's Allow. 88 15 0		
Tasmania to 30/6/30	264	5 0	Mr. G. I. Beard 600 0 0		
Special Donations for Fur- niture and Equipment:				1334	11 8
Kunmunya ... £130 0 0			Pension, Rev. N. Hey	64	0 0
Mapoon	30	0 0	Contribution to Provident Fund, Sth. Australia— Rev. J. R. B. Love	10	0 0
Mornington Isl. 35 0 0			Mission Maintenance, Stores	800	0 0
Weipa	30	0 0	Fares and Incidental Expenses	82	7 0
	225	0 0	Charge for keeping Accounts, etc. (2 years)	100	0 0
Special donations for Equipment and Plant:—			Honorarium—Mr. A. L. Pryde	12	10 0
Aurukun	£185	0 0	Convener's Telephone and Expenses	11	10 0
Less disburse- ments	144	5 2	Interest on Overdraft	42	5 0
	40	14 10	Special Donations (as per Contra)	225	0 0
			Fee, National Missionary Council	4	0 0
			Repairs to Typewriter	3	8 6
			Printing Postages, etc. ...	47	16 0
			Transferred to "Watt Leg- gatt" Launch A/c.	420	5 0
			Balance	454	14 1
			Broome Agency (2 years)	100	0 0
	£4829	19 10		£4829	19 10

"WATT LEGGATT" LAUNCH ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Donations	5	0 0	Balance at 18/8/28	368	8 1
Transferred from General A/c	420	5 0	Supplies for Launch	56	16 11
	£425	5 0		£425	5 0

BOAT INSURANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance 18/8/28	247	15 8	Balance in Savings Bank	352	7 11
30 per cent. on Earnings of "Watt Leggatt"	85	7 0			
Savings Bank—Interest ..	19	5 3			
	<u>£352</u>	<u>7 11</u>		<u>£352</u>	<u>7 11</u>

JOHN FRASER FOREIGN MISSION SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance 18/8/28	80	13 5	Miss Janet Watt	12	10 0
New South Wales Treasurership Committee. Interest on Endowment ..	130	0 0	Miss T. O. Griffiths	18	15 0
			Miss Betty Robertson	37	10 0
			Miss Gladys Giles	6	5 0
			Mr. Thos. Watt	29	3 4
			Mr. O. L. Spence £37 10 0		
			Special 15 0 0		
				52	10 0
			Mr. D. A. Keenan	12	10 0
			Balance	41	10 1
	<u>£210</u>	<u>13 5</u>		<u>£210</u>	<u>13 5</u>

In view of the favourable condition of the Board's finance, it is suggested that the amount standing in the "Watt Leggatt" Launch Account, namely a debit balance of £425, less £5 donation, be transferred to the General Account. This leaves a credit balance in the General Account of £454/14/1. On the basis, of a continuance of the grant to Queensland of £500 per annum, the estimated expenditure per annum for the next two years will be as follows:—

Queensland Grant	£500	0 0
Salaries	935	0 0
Rev. N. Hey's Pension	32	0 0
Fares and Incidental Expenses	174	0 0
Port George IV. Boat and Station	450	0 0
Charge for Keeping Account	50	0 0
Broome Agency	50	0 0
General Expenses and Repairs	184	0 0
	<u>£2375</u>	<u>0 0</u>
Less Allowance for Credit Balance	125	0 0
	<u>£2,250</u>	<u>0 0</u>

And the annual assessment for the next two years would be as follows:—

Victoria	£1,000	0 0
New South Wales	900	0 0
Tasmania	105	0 0
South Australia	105	0 0
Western Australia	140	0 0
	<u>£2,250</u>	<u>0 0</u>

The Board recommends that Mr. W. H. Thompson, the General Secretary and Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, be appointed in succession to Mr. A. L. Pryde.

Re Mr. P. Lee Chut.

The Board has had brought under its notice that the Church in N.S.W. is likely to suffer a serious loss through the government issuing an order for the deportation of Mr. P. Lee Chut.

Over twenty years ago, when quite a lad, Mr. Lee Chut entered Australia without a permit, becoming a prohibited immigrant. After some time in the country, he came to Sydney, and was induced to attend the night classes conducted at that time in our Church at Waterloo. Gradually, as he came into contact with our people, he was led to see that Jesus Christ was the Redeemer of all, and so, after a time of serious thought and prayer, he asked for, and received baptism. Uniting with our Church, he has ever since been a loyal and devoted member. He is held in the highest respect by his countrymen, and the members of the Church, as was shown by his election to the eldership. He has been a tower of strength to the Church and the Committee, and it is a matter of sincere regret that the Government has refused the prayer of the petition of the Committee, and will not allow Mr. Lee Chut to remain in N.S.W.

T. WATT LEGGATT,

Convener.

V.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME RELIGION.

The chief work of this Committee is the annual issue of "The Family Altar Card," which supplies Scripture readings for each day of the year and also short prayers for a week, morning and evening.

We have had frequent evidence of the usefulness of this little booklet (published at 1½d. each copy, 1/6 per dozen, and 12/- per hundred at the Church Offices in each State). The circulation has reached 25,000, and now includes New Zealand. Many Ministers and office-bearers find it acceptable for distribution throughout whole congregations at the New Year. Our workers in the Inland Mission and on the Foreign Field have also expressed appreciation of its helpfulness. It is also found of value for presentation in hospitals and sick-rooms. In isolated places it has in some measure, along with other material in our Church papers, served to compensate for the lack of public worship. The fact that it is so extensively used over the Commonwealth in every State is an indication that it gives general satisfaction.

Articles were again supplied to the religious press advocating the value of home religion, and a circular was issued to all ministers asking them to encourage the use of the Altar Card for family prayer and Bible reading. One of the chief tasks of the Church is to place religion in the home and to give God his rightful place in family life. Modern conditions have interfered with the old custom of family worship and it is to be regretted that home life in countless instances is almost utterly irreligious and in consequence the great character-building force is absent from the household. Parents require to be reminded of their responsibilities and their solemn baptismal vows to train their children in the knowledge of God and the faith of Christ and the service of His Church. We cannot hope to rear a strong and increasing body of Christian citizens without the co-operation of fathers and mothers. Many of our greatest leaders and finest preachers and missionaries have sprung from homes where their youth was surrounded by an atmosphere of prayer and the influence of godly example. The memory of such impressions can never be effaced.

A revival of family religion, with united prayer, Bible reading and study, regular Sunday worship and earnest interest in every Christian enterprise,

would prove a vital force in the life and work of the Church. Good Christian homes are probably the greatest spiritual asset of our Commonwealth and their part in moulding the character of our future citizens cannot be over-estimated. The recognition of God in our family as well as our national life is a precious heritage which we may wisely prize and pass on to future generations.

Your Committee was authorised by last General Assembly to make "further enquiries regarding the practicability of a larger book of devotion for personal and family purposes." It has not yet been found possible to make any definite proposal in this direction. The success of such a venture would depend largely on the demand for it, and at the present time it is not considered advisable to take the risk. In the meantime we trust that the suggestions in the Deliverance will be adopted and that ministers and sessions will take the necessary steps for the encouragement of the use of "The Family Altar Card" by the people of our Church throughout the Commonwealth.

GEO. R. S. REID.

Convener.

VI.

IMMIGRATION REPORT.

One of the principles on which the Australian Immigration policy is based has been applied to meet the altered conditions in the Commonwealth. This is the provision to regulate the number and class of assisted migrants by the power to absorb them in the population to the advantage of the national life. This ability has been lessened meanwhile by bad seasons and economical difficulties, hence the Commonwealth Government has applied the regulative principle to immigration with the result that assisted migration has been suspended for all nominated migrants and those requisitioned by the State Government excepting those who are the dependents of their nominators, domestics and lads under 18 years of age for farm work nominated by the Churches and voluntary associations. The present Government has also made some changes in the administration of the Immigration Act. One refers to the agreement between the British Government with relation to finance. Another change is that requisitions for farm workers and nominations generally have now to be approved by the Commonwealth Department of Transport before being carried out.

The Commonwealth Parliament has abolished the Development and Migration Commission as a separate Department and has handed over Migration to the Commonwealth Transport Department, the development operations to be continued with the late Chairman of the Commission in an advisory capacity.

The Churches in the different States have retained the machinery for carrying on the welcoming and pastoral supervision of our kith and kin from overseas by Committees and agencies in the hope that whilst there is less work to do in the present stringency, with returning prosperity and need of assistance from our home folk in developing and populating Australia, by God's blessing and wise legislation it will be again fully in operation in a few years in this most important service for Church and State.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the formation of the Australian National Travel Association, whose object it is to attract tourists, potential investors and investor settlers to Australia. The Association is prepared to spend £100,000 during this and the next four years in carrying out this object in Britain, America and Canada.

The Commonwealth Government, the States Railways, Shipping Companies and private firms are supplying the money for this purpose. Representatives have been sent to Britain, America and Canada to carry on a Publicity Campaign on behalf of the Association. Your Committee, on enquiry, found that this Association would welcome the sympathy of the Churches in this scheme and give

them facilities for getting into touch with tourists on arrival at the ports and at any receptions given them on landing. Your Committee is of the opinion that it would be right and an advantage to the Church to welcome these people on arrival and give Presbyterian tourists and prospective settlers information in pamphlet form about the Institutions and activities of their Church in Australia. Your Committee expects that sister Churches will unite in this scheme for the benefit of their Church people.

W. BORLAND, D.D., Convener.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

The immigration question has unfortunately become the shuttlecock of party politics; this means difficulty and worry in connection with the work. The Commonwealth Government has issued instructions that immigration must be largely curtailed, except for boys and household workers. While we have every sympathy with the effort of preventing the cities being flooded with unemployables, we have to reiterate that our work is rural, and we have always succeeded in placing our nominees in the country districts. In this connection we have been in communication with the Prime Minister, from whom we have received the information that the matter of Group Nominations has been referred to the State Governments. The State Government has at all times recognised the value of our work and the worth of our contribution to the country, and their earnest request is that we shall not abandon our efforts.

A conference with the representatives of the Commonwealth and State Immigration Departments made it clear that both departments recognise the value of our work, but the pressure of outside bodies is too great to allow them to say to us, "Go ahead as before." In the matter of domestics and boy farm learners the field is still open, but Family Nominations are curtailed. We should be the last to embarrass our Governments in seeking solutions of their problems. A brighter day will dawn and we shall be at our work with increased vigour. The following will give some idea of the work done in New South Wales. From our own immigrants the following have taken up distinctive duties in the congregations to which they have been sent:—3 Elders, 3 Sunday School Superintendents, 4 Sunday School Teachers, 3 Students, 5 Members of Committee (1 Secretary), 1 Choirmaster, 9 in other activities. From this it will be seen that we have made no mean contribution to the life and work of the Church.

To the Education Department we have sent 9 Teachers. We have nominated three parties of boys, and of those who have arrived the greater portion have been placed in the country, the remainder being sent to the Government Training Farms to gain some idea of Australian methods of farming.

Office Details.

Arrivals.—For the period, 1st April, 1928, to 31st March, 1930, ships making 116 calls at Sydney, brought 2783 Presbyterian settlers for this State. These were met, welcomed and commended to ministers.

Nominations.—For the same time, 351 Church Nominees arrived and were placed. We have assisted and given advice in 160 cases of Private Nominations, and about £1800 for passage money have been handled by the Office for the Government.

Employment Secured.—For people, migrants and others, who have applied to the Office for help, we have found 315 positions.

JAMES C. MILLIKEN, Convener.

VICTORIA.

The Rev. William Thomson, the Agent, has carried on the duties of his office regularly and efficiently during the past two years.

The Ministers and Home Missionaries of the Church have been notified by him of the arrival in their parishes of members and adherents of the Church from overseas with the request to invite them to the services and Societies of

their Congregations. Accompanying this notice a letter has been sent signed by the Moderator of the State Assembly, the Convener and Chaplain of the Committee giving welcome, encouragement and advice to migrants on settling in Australia.

Mr. Thomson, as a member of the Welcome and Welfare Committee of the New Settlers League and of the Executive of the Big Brother Movement, gives assistance in the activities of these valuable voluntary auxiliaries of migration work in Victoria.

Farmers and graziers have applied to the Agent for farm workers. He has supplied their needs both by new arrivals from the steamers and afterwards from farm workers who, from various reasons, need to be replaced in situations. During the past eighteen months the Government of Victoria has ceased to requisition for farm workers owing to scarcity of employment in the country districts through unfavourable seasons in the Northern parts of Victoria. The Agent's chief work during that period has been to find situations for migrants who have lost their jobs. This has been accomplished fairly well.

The Migrants who have arrived during the past two years have been chiefly those nominated by relatives of assisted immigrants who have made homes for them or who have secured openings for friends largely in industrial pursuits in the cities of Victoria. Besides these, the Big Brother Movement, the Scout Association and the Churches have requisitions for lads under the age of eighteen years of age for farm work, and have been successful in placing them on farms. The Presbyterian Church trainees have come from Dr. Cossar's Training Farm, Craigie-linn, near Glasgow, and others from Scottish homes have come to supply the needs of the Colac Caledonian Society. These have been satisfactorily settled and have proved suitable for the work. The nominated, who have numbered 70 per cent. of the whole, have been commended to the pastoral care of the Ministers and Home Missionaries of the Church by Mr. Thomson, who have visited them in their places of residence and given them all necessary help, encouragement and advice.

A gratifying feature of the nominated has been the large number of young women who have arrived on the nomination of their fiancés. This is an indication that these young men have succeeded in making homes in the land of their adoption. Up to a few months ago there has been a great demand for domestics, of whom a large number have arrived. During the past two years a free passage has been given to this class of migrants. This has now been suspended in Victoria owing to the large number of young women who have been obliged to seek employment as domestics through loss of work in factories and shops.

During the years 1927, 1928 and 1929, 120 steamers have arrived with State assisted Migrants for Victoria, who have numbered 5,640. Forty-five per cent. of these belong to the Church of England, 30 per cent. to the Presbyterian Church, including those designated "Protestants," 8 per cent. Roman Catholics, and the remainder have been divided among other denominations. The number of migrants who have landed in Victoria in the years 1927-29 is 13,546.

HUGH JONES, Convener.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Since the departure of Rev. H. Morris on April 30th, 1928, I have met a large number of passenger ships at Outer Harbor, and in the name of the kirk welcomed to this State Presbyterians arriving. During the past 24 months the number of assisted migrants to South Australia totalled 2104, of which number 282 were definitely shown as Presbyterians.

Addresses of our migrants were taken, and where the new arrivals had settled near a kirk their particulars were forwarded to the minister in charge of the district, who, I trust, looked them up at his earliest convenience. I personally kept in touch with a number of the migrants by correspondence, and have endeavoured to place some in suitable employment.

Unfortunately, the last two years have been ones of adversity and great difficulty has been experienced by myself in placing our folk in work. I am

sorry to say that many of our migrants have experienced great hardships and suffered privations through lack of work.

I am of the opinion that a fund should be established in this State, controlled by a local representative body, to assist any migrants over periods of depression, or to place them on the land, which I think should be our main objective. Money could be lent at a low rate of interest and repayments spread over a period of years. Each case could be dealt with on its merits by the Committee, and where land was involved a valuation could be made by responsible persons on behalf of the Committee.

Some of the migrants who have arrived are of the staunch Presbyterian type, and already take an active part in the life of the various branches of the kirk.

On the other hand, I am sorry to report that many of our folk who arrive and are welcomed do not attend the services of our kirk as they should. They are thereby lost sight of. This is a matter calling for immediate remedy.

As a kirk I feel that it is our duty to continue to meet those who come out as Presbyterians. They should be welcomed on our behalf by a duly appointed representative. When help is needed we should give it, if possible, and also endeavour to secure employment for our migrants.

In effect, our duty is to make our new arrivals feel that the kirk is interested in them and their future welfare.

The Labor Government has suspended the Immigration agreement with England, with the result that very few migrants are entering Australia. Where we used to have as many as 30 arriving on a boat, we only have 3 now, and often boats arrive with none of our ain folk.

I have endeavoured to do my best for those who have arrived. The continual depression and poor seasons have made the work more difficult to carry out satisfactorily.

I have contrived to keep the address of all migrants coming under my notice, and have sent notice to the Minister of the charge where they have gone to reside near a Church.

I am pleased to state I have had many enquiries for domestics and have little trouble in placing suitable employees. I desire to thank the Editor of the "Banner" for the advertisement, and trust that he will continue to place it before our people. I have to report that since my last Annual Report I have been elected Presbyterian representative on the Big Brotherhood Movement of South Australia. This branch of the Immigration work is doing good and effective work.

L. V. M. LEAL, Convener.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Your Committee reports that migrants arriving at the Port of Fremantle have been met at the Immigrants' Home by the Convener, who has welcomed them in the name of the Church.

Facilities for interviewing the men have readily been granted by the officers of the State Government Department.

An examination of the papers filled in by the migrants, prior to their departure from the Home, shows that very few belonging to the Presbyterian Churches have gone to live in districts where our Church is represented. An attempt has been made to keep in touch with the men by correspondence, migrants from the Church in Ireland proving most ready to keep up a connection with the Church of their fathers.

During the year the Committee has worked in conjunction with the Migration Department of the Y.M.C.A., in accordance with a resolution of the last Assembly.

A nomination was lodged for the bringing out of 12 families and 50 single men, over a period of 12 months.

Soon after the scheme began to operate, the Government decided to suspend all assisted migration, in consequence of which the efforts of the Committee in this direction have ceased.

One married couple and six single men have come to Western Australia under the Church scheme, and have been found suitable employment. Your Committee has requested the Government to allow the nominations to be kept open for future use, if and when thought desirable.

Your Committee desires to express thanks to Mr. E. E. Saunders of the Y.M.C.A. department for his devoted labours, which, had circumstances been more propitious, must undoubtedly have proved of great advantage to both Church and State.

A. E. BRICE, Convener.

VII.

REPORT OF NAVAL AND MILITARY COMMITTEE.

It has been the custom on previous occasions to ask for a report from the Senior Chaplain of each of the six Military Districts. I have done so this year also, but as yet have only received four of these. They are appended herewith, and will bring the principal facts before the Assembly.

Reports have also been received from the Naval Chaplains at the various depots. Rev. T. Gibson has been appointed at Fremantle; and Rev. J. Leggatt at Port Adelaide; Rev. C. Matear still continues in duty at Hobart; but owing to the policy of the present Commonwealth Government Launceston is no longer to be used as a base for Naval Training, and consequently the chaplaincy of Rev. J. C. Jones has been terminated. The appointments of Rev. A. R. McVittie at Newcastle, and of Rev. T. W. Maguire at Gelong have also been terminated owing to retrenchment. These Chaplains have all done excellent service and exercised a splendid influence on the young men in their depots, and grateful thanks are accorded to them for their work.

Chaplains Rev. F. L. A. Schloeffel and Rev. J. H. G. Auld have done fine service at Sydney and Jervis Bay; and also Very Rev. Dr. Walker at the Military College, Duntroon, which is likely to be closed owing to the Government's determination to retrench. In all these units the spiritual good of the men has been well looked after. Dr. Walker speaks most highly of the splendid type of young men at Duntroon.

Intensely interesting reports have been received from the Chaplains on Warships, Rev. A. H. Tulloh on the "Canberra," and Rev. A. O. Hardie on the "Penguin." Unfortunately space is too limited to insert these two reports. The time of both these Chaplains is almost fully occupied with their various official duties, but Mr. Hardie, in addition, investigates all cases of financial distress that are reported; and Mr. Tulloh says: "There are a hundred ways outside his strictly official duties in which he can make himself useful and exert influence to make life both happy and upright."

It is noted with satisfaction that the V.D. has been granted to two of our Chaplains: Very Rev. Dr. Scott West and Rev. J. L. Cope.

The decision of the Commonwealth Government to abolish Compulsory Military Training has recently been brought into operation. Whatever camps are now held are voluntary, but our Chaplains are doing their best to see that in every case the moral and spiritual needs of the men are met as fully as possible. The same spirit of co-operation and sympathy as previously shown by the Military Authorities to the Chaplains is still in evidence, and is gratefully acknowledged.

The Rev. D. Macrae Stewart has most kindly acted for the Chaplain-General in correspondence and interviews with the Naval Board, and has also kept in touch with the Military Authorities at Headquarters on his behalf; and special thanks are due to him for this.

Your Committee was directed by last Assembly to submit to the Military Authorities at Headquarters the question of the abolition of unnecessary Sunday

Training. This was accordingly done, and the reply of the Military Board is hereby appended. Whether further steps are to be taken in this matter is at the discretion of the Assembly.

W. FLOYD SHANNON,
Chaplain-General and Presbyterian Nominator on the Naval
Chaplains' Nomination Committee.

Reply of the Military Board.

I am commanded by the Military Board to inform you that the question of abolition of Sunday training has been carefully considered, but it is not thought that any unnecessary military training is carried out on that day.

The annual camp of continuous training lasts for eight days, so necessarily includes a Sunday; but outside the necessary camp duties, no military training is carried out on that day. The morning is devoted to religious services; and during the afternoon athletic meetings are usually held in accordance with the arrangements agreed on at a meeting of the Naval and Military Committee of the Presbyterian Church held on 12th May, 1925. During the remainder of the year the statutory parades are held at nights and on Saturday afternoons.

It has been proved however that the efficiency of the Forces mainly depends on the voluntary training, outside statutory requirements, that is carried out by members. Owing to their civil avocations this has necessarily to be undertaken on Saturday afternoons, Sundays, and holidays; but this is entirely voluntary and there is no compulsion on members to attend. Owing to many counter attractions on Saturdays and holidays a certain amount of this voluntary activity is carried out on Sundays, and it would be very undesirable to entirely discontinue this practice, for it would be bound to affect the efficiency of the forces.

I am to assure you that the Military Board fully appreciate the fact that certain members of the forces may have conscientious or other objections to carrying out any military training on Sundays, and care is always taken to ensure that none of the statutory parades required by the Act are called for that day. At the same time they are responsible for the efficiency of the Forces, and as this depends so largely on the extra training voluntarily undertaken by members, and part of which is carried out on Sundays, they are not prepared to order a discontinuance of this.

REPORTS FROM CONVENERS OF STATE COMMITTEES.

First Military District (Queensland).

Military Camps have been held at various centres throughout Queensland. The Senior Chaplain visited at Enoggera, Redbank, Lytton, and Cash's Crossing. Chaplain Rev. A. M. MacKillop conducted services at Enoggera, and has visited at Rosemount Hospital. Chaplain Rev. T. Harvey conducted Church Parades at Lytton. Chaplain Rev. A. Watson went into Camp at Toowoomba and provided for the comfort of trainees in a tent specially set aside for that purpose. As the Defence Department is averse to appointing to the active list Ministers who have not been A.I.F. Chaplains, we have had to fall back upon the Ministers of the parishes where camps were held. Services were conducted in this way at Coominya by the Rev. C. B. Watts; at Maryborough by the Rev. W. H. Waters; at Rockhampton by the Rev. J. A. Hunter; and at Townsville by the Rev. John Sinclair. The Chaplains on the active list are: Rev. James Cosh (Senior Chaplain); Rev. A. M. MacKillop (Second Class); Rev. G. K. Kirke (Fourth Class); Rev. A. Watson (Fourth Class); and the Rev. T. Harvey (Fourth Class).

JAMES COSH, Senior Chaplain.

Second Military District (N.S.W.).

The duties of Port Chaplain at Sydney and Newcastle have been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Committee by the Revs. F. L. A. Schloeffel and A. R. McVittie, M.A. The duties of Port Chaplain at Sydney have changed somewhat since the discontinuance of the training ship "Tingira," but the Committee is pleased to state that Chaplain Schloeffel has received a certificate signed by His

Excellency the Governor General, giving his status as a Chaplain with seniority, dating as from September, 1913, practically from the inception of the Royal Australian Navy. Chaplain J. H. G. Auld, B.A., has regularly visited the Royal Naval College, Jervis Bay, and the Very Rev. John Walker, D.D., Acting Chaplain, has attended to Duntroon Military College. Owing to the change in Military procedure no Brigade Camps have been held throughout the year, but attendance by Chaplains at the voluntary camps has been duly carried out. Promotions since last Assembly are as follows:—Chaplains W. Ambrose Williams, T. Jamieson Williams, Third Class; Chaplains J. H. G. Auld, B.A., D. McKay Barnet, B.A., George Cranston, Second Class; the Senior Chaplain, Dr. R. Scott West, and the Acting Senior Chaplain, Rev. J. L. Cope, have been granted the V.D. (Colonial Auxiliary Officers' decoration). During the temporary absence abroad of the Senior Chaplain, the Rev. J. L. Cope has been appointed Acting Senior Chaplain.

J. L. COPE, Acting Senior Chaplain.

Third Military District (Vic.).

No camps of continuous training were held this year and our Chaplains have not been called upon to do special work. At Queenscliff, where a garrison of regular soldiers is established, the Minister, who is one of the Chaplains to the Forces, visits the barracks regularly and welcome soldiers to his Church services. It is understood that camps will be re-established at Seymour next year. If the camps are voluntary we shall arrange, through the Commanding Officers, to have Chaplains in residence. In the case of voluntary camps we shall have to provide sustenance allowance, as well as pulpit supply. Funds for that purpose are available as the General Assembly take up collections at all Anzac Day services.

The Victorian Committee is strongly of opinion that the Church should support the Returned Soldiers' League in its effort to secure that the 25th of April shall always be kept as the day of Anzac Remembrance. There are signs that proposals will be made to substitute the nearest Sunday for the 25th of April. If that were done, the national character of Anzac Day would be changed. The celebrations would be left almost entirely in the hands of Church-going people.

D. MACRAE STEWART, Senior Chaplain.

Fourth Military District (S.A.).

Since my last report there have been several changes on our staff. The Rev. E. A. Davies resigned his chaplaincy, and Rev. R. Campbell was transferred to Victoria. Rev. J. Fairlie Forrest, B.A., has been commissioned, the Rev. N. L. D. Webster, B.A., has been nominated, as Chaplains; and the Rev. James Leggatt has been appointed Naval Chaplain at Port Adelaide. Our strength is at present: Chaplains Revs. H. G. Dwyer, J. Fairlie Forrest, and J. Leggatt, with myself as Senior Chaplain, leaving us with two vacancies to be filled. Each year our Chaplains have conducted Military Church Parades in the various camps as opportunity offered when they have been most cordially received by the Officers and men. The Naval Chaplain, Rev. J. Leggatt, reports having visited the "Australia" and the "Canberra" when in port. He also paid several visits to the Naval Depot at Birkenhead. In consultation with the State Military Commandant, the Senior Chaplains of South Australia have had Chaplains permanently attached to the various units: Chaplain Dwyer to the 18th Light Horse and Chaplain Forrest to the 48th Battalion, 3rd Infantry Brigade. With the suspension of Compulsory Military Training, however, the whole of our work has been disorganised, but we are hoping that when the details of the newly formed A.M.F. are worked out, our Chaplains will have greater scope than before. We thank those who have retired or removed for their services; also Rev. S. Martin, M.A., who acted as Naval Chaplain pending the settlement of a Minister at Port Adelaide.

A. C. WEBER, Senior Chaplain.

Fifth Military District (W.A.).

The only addition to the staff of Chaplains since last report is that of Rev. T. Gibson, who was appointed last year as Naval Chaplain at the Port of Fremantle and duly gazetted as such. The duties of the Chaplains have been light owing to the discontinuance of the camps of training this year, but every effort has been

made in every way possible to assist the men in training under the new system. It is now possible to have a Chaplain appointed at Kalgoorlie and the Committee is considering the advisability of recommending an appointment at an early date, although there are no camps of training proposed there at present. In view of the fact that the future policy of the Commonwealth Government regarding Military matters appears to be in the melting pot, it seems we shall be compelled to wait and see whether it is necessary to appoint any more Chaplains where the quota allowed has not been fully filled. Under the voluntary system it is still the practice to carry on week-end drills on Sundays, and in May of this year a young Presbyterian was killed near Guildford, W.A., on a Sunday afternoon in the midst of drilling operations; he was closely associated with one of our Churches. The following resolution was carried by the General Assembly prior to this sad incident:—"That the attention of the G.A.A. be directed to the system of Sunday Training permitted under the new voluntary system, with a view to its complete abolition." As usual we have pleasure in certifying to the willing assistance rendered by Military Headquarters at all times. Chaplain George Tulloch was promoted on 31st May, 1928, to Chaplain Second Class after 15 years' service.

GEORGE TULLOCH, Senior Chaplain.

VIII.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN UNITY.

As regards the Conferences which have been held between the Church of England, Methodist, Congregational and our own Church no further progress was possible until after the meetings of the Lambeth Conference which is being held this year. The Conferences held in the past have undoubtedly been productive of good. It has enabled the various Churches to understand more clearly each other's point of view, and the difficulties felt by our own Church in reference to a possible union have been clearly presented to our brethren of the Church of England. In view of the Lambeth Conference a communication was addressed to the Primate of Australia and is appended to this report.

As regards the relation of our Church to other Non-Episcopal Churches there is a very cordial spirit existing and a frequent interchange of pulpits. The actual co-operation so far as it has taken place has been in relation to education, partly as regards schools for boys and girls, and partly in training of the Ministry. In Queensland there has been very interesting co-operation in establishing and conducting Boarding Schools, and the scheme seems to be working quite satisfactorily. The united course of Theological Training in N.S.W. and South Australia is also proving satisfactory, and this union of forces must tend to raise the efficiency of Theological Training for all the Churches concerned.

The practical difficulties in the way of co-operation between congregations in sparsely populated areas has made it difficult to get much progress in this direction. In Victoria a Committee on Co-operation with other Evangelical Churches was appointed by the Assembly in May, 1929. This Committee gathered a considerable amount of useful information, and was instructed by the Commission of Assembly to submit an outline scheme of co-operation on the following lines:—

- (a) Church extensions,
- (b) United Sunday Schools,
- (c) Re-arrangements of Parishes,
- (d) General training of Home Missionaries,

and a further report will be presented to the Commission of the Victoria Assembly next November.

A member of the Committee submitted a suggested plan of co-operation between Presbyterian and other congregations in certain districts where each is unable to have two distinct Churches, and as it may be of help to other States it is appended, hereto.

In South Australia our Churches had conferences with the Methodist, Baptist, and Congregationalists. Views were freely and candidly exchanged, and an excellent spirit of harmony was manifested. It was decided to ask for the appointment of four representatives from each of these Churches, and also from the Church of Christ, to be appointed, and to consider the question of co-operation in order to prevent overlapping.

Communications have been received from the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand, and from representatives of Churches in South Australia, which are printed among the communications, and will have to receive consideration from the Assembly.

RONALD G. MACINTYRE, Convener.

Statement on Re-Union.

Statement handed to the representatives of the Church of England in Australia, who have been in conference with the representatives of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches in Australia.

We desire to say at the outset that we rejoice in the noble vision of a re-united Church presented in the "Appeal to all Christian People," by the Archbishops and Bishops assembled in the Lambeth Conference of 1920, and as duly appointed representatives of our several Churches we are ready at all times as opportunity offers and as the Will of our one Lord and Master shall be discovered, to give effect to that Appeal. The ideal of a Church "genuinely Catholic, loyal to all truth, and gathering into its fellowship all who profess and call themselves Christians, within whose visible unity all the treasures of faith and order, bequeathed as a heritage by the past to the present, shall be possessed in common and made serviceable to the whole Body of Christ," is an ideal true, we believe, to the Will of God, and therefore one for which we feel a deep and solemn obligation earnestly to strive.

The Appeal raises questions of deep and far-reaching importance, questions as to the form and manner in which such visible unity of existing separated Churches shall embody and express itself, and how far this would imply an outward uniformity. We recognise that no doubt designedly, and with entire propriety, such matters, for the most part, are not dealt with in the Appeal. These remain part of that high adventure of faith and goodwill to which the Appeal invites us. We would approach these problems with the prayer of the Psalmist, "Cause us, O God, to know the way wherein we should walk, for we lift up our souls unto Thee."

We are deeply conscious of the privilege and gain of the conferences we have had with you, on the basis of the Lambeth appeal, and although the way be not yet clear, some advance has been made and a better understanding has come to all of us of each other's position. With mutual respect for convictions honorably held, we have learned how much we have in common, and the things which still divide us are not to be compared with those which unite us in the one faith and hope founded on Him, who is the sole and living Head of His Church, whose body the Church is.

We note the leading conditions which the effort to achieve the visible unity of the Church must observe, and with these we readily and heartily say we are in general agreement. The Churches we represent are at one with you in receiving the Holy Scripture as the Word of God, and the supreme rule of faith and life, we receive the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as divinely instituted means of grace, and we have ever held in reverent estimation the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Symbol. We, too, regard the ministry as the gift of the Lord to His Church, a sacred office to be filled by those who, being inwardly called, are duly ordained thereto. We believe also that this ministry should be one acknowledged by every part of the Church as possessing not only the inward call of the Spirit, but also the commission of Christ and the authority of the whole body.

It would be as unwise, as it would be futile, to ignore the fact that while we are in harmony on these fundamental principles, there has been, and still exists, grave divergence throughout the Church on the character and functions of the Ministerial Office, as to the conditions of valid entrance thereon, and the relation

of its rights and duties to those of the general membership of the Church. We confess to some difficulty in getting a clear understanding of the view of the Anglican Church on these matters, and hence the difficulty of a definite response on our part. At the same time we gratefully note the spirit of mutual concession in which the Archbishops and Bishops approach this outstanding difficulty, and believing that their suggestion is put forward for frank and friendly consideration, we, on our part, suggest that if Episcopal ordination in association with the Presbyterate and the recognition of the Congregation of the Faithful be accepted for the future, this should be preceded by a mutual recognition of existing ministries in the uniting Churches "as real ministries of Christ's Word and Sacraments in the Universal Church," with corresponding action which would naturally flow from such a declaration.

We join with you in the earnest prayer that the Holy Spirit may guide you in the forthcoming Lambeth Conference, and that we, too, by the guidance of the same spirit may continuously labor for the peace and visible unity of the Church.

(Sgd.) RONALD G. MACINTYRE, D.D.

(Presbyterian.)

C. J. PRESCOTT, D.D.

(Methodist.)

G. W. THATCHER, D.D.

(Congregationalist.)

Possible Basis of Co-Operation between Congregations of Different Denominations.

1. The Agreement to continue for six years; the position to be reviewed at the end of that time, and each denomination free to withdraw without reproach.

2. Both congregations to worship in the same building, if there be only one; or, if there be two churches, in each church alternately. Other buildings to be used as may seem best for all concerned.

3. The two congregations to combine in calling a minister; the minister to be from each denomination in turn, each appointment to be for three years. If the united congregation worships in only one Church, the minister for the first three years to be chosen from the denomination in whose Church-building no services are held.

4. The finances to be kept entirely separate by the use of envelopes marked with the initial letter of the denomination, a supply of which should be in the hands of each family and available also in the porch of each Church for the use of those of either denomination coming without an envelope. Any loose money in the plate to be divided in the proportion of the Communicants on the respective Rolls at the end of each quarter.

5. The amount to be contributed by each denomination to the stipend and manse-allowance and other expenses of the minister to be fixed at the beginning of each year, and to bear a reasonable proportion to the number of Communicants and Adherents of each denomination in the United Church.

6. The buildings to remain the property of the denominations concerned, and to remain under the control of the Trustees appointed before the Union; and each denomination to retain liability for debts existing at time of Union.

7. Money available for repairs and for the support of activities outside the local congregation, if not earmarked by the givers as for any particular purpose, to be devoted to the activities of each denomination concerned, in proportion to the number of Communicants on each Roll. This implies, of course, the keeping of separate Rolls.

8. As soon as convenient after the Union, the United Congregation to elect from each section of the congregation (each section electing its own representatives) a suitable number of Communicants who shall be ordained to assist the Minister in the spiritual oversight of the congregation. This Spiritual Life Com-

mittee, along with the Minister, its Chairman, shall decide who shall receive the Sacraments; shall have the power to veto anything which they consider would damage the spiritual interests of the congregation; shall decide who shall be enrolled as Communicants and Adherents; shall have charge of the election of the Finance Committees of the denominations concerned in the Union; and shall be ex-officio members of the Finance Committee of their own section of the United Church.

9. Each section of the congregation to elect its own Finance Committee annually as soon as possible after the beginning of each year, and each Finance Committee to elect annually its own Secretary and Treasurer. At all meetings of all Committees at which he can be present, the Minister shall be chairman, and can speak, move motions and amendments, but have only a casting vote.

10. Each section of the congregation to be free to hold congregational meetings as often as may be deemed desirable; but every six months a United Congregational meeting to be held, at which all business on which united conference seems desirable may be discussed. The agenda-paper for the United Congregational meetings to be prepared by the Spiritual Life Committee and the separate Finance Committees, all of which shall have the right to remit to United Congregational meetings matters they think can best be decided by the two congregations so assembled. In matters thus remitted, the decision of the United Meeting to be final, unless the Meeting resolve to refer the matter to some acceptably-constituted Arbitration Board.

11. The Minister of the United Church to retain his relationship with the Higher Courts and Funds of his own denomination; and any congregational contribution required to keep him on any such Fund or to legalize his connection with the Courts of his own denomination must be made by his own section of the United congregation (though the other section may, of course, voluntarily contribute); and both sections of the congregation shall continue to be represented as before the Union in the higher Courts (if there are any) of each Church.

IX.

CANBERRA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Since the meeting of the Assembly in 1928, we have suffered a severe loss in the death of the Rev. Dr. John Burgess. We miss his wise counsel, his wide experience, his brotherly sympathy, his saintly character. We thank God for his large and varied contribution to the progress and inspiration of our Australian Church, and we extend to his widow and family our sincere Christian sympathy.

Co-operation in Canberra.

The Co-operation movement in Canberra, which received such an enthusiastic encouragement at the Brisbane Assembly, was helped forward subsequently by the good response in the Federal Capital from the local representatives of the three sister Churches. A federal Conference was instituted, our Church being represented by ten members, of whom Rev. Dr. West and Rev. W. A. S. Anderson visited Canberra on 3rd April, 1929, with two representatives of each of the other Churches. They inspected sites, met with the local Joint Committee, and decided on the matter of the erection of a Church Hall at Kingston by the Congregational Church, and the allocation of the collections. Eleven resolutions were carried by a Conference of Federal Representatives, embracing the matters of sites, buildings, Sunday Schools, and local management, all of which were agreed to by the local representatives at a later date.

REPORT OF CANBERRA CHURCH EXECUTIVE.

The Canberra Executive, recognising the urgent need for instant attention to the unsatisfactory condition of the finance in connection with the contract for the building of the Church of St. Andrew at Canberra, has decided that the interests of the Presbyterian Church of Australia demand that a special appeal should be immediately made to the Presbyterian people of Australia, especially those resident in New South Wales and Victoria.

Shortly stated, the Canberra Building Committee in March, 1929, entered into a Contract for the erection of the Church of St. Andrew, with appurtenances, involving an estimated outlay of £46,500. To the 1st September, 1930, £21,631 has been paid towards the liquidation of this indebtedness, and on that date there was only £4,060 in hand to meet the estimated balance of nearly £25,000. Consequently, the Church is face to face with a deficiency of £21,000. Moreover, these figures include no provision whatever for furnishing, the estimated cost of which amounts to £3,000. There is, therefore, a sum of £24,000 to be found, and architect's certificates for payments of large amounts to the contractor are in course of reception and must be immediately provided for if the honor of the Church is to be maintained.

We therefore recommend the General Assembly to appeal to the Churches of New South Wales and Victoria to lend £15,000 and £10,000 respectively for five years to overcome the immediate difficulty, these loans to bear interest at £7 per cent. per annum.

The loans referred to could only be granted on the distinct understanding that the interest promised on them is guaranteed.

To secure the provision of the interest for the purpose of such guarantees, the General Assembly of Australia must immediately secure 250 individuals who will each undertake to pay the interest on £100 at 7 per cent. for five years, equal to a total gift over that period of £35 by each individual.

To secure efficacy the number of contributors could be increased or the details varied, provided that the total amount of the guarantee is obtained.

It follows that if this scheme is adopted the services of the Commissioner Rev. Dr. John Walker, must be immediately made available by the Assembly to secure contributors for it, as it calls for serious and instant attention. The Churches in New South Wales and Victoria cannot reasonably be expected to draw on their funds for the purpose indicated unless satisfied that effective progress is made in obtaining the individual guarantees.

In addition to the matters of great urgency dealt with above the raising of monies to meet the following annual obligations must be steadily kept in view.

- (1) The provision of the Commissioner's Stipend say £800, and that of the assistant Minister £350.
- (2) The salary of the Church Officer, say £250.
- (3) Insurance, lighting and expense of maintenance and administration, say £200.

These obligations total £1,600 per annum.

The estimated receipts to meet them may be taken as £350 leaving a deficiency of £1250 to be met for current expenses each year.

Finally, it is absolutely essential that the Assembly direct that there shall be no expenditure by the Canberra Committee or any other Committee of the Church in respect of the St. Andrews Church or parish without the consent of the Conveners of both the Treasurership and Property Committees in N.S.W., and the executive of the Board of Finance of the Victorian Church being first obtained. This condition would continue to operate until the proposed loans by the said Churches are entirely repaid.

Assistant.

Early in 1929 the Executive approved of the appointment of an assistant to the Rev. John Walker at £350 per annum for twelve months, and the Rev. Eric Owen, M.A., was appointed on the 17th November, 1929.

Commissioner's Stipend.

At a meeting held on the 2nd May, 1930, the matter of the Commissioner's stipend was considered. This stipend had been largely paid from the interest on the Canberra Church funds in hand, but as these were now being exhausted, owing to the capital fund being paid out for building purposes, the interest would no longer be available. It was decided: "That the Treasurership Committee be authorised to draw on the general funds for the Commissioner's stipend should it be necessary."

This Committee asks for direction from the Assembly on this matter.

We would further point out that the Commissioner's term of appointment by the General Assembly will expire at the end of the present year, December 31, 1930, and that this Assembly should consider the matter of a re-appointment.

J. R. B. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

X.**REPORT OF CANBERRA BUILDING COMMITTEE.**

The Committee reports that the Manse at Canberra was completed as indicated in the last report, and has been occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Walker since the end of 1928. The work on the building of the Beadle's Cottage was completed in January, 1929. The cottage is at present occupied by the Rev. Eric Owen, Assistant to Dr. Walker.

In March, 1929, the Committee, having convinced itself that the utmost had been done to secure economy in the work sanctioned by the Assembly of 1928, unanimously and with the approval of the Executive Committee, accepted the tenders of Messrs. Simmie & Co., for building the central portion of the Church and Spire, the contract price of the work being £42,870; and the work was forthwith put in hand. The Foundation Stone was laid on November 27, 1929, by His Excellency the Governor General.

The Architect reports that the building is progressing rather slowly, owing to the difficulty in obtaining some of the necessary materials. This will cause a little delay in the time of completion of the contract. The walls of the building are now (13th June, 1930) up about 44 feet above the ground; the large windows to Warrior's Chapel and Transept are almost completed and the Church should be ready for Divine Service in the beginning of 1931.

Dr. W. A. Sanderson was co-opted as a member of this Committee.

CANBERRA BUILDING COMMITTEE.

W. BORLAND, Convener.	Rev. Dr. R. Scott West
Victorian Members	„ Dr. R. G. Macintyre
Rt. Rev. Dr. Borland (Convener)	„ Dr. S. Angus
Rev. D. A. Cameron	„ W. A. S. Anderson
„ Prof. F. E. Oser	Hon. T. M. Shakespeare, M.L.C.
„ D. M. Stewart	Mr. A. Kemp
Sir John MacFarland	„ J. M. Pringle
Mr. H. D. McBean	„ Andrew Reid
„ E. Evan Smith	South Australian Member
„ H. Bremner Lewis	Rev. Geo. Davidson, M.A., D.D.
Dr. Sanderson	Queensland Members
New South Wales Members	Rev. Norman S. Millar
Rev. Dr. Walker	Mr. F. T. Grove

XI.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ATTITUDE OF CHURCH TO CREED.

In the Report to last Assembly your Committee incorporated the Memorandum prepared by the Committee of the United Free Church of Scotland on the Revision of the Confession. That Committee was thanked and discharged in view of the prospective union of the Churches in Scotland. It did not appear probable that the United Church would address itself to the task of revising the Confession till the practical problems of union had been solved, but it was thought advisable to continue your Committee in case of developments overseas.

Your Committee, however, has not heard of any developments and they do not expect any to occur in the immediate future. It seems to us that no useful purpose is served by the continued existence of a Committee which is not likely to have any report to make for an indefinite period. There can be no difficulty in creating a new Committee, when the situation changes. We accordingly recommend the Assembly, following the procedure of the United Free Church of Scotland, to thank and discharge the Committee.

E. E. ANDERSON, Convener.

XII.

REPORT OF YEAR-BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Committee has to report that the circulation of the Year-Book for the last couple of years shows an advance of 50 per cent. on the figures for the previous two years—the figures for 1929 and 1930 being 1450 copies each issue. In each of these years more than half the issue were sold in the State of Victoria—and to the brethren and other friends in that State the Committee wishes to express its particular appreciation.

Owing to new arrangements for printing the Year-Book made by Mr. Goyen, a saving of £21 was effected in that direction—which is the amount of the honorarium paid to the Editor for his services for the year. The net loss on the current issue is about £20, as against a total loss of £44 on the 1929 issue.

There is no doubt that if more of our Ministers took an interest in the publication its sales could easily be doubled, and the loss converted into a profit: but beyond that commercial aspect of the matter, more of our people would have the opportunity of knowing of the manifold activities of their Church in all States of Australia and abroad—a consummation devoutly to be wished.

The Committee therefore requests Ministers and Elders and others interested to use every endeavour to increase the circulation of what we believe is a most useful publication.

The financial statement for 1929-30 is as follows:—

Receipts

Two Years' Sales and Advertising	£138	13	6	
Grants from Theological Hall		16	0	0
		£154	13	6

Expenditure.

Editor's Honorarium, 2 Years	£42	0	0	
Printing and other charges, 1929		£100	13	8
do. 1930		76	4	6
		£218	18	2

Deficiency £64 4 8

This shortage is in excess of the subsidy authorised by the Assembly by the amount of £4:4:8.

JOHN WAUGH, Convener.

XIII.

REPORT OF MODERATOR-GENERAL'S COMMITTEE.

We have pleasure in submitting the second report of this Committee, which will indicate the large amount of travelling overtaken by the Moderator General during his term of office. The visits were all undertaken at the invitation of State Assemblies or Presbyteries with those representatives the arrangements were made.

The Moderator General desires to express his sincere gratitude to those whose hospitality and kindness were a continuous delight. He regrets that owing to distances he was not able to accept the invitations to many functions in the Eastern States, and to the A.I.M. field. He writes:—"The experiences of these two years of office have given me great confidence in the future of our Church. The continued faithfulness of our Christian women, the increased attention given to the training of the children, the growing service of our men, the rising tide of young life in our young men's and women's organisations, the gift of song which is being given so freely to the service of the Church, the increasing number of those who are seeking the fellowship of the Lord's Table, are most notable signs of a vigorous Church life.

"It is an experience for which I thank God, and my brethren in His service."

We present herewith a list of visits made and functions attended by the Moderator General during 1928-30.

New South Wales.

In October, 1928.—

Murwillumbah (Civic Welcome, Service and Church Reception. Baptism of Minister's Child). Mullumbimby (Church Reception). Ballina (Civic Welcome, Three Services. Opened Tennis Court. Dedicated Church Furnishings. Church Reception). Alstonville (Reception by Ladies' Guild). Byron Bay (Church Reception). Bangalow (Church Reception). Lismore (Civic Welcome. Presbytery Meeting. Two Services and four Sunday Schools. Church Reception). Coffee Camp (Church Reception). Casino (Civic Welcome. Church Reception). Maclean (Service and Church Reception). Sydney (Services at Burwood, Burnside Homes, Ashfield and Chalmers Churches, and Rose Bay. Opened Chatswood Fete. Men's Meeting at Ashfield. Foundation Stone of Assembly Hall). In July, 1929.—

Tocumwal (Church Reception). Finley (Service and Church Reception). Darlington Point (Civic and Church Reception). Narrandera (Service and Church Welcome).

Victoria.

Visited State Assembly.

Melbourne: Services at Scots' Church, Williamstown, East St. Kilda, East Malvern, Malvern, St. Kilda, Sandringham, Spring Vale, Gardener, E. Kew, Brighton, Gardenvale, Canterbury, Ivanhoe, Preston, Fairfield, Camberwell, Hawthorn and Murrumbeena. Visited Scotch College and Presbyterian Ladies' College. Visited the Governor General. Government House and Lord Mayor's dinners. Civic Reception and Reception by the Melbourne Churches.

Social functions at Malvern, Fairfield and Toorak. Dedication of organ at Deepdene. Ormond College Theological Students' Society.

Geelong: (Services at St. Georges, Belmont and West Geelong. Civic Welcome. Presbytery Lunch. P.W.M.U. Conference. Office Bearers' Dinner. Visited Geelong College and Girls' School).

Batesford (Church Reception). Winchelsea (Church Reception). Colac (Church Reception. Visit to Dreeite Mission, Services at Colac and Alvie). Camperdown (Service and Church Reception). Cavendish (Church Reception). Bairnsdale (Church Reception). Omeo (Church Reception at Benambra). Casterton (Church Reception). Portland (Church Reception). Heywood (Service and Church Reception). Coleraine (Laid corner block of Connor Memorial Hall. Church Reception and Service). Dunkeld (Service). Hamilton (Service. Civic Welcome. Visited four schools). Byaduk (Church Reception). Macarthur (Service and Church Reception). Ballarat (United Service. Civic Welcome. Visited College and Girls' School). Bacchus Marsh (Service). Daylesford (Service. Church Reception and Civic Welcome). Tylden (Church Reception). Woodend (Service, Church Welcome. Visited Girls' School and State School). Gisborne (Welcome by "Old Boys." Services at Gisborne and Riddell. Church Reception). Kyneton (Service and Church Reception). Leongatha (Service and Church Reception). Mirboo (Services at Mardan South and Mirboo North. Church Reception). Sale (Civic Welcome. Visited Kilmanay Boys' Home. Church Reception).

July 23 to 28, 1930—

Mallee Downs Presbytery.

Kerang (Service and Reception). Swan Hill (Service and Reception). Sea Lake (Reception). Wycheproof (Service). Glenloth (Service). Charlton (Service and Reception).

Tasmania.

Ulverstone (Church Reception. Services at Ulverstone and Castra Road). Devonport (Service and Church Receptions at Devonport and Dan). Launceston (Civic Welcome. Opened St. Andrews' Fair. St. Andrew's Anniversary Service. Service at Chalmers Church. Church Receptions at Sandhill and Invermay. United Young Peoples' Rally). Hobart (Civic Reception. Services at Glenorchy. Chalmers (Children), and New Town. P.W.M.U. and P.G.A. Rally. United Meeting of Congregations). Oatlands (Church Reception). Kirklands-Campbell (Centenary Services (two) at Kirklands. Service and Church Reception at Campbell Town). Lilydale (Church Reception). Scotsdale (Church Reception). Pioneer Mission (Service and Church Reception at Winnaleah). Hagley (Church Reception). Langford (Service). Evandale (Lunch. Reception and P.W.M.U. Rally).

South Australia.

Port Augusta (Services at Augusta and Whyalla. Reception at Port Augusta). Port Pirie (Church Reception). Clare (Church Reception). Adelaide (Visited Colleges. Services at Scots Church, and St. Peter's, Unley. P.W.M.U. Rally. Reception and Home Mission Demonstration). Jamestown (Church Reception). Strathalbyn (Service). Mt. Pleasant (Service).

Port Augusta (Service and Reception). Whyalla (Sunday School and Service). Port Pirie (Reception). Clare (Reception). Adelaide (Scots Church Service), (St. Peter's Service, P.W.M.U. Rally, Home Mission Rally. Visited Scotch College and P.L.C.). Murray Bridge (Reception, P.W.M.U. Rally, and Home Mission Rally). Spalding (Reception and Home Mission Rally). Strathalbyn (Service). Monarto (Service). Mt. Pleasant (Service). Port Adelaide (Ministers' Fraternal Dinner).

Canberra.

Presided at Church Foundation Stone Ceremony. Church Reception.

Queensland.

In September, 1928—

Brisbane (Preached in St. Andrews, and Ann Street, Fortitude Valley and Park Churches. Sunday School and Fellowship at Fortitude Valley. Reception at Fortitude Valley). Toowoomba (Preached at St. Stephens and St. Andrews. Reception by the united congregations).

In August, 1930.

Warwick (Sunday, 3rd August, Services Monday 4th. Visit Schools. Tuesday 5th Fairholm College, Toowoomba). Rockhampton.—Civic reception. Services at St. Peter's, John Knox, North Rockhampton, and St. Andrew's Churches. Cairns.—Two services and two Sunday Schools. Mareeba.—Service and reception. Townsville.—Civic welcome and lecture on Western Australia. Charters Towers.—Two meetings and visit to two colleges. Cloncurry.—Sunday School. Service. State School and reception. Inspection of various A.I.M. activities. Brisbane.—Reception. Old Women's Home. Fellowship rally. Anniversary Services in St. Andrew's Church. Ipswich.—Service.

Western Australia.

Visited every Church and Mission Station. Called on Governor. Visited Colleges. Opened two Churches and Hall, Church and civic receptions and Anniversaries in many places.

J. R. B. CAMPBELL.

Convener.

XIV.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

The last reports of the General Council of the Presbyterian alliance and of the various Presbyterian Churches of all Nationalities alike witness to a striking revival of Home Mission interest. In countries as different as Scotland and Czecho-Slovakia—as Belgium and America the same spirit of Home Mission earnestness has manifested itself.

By varying methods as the broadcasting weekly of religious messages in France and the Innere Mission revival services in Germany—the Australian Inland Mission system among ourselves, and the Youth and Scientific Movements in Switzerland and the time-tried and justified preaching and pastoral earnestness of ministers and Home Missionaries, resolute efforts are being made by the Presbyterian Churches of the world to bring their own fellow citizens by the Holy Spirit and the Truth into one heart and life.

Women and young people of our Church as never before are displaying a diversity of gifts, but they claim with one mind that wherever the Presbyterian Church is, all must hear the gospel and to everyone must be offered a place in the sun of God's grace. Organisations and Societies also have greatly increased to promote Christian fellowship and secure sound instruction in the faith among Christ's disciples, old and new.

The Presbyterian Church beyond our borders is setting us a great example and we shall be unworthy of our name and traditions if we are not moved to work harder than we have been doing.

The Home Mission problem everywhere and with ourselves is concerned with three classes, the rich, the comfortably circumstanced, and the poor. There are as of yore some who in material prosperity and in complacency are as was the church of whom it was written, "Thou sayest I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing and knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked." Likewise there are others who because of poverty and misery have got into their veins the serum of

irritation against both law and truth—and are ready to curse God whether or not they die.

So, too, the Church has to reach the ignorant with enlightenment—the careless with a new interest—and the intellectually arrogant with as accurate knowledge and as broad a culture as their own, and all with Christ's solution in the language of to-day of the difficulties of life and duty, and pain and death.

The two years' period since last Assembly has not seen the Church in Australia realise its hopes but substantial advance has been made. Throughout the Commonwealth there are 33 vacant charges in full standing—135 Home Mission Stations, 9 vacant Home Mission Stations and 20 known centres where Presbyterian services should be begun.

There are 14 unattached ministers willing to accept calls and 41 other ministers without charges, but in the main ministers emeriti, and 133 students at various stages as candidates for the ministry and some acting as Home Missionaries. There are 50 Home Missionaries in charge of Stations, but not going forward to the Ministry.

The average annual expenditure by Home Mission Committees for Australia and Tasmania over the last two years amounted to £45,109, and the total income to £49,546—the total contributed by Home Mission Stations themselves exclusive of South Australia being £44,784.

For the Commonwealth, 13 new sites were bought or received as gifts and 5 new manses, 1 new hall, and 16 new churches built.

The ordination of special Home Mission preachers in Western Australia has justified itself.

DONALD A. CAMERON.

Convener.

XV.

SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT.

Social Service Societies and Institutions are as much part of the life of the Christian Church as Sunday Schools or prayer meetings. While they develop the confidence of His followers in Christ as the Saviour and Redeemer of men and enrich their spirituality generally, they are superb ways of showing love and goodwill to our neighbors. Life should be more than breathing, eating, and sleeping. It should be gladness, interest, honoring of instinct, thought, and achievement. Wild animals in a zoo exist, but that is all.

So, many human beings, in captivity through destitution or sin, crippled by neglect and weakness, behind the bolts and bars of adverse atmosphere and environment, have no real life. Our Presbyterian Social Service Societies and Institutions say to some anyhow of the unbefriended and to many of the homeless, lonely, and helpless—"Through Christ's and the Church's friendship you may have life and life in abundance, redeemed life, blissfully great life in oneness with God."

New Institutions since September, 1928, are:—The Hopetoun Home for Aged Men, and the Stonehaven Home for Aged Women, both gifts of Mr. W. R. Black, in Queensland, and the Presbyterian Babies' Home and the Rescue Mission, and a High School Hostel at Wangaratta, in Victoria.

In addition, the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in Queensland jointly have become possessed of a property in Moray Street, New Farm, the home of the late Hon. John Archibald, which was donated by his family as a Hostel for Girls and Young Women.

In Victoria, £25,000 having been raised towards the purchase of a site for a Presbyterian Intermediate Hospital bought for £31,250 and £25,000 towards the erection of buildings for wards, an appeal is being continued for further donations to meet the cost of the first unit.

In Adelaide, S.A., co-operation is continued with the Congregational Church, the Baptist Church, and the Church of Christ, in a Home for Boys.

It is regrettable that in Western Australia and Tasmania the Church has not been able to add Social Service to its other activities.

Existing institutions in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria have continued to make steady progress.

DONALD A. CAMERON, Convener.

XVI.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Financial Statements at the end of the White Book show in detail the operations of the various Funds.

Assembly Expenses Account.

We are glad to again report that the whole of the assessment for 1928-30 has been paid by each State. In spite of this, however, the credit of £446/17/- at 16th July, 1928, has turned into a debit of £258/1/7 at 30th June, 1930. And this change from credit to debit has taken place even though the assessment of £575/12/- per annum in 1927-8 was increased to £767/9/4 per annum in 1929-30; while, in addition, the ordinary working expenses show a decrease from £837/8/7 to £711/19/4, a nett decrease of £125/9/3. This debit is mainly due to the very high travelling expenses of delegates to the Brisbane Assembly in 1928, which amounted with interest, to £1915/9/6, as compared with £659/13/10 for the Melbourne Assembly in 1926, which increase can be put down on the one hand to the long distances travelled by the representatives to Brisbane, and on the other to the arrangement made whereby representatives who had to spend two or more nights in the train on the way to the Assembly were allowed the proportion of fares calculated on the first-class rates, of which arrangement the Assembly approved.

We recommend that the various States be assessed for the next two years at the following annual rate:—

Victoria	£273 15 8
New South Wales	273 15 8
Queensland	80 16 0
South Australia	46 7 4
Tasmania	46 7 4
Western Australia	46 7 4

Of this amount the sum of £258/1/7 will be required to meet the deficit at 30th June, 1930.

Church Hymnary Account.—The sum received from royalties and interest amounted to £235/6/11, as compared with £83/13/5 in 1927-8, and £148/8/7 in 1925-6.

As usual, this credit balance has been transferred to the Travelling Expenses Account.

Travelling Expenses.—As already indicated these were considerably higher in 1928 than in any former period.

We recommend that the payment for travelling expenses of members be on the same basis as for the 1928 Assembly.

- (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.
- (d) When members attending this Assembly require to spend two or more nights in the train on the journey to Sydney, they are to be paid a proportion of expenses calculated on the first-class fares.

J. R. B. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

XVII.

REPORT ON STATISTICS.

From a comparative statement of the figures for the years 1924 and 1929 (which is furnished with this report) it will be noted that there has been a steady progress in most of the States during the past five years. The following percentages indicating the increases or decreases under the various headings are of interest:—

	N.S.W. Per cent	Q'land cent. Per	S.A. Per cent.	Tas. Per cent.	Vic. Per cent.	W.A. Per cent.
Sittings	6	10	22	*9.50	*1	12.50
Elders	23	23	*6.50	13	13	44
Deacons and Managers	6	5	—	2	1	13.50
Communicants	36.50	18	2	*1.50	7	24.50
Adherents over 16	*	10	—	*20	*5	51.50
Adherents under 16	2	22.50	—	10	*3	—
S.S. Teachers—Men	11	29	22	*6	5	1
S.S. Teachers—Women ...	4	17	*35	*1	3	*12
Scholars, boys	7.50	20	*4.50	*2	4	*9.50
Scholars, girls	3	23	*17.50	5	4.50	*3
Value of Churches	42	28	*6	7	30.50	72

* indicates "Decreases."

The percentages relating to Elders, Deacons and Managers, Communicants, Sunday School Teachers, and Scholars, are of particular interest.

On behalf of the Committee,

S. J. CARRUTHERS,

Convener.

STATISTICS SUBMITTED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1930.

(Comparing the figures of 1924 with those of 1929.)

	New South Wales.		Queensland.		South Australia.		Tasmania.		Victoria.		Western Australia.	
	1924.	1929.	1924.	1929.	1924.	1929.	1924.	1929.	1924.	1929.	1924.	1929.
Presbyteries	18	18	5	5	3	3	3	1	20	20	4	4
Full Charges	203	217	51	54	27	24	15	12	249	241	18	22
Ministers in Charges	165	177	35	40	21	16	11	10	229	220	12	14
Ministers Unattached	—	27	7	6	nil	2	—	1	21	66	3	3
Home Mission Stations	47	46	38	43	5	8	12	13	82	91	16	16
Churches	485	506	164	186	38	41	53	49	568	570	26	28
Sittings	80279	85233	24414	26770	8105	9890	9765	8830	104984	103990	4760	5362
Manses	168	210	55	70	23	22	18	17	249	265	15	17
School Buildings	137	145	59	62	16	19	14	14	229	283	18	20
Other Properties	146	137	39	64	4	—	23	26	192	188	—	—
Elders	1220	1501	403	495	135	126	77	87	1297	1469	88	127
Deacons and Managers	3473	3688	1137	1197	369	—	296	302	5568	5628	241	274
Communicants	26209	35770	9660	11395	2710	2760	1996	1966	36834	39396	2385	2972
Adherents over 16	38713	37439	18841	20739	1229	—	2665	2129	56324	53270	932	1413
Adherents under 16	31363	31981	17123	20991	992	—	1944	2145	42811	41669	—	—
Fellowship Associations	128	138	18	36	—	—	—	—	50	29	7	9
Bible Classes	91	98	14	13	—	—	6	16	193	187	13	12
Sunday Schools	419	394	179	199	42	42	41	40	522	517	44	41
Sunday School Teachers, Men ..	777	865	331	426	143	175	63	59	891	938	87	88
Sunday School Teachers, Women	2008	2095	793	929	311	202	177	175	3041	3142	222	195
Scholars, Boys	11526	12407	4659	5582	1153	1100	905	884	15790	16445	1092	989
Scholars, Girls	14826	15310	5505	6774	1425	1176	994	1047	18278	19090	1441	1403
No. of State Schools in which Religious Instruction is given	852	992	157	207	nil	nil	—	—	922	1657	—	—
No. of Scholars receiving Religious Instruction in State Schools	37696	45128	8923	10519	nil	nil	—	—	122598	138100	—	—
Value of Churches	693187	983715	161967	206905	59221	55677	57658	61880	832865	1087585	43973	43109
Value of Manses	200554	309925	41620	51748	29749	32413	18385	15760	263142	308580	12465	13082
Value of School Buildings	111060	181305	39542	51371	13566	8407	6630	6080	185630	278345	9579	13689
Value of Other Properties	78401	122017	3995	8123	9717	11349	9341	8626	180956	261197	7917	10383
Total Debt on all Properties ...	76023	95364	11868	15229	18161	18237	3217	1695	138024	167402	13114	9866
Total Insurance on all properties	619457	884647	154225	190419	55612	70365	32302	39502	722783	950890	50853	70900

XVIII.

BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

The Board of Religious Education as at present constituted was appointed by the Assembly in 1928, and it is with gratitude and hope that its report of the work done during the past two years is now presented.

For the last sixteen years the States have been co-operating in the publication of Lesson Helps and in concerted efforts to win the youth of our land for Christ and His Church. It is satisfactory to be able to report that the relationships between all the States remain close and cordial. It is recognised that the need for a truly national Youth Movement grows ever greater, and that if this end is to be achieved active co-operation between all the States is essential. The Board is the medium through which this co-operation has been effectively secured without in any way interfering with the work of State Departments.

It is also satisfactory to be able to report that the working partnership with New Zealand has been maintained with the best results to the Commonwealth and the Dominion. Representatives of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand have visited Australia in connection with the selection of lessons, and the interchange of ideas has been mutually helpful.

Organization.

Following the decision of the Assembly of 1928, the Headquarters of the Board were established in Melbourne, a suitable office was secured in the T. & G. Building, and in its regular meetings of the Executive have been held. The Director, the Rev. William Goyen, has been wholly occupied with his many duties in connection with the publication and distribution of literature, visitation of States, and the oversight of the financial affairs of the Board. He has faithfully and diligently carried out his duties as defined two years ago, and the success of this larger effort on the part of the Church is largely due to his enthusiasm and business capacity. The Director has been ably assisted by Miss Winch, the office accountant and typiste. The account books of the Board are kept in its own office, but in consideration of an annual fee all its funds are handled by the Treasurer of the Victorian Church, to whom the thanks of the Board are due.

In the constitution of the Committee, members are appointed from all the States. This is right and proper, but the cost of travel to half-yearly or even yearly meetings of the Board, is prohibitive. To meet the situation proxies have been suggested and permitted. The Assembly is asked to approve the action of the Board.

So far as the organisation of the Departments in the various States is concerned, there have been several changes. In New South Wales Mr. C. J. R. Price, and in Queensland Mr. Norman F. Nelson, have been appointed as Organising Secretaries. In Victoria the Rev. J. C. Jamieson is still Director, and in addition to former members of the organising staff, he is now assisted by Mr. W. R. McLeish, Travelling Secretary, Young Men's Fellowship, and Mrs. L. C. Barbour, Sunday School Agent. South Australia, Tasmania and West Australia have been visited during the past two years, either by the Director, or by other Youth agents. It can now be said with confidence that the Youth Departments are firmly established in their respective States, and that their work is securing every year greater consideration and approval.

The special interest taken in the schools of South and West Australia by the Assembly has been expressed each year by a visit from the Director of the Board. The Youth Departments in these States and the Assemblies have recorded their appreciation of this help, and the Committees responded in renewed and extended activities. West Australia has developed a vigorous distributing Department of literature, with a credit balance of £200. Teachers' Association for training, and Young People's work, has markedly grown in life and interest, and examination work is conspicuously successful.

South Australia has also strengthened its Committee, reconstructed its office, and taken more resolute steps to conserve the interests of its schools and classes.

There is much leeway to make up in Youth work in this State. The Committee and the Young People's Fellowship require our practical sympathy. Mr. Goyen has also visited New South Wales and Queensland each year, conferring with Committees, holding Teachers' Conferences and discussing problems and programmes with leaders. Three months of each year have been devoted to this itinerant work, the results of which have been satisfactory and the main expenses of which have been borne by the Board.

Statistics.

It has been impossible to secure complete statistics from the various States in time for this report, and as a detailed statement will appear in the report of the Statistical Board, it is thought better not to confuse the issue by publishing uncertain figures. Two facts, however, are apparent. On one side a wide field of opportunity is open to the Church, and much faithful and effective work is being done in all the States. Through Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, probably 100,000 children and young people are definitely within the circle of our influence. To Sunday School teachers, Bible Class and Fellowship Leaders, and all other workers in this sphere, the Church owes a deep debt of gratitude. It is impossible to over-estimate the value to our Church and land of the work done so faithfully and consistently by the army, at least ten thousand strong, of Sunday School teachers and workers, who are serving Christ in every part of the Commonwealth.

On the other side, when comparisons are made with the enrolments of former years and attention is paid to the growth of our population, occasion is found for disquietude. How can we reach these unattached young people? Many of them are in good homes probably, and not without some manner of Christian teaching. Most of them, it is feared, are not so happily placed. And the hour is surely due, when we shall do more than note the fact or merely discuss it. We know how to reach them if we will. Earnest individual and corporate endeavour by the Protestant Churches would speedily assemble these straying children, and give them the elements of Christian culture. Is our Church ready to take its stand in a systematic and well-planned endeavour to reach with its message the thousands of Australia's youth who to-day are quite outside its influence?

Standards of Work.

Amongst the young folk in our schools there is a steady advance in the education work being done. There is no State in our great country where there are not some schools well organised, well staffed and well housed. The weekly sessions held therein are a pleasure to see. It would be difficult to find many schools to surpass them in the Christian world.

This type, however, is still in the minority. All the blame, however, should not be laid at the doors of the Superintendents and Teachers. Some of them are grievously at fault, but most of them are discouraged by reason of unsuitable buildings and furniture, unsympathetic congregations and Church officers, insufficient teachers and shortage of money for current needs. Lack of support discourages their efforts and lowers their ideals. The Church and her ministry need a revival of the prophetic spirit. It is significant that almost without exception, congregations led by those who are keen on Scriptural teaching, are notably successful in the prosecution of Sunday School and Bible Class work.

One Youth Movement.

At the present moment one of the encouraging features of the work of the Church is the activity that is being displayed in all the States by organisations of young women and young men. Camps and Conferences are increasing in numbers and in influence, and in individual Congregations there appears to be a growing interest in Bible study and Christian service. Efforts are also being made to co-ordinate the activities of these Young People's Societies, and to promote a nation-wide movement.

Following a resolution of representatives of various Youth Organisations who met in Brisbane in 1928, a meeting of Interstate Delegates was held at our Summer Conference at Daylesford, Victoria, on December 30th, 1929.

It was found that there was substantial agreement amongst delegates as to the necessity for a "One Youth Movement" throughout Australia, with a common name, badge, and aim. During the present year (1930) the matter has been under discussion; some of the States have taken definite steps to re-organise their Young People's work along the lines suggested, and it is hoped that a further meeting during the sitting of this Assembly will take further steps to secure agreement and action on the part of the various States. It is understood that the autonomy of State Committees and of Young People's Organisations working under constitutions granted by State Assemblies, is not to be interfered with. The advantages of an Australian Youth Movement federating the various State movements, and giving unity and direction to the work of the whole Church amongst its young people, cannot be overestimated.

Lessons.

Since the last meeting of the Assembly a new cycle of lesson material has been chosen, arranged and issued. Some endeavour was made to induce the Board to unify the lessons for the central school. The arguments presented were respectfully considered, but in face of the decided difference between the mentality of children under eleven years of age and those over eleven, the Board maintained the division, introduced two years earlier, and constructed the scheme for 1930, 1931, and 1932 on the same lines. Since your Board's decision, the Hadow Report has appeared and a scheme formulated for the Day Schools in England whereby all children over eleven shall be separated from those under that age, and taught higher subjects. The Lessons, therefore, chosen by your Board, are based on an appreciation of the child's nature that is well considered and authoritatively endorsed. Schools must be encouraged to observe this distinction and avoid sacrificing the child's spiritual progress by the use of unsuitable methods and lessons.

Examination.

The reaction against examinations in the work of religious education is happily passing. If we cannot calculate spiritual results by answered questions, we can at least discover sensible appreciation of Scriptural facts under which spiritual forces are hidden. The following figures give an indication of the endeavour made to encourage faithful teaching and accurate learning:—

	Scholars on School Roll.	Scholars entering for Examinations.	Scholars Sitting.	Percentage Pass.
New South Wales ..	25,000	1,853	2,053	80
Victoria	31,000	662	662	
Queensland	12,356		892	60
South Australia	2,300	270	179	77
West Australia	2,600	788	547	73

Comparison in pass results is hardly possible. Standards differ. Classification is not uniform. The figures are quoted simply to show that in the judgment of the examiners some care is taken to secure accurate knowledge.

Publications.

Good literature is a close second in importance to good lessons, and our literature is certainly not of an inferior character. The Joint Board has succeeded in discovering a team of well-informed and experienced Christian men and women who write the notes, and a staff of editors who give them careful revision. Criticism is, of course, current, but criticism for the most part of an appreciative character. The circulation carries its testimony:—

Teachers	16,600 monthly
Scholars	70,000 monthly
Leaflets	565 monthly
Primary Folders	5,670 monthly
Young People's Text-books	9,000 half yearly
Records	10,000 monthly

These totals are made up as follows:—

	Teachers.	Scholars.	Leaflets.	Pr. Folders.	Text Books.	Records.
N.S.W.	3,300	14,700	18	200	1,600	650
Victoria	5,780	26,100	90	2,200	3,000	8,350
Queensland	1,572	8,530	3	170	900	285
New Zealand	3,250	12,800	343	2,700	2,500	—
South Australia	328	1,316	5	37	180	40
West Australia	320	1,750	6	110	250	220
Other Agents	2,050	4,804	100	253	570	455
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	16,600	70,000	565	5,670	9,000	10,000

In addition to the above-named journals which appear regularly, the Board has published the following books and papers since last Assembly:—

- Family Altar Card.
- Memory Lesson Book.
- The Assembly's Year-Book.
- Youth to the Rescue, by Miss Isabel McCorkindale.
- The Romance of the Catholic Presbyterian Church, by Dr. Gray Dixon.
- The Alexander Love Lecture, "Who Wrote the Fourth Gospel," by Rev. Alex. Yule.
- The Young Presbyterian's Manual.
- Robert Raikes, Reformer and Roadfinder, by Rev. William Goyen.
- Set of Sunday School Anniversary Hymns, Edited by Rev. J. B. Galloway and Dr. Sugden.
- Leadership of Youth, by Rev. J. C. Jamieson.
- The Meaning of the Master, by Rev. J. Mackenzie, and others.
- Pamphlets issued by the Board: "Christian Marriage," "Christian Science," "Can We Do Without the Church?" "Gambling: Why is it Wrong?" "How Should we Keep Sunday?" "Faith Makes the Future," "Excuse me, Dr. O'Reilly," "Whence Came the Mass? From Christ or Another?" "The Australian Aboriginal," "What May a Churchman do on Sunday?" "What Difference has Christ Made?" "Games of Chance" (40,000 printed on "Gambling," 20,000 in each other case).

Mr. Yule's book was published at his own expense. In response to a wide-felt need, The Young Presbyterian's Manual was published for the help of young Communicants, Bible Classes and Fellowship members. The Board asks the Assembly's approval of its action in issuing this booklet, a copy of which has been forwarded to every minister of the Church.

The Board calls attention to the publication of an enlarged edition of the late Dr. Gray Dixon's book, "The Romance of the Catholic Presbyterian Church." In order to make the issue of this book possible the friends of the late Dr. Dixon contributed the sum of £100. The Board earnestly recommends that Boards of Management be induced to present a copy of these two books to all young communicants as they join the Church. It is believed that in this way a more intelligent interest in the principles and history of our Church could be promoted.

The preceding details indicate the Board's activity in the sphere of publications, during the past two years, and the service it may render the Church and the Kingdom of God. On all sides we are faced by deplorable ignorance of the substance of our faith, by perversions of the Gospel and by betrayal, conscious and unconscious, of our great Protestant heritage. The pulpit, unfortunately, cannot reach more than a fraction of the masses of the people, and the official press of the Church is too limited in its circulation for aggressive purposes. In former days, such as those of the Reformation and the Anglo-Catholic revival, tracts and booklets did an immense service on behalf of the cause they espoused. In our day also the press is wielding an immense influence for good or ill, hence no living Church can neglect this instrument in the prosecution of its work. Loyalty to Christ demands positive public testimony. Hitherto it is the Youth Departments who have carried the main financial responsibility, and it is right that they should carry their share. For a large portion of the profits accruing from Sunday School

literature is due to the unity of our Church constitution and practice. But parents should make conscience of personal share in this urgent ministry. The cost of it is trifling and the profit in healthier thought and purpose of the highest value.

The Question of Doctrine.

In dealing with publications which profess to set out and expound the doctrine and polity of the Presbyterian Church of Australia for young people, the Board desires the direction of the Assembly. The questions involved are:—(1) What steps should the Board take to secure that such publications shall be in full accord with the teaching and standards of the Church? (2) Are State Committees at liberty to publish such literature without reference to the Board? It is felt that these matters are of sufficient importance to warrant in the first place a discussion of the matter by the whole Board, before the Assembly meets. Any decisions arrived at will be reported to the Assembly.

The Record.

The Record, the Children's Missionary Magazine of the Church of Victoria, has for some years had a limited circulation beyond the borders of that State. The Board is glad to be able to report that in consequence of a generous offer made by the Victorian Assembly, it is now able to publish the Record on the same terms as the Graded Literature. That is to say, the various States will participate in the profits of publication in proportion to circulation. The magazine will thus become the Missionary organ of all the Sunday Schools throughout the Commonwealth. This arrangement is commended to the various State Departments. Missionary news from all the foreign fields in which States are interested will be welcomed.

Finance.

A duly audited Balance Sheet set out in detail will be found at the end of the Blue Book. From this it appears that the financial transactions of the Board have been quite satisfactory. The position at June 30th, 1930, is as follows:—Cash Balance £26/2/1, Sundry Debtors £878/19/5, Stock on Hand £668/12/11, Furniture and Fittings £11/7/10, Rent (in advance) £9/5/8. On the other side of the ledger the figures are as follows:—Sundry Creditors £431/5/9, Accumulated Fund £1159/19/8. The accumulated fund is represented by stock in hand and by the surplus of the Board's assets over liabilities. The stock in hand does not represent an accumulation of unsaleable literature. Fortunately most of the Board's publications go straight to their destination. The bank balance, £26/2/1, does not give the Board a sufficient margin for its work of publication, but if the present rate of progress is maintained, it may be possible in the future to readjust financial arrangements with the States. On the Balance Sheet there appears the sum of £100, held on behalf of the R. A. Malloch Trust. This sum was donated by Mr. Malloch to the Joint Board, in memory of the late Professor John Smyth. The interest is to be devoted year by year to the promotion of Teacher Training. Prizes will be awarded under the Teacher Training Scheme of the National Council of Religious Education.

The National Council of Religious Education.

Meetings of the National Council, representing all the Youth Departments of the Churches and State Councils, were held in Melbourne in April, 1929. The most important functions of the Council at present are to promote throughout the Commonwealth interdenominational co-operation in the sphere of Youth Work, and to encourage teachers to train more thoroughly for their great task. In both of these spheres, encouraging progress is being made. The next meeting of the Council will be held in Adelaide in April, 1931.

JOHN MACKENZIE, Convener.

XIX.

AUSTRALIAN BENEFICIARY FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

The work of this Committee still continues hampered by the difficulty of bringing the controlling authorities of the State Funds into agreement regarding the contribution they are to make to the solution of the problem.

The last Report (G.A.A. Blue Book, p. 93) contains an outline scheme of benefits approved by the Assembly, and certain questions which were submitted to the State Assemblies of New South Wales and Victoria.

The N.S.W. Assembly referred the matter to its Committee, which has not specifically dealt either with the scheme or the questions submitted. It has, however, reached a decision, obscure in its term, which we construe as meaning that the N.S.W. Committee (or Assembly) does not favour action at present except in the direction of the liberalisation of reciprocity arrangements between existing funds. The correctness of this interpretation was confirmed on reference to the permanent secretary of the Church in New South Wales.

The Victorian Committee has expressed general approval of the scheme, and though it would approach the matter with caution, it was prepared to continue negotiations as opportunity offered.

There is a difference of opinion in our Committee as to whether it should now discontinue or remain in existence so that advantage may be taken of any opening that may occur to advance the interests of the Australian Beneficiary Fund in the near future. It is admitted that there is little hope of any immediate step in advance, but the balance of opinion is, that the Committee should be retained at least until the next Assembly.

Various developments are spoken of in connection with the existing funds. Proposals for the union of the Victorian and South Australian Funds are receiving preliminary attention. The Queensland Fund has under consideration the addition of benefits for widows and orphans to the existing provision for aged and infirm ministers. The New South Wales Committee is now clothed with Parliamentary authority to cater for the provident needs of ministers in Western Australia, and though little practical result has yet followed, it is hoped that advantage may be taken of the scheme.

We again impress on the controlling authorities of all State Funds the practical advantage of incorporating in their rules powers to unite or co-operate with, merge in, or absorb other funds.

For the Committee,

A. G. PROUDFOOT,

Convener.

Sydney, 10th Sept., 1930.

XX.

XXI.

REPORT ON FIRE INSURANCE.

The 1926 Session of the General Assembly affirmed the desirability of establishing a Federal Fire Insurance Scheme for all Church properties. The following Assembly of 1928, recognising the difficulties attending the project of any Scheme under direction and control of a Committee of the General Assembly, recommended each State or group of States to establish separate funds and suggested the basis upon which such funds might be safely and conveniently inaugurated. The Committee was continued to co-ordinate the work of the several State Committees and report to this Assembly.

(1) The Victorian Committee has continued its activities and investigations. It abandoned the plan for securing private guarantors and in accordance with the suggestion of the Federal Committee approached the Board of Finance. The Corporate Trustees did not favour the proposal and declined to provide the necessary guarantee. No further steps have been taken to date, but the Committee is continuing its enquiries.

(2) In New South Wales the matter is at present in abeyance.

(3) The Queensland Assembly of 1929 received the report from the General Assembly, and in accordance with its recommendations formulated a scheme which was sent down to Presbyteries, Sessions and Committees of Management. The returns were considered by the Assembly of 1930, the Scheme was approved, and adopted, and will come into operation as from 1st January, 1931.

The scheme is printed as an addendum to this report.

It only remains to be stated that Church Fire Insurance provides the soundest and most profitable legitimate investment in the financial world.

That so far as information is available, the Presbyterian Church in other lands has, without exception, provided for the conservation of its resources by the adoption of some form of Church Fire Insurance. Further, that every considerable denomination in Australia, excepting the Presbyterian Church, has already demonstrated both the practicability and overwhelming advantage accruing from undertaking its own insurance.

Amongst the many examples which might be quoted for our encouragement mention is made of one only, the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. Though it possesses but 267 Charges and 20,804 Communicants, compared with 638 Charges and 85,000 Communicants in Australia, through the operation of its Fire Insurance Scheme, it was able to donate in 1929 £987/10/- out of profits to various needy funds.

NORMAN S. MILLAR,

Convener.

ADDENDUM.

FIRE INSURANCE SCHEME.

1. The Fund shall be known as the Fire Insurance Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland.

2. The objects of the Fund shall be to insure all churches, manses, schools, church halls or other buildings and property of the Church.

3. The Fund is managed and controlled by the Assembly through such Board or Committee as it may from time to time appoint for the purpose.

4. It is the duty of the Committee of Management and other responsible persons, to insure in the Fund the properties for which they are responsible, against loss or damage by fire, subject to the acceptance of the proposal. The insurable value is in all cases determined by the Board or Committee appointed

by the Assembly, and the application for insurance is made to the Financial Secretary of the Church, and premiums are paid to the Treasurer of the Church, at the Presbyterian Church Offices, Ann Street, Brisbane.

5. All fire insurance premiums, together with all donations and bequests specifically given to the Fund, and interest earned by the moneys shall be placed to the credit of the Fund.

6. The rate of premium to be paid shall be fixed and determined by the Board (or Committee) with reference to the nature, the value and the situation of the property, liable to damage by fire.

7. The Board (or Committee, shall have power to effect a reinsurance with any public company, of the whole or any part of the property insured to such an extent and in such manner and form as the Board (or Committee) shall think fit, and to pay the premiums therefor out of the Fund, provided that the policy issued by the company shall show that the average clause does not apply thereto.

8. Until the Fund shall amount to £2000 (or at any time when the Fund is reduced to less than that sum) the Board of Investment and Finance is authorised to advance on loan from the Capital Funds of the Church, such sum or sums as may be required to make good any loss or damage by fire, provided that:—

- (a) In the event of a loss, the Fire Insurance Fund shall be first drawn upon.
- (b) If the loss shall exhaust the Fire Insurance Fund, then the Board of Investment and Finance shall make an advance of the balance required (but not exceeding £2000) as a loan.
- (c) The amount so advanced (with interest at a rate determined by the Board of Investment and Finance) shall be repaid out of the first moneys thereafter accruing to the Fund after deducting working and other expenses.

9. In the event of any destruction or damage by fire happening to any property insured in the Fund, and provided that the premiums have been paid, the Board (or Committee) shall in the case of a total destruction, pay the value of such property according to the assessment thereof made by the Board (or Committee) or their assessors, but not more than the amount insured (subject to the provisions in Clauses 11, 12, 13 and 14 next following), or in case of partial damage such amount as shall be proportionate to the extent of the damage as may be determined by the Board (or Committee) or their assessors (subject to the provisions in Clauses 11, 12, 13 and 14 next following) but not more than the amount insured, provided that the Board (or Committee) shall have the option of themselves reinstating or repairing any property so destroyed or damaged.

10. The amount so paid by the Board (or Committee) shall be forthwith expended in rebuilding or reinstating the property destroyed or damaged, and in order to secure compliance with this provision, the Board (or Committee) shall have power to pay the amounts referred to in Clause 9 by such instalments and in such manner as they shall think fit, or to withhold payment until the rebuilding or re-instatement is effected provided that the Board may agree to modification of this provision to meet individual cases.

11. Every such destruction or damage as aforesaid shall be reported to the Board (or Committee) within fourteen days after the happening thereof, and the Committee of Management or other insured party shall also within a reasonable time, supply the Board (or Committee) with full particulars of the property destroyed or damaged, and an estimate of the cost of reinstatement or repairs.

12. The Committee of Management or other party, on effecting all insurances on property as aforesaid, shall supply the Board (or Committee) with full particulars of the said properties, and thereafter from time to time of all subsequent alterations thereof and additions thereto, and shall give notice to the Board (or Committee) of any matter or thing including all lighting and heating arrangements, which may increase the risk of the destruction or damage of such properties by fire.

13. All premiums shall be paid on or before the day on which they become due, or within such days of grace as the Board (or Committee) may allow.

14. If any Committee of Management or other party insured fails to observe or comply with any of the provisions in these Regulations, the Board (or Committee) may refuse to pay to such Committee of Management or party insured, any amount out of the Fund for the purpose of making good any property which may have been destroyed or damaged by fire.

15. The Board (or Committee) shall furnish a report and balance sheet of the Fund at the end of each year to the annual meeting of the Assembly next following.

16. The Assembly shall have power to effect an amalgamation of the Fund with any similar fund of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, or of the Assembly of the Church in any other State of the Commonwealth.

17. The Fund shall come into operation on the first day of January, 1931.

18. The Assembly shall have power from time to time to vary, alter or amend these regulations, or to make any other regulations or conditions in relation to any insurance effected with the Fund.

XXII.

MISSION TO THE JEWS.

Considerable progress has been made since last Assembly. The Rev. E. C. Etmann's health improved so rapidly that in May, 1929, the Victorian Assembly reappointed him as its Missionary to the Jews. (At his own request, the appointment is without any salary. He finds that an honorary worker gains readier and completer access to non-Christian Jews.)

Recently, a rather serious operation reduced Mr. Etmann's strength, but his general health has been greatly bettered by it. He is meeting with real and evident success in his endeavors to enlighten our Jewish fellow-citizens, and several men have professed their faith in Jesus Christ.

Along with Miss Richards, whose earnest and patient approaches to Jewish women meet a cordial welcome in many quarters, he has opened a rest-room and reading room in the suburb of Carlton. Many Jews are in this neighborhood, and quite a number are resorting to our centre, and seeking quiet interviews there.

How far Mr. Etmann will be able to give personal help in other parts of Australia is not yet clear. The new converts and inquirers in Melbourne at present absorb his attention and call for continuous contact with them.

Endeavors were made, both in Europe and South Africa, to discover someone able and willing to assist in our Australian work, but without result. More doors than ever before in the Christian era are open to the Gospel among Jewish communities, and suitable missionaries are very scarce.

Your Committee is not seeking money at present, but it does seek the intercession of our people at all times; we especially ask that Israel's need may be remembered on the Day of Atonement (October 2nd, this year), and on the preceding Sunday.

Through the New South Wales Committee, small remittances have been sent to Principal Semple, of Scots College, Safed, Galilee.

ALEX. YULE.

Convener.

XXIII.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONER TO THE SCOTTISH CHURCHES.

I have to report that in accordance with the resolution of the last General Assembly I went to Scotland to represent the Presbyterian Church of Australia at the Union of the Scottish Churches. That Union, which must rejoice the heart of all Presbyterians, and particularly of all Scotsmen, was consummated in Edinburgh in October of last year. I shall have an opportunity of giving the Assembly further information when presenting this report, which is simply to inform the Assembly that I discharged the commission given me. I may say that the leaders in the Church of Scotland expressed their high appreciation of the fact that you sent a special delegate to convey your congratulations and good wishes.

Among the communications laid before the Assembly you will find a letter from the Moderator of the Church of Scotland expressing their gratification of that visit.

RONALD G. MACINTYRE.

XXIV.

REPORT OF SUVA COMMISSION.

Your Commission reports that:—

1. In accordance with instructions, it met with representatives appointed by the Methodist Church in conference, and the following scheme of co-operation was adopted:—

- I. The Presbyterian Church in Fiji, as represented by St. Andrew's Congregation (Suva), to become, with the Methodist Church in Fiji in its European work, a united Church, to be known as the "Union Church." The local Church courts shall be as at present constituted of which the Minister for the time being shall be ex-officio Chairman. That the Ministers appointed to the Union Church shall retain their relationship to the Higher Courts of their own Churches.

St. Andrew's buildings to remain meanwhile the property of the Presbyterian Church in the State of Victoria, the Union Church to have full use thereof.

A Council shall be appointed in Australia consisting of four representatives each from the Presbyterian Church, and from the Methodist Board of Missions, with its headquarters in Melbourne, which shall have the oversight and direction of this Union Church.

The Minister of the Suva Congregation to be chosen alternately from the Ministry of the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, the appointment in each case to be for a period of three years.

After twelve months, if considered advisable and agreed to by the Council, a second Minister (preferably an unmarried man) shall be chosen from the Ministry of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, for the same period to do itinerating work throughout the group—Viti Levu in particular—and to co-operate with the Missionaries in the various centres in the holding of services for English-speaking people.

The subsidies at present received from the four Presbyterian Churches, viz., the Church of Scotland, the Victorian Church, the New South Wales Church, and the New Zealand Church, amounting in all to £180 per annum, be continued, of which £90 shall be paid into the

Stipend Fund of the Suva Church, the Methodist Mission Board also contributing £90 to the said Stipend Fund.

This agreement between the two Churches to continue for a period of six years, the position to be reviewed at the end of that time.

It was resolved:—

That the Rev. J. Smiley, B.A. (Convener of the Council in Melbourne), and the Rev. J. W. Burton, M.A. (General Secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society) be co-secretaries of the Council, to whom all official communications shall be sent.

II. The Rev. C. W. Turner, B.A., was appointed to the Suva Church for three years, and began his Ministry in April, 1929.

III. The Union Church now reports that after twelve months of co-operation the scheme has been fully justified, and asks the Joint Council to:—

1. Secure the appointment of a second Minister as in Clause 5 of the Agreement.
2. Request the contributing Presbyterian Churches to continue their subsidies amounting to £180 p.a., of which £90 is applied to Stipend, and that the balance of £90 be made available for this extension work.
3. Request the Methodist Church of Australia to contribute a further £90 p.a. to be devoted to this extension work.

IV. The Joint Council has decided to approve generally of the proposals, and put them in operation on April 1st, 1931; provided that (1) The Methodist Church and the G.A. of A. approve; (2) the contributing Churches are willing to subsidise the work as set out in the proposals.

V. The State Assemblies of New South Wales and Victoria have approved of the decision of the Joint Council and subject to the approval of the G.A. of A. have authorised the continuance of the subsidy.

J. SMILEY, Convener.

Dr.

CANBERRA CHURCH BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.
To Contract (Simmie and Co., Pty., Ltd., £42,870),			
Amount Paid on Account	16,313	0	0
" Architect (John Barr)	1,286	0	0
" Clerk of Works	449	0	9
" Printer's Block of Church	0	10	6
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	£18,048	11	3

CANBERRA CHURCH AND MANSE GROUNDS.

	£	s.	d.
To Laying Out Grounds, etc.	96	0	1
" Architect's Fees and Expenses	26	10	0
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	£122	10	1
To Balance	£55	16	7

	£	s.	d.
By Subscriptions	61	8	0
" Interest	0	6	0
" Transfer	4	19	6
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" Balance	£66	13	6
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	£122	10	1

CANBERRA MANSE.

	£	s.	d.
To Contract (E. Spindelove)	5,320	7	2
" Contract (V. Barker)	594	1	0
" Architect (John Barr)	244	0	0
" Architects (H. H. and F. B. Kemp)	186	11	0
" Supervising Architect	129	15	6
" Clerk of Works (C. H. Summers)	115	2	0
" Presentation Volumes	15	4	0
" Dr. J. Walker's Removal Expenses	50	0	0
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	£6,655	0	8

Dr. CANBERRA MANSE ROADWAY. Cr.

	<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
To Contract	£80	2	3

CANBERRA MANSE GROUNDS AND EXCAVATIONS.

	<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
To Contract (E. Spindelove)	£229	10	6

CANBERRA ASSISTANT MINISTER'S COTTAGE.

	<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
To Contract (E. Spindelove)	1,757	17	0
„ Architect's Fee	106	12	0
„ Supervising Architect	72	13	0
	<u>£1,937</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>

CANBERRA PARISH ENDOWMENT.

	<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
By Subscriptions	2,698	1	0
„ Interest	114	12	2
	<u>£2,812</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>

CANBERRA PARISH CAR.

	<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
To Purchase Car for Assistant Minister	£120	0	0
	<u>£120</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

CANBERRA ASSISTANT MINISTER'S COTTAGE FURNISHING.

	<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
To Purchases	£111	0	9
	<u>£111</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>

	<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
By Special Donations	109	12	3
„ Interest	1	8	6
	<u>£111</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>

CANBERRA MANSE WINDOW BLINDS AND RODS.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Purchase of Window-rods and Blinds	20	3	6	By Subscriptions	32	1	0
„ Balance	12	3	6	„ Interest	0	6	0
	£32 7 0				£32 7 0		
				By Balance	£12	3	6

N.S.W. WOMEN'S GIFT WINDOW TO CANBERRA CHURCH.

					£	s.	d.
				By Amount Collected	126	1	6
				„ Interest	0	18	0
					£126 19 6		

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA—AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION.

BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1930.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.				
To Reserve Account				5,880	11	2	By Property	4,245	10	9
„ Suspense Account				631	16	3	„ Scotts Ltd. Shares	250	0	0
„ Victoria River Building Account				234	16	8	„ Commonwealth of Australia Bonds	1,120	0	0
„ Birdsville Building Account				556	7	5	„ Australian Inland Mission—Bank of New South Wales Head Office	223	1	10
„ Birdsville Suspense Account				554	14	10	„ Australian Inland Mission	25	8	0
„ Aerial Medical Service				2,541	14	2	„ Presbyterian Church Funds	14,545	19	11
„ John Henderson Bequest	6,700	0	0							
„ M. J. M. Robinson Bequest	3,000	0	0							
„ William Scott Endowment	250	0	0							
„ Margaret Mathieson Endowment	60	0	0							
				10,010	0	0				
				£20,410	0	6				
								£20,410	0	6

I certify that I have examined the above Balance Sheet and the accompanying accounts relating to the Australian Inland Mission, and have found same correct.

Sydney, 25th July, 1930.

S. J. CARRUTHERS, F.C.A. (Aust.),
Official Auditor to the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA—AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION ACCOUNT.

Dr.

FROM 1st JULY, 1928, TO 30th JUNE, 1929.

Cr.

	PAYMENTS.			Total.
	Salaries.	Expenses.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Field Expenditure—				
Aerial Medical—				
S.S. Supplies		42 2 0		42 2 0
Alice Springs—				
Staff	241 3 0	85 19 2		
Insurance, etc.		16 5 3		
			343 7 5	
Beltana—				
Staff	241 4 0			
Local Expenses		2 0 6		
			243 4 6	
Birdsville—				
Staff	256 8 8	60 6 9		
			316 15 5	
Broome—				
Staff	369 13 0	38 3 1		
			407 16 1	
Carnarvon—				
Staff	365 19 6			
			365 19 6	
East-West Mission—				
Staff	80 6 0			
			80 6 0	
Hall's Creek—				
Staff	306 13 10	30 17 6		
			337 11 4	
Innamincka—				
Staff	60 7 0	9 0 6		
Local Expenses		1 16 6		
			71 4 0	

	RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
By Subscriptions from—				
New South Wales	2,885 14 5			
Victoria	2,081 19 0			
Queensland	506 10 0			
Western Australia	250 0 0			
			5,724 3 5	
Subscriptions from Field—				
Birdsville Nursing Home	200 0 0			
Carnarvon	150 0 0			
Hall's Creek Hospital Committee	140 0 0			
Marranboy	10 7 6			
			500 7 6	
United Free Church of Scotland		100 0 0		
Presbyterian Church of England		20 3 6		
Presbyterian Church in Ireland		50 0 0		
Presbyterian Church of Queensland—Wireless Set from Bundaberg		52 9 11		
A.M.S. Advisory Committee, Cloncurry		150 0 0		
Proceeds Salt Bush Fete, Innamincka Building ...		800 0 0		
Home and Territories Dept., Alice Springs		428 3 9		
Home and Territories Dept., Wimmera Home		209 17 3		
Donations to Aerial Medical Service		167 3 3		
Mrs. A. Deakin, A.M.S.		5 5 0		
Mr. A. T. Dennis, A.M.S.		100 0 0		
Imperial Tobacco Co. of Great Britain and Ireland		88 10 1		
H. V. McKay Charitable Trust		500 0 0		
Estate late Miss E. E. McKay		50 0 0		
Mr. Alex McMillan		20 0 0		
Mrs. Ramsey Mailer, A.M.S.		100 0 0		
Myers Emporium, Ltd.		10 10 0		
Q.A.N.T.A.S. Dividend		0 12 0		

Lake Grace—										
Staff	253	8	5	50	1	3				
	<hr/>						303	9	8	
Marble Bar—										
Staff	323	16	0	4	16	6				
	<hr/>						328	12	6	
Marranboy—										
Staff	311	3	0	42	0	7				
	<hr/>						353	3	7	
Oodnadatta—										
Staff	404	5	2	25	4	5				
Local Expenses				10	9	10				
	<hr/>						439	19	5	
Port Hedland—										
Staff	281	6	0							
	<hr/>						281	6	0	
Victoria River—										
Staff	350	12	0	30	13	3				
	<hr/>						381	5	3	
Patrol Padre—										
Staff	654	2	6	357	13	10				
Local Expenses				54	1	5				
	<hr/>						1,065	17	9	
Patrol Organiser—										
Staff	557	11	0	201	4	3				
Expenses				54	5	4				
	<hr/>						813	0	7	
Office—										
Staff	494	0	0							
Rent				253	0	0				
Expenses				6	18	2				
	<hr/>						753	18	2	
Undistributed Expenses—										
Staff	458	6	8	102	5	10				
A.I.M. Posters				41	17	6				
Booklets for Demonstration ...				49	6	3				
Car Expenses				63	14	7				

Mr. J. W. Rodgers	75	0	0
Shell Oil Co. of Australia, Ltd., A.M.S.	35	0	0
Estate late Elizabeth M. Stewart	1,800	0	0
Estate late D. Syme, A.M.S.	10	0	0
Vacuum Oil Co., Ltd., A.M.S.	25	0	0
Victoria Construction Co., Pty., Ltd.	105	0	0
Dr. Welch, A.M.S.	21	8	0
Mr. H. F. Wilson, A.M.S.	20	0	0
Yass Women's Missionary Association, A.M.S.	5	0	6
Donations	2	1	0
Interest	42	16	9
Refunds	138	18	11
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	£11,357	10	10
Balance 1st July, 1928	239	5	6

Delegates to Assembly, etc. ..	118 13 6							
Inland Mail Bag	38 0 10							
Insurance	56 1 1							
Lantern Slides and Films	56 7 8							
Postages and Telegrams	49 2 5							
Printing and Stationery	21 12 11							
Smith of Dunesk	25 1 0							
Telephones	24 12 8							
Sundry Expenses	72 14 9							
								<u>1,177 17 8</u>
	6,010 5 9	2,096 11 1	8,106 16 10					
Transfers—								
Aerial, Medical	2,139 19 2							
Suspense	75 0 0							
Reserve	1,080 0 0							
Innamincka	3 0 5							
Returned Cheque	12 2 0							
								<u>3,310 1 7</u>
	6,010 5 9	5,406 12 8	11,416 18 5					
Balance			179 17 11					
								<u>£11,596 16 4</u>

By Balance £179 17 11

£11,596 16 4

Innamincka—					
Staff	240	18	0	6	10
Local Expenses				12	8
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				259	16
Lake Grace—					
Staff	245	12	0		
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				245	12
Marranboy—					
Staff	300	11	0	72	5
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				372	16
Marble Bar—					
Staff	240	12	0		
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				240	12
Oodnadatta—					
Staff	248	3	0	0	13
Local Expenses				10	10
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				259	6
Port Hedland—					
Staff	255	1	4	5	10
	<hr/>				
				260	11
Victoria River—					
Staff	240	12	0	64	5
Local Expenses				0	1
	<hr/>				
				304	18
Smith of Dunesk—					
Staff	25	1	0		
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				25	1
Patrol Organiser—					
Staff	607	11	0	119	17
Local Expenses				8	12
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				736	0
Patrol Padre—					
Staff	625	0	0	90	2
Local Expenses				131	6
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				846	9
Office—					
Staff	513	3	0	32	2
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				545	5

.. Toowoomba C.W.A.	50	0	0
.. Sale of Car	25	0	0
.. Refund—			
Fares	7	7	11
Wireless Gear	15	2	7
Insurance	8	10	4
Sundries	3	10	4
Telegrams	3	12	6
Sister Wood	1	0	0
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		39	3
.. Interest		46	7
.. Rent		30	10
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		11,861	17
			4
	<hr/>		
		£12,041	15
			3
.. Balance		25	8
			0

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA—AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION.

FROM 1st JULY, 1928, TO 30th JUNE, 1930.

Dr.	PROPERTY ACCOUNT.				Cr.		
EXPENDITURE.				REVENUE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1928—July 1—				1930—June 30—			
To Balance	2,166	15	11	By War Loan Interest, "Cameron" Fund ..	6	6	0
1930—June 30—				„ War Loan Interest, "Glasson" Fund ...	26	5	0
To Innamincka Building	1,482	9	3	<hr/>			
„ Alice Springs Club Room	100	5	0	„ Alice Springs Nursery Home Committee, Victoria Con- struction Co. Gift		32	11 0
„ Grant Towards Manse Furniture	50	0	0	„ Lake Grace, Repayment		300	0 0
„ Cloncurry Club	251	7	8	„ Balance	4,245	10	9
„ Interest	323	15	7	<hr/>			
„ Cloncurry Repairs and Maintenance	303	8	4		£4,678	1	9
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	£4,678	1	9				
1930—July 1—							
To Balance	£4,245	10	9				

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA—AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION.

AERIAL MEDICAL SERVICE ACCOUNT (AEROPLANE).

Dr.

FROM 1st JULY, 1928, TO 30th JUNE, 1930.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1930—June 30—						
To Salaries	3,055	7	8			
„ Expenses	363	13	4			
				3,448	6	3
„ Car Expenses		152	6	2		
„ Freight		42	15	4		
„ Insurance		5	7	11		
„ Medical Equipment		9	9	4		
„ Publicity		16	10	8		
„ Q.N.T. Aerial Service	2,007	11	1			
„ Traller for Car	30	0	0			
„ Wireless Plant and Gear	1,466	14	5			
„ Bank Charge		6	19	0		
„ Refund		5	0	6		
„ Printing and Stationery		8	14	3		
„ Postages and Telegrams		14	4	10		
„ Motor Car		356	5	0		
„ Maps		4	7	0		
„ Telephone		15	11	10		
„ A.M.S. Report		2	10	0		
„ B.M.A. Registration Fee		5	5	0		
				£7,568	13	4
„ Balance	2,541	14	2			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1928—July 1—						
By Balance	4,143	13	11			
1930—June 30—						
By Transfer from Board Account—						
„ Mrs. Abell		10	1	9		
„ Anonymous	1,000	0	0			
„ Lady Cullen		2	2	0		
„ Mrs. A. Deakin		5	5	0		
„ Mr. A. T. Dennie		100	0	0		
„ Misses Inglis		3	10	0		
„ Mr. G. Main		0	15	0		
„ Mrs. Ramsay Mailer		100	0	0		
„ Mrs. A. J. Devenish-Meares		16	0	0		
„ Mr. R. C. Meares		100	0	0		
„ Sergeant P. F. Muldoon		10	10	0		
„ Myers Emporium Ltd. (Melbourne) ..		10	10	0		
„ H. V. McKay Charitable Trust	2,000	0	0			
„ Mrs. Pickering		0	2	6		
„ Mr. S. P. Rilston		3	0	0		
„ Mr. F. Shurwell		1	0	0		
„ Shell Co. of Australia Ltd.		35	0	0		
„ Sneddens Motors Ltd.		33	14	0		
„ Dr. Spalding—Locum fee		15	15	0		
„ Dr. Spalding—Gift from Patient		40	0	0		
„ Mr. D. Syme		10	0	0		
„ Rev. Geo. Scott—Refund from Amos						
Wireless Gear		15	2	7		
„ Miss E. Tipping		1	0	0		
„ Vacuum Oil Co., Ltd.		25	0	0		
„ Dr. Welch—Donation to A.M.S. in						
Cloncurry		21	8	0		
„ W. D. and H. O. Wills (Aust.), Ltd. ..		100	0	0		

Mr. H. F. Wilson	20	0	0
Augustus Downs Station	10	0	0
A.M.S. Advisory Committee, Cloncurry	410	0	0
Broken Hill Proprietary	100	0	0
Collarenebri Fellowship	0	10	0
Haberfield Y.P. Institute	7	13	6
Hay	5	0	0
Inland Council of Victoria	219	14	6
Jerilderie S.S.	1	0	0
Katoomba	1	0	0
Lower Manning	5	0	0
Mosman Special Effort—			
Mrs. Glenn	115	0	0
Dr. Keith Barry	50	0	0
Miss Martyn	26	2	0
	<u>191</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Manly S.S.	1	3	0
Renmark (S.A.), Ladies	2	0	0
Toowoomba C.W.A.	50	0	0
Wahroonga	40	0	0
Werrimah S.S.	2	2	0
Queensland Government	750	0	0
Presbyterian Church of Queensland .	52	9	11
Kellerberrin S.S. (Vic.)	2	2	6
	<u>£5,530</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>
Interest 1928/1929	436	0	4
		<u>5,966</u>	<u>13 7</u>
		<u>£10,110</u>	<u>7 6</u>
By Balance		<u>£2,541</u>	<u>14 2</u>

£10,110 7 6

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA—AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION.

FROM 1st JULY, 1928, TO 30th JUNE, 1930.

Dr.

RESERVE ACCOUNT.

Cr.

	1928—July 1—	£	s.	d.	
	By Balance	4,185	5	10	
	1930—June 30—				
	By Interest Cameron Fund	26	5	0	
	„ Estate late E. M. Stewart (Victoria)	1,080	0	0	
	„ Estate late Jane Langmuir	100	0	0	
	„ Interest	489	0	4	
		<u>£5,880</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>	

SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1929—Sept.—							
To Alice Springs Club	294	15	0		757	8	4
„ Balance	631	16	3				
	<u>£926</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£926</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>
					By Balance	£631	16 3

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VICTORIA RIVER BUILDING ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
1928—July 1—			
By Balance	209	0	8
1930—June 30—			
By Interest	25	16	0
	<u>£234</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE TWO YEARS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1930.

	Year ended		Year ended		Total.			Year ended		Year ended		Total.	
	30/6/'29.		30/6/'30.					30/6/'29.		30/6/'30.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Stock on Hand, 1st July ...	504	18 0	493	14 10	504	18 0	By Sales	4,398	12 7	5,109	15 1	9,508	7 8
„ Purchases	3,281	18 5	3,882	6 3	7,164	4 8	„ Stock on Hand	493	14 10	668	12 11	668	12 11
„ Editorial	46	12 1	103	13 6	150	5 7							
„ Anniversary Hymn Fees ..			10	10 0	10	10 0							
„ Salaries	587	0 0	673	3 0	1,260	3 0							
„ Rent	73	17 8	111	16 0	185	13 8							
„ Expenses	67	15 6	64	11 3	132	6 9							
„ Travelling Expenses	56	16 6	51	11 6	108	8 0							
„ Postages	21	7 0	37	2 10	58	9 10							
„ Telephones	12	16 9	13	18 0	26	14 9							
„ Advertising	11	3 0	12	14 0	23	17 0							
„ Discount	7	15 1	7	15 3	15	10 4							
„ Interest	2	12 0	4	5 9	6	17 9							
„ Depreciation	1	2 7	2	13 1	3	15 8							
„ Bad Debts			1	0 0	1	0 0							
„ Net Profit transferred to Accumulated Fund	216	12 10	307	12 9	524	5 7							
	£4,892	7 5	£5,778	8 0	£10,177	0 7		£4,892	7 5	£5,778	8 0	£10,177	0 7

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We certify that we have audited the books and accounts of the Board of Religious Education and that the Balance Sheet and Trading and Profit and Loss Account are correct and in accordance therewith.

Melbourne. 1st August, 1930.

MORTON, WATSON AND YOUNG,
Chartered Accountants (Aust.).

WATT LEGATT LAUNCH.

Statement of Receipts and Payments to 18/8/'28.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
Victoria	£719 12 4	Launch	£1235 3 0
Western Australia	292 4 10	Engine	320 0 9
New South Wales	173 19 3	Insurance	100 0 0
South Australia	111 14 2	Fee for Captain	50 0 0
Tasmania	63 16 5	Cartage and Oil	25 6 8
Queensland	23 9 0	Board of Crew	16 18 2
Balance	368 8 1	Exchange	5 15 6
	<u>£1753 4 1</u>		<u>£1753 4 1</u>

Audited and found correct,
(Sgd.) MORTON, WATSON & YOUNG,
Auditors.

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JOHN FRASER FOREIGN MISSION SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

RECEIPTS.		SCHOLARSHIPS.	
Balance 16/7/26	£71 10 1	Miss Janet Watt	£41 13 4
New South Wales Treasurership Committee	130 0 0	„ M. Hudson	12 10 0
		G. K. Kirke	33 6 8
		A. S. Frater	25 0 0
		Thomas Watt	8 6 8
		Balance in Bank 18/8/28	80 13 5
	<u>£201 10 1</u>		<u>£201 10 1</u>

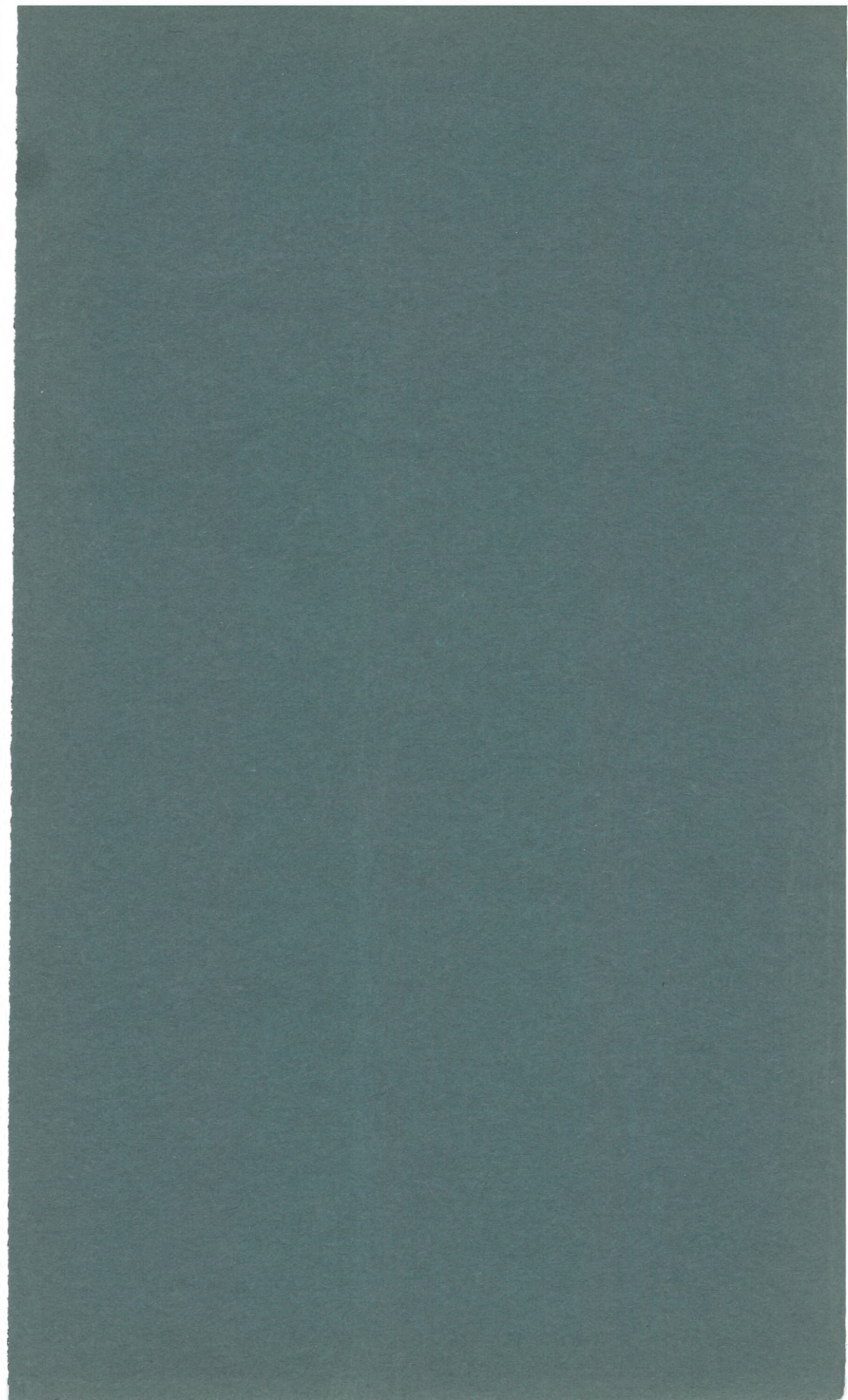
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Auditors.

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