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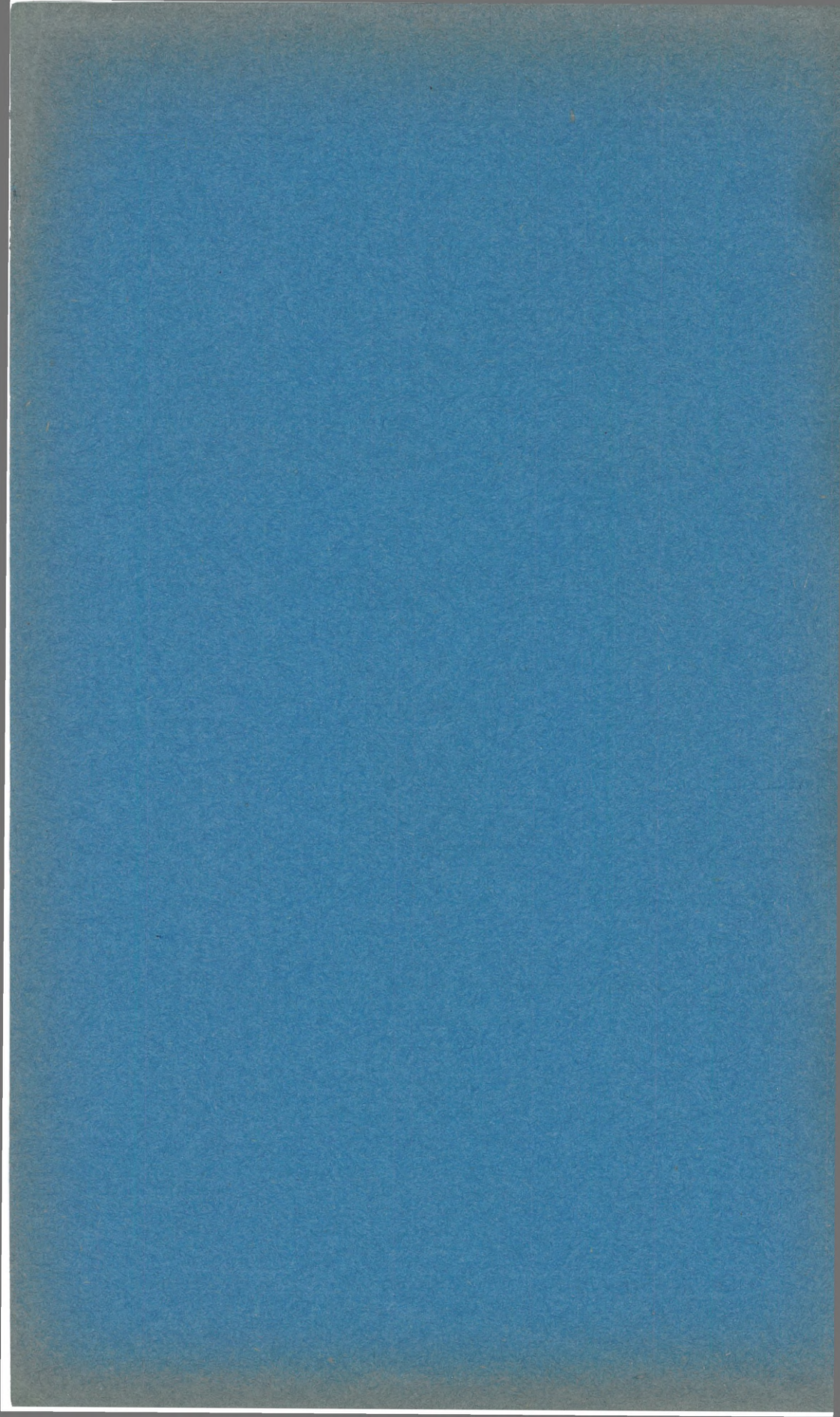
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Special attention is directed to the following:

Instructions, etc.: See Index at end.

The General Assembly did not formally conclude its business, but adjourned to a date and place of meeting to be appointed. [See Min. No. 94.]

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Home Religion.—The State Moderators, Revs. E. A. Davies, J. B. Galloway, J. A. Hunter, A. T. McNaughton, Dr. G. R. S. Reid; Messrs. J. H. Balfour, N. F. Nelson, W. Park. Convener, Rev. A. T. McNaughton; Vice-Convener, Rev. J. A. Hunter.

Immigration.—Revs. J. A. Crockett (Convener), Dr. Borland, Jas. Jones, J. P. Chalinor, A. C. Karmouche, E. H. McLean Shugg, W. Simpson, D. J. Flockhart, Jas. Adamson, G. M. Scott, Alex. Duff, W. C. Radcliffe, G. Tulloch, A. E. Brice, J. H. Price, R. V. Merritt, and Messrs. A. R. Campbell, J. Downes, H. McDermond, L. M. Veal, A. Bracks, R. Byrnes and F. W. Berry.

Joint Board of Graded Lessons.—Revs. H. Clark, J. C. Jamieson, S. L. MacKenzie, A. T. McNaughton, J. K. Robertson and W. H. Waters (Convener).

League of Nations Union Delegate.—Rev. C. A. White, B.A.

Mission to the Jews.—New South Wales and Victorian State Committees, together with the Revs. S. Martin (S.A.), and G. Tulloch (W.A.). Convener, Rev. Professor Alex. Yule. Vice-Convener: Rev. R. J. H. McGowan.

Moderator's Committee.—Committee consists of State Moderators' Committees with Committee of Victoria as Executive. Convener, Rev. A. McMeekin.

Public Questions.—(Min. 32). Personnel of Church Life and Work Committee of New South Wales State Assembly are the Public Questions

Committee of the G.A. of A. till next meeting of Assembly (Very Rev. Dr. G. R. S. Reid, Convener).

Publication Committee for Monthly Commonwealth Supplement.—Delegate from each State Assembly newspaper or magazine (Convener: Rev. Dr. John Mackenzie).

Social Services.—Revs. V. C. Bell (Convener), D. A. Cameron, Hugh Adams, W. L. Collins, G. Cowie, Dr. R. G. Macintyre, S. L. McKenzie, C. Neville, P. W. Pearson, G. Scott, G. L. Sneddon, G. Tulloch, Jas. Walker and N. L. D. Webster, with Messrs. Jas. Balfour, J. R. B. Campbell, G. Johnston, J. Banks Mitchell, D. C. Robertson and A. F. Whitehill.

Trustees (General Trustees under Trust Deed).—Messrs. John Ramsay Bruce Campbell, John Downes, G. Roland Love, D. J. Mackay Sim, N. Chivas.

Trustees (Trust Deed Schedule, Special Committee).-----Rev. R. C. Racklyeft (A.I.M.), Rev. Thos. MacDougall (Board of Missions), Mr. J. A. Morrison (Welfare of Youth).

Presbyterian Church of Australia

ROLL

OF

MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

APPOINTED TO MEET AT

The Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, Sydney, New South Wales

ON

The Second Wednesday in September, 1942

(SEPTEMBER 9)

at 7.30 p.m.,

Right Reverend the Moderator, Rev. John Flynn, O.B.E., D.D.
 Moderator-Designate, Rev. R. Wilson Macaulay, B.A.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Elected by the State Assembly.

Ministers.

Rev. Dr. S. Angus, M.A.
 .. Dr. V. C. Bell, M.A.
 .. V. Clark-Duff, B.A.
 .. R. G. Cruikshank
 .. D. J. Flockhart, M.A.
 Right Rev. John Flynn, O.B.E., D.D.
 Rev. A. C. Grieve, B.A.
 .. J. A. Hunter, M.A., B.D.
 .. A. D. Marchant, B.A., B.D.
 Very Rev. Dr. R. G. Macintyre,
 C.M.G., O.B.E., M.A.
 Rev. C. F. D. McAlpine
 .. T. McDougall, B.A., B.D.
 .. Sydney Richardson, M.A., B.D.
 .. Dr. Cumming Thom, M.A.

Elders.

Mr. J. H. Balfour
 .. J. R. B. Campbell
 .. N. Chivas
 .. John Downes
 .. Bryan C. Fuller, K.C.
 Sir Robert Gillespie
 Mr. C. P. Hughes
 .. G. Roland Love
 .. J. A. Morrison
 .. William Park
 .. John Ross
 .. D. J. Mackay Sim
 .. F. L. Thompson
 .. R. Stevenson

Elected by Presbyteries.

BATHURST.

Rev. T. Mathers, B.A.
 .. A. G. Wood

Mr. J. M. Hood
 .. E. C. Robertson

THE CLARENCE.

Rev. W. E. Dorin

Mr. W. J. Benson

DUBBO.

Rev. E. C. Bowen
 .. W. P. Stewart, B.A.

Mr. Fred Gloss
 .. C. J. Rowcliff

GOULBURN.

Rev. D. J. Munro
 .. W. McC. Maitland

Mr. D. L. Lawrence
 .. George McInness

THE HASTINGS.

Rev. W. Harrison
 .. C. Haxton

Mr. J. J. Gibson

THE HAWKESBURY.

Rev. D. L. Paterson		Mr. H. A. Miller
„ R. M. Somerville		„ A. P. Biddle
„ F. W. Hewlett		„ R. V. Cameron

THE HUNTER.

Rev. A. R. Mcvittie,	M.A.	Mr. J. F. Draffin
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ILLAWARRA.

Rev. H. H. Childs		Mr. D. S. Hotchkis
„ T. H. Turner		„ H. M. Watt

MONARO.

Rev. M. D. Macleod,	B.A.	
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MOREE.

Rev. J. T. H. Kerr,	B.A.	Mr. A. M. Paterson
„ P. A. Smith		„ Geo. Wilson

THE MURRUMBIDGEE.

Rev. G. E. Howland		Mr. J. A. Beattie
„ J. W. Stewart	Lang	„ Irving Hughes
„ Norman Ward		„ J. E. Kook

NEW ENGLAND.

Rev. G. N. Bensley		Mr. James Steel
„ Rev. H. S. Rew		„ J- R. M. McKay

NORTH SYDNEY.

Rev. H. S. Bunn, B.A.		Mr. H. E. H. Atkinson
„ C. M. Dyster, M.A.,	B.D.	„ A. Cousins
„ Frank Hanlin, M.A.,	B.D.	„ J. B. Rae
„ George Nesbitt		„ J. E. Ring
„ John Waugh, B.A.		„ Jas. Stevenson
„ C. A. White, B.A.		„ W. C. Watkins

ORANGE.

THE RICHMOND.

Rev. Jas. Beatty, B.A.		Mr. R. Hunkier
„ W. Hunter Howatson		„ Geo. Oliver

SCONE.

Rev. J. S. Rapkins		Mr. Wm. T. Seaward, B.A.
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SYDNEY.

Rev. David F. Brandt		Mr. A. Cuthill
„ J. F. Christian		„ Sydney Flint
„ A. G. Mackintosh-Carter,		„ A. E. Forrest, O.B.E.
	B.A., B.D.	„ W. W. Leslie
„ G. W. McAlpine		„ A. M. Merrington
„ A. S. McCook, B.A.		„ Robert Moffatt
„ S. M. Mitchell		„ Alex. G. Robertson
„ R. C. Racklyeft		„ G. A. Robertson
„ W. G. Sharpe, B.A.		„ William Wright
„ E. H. Vines, M.A., B.D., Dip.Ed.		

WAGGA WAGGA.

Rev. H. J. Hillman, B.A.		Mr. T. H. Armour
„ S. Macintyre		„ E. G. Colquhoun
„ F. H. Druery		„ H. G. Webb

YOUNG.

Rev. Donald M. Baird		Mr. Charles Crichton
„ Hector M. Coutts, B.A.		„ D. S. McDonald
„ D. M. Harper, B.A.		„ Lt. Col. A. D. Reid

QUEENSLAND.

Elected by the State Assembly.

Rev. Richard Bardon, B.A.		Mr. John Cossart
" Daniel A. Brown	"	W. E. H. Ferguson
" David Galloway	"	A. R. Gillespie
" Prin. Mervyn Henderson, M.A.,	"	George Johnston

Elected by Presbyteries.

BRISBANE.

Rev. F. W. Gresham	Mr. A. R. Bailey
" H. S. R. Innes, B.A.	" John Campbell
" A. C. Kennedy	" J. Banks Mitchell
" W. D. Mcilwraith, B.A.	" Norman F. Nelson
" Samuel Summers	" E. A. Parker
" Chas. B. Watts	" Roy W. Ralph

MARYBOROUGH.

Rev. R. G. Skerman, M.A.

ROCKHAMPTON.

TOOWOOMBA.

Rev. G. A. Reid	Mr. A. Ellis
" N. H. Joughin, M.A.,	" J. A. Savage
" A. Hadden, B.D.	" D. H. Stewart

TOWNSVILLE.

Rev. H. M. Saunders, M.A.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Elected by the Assembly.

Elected by Presbyteries.

ADELAIDE.

BELALIE.

Rev. J. C. Gibson	Mr. J. Bartlett
" J- I. Williamson	" H. Snow

ONKAPARINGA.

Rev. J. S. Smith Mr. P. T. Miller

TASMANIA.

Elected by the Assembly.

The Right Rev. W. F. Paton, M.A., B.D.

VICTORIA.

Elected by the State

Assembly.

Rev. W. A. Alston	Mr. David Bain
Right Rev. Dr. C. N. Button, M.A.	>> H. R. Balfour
Rev. A. M. Clark	" J. W. Collings, F.C.A.
" Karl Forster, M.A., B.D., Dip.Ed.	" R. Duncan
" A. S. Houston, M.A.	" Peter Forman
" R. W. Macaulay, B.A.	" A. McD. Hair
Very Rev. Dr. John Mackenzie, M.A.	" T. I. Hicks
Rev. W. D. Marshall, M.A.	" Bruce Kemp
" H. C. Matthew, M.A.	" G. U. Nathan, LL.B.
" C. J. V. McKeown, M.A.	" D. K. Picken, M.A.
" Principal H. Maclean, M.C.,	" A. G. Proudfoot
M.A., M.Sc., B.D.	" E. G. Ritchie
" Professor N. MacLeish, M.A.,	" A. J. Spencer
B.Litt.	" D. Steel
" J. McMaster, B.A.	" W. H. Thompson, J.P.
" A. T. McNaughton, M.A., B.D.,	" A. J. Waller, M.A.
Dip.Ed.	
" W. Floyd Shannon, O.B.E.,	
E.D., B.A.	
" W. H. Waters, B.A.	

Elected by Presbyteries.

BALLARAT.

BEECHWORTH.

BENDIGO.

Rev. P. W. R. Baker
 „ Walter Maclean, M.A.
 „ F. C. Parker

Mr. T. H. Fraser
 „ R. H. Lanyon
 „ W. G. S. Mellis

FLINDERS.

Rev. E. W. G. Bishop
 „ W. L. Collins
 „ V. F. Hadley

Mr. G. Higgens
 „ J. H. Reeves
 „ A. J. Spencer

GEELONG.

Rev. E. Wallace Archer, M.A.
 „ E. W. Hogben
 „ W. W. Ingram
 „ W. L. Simpson

Mr. S. I. Cousen
 „ A. Hair
 „ W. P. Hill
 „ G. McAdam

GIPPSLAND.

Rev. J. G. Bucknall, B.A.
 „ A. McMillan, B.A., B.D.
 „ G. A. McC. Wood, B.A.

Mr. A. Campbell
 „ David Hopkins
 „ A. Latham

GOULBURN VALLEY.

Rev. K. C. Wood
 „ R. G. Mitchell

Mr. W. Hepworth
 „ J. Henderson

HAMILTON.

Rev. J. Haddon Bates
 „ D. I. Munro
 „ J. Priestley

Mr. E. A. W. Logan, B. A., Dip.Ed.
 „ L. G. McPherson
 „ I. L. Simpson

MACEDON.

Rev. A. M. Dickie
 „ Neil McDonald, B.A.

Brig.-Gen. W. J. Clark
 Mr. R. R. Green

MALLEE DOWNS.

MARYBOROUGH.

Rev. Gavin Lawson

Mr. W. O. C. Will

MELBOURNE EAST.

Rev. J. Golder Burns, M.A., B.D.
 „ R. G. Butler
 „ J. E. Owen, M.A., B.D.
 „ P. L. Forster

Mr. E. D. Fowler
 „ J. D. Arthur
 „ J. H. Cormack
 „ E. R. Hammond

MELBOURNE NORTH.

Rev. John Armour
 „ B. T. Buntine
 „ A. I. Davidson, M.A.
 „ Coledge Harland
 „ W. H. D. McMeekin
 „ E. H. M. Shugg, B.A.

Mr. W. Beattie
 „ A. J. Lyne
 „ J. McLean
 „ W. G. Pollard
 „ H. S. Richardson
 „ John Steele

MELBOURNE SOUTH.

Rev. John Alexander	Mr. R. Allen
„ J. P. Chalinor	„ A. G. Cust
„ H. H. Donaldson	„ C. Drinnen
„ W. A. Fraser	„ R. F. Jamieson
„ S. A. Goddard, M.A., B.D.	„ F. Bruce Kemp

MELBOURNE WEST.

Rev. A. C. M. Lusted	Mr. E. B. Bengtsson
„ A. A. MacKenzie, M.A., B.D.	„ J. Faichney
„ R. W. McLean, M.A.	„ N. J. McColl
„ D. D. Munro	„ A. Murdoch
„ R. W. Stephens	„ J. F. Richardson

MORTLAKE.

Rev. J. A. K. McLean, B.A., B.D.	Mr. J. C. Christopher
„ G. Nathan	„ R. F. Dennis
„ G. R. Williams	„ N. W. Gillan

PENOLA.

Rev. W. Shields	Mr. D. A. Collins
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SEYMOUR.

Rev. A. R. C. Jamieson	Mr. A. E. Mayger
„ F. C. Vickerman	„ R. J. Patterson

WESTERN PLAINS.

Rev. R. C. Foyster, M.A., B.D.	Mr. A. Lang
„ E. A. Forbes	„ C. P. Robertson

WIMMERA.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Elected by the Assembly.

Right Rev. John W. Eddleston	Mr. Fredk. W. Berry
Rev. Thos. Gibson	„ Wm. Christie

Elected by the Presbyteries.

ALBANY.

Rev. J. F. Boon	Mr. J. Barkley
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FREMANTLE.

Rev. Arthur J. C. Tebbit	Mr. R. Bracks
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PERTH.

Rev. John Aitken, B.A., B.D.	Lt. Col. K. McLennan
„ Gilbert Cameron, B.A.	Mr. W. Raad
„ George Tulloch	„ W. F. S. Richards

THE GOLDFIELDS.

Rev. John Henderson	Mr. E. A. Black
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Presbyterian Church of Australia

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

SESSION TWENTY-SECOND

FIRST SEDERUNT.

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W., on Wednesday, the ninth day of September, 1942, at 7.30 p.m.

1. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia convened. Public worship was conducted by the Right Reverend John Flynn, O.B.E., D.D., the retiring Moderator, who preached from Joel ii:25, "I will restore": and from Rev. xxi :5, "I make all things new". Thereafter the Assembly was constituted with prayer. Assembly
Constituted.

2. The Roll of Assembly, as printed in the White Book, with 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 at the Morning Sederunt. Roll:
Interim
Authority.

3. The Moderator intimated that the Board of Nominators had unanimously agreed to nominate to the House the Rev. R. Wilson Macaulay, B.A., Minister of Trinity Church, Camberwell, Victoria, as Moderator of this Assembly. New
Moderator.

4. The Business Convener moved that the General Assembly accept the nomination, and elect the Rev. R. Wilson Macaulay, B.A., as Moderator of this Assembly.

The motion was seconded by the Acting Clerk and approved.

4a. The Rev. R. Wilson Macaulay was conducted to the chair and welcomed by the retiring Moderator, who led the House in prayer. Mr. Macaulay took the chair and delivered an address on the subject, "What God Requires of Us." Moderator's
Address.

5. The Clerk read a congratulatory telegram to the Moderator from St. Margaret's Congregation, North Perth, W.A.

The Business Convener moved that the Clerk send a suitable acknowledgement of the same:

The motion was seconded and approved.

Acting
Clerks.

7. The Business Convener moved that the Junior Clerk, the Rev. W. D. Marshall, M.A., be appointed Acting Clerk; and that the Rev. G. W. McAlpine be appointed Acting Junior Clerk.

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

The Moderator intimated his appointment to the Rev. G. W. McAlpine, who accepted the position and made the declaration *de fidei*.

Dr. Flynn
Thanked.

8. The Rev. Dr. Button moved that

"The General Assembly thank the retiring Moderator, the Rev. Dr. John Flynn, O.B.E., for his unique services to the Church."

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

The Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Assembly to the Rev. Dr. Flynn, who acknowledged the same.

Loyal
Address.

9. The Rt. Rev. J. R. Blanchard moved the following Loyal Address:—

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY.

We, Your Majesty's faithful subjects, Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, in General Assembly convened at Sydney, representing the members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church throughout the Commonwealth of Australia, beg leave to renew our expressions of affectionate loyalty to Your Majesty's Person and Throne.

We give thanks to God that the tradition of Your Majesty's Royal House, that Kingship finds its true function in kinship with the people, is so finely sustained by Your Majesty, and by our Gracious Queen Elizabeth; and we gratefully acknowledge the inspiration, to all arms of the Fighting Forces and to all sections of the people, of the quiet courage and disciplined serenity ever displayed by Your Majesties, and by the Members of the Royal Family, in these times of grave anxiety and sore trial.

As we enter the fourth year of the crisis which has come upon Christendom, in which the destiny of the British Commonwealth of Nations is deeply involved, we beg further leave to assure Your Majesty that we regard citizenship in the British Commonwealth of Nations as our highest earthly privilege. We are therefore determined to take our full share of sacrifice and suffering in maintaining and defending it against all lawless aggressors; and we are of one mind in preserving it against every influence that would impair its unity.

Profoundly do we thank Almighty God that the peoples of Your Majesty's Empire, though troubled on every

side, are not distressed; though frequently perplexed, are not in despair; though often cast down, are not destroyed; and, unceasingly do we pray that, purified by present suffering, the British Commonwealth of Nations may become a still worthier instrument in the Hand of Almighty God for the scattering of those who delight in war, and for the establishment on earth of His Kingdom of Righteousness, Joy and Peace.

In common with our fellow-subjects throughout the Empire we mourn the passing of His Royal Highness the late Duke of Kent. We remember with gratitude the grace with which he bore the burden of his exalted station, the interest he displayed in the social activities and conditions of the people, and the personal qualities with which he endeared himself to the hearts of all sections of the community. The fact that Your Majesty's brother has given his life on Active Service has deeply moved the hearts of our people. We believe that, in the over-ruling Providence of our Heavenly Father, Your Majesty's bereavement will deepen the sense of community in the sacrifice and suffering required of us all in these days, and will thus knit the peoples of the Empire more closely together in pursuing the common purpose of purifying the earth of those evil powers which seek to enslave mankind.

We fervently pray that as Your Majesty, our Gracious Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary, Princess Elizabeth, Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Kent, her children, and all the other members of the Royal Family pass through this Valley of Shadow, God will make His Presence more real to you all than your sorrow, will grant you such faith as will bring you to light and peace, and will keep you mindful of the time when the Day shall break, and all shadows flee away.

And now, in the Name of the Great Head of the Church, we commend Your Majesty and our Gracious Queen Elizabeth unto the God of all Grace, praying that He will preserve Your Majesties' going out and coming in, and ever enable the pleasure of the Lord to prosper in Your Majesties' hands.

We have the honour to be,

Your Majesty's faithful servants,

THE MINISTERS AND ELDERS OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
CONVENED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Signed in our name, and in our presence, and at our appointment, this ninth day of September, 1942, by

R. WILSON MACAULAY,
Moderator-General.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. T. McDougall and approved by a standing vote.

The General Assembly sang the National Anthem.

Business
Committee.

10. The Business Convener moved:—

That the following be appointed the Business Committee for this Assembly: Rev. Dr. R. G. Macintyre (Convener), Rev. T. MacDougall (Assistant Convener), Revs. A. C. Grieve, V. Clark-Duff, Right Rev. Dr. C. N. Button, Right Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Rev. F. W. Gresham, Rev. W. F. Paton; Messrs. John Downes, J. R. B. Campbell, Peter Forman, with the Clerks of Assembly and Law Officers.

The Clerk seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

11. The Business Convener moved that:

“The Report of the Business Committee, as printed in the White Book, with the Appendix thereto, be received, and the Assembly express general approval of the same.”

The Assistant Convener seconded the motion, which was approved.

12. The Business Convener moved that:

“Deliverances be taken *in globo*”.

The Assistant Convener seconded the motion, which was approved.

Limitation
of Speeches.

13. The Business Convener moved that:

“Movers of Deliverances on Reports be allowed not more than seven minutes; and all other speakers not more than four minutes.”

The Assistant Convener seconded the motion, which was approved.

Communi-
cation II.

14. The Business Convener laid on the Table Communication II. (from the General Presbyterian Alliance), and moved: “That it be received.”

The motion was seconded and approved.

Communi-
cation I.

15. The Business Convener laid on the Table Communication I. (from the Presbyterian Church of England), and moved:

“That it be received, and that the Moderator be requested to acknowledge the same and to thank that Church for their gracious message.”

The motion was seconded and approved.

Communi-
cation III.

16. The Business Convener laid on the Table Communication III. (from the Presbyterian Church of Victoria), and moved:

“That it be received and remitted to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to consider and deal with as they deem wise, in association with the Law Officers of the Assembly.”

The motion was seconded and approved.

Hours of
Meeting.

17. The Business Convener intimated that the Assembly meets to-morrow (Thursday) at 9.30 a.m. for the observance

of the Holy Communion, and thereafter for ordinary business till 6 p.m., with an interval for lunch from 1-2 p.m.; and that the Evening Sederunt begins at 7.30 p.m.

18. The Clerk laid on the Table apologies from Staff Chaplain the Rev. A. D. Marchant and the Revs. E. C. Bowen, E. W. S. Bishop, V. F. Hadley, H. Coutts, J. F. Christian, and Messrs. J. H. Balfour, G. Higgins, J. H. Reeves, A. J. Spencer, H. R. Balfour, W. W. Lesslie, W. T. Seaward; and moved that they be received. Apologies.

The motion was seconded and approved.

19. The Moderator intimated to the House that the Rev. Frank Hanlin, M.A., B.D., Dip.Ed., would act as his Chaplain in New South Wales, and the Rev. Robert Swanton, M.A., B.D., in Victoria. Chaplains.

20. The Clerk moved:

“That all Notices of Motion be handed to the Clerk in writing for submission to the Business Committee prior to their being brought before the House.” Notices of Motion.

Mr. Bryan Fuller seconded the motion, which was approved.

21. The Presbytery of Mortlake was granted permission to meet on Thursday evening. Leave to Meet.

22. The House adjourned to meet at 9.30 a.m. for Holy Communion, and thereafter for ordinary business, which having been duly intimated, the Sederunt was closed with prayer.

W. D. MARSHALL
g. W. McAlpine } Acting Clerks.

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

SECOND SORDERUNT.

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, on Thursday, the tenth day of September, 1 42, at 9.30 a.m.

Lord's
Supper.

23. According to arrangement, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed, the Moderator presiding, with Rev. F. W. Gresham, Right Rev. Dr. Button, Right Rev. Wilfred Paton, and Right Rev. J. R. Blanchard assisting.

Constitution.

24. Thereafter the Assembly was constituted with prayer by the Right Rev. C. F. D. McAlpine, Moderator of N.S.W. Assembly.

MEMORIAL MINUTES.

Memorial
Minutes.

25. The Clerk laid on the Table the Memorial Minutes as follows, and moved that they be approved.

The Assistant Clerk seconded the motion, which was approved by a standing vote.

The Moderator then led the House in prayer.

THE VERY REV. DONALD A. CAMERON, M.A.

Very Rev. D.
A. Cameron.

26. The General Assembly records its sense of the great loss it has sustained by the death of the Very Rev. Donald A. Cameron, who passed away after a brief illness on July 4th, 1940. Born at Penola, South Australia, in 1860, Mr. Cameron passed his early boyhood at Bealiba, Victoria, where he began to acquire his knowledge of country life and its problems which was later to stand him in such good stead. He received his early education at the Corporate High School, Sandhurst (now Bendigo). Entering the Melbourne University he took a course in Arts, receiving his Master of Arts degree in 1889. Hearing the call of God to the Ministry, he abandoned his original intention of studying Medicine and graduated as one of the earliest students at the Theological Hall, Ormond College. He began his Ministry in Donald in 1885, but two years later he transferred to Bairnsdale, where he remained for 13 years.

Here he began his work amongst the sufferers in the financial crisis of 1890 and in the founding of a Home for the aged, that philanthropic work which afterwards he developed to such a remarkable degree. He was called to Warrnambool in 1900, where his large-hearted Christian sympathy soon found expression in the establishing of a *Village* Settlement and also a Sisterhood for unfortunate women. Later this latter work was transferred to Melbourne and has since grown into one of the Church's most successful activities.

In 1905 he was appointed the first Director of Home Missions by the Victorian Assembly, and to this work he gave himself unsparingly for 23 years. During that time his constant journeying throughout the State gave him a wide know-

ledge of the Church's work and of its needs both in the City and Country, and he became more widely known by the people of the Church than probably any other of its Ministers. The knowledge that he thus gained of the Church's needs in many directions deeply stirred Mr. Cameron and he was soon afire with zeal and enthusiasm for the cause of the poor and needy, the down-trodden and the outcast. He took an active part in the work of the Fitzroy Settlement, and was keenly interested in Church Kindergartens and in Luncheon-Hour Services in factories and workshops. Most of the Church's philanthropic enterprises indeed may be said to owe their origin to the large-hearted sympathy and the clear-sighted vision of Mr. Cameron. Kilmany Park Farm Home for Boys, the Girls' Hostel, the Babies' Home are all closely associated with his name. Under his energetic enterprise and leadership the work of the Social Services developed so rapidly that in 1928 Mr. Cameron was released from the Directorship of Home Missions and was appointed Director of Social Services. During his term in this office the building of St. Andrew's Hospital was begun and the first section completed and officially opened in December, 1934. This was the crowning work of Mr. Cameron's long and useful career.

Mr. Cameron's splendid services found recognition by his appointment as the Moderator of the State Assembly in 1921 and later as Moderator of the General Assembly of Australia in 1930.

He was a man of farseeing vision, large-hearted sympathy and abounding charity. He possessed a wonderful capacity for inspiring others with enthusiasm for Christian philanthropic enterprises. Wise in counsel, shrewd in judgment, brotherly in spirit, a keen student of affairs, he was one whose advice was much sought after and highly valued, and many of the Church's most important committees owe much to his advice and leadership. Beloved by all, his genial friendship will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

To his sorrowing daughter and sons this Assembly extends its sincere sympathy.

THE VERY REV. ALEXANDER CROW.

27. The Very Rev. Alexander Crow was born in Gisborne, Victoria, in 1866. He was trained for the Ministry in Ormond College, Melbourne, and completed his course in 1891. That same year he began his Ministry at Darlington, where he was ordained and inducted. After a brief Ministry there of two years he was called to Woodford and there he laboured for five years. Thereafter he was called to Kalgoorlie, W.A., in 1898 and soon his outstanding gifts raised him to a position of leadership in the Church in Western Australia. His extensive journeys throughout the Western State gave him a wide and intimate knowledge of its people, its industries and its needs; and his abundant labours as a faithful Minister of Jesus Christ and as one who loved this great State where most of his life was spent, will leave an abiding influence especially upon the life of the Church.

Very Rev.
Alex. Crow.

His outstanding work was in organising and developing the Home Mission activities of the Church in the West, and under his wise leadership and tireless endeavours the work which lay so close to his heart made steady progress.

For many years he rendered the State Assembly excellent service as the Convener of the Business Committee.

His intimate knowledge of Australian life and ways, especially in the country, is evidenced in a book of excellent Children's Addresses which he published under the title of "Gum Leaves." The book manifests a real Australian spirit and is redolent of the Australian Bush.

His splendid service to the Church was recognised when he was called to be Moderator of the General Assembly of Australia in 1928. It was an honour richly deserved, and one which carried with it this added glory—that he was the first Minister born and trained in Australia to be called to the Moderatorship of the G.A.A.

Mr. Crow was a kindly, genial, friendly man, whom to know was to love—and his passing on the 3rd February, 1942, has removed from our Church a devoted servant of Jesus Christ, a great Church leader, a humble-minded Christian gentleman.

To his sorrowing widow and relatives the Assembly offers its deep sympathy.

THE VERY REV. JAMES GIBSON, M.A., D.D.

Very Rev.
James
Gibson.

28. The long earthly day of the Very Rev. James Gibson, M.A., D.D., closed on the 28th July, 1942, when at the ripe age of eighty years he entered into the fullness of life. He was born on the 27th July, 1862, at Biggar, on the farm of Whitecastle, for centuries in possession of his family. He was of Covenanting stock. He received his education in the Parish School of Liberton and the University of Edinburgh, where he graduated M.A. He was trained for the Ministry under United Presbyterian professors, and hearing of the needs of Queensland as a pioneer area for the Kingdom of God, he arrived in Brisbane in 1888. He set to work immediately and on ordination spent three and a half months at Tallebudgera, whereupon he went North to Bowen, where in six months he reorganised the work and was inducted as Minister. He was tireless here for six and a half years in hard pioneering work, and was then called to Mackay, where he ministered till 1904, building Mackay into a strong Congregation and organising the work in the district. He then visited Scotland, as much on behalf of our Church as in his own interests, securing three Ministers for this Church. On his return he became Minister of Park, South Brisbane, his Ministry there till 1913 proving of great influence. A second visit to Scotland enabled him to be with his aged father in the last months of his life, and on his return was inducted at Ithaca in 1914. In 1922 he was called to Killarney and a few years later to Norman Park. In 1930 he was again called to Ithaca, where he ministered for three years, this being his last settled Charge.

James Gibson was a humble servant of Christ and His Ministry to the people whom he loved. He was known and loved up and down the length and breadth of the State, and his influence has borne rich fruit in many lives. His capacity for leadership and his devoted service were known to the Church, which thrice, in 1902, 1924 and 1937, honoured him with the Moderatorship of the State Assembly; while in 1920 the whole Church called him to the chair of the General Assembly of Australia, a position which he filled with dignity, inspiration and honour to the Church. In 1934 his alma mater recognised his worth and service, conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

He was a man of ability and culture, having a mind well stocked and continually refreshed, well abreast of expanding knowledge of the truth of Christ. Powerful as a preacher of the Word, he was facile with his pen, and editor of "The Messenger" for eight years and first editor of the "Outlook". He shared in the training of the Ministry and lectured in the Theological Hall for more than one period. He was deeply interested in education, being eager to see our Church engaged in other than secular education. Of Emmanuel College he was a Councillor from its inception till the day of his death, and was for six years a member of the Senate of the University of Queensland.

To his widow and relatives the Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy, and commends them to the God of all Comfort.

THE VERY REV. PATRICK JOHN MURDOCH, M.A.

29. The Very Rev. Patrick John Murdoch, M.A., passed to his reward on July 1st, 1940, and his death has removed from our earthly fellowship one of the most outstanding and distinguished Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. Mr. Murdoch was born at Pitsligo in Scotland on June 10th, 1850. After gaining his Master of Arts degree at the University of Aberdeen, he completed a distinguished course in the New College, Edinburgh.

Very Rev. P.
J. Murdoch.

Prior to his coming to Australia he served as assistant to the late Rev. Dr. Oswald Dykes at Regent Square, London, and was ordained and inducted into his first Charge, the Parish of Cruden, in August 1878.

His first Charge in Victoria was at West Melbourne, where he ministered for about three years. Thereafter he was called to the joint-Charge of Camberwell-Burwood, where he entered upon his Ministry on 30th August, 1887. With the separation of Burwood from Camberwell Mr. Murdoch continued as Minister of Trinity Church, Camberwell, where he laboured with outstanding success till his retirement from his Charge on 31st December, 1928, after a Ministry of more than 41 years.

From his central Parish of Camberwell Mr. Murdoch was able to exercise considerable influence in the development of the Presbyterian Church in the neighbouring districts of Burwood, Surrey Hills, Deepdene and Ringwood, in which place as Interim-

Moderator he did much to form strong healthy parishes by his wise counsel and sound leadership.

But it was not only as a parish Minister that Mr. Murdoch rendered notable service to the Church. His fine scholarship and abilities as a leader were recognised in his election as Moderator of the State Assembly of Victoria in 1898 and of the General Assembly of Australian in 1905. His wisdom and tact and ability to penetrate to the heart of a problem, combined with his gift for lucid expression, rendered him eminently fitted to act as the Business Convener of the State Assembly, an office which he filled with distinction for 26 years. For 24 years he acted as Clerk of the Presbytery of Melbourne South.

Mr. Murdoch was possessed of fine literary gifts, and as chief editor of the official Church paper he exercised those gifts to the great advantage of the Church and the community by the fearless expression of his views on current events. In addition to numerous articles contributed to the Press, he published three books, "Sidelights on the Shorter Catechism", "Central Doctrines of Christian Faith", and a volume of War Sermons under the title, "Laughter and Tears of God".

To the very end of his long and useful life his mind remained clear and alert, his interest in daily events undiminished, and his outlook on life bright with an unfaltering faith and hope. This Assembly thanks God for His great gift to the Church in this distinguished servant of Jesus Christ, so long spared to exercise such an influential Ministry and to render such outstanding service.

To his sorrowing wife and family the Assembly extends its sincere sympathy, commending them to the sustaining Grace of the Heavenly Father.

THE VERY REV. DR. JOHN WALKER.

Very Rev. Dr.
J. Walker.

30. The death of the Right Rev. Dr. John Walker has removed from our midst one of the best known and widely respected Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

The late Dr. Walker's boundless energy, his fervent Christian zeal, his genial personality made him an outstanding figure in the church's life and work.

Truly he was a man beloved, making friends on every side and ever extending the sphere of his Christian influence.

It was his privilege, by virtue of outstanding gifts and graces, to render to the whole Church phenomenal service.

Special qualifications eminently fitted him for special tasks, and these tasks he was ever ready and willing to undertake, and invariably brought the work entrusted to him to successful issues.

Fine Churches and Manses in various parts of the Commonwealth are monuments of his energy, his loyalty and his unfaltering devotion, but a fairer memorial is enshrined in the hearts and lives of all who were privileged to share his friendship and to enjoy his rich spiritual experience.

To the bereaved relatives the Assembly extends its sincere and prayerful sympathy.

31. The Clerk moved:—

Minutes.

“That the Assembly appoint a Commission consisting of the Moderator, the Acting Clerks, and Rev. V. Clark-Duff to peruse and authorise the confirmation of the Minutes of the Assembly.”

The Business Convener seconded the motion, which was approved.

32. The Business Convener moved:—

Standing
and Special
Committees.

“That the Standing and Special Committees be continued with authority to fill up any vacancies in their numbers, and to appoint Conveners when necessary.”

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

33. The Business Convener intimated the following Notice of Motion:—

N.M. (re
Dr. Angus).

Mr. Bryan C. Fuller gave notice that—

“When the Convener of the Business Committee lays on the Table the various Petitions, Motions and Communications concerning Dr. Angus he would move as follows:—

“That all matters dealing in any way whatsoever with Dr. Angus be discharged from the Business Paper of this Assembly without prejudice to the rights of any of the parties.”
[Min. 71.]

34. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Business Committee's Report, and moved that the report be received and the Order of Business approved.

Order of
Business.

The motion was seconded and approved.

35. The Rev. V. Clark-Duff laide on the Table the Report of the Committee on Fire Insurance, and moved as follows:—

Fire
Insurance.

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Congratulate State Funds on the progress made.
3. Continue authority to investigate the possibility of amalgamating State schemes into a Commonwealth Fund.

The Rev. G. W. McAlpine seconded the motion, which was approved.

36. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Report of the Home Mission Committee, and moved as follows:—

H.M.
Committee.

“That the Assembly receive the report and approve of the recommendations therein.”

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

37. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Report of the Committee on Immigration, and moved the Deliverance as follows:—

Immigration.

1. That the Assembly receive the Report.

2. Instruct the Committee, should the opportunity arise, to welcome and assist those who belong to the Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

Mission
to Jews.

38. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Report of the Committee on the Mission to the Jews, and moved the Deliverance as follows:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Express our deepest sympathy with the Jewish people in the fearful sufferings they are to-day enduring.
3. Request that special reference and prayer be made in our Congregations on the Sunday nearest to the Day of Atonement in each year.

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

Finance.

39. Mr. J. R. B. Campbell laid on the Table the Report of the Finance Committee, together with a Statement of Accounts, and moved as follows:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Approve and adopt the Statement of Accounts.
3. Authorise the assessment for General Assembly expenses as follows:

	Per Annum.
Victoria.....	£400
New South Wales.....	350
Queensland.....	90
South Australia.....	25
Western Australia.....	25
Tasmania.....	20
	£910
	£910

4. Resolve that the honorarium to the Moderator be £100 per annum, to the Clerk of Assembly £30, and to the Junior Clerk £20 per Assembly.

5. Confirm the payment made by the Finance Committee on behalf of the Year Book, and fix the honorarium to the Editor at £21 per annum.

6. Authorise the payment of the sum of £25 plus exchange to the General Presbyterian Alliance, Edinburgh.

7. Authorise the payment to Treasurers of £2 per centum on all revenue received, with the exception of money received for capital and the income of the John Frazer Foreign Mission Endowment Fund Account.

8. Authorise the payment of Travelling Expenses to one representative from each State and to officials of Assembly only.

Mr. Roland Love seconded the motion, which was approved.

40. The Rev. D. J. Flockhart laid on the Table the Report of the Canberra Executive, and moved the Deliverance as follows:—

Canberra
Executive.

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Record with sorrow the passing of the Very Rev. Dr. John Walker, the Assembly's Commissioner for the Canberra Building Fund and first Minister of the Church of St. Andrew, Canberra: also of the Rev. W. A. S. Anderson and Mr. F. C. Millin, members of the Canberra Executive Committee.
3. Commend the claims of the Canberra Building Fund to all Presbyterians throughout Australia.
4. Continue the authority granted by the Assemblies of 1936 and 1939 for the appointment of a Commissioner or Commissioners for the Canberra Building Fund.
5. Authorise the continuance of the Grant of £100 towards the Canberra Minister's Stipend from the C. D. Lloyd Bequest.
6. Thank the Home Mission Committee of New South Wales for the subsidy of £32/10/- from their funds, and the Home Mission Committee of Victoria for the grant of £50 from the Lloyd Bequest Funds towards the salary of the Assistant Minister and the extension of the work in the Federal Territory, and specially request the continuance of the same.

The Rev. Dr. Macintyre seconded the motion, which was approved.

41. Mr. Roland Love laid on the Table the Report of the G.A.A. Trustees, and moved the Deliverance as follows:—

Trustees.

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Request the Trustees to carry out their Trust as far as possible under the present circumstances.
3. Request the legal advisers to take steps to enforce the operation of the Trust Deed in Western Australia and Queensland, and direct the Assemblies of the various States to give full assistance to the Trustees.
4. Re-appoint Mr. D. G. Mackay Sim and appoint Mr. N. Chivas as Trustee in place of Mr. F. C. Millin, deceased.
5. Authorise the Trustees, whenever they deem it necessary or advisable, to consult independent legal advisers.
6. Thank the Trustees for their service and excuse them from any part in the delay in the Trust Deed becoming fully operative.

The Rev. V. Clark-Duff seconded the motion, which was approved.

42. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Report on "The Church and its Creed", and moved as follows:—

"That the Assembly receive the Report; re-affirm the instructions given to the Committee in 1939; receive the Interim-Statement of the Executive; authorise the Executive and State Sections of the Committee to put into effect the proposals, together with amendments submitted by the Executive, and report to next Assembly; appoint Rev. Dr. John Mackenzie, Convener, and Professor Norman MacLeish, Vice-Convener; authorise the Executive on the nomination of State Sections of the Committee to fill any vacancies that may arise before the next meeting of Assembly."

The Assistant Business Convener seconded the motion, which was approved.

43. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Report on the Australian Inland Mission, and moved the Deliverance as follows:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Congratulate all concerned on the 30th Anniversary of the Mission.
3. Thank all subscribers and voluntary workers for their untiring interest and sympathetic support.
4. Thank all Patrolling Ministers, Nursing Sisters, Welfare Officers and associated Resident Ministers and Home Missionaries for their patient service under difficult conditions now prevailing and commend them to the care of Almighty God in their continuing labours.
5. Place on record the Assembly's appreciation of the long and faithful services of Rev. Geo. M. Scott (18 years), Rev. David Chapman (16 years), and Rev. R. Campbell (9 years).
6. Commend to the care of Almighty God the Patrolling Ministers of the A.I.M. at present serving as Chaplains in the Army and Air Force.
7. Express satisfaction at the success of the Inter-Church Club in Darwin during the period of operations prior to the suspension arising out of war movements; and thank especially Senior Chaplain C. T. F. Goy and Mrs. Goy for tireless services during the protracted inauguration period in Darwin.
8. Approve the temporary arrangements made by the Board to meet extraordinary emergencies arising in Western Australia by making available the services of the Rev. K. C. W. Beckett to the Home Mission Committee in W.A.
9. Congratulate the Flying Doctor Services of Australia (Queensland Section) on their continued success amid these difficult years of war.

10. Constitute the Board as follows:—

New South Wales.

Rev. R. C. Racklyeft (Convener)
 Rt. Rev. John Flynn, O.B.E., D.D.
 Rev. D. J. Flockhart, M.A.
 Rev. A. S. McCook, B.A.
 Rev. G. Cameron Wood
 Rev. L. K. G. Blanchard
 Rev. J. Gray Robertson
 Mr. J. R. B. Campbell
 Mr. A. M. Merrington
 Mr. D. Sneddon

Queensland.

Rev. F. W. Gresham
 Rev. Alex. Duff
 Mr. A. R. Gillespie

South Australia.

Rt. Rev. J. R. Blanchard
 Rev. R. W. Macleod
 Mr. D. B. Adam

Tasmania.

Rev. A. E. Giles

Victoria.

Rev. A. S. Houston, M.A.
 Rev. H. A. Buntine
 Rev. Coledge Harland
 Rev. Jas. Walker, M.A. B.D.
 Rev. E. G. Petherick
 Dr. Geo. Simpson
 Mr. H. M. Rolland
 Mr. A. J. Lyne
 Mr. J. J. Schneider

Western Australia.

Rev. Geo. Tulloch
 Rev. J. Henderson
 Mr. E. A. Black

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

44. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Report on the Board of Missions, and moved the following Deliverance:—

Board of Missions.

That the Assembly:—

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the assessments for the next three year period be approved, viz., Victoria, £1,400; New South Wales, £1,090; Western Australia, £140; Tasmania, £130; South Australia; £130; South Australia Sub-Committee, £300.
3. That the Committee and the Executive be authorised to carry on their work.

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

45. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Report of the Committee on the Book of Common Order, and moved the Deliverance as follows:—

Book of Common Order.

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report and thank the Committee, especially the Convener, Vice-Convener and Secretary.
2. Recommend as a reliable guide to the conduct of Public Worship the Church of Scotland's Book of Common Order (1940).
3. Approve the postponement of the revision of the Book of Common Order, Part II.
4. Instruct the Committee to consider future procedure and report.

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

4. The Business Convener laid on the Table Overture I. (re Subjects of Baptism), and moved:—

Overture I.
 (re Subjects of Baptism).

"That the Overture be received and remitted to the Committee on the Book of Common Order with instructions to consider the Overture and report to the next meeting of the Assembly."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. T. McDougall and approved.

Overture II.
(re S.O. 36).

47. The Business Convener laid on the Table Overture II (re Standing Order 36), and moved as follows:—

"That the Overture be received and remitted to the Code Committee for consideration and report to the next meeting of Assembly."

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

Overture III.
(re Status of
Unordained
Missionaries).

48. The Business Convener laid on the Table Overture III (re Status of unordained Missionaries in charge of Aboriginal Mission Stations), and moved as follows:—

"That the Overture be received and remitted to the College Committee for sympathetic consideration, with power to authorise sympathetic administration of the Sacraments meantime, but not Ordination."

The motion was seconded by the Rev. T. McDougall and approved.

Christian
Social
Order.

49. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Report of the Committee on Christian Social Order, and moved the Deliverance as follows:—

That the Assembly:—

Commend the report to State Assemblies and Presbyteries and through them to Sessions and congregations with a view to purifying and deepening the life of the community.

The Clerk seconded the motion, which was approved.

Christian
Unity.

50. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Report of the Committee on Christian Unity, and moved the Deliverance as follows:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.

2. In reaffirming the directions given to the Committee in 1939, reiterates its declaration that the call of God to the Churches is to a closer unity, and expresses its readiness to co-operate to the fullest extent with other Churches, and declares its conviction that the ultimate aim of the Churches concerned in movements towards closer relationships should be the uniting of all the forces of these Churches under the Headship of Christ in the service of His Kingdom.

3. Approve generally of the proposals of the Executive, as detailed in its Report, for informing State Assemblies and

Presbyteries of the various issues under consideration by the Executive and by State Sections of the Committee.

4. Authorise the holding of purely exploratory conferences with the Methodist, Congregational, and/or other Churches, and direct that full report, with recommendations, be presented by the Committee to the Assembly.

5. Authorise the Executive, on the nomination of State Sections of the Committee, to fill any vacancies that may arise before next meeting of Assembly.

6. Appoint the Rev. Dr. John MacKenzie Convener of the Committee and Rev. E. H. McLean-Shugg, Vice-Convener.

The Clerk seconded the motion, which was approved.

51. The Procurator addressed the House, indicating the difficulties of the Law Advisers in giving assistance to the Committee on Christian Unity until the House had determined the nature of the Union under consideration.

The Business Convener moved that the Assembly request the Procurator and Law Agent to prepare a statement on the points raised in his address for insertion in the Blue Book.

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved. [See Appendix, page 125.]

52. The Rev. T. McDougall laid on the Table the Report of the Special Committee on Closer Co-operation in Missionary Work, and moved as follows:—

Co-operation
in Missionary
Work.

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Express satisfaction at the progress made by the Special Committee.

The Rev. J. E. Owen seconded the motion, which was approved.

53. The Rev. D. J. Flockhart laid on the Table the Report of the College Committee, and moved the Deliverance as follows:—

College
Committee.

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Commend the Students on Active Service to the thought and prayers of the Church.
3. Give authority to the College Committee to determine the course of study for men returning from Active Service as each set of circumstances may require.
4. Give authority to the College Committee to determine a course of study to be pursued by the Rev. A. C. Karmouche, with a view to his acceptance into the Ministry.
5. Give the College Committee discretionary powers with respect to the Rev. G. F. Buckley and the termination of his studies.

6. Appoint the Rev. D. J. Flockhart Convener.

Defence
Forces Chap-
laincy: Com-
munication
IV (resigna-
tion of Chap-
lain-General).

54. Chaplain-General the Rev. W. F. Shannon laid on the Table the Report of the Defence Forces Committee and Communication IV. (Resignation of Chaplain-General), and moved the Deliverance as follows:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.

2. Express cordial appreciation of the faithful work done by the Chaplains of the A.I.F., and also those on home service, and in Naval and Air Forces.

Assistant Chaplain-General, the Rev. Wilfred Collins, seconded the motion, which was approved.

55. By leave of the House, Assistant Chaplain-General the Rev. A. H. Stewart and Chaplain the Rev. C. T. F. Goy addressed the Assembly.

5 . The motion was approved.

Chaplain-
General's
Resignation.

57. The Clerk moved as follows:—

“That the Assembly accept the resignation of Chaplain-General the Rev. W. F. Shannon, O.B.E., E.D., B.A., with sincere regret.

The Rev. F. Hanlin seconded the motion, which was approved.

58. By leave of the House the Rev. H. S. Bunn moved as follows:—

“That the Assembly, having learned that five of its Chaplains have been posted missing or prisoners of war, commends them and the relatives of all our Church people similarly situated to the prayerful remembrance of our people, and requests the Moderator to convey its sympathy to the wives and families of our Chaplains.”

The Rev. Principal Thom seconded the motion, which was approved.

Thanks to
Rev. W. F.
Shannon.

59. The Rev. Dr. Button moved the following resolution, which was seconded by the Rev. T. McDougall and unanimously approved:—

“That the Assembly record its grateful appreciation of the services of the Rev. W. Floyd Shannon, O.B.E., E.D., B.A., who served the Church as a Military Chaplain over a period of 28 years, including service in three States as well as the Continent of Europe, and a term as Senior Chaplain in London; as Senior Chaplain in W.A. and S.A.; and as Chaplain-General for more than 16 years. During these years Mr. Shannon proved himself a competent administrator, who carried out the duties of his office in a manner which endeared him to those who served under him and with him. He brought to bear upon his work an urbanity which contributed much to the solution of many difficult and delicate prob'ems, and in relinquishing his office he will leave behind him in the minds of his colleagues in this

and other Churches, as well as those of the military forces, many happy memories, both personal and official, of a long period of faithful service to Church and State. The Assembly tenders to him its sincere thanks and good wishes."

60. The Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Assembly to Mr. Shannon, who suitably replied.

61. The Rev. W. F. Shannon moved:—

Rev. A. I. Davidson
Appointed
Chaplain-
General.

"That Senior Chaplain the Rev. A. I. Davidson, E.D., M.A., be nominated for appointment as Chaplain-General, and appointed as Presbyterian Nominator on the Naval Chaplains' Nomination Committee."

The Rev. S. R. W. Richardson seconded the motion, which was approved.

62. By leave of the House the Rev. D. J. Flockhart moved:

That the Assembly:—

1. Take steps to explore the possibility of securing such alterations in the conditions pertaining to the appointment of the Chaplain-General as will enable the Chaplain-General to devote his full time to the office.

2. Authorise the Moderator, the Convener of the Defence Forces Chaplaincy Committee and the Acting Clerk to make representations to this effect to the Minister for the Army.

3. In the event of the existing conditions being varied, delegate to the Defence Forces Chaplaincy Committee power to nominate a successor to the Chaplain-General.

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

63. The Moderator indicated that the matter had been sufficiently discussed.

It was moved, seconded and approved: "That the question be now put."

64. The question was put, and the motion was approved.

65. The Moderator intimated his nomination as Chaplain-General, and his appointment as Presbyterian Nominator to the Naval Chaplains' Nomination Committee, to the Rev. A. I. Davidson, who indicated his acceptance.

65a. The Very Rev. Dr. Flynn took the Chair.

Chair.

66. The Business Convener moved:—

Business
Committee.

That the Assembly:—

1. Appoint the following Business Committee to act as from the close of this Sederunt till the next meeting of Assembly: Rev. T. McDougall (Convener), the Right Rev. the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Macintyre, Rev. V. Clark-Duff, Rev. D. J. Flockhart, Rev. D. F. Brandt, Rev. Frank Hanlin, the Clerks of State Assemblies for the time being, the Clerks and Law Officers of this

Assembly, with Messrs. John Downes, J. R. B. Campbell, and G. Roland Love.

2. Authorise the Business Committee, in addition to the duty of arranging the business for submission to the Assembly heretofore followed, to exercise the special function during the war of safeguarding the existence and interests of the Church as an institution by aiding the Moderator, Courts, Committees, and officers of the Church in dealing with grave difficulties as they arise, acting at all times within the constitution and laws of the Church, the Committee being held accountable for its actions at all times to the General Assembly of the Church.

The Clerk seconded the motion, which was approved.

Rev. Dr. R.
G. Macintyre
Thanked.

67. The Rev. T. McDougall moved the following motion:—

“That the Assembly place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by the Rev. Dr. R. G. Macintyre as Convener of the Business Committee for the long period of thirty-seven years. During this time the House has had the full benefit of Dr. Macintyre’s business acumen and knowledge of procedure. Dr. Macintyre has led the House with conspicuous ability, and now desires to be relieved of the position on account of advancing years. The Assembly, in conveying its thanks to Dr. Macintyre for his long and valued services in this capacity, assures him of its sincere gratitude for his labours, wishes him continued good health and such a measure of usefulness in the Church’s work as may be possible, and is glad to know that Dr. Macintyre’s knowledge and experience of the work of the Business Committee will still be available to the Assembly.”

The Clerk seconded the motion, which was approved with acclamation.

The Acting Moderator conveyed the terms of the motion to the Rev. Dr. Macintyre, and thanked him in the name of the Assembly.

The Rev. Dr. Macintyre thanked the House.

Home
Religion.

68. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Report of the Committee on Home Religion, and moved the Deliverance as follows:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Thank the Board of Religious Education for arranging the compilation and publication of the annual “Book of Family Worship”; and request the Board to continue to render both these services.
3. Express satisfaction at the continued circulation of the “Book of Family Worship,” and the earnest desire that it may be more widely extended; and urge Ministers and Office-bearers to recommend its use throughout our Congregations.
4. Impress upon parents and all others who have in their hands the religious training of our youth, the duty of encouraging

the practice of personal and family prayer and the reading of Scripture, with the aids thus provided.

5. Heartily commend to parents, Ministers, and teachers the book entitled, "Up From Childhood,"⁵ a volume of guidance in matters relating to the Christian nurture of children and young people, which has been prepared under the direction of the Board of Religious Education, and is about to be published by the National Council of Religious Education of Australia

The Clerk seconded the motion, which was approved.

68a. The Moderator resumed the Chair.

Chair.

69. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Report of the Moderator's Committee, and moved the Deliverance as follows:—

Moderator's
Committee.

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.

2. Join in the Committee's appreciation of Dr. Fynn for his valued and valuable service to the Church.

3. Re-appoint the Committee as follows: State Moderators' Committees, with Committee of Victoria as Executive. (Convener: The Rev. A. McMeekin.)

The Clerk seconded the motion, which was approved.

70. The Rev. F. Hanlin laid on the Table the Report of the Committee on Religious Education, and moved the Deliverance as follows:—

Religious
Education.

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report; thank the Board; re-appoint the Convener, the Rev. W. H. Waters, B.A., of Essendon; express the Assembly's deep sense of indebtedness for his wise leadership as Convener of the Board; express its appreciation of the faithful and efficient service of the Director and of the valuable assistance rendered by the Board's Secretary, Miss Hazel Belcher; thank the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, together with the accountant and assistant in the Board's Office, for their attention to the Board's finances; and convey to all State Committees, their Conveners and officers, the thanks of the Assembly for their devotion and enthusiasm, not only in the service of their own State, but also in loyal co-operation with the Board.

2. Express satisfaction that the work of publication has been carried on so successfully and harmoniously, in co-operation with the Methodist Young People's Department, the State Presbyterian Youth Committees, and the Youth Committee of the New Zealand Presbyterian Church; and commend the action of the Board in seeking an improvement in the administrative arrangements of the Joint Board, with a view to enhancing the effectiveness of the Joint Board's work, and also relieving the pressure on the Presbyterian Director.

3. Urge the increased use of "The Book of Family Worship," and strongly recommend Sessions and Congregations to make still further use of the many helpful pamphlets and booklets issued by the Board.

4. Express appreciation of the care with which the Board has carried out its revision of the proposed Intermediate Catechism; authorise the experimental use of the Catechism in its revised form, or with further emendations, throughout the Sunday Schools of the Commonwealth, until the next meeting of the General Assembly of Australia; direct the Board to continue to receive suggestions and/or criticisms with respect to the proposed Catechism, and to prepare a report thereon, to be submitted for consideration by the next meeting of the G.A.A.; and commend the Board's efforts in beginning the preparation of a companion Handbook, containing explanatory and supplementary material.

5. Express appreciation of the efforts being made by State Youth Committees to meet more adequately the spiritual needs of parents, children, and young people in the remoter areas; commend the enterprise of the Joint Board in seeking to provide literature for this purpose; and urge all the State Committees, in co-operation with the Presbyterian and Joint Boards, to evolve, if possible, a more complete and more unified scheme of publications for Home Sunday School use.

6. Commend to our people the work of the National Council of Religious Education of Australia, stressing the urgent necessity and the great value of hearty co-operation with other Christian Churches, in equipping leaders who shall be able to meet adequately the pressing needs of young people beset by the problems and temptations of to-day; endorse the action of the Board in making arrangements to publish, under the auspices of the National Council of Religious Education of Australia, the book entitled, "Up From Childhood," written by the Revs. R. R. Adair, Dr. John Mackenzie, J. C. Jamieson, and A. T. McNaughton; and heartily recommend to parents, Ministers, and teachers, this volume of guidance in matters relating to the Christian nurture of children and young people.

7. Appoint the following to be the Assembly's representatives on the Joint Board of Graded Lessons of Australia and New Zealand, viz., the Revs. K. Forster, J. C. Jamieson, S. L. McKenzie, A. T. McNaughton, J. K. Robertson, and W. H. Waters.

8. Authorise the Board to continue its co-operation with the New Zealand Presbyterian Youth Committee, with a view to the production of a Youth Hymnal.

9. Thank the Rev. Aeneas Macdonald for the able manner in which he has edited the "Record"; and urge a far greater use of this Sunday School and Missionary magazine among the schools of the Commonwealth.

10 Agree with regret to the necessity of discontinuing, for the duration of the war, the issue of Commonwealth Youth

Sunday leaflets; but urge the Board to resume the provision of these valuable publications, as soon as circumstances permit.

11. Express gratification at the growth and spiritual power of the Presbyterian Fellowship of Australia; urge Youth Committees and Sessions, throughout the Commonwealth, to seek every opportunity of unifying their work for and with young people under this organisation; and heartily commend the efforts being made by its leaders in the various States to maintain contact with its members, both men and women, who are serving with the Forces within and beyond Australia.

12. Direct the Board to continue its consultations with the College Committee and the various Theological Hall Committees, in order to improve the facilities now available for the training of theological students in the theory and practice of religious education.

13. Instruct the State Assembly Departments to furnish to the Board, when required to do so, a return showing, for the information of the Assembly, how the moneys have been expended which have been derived, during each inter-Assembly period, from the profits on the Board's own literature, and the publications of the Joint Board of Graded Lessons.

14. Convey to all Sunday School teachers and leaders of young people the thanks of the Assembly for their loyal and self-sacrificing labours in the service of Christ, and of the young people in our Church and nation; and unite with them in the prayer that all who have responsibility for training the leaders of the coming generation may so bear themselves in these days of testing as to promote the power and glory of God and a world-wide Christian citizenship."

The motion was seconded and approved.

71. The Business Convener laid on the Table three Petitions, together with Notices of Motion, relative to the case of Rev. Dr. Angus, viz.— Rev. Dr. Angus.

That of the Rev. R. J. H. McGowan; that of the Petitioners represented by the Rev. Prof A. Yule; and that of the Rev. F. A. Hagenauer (see G.A.A. Blue Book, 1939, Min. 64-79) ; and intimated that at the Assembly in 1939 these Petitions were received after the Petitioners had been heard, and thereafter referred to this Assembly.

According to notice given [Min. 33] the Procurator, by leave of the House, moved his motion as follows:—

"That all communications dealing in any way whatsoever with the case of Dr. Angus be discharged from the Business Paper of this Assembly without prejudice to the rights of any of the parties; and that any of the parties concerned may obtain the restoration of any of the matters to the Business Paper by motion passed pursuant to notice."

The Rev. C. D. F. McAlpine seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

72. The Rev. C. A. White laid on the Table the Report of the Public Questions Committee, and moved as follows:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Direct the attention of our people to the carefully considered Statement regarding the war, approved by the 1939 Assembly. Express our great admiration of the fortitude with which our Brethren in Great Britain have endured, and our warm appreciation of those nations which have joined forces with us in the battle for liberty. Especially do we convey the expression of our goodwill to the leader of the American Forces in Australia and the officers and men associated with him. Earnestly counsel our people to study and pray for the application of the teaching of Christ in all post-war settlements, and to cultivate in their own hearts the qualities of forgiveness, mercy and goodwill to all.
3. Express approval and appreciation of the Report of the Parliamentary Committee on Broadcasting, and advise our Officers and Committees in the various States to take appropriate action if there should be failure to implement the recommendations of the Committee.
4. Express its grave concern at the increase of evils connected with alcohol: commend the Commonwealth and some State Governments for what they have done to diminish the evil: record its belief that much more drastic reforms are necessary before our young people, both in and out of camps, can be adequately protected from the perils of strong drink.
5. Deplore the evils of gambling, the basic principle of which is contrary to sound economic use of money, and urge Governments to abolish State Lotteries of every kind, and to rigidly enforce all anti-gambling laws. Recommend that greater attention be given to instruction in Sunday Schools and Youth organisations regarding the ethics of gambling.
6. Recognise that in the abnormal conditions of war many activities must be carried on which seriously interfere with Sabbath observance, including Church-going, and, in so far as these activities are necessary, does not condemn participation in them. But, as the Assembly feels that there is an increasing danger to the Sabbath and the things it stands for, urge our people diligently to use and safeguard in every possible way this bulwark of our Faith.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. T. McDougall and approved.

73. The Rev. Dr. V. C. Bell laid on the Table the Report of the Social Services Committee, and moved:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. That the Committees represented in the Report be congratulated for their maintenance of Social Services under the difficult conditions at present prevailing.

The motion was duly seconded and approved.

74. The Business Convener moved:—

Finance.

“That it be an instruction to the Finance Committee that the text of the Moderator’s Address be printed and a copy sent to every member on the Rod of the Assembly.”

The Clerk seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

75. The House sat in private.

Private Sitting.

76. The Rev. A. S. McCook laid on the Table the Report of the Reception of Ministers Committee, and moved as follows:—

Reception of Ministers.

“That the Assembly receive the report and addendum.”

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

77. The Rev. A. S. McCook laid on the Table the Petition of the Rev. C. E. Bowles, and moved:—

Petition (Rev. C. E. Bowles).

“That the Assembly grant the prayer of the Petition and receive the Petitioner, provided that Mr. Bowles serve under the H.M. Committee of N.S.W. for a period of one year, during which he shall attend such classes as shall be determined by the Faculty of the Theological Hall of N.S. Wales with the approval of the College Committee; provided further that he serve thereafter under the H.M. Committee of N.S. Wales, and present to the Reception of Ministers Committee a certificate of health from the Medical Referee of the Church in N.S. Wales.”

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

78. The Rev. A. S. McCook submitted the Petition of the Rev. E. C. M. Brown, and moved:—

Petition (Rev. E. C. M. Brown).

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

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

79. The Rev. A. S. McCook laid on the Table the Petition of the Rev. E. M. Kippax, L.Th., and moved:—

Petition (Rev. E. M. Kippax).

“That the prayer of the Petition be granted subject to the conditions as set forth in the addendum to the Report.”

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

80. The Rev. A. S. McCook laid on the Table the Petition of the Rev. G. R. van Eerde, B.A., and moved:—

Petition (Rev. G. R. van Eerde).

“That the Assembly postpone consideration of the Petition till its next meeting; and meantime recommend Mr. van Eerde to the Presbytery of Sydney for employment under the Social

Service Committee, and/or the Home Mission Committee of N.S. Wales."

The Rev. F. Hanlin seconded the motion, which was approved,

80a. The House resumed in Public.

81. The Rev. A. S. McCook moved:—

"That the Assembly appoint the Rev. Principal Cumming Thom as Convener of the Committee on Reception of Ministers."

The Rev. F. Hanlin seconded the motion, which was approved.

Rev. A. S.
McCook
Thanked.

82. The Business Convener moved:—

"That the Assembly record its grateful thanks to the Rev. A. S. McCook for 20 years of faithful service as Convener of the Committee on the Reception of Ministers."

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved with acclamation.

The Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Assembly to Mr. McCook, who acknowledged the same.

Rev. Prin-
cipal Thom
Congratu-
lated.

83. The Moderator congratulated the Rev. Principal Thom on his appointment as Convener in succession to Mr. McCook.

Rev. C. E.
Rowley.

84. The Procurator moved in regard to the Rev. C. E. Rowley:—

"That the Presbytery of Young be instructed to investigate the status of Rev. C. E. Rowley, Th.B., and be further instructed to inquire as to the facts concerning the departure of the said Mr. Rowley from his pastoral charge of Grenfell; the said Presbytery to report on both matters to the Assembly of N.S.W., and that such Assembly be empowered to take such action in connection with the said report as it may deem necessary, and report such action to the next meeting of this Assembly."

The Rev. V. Clark-Duff seconded the motion, which was approved.

Statistics.

85. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Report on Statistics, and moved:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Co-operate with the Year Book in supplying and publishing fuller statistical figures.

The Rev. V. Clark-Duff seconded the motion, which was approved.

Year Book.

86. The Business Convener laid on the Table the Report of the Year Book Committee, and moved:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report and thank the Committee.
2. Thank the Rev. J. R. Fiddian, M.Sc., for his work as Editor, and appoint him for a further term.
3. Continue the arrangement for publication of the Year Book by the Board of Religious Education.

The motion was seconded by the Rev. V. Clark-Duff and approved.

87. By leave of the House Mr. A. G. Proudfoot moved:—

L.N. Union.

“That the General Assembly re-affirm its sympathy with the ideals of the Australian League of Nations Union, continue its support as a corporate member of the N.S. Wales Branch, and direct the Assembly’s Treasurers to pay the annual subscription of one guinea, and appoint the Rev. C. A. White as its representative on the Council.”

The Procurator seconded the motion.

The motion was approved.

88. The Business Convener laid on the Table Petition No. I. (on Heresies—so-called), and moved:—

Petition I.
(Heresies—
so called).

“That the Petition be received and remitted to the College Committee with authority to deal with it as in its wisdom it may deem fit.”

The motion was seconded by the Clerk and approved.

89. The Rev. T. McDougall laid on the Table the returns to Remit on the Chapter on Discipline, and moved:—

“That the Assembly remit the returns to the Committee on the Code to consider and report to the next meeting of the Assembly.”

The motion was seconded by the Rev. V. Clark-Duff and approved.

90. The Rev. T. McDougall laid on the Table the returns to the Remit on the Chapter on Discipline, and moved:—

“That the Assembly send down the Remit again to the Assemblies and Presbyteries that have not reported, with instructions to report to the Business Convener by the 30th June, 1943.”

The Procurator seconded the motion, which was approved.

91. The Rev. T. McDougall laid on the Table the returns to the Remit on the Administration of Sacraments by Home Missionaries, and moved:—

Return
to Remit
(Adminis-
tration of
Sacraments).

“That the Assembly send down the Remit again to those Assemblies and Presbyteries that have not reported, with instructions to report to the Business Convener by the 30th June, 1943.”

The Rev. F. Hanlin seconded the motion, which was approved.

Thanks.

92. The Clerk moved:—

“That the Assembly convey its thanks to the officers of the N.S.W. Church for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort and convenience of Assembly members; to the ladies who gave hospitality; to the officers of the Scots Church for making their facilities available; to the Assembly officers; to the Organist; to the Printers, and to the Press.”

The motion was seconded by the Business Convener and approved.

Acting
Moderator.

93. The Procurator moved, and the Rev. Dr. Macintyre seconded, and it was approved:—

“That the Assembly authorise the Business Committee, should necessity arise, to appoint an Acting Moderator.”

Adjourn-
ment.

94. The Business Convener moved:—

“That the Assembly adjourn to a date and a place to be fixed by the Moderator in consultation with the Business Committee, and direct Presbyteries which have not nominated Representatives to do so, and/or to fill up any vacancies.”

The Rev. T. McDougall seconded the motion, which was approved.

Conclusion.

95. The Assembly, having decided to adjourn, the Moderator delivered a brief Address.

9. The Sederunt closed with the singing of the last verses of Psalm 122 and the Benediction.

W. D. MARSHALL

W. g. Mc a l p i n e

} Acting Clerks.

Certificate.

The Minutes of Sederunts 1 and 2 have been carefully perused and confirmed as instructed in Minute 31.

On behalf of the Commission,

R. WILSON MACAULAY, Moderator.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

AND OTHER PAPERS

PRESENTED TO

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AUSTRALIA



SYDNEY, SEPTEMBER, 1942

1 Reports

THE CHURCH AND ITS CREED.

Interim Statement by the Executive of the Committee.

As it has been impossible to hold a meeting of the full Committee since last Assembly, the usual Report and Deliverance cannot be submitted to this Assembly. The Executive of the Committee, however, presents the following Interim Statement:—

The Executive met nine times since last Assembly. At an early meeting it was agreed that the following definition of the task committed to the Committee (B.B., G.A.A., Minute 41a, 2) should be accepted, viz.: "The Assembly has not authorised this Committee to prepare a new Subordinate Standard or to formulate a new Short Creed, but to define and simplify the relationship of the Church to its Subordinate Standard, so that causes of misunderstanding and disunion may be removed, emphasis given to the positive message the Church has been commissioned to proclaim, and an effective instrument of discipline created."

In line with this definition of its commission, the Executive gave careful consideration to the place and meaning of Creeds and Confessions, as illustrated, particularly by the history of the Church of Scotland and of other Scottish Churches, in the intimate bearing of that history upon the standards of the Australian Church. The origin and composition of our own Declaratory Statement was carefully examined and its relationship to corresponding Scottish instruments was also elucidated. A Memorandum embodying the salient facts was circulated amongst all members of the Committee.

At a later stage the Executive gave itself to the task of formulating a tentative Declaratory Statement and Formula that might be accepted as preferable to those at present in force in the Presbyterian Church of Australia. This document was sent down to State Sections of the Committee. It was generally approved by the State Sections of the Committee in Queensland, Victoria and West Australia. No replies were received from South Australia and Tasmania. Important alterations were recommended by the New South Wales Committee. The West Australian section asked for a clearer definition of the relationship of the Church to the Supreme Standard. Communications were received from the Procurator recommending a few important amendments to the statement submitted by the Executive and giving brief answers (preparatory to a considered "opinion") to questions submitted to him concerning the present Constitution of the Church and the effect upon it of the proposed new Declaratory Statement.

As the above includes matters upon which neither the Committee as a whole, nor either the Executive or State Sectional Committees have had an opportunity to deliberate and make recommendations, it is the opinion of the Executive that there must be further consultation concerning these matters between the Executive, the Procurator and State Sections of the Committee, and that the Executive should receive authority to send down to State Assemblies and Presbyteries for their information, but not for a deliberative vote, any proposed Declaratory Statement approved by a majority of the State Sections of the Committee, together with suggested amendments or additions forwarded by other State Sectional Committees.

The Executive would also ask that in advance of next Assembly the whole Committee should be given sufficient time to discuss the question in the light of the replies received, and thereafter to present to the Assembly definite proposals for the adoption of new "Articles Declaratory of the Constitution of this Church in Matters Spiritual."

For the Executive,

JOHN MACKENZIE, Convener.

AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION.

The Triennial period, 1939-1942, was ushered in by war. Consequently the field work of the Australian Inland Mission had to be readjusted to meet changing circumstances. We give thanks and praise to Almighty God for His manifold blessings on our work during the period under review.

Some A.I.M. Centres are in battle zones, and have experienced the dread horror of enemy bombing.

Patrols.

With the call for Army Chaplains it was expected that our patrolling Ministers, men of adventurous spirit, would volunteer for Military Service. The following have become Chaplains:—

Rev. F. M. Peirce, B.A., joined the A.I.F.; saw active service in Libya and Syria, and is now at an advanced base in Australia.

Rev. J. F. McKay, B.A., B.D., is with the R.A.A.F.

Rev. P. J. Thomas is attached to an Armoured Regiment of the A.I.F. in Australia.

Rev. A. W. Grant is at an advanced base in Australia.

Rev. C. T. F. Goy is Senior Chaplain in the N.T. Force; also O.C. Entertainments in that area.

Rev. D. W. McTaggart, B.A., B.D., is expecting call-up as a full-time Chaplain.

Mention should also be made that the Convener of the Board in Australia, Rev. R. C. Racklyeft, is attached to a Tank Battalion as Chaplain. Mr. Racklyeft keeps in close touch with A.I.M. affairs.

Rev. K. F. Partridge, M.A., maintains patrol work in Central Australia.

Nursing Homes.

Many of these Homes are in areas now recognised as danger zones. Nevertheless the nurses continue their work. At some of the Centres the nurses have volunteered for extended periods of service, and have declined opportunities to be evacuated. In fact, the developments of the war have provided them with additional opportunities for their heroic service.

The experiment of making the Alice Springs Home available to the women of the Inland for convalescent and rest purposes has proved entirely successful. However, the Commonwealth Government requisitioned the Alice Springs property, consequently our services to the remaining bush women are temporarily suspended. Consideration is now being given to the erection of a Club Building, provided a convenient site can be made available.

Great difficulty is being experienced in obtaining nurses. Many of those who had contemplated going out for the A.I.M. have volunteered for Military Service. Should the war continue for an extended period the difficulties in maintaining staff at the Homes will be increased considerably. Owing to the severe climatic conditions at many of the Centres, it is not wise or practicable to allow the nurses to remain for too long a period.

Clubs.

Immediately after last Assembly the A.I.M. Board proceeded with the establishment of a Club at Darwin to facilitate welfare work among men of the Navy, Army and Air Force, also civilians—particularly bushmen. Rev. C. T. F. Goy concentrated mainly on duties in and around Darwin, and the Military Authorities appointed him part-time Chaplain to the Forces in that area.

Meantime, the Methodist Overseas Mission Board—which cares for the Darwin area also—put forward a proposal for co-operation in Church and Club activities. After considerable discussion in Sydney, Melbourne and Darwin, a suitable agreement was made, and five representatives from each body were appointed to "The Darwin Interchurch Management Committee", resident in Sydney. Rev. A. S. McCook, B.A., was elected Chairman and Rev. J. W. Burton, M.A., Secretary of the Overseas Department of the Methodist Church of Australia, was appointed Secretary and Treasurer.

It was decided to call the Club "The Interchurch Club", and the organisation for worship—held in the Methodist Church building—"The Interchurch". The door was left open for other denominations to participate. After some considerable delay, necessary for interstate consultations, the Congregational Church came into the movement.

In the meantime the Church building had to be enlarged.

On 26th June, 1940, a service of dedication was conducted in the new Club building by the Right Rev. John Flynn, O.B.E., Moderator-General, assisted by Revs. K. F. Partridge, M.A. and C. T. F. Goy. Thereafter, on behalf of the A.I.M., Mr. Goy, as Chairman of the gathering, formally handed over buildings and equipment to The Interchurch Management Committee, on whose behalf the property was accepted on loan by the Rev. Professor A. E. Albiston, M.A., B.D., President-General of the Methodist Church of Australasia, and the Moderator General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, each of whom addressed the large gathering of 400 persons representing all sections of Northern life.

A sumptuous afternoon tea was then provided for 400 persons by the Country Women's Association, and fragments remained for an equally sumptuous supper for nearly 500 people who attended a concert in the evening.

The first Welfare Officer (full-time) appointed by the Interchurch Management Committee was Mr. W. Rankin, a man of considerable experience in the Navy and in Darwin activities generally. Mr. Goy and the Darwin Methodist Minister, Rev. T. C. Toft, L.Th., and numerous honorary helpers, gave generous assistance in supervision and entertainment.

Good work has been done at this Centre during the past two years. It has been a most inspiring and effective Christian witness, greatly appreciated by members of all the Forces and civilians in that area. The Interchurch Committee has not been able to function normally since the first bombing attack. However, Padre Goy, now Senior Chaplain and O.C. Entertainments, with the assistance of Y.M.C.A. officers and others, has kept the Club open part-time, so that the facilities are generally available when required. Fortunately, at the time of writing, all the buildings are intact.

At Broome our Welfare Officer was evacuated after a bombing raid, but arrangements have been made for the Club to be used on frequent occasions.

Club facilities provided at Carnarvon are greatly appreciated by the considerably increased population there. The Church and Sunday School activities are well maintained.

At Tennant Creek additional accommodation was provided, and an up-to-date lighting plant installed. Tennant Creek has proved an exceedingly busy centre. The opening of the new north-south road provided our Mission with a unique opportunity to conduct patrol and welfare work. We have been greatly encouraged by the many expressions of appreciation.

Flying Doctor Services.

We are pleased to report that the Flying Doctor Services of Australia, which were pioneered and organised by the A.I.M., are now functioning satisfactorily as separate entities. The A.I.M. is represented on the Federal Council of the new movement. This provides an opportunity for consultations, thus ensuring the most effective services to the pioneer people served by both organisations.

Superintendent.

As Moderator-General, Dr. Flynn has visited all parts of the Commonwealth and has had enthusiastic welcomes wherever he has gone. On most occasions Mrs. Flynn has accompanied him, and has been able to tell thousands of women of the Commonwealth something of the work of our Mission and of the work of the Presbyterian Church in general. Dr. Flynn has visited our "furthest north" around Dunbar and Darwin, Central Australia, and the extreme south-west of Western Australia, as well as the Eastern States.

When the history of the war is written, the work of the A.I.M. will provide a very interesting chapter, and will show that the Presbyterian Church of Australia has played an important part in preparing for, and assisting in, the war effort throughout the lonely parts of this Continent.

R. C. RACKLYEFT, Convener.

BENEFICIARY FUND.

In accordance with Min. 81 (Clause 3) G.A.A., 1939, copies of the scheme tentatively approved by the G.A.A., 1926, were prepared and distributed.

In response to the request in Min. 51 (Clause 4) G.A.A., 1939, the West Australian Assembly of 1941 passed the following resolution: "The Assembly finds that the charges as proposed in the report of the Australian Beneficiary Fund Committee are too high for the majority of the Ministers and Churches in this State."

The Victorian Assembly of 1939 stated its willingness to join such a Fund when formed.

Although other State Assemblies have not communicated any decision on Clause 4, Queensland and South Australia have previously favoured the formation of an all-Australian Fund.

The New South Wales Beneficiary Fund Committee has sought and been supplied with information. Some members of this State's Committee are of the opinion that Clause 4, Min. 81, G.A.A., 1939, can not be dealt with until the Special Committee under Clause 6 reports.

It should be emphasized again that the proposed new Fund would not include those who are already Ministers of the Church, but "all Ministers entering the Church after a certain date."

The Advisory Committee in April, 1941, instructed your Convener to assume Convenship of the Special Committee appointed under Min. 81 (Clause 6), G.A.A., 1939.

In view of the difficulty of inter-State travel in war-time and the desirability of having the replies of State Assemblies to Clause 4, no meeting has yet been called.

A. M. CLARK, Convener.

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ABORIGINES' DEPARTMENT.

The Board reports for the three-year period to 30/6/42.

Moola Bulla.

The work at Moola Bulla has been discontinued in the meantime. The Rev. H. W. and Mrs. Hovenden did admirable work there for three years—work which was warmly commended by the Director of Native Affairs in Western Australia. Mr. and Mrs. Hovenden came to Melbourne at the end of 1941 for furlough. Mr. Hovenden submitted to the Board a confidential report on his three years work. In spite of many disabilities, Mr. Hovenden declared himself ready to return for a second three-year period. The Board unwillingly agreed to this and submitted to the Department in Western Australia its conviction that it was urgently necessary that better living quarters and conditions should be provided and that a school be erected for the school work. When Mr. and Mrs. Hovenden were ready to return to Moola Bulla, it was found that, owing to war conditions, Mrs. Hovenden would not be allowed to return. The Board thought it inadvisable for Mr. Hovenden to return alone. The position, therefore, is that this piece of work at Moola Bulla is in abeyance until the war is over. The Department of Native Affairs is anxious for the Church to resume this work after the war, and the Board has agreed to keep in view the possibility of its resumption, to look around for a suitable missionary-teacher, if the Department will provide suitable living quarters and conditions and erect a school. The Board is of opinion that the experiment at Moola Bulla was well worth while and puts on record its very warm appreciation of the fine work done by Mr. and Mrs. Hovenden.

Kunmunya.

The staff at Kunmunya consists of the Rev. G. W. and Mrs. Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Paton. Mr. Len Young was temporarily appointed to Kunmunya after Mr. Love was appointed to Ernabella. Dr. Jean Davies

spent the winter months of 1941 at Kunmunya and did fine service which was greatly appreciated by the natives and her fellow-missionaries. The Rev. G. W. Holmes was on short furlough at the end of 1941 and curtailed his furlough by a month in order to be with his people at Kunmunya during the days of crisis. When Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and their son reached Perth they learnt that Mrs. Holmes and their son would not be given a permit to return to Kunmunya. Mr. Holmes went up alone to Broome. He found that the *Watt Leggatt* had been abandoned. Obtaining a scratch crew he took the boat to Kunmunya, and has been making the journey either to Derby or to Broome regularly ever since.

Shortly after Mr. Love's departure serious trouble broke out amongst the natives and one of their number was murdered. Mr. Holmes faced the situation with great courage and wisdom and patience.

A new diesel engine has been installed in the *Watt Leggatt*.

Owing to the departure of Mr. H. Shadforth it was deemed advisable to sell the auxiliary lugger, the *Balfour-Matthew*.

When Mr. Love departed from Kunmunya he took with him the manuscript of the four Gospels in Worora for publication and left with Mr. Holmes the grammar and vocabulary of the Worora language which he had prepared.

The Superintendent's Report for the year ending 30/6/1942 is appended:—

"The year has been unusual. There have been changes in staff. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Young finished their term here in April, though Mr. Young remained longer while Mrs. Young returned to the South. The Board appointed Dr. E. J. Davies to Kunmunya for six months; she was here from July until December. The Superintendent and Mrs. Holmes went on short furlough in November. Until his return in March Mr. Young acted as Superintendent. In November Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Paton returned to Kunmunya, after 25 years, to assist in the work here. In September the first white baby was born at Kunmunya, much to the delight of the natives.

War with Japan, and subsequent attacks on the North-West coast created in March most unusual conditions for our work here. The lugger was abandoned in Broome by Alfred Brown and crew. Our Agent, Mr. MacNee, was of the opinion that the work here could not continue because of lack of supplies and crew. Fortunately the Superintendent was on furlough, and on arrival at Broome, with help, sailed the lugger to Kunmunya.

We are thankful to report that though the position seemed more acute we have been able to continue almost normally because this is our slack period. Now at the time of writing the position on our coast, as far as we can judge at Kunmunya, appears better.

The season has been an unusually wet one; rains continued until the end of May.

Population.

There has been an average attendance of 82 at Church on Sunday evening, as against 100 last year; there were 126 at the Christmas celebrations; in 1941 there were 168. There have been four deaths during the year, two out bush, two on the Mission. All were old women, death being due to natural causes. The above figures indicate a falling off that exceeds the deaths.

A number of natives who have been here for some years from neighbouring tribes have returned to see relatives; a few have gone to hospital. Then, as supplies were cut by a quarter over the past few months, a corresponding number would go bush. This is not, however, an attempt to disguise the fact that the aborigines are decreasing in number. There was one birth during the year; a boy in July.

Health.

The health of the staff has been excellent. The health of the natives has been very good during the year. In August Dr. Musso visited us, and two natives, a man and woman, were found to be lepers and sent to Derby Leprosarium. There were no cases of granuloma. This is gratifying as

Dr. Musso considers it is so serious among the natives in the North as to demand measures to be taken similar to leprosy. Dr. Musso was during the year appointed by the Department of Native Affairs as Medical Officer in charge of the Aborigines of Western Australia. We have experienced here his deep interest in the physical welfare of the natives, and his desire to assist them in every way possible; a desire motivated by the conviction that the native is a spiritual being.

Altogether 1,168 treatments (recorded) were given during the year. Of these Dr. Davies gave 958 from July 25th to November 10th. Our method is to record the patient's name not merely to keep a daily record, so that the actual number of treatments was far more than recorded. Dr. Davies made a thorough examination of all our people. Some were given injections of N.A.B. for old granuloma sores. The most common complaint was eye trouble, and much improvement was evident from the intensive treatment given.

All other ills were of the usual order—burns, sores, cuts, boils, ring-worm and such. Dr. Davies and the Superintendent visited the Leprosarium during the year. The appointments of it are all that could be wished. The natives have suitable huts, bathrooms, dining hall with accessories, and a wireless; the clothing they are issued with made us envious. Above all there is no physical restraint used to hold them there, and they are treated in an understanding manner. This reflects itself in the attitude of our natives going there now.

Industry.

The wet season spread over eight months of the year; altogether there were 64 inches of rain. In January there were 27. This hampered the work of planting peanuts and washed them out when planted, also the sweet potatoes. Further rain in May hindered the harvesting of the peanuts. The peanuts are in good condition however, and we have over one ton for consumption. The late rains, however, have kept the dam full until the present, and the vegetables are therefore benefiting. We are just gathering the produce of the garden. The late rains have, however, seriously hindered the work of mustering, because of the difficulty to muster till there has been a good burn-off.

The work of maintaining the property has given the staff and men work. The younger men have done saddle and harness repairs. Some painting was done. Fences have been kept in order, a new stock-yard was built 16 miles from home to facilitate handling of cattle; the home yard necessitated much work of repairing old rotten posts and rails. The work on the boat has kept some men engaged. Hunting in the bush and on the sea has occupied those not engaged in work on the Mission.

Livestock.

We have eight horses; six of these are new to us, but they are a disappointing lot, being mostly aged. One of the others is useless. There are 350 head of cattle on the books, but we have been unable to muster them during the year because of the lack of horses. We have three mules which have given good service, but are now aged. There are an untold number of donkeys; clever enough to be always out bush dodging work. Goats, of which we have 130, provide us with fresh milk. We have two pigs which we intend putting on a nearby island. Fowls provided eggs for the staff.

Mr. Young has had the care of the stock and reports: "Since the arrival of the horses on June 3rd we have seen over 200 of our 350 cattle. Owing to the shortage of time and the late rains the muster is far from complete. Much of our cattle country is along the mud flats of the Glenelg River, where the grass grows thin and rank; in some places it is so high that when riding through it on horseback it is only possible to see the top of each other's hat when standing in the stirrups. This country will not burn for a further six to eight weeks, and it is impossible to get the rest of the cattle till then.

We have branded 51 new calves, and I estimate that a further 50 will be branded before the end of the year. These are not all this season's calves owing to lack of horses to muster last year.

The native boys have taken a keen interest in the stock work and soon become quite efficient, although, as in all things, they need a fair amount of supervision.

Eight bullocks were killed in 1941 for beef, and five so far this year. There were 20 good bullocks among the cattle we have mustered, so that with the young steers coming on our meat supply is assured. No check is kept on the cost of this meat, which would, I think, be high, but it gives the boys training in useful work and so has double value. Horses are an expensive item among the costs as their working life is short owing to the "Kimberley Disease"; this appears to be mainly overwork on poor food, combined with mineral deficiency, probably lime and phosphate. The cattle also suffer from mineral deficiency, as they will rarely pass a bone without picking it up, consequently we have to be careful with bones poisoned for dog-baits.

Much more could be done in experimenting with better grasses. I have grown Buffalo successfully in the garden, and am trying it out on the run. Belgian Kikuyu is another grass that would, I think, supplant much of the rank grasses that cause us so much trouble; other kinds are worthy of trial also. Horses have been bred on nearby stations, and it is impossible to say what this country is capable of under improved grasses, especially as there is always an abundant rainfall.

Mules on account of their hardiness and immunity from the so-called "Kimberley Disease", are a better proposition than horses, but they must be good ones, and worked in conjunction with a few horses. I consider that six good mules and four horses are required. At present we have three old mules, and seven not very good horses, some of which are not capable of much work, although recently purchased. One of the stockboys amused me when we were out last week by asking in a disgusted tone: "Why do they sell second-hand horses?" Although the term was unusual it was quite apt.

With the cattle increasing a bullock paddock would be a useful adjunct. This could be achieved simply by fencing the two small gaps in the hills surrounding the Mission, giving an enclosure of several square miles; although the soil is not choice there would be ample food and water to keep our cattle near at hand. This would save work and wear and tear on horses and harness."

"Watt-Leggatt."

The boat has cost £326 to run during this past year, and has earned £203 in freights. This, of course, excludes the cost of the new engine, which came out of the boat maintenance fund. The boat is in good repair with the exception of the sails, and at present it is impossible to get sails. Paint and ropes are difficult, or impossible, to procure, and this will be serious in future. Further, all boating-gear has been taken away from Broome, and this makes any replacements or repairs difficult. The paint has been burnt off for the first time in the boat's life; and it has been painted grey as a more useful colour for the times. The new engine projects further into the cabin, but with some alterations to the other furnishings in the cabin this has made little difference. The new engine has made a great difference to the running of the boat, and every trip is a record-breaker. Now that the sails are in such poor condition the engine is an absolute necessity. Besides this it is proving most economical.

Improvements.

A Ruston Hornby 15-18 h.p. diesel engine, also a new tail-shaft and propeller have been fitted to the *Watt Leggatt*. Two Electrolux kerosene-operated refrigerators, the gift of the Board, were installed on the Mission; one in each house. These have made a vast difference to our food arrangements. No longer do we eat salt beef, as we are able to keep fresh meat for two weeks. This is only one of many advantages. We are able to give the children, and even sometimes the men, some of the products, i.e., ice-blocks.

A new well was completed, which has been most satisfactory, because it supplied a portion of the garden far from any other source of supply; thus that portion received more water; an implement shed and rack was built. Some new garden tools were bought, also equipment for horse doctoring. A new holding yard was built at Tjilguri, 16 miles from the Mission. An engineer's lathe has been installed under the Superintendent's house beside the wood-turning lathe, both the property of the Superinten-

dent; they, nevertheless, prove valuable in replacing worn parts and bearings; and, of course, there is always a demand for whip handles, even from the smallest boy.

School.

During 1941 the School was under the care of Mrs. Young. This year Mrs. Paton is in charge, and she reports: "School commenced at the beginning of February with 11 children. Three of these, Alfred Brown's children, left after three weeks, when they went to Broome. Another small boy began in April. I have found the children very obedient and keen to learn, and this makes it a pleasure to teach them. They reflect great credit on their teachers in the past; writing and reading being their best subjects. Knowing that they will soon pass through the school into camp life I try to spend time on subjects that will be of best use to them. They look forward to the devotional part of school and are most receptive." Out of 86 school days—1 attended 85 days, 2 attended 84 days, 3 attended 59 days, 2 attended 72 days, 1 attended 41 days (the new boy beginning in April). We are grateful to the teachers for the time, devotion and understanding they have given to the work of the School, which is a most important part of our Mission.

Finance.

The Annual Balance Sheet is enclosed. The actual amount to our credit at present is £66/3/-. Last year the total receipts were £1,232 and expenditure £1,166. Receipts and expenditure have been approximately the same, however. The figures are irregular because of uneven distribution of monies over the year as we are not in regular communication. For example, last financial year there were five quarterly remittances of £115 shown from the Board; this year only three are shown. Our financial position is most satisfactory in view of the increased prices recently; the position will be even better as we no longer have the wages of A. Brown or Agent's fee. The Superintendent is doing the work of both these. Nevertheless, whatever is saved in this way will be used on the Mission in other ways. There is much we could do given sufficient funds; it is always a matter of cutting our coat to suit our cloth. We are satisfied with what we are able to do because of the financial support given us by the Church; and the true work of the Mission continues at all times in spite of the need for "rationing" from time to time.

Spiritual Work.

There is nothing spectacular to report under this heading. The routine work of services continues as usual. Important work is done in the school by the teacher giving religious instruction where the children can discuss matters that interest them. They learn the stories well. We are surprised sometimes in stock-camp at the knowledge of the older boys. But if we attempt to judge them by our standards they are most disappointing; there are many lapses even among those considered by us as most trustworthy. But we are encouraged here and there by the evidence of the Spirit's working. Our main concern is as ever for the young, especially the girls.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated once during the year, when only eight natives partook, this being determined by their attendance at classes that were held for three months previously.

Conclusion.

We close this report with gratitude in our hearts for all the evidences of God's blessing on our work here.

Our thanks are due to the Board for help and encouragement received; to other members of the staff for loyal service; the Department of Native Affairs; and especially to Dr. Musso. Further we wish to thank our late Agent, Mr. H. M. MacNee, of Broome. It is with regret to us that we have lost his valued services due to military service. We appreciate the services of Mr. E. Norman, who acts as honorary auditor.

G. W. HOLMES, Superintendent.

Ennabella-----The Staff:

The Rev. J. R. B. and Mrs. Love.
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Ward.
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. MacDougall.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Young.
Mr. R. M. Trudinger.

The Rev. H. L. Taylor resigned from the Superintendentship of Ernabella as from 31/5/1940, and the Board asked Mr. MacDougall to act as Superintendent until a successor could be appointed. Mr. Love took over the charge of the station early in 1941. Mr. MacDougall has been granted leave of absence by the Board for the duration of the war, that he may take up military duties. The Board agreed to allow Mr. MacDougall the difference between his military pay and his salary as a Missionary. Mr. Len Young is due to return to Ernabella from Kunmunya, but may be required for military service. Mr. R. M. Trudinger, the teacher, has been rejected for military service owing to the condition of his eyesight. The Board is glad to have him in charge of the School and testifies that he is doing a very fine piece of work. During the period under review the original house at Ernabella has been reconditioned, two houses have been erected for assistants, a school has been built with quarters for the teacher, the Hospital-Dispensary is being erected.

A new wool shed is urgently required. More wells must be sunk on the property.

The money so generously left by Miss C. G. Balfour (to the amount of £1,000) is reserved for the erection of a Church. Dr. Jean Davies has spent the winter months at Ernabella and has made a patrol through the Reserve with Mr. and Mrs. Love. This invaluable piece of work, as well as her work at Kunmunya, has been made possible by the generosity of the P.W.M.U. of Victoria, which has supported her as their Missionary.

The reports of the medical patrol and the Superintendent's Report for the year ending 30/6/42 are appended:—

(1) **The Rev. J. R. B. Love's Account:**

Medical Patrol of Musgrave and Mann Ranges, May-June, 1942.

Our party comprised Dr. Jean Davies, Mrs. Love, myself and our small son, two native men and a boy.

We left Ernabella on May 26th, and returned to Ernabella on June 22nd, just four weeks.

We travelled along the south side of the Musgrave Ranges and as far as Piltardi in the Mann Ranges.

We took ten camels, of which one knocked up and had to be abandoned. From Ernabella as far as Kunapandi we were accompanied by two women with four children and one man; these returned to Ernabella from Kunapandi. From Erliwanyawanya to Kunapandi we followed the tracks of a large party of natives. Their tracks then bore away to the south, where we saw their smokes. We did not meet this party.

Near the western end of the Musgrave Ranges we met six men, five women and fourteen children. These accompanied us as far as Piltardi, then went their own way.

At Piltardi we met seven men and a boy, coming into Ernabella from the west with dingo scalps, which they had obtained by spearing the dingoes. This party accompanied us all the way back to Ernabella. They had been as far west as to make contact with natives from the U.A.M. station in the Warburton Ranges. In evidence of this they were wearing headbands of brightly coloured wool. While one might regret the substitution of this coloured wool for their headbands made of fur string, there is no doubt that the men highly value these skeins of red and blue wool, and they are certainly decorative. On several occasions before I have seen men come in from the west with this coloured wool.

All natives seen are well known to us as visitors to Ernabella. The present season is abnormally wet and consequently there is abundance of native foods of all kinds.

On this trip I had again an opportunity of admiring the skill of these natives in obtaining their food and drink from an apparently unpromising semi-desert country.

One morning I watched with pleasure a woman gathering dew for drinking water. With wide semi-circular movements she swept the tips of the dew-laden grass with the wira, the small wooden dish used by women; after several sweeps she emptied the contents of the dish into another receptacle; in five minutes she had enough water for her needs and those of her two little children.

As we travelled by camels each day the natives who accompanied us gathered food at every opportunity. During a halt of a few minutes the women collect grass seed. This they ground next morning at dawn, on stones picked up from the bed of the creek where we were camped, cooked the ground meal in the ashes, and ate their native bread at the same time as we were eating our damper and meat. Even the little children would gather a handful of edible roots in a few minutes. Berries and the fruit of a small quandong were eagerly picked and eaten as we went along. Witchetty grubs were frequently got from the roots of the mulga shrubs, and at each creek where there were eucalypts the trunks of the trees were scanned for signs of grubs, soon cut out and eaten either raw or after roasting in the ashes of the fire.

Each party of people that we met had an abundance of kangaroo meat. The men of our own party got kangaroos, with the spear and the gun, as often as we wished while one of the men, while mustering the camels one morning, actually crept on a kangaroo and killed it with a stick. Owing to the abundance of feed and water we had no trouble with the camels wandering.

Rain and frost made the early mornings very cold. At these times the native people crouched over their fires. There is unlimited firewood for nomadic parties all through the Reserve. On several wet days the natives crouched over the fire, without going hunting. Except for food, which I could not refuse them on such days, they remain hungry till the weather moderates.

At Upsan Downs I found that the two wells had the windlasses destroyed and thrown down the wells. When I asked one of the men why they did not look after the wells, which would provide them with water in time of need, he replied that they did not want the water: it was bad water, and they could get good water in the springs in the hills. This is true enough, for a good season. All the wells in this country yield water that is heavily mineralized. But in a dry season there are few springs that hold out.

All the people that we met were in excellent physical condition. Several cases of sore eyes were noted; one man had an arm speared; and one of our camel men was kicked by a camel and injured. Dr. Davies will report her observations on the health and nutrition of the native people seen.

The ranges country of the Native Reserve is excellently suited to be an aboriginal reserve. The water springs are in the ranges, the kangaroos are numerous, and ground food obtainable.

The people met out here were all simple, friendly, smiling folk—a happy contrast to the “cheeky” style of the natives who come to Ernabella after contact with the occupied stations to the east and north of Ernabella.

It is certainly desirable that the native people should be encouraged to live in the Reserve rather than go out into the occupied country. Unfortunately, the chief difficulty in this direction is the desire of the people themselves for the white man's goods. The young women are rapidly becoming unnecessarily over-modest in the matter of nakedness. Few young women will now appear naked. This is not the result of any teaching, but their own observation of the clothing of white women. (It is as old as the journals of Capt. Stokes, 1835, who reported that, when he met native men on the north-west coast, they stuck leaves in their belts as they came to meet him.)

At Ernabella we shall keep the children unclothed; the working men are clothed; the hunting men may, and we prefer them to, go unclothed; the women about the station will not appear without clothes, at least the young women; what they need is decent, simple dresses and soap. On this journey I observed how the blankets supplied by the Aborigines' Board are treasured. Right out to the Mann Ranges may be seen ancient blankets carried on the heads of the women as they journey, and much treasured on cold nights and mornings. Even flour sacks are unpicked and sewn into blankets, and treasured by men and women alike, as they keep off the biting winds of winter, which are keen up here. By day these blankets and sacks are carried on the heads; by night they are used as protection.

J. R. B. LOVE.

(2) Dr. Jean Davies' Account:

Medical Patrol, May 26th-June 22nd, 1942.

Exactly four weeks elapsed from our setting out for our objective in the Mann Ranges till our return to Ernabella.

We were a party of four white and three black Australians, with three riding camels, four pack-camels and three "spares." Part of the load of the four pack-camel was a large leather case given to the Mission for the purpose of medical patrol by Faulding's, Adelaide. Although the camel once threw the load completely off, not a bottle was broken nor any of the equipment in the case injured.

We had some camp-followers from Ernabella for the first six days—one man, two women and four children. It was interesting to see these people procure their food and water as they went along. After our first night in the open, when we wakened to a frosty world, we saw the women swishing the grass with small wooden vessels and pouring the water so collected into their billy-cans. When they paid a friendly visit to our fire, they dug up the roots of an insignificant creeper growing almost everywhere, which they roasted and ate. The roots looked like attenuated parsnips. Walking along, they gathered the seeds of the "kulta kulta" grass into their billies, and later we saw them grinding these on a flat stone, and making the resultant milky substance into damper. From beneath a low, grey-leaved bush they got a greenish fruit. Further on they had quandongs and mistletoe berries. Bulbs of orion grass they dug up in plenty in various places. For meat, the women depended on what the man got by hunting, viz., rabbits and kangaroos. Sometimes a quail, caught by a dog and snatched from him, was added to the children's diet. There is no lack of food for the native people in the Reserve in a good season such as the present. Later on we saw men eating witchetty grubs and truffles. There was evidence of recent digging out of honey-ants from beneath mulga trees, but we did not actually see any.

On the eleventh day of our trip we came in contact with another group of natives, all known to Mr. Love. There were five women, *fourteen* children and six men in this party. They had evidently just finished a feast of kangaroos, for the men were smeared with blood, and they still had a quantity of meat on hand. They accompanied us for four days. Among these was a baby with hydrocephalus. Otherwise they were a well-nourished lot. I treated three for burns, one for spear wound, three for sore eyes and two for injuries to the feet.

On June 8th we reached our furthest point, Piltardi, in the Mann Ranges, approximately 130 miles west from Ernabella. Within half an hour of our arrival a party of seven men and a boy came from further west, where they had made contact with natives from the Warburton Ranges, as evidenced by the bright red and blue wool with which their hair was bound. They looked very fit and very decorative, some sporting eagle feathers in their hair as well as the wool. They also were known to Mr. Love. They had dingo scalps to trade, so came back with us all the way to Ernabella. On the way home the boy got a few burns on the leg and a stick ran into the foot of "Ronnie," so the medical case was again in requisition.

Unfortunately, as we were leaving Piltardi, one of our staff was kicked on the left forearm by a camel, and had the ulna fractured. I was able to fix his arm in plaster for the journey back.

My impression is, that in a year of plenty, such as the present, the range country provides ample food for the adequate nutrition of the natives. The rock-holes containing water are, generally speaking, narrow slits of varying depth. Though there had been a lot of rain before and during the patrol, we crossed but three running creeks in the stretch of 130 miles skirting the Musgrave and Mann Ranges on their southern aspect.

Summary of cases seen among 41 natives.

Hydrocephalus.....	1
Burns.....	4
Trauma (including fracture).....	5
Conjunctivitis.....	4

Total..... 14

ELLICE J. DAVIES.

(3) Rev. J. R. B. Love's General Account.

Population.

The average number counted at the station during the year was 350, the average attendance on a Sunday afternoon being about 100.

Health.

During the year four deaths were recorded at the Mission Station and eight births; deaths being two men, both of influenza, and two women, one a long standing case of gangosa and the other from convulsions, cause unknown; births were five male and three female, all full-bloods.

Dr. Davies arrived at Ernabella in April of 1942 and has taken over the medical care of the people. A marked difference between this year and the last is the freedom from epidemic colds this year, in contrast to the recurring epidemics that swept through the people last year.

On the whole I think it can be said that health is good. There are few cases of serious disease, none of the granuloma and leprosy that are the terror of our tropical stations, nor any noticeable introduced disease. Several cases of yaws were treated, every case that was given repeated injections ending in cure. Further remarks on the medical side are within the province of Dr. Davies.

Patrols.

Two patrols were undertaken during the year, out into the Reserve to the west, for the purpose of inspecting the conditions of the people living under their primitive conditions, chiefly with regard to health and food. One of these patrols was done by Mr. MacDougall, in October last, through the Musgrave Ranges as far as Oparinna to the west and back to Ernabella along the North of the ranges. The other patrol was done by Dr. Davies, my wife and myself in May and June of this year. Both patrols were done by camels, the property of the Mission. On both occasions the country was found to be in very good condition, owing to good rains, food plentiful and health of the people apparently good. Detailed reports of these two patrols have already been submitted.

At this stage I take the opportunity of acknowledging, with thanks, the gifts of two camels by Rev. Neil and Mrs. Scott, of St. Peter's, Adelaide. On the latest patrol, one camel, old, was abandoned. The Mission has now nine camels.

Religious Teaching.

Morning prayers begin each day before breakfast, attended by the staff, working men and women, and school children. Divine service is held twice on each Sunday. A women's Bible Class is conducted weekly by the ladies of the staff in turn. Mr. Trudinger, the school teacher, also has been holding classes for young men, and also for boys and girls who have left school.

After the afternoon service on Sundays a free meal is issued to all, men, women, and children. As the native people have no store of food, it would not be reasonable to ask them to give up part of their Sunday to attend worship, if that should mean going without food; also on this weekly occasion, all who may be present share in a meal at the cost of the Mission, which is occupying part of their country with sheep, for the benefit of all.

Day School is in the charge of Mr. Trudinger, on mornings only; the attendance varying from about 20 to 70, with 140 names on the school roll. As the children come and go with their parents, attendance at school is irregular. It is not desired to alter this; but rather to supplement the native tribal life with what the Mission can give the children to make their lives fuller and better.

Conduct has, on the whole, been good. There has been no serious trouble at any time between the natives and the white staff. Regulation of tribal morality is in the hands of the people themselves. The customary method of dealing with tribal irregularities is by spearing the delinquent in the thigh. Usually both parties to every brawl (and every known case of irregularity leads to a brawl) are speared. These wounds look fearsome, quite often the thigh is quite transfixed by the stabbing spear; but the wounds are little regarded by the native people. I have never known of the femoral artery being cut. Though the person speared is lame for

a few days he usually recovers in an astonishingly short time and does not look for much sympathy while he is temporarily disabled. The administration of justice and the maintenance of tribal law seems to be as dangerous to the administrator as to the offender.

In the main, these are a laughing, singing people, like all aborigines that I have known in several parts of Australia, with not uncommon loud arguments and camp brawls that are soon over and forgotten.

Industrial Work.

The chief industry of Ernabella is sheep raising. This is carried on, I should think, satisfactorily, though I am not able to speak with knowledge of sheep raising. The sheep at present number about 1,900 grown sheep and 500 lambs, numbers to be finally checked at shearing. The sheep are divided into flocks of about 500, each flock in charge of a married couple. The flock is shepherded during the day and yarded at night. This close shepherding of the sheep inevitably has a damaging effect on the wool, making it very dusty, and also on the young lambs, which cannot be left loose with their mothers. The quality of the country would not, I think, ever warrant the large cost of fencing into paddocks; and what is more important, on an aboriginal mission there will always be large numbers of natives' dogs, so that it will never be possible to let sheep run at large in paddocks. They will always need shepherding, with the drawbacks incident to that method of sheep care. The wool is sold satisfactorily, proceeds of the wool going back towards the maintenance of the Mission. This last year it has not been possible to sell wethers, owing to the shortage of railway trucks. Whether the Mission may not wisely give up all idea of selling wethers, considering the remoteness of this station from the railway, and take the wool as long as profitable, then use the meat for natives' rations, is a question to be thought over. Proceeds of wool for the last year were about £600.

Stock.

Other stock besides sheep are goats, about 300; horses, 38; camels, 9. The goats provide milk and also meat. During a large part of the year, when milk is plentiful, children and workers get milk on their porridge or in their tea. A few goats are included in each flock of sheep for the use of the shepherds who milk them and like the milk.

Gardening is the next important industry of the Mission. Owing to the light rainfall, this is limited to hand watering of vegetables and fruits. The gardens give excellent returns of vegetables of all kinds, which flourish in this climate with the water that is available.

Other Industrial work includes the general maintenance of the station, bush carpentry, repairs to harness, building and equipment.

Building. Mr. W. Marsland has been at Ernabella during the whole year, first erecting a new house for the Industrial Assistant, and at present on plastering the walls of the "Manse." When this is done he will proceed to the building of a hospital-dispensary, the materials for which have already been assembled. Plans for the erection of a Church building have had to be postponed until after the war.

Dingo scalps are brought into the Mission by the native men, who receive the full value for their scalps in goods at landed cost (12/6 for the scalp of a grown dingo and 10/- for the scalp of a pup). Figures are included under the heading Financial. Almost all of these scalps are brought into Ernabella from the ranges to the west or to the immediate north. A difficulty that has been met has been the coming to Ernabella of sophisticated aboriginals from the Northern Territory, where scalps are worth only 7/6, with scalps which they have tried to cash at Ernabella. These have all been refused, but the difficulty has not been eliminated, as parties of such aboriginals came to Ernabella as recently as last month, one party mounted on camels, and another mounted on horses. Attempts to pass off, as dingo scalps, the scalps from camp dogs have been frequent. No scalp is accepted that is not the scalp of a pure dingo. One man tried to pass off a synthetic scalp, made from the back skin of a dingo whose scalp had already been handed in. These incidents go to show that the natives of the Musgrave are not without cunning roguery.

Financial.

The cash book shows that the total receipts for the year were £1,154/14/1 and the expenditure £1,111/4/1, leaving a credit balance of £43/10/- on the year's workings. Detailed statements of receipts and expenditure will be forwarded when audited. The principal items of expenditure were as follows: F. A. Wilkinson, Oodnadatta, stores, etc., £460/13/3. For scalps, mainly flour, tea, sugar, jam, treacle, tobacco, £343/10/-. Rations for station workers (exclusive of shepherds), £321/7/9, including shepherds' rations, £84/15/-. Truck upkeep, £226/12/9, of this £120/19/3 being for petrol, £70/10/- for repair parts from International Co. (N.B.: The truck earned £206/5/- in freights on aborigines rations, carting building materials, goods for dingo scalps, and carting wool, leaving an excess of £20/7/9 costs over earning; a very comfortable state of costs.) This must not be expected to be repeated annually, as building materials will not be coming forward. Freights on goods ordered from Adelaide, apart from purchases from Wilkinson, amounted to £31/4/8. Telegrams per wireless, £26/8/10

Visitors to Ernabella during the year included Rev. K. F. Partridge and Mrs. Partridge, of the A.I.M., Mr. Chinnery, Director of Native Affairs in the Northern Territory, with Mr. and Mrs. T. G. H. Strehlow, of the Native Affairs Dept., and the Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, Dr. J. Flynn, with Mrs. Flynn.

A gift made to the Mission was that of a beautiful Communion service by Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Balfour, who have repeatedly shown special interest in Ernabella. Though at present only to be used by the staff, it will in time take a valued place in the use of the Church at Ernabella.

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, the generous and ready help of the Aborigines' Protection Board in Adelaide, through the Secretary, Mr. Penhall. The Board has provided rations for the aged and sick, and for the school children, requisites for the school, and medical supplies.

Dr. Charles Duguid has been ever ready with advice and sound help in dealing not only with the medical problems, but also with any question of supply or everyday work that needed a friend in Adelaide.

The P.W.M.U. and P.F.A. and Junior A.I.M. have been among our helpers and donors, as well as several Endeavour and similar bodies that have been in communication with Mr. Trudinger.

I have also to acknowledge my appreciation of the unfailing help and courtesy of the Board of Missions, and the co-operation of my fellow-workers here on the Mission Station in the cause of Christ and the aborigines.

We thank God for a happy year successfully concluded, and look forward to another year of satisfying work.

J. R. B. LOVE.

Mr. Trudinger's Report.

Language.—In this sphere, I have been concentrating for some months on the preparation of a Grammar and Syntax of the language for publication. This has been completed, typed and sent to Sydney. Much of the later findings, in syntax particularly, and idiom, have been with the aid, earlier in the year, of two men, Alick and Tommy. They were both very quick to grasp what one was driving at, and suggest accordingly. With them, too, some spade work has been done in the recording of a series of native "sacred" chants, notably the collection and transcription of the "malu tjukur" (ancestral kangaroo) group of ceremonial chants, probably one of the principal series.

During the past six months much more time has been spent, purposely, in the Camp and elsewhere, in hours of conversation with the men, to help in acquiring facility in continued conversation and understanding. Other phases of language activity are connected with the school and preaching. Hymns are constantly being translated or made up, and Bible story outlines prepared for typewritten sheets and booklets which the children read. Recently I have been spending part of three afternoons a week and Dr. Davies on the language at her request. She is proving a very apt pupil!

Scripture Instruction in the vernacular. This has been carried out at Sunday services, in night classes for the men, and in the "Old Scholars' " Class, as well as at school. At the Sunday service, of which two or three

per month are in the native language, the main theme has been from the Book of Exodus. The story is told with the aid of large pictures and sketches, and usually a New Testament Gospel application is drawn. In the school the children seem to show quite a lively interest in the story; frequently they write accounts of various parts of it, or answer orally and in writing series of questions about it.

The Men's Class is a recent venture, and one which has proved most encouraging up to date. Started largely at their own request, the aim has been to teach them to read and write in their own language and to have some elementary knowledge of numbers, as well as the Bible and hymn instruction. It is one of the few regular gatherings to which the natives come without any tucker to follow (the Sunday morning service is another); the men spend about three hours of an evening, on an average once a week, at the school; if the wood supply is low they bring some along themselves, or one or two come voluntarily in the afternoon and chop enough for the evening. I never actually have to ask them to come, but on each occasion wait until they ask if they can come up. Much enthusiasm and earnestness is shown in listening to the Gospel and singing hymns, much more than at the Sunday service, where apparently the mixed company embarrasses them somewhat. I myself have been greatly stimulated by their unexpected response; it has meant a more intimate and understanding approach to them with our message, and, moreover, they see now why school is held for their children. It is as though they are more on one's side now, whereas before they must have often wondered why we had the children. Several of the men, after half a dozen or so lessons, are writing short words in Pitjantjara.

The Old Scholars' Classes have only just begun; they are an attempt to keep alive the knowledge they have already acquired by occasional revision; only one class has been held so far; probably not more than one a month will be held. Naturally at this early stage few are at all advanced, although about seven can read and write to a greater or less extent amongst the "Old Scholars".

The men, and past and present scholars of the school, are thus being "catered" for in an approach in the medium they understand and think in; the women are given the Message in their language every fortnight by Mrs. Ward. One section of the people remains as yet without any witness, viz., the youths between the ages of about 14-18 years. They are not permitted to be in mixed adult company, so cannot attend Sunday services. They have asked me if we can have school for them too, so I hope to start perhaps a Sunday evening Bible Class for them in the near future.

Some stress has been laid on the use of the vernacular. This is because I am increasingly convinced that the only worthwhile way of approach to these particular people is with this medium. We are told that the Australian Aborigine is a born linguist and that he understands a lot more than we think of our speech. This I cannot comment on, having no general knowledge of the aborigines as a whole. I have, however, some personal and particular knowledge of most of the 150 odd children who have been under my care here, and with whom I have spent more time than any other whites. Not one of these speak English, and few, if any, could understand an English sentence or sequence which does not involve either actions making its meaning clear, or words which the native has borrowed from us and uses in his own speech (e.g., bucket, camel, saddle, rag, flour, etc.). Indeed I have never yet heard, since coming to Ernabella, one grammatical English sentence spoken spontaneously by any station native here. Illuminating in this regard is an attempt we made to teach the children English hymns. Practically every Sunday morning from last July till May of this year the children had instruction in two (metrical) psalms. At the end of this time not one of the 130 odd who participated can sing either of the psalms through, much less understand what bit they can repeat mechanically. It's not so much a comment on their intelligence as on the plain fact that these naked Bush children cannot, and do not, speak our language. In contrast to the above, the children will pick up a hymn in their own language, several verses, and sing it in parts by memory after two or three weeks instruction, and find obvious enjoyment in singing it. (Singing is still their favourite lesson in school.)

The School.—Much of what can be said of the work and study of the children has been said in previous reports; there has been little change this year, although progress has been steady, I think. A few statistics may be of interest. The school has now been open since March, 1940—2 years and 4 months—and during that time 153 have been present at some time or other. A few adolescents have already left, and their names taken off the present roll, leaving about 140 on the current list. Of the 153, 87 have been boys and 66 girls.

On the whole the attendances average about 40 in the warm and 25 in the cold weather. An assessment of the whole period of 2 years 4 months shows an average attendance right through of 33. The highest in one day has been 70, the lowest 10. This extreme irregularity of attendance, I suppose unparalleled in the Commonwealth, is, of course, one of the major problems in the teaching; however, it is not only expedient but eminently desirable from other more important aspects; we don't want family or tribal unity broken into. As yet it has not suffered.

Taking the top six children who, on the whole, have attended longest and made most progress, the roll reveals that they have had a total of 80 weeks (half-day schooling) or an equivalent of 40 weeks of school instruction since school first began in this tribe. This is nearly equal to the amount the normal white child would have by the end of his first year's schooling. (The bulk of the children have had considerably less.) Any results quoted must be assessed by this period.

Forty-two children have already reached the stage of being able to express themselves in writing in Pitjantjara. The curriculum is much the same as previously reported; with the greater progress in and emphasis on the main subjects, less time has been left for "incidentals", and, with the increasing number of classes, less time is left for individual attention. So when it is possible the school is held as a group, e.g., in singing, Scripture, drawing, practical application of numbers, English, etc. When individual lessons are given, the younger classes are mostly under the supervision of older scholars. This system, which I have seen work amazingly well in some modern schools in our South Australian Department, has proved successful here on the whole; indeed I could hardly conduct the multi-grade and irregularly attended school without it.

Scripture has been touched on above; the 100 odd roll pictures sent up by Miss Hervey last year are invaluable. The progress of reading, which is still on the slow side, has been greatly stimulated by the use of the typewriter which the Board kindly helped me to purchase. When children are away with their parents on more or less distant sheep camps, booklets and other reading matter are sent down to them, and later when I ride out to see them I catechise them on the matter sent down.

Writing continues to show most progress. Letters have been written to children in different parts of Australia, as well as amongst themselves; essays and descriptions on varieties of subjects continue to be written, and are often interesting and revealing; their own native songs are transcribed by the children.

In arithmetic, the four main processes have been mastered by the upper children; the general standard of the sums the top children do is about that of Grade V. Recently, with such a basis of number knowledge being established, more application has been given—instruction in the use and value of money,, measurements of length, and time by the clock, dates, and practice in counting sheep. A little English is taught, mainly the reading and writing of words the natives have borrowed from us and for which there is no other native equivalent.

In the extremely limited space of the small school, with the variety of lessons and number of classes, there is by no means silence in the running of the school. Not that the old-fashioned ideal of perfect silence on the part of young children is desired; however increased space would isolate the different units more and make mental concentration easier. The discipline of the children in school is net difficult; we have had half a dozen or so cases of older boys proving temporarily recalcitrant, mainly because of the ease they had till recently in running off "Bush" when they liked. Now, however, greater control is being gained in this matter, partly through the help of the men, who bring the offender back to justice. In

conclusion, it may be said that the year has been quiet and uneventful; the interest of the children has been maintained; a much more definite witness of the Word of God has been established. To this the adults too are showing increased attention, though the heart understanding, which only the Holy Spirit can bring about cannot be said to be in evidence yet. That these people should know of a God and a Saviour, and then know Him for their own, is, it cannot be repeated too often, our chief aim. To that end we and you together labour and pray on.

R. M. TRUDINGER.

The Board suggests that the Budget for the next three-year period be as follows:—

ASSESSMENTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Victoria..... £1400	Grant to Queensland £400
New South Wales..... 1090	Salaries..... 1380
Western Australia 140	Fares, Freight and
Tasmania 130	Incidentals..... 250
South Australia..... 130	Kunmunya Boat and
South Australian Sub-	Station Allow..... 500
committee 300	Ernabella Truck and
Donations..... 260	Station Allow. 450
	Keeping Books, Presbyter-
	ian Church of Victoria 50
	General Expenses..... 388
	Rev. J. N. Hey..... 32
£3450	£3450

For the Board of Missions,

J. McMASTER, Convener.

ABORIGINAL MISSIONS—QUEENSLAND.

The work on the Mission Stations in North Queensland for the whole period under review has been carried on under the shadow cast by the war, which has been greatly intensified since the threat of invasion by Japan. Added to the former difficulties caused by the war affecting employment of the men on our Missions, has been the greater anxiety for the personal safety and well-being of Missionaries and people. We were instructed to evacuate all white women and children, and with them came also the older men, for whom the hardships attendant on living in the bush with the natives might have been too great. The younger men unanimously elected to remain with their people, plans were made for dispersal of the village communities into the bush if danger threatened, and arrangements made for storing food at suitable points. There the position remains at present, and we pray that it may not be necessary to put the above plans into execution.

While such plans will probably be quite effective in the case of Weipa and Aurukun, where the people are all full-bloods, the case of Mapoon is causing some anxiety. There about 75% of the people are half-castes, and it is also the nearest Station to Thursday Island. The half-castes cannot accommodate themselves to life in the bush as the aboriginals do, and they do not so easily accept the hardships involved. The authorities view with some misgiving the presence of so large a number of half-castes in such a vulnerable zone, as they are considered unreliable, and the Missionary at Mapoon has been informed that they will probably be removed South if it is considered necessary. The whole future is dark with uncertainty, but in the meantime work goes on as far as possible along the accustomed routine, except that the schools are without the supervision of white teachers.

A good deal of trouble has been experienced in providing the necessary foodstuffs during 1942. Fortunately we were able to send up large stocks quite early in the year, but the rapid deterioration of all exposed foods during the wet season prevented even more being sent. Latterly, it has been almost impossible to procure such staple articles as rice and tobacco, and the shortage, especially of tobacco, has given the Missionaries

some trouble as the people do not readily understand why supplies should be cut off.

At the urgent request of an Intelligence Officer who visited Mornington Island by plane, all adult half-caste girls were sent to the mainland, in view of a possible landing at Mornington by Japanese. Nearly twenty were sent over, and some difficulty was experienced in making provision for them. However, most of them were given employment, while the rest were sent to Doomadgee Mission under the care of Plymouth Brethren.

At present there is only one Missionary on each Station, a fact which causes us great concern, but they all assure us that they are satisfied to carry on until brighter days come again. There have been some changes in the staff on the various stations. Rev. R. H. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson, who had been almost a life-time at Mornington Island, retired in 1940 and are now in a country parish in Queensland. At the same time their daughter also resigned as school teacher at Mornington. We place on record the magnificent work done by the Wilsons at Mornington Island, which will serve as a memorial to them for many years to come. In their place Mr. and Mrs. J. Dougherty were appointed in charge, with Miss Galbraith a certificated nurse and classified teacher, to assist. These are all now absent from Mornington, which is being carried on by Rev. R. Braunholz, a Queensland trained minister who was ordained and appointed to the Mission Field at the end of 1939. At Aurukun, Rev. W. F. and Mrs. MacKenzie continue their fruitful work, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy; at Weipa, Mr. and Mrs. J. Winn are in charge, with Mr. and Mrs. Miller assisting; and at Mapoon, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cane have charge, assisted latterly by Mr. and Mrs. Byron. Relations between the Missionaries themselves and between Missionaries and Committee have been most harmonious, which has helped very considerably in carrying out the work.

In October, 1941, a delegation from the Committee, consisting of the Convener (Rev. D. Galloway), Messrs. Robinson and Lovell, visited the Stations and met all the Missionaries in conference. As a result, a better understanding of all points of view has been created, and the Committee feels that it can help the Missionaries more competently than before. It is hoped that these visits will be a regular feature of the work in future.

The health of both Missionaries and people during the past three years has been excellent, and no serious epidemic has occurred. The population on each Station has increased, especially the half-castes. Spiritually the progress has been steady, but is necessarily slow. Nevertheless the Missionaries are gladdened by several of the people, old as well as young, making a definite profession of faith. Best of all, the whole spiritual and moral tone of each Station grows steadily better. The influence of the spoken and lived Gospel is being shown. At Aurukun a splendid new Church to replace the old structure, is in course of erection but is held up for lack of materials.

The financial situation has vastly improved. At last General Assembly we were seriously embarrassed by a very large debt incurred by two of the Stations with a trading firm at Thursday Island. The position became acute, but at the State Assembly of 1941 it was decided to approach the State Government for assistance, as the debt had been incurred in caring for the physical needs of the people. As a result, of the debt of £4000, one half was provided for by a grant and the other half by an interest free loan, repayments of which are to commence in 1943. Since the loan was granted, and due to the incidence of the war, the Aboriginals Department of the State finds itself unable to make the usual free issue of clothing and material, so that our Committee is faced with an additional yearly expenditure of some hundreds of pounds. Fortunately our claim for Child Endowment was approved, and we are receiving payment at present for over 300 children. Plans that were in hand for using this money to the greatest advantage for the children, comprised better housing, educational facilities, and an improved food and clothing scale. Of necessity these are in abeyance, but we have been able to meet the increased cost of all social services for the children from this fund.

Ordinary revenue continues below the amount that is really necessary to maintain the work efficiently. Missionaries' salaries and other commitments absorb all available funds, leaving nothing for extension work.

Repairs to some of the Mission buildings are urgently required, but the Committee is unable to undertake this work under present conditions.

The 50th Anniversary of the founding of Mapoon occurred in 1941, but war conditions caused the cancellation of the extensive celebrations-planned. Special services were held at Mapoon by the Convener, Rev. D. Galloway, to mark the occasion.

Summary of Population and Children, 1941.

	Population	Children under 16.
Aurukun.....	650	97
Mapoon.....	340	108
Mornington Island ..	300	114
Weipa	168	32
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Summary of Receipts and Payments of Aboriginal Mission Fund for three years 1939, 1940, 1941.

	Receipts.	Payments.
Dr. Balance, 1938—		
Transferred to Accumulated Deficits A/c.		£2,839 9 6
1939	£3,501 2 11	3,671 5 2
1940	2,627 5 9	3,055 18 8
1941.....	2,721 16 8	2,602 3 10
Cr. Balance, 31/12/41	£119 12 10	

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Changes in the Home Base.

The General Assembly in 1939 adopted the recommendation of the "Special Committee on Foreign Missions" dealing with the organisation of the Foreign Missions Committee, that the position of Convener-Superintendent be divided and an honorary Convener and a paid Secretary be appointed. The Rev. A. Fleming, who had occupied this position for the past twelve years, having intimated that he did not wish re-appointment, the Assembly elected the Rev. T. McDougall, B.A., B.D., as Convener, and the Rev. C. E. Turnbull as Secretary. The new Convener took office on 1st July, 1939, but at the end of a year resigned the appointment on account of the pressure of parish work. Mr. J. A. Morrison was appointed to fill the vacancy and continues in that capacity.

Mr. Turnbull could not be immediately released from the parish of Canberra, but began his work as from the 1st September, 1939, and continued until May, 1942, when the restrictions on travel imposed by war conditions having seriously hindered his deputation work throughout the State, he sought and obtained the permission of the Assembly to take a parish for the duration of the war.

The following is a summary of the Committee's financial transactions for the three years under review:—

	Expenses.	Income.	Deficit.
1939	£8,401	£7,338	£1,063
1940	9,487	7,677	1,809
1941	8,696	8,016	679

While the income shows a steady increase, additional expenditure has been incurred, mainly due to higher rates of passage money and the continual burden of foreign exchange which costs the Committee more than £1,000 per annum.

Aborigines.

The N.S.W. Church has continued to carry its share of responsibility for the work among the Aborigines of the Commonwealth, and has made a yearly contribution of £1,090 towards its upkeep.

Chinese.

In spite of its having no settled Pastor our little Church in Campbell Street, Sydney, has continued to prosper. The services and other Church

activities being carried on by the Chinese members of the Congregation, assisted by European friends.

In 1939 an Eastern Fair, organised by this Church, was a great success and the net proceeds of £209/6/10 were allocated as follows:—China Relief Fund £78/4/7, Chinese Church £65/11/-, Foreign Missions £65/11/3.

Late in 1939 Mr. F. Chong, M.Sc., returned to Sydney after two years at Cambridge University. The Foreign Missions Committee decided to elect Mr. Chong to their membership; however, he has been appointed as Assistant Lecturer in Mathematics and Physics at the New England University College at Armidale, and so for the time being will not be able to take an active part in the work of the Committee. Mr. Chong has taken up his new work with the good wishes of the Campbell Street Congregation and his many friends throughout the Church.

The Committee's long continued efforts to secure the services of a suitable pastor for the Church seemed to meet with success in 1941, when Mr. D. T. S. Yang, a licentiate of the Swatow Presbytery, accepted the call to Sydney. Passages were booked for Mr. and Mrs. Yang, who proceeded to Hong Kong to sail for Australia, but before they could leave Japan entered the war and Hong Kong was besieged.

New Hebrides.

Staff.—Rev. E. L. and Mrs. Sykes and native teachers. The Rev. E. L. and Mrs. Sykes came up from Malo on short furlough at the end of 1940, but for health reasons did not return to their field until May of the following year. Again in January 1942, Mrs. Sykes had a severe illness and had to be brought to Australia. Mr. Sykes returned the following month, leaving Mrs. Sykes and the children in Victoria. Apart from these interruptions, Mr. Sykes has done good work at Malo and the West Coast of Santo, and also in assisting the Teachers' Training Institute at Tangoa during the absence of the Rev. J. W. P. Gillan. His work on Santo was hindered for want of a launch, and now although the launch has been built more than a year it has been impossible to despatch it to the Islands for want of shipping space.

Our work suffered a great loss early in 1942 through the death of Pastor Winzi. Winzi, the son of a cannibal, was one of the first converts on the island of Malo, being won for Christ under the ministry of the late Rev. J. D. Landels. After a year or two of careful training under his own Missionary, he was sent to the Teachers' Training Institute at Tangoa, where he spent four years under the leadership of the Rev. J. Annand, D.D., after which he was engaged as a teacher on Malo. One who knew him for many years says: "Winzi was head and shoulders above his fellow-islanders in his knowledge of native law. He had a wonderful understanding of the Gospel, and to listen to his exposition of it to his people was always an inspiration." He was the first Maloese to attain to the Eldership, to which he was ordained in 1917. Four years later by the unanimous vote of the New Hebrides Synod he was ordained to the pastorate of Malo, a position which he filled with success, grace and honour for twenty-one years.

India.

Staff.—Sholinghur: Mr. and Mrs. C. J. R. Price, Dr. J. A. and Mrs. Macdonald Smith, Miss C. R. McCredie, Rev. J. Doraiswamy, Dr. Florence David.

Pallipat: Rev. C. S. and Mrs. Boyall, Rev. A. Abraham.

Ramakrishnapet: Miss A. Hope Goldie.

75 teachers and 7 nurses and compounders.

Movements of Missionaries.

Miss A. Hope Goldie was on furlough during 1939 and Miss C. R. McCredie in 1940. These ladies after doing much to create and maintain the interest of people of the home land in our Indian work, returned to their fields of labour.

Rev. C. S. and Mrs. Boyall, together with their four children, came on furlough in December 1940. After a year's stay in N.S.W., during which he did splendid work as a deputationist, Mr. Boyall was about to return to India, when it was found necessary for him to undergo two

serious operations. However, from these he made a splendid recovery and sailed for India in April, 1942. It is with very deep regret that we have heard that his ship was lost by enemy action in May, and up to date no further news has come to hand.

Miss Lang's resignation.

In April, 1939, Sister Nell Lang tendered to the Committee her resignation as Nursing Superintendent of the Goodlet Hospital.

Miss Lang had occupied that position for 12 years, during which she had rendered sterling and invaluable service to the work of the Goodlet Hospital, and the Committee was loth to accept her resignation. However, after a lengthy correspondence the Committee felt that under the circumstances it must comply with her wishes. Miss Lang relinquished her position in July and was tendered the grateful thanks of the Committee for her past services to the Church.

Mrs. Koilpillai.

As a result of the visit of Mrs. Lucy Koilpillai to N.S.W. in 1939, there was brought home to us in a very real and vivid way the fruits of our Mission work in India. Her arrival in Sydney by the "Cathay" on the 11th May was the realisation of a long-felt desire to have one of the members of our Indian staff visit Australia. And this venture was more than justified. From the moment Mrs. Koilpillai came into contact with our people she won their hearts.

It was most fitting that Mrs. Koilpillai should have been the first representative from the Indian field to visit us, as since her early childhood she has been associated with our Mission—her father being our first Indian Doctor, and as such served the Mission for years. When Mrs. Koilpillai completed her teacher training course, Miss Mary McLean appointed her to our teaching staff, and she has for many years ably filled the position of Headmistress of the Pymble Caste Girls' School. Her husband is the son of one of our first Bible Women.

The three months she spent in our midst were all too short, every meeting was crowded, and many requests for her services had to be refused. Mrs. Koilpillai was a most attractive speaker, and this, combined with her winsome, friendly personality, immediately gripped the attention of her audience.

Mr. C. J. R. Price's appointment.

Consequent upon the decision of the Assembly to accept the generous offer of the Fellowship Union to provide the salary of an additional Missionary to India, steps were taken by the Committee to secure the services of a suitable man to fill this post. Two applications were received, and the Committee and the Fellowship Union unanimously decided that Mr. C. J. R. Price's qualifications and experience marked him as the man for the position. Mr. Price is well known throughout the Church, which he has served as Director of the Welfare of Youth Department for more than nine years. He was solemnly set apart for his new duties at a Service of Dedication held in St. Stephen's Church in December. Mr. and Mrs. Price and their two children sailed for India late in January, 1940, and on their arrival at their destination were heartily welcomed by our European and Indian staff, with whom the appointment is very popular.

Dr. J. A. Macdonald Smith's appointment.

When Dr. (Mrs.) E. D. Rosenthal's term of service at the Goodlet Hospital, Sholinghur, expired in January 1940, the institution was left without a European Doctor. A week or two later the Mission Council heard of Dr. J. A. Macdonald Smith, whose wife also is a doctor, a medical Missionary of the Church of Scotland, who had retired with the intention of returning to Scotland, but found that war conditions made his return impossible. Dr. Macdonald Smith, when informed of the need at Sholinghur, agreed to take over the work for six months. His services found immediate acceptance with the Indian people and with our Missionaries. Dr. Macdonald Smith has now agreed to continue his appointment for the duration of the war. Due to his medical skill and wise administration the Hospital has entered upon a new era of prosperity and service to the community.

Building Programme.

During the term under consideration, the temporary buildings which have housed the Pallipat Boys' Home since its establishment in 1923, have been replaced by new and suitable buildings which will meet all requirements for the boys for many years to come. The new Kirkland Home for Girls at Sholinghur has been erected on a splendid site between the Hospital and the Church.

The erection of the "Croydon Wing" to the Pallipat Higher Elementary School has filled a long-felt need, as has the addition of a laboratory for use in connection with the Goodlet Hospital.

The building of a suitable home for Miss Goldie at Ramakrishnapet not only solves the problem of Missionary accommodation, but enabled Miss Goldie to make close contact with the women around that centre.

W.M.A. Jubilee.

During the year 1941, our Women's Missionary Association celebrated its Jubilee. This Association was formed at a public meeting held in St. Stephen's Church, Phillip Street, on the 14th September, 1891. Its expressed objects were "to send lady missionaries to India to work in connection with the Women's Association for Foreign Missions of our Church in its work in the New Hebrides, amongst the Chinese of N.S.W. and the Aborigines in North Queensland. Miss Mary McLean was the first Missionary appointed to India by the W.M.A., and in the good providence of God she is with us on the occasion of the Association's Jubilee.

VICTORIA.

The whole of the period under review has been a time of war, war that has come steadily nearer to this country and has directly affected two of our Mission Fields. During the three years the Foreign Mission Committee was able to carry on most of its work. Since December, 1941, our Missionaries in Korea have been restricted in their movements. Even in those months, however, the presence of five missionaries has meant a witness to the power of the Gospel.

The people of the Church have supported the work by their interest, their prayers and their generous gifts.

Chinese.

In Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong, regular pastoral work has been done. Mr. Paul Chin, a faithful pastor for 39 years, died in Melbourne in March, 1942. In the absence of a successor, the members of the Congregation have made themselves responsible for the services.

The Session of Scots Church, Melbourne, has taken an active interest in the life of the Congregation.

One of the young women, Miss Anne Lew Kong, was accepted as a Missionary to China under the Bethel Mission of Shanghai. She sailed from Australia, but the ship was obliged to turn back. In preparation for future service she is training as a nurse.

Aborigines.

In addition to the usual assessments the Committee was in the happy position of being able to pay a substantial contribution from a large bequest. This will make possible the building of a Church at Ernabella.

New Hebrides.

War conditions made impossible the visit of the Moderator and the projected celebration of the Centenary of Missionary Work in the Group.

The Committee has continued its cordial co-operation with the J. G. Paton Fund Committee of Great Britain and with the Presbyterian Churches of New South Wales, Tasmania, and New Zealand.

A great Missionary and a real link with great traditions were lost when the Rev. F. J. Paton died on 11th December, 1941, after 49 years' service.

War in which the Homeland of their Missionaries was involved, has caused perplexity and pain to the inhabitants of the Islands. The dislocations and unsettlements due to the war have upset the life of the people in many respects. As an instance the copra market failed with a very disturbing effect on their economic life.

A remarkable and distressing movement on the island of Tanna caused great sorrow to the Missionaries and much concern to the authorities. From a group whose reputed leader was known as Jon Frum, went out promises that white influence was to be swept away, that Tanna was to be for the Tannese, and that all sorts of miraculously provided blessings were to come to the people. There were also instructions to go back to the old ways and to have no connections with the Schools, the Churches or the Missionaries. For some time there was a sad falling away. There was fear that the leaders might lead their deluded followers on to violence. For this reason the authorities took action and arrested a number of the ringleaders. The latest reports give tidings of a change of attitude. Some of the Churches are once more thronged, the Missionaries are no longer avoided, and there are definite indications of a turning of the tide. The Missionaries and people are in great need of our prayers.

On account of the Southward moves of the Japanese forces the Resident Commissioner urged women and children to leave the Group. The Committee supported this advice with the result that a number of families have been separated since the mothers came to Australia with their children. All the men remain and three of the women with no children in their homes. The nurses of the Vila Hospital also were evacuated. It is hoped that a return may be possible before long.

A fine Rest Home, known as Sutherland House, was built in Vila by the generosity of the New Hebrides Fellowship. From the same source £500 is in hand for X-Ray equipment at the Paton Memorial Hospital. The Hospital is now lit with electric light.

Korea.

A Delegation from Victoria visited Korea late in 1939. The members conferred with Missionaries of many Churches, with Japanese, Korean and Chinese Christians, and with Government officials. At the time of their visit a very difficult problem was under discussion, namely the attitude of the Mission to the Government demand that Institutions must attend Shinto Shrine Ceremonies. The discussion centred at the time in the future conduct of the Girls' Secondary School at Tongnai, near Fusan. The matter concerned not only this particular institution, but touched the whole relation of the Mission and the Korean Presbyterian Church, which in its Assembly had been forced to conform to the Government demands. It must be said here that while the Church has given official conformity, a very large majority of Christians have not attended Shrine ceremonies. Some of the most devoted, including leaders, have been imprisoned and severely treated because of their refusal to give this attendance the place that Authority demands. Their refusal is due to their passionate belief that at all costs the worship of God and the place given to His Son must be the supreme loyalty of life. This, in a totalitarian State like Japan, in which Nationalism is almost a religion, and which also in a time of war is conducting a campaign of spiritual mobilisation, renders non-conformity liable to a charge of disloyalty or even treason. Our continual prayers are needed for the Korean Church.

The Mission, supported by the Home Committees, was unable to agree to the official requirements. As a result the Schools passed from Mission control. In addition to the difficult situation that made the usual work of Missionaries far from easy, the growing alignment of Japan with the Axis powers created many problems touching the relationship of our Missionaries with Korean Christians, though right to the end many close and affectionate ties remained.

Early in 1941 the P.W.M.U. in close conference with the F.M.C. felt obliged to recall its workers from Korea. The decision was made reluctantly and protests were made from women on the Field and others who desired to return after furlough. Most of these workers are engaged in the service of the Church in many places in Victoria and South Australia and are making most valuable contributions.

A small number of Foreign Mission Committee workers remained. Late in 1941 the Committee was trying to arrange for the sending of reinforcements. When Visas were refused by the Japanese Government the five people remaining in Korea were advised. They replied in a notable message that they desired to remain. When Japan entered the war these, our friends, were cut off altogether from us except through

the gracious fellowship of love and prayer. The Red Cross has at last been able to give the news that the Rev. A. C. and Mrs. Wright, and the Rev. H. W. and Mrs. Lane are being repatriated. So far no word of Dr. McLaren's return has come.

The Leper Home at Fusan, for which our Mission supplied a Superintendent for 30 years, has passed out of existence. The land was resumed for Military purposes. The Government assumed responsibility for the 600 inmates and paid fair compensation for the property. The smaller work in the Home for Healthy Children of Lepers remained.

The 50 years of Protestant work in Korea is not in vain in spite of the frustrations of these sad days. Whatever the future may hold we pray that Christian fellowship may be continued and strengthened. We know that God is in the land of Korea; in His Church, in His Book, and in His believing people.

Distressed Missions.

The Committee joined with the members of the National Missionary Council in sending help to Missions that have been cut off from their supplies because of the war. The contribution of £10 monthly has been met by special gifts without drawing on ordinary F.M.C. funds. It is inspiring to hear from the International Missionary Council that all the Imperilled Missions have been saved. We have come to see that all the Christian work in the world is the concern of all the Christians.

Missionary Home.

By the loving thought of the late Mrs. Thomson McMillan, a fine property has been given to the Committee for the use of Missionaries on furlough. The Committee has also had the use of a new house for the same purpose. Altogether 11 families have been accommodated. With the aid of other bequests given in past years it will be possible after the war to carry out a plan for further building. The Committee is indeed grateful for these wonderful gifts.

Finance.

The expenditure during the three years under review has been as follows:—

1939 .. £14,771.	1940 .. £14,429.	1941 .. £12,923.
The P.W.M.U. reports on expenditure during the same period:—		
1939 .. £11,205.	1940 .. £8,719.	1941 .. £5,863.

Some very substantial bequests have been received, including one from Scotland. Because of this and through a saving in the expenditure on Korea, as well as an adjustment of certain old funds, a reduction of the large debt has been possible. The Committee is working for the extinction of the debt and for the provision of a reserve for the time when a new forward move is possible.

The Future.

Attention is being given to Missionary Policy for the future. Presbyteries and many individuals have been consulted in order that the whole Church may be aware of the plans that are made. The Committee desires to work in the closest co-operation with the P.W.M.U. and with the Committees throughout the Church in Australia. The matter of a new Field where we would engage in work should Korea be no longer open or if the nature of our work there change, has been much in our thought. No decision has been made as yet.

The mind of the Church is that the condition of the world is a challenge to our Christian faith. Man needs the peace of God above all else. We must maintain the work we can while war rages; when peace comes we must increase it so that Jesus Christ may be "evidently set forth." There are very few expressions of any other opinion.

Our prayer is that there shall go through Australia a clear call for the people to give God their lives and that from Australia there shall go forth clearly and increasingly a living witness to Jesus Christ and a great Missionary effort to reach the world which above all else needs His life.

FOREIGN AND ABORIGINES—WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia your Committee respectfully reports:—

The period under review reveals steady and continued progress in the work of the Missions at Kunmunya and Moola Bulla. Contact was maintained with the workers as they passed through Perth, and in many ways help and assistance rendered to them.

The Native Administration Regulations, 1938, reprinted as amended to 2nd February, 1940, were placed on the Statute Book and are now in operation in this State.

The Rev. J. R. B. Love terminated 13 years' labour at Kunmunya towards the end of 1940, and is now in charge of the work at Ernabella, South Australia. On his way East, Mr. Love carried out an extensive itinerary whilst in Perth. A Missionary Demonstration was held in his honour and also as a farewell. During the meeting Mr. Love handed over to the Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, for publication, the typed MSS. of the four Gospels in the Worora language. A tableau entitled, "It Happened at Kunmunya," was a unique feature of the demonstration.

The Rev. G. W. Holmes, now Superintendent at Kunmunya, was ordained in St. Andrew's Church, Perth, by the Presbytery of Perth, on the 25th September, 1940. Since then Mr. Holmes has thrown himself wholeheartedly into the work and is proving himself a worthy successor to Mr. Love.

Negotiations are in progress with a view to evolving a scheme whereby our Church in the West is to be associated with the Church in N.S.W., in terms of the resolution passed by the Board of Missions at its meeting held in Melbourne last October. It is hoped soon to have a definite plan of action in operation. Preliminary discussions have taken place with the Rev. C. E. Turnbull, Foreign Missions Secretary, N.S.W.

The P.W.M.U., and other organisations of our Church continue to show their practical interest in the work.

Government subsidy for the last three years amounted to £227/3/3.

All of which is reported in the name of the Committee.

Receipts and Expenditure for the Three Years under Review.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.				
		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance	, 1/3/38	173	6	3	1939 ..	222	7	7
1939 ..	.....	363	15	3	1940 ..	313	11	9
1940 ..	.....	250	5	4	1941 ..	361	5	9
1941 ..	.....	350	18	0	Balance	240	19	9
		<u>£1,138</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£1,138</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>

JAS. ADAMSON, Convener.

BOOK OF COMMON ORDER.

The General Assembly of 1939 approved the Committee's decision to postpone preparation of the proposed Part I. of the Book of Common Order in view of the publication of a complete Book of Common Order by the Church of Scotland. The Committee, however, was instructed to revise Part II. of the Australian Book which has been in use since 1920.

Adequate response to this instruction would have been rendered impossible, no doubt, by war-time conditions; but the publication in March 1940, with authority of the Scottish General Assembly, of a book at once comprehensive in scope, rich in variety and freshness of expression, and loyal to the doctrinal and liturgical traditions of the Presbyterian branches of the Reformed Churches, would have suggested, in any case, careful reconsideration of our course of action. Ministers have already found

this Book of the highest value in preparation for the various services in which they have to lead the people; and the fact that a guide to the conduct of Public Worship so reliable and so complete is now available, gives us time and opportunity for a wise decision as to our future procedure.

The orders in Part II. of our Australian Book of Common Order are, of course, still available. They are also necessary for at least two reasons:

(1) In the Enactment of the General Assembly of Australia (September 1B33), regulating the authorisation of the Sacraments by Home Missionaries, it is provided "that every Home Missionary administering these Sacraments shall use the forms in the Book of Common Order of the Presbyterian Church of Australia." A portion of the Book is also one of the subjects of examination by the College Committee as directed in the same enactment. (2) The Order for Ordination and Induction of Ministers has served its usefulness in the experience of many Presbyteries, but no such Order is included in the Scottish Book.

WM. BORLAND, Convener.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

The Business Committee has had to consider the serious position created by the war and the regulations concerning inter-State travel issued by the Government. The Convener has been in communication with the General Manager for rail transport, who made it quite clear that permits would not be granted except for a minimum number of representatives travelling from other States to Sydney. This meant that anything like a representative Assembly could not be held, and in the opinion of the Committee it would be grossly unfair to enter upon debatable matters or new legislation in what would be a non-representative Assembly from other States than N.S. Wales. It was an awkward situation for your Committee, who had to come to a definite decision and act upon it, trusting to the wisdom and consideration, mainly of N.S. Wales representatives who could be in attendance, not to take any advantage of the other States who are prevented, through no fault of their own, from having a voice in the Assembly.

We could have got authority from the Government to dispense with any meeting of the Assembly at this time, but were reluctant to take such drastic action which did not accord with our Constitution nor with the ethos of Presbyterianism. We understand that the Methodist Church has, by authority, dispensed with its meeting of the General Conference of Australia meantime, and also that the Church of England in Australia has, through its Executive, decided against holding its General Synod this year. We have chosen another course, trusting to the Assembly to approve of our action.

The Rev. Dr. Ronald G. Macintyre, who has been Business Convener for 37 years, and who is now in his 80th year, has expressed an earnest desire to vacate the position he has long held with the full confidence of the Church. In ordinary circumstances the Assembly would feel that it was only right, and due to his long and faithful service in an onerous position, to accede to his wishes, but in the peculiar circumstances, and till a full Assembly can meet, he has been asked, and agreed, to hold his resignation in suspense till this Assembly decides its future action.

It will be noted that the Finance Committee is advising that travelling expenses be paid only for necessary officers of Assembly and one representative from other States than N.S. Wales. No travelling expenses to be paid in N.S. Wales. We understand that this is mainly due to the financial position, which that Committee feels it necessary to safeguard. As regards hospitality, existing conditions make such impossible.

We append a copy of the Memorandum which your Committee issued to all Conveners of Committees and to all State and Presbytery Clerks, and we are gratified at the wide approval given to our proposals by Presbyteries

RONALD G. MACINTYRE, Convener.

MEMO. FROM BUSINESS COMMITTEE.

No one can predict the future course of the war which has now come to our own shores. Even assuming things may not get worse (for our purpose), and the authorities, who know more than they can tell the public, warn us that they will most certainly be worse within the next two or three months, we must plan well ahead. A decision has to be made now. Later would be too late.

Many of our Ministers are directly engaged on Military duty, and many others cannot, and ought not, to be absent from their parishes in this crisis. Very many of our Representative Elders are on Military Service also, and others will not be able to leave their business even temporarily, or leave their station properties.

The Government has practically closed down on Inter-State railway traffic, so far as civilians are concerned, and priority tickets are granted only to those engaged in essential war-work, and priority permits are available only for a single journey. We cannot see that they would be granted to the large number of men from the various States, and if not granted to *all* the Representatives who would be coming, this would destroy the gathering as an *ordinary* Assembly meeting, and the members so prevented would have cause for legitimate objection to *legislative* Acts of Assembly.

We have carefully considered these and other difficulties which face us if things are allowed to proceed as if the war did not seriously affect Australia, and we feel it our duty to submit a scheme to meet the situation. We have considered other schemes, but, in our judgment, that which follows is least open to constitutional objection.

(1) A constitutional Assembly can only transact business "in the presence of at least sixteen members representing more than one of the State Assemblies, and at least one half of whom are Ministers". That means that say three or four should be from other States than N.S. Wales, as the Assembly is appointed to meet in Sydney on 9th September, 1942.

We are aware that the Methodist General Conference authorities decided that the appointed Conference could not hold its meetings, and applied for and obtained from the Commonwealth Government an Order under National Security Regulations dispensing with the meeting. The Constitution of that Church is different from ours, and in any case we feel that the Presbyterian Church should take its own independent course, and determine its path of duty without appeal to the civil power. That is more in accord with our historic ethos.

(2) We advise that the Assembly should meet in Sydney at the time and place appointed by last Assembly in 1939. At that time none of us foresaw the world-wide nature of the present conflict, or that Japan would be bombarding our coasts and threatening invasion of our continent.

(3) We recommend that Representatives exercise a self-denying ordinance, and do not attempt to attend except as herein suggested, and on the understanding that the business will be confined to what is here laid down, and on the lines laid down. If that is so the Assembly should last for only one day, that is, meet on the Wednesday evening and finish some time on Thursday.

(4) The membership from other States could be made up of the new Moderator (Rev. R. Wilson Macaulay) and the Acting Clerk (Rev. W. D. Marshall), the Law Agent (Mr. Proudfoot), together with the Moderator or Clerk of each State Assembly, and elected representatives in the Metropolitan area of Sydney to make up the number.

(5) In relation to Standing Committees the Assembly would accept without question the members nominated by State Assemblies. As to the Assembly's right to add other names on its own authority, we would suggest that it should reappoint such as are already on these Committees, only filling in the places created by elimination of the names of deceased members.

Special Committees should be reappointed "en bloc", with power to insert other names to fill vacancies.

Instructions should be given to Committees to report on special matters remitted to them to be continued to next Assembly.

(6) The administrative business would be mainly to continue the executive powers, and to give such further limited powers as the Assembly may determine to all Standing and Special Committees, operative only within the existing constitution of the Church. This Commission would be carefully drawn up under the guidance of the Procurator and Law Agent. The Assembly would not deal with Committees' Reports, nor give any judgment on them.

(7) The matter of 'Remits will require special consideration. As the Assembly would have to "sustain" an Overture prior to its being sent down to State Assemblies and Presbyteries it is not proposed to do more with fresh Overtures than to "receive" them and allow them to "lie on the table" till next Assembly.

Where Remits previously "sustained" and sent down have not an adequate "approval", and that lack of approval is due to lower Courts not having expressed an opinion it is proposed to re-submit these. As regards Remits to which the Church as a whole has expressed its "approval" the Assembly could pass these into legislative Acts as would be ordinarily done in a full Assembly.

(8) The powers granted to all Committees would be operative till next Assembly (see 10), when each Committee would report its diligence. Committees would exercise reasonable restraint in deciding only such matters as are necessary to the efficient carrying on of the work of the Church. The purpose of the powers granted is to ensure that the work of the Church be not unduly hampered owing to war condition.

(9) A matter of some importance is the motion carried in 1939, "That consideration of these Petitions and all matters anent the teaching and writings of Dr. Angus be postponed until the next meeting of this Assembly." It would be manifestly unfair to all parties if these matters were raised in such an Assembly as we suggest. It is therefore proposed that the Assembly, without discussion, defer all these matters until next Assembly.

(10) Another matter to which we have given much consideration is how to deal with the report from the Christian Unity Committee. It would be distinctly inadvisable for a War Emergency Assembly such as we suggest to take any step involving legislative action, or committing the Church, and at the same time we do not wish unduly to hamper the movement at the stage now reached. All we propose, therefore, is that if the Committee, through the Convener, so request, we would send down any declaration or documents desired to the State Assemblies and Presbyteries for their information, and for consideration and report to the next Assembly through the Christian Unity Committee. Similar action could be taken as regards the Report on "Church and Creed".

(11) The Assembly would give the Moderator authority to call the meeting of next Assembly, fixing the time and place of the meeting after consultation with the Business Committee. That Assembly might be able to meet one year or two years hence.

(12) It seems advisable that apart from the Business Committee which will be acting during the Assembly an enlarged Business Committee be appointed by the Assembly to function till a new Assembly meets, as it will have important duties to discharge. At any time it is the recognised constitutional adviser to the Moderator when he so desires, but for the smooth working of the foregoing scheme, and for unforeseen emergent matters, it should have wider powers granted it and therefore an enlarged membership. When any Committee is in doubt about its powers in a particular matter it should seek advice from the Business Committee.

For meeting purposes the Committee will require to be N.S.W. men. That has been the practice in the past, but only a small Committee was required to arrange business in between Assemblies. We think an enlarged Committee is now advisable. It may be objected that men from other States would not be allowed to travel, and we believe this would be so, and we propose that they be reckoned as corresponding members who, before any meeting of the Business Committee, would be acquainted with

the business proposed to be transacted and reasonable time allowed for an expression of opinion should they so desire. In most cases communication to and from would be by Air Mail. There would be at least one representative from each State on this Committee.

(13) It is important that the conferring of powers on the numerous Committees be carefully drawn up, and this is why we propose to act under the guidance of the Procurator and Law Agent in doing so. Manifestly we must guard that Committees shall act within the bounds of the existing constitution of the Church as laid down in the Code Book and in any existing regulations and instructions of previous Assemblies. No change or modifications can therefore be made in the Constitution or Creed of the Church as at present existing and expressed, nor can fresh Overtures on any matter be "sustained" and sent down to lower Courts as Remits.

(14) We are informed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee that the financial position has so deteriorated that it is improbable that ordinary travelling expenses can be paid to Representatives as in the past.

RONALD G. MACINTYRE, Convener.

CANBERRA EXECUTIVE.

After the last meeting of the General Assembly of Australia, the Executive was confronted with a vacancy in the Pastorate at Canberra, due to the acceptance by the Rev. C. E. Turnbull of the office of Secretary to the Foreign Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia within the State of N.S.W. The Selection Committee unanimously recommended the Rev. Hector Harrison, M.A., B.D., then of St. Aidan's Church, Claremont, W.A. He was duly called and inducted to the Pastoral Charge of Canberra in 1940, and under his active leadership the work of the charge has been extended in many directions.

In October 1941, the Rev. Eric Robson, B.A., completed his year's appointment as Assistant Minister. He was ordained and inducted into the parish of St. Stephen's, Queanbeyan. A minister of the Irish Presbyterian Church, the Rev. M. McCreery, B.A., evacuated from Manchukuo, accepted the vacant position.

The Executive draws the attention of the Assembly to the translation of the Very Rev. Dr. John Walker who, in September, 1941, after a long period of disability, was called into the Unseen. It is presumed that a reference to his passing will be made elsewhere in the proceedings of the G.A. of A., but his outstanding service to the Federal Church was connected with the Federal Capital Territory. The great ambition of his latter years was to establish Church buildings and a cause worthy of Presbyterians in the National Capital. To his vision and zeal we owe the Church's present position in Canberra. He was not only the first inducted Minister of the parish, he was also the Church's Commissioner for the Canberra Building Fund. In a very true sense it may be said that his work in these joint offices was monumental. It is hoped that some fitting memorial of his great and distinguished services to the Presbyterian Church in Australia will be raised. We miss his forceful personality, his infectious cheerfulness and optimism, his remarkable organising ability.

The Canberra properties have been maintained in a good state of repair.

For the continuance of the work, which is ever expanding, with the ejection of new homes, the development of new areas, and a corresponding increase in population, Grants from the C. D. Lloyd Bequest and the Home Mission Committee of N.S.W. are still required. The G.A. of A. is asked to authorise the continuance of the Grant of £100 per annum from the C. D. Lloyd Bequest.

The Executive regrets that it has not been able to satisfy the request of the Board of Finance of the Presbyterian Church of Australia within the State of Victoria for a full discharge of all liability with respect to the Canberra debt. In 1930 the G.A. of A's. liability with regard to the Canberra buildings amounted to £25,000. It was suggested that N.S.W.

and Victoria should lend enough of their Trust Funds to cover the contract (N.S.W. £15,000 and Victoria £10,000). When it was found that the Victorian Church could not legally make such a loan, the late Mr. W. G. Balfour undertook to raise a sum of £6,500, and as the result of his personal exertions, raised £4,627. It seems that the Board of Finance in Victoria has always regarded the amount of £6,500 as representing the limit of its liability with respect to the Canberra Buildings, and, in 1939 considered plans for discharging it. The Board undertook to forward the difference between the £4,627 raised by Mr. Balfour, and the £6,500, plus interest, conditional on the Canberra Executive accepting this as the balance of Victoria's liability and giving a full discharge. It should be said that when it was discovered that the Board of Finance in Victoria could not lend, a conference between N.S.W. and Victorian representatives agreed to curtail the building contract, so that the final cost would be £18,500, of which N.S.W. was to provide £12,000 by loan, and Victoria £6,500 as mentioned. When the Church was completed, before it could be used, it had to be furnished, and the N.S.W. Treasurership Committee, acting as Treasurers for the G.A. of A., advanced the cost thereof. The G.A. of A.'s indebtedness at the 30th June, 1942, to the N.S.W. Church for advances towards building costs, furnishings for Church, and interest was £18,460/9/1. The view of the Canberra Executive is that this debt is the burden of the whole Church, and no section of the Church can be released from liability until the whole indebtedness has been completely discharged.

Conditions prevailing since the 1939 Assembly have not been favourable to the appointment of a Commissioner for the Canberra Fund.

It is recommended that the Committee be re-appointed as in 1939, with the exception of the Rev. W. A. S. Anderson and Mr. F. C. Millin, deceased, and with the addition of the Revs. A. C. Grieve and S. R. W. Richardson, and Mr. Roland Love.

It is further recommended that the general directions given in the Deliverance of 1939 Assembly be continued.

For the Canberra Executive,

D. J. FLOCKHART, Convener.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ORDER.

The war situation has made meetings of the full committee impracticable. Much thought however, has been given in each State to the tragic disorder which has now gripped the world.

The only principles in conformity with which a satisfactory social order can be established are Love to God and Love to Man. It would then be possible to organise so that the resources of earth could be used without injury to oneself or hurt to one's fellows. But those basic principles have not yet been taken seriously in corporate organisation. Humanity has experienced, however, "a man-made compromise between the Church and the world, which has been masquerading as Christianity." That compromise has culminated in the general acceptance of the ascendancy and the validity of material values, incorporated in apparently determinative material policies and programmes.

The present tragic and inevitable breakdown in social relations issuing in world disorder, is really a spiritual breakdown, a breakdown which contains within it the possibility—even the probability—of a relapse into New Dark Ages.

Yet there are many rays of hope. Never before have the Churches and Christian leaders spoken with greater precision and clarity, c.f. The Pope's five points; the Malvern Conference Resolutions; the Findings of the Committee set up by that Conference; the Findings of the Delaware Conference; the Findings of the American Rabbis and the American "Friends". These resolutions and findings are not merely arresting and challenging, they are revolutionary in the right sense. They agree that the real and therefore satisfying social aims are Freedom, Equality and

Security. These derive from Christianity. But the spirit in conformity with which Western civilisation operates makes the realisation of these aims impossible. Consequently it is not wide of the mark to assert that God is now judging the world for its corporate disobedience. It is not enough to say and believe that the Allies are fighting to defend Democracy. That is but a half truth. Rather at best, we are fighting for the opportunity (if we are fit to take it) of at last establishing Democracy. But if the people are to rule, they must be evangelised and educated, a herculean task for the Church, for the undertaking of which the present almost universal "routine mind" must give place to the "creative mind and spirit," surely the natural fruit of vital Christianity.

Action, however, is being taken. The five standards for Social Justice included in the Malvern Conference Resolutions and added to the five points enumerated by the Pope have been taken up by the New South Wales Christian Social Order Committee, and a booklet entitled, "Christian Standards for a Better World," has been issued. It is warmly commended to the Christian Church for careful study and corporate action. The same five points have been the theme for "Christian Collaboration" by representatives of the major denominations in Melbourne and their results are now available for study and action by the whole Church. Excellent research work has been done by a representative Committee in Adelaide on the Causes of Poverty and Steps towards Removal.

It is becoming clear to leaders that a radical change is both necessary and urgent. Too long, too ignorantly and too slavishly has man worshipped at the Shrine of Mammon. But a new day dawns when an Archbishop asserts that "it cannot be justified in modern conditions that the Banks, even the Bank of England, should, in order to meet national needs, create credit which earns interest for themselves. The State must resume the right to control the issue and cancellation of every kind of money. Till this is done, a body within the community will control what is vital to the welfare of the community and that is a false principle."

Here is a practical step, which if taken, will make better relations possible, instead of being thwarted as at present, as they must, by recurring unemployment, depressions and war.

But we must go further, the Church must proclaim its gospel in its purity and in its fullness. It must speak with prophetic and authoritative voice on actual human relations if relation to God is to evidence reality. "Either religion proves itself able to bring to the acquisitive society redemption from the making and selling of things, and release from the struggle of greed for power, or it blindly leads this blind age into the 'twilight' that has fallen upon all other civilisations."

JOHN T. LAWTON,
Convener.

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

In view of the fact that the Committee as a whole has been unable to meet the following report is submitted by the Executive on the lines suggested by the Business Committee.

The Commission given to the Committee by the 1939 Assembly will be found in Minute 44 (page 32, Blue Book 1939). Paragraph 5, as amended, reads, "approve generally of the procedure indicated in the Report and instruct the Committee to pursue an active policy of establishing closer relationships with the Congregational and/or Methodist and other Churches, and report to next Assembly."

The Executive interpreted this direction as giving authority to the Committee to promote Christian unity by every means in its power, but not to initiate a movement for incorporating union without an explicit direction to that effect from the Assembly.

The Executive has met eight times since last Assembly, the Convener has conferred with the Advisory Committee, and in the face of the difficulty created by the war, every effort has been made to carry out the instructions of the G.A.A.

Committees of State Assemblies, and State Sectional Committees.

In order to prevent overlapping and to give the utmost freedom for State Assemblies to give expression to views held locally and to promote in their own State plans for co-operation and conferences to foster the spirit of unity, the Executive proposed that in States where Committees on Christian Unity had been allowed to lapse, they should be reconstituted. This has now been done and the Executive forwarded to each State Assembly the following questionnaire, viz.:—

Is your Assembly in favour of the Presbyterian Church of Australia re-opening negotiations for an incorporating union with the Methodist, Congregational and/or other Churches:—

- (a) Upon the basis of any previous statement of Doctrine and Polity submitted to the G.A.A.?
- (b) Upon the basis of a new statement of Doctrine and Polity to be discussed and decided upon?
- (c) Upon the basis of a Concordat (pledge of ultimate union) similar to that entered into by the Episcopal Church of America and the Presbyterian Church in the United States (North), and in line with the Proposals submitted to the 1939 Assembly? (B.B. 1939, pp. 168-169.)
- (d) Upon the basis of a Federation which, while looking towards ultimate union, would provide for a policy of immediate active co-operation?
- (e) Upon the understanding that steps to consummate an incorporating union would be taken only when it was evident that the unity of the Churches concerned would not be seriously impaired?
- (f) Upon any other basis?

Replies to the above questions were received as follows:—

Queensland.

"The Assembly resolve, especially in view of world conditions, to recommend the G.A.A. to re-open negotiations for Union with the Congregational and/or other Churches."

Victoria.

"Recommend that by way of preliminary enquiry as between the various alternatives submitted by the Executive of the G.A.A., the General Assembly of Australia begin conversations with the Methodist and Congregational and other Churches with a view to discovering if a common basis in polity and doctrine could be agreed upon, such basis to be in harmony with the constitution of our own Church and to be submitted at an early date to State Assemblies, Presbyteries and Sessions."

West Australia.

"That this Assembly, while recognising the benefit which may result from a corporate Union of the churches, feels that at the present juncture the Churches concerned should halt till the war is over, and should, in the meantime, do everything possible to unite in co-operative action in every question on which it is practicable to unite."

South Australia.

The Convener of the State Sectional Committee reports that while there is a sharp division of opinion in the State in reference to a movement for incorporating union, the Assembly feels that it must co-operate with other State Assemblies. "We feel," he continues, "that the doctrinal basis of any such union is of major importance especially in view of the tendency amongst some sections of the church to disparage creeds. It is also felt that, if any existing proposed basis of union should be taken as a pattern for opening discussions, it should be open to revision, especially in view of the experience of Canada."

New South Wales.

For the past three years an active policy aiming at incorporating union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches has been carried on by the State Committee and a Joint Committee representing these

three Churches has been set up. This Committee agreed upon a possible basis of union which has been forwarded to the Executive.

The Proposed Doctrinal Basis is as follows:—

“Whereas we acknowledge the faith generally expressed in the historic creeds of the Church and desire unitedly to preserve the continuity of that faith, and whereas we believe that in the teaching of the three Communions there is agreement in essentials, we present the following as a brief summary of the doctrine which unites us; namely, a belief in God the Father; and in Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Saviour of men, the ever-living Lord; and in the Holy Spirit; in the Word of God contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament; in the Church as the “Body of Christ,” in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper; in the coming of the Kingdom of God and in the Life Everlasting.”

Polity.—The Polity proposed to the negotiating Churches in 1921, with certain additions and alterations “designed to make the Polity more Presbyterian,” was accepted by the Joint Committee as a satisfactory basis for negotiations.

The recommendation of the N.S.W. Assembly is that negotiations for an incorporating union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches should be opened and carried on upon the basis of this new statement of Doctrine and Polity. The State Committee further reports that this proposed basis was submitted to the Presbyteries of the State and that 14 Presbyteries were generally in favour, four were against, and one made no return.

These facts are submitted for the information of the G.A.A.

Communications and Conferences.

As instructed by the Assembly, the Executive communicated the fraternal greetings of the Church to our brethren of the Congregational and Methodist Churches and explained the significance of the resolution of the 1939 Assembly. The greetings of the Assembly were heartily reciprocated and the Supreme Courts of both Churches expressed the desire that the negotiations for an incorporating union should be reopened.

On November 20th, 1940, advantage was taken of the presence in Melbourne of a large number of representatives of the Methodist Church of Australia to hold a conference between the Executive and these representatives. After the significance of the resolution of the 1939 Assembly had been explained, a frank discussion followed, and the Methodist representatives, while voicing the cordial desire of their Church that the negotiations should be reopened, expressed the opinion that before the next step could be taken there must be a response from the Presbyterian Church which had behind it the weight of a strong and general opinion, and which precluded the possibility of organised opposition to a policy aiming at incorporating union.

The Executive recognises the necessity of securing at every crucial point the informed and considered opinion of State Assemblies and Presbyteries and its proposals to these Assemblies in reference to the activities of their own Committees on Christian Unity are designed to meet that need.

Constitutional and Legal Questions.

During the previous negotiations for Church Union, the consideration of the Constitutional and legal questions involved, was left over until the meeting of the General Assembly in 1922. Two years later an important statement bearing on these questions was presented to the Assembly by its legal advisers. As the negotiations were not proceeded with this statement and the problems it suggests have not yet been fully considered by the Church. Since last Assembly met the Executive, convinced that an early consideration of these problems was essential to the successful prosecution of any union movement, has been in constant communication with the Procurator and Law Agent. The questions involved are: (1) Has the Church at present under its own constitution the right to unite organically with any other Church and (2) How is it suggested that the uniting churches and the resultant United Church should deal with trusts and properties defined and administered under

Parliamentary and legal sanctions? These problems are being fully canvassed and, when the Assembly meets under normal conditions, a considered statement of the issues involved and of the safeguards suggested will be presented by the Committee.

Co-operation.

Reports from all the States indicate that in these war years there is a greater willingness than ever before for the Churches to co-operate in giving to the community a united witness and in working together for the extension of the Kingdom of God. There are great moral issues that can be dealt with effectively only when the Christian forces are united. Home Mission and Church Extension Committees are consulting each other either under a definite agreement or informally. In many centres, owing to petrol shortage or to the absence of ministers on military duty, united services are being arranged. The sense of a common danger and a common need has drawn Christian people of all denominations closer together. They are learning, as never before, to pray and work together. It is here possibly rather than in our Assemblies and Committees that the foundations are being laid for the more Catholic and Christ-like Church which is yet to be. Every effort must be made to secure that the spiritual gains of these tragic years shall not be lost—as happened after the last war.

The Ecumenical Movement.

The Presbyterian Church of Australia is a member of the World Council of Churches and interesting communications are regularly received from the Headquarters of the Movement in Britain and America. It should be noted that on October 4th of this year a World-wide Communion Sunday will be observed, when Christians of all races and nations will gather in penitence and faith around the table of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thus every Christian, even when war is rampant in the world, will bear his testimony to the unbroken fellowship which exists within the body of Christ—the Church.

In Victoria alone of the States is there a Regional Committee of the World Council. It is fulfilling a very useful purpose and it is to be hoped that an Australian-wide Committee may come into being after the war. In the meantime other States might with advantage establish Regional Committees.

In Sydney informal conversations between a group of Anglican, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian ministers on the question of Intercommunion have been carried on, but the matter is not yet ripe for presentation to the Assembly in any practical form. One good result has been the better understanding between representatives of the various communions, and another, the acknowledgment by all taking part in the conversations that their brethren were ordained to a real ministry of the Word and Sacraments in the Church of God.

The Immediate Task.

In view of the instructions given to the Committee by the Assembly of 1939, the Executive considers that it is authorised to take every step to promote Christian unity and co-operation, with the one exception of entering into actual negotiations for an incorporating union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches. It is also agreed that State Assemblies are, subject to the above condition, at liberty to take whatever steps seem to them desirable within their own boundaries and to report the result of their conferences and proposals to the G.A.A., either through this Committee or directly by overture.

It is further considered permissible for the Committee or the Executive to confer with representatives of the Methodist and Congregational Churches, with a view to discovering, in principle and outline only, a possible basis of union acceptable to all concerned which might be submitted to next Assembly. Such a basis, together with other suggestions, would naturally, in the first instance, be submitted to State Sections of this Committee, and if sufficient unanimity were disclosed they would be referred (for information only) to State Assemblies and Presbyteries. The result of these preliminary conversations and proposals would be

submitted to the next Assembly, and, in the meantime, the Church as a whole would be well informed as to the alternatives between which a choice was to be made. The one danger to be avoided is inaction. The call to unity becomes everyday more urgent. While events march the Church cannot stand still.

For the Executive,

JOHN MACKENZIE, Convener.

CLOSER CO-OPERATION IN MISSIONARY WORK.

Report of Special Committee of the G.A. of A. on Closer Co-operation in the Missionary Work of the Churches within the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

In January, 1940, the Convener sent to all members a brief statement of the aims of the Special Committee, and made certain suggestions which might form a basis of future discussion.

Taking advantage of the meeting of the Board of Missions held in Sydney, a meeting of the Committee was convened and held in the Assembly Hall on the 4th April, 1940, and the following recommendations were made:—

“That this Committee of the G.A. of A. appointed for the purpose of investigating the possibility of securing closer co-operation in the Missionary work of the Churches within the Presbyterian Church of Australia; or of bringing under one single control the Foreign Mission work carried on by the Churches of the States”, found in its preliminary investigations that it was virtually asked to fulfil the intention of the Deed of Union (1.134-139) in constituting the Board of Missions to the Heathen: it now considers that the purpose of the Deed of Union should be carried out, seeks the co-operation and consent of all State Foreign Mission Committees for that object, and as some of the more obvious and immediate practical steps to that end makes the following recommendations:

(1) That in the opinion of this Committee an All-Australian Presbyterian Missionary Magazine would be a great help in the creation and maintenance of interest in the Church's Missionary work, and that the Victorian members of this Committee be requested to consult with the publishers of “The Chronicle”, “The Record”, and “Ministering Women” with a view of securing their co-operation; and also to investigate other possibilities, and report to the next meeting of this Committee.

(2) That until such time as an All-Australian Missionary Magazine is established each State Committee be asked to forward to the Board of Missions half-yearly general information concerning the work under its supervision. This material to be edited and circulated amongst State Committees for purposes of publication and propaganda.

(3) That this Committee communicate with the Foreign Mission Committees of N.S.W. and Victoria suggesting that steps be taken to make the Synod of the New Hebrides operate effectively as a Field Council.

(4) Recommend to the Board of Missions that at each G.A. of A. a demonstration be arranged showing as much as possible of the full range of the Church's Missionary work.

(5) Recommend that each State Foreign Mission Committee advise other State Committees of the movements of its Missionaries on furlough.

(6) That we recognise the value of and encourage interchange of Missionaries on furlough where that is found possible.

(7) That vacancies in all fields be notified to all Foreign Mission Committees.

(8) That copies of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to all members of the G.A. of A. Committee on Co-operation, to the Convener

and Secretary of the Board of Missions, and to the Secretaries of all State Foreign Mission Committees."

The recommendations were embodied in an article, "A Move in the Right Direction", and published in the Church Papers of the various States.

In accordance with the directions of the above Committee, held on 4th April, 1940, the Convener communicated with the Foreign Missions Committees of Victoria and N.S.W. These Committees gave their general approval to the suggestions "that steps be taken to make the Synod of the New Hebrides operate effectively as a Field Council", and sent along some further suggestions.

The Convener then sent a short outline of the proposals, including a suggested constitution of a Field Council, to the Rev. D. N. McDiarmid, Director of Missions, New Zealand, the Rev. M. Frater, Director of the J. G. Paton Fund Committee, and to Rev. Basil Nottage, Clerk of the Synod of the New Hebrides. In reply the N.Z. Committee agreed most heartily to approve of the formation of any such Committee and to co-operate in any steps that were taken to form it. The Rev. M. Frater, while not definitely disagreeing, pointed out the difficulties of such a Committee meeting in the New Hebrides owing to difficulties and expense of transport. Mr. Nottage writes, "It seems to me that, if the scheme of co-operation is to be proceeded with, as I believe it ought to be, there is as much room for change in the attitude at home as there is for change of constitution and rules on the field. The latter should be properly adjusted in the process of revision, and the former appears to have begun with this new approach".

After reviewing all criticisms and suggestions the position may be summarised as follows:—

- (1) Of the Home Committees, three out of four have expressed general approval, and feel that any steps which could be taken to encourage closer co-operation, not only on the field, but between the Home Committees, would be worth while.
- (2) The New Hebrides Synod, as at present constituted, with the addition of a small Executive to deal with urgent business arising during the year, possesses all the powers necessary to carry out the duties of the suggested "Field Council".
- (3) The Synod should meet annually, and its decisions should be given full consideration by the various Home Committees.

It was suggested further that steps be taken to hold a meeting of the Synod of the New Hebrides in June, 1941, and that the Rev. Geo. Anderson and the Rev. C. E. Turnbull should attend the Synod to discuss these proposals, and, if possible, finalise them. However, the interruption of communications due to the war made this impossible, but the Synod appointed certain of its members to continue negotiations with the Special Committee.

Western Australia.

Subsequent to conversations and correspondence between the Rev. J. Adamson and the Convener, the West Australian Foreign and Aborigines Committee forwarded to the Board of Missions a resolution passed by the General Assembly in May that the Committee "investigate the possibility of establishing a permanent Foreign Mission enterprise, if possible in co-operation with the special Foreign Mission Committee of the General Assembly of Australia".

"The Rev. J. Adamson spoke to the resolution and explained the situation in Western Australia. After discussion it was agreed that, in view of the desire of the Church in Western Australia to have a larger share in Foreign Mission enterprise, it be recommended that, while the W.A. Church should not in any way diminish its interest in and contributions to the work of the Board of Missions on behalf of the Aborigines, the Foreign Mission Committees in New South Wales and Western Australia confer with a view to enlisting the interest of the Church in Western Australia in the Mission in India under the auspices of the Church of New South Wales."

In May, 1942, the G.A. of W.A. approved of the proposed Foreign Mission enterprise whereby the Church in the West is to be associated with the Church in N.S.W., in terms of the Board of Mission's resolution, and a sub-committee is busy working out a scheme and presently it is hoped that a definite plan of action will be in operation.

C. E. TURNBULL, Convener.

COLLEGE COMMITTEE.

The transfer of the Executive from Melbourne to Sydney was effected in the middle of 1940, and the first meeting of the new Executive was held on July 1. The Convener, the Rev. John Edwards, was prevented by illness from attending any meeting after the first two. Prof. Kenneth Edward passed away in September, 1941, and the Convener in January, 1942, these sad events occasioning not only a loss to the Executive but a personal bereavement to its members. The Rev. D. J. Flockhart, M.A., was appointed Convener.

A number of Students have interrupted their studies in order to serve with the Empire Forces, and we commend them to the thought and prayers of the Church. The Committee seeks from the Assembly authority to determine the course of studies for Returned Men, as each set of circumstances may require.

Thirty-nine Students have been engaged in the Home Mission Course in the period since 1939, the number from each State who have completed it being as follows:—Queensland, 5; New South Wales, 3; Victoria, 7; South Australia, 1; West Australia, 1.

Ten passed the Entrance Examination to the Theological Hall, from:—Queensland, 2; New South Wales, 4; Victoria, 3; and West Australia, 1.

Forty-eight Students have attended Theological Halls, and Exit Certificates have been issued as follows:—Queensland, 9; New South Wales, 10; Victoria, 16 and 3 Special Course men; West Australia, 1. The Revs. R. F. Peirce and J. B. Allison completed the courses set for them, and were duly certified to the Committee on Reception of Ministers. The Rev. G. F. Buckley attended the Hall for the prescribed two years, but the Executive is not satisfied with the general standard of his work, and refers the decision in his case to the Assembly. Mr. Buckley, meantime, is continuing the work of the Third Year.

Four Home Missionaries sat for special examinations on the Doctrine of the Sacraments, and two passed.

State Committees were asked to report on the proposed alteration of the Rules of Entrance and modification of the Home Mission Course (B.B., 1939, Min. 117). Queensland Home Mission Committee disapproves of any changes during the war, in view of the difficulty in securing men. N.S. Wales Theological Hall Committee disapproves of the deletion of Rule 7 from the rules and of the subject "Old Testament without Hebrew" from the Syllabus; approves the addition of Stout and Mackenzie; approves the substitution of two "Leaving" subjects for three Intermediate subjects as entrance to the Home Mission Course; and approves the deletion of the rule re sphere of service of Exit men who have passed through the Home Mission Course. Western Australia Theological Hall Committee approves of the proposed changes. No other reports were received. In view of these returns, the Committee is of the opinion that no changes should be made at present.

State Committees were also asked to report on the Rules of Exit (B.B., 1939, Min. 120). N.S.W. Theological Hall Committee suggests that Rule 3 be amended to read:—"Passes at the same standard in subjects for the B.D. Degree at the University of Sydney or the Melbourne College of Divinity may be accepted as passes in the corresponding subjects of the Exit Examination." No other reports were received. In view of these returns, the Committee is of the opinion that no changes should be made at present.

The new method of conducting the Exit Examinations appears to have worked well. Decentralisation of the responsibility for examination arrangements is saving time and energy. State Committees conduct an examination, the syllabus of which has been approved, and the Second Examiners at which have been appointed by the Executive of the College Committee. The reports of the State Committees and of the Second Examiners come to the Executive, which understands that the final determination of results is its responsibility.

The Committee draws the attention of Committees on Theological Education to the necessity of ensuring that all applications from candidates for admission to the Home Mission Course of Training should be considered and reported on by the State Committees before they come to the College Committee.

The proposed Conference on Theological Education has been considered impracticable under present conditions.

The Rev. A. C. Karmouche, who was ordained Deacon by the Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem in July, 1934, and has acted as Agent of the Mission to the Jews in Melbourne since 1936, is petitioning to be received as a Minister of this Church, of which he is now a Communicant. The Reception of Ministers Committee declined to deal with the Petition because of the limitation of this Ordination, and remitted the matter to the College Committee. The Senatus at Ormond College has reported that Mr. Karmouche's previous training has fitted him to profit by a further course of study in a Theological Hall. He has been permitted to enter upon the Second and Third Years of the normal course at Ormond College, as a Private Student, taking Exit Examinations in Theology, Church History, Old Testament without Hebrew, and New Testament without Greek, but with exemption from the study of Comparative Religion. The Committee asks that it be given authority to prescribe such a course of studies for Mr. Karmouche, with a view to his acceptance into the Ministry.

D. J. FLOCKHART, Convener.

DEFENCE FORCES CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE.

We have been three years at war, and our whole Church has been greatly affected by it. Over 20 per cent of all our active Ministers are at present serving in some branch of the Defence Forces. Our Chaplains have done excellent service, and their work has been much appreciated by the Military Authorities. Twenty-two of our Ministers have been serving overseas; some of them have returned to Australia and are now serving in various parts of this land; one had to retire through ill-health; one is a prisoner of war; and the fate of those who were in Malaya is not yet definitely known. To all, our Church is very greatly indebted.

Rev. Alex. Tulloh has retired from the Navy after a splendid record of almost thirty years; and Rev. John Marshall was appointed in his stead. Rev. Norman H. Symes, after being for two years in H.M.A.S. *Adelaide* and H.M.A.S. *Sydney*, is at present acting as Senior Chaplain at Flinders Base, and is having a busy time. He was fortunate in having been transferred from H.M.A.S. *Sydney* only a week before what proved to be her last trip, but he keenly regrets the loss of so many gallant ship-mates.

The Air Force Chaplaincy has been organised, and Rev. A. D. Marchant, who was appointed as Staff Chaplain in April, 1941, has proved a wise choice. He has now ten full-time and fourteen part-time Chaplains under his control, and two on the Reserve. He reports that they are faithfully representing the Church, and in addition to spiritual ministrations they are also doing Welfare and Rehabilitation work. Gratitude is expressed to the friends who have helped to provide furnishings for Chaplains' rooms and comforts for the troops and several portable Communion Outfits. With the movements to forward areas the needs of the Chaplains have greatly increased, and a Fund is necessary on which the Staff Chaplain can draw for such purposes. It is interesting to know that the Presbyterian proportion of the personnel of the Air Force is about 13.6

per cent of the whole. Staff Chaplain Marchant urges the appointment of a sub-committee to raise funds for Air Force Chaplains, and suggests that it consist of the General Secretary of each State, with Staff Chaplain, and with Mr. G. Roland Love as Convener.

In regard to the various reports I have received from the Senior Chaplains in the different States, or the Conveners of the D.F. Committees, it is pleasing to know that the Queensland Church has sent cash to all its A.I.F. Chaplains, and a Communion Set and a Flag. It has also forwarded parcels and canteen orders every second month. The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches have united in erecting and equipping a fine Hostel and several Huts for men and women of all the services. Rev. Allan M. MacKillop, who has just resigned the Senior Chaplaincy, is worthy of special mention; he has been a Chaplain for 28 years, Senior Chaplain during 10 years of this period; and he has served in one force or another of military work for 52 years. Is this not a record?

In N.S.W. Rev. A. C. Grieve was Convener for two years, and Rev. D. J. Flockhart is now the Convener. While Rev. A. D. Marchant was in charge of a special Committee for raising money for Chaplaincy work he succeeded in getting over £3,000. Three commodious Huts were erected, and a Hut at Albury within the Church grounds was the gift of Miss Frances Gillespie. The N.S.W. Church is doing a fine work.

In Victoria several small transportable Huts have been provided for use in camps wherever needed; and in one centre a large Hall for reading, writing, and recreation has been built, with a small Chapel attached. A Soldiers' Welfare Association has been formed; it has now over 50 branches in various Congregations, and acts as a distributing depot for comforts, and controls a canteen and rest room. The Rev. C. Neville was Senior Chaplain for a period, but unfortunately his health became impaired and Rev. A. Irving Davidson was again called up for that position.

In South Australia there are so few Ministers available for military work that since Senior Chaplain Wallace left the State for a battle area there is left only one Chaplain (who is on part-time service). It would be very regrettable if the South Australian Church lost its visibility in Chaplaincy work.

In Western Australia, though Ministers are few in number and they have a great struggle to keep the work of the Church going, Military matters have been kept up to a high standard. An excellent Hut, costing over £800, has been erected and paid for by direct gifts.

In Tasmania the Ministers have taken more than their share of work in the Camps, and faithful service is being rendered. The P.W.M.U. has given great assistance in entertaining members of all Forces on leave.

In the Northern Territory the work is going on most satisfactorily under the charge of Senior Chaplain Goy, who is doing a splendid work among the men.

Since last Assembly most valuable help has been given to me by Rev. A. Irving Davidson, and for a shorter period by Rev. C. Neville, and this is most gratefully acknowledged.

Owing chiefly to the recent complete reorganisation of the Chaplaincy Department I have resigned my position as Chaplain General, which I have held for sixteen years. My resignation has been accepted, and, after conferring with the various State Committees, the Executive has decided to pass on to the Assembly the nominations of Revs. A. Irving Davidson, C. T. Goy, and W. A. Fraser, with the unanimous recommendation that the Rev. A. Irving Davidson be appointed as Chaplain General and Presbyterian Nominator on the Naval Chaplains' Nomination Committee. Revs. W. A. Fraser and C. T. Goy declined to accept nomination.

W. FLOYD SHANNON,

Chaplain General and Presbyterian Nominator
on the Naval Chaplains' Nomination Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Statements of income and expenditure appear in the appendix. Revenue as provided for by assessment has been furnished by all States except Western Australia.

Current liabilities have been liquidated.

Two meetings of the Federal Advisory Committee have been held at a cost of £344.

On the supposition that the advice of the Business Committee will be accepted, and only a small Assembly will meet in Sydney, the Committee recommends that railway fare be paid for one representative from each State and to Assembly officials only.

J. R. B. CAMPBELL, Convener.

FIRE INSURANCE.

Conditions during the past three years have not been conducive to the development of any Commonwealth scheme, although the respective State schemes, individual reports indicate, have made definite progress.

The scheme of National Insurance under the War Damage Insurance, liberal as we recognise it is towards Church buildings and plant, has added tremendously to the clerical work of our Church Insurance Staff.

The Commonwealth scheme of Insurance covering all Church Property throughout all States would, by spreading the risk, prove a distinct advantage. The authority given by last Assembly to explore the possibilities of some nation-wide scheme was handicapped by the international situation.

Some preliminary discussions were instituted with the Victorian Church, but it is quite evident that the quickest and surest way to establish a sound Australian Fund is for each individual State to build up a strong State Fund.

V. CLARK-DUFF, Convener.

State Reports are appended as follows:—

QUEENSLAND FIRE INSURANCE FUND.

The number of risks accepted at the 31st, December, 1941, was 503, amounting to £350,164, as compared with) 436 and £336,747 at the end of 1938. Net profits for the three years amounted to £866, and were added to the Fund, which now stands at £2,476. As new properties are acquired, they are brought under the Fund. No claim was made during the three years.

NEW SOUTH WALES INDEMNITY FUND.

The New South Wales Indemnity Committee has pleasure in reporting the completion of another successful three years' operations.

At 31st December, 1941, the total Indemnity over property within the scope of the Fund in respect of Fire risks amounted to £2,036,537. Of this sum £1,153,440 was covered by various Insurance Companies, leaving the Indemnity Fund with a total net liability of £883,097.

The "Fire" liability has increased by £75,096 since 1938, partly from property which came within the scope of the Fund during the period under review, and partly by a careful revision of the liability attaching to properties within the Fund. In determining liability the Committee continues to take a conservative view of the individual risks and the amounts thereon.

Fortunately no major losses were incurred during this period. The largest claim was in connection with the fire in the Forbes Church, Hall and contents in March, 1940. It cost £398/10/-, of which £288/10/- was recovered from the Insurance Companies, leaving the Indemnity Fund with a net loss of £110.

The Fund has also granted Indemnity in a number of cases against various accident risks. The net income earned in this section was

£291/17/8 and net claims paid by the Fund amounted to £15/4/-, as against £291/9/2 and £19/7/10 for the preceding three years.

The Fund's net income for the past three years from Contributions amounted to £4,416/12/5, to which has to be added Interest on Reserve Funds £564/9/5, giving a total net income of £4,981/1/10. Net claims paid amounted to £344/14/4 on 59 claims, while Rent, Services and Sundry Expenses cost £1,562/1/6, in addition to which a donation of £150 was made in 1941 to the Assembly Hall Building Fund, leaving a balance of £2,924/6/-, which has been transferred to the Reserve Fund, increasing it to £7,869/6/1.

It is interesting to note that during the eight years the Indemnity Fund has been in existence £1,005/15/8 has been paid out in settlement of claims, while the annual net income transferred to Reserve has averaged approximately £1,000, after deducting the donation to the Assembly Hall Building Fund in 1941.

When the Commonwealth Government introduced the War Damage Insurance Scheme the Committee made application on behalf of all Presbyterian Churches in New South Wales to the Commission for exemption from payment of contributions, and at the same time declared the value of all Church buildings and plant in one lump sum. Unfortunately this method of procedure was unacceptable to the Commission, who advised that each Church Committee must furnish separate returns in accordance with the Regulations. All Ministers and Secretaries of Committees of Management were thereupon circularised to this effect and requested to forward the War Damage Certificates, when received, to the Indemnity Committee to be filed with relevant Fire Indemnity documents. The Committee regrets that its effort to render a service to the Congregations by obviating the necessity of rendering individual returns were not successful, but it hopes to prove of considerable service by attending, when the time comes, to the renewal of the certificates held for safe keeping.

In the course of correspondence with the Victoria Church in 1941 the Committee suggested that it would be of substantial advantage to both Funds if an agreement could be entered into for an interchange of business, but so far no further steps have been taken by the Victorian Church to implement this suggestion.

The office work remains under the supervision of one member of the staff as part of his duties, and one typiste as part of her duties.

Regular monthly meetings of the Committee continue to be held. The Committee, consisting of Mr. T. O. McCreadie (Convener), Mr. G. C. Thompson, Rev. V. Clark-Duff and Mr. H. G. Jefferson, were appointed by the General Assembly of New South Wales in 1940 for a period of three years.

T. O. McCREADIE, Convener.

VICTORIA INDEMNITY FUND.

Two hundred and eighty-five Congregations are connected with the Fund with an indemnity of £414,417. Colleges and Institutions are indemnified for £610,460, making a total of £1,024,877.

The accumulated Fund now amounts to about £2,000.

The claims on the Fund up to the present have been small, and have all been met by the Insurance Company with which the Fund is associated.

J. M. BALFOUR, Convener.

HOME MISSION.

Since the Assembly met in 1939 the Home Mission work of the Commonwealth has been largely affected by the war, but in spite of that some progress has been made in taking the Ordinands of the Church to many in the far scattered parts of the States. Regret was felt that the new work begun in Manjimup in W.A. had to be abandoned, but it is hoped that when the war ends those great south-western portions of that State will receive the attention and assistance that the position warrants. A great loss was sustained by the death of the Convener, the Very Rev.

Donald Cameron, on July 4th, 1940. The Home Mission work lay near to his heart, and he regarded the whole of the Commonwealth as his field of interest and service. The Vice-Convener, the Rev. J. A. Hunter, carried on for some time, but as most of the Executive were in Victoria, the Rev. K. Forster, Convener of the H.M. Committee of Victoria, was asked to become Acting Convener. The only business arising since then has been in connection with the conferring of the H.M. G.A.A. representatives of the H.M. Committee of Victoria in regard to the allocation of the Lloyd Bequest Fund for Australia.

The Executive recommends that the income from the McCracken Bequest be continued until the next meeting of the G.A.A., and that the name of the Rev. J. P. Hamilton, of Victoria, be nominated to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. D. Cameron and the Rev. K. Forster continue as Convener.

K. FORSTER, Acting Convener.

Reports from the States are as follows:—

N.S.W. REPORT.

The world war broke in upon an era of progress in Home Mission enterprise that was fondly hoped would become an inspiration and a fillip to the whole Church. Since the launching of the "Forward Campaign" six years ago 14 new parishes have been opened up, sixteen new Churches erected. Data received from these new parishes show that the resultant impact on the work of the Kingdom is as follows:—

600 more folk are gathering for worship each Lord's Day.

700 more children are attending Sunday School.

68 more teachers are assisting to carry on their very vitally important work, and

540 names have been added to the Communion Roll.

The drain on our staff through enlistments in some branch of the National Services (19 in all) has been so severe that any further opening up of new territory has been quite impracticable. It has only been possible to maintain the existing stations by getting in an undue proportion of new men from outside our denomination; by enlisting the help of retired Ministers; amalgamating adjoining parishes where possible, and in one case we have amalgamated a country parish with and under the Methodist Church for the duration of the war and six months after. We have also for New South Wales made an innovation in the appointment to a country parish of Miss Netta Yansen, formerly of New South Wales, but for some years in the employ of the New Zealand Presbyterian Church in their Mission in South China.

We had plans and specifications out for more Churches, but the enactment of the National Security (Building Control) Regulations made the temporary abandonment of these obligatory.

At the present time the Department is responsible for 57 stations out of a total of 259 parishes. This we believe to be too great a percentage for a healthy Church enterprise.

Our plans, therefore, for a post-war programme include a drive for a better response to our yearly appeal, such a response will be necessary in order that we more heavily subsidise the stronger Home Mission parishes and raise to Sanctioned status.

We hope also to revive our building programme. There are new centres still to be opened up and some old ones needing assistance so that a Church much more worthy should be erected in districts that have out-grown the primitive building in which the Presbyterian enterprise first began its operations.

Last, but not least, an all-out effort must be made to establish a Training School for our Home Missionaries and all our students. The initial training with which the new Home Missionary at present sets out is deplorably inadequate, two or three months' practical training under an experienced suburban Minister is not nearly sufficient for the men, a number of whom have a weak educational background. It is surely only due to Divine help that the standard of service rendered is as effective as

what it is. More adequate training would certainly contribute to greater efficiency.

The factors working against fullest advancement in so large a section of the Church's field we believe to be, firstly, this need for training, and secondly, the difficulty under the present Regulations of giving good and faithful Church workers brought up in our communion the benefits of the Sacraments.

J. A. HUNTER', Convener.

VICTORIA.

The work of Home Missions has been affected considerably by war conditions during the past three years. The supply of candidates for the Ministry, and of unmarried Home Missionaries, has been reduced greatly. A number of men have enlisted. The inflow of new men has dwindled to a trickle of one man continuing the H.M. Course in his third year in 1942, with four men doing their last year in the Arts Course. Some Charges find it difficult to preserve their status through loss of members who have gone to the Metropolis for war work, and others who have joined the Forces. The Home Mission Committee has met the difficulty of reduced staff and increased stations mainly by the employment of married Home Missionaries, though this requires additional grants, and by the use of laymen who have offered their services in the emergency.

It is the general policy of the Committee to arrange for the induction by Presbyteries of ordained Ministers to specially chosen H.M. districts in preference to Home Mission appointment of agents. This policy is limited by the amount of money available for special grants to these districts. By the use of generous bequests received in recent years we have been able to follow this policy, and extend its benefits to South Australia and Tasmania, so that 52 Charges are subsidised from Home Mission funds with the approval of the Assembly.

The Committee has continued to assist the weaker States of South Australia and Tasmanian, with which the Church in Victoria is temporarily united. In 1941 South Australia received £441 and Tasmania £201 from Victorian funds. In 1942 Tasmania will receive an additional £200 for help in four special Charges. In three years, 1940-42, South Australia received seven Licentiate appointments and inducted to various Charges, and Tasmania six, and one was appointed to A.I.M. work in W.A. Without this assistance in men and money it is evident the Presbyterian Church in those two States would have been in a parlous condition.

The Committee has been fortunate in the goodly number of Licentiate appointments available for appointment during several years past, yet it has been obliged to disappoint several applicant Charges in Victoria which desired the appointment of Licentiate as a satisfactory solution of their problem of obtaining the right type of Minister for their particular needs. In two years time we anticipate great difficulty in meeting the needs of our Church Extension work by the appointment of Licentiate, and an accentuation of difficulty in the Church generally for the need of ordained Ministers.

In the midst of special development and the peculiar difficulties of war-time the needs of growing districts have not been overlooked. The Church must continue to advance if at all possible, and be ready to do its part in the great reconstruction of the after-war period.

Also scattered Presbyterian families in remote places are cared for by ordained Ministers, e.g., in East Gippsland, the extensive forest area in the south-west of the State, and in the Mallee. In the south-west a Patrol Minister has been inducted to his Patrol covering 25 Congregations in four H.M. groups, with a Home Missionary Assistant in each group. The scheme is proving highly successful.

To a limited extent we have co-operated with the Methodist Church in some areas according to an agreement drawn up in writing in each case. This means of meeting our difficulties and finding mutual help with the Methodists may increase as time goes on.

Grants allotted after consultation with the H.M. Executive of the G.A.A. and the H.M. Executives of the various States have been made from the C. D. Lloyd (Australia) Fund as follows:—

1940.	1941.
A.C.T.: £150—Canberra.	A.C.T.: £150—Canberra.
New South Wales: £150—Canberra.	New South Wales: £150—Canberra.
Queensland: £89—Biloela and Thursday Island.	Queensland: £89—Biloela and Thursday Island.
South Australia: £178—Whyalla.	South Australia: £178—Whyalla.
Tasmania: £178—Burnie and Swansea.	Tasmania: £178—Burnie and Swansea.
Victoria: Nil.	Victoria: Nil.
West Australia: £350—East Fremantle, West Leederville, Victoria Park, Manjimup, Kalgoorlie.	West Australia: £225—Kalgoorlie, East Fremantle, Victoria Park.
1942.	
A.C.T.: £150—Canberra.	
New South Wales: £150—Canberra.	
Queensland £100—Thursday Island and Longreach.	
South Australia: £200—Whyalla.	
Tasmania: £200—Burnie, Swansea, and Queenstown.	
Victoria: Nil.	
West Australia: £260 (including £54 Cr. East Fremantle)—Victoria Park, Kalgoorlie, Kellerberrin, Merredin.	

In 1941 the Committee found it necessary to send the Director to W.A. to consult personally with the State H.M. Executive, since some money allotted the previous year had not been used, and now three Congregations recommended for grants had declined to accept the offered help. It was discovered that they had no hopes of settlement even with the aid proposed. The Charges were Subiaco, West Leederville and Northam. Letters of thanks have been received from several States for help afforded by this Fund.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The Home Mission Committee of W.A. has naturally been greatly affected by the war. Whereas in 1939 we had seven Missionaries in the field and received assistance from two Ministers and one Licentiate, we now have only three Missionaries and receive assistance from two Ministers. Nevertheless, our people have responded to the situation splendidly and by co-ordinations, all centres have been supplied. The limit of this arrangement has now been reached and the future may not be so gratifying.

Financially, our receipts have decreased, but, by careful arrangement, our expenditure likewise decreased. We are attempting to build up a reserve fund for post-war expansion demands.

We are indeed grateful for the assistance we have received from the Eastern States. This assistance was not only financial but also personal in the visits of the Moderator-General, Dr. Flynn, O.B.E., the Rev. E. H. McLean-Shugg, Victorian Director, and Mr. C. P. Hughes, General Secretary of the Australian Inland Mission. We have reaped much inspiration from these visits and look forward to the future when we will be able to welcome other such visitors.

Unfortunately, the enterprise at Manjimup was not successful, and with the acceptance of the Rev. J. George as Padre to the Forces, the work at that centre ceased. Nevertheless, we have learned valuable lessons from our failure.

The Committee gratefully acknowledges financial assistance from the A.I.M., Lloyd Bequest Trust, and McCracken Bequest Trust. We are

especially grateful to the A.I.M. for releasing the Rev. K. C. W. Beckett from patrol work and making him available to the Committee for use at "weak spots". This has materially improved the "supply" position in country Charges.

R. D. BIRCH, Convener.

HOME RELIGION COMMITTEE.

We are glad to report a continued and increasing demand for the "Book of Family Worship," which has been published, as usual, by the Board of Religious Education, in conjunction with the Methodist Young Peoples Department of Victoria, and the Congregational Union of Victoria. The recent circulation figures are as under:—

	Pres.	Meth.	Congl.	Total
1940	30,500	2,000	1,000	33,500
1941.....	29,500	2,000	1,000	32,500
1942	32,500	1,500	1,000	35,000

Apparently there was some confusion when the Committee's membership was being determined, at the 1939 Assembly, for it is obviously not very satisfactory to have only one member of the Committee—apart from the State Moderator—in the State where the Convener is located. For this reason, and the restrictions on travel, it has not been possible for the Committee to meet.

It is worth recording that the Publications and Teacher-Training Committee of the National Council of Religious Education of Australia hopes to publish this year, or early in 1943, in association with the Presbyterian Board of Religious Education, a very notable and helpful book entitled "Up From Childhood," which is designed to aid persons and teachers in the Christian nurture of children and young people. The authors are the Revs. Robin R. Adair, Dr. John Mackenzie, John C. Jamieson, and Allan T. McNaughton, the last-named being also general editor.

A. T. MCNAUGHTON, Convener.

IMMIGRATION.

Owing to the outbreak of war the work of the Committee was brought to a standstill, consequently there is nothing to report.

Your Committee, however, anticipates that after hostilities have ceased there will be an influx of people not only from the United Kingdom but also from America to our shores, and in view of that it is recommended that the Committee be kept in existence and instructed, if the opportunity arises, to welcome and assist newcomers who belong to the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN A. CROCKETT, Convener.

MISSION TO JEWS.

In November, 1941, a Commission, set up by the Victorian Assembly in May, reported that the Mission to the Jews ought to be continued, but that present circumstances indicated a salaried Missionary was not required. It earnestly recommended that members of every Congregation should make friendly contact with any Jews near them and share with those neighbours the Light of the world.

The Assembly agreed to this. Recognising also the ability and knowledge of the Rev. A. C. Karmouche, it "cordially commended him to the G.A.A. as a candidate for the Ministry." The Senatus at Ormond College drew up a suitable course for his case, forwarding it first to the College Committee, and Mr. Karmouche has all the year been regularly attending classes and sitting for internal examinations.

ALEX. YULE, Convener

N.S.W. JEWISH MISSION.

The work of our N.S.W. Jewish Mission has been on a very limited scale. During 1939, and again in 1941, we have had short visits from Rev. A. C. Karmouche. In 1940 the Rev. J. N. Hey acted for two months as our Missionary in a helpful way. He continues as our representative on St. Paul's Association—an organisation for social and spiritual fellowship among Jewish Protestant refugees. In 1941 the Rev. Wm. Spence was appointed as Missionary, but died on the eve of commencing his work. We have not yet been able to secure a man of suitable gifts for the position. For this we would need also increased revenue. We have urged our Ministers and people to show kindness to, and make contact with, Jewish people in their neighbourhood.

The Rev. H. D. Mackie held services and administered communion in the Internment Camp at Hay and distributed there gifts of clothing and books. The Rev. A. C. Karmouche also visited the camp in January, 1941. It has since been removed from our State.

The Inter-Church Committee for the relief of Protestant non-Aryan refugees has given material help to those needing it, and it has also made representations to the Government on their behalf. We are indebted to the Rev. T. McDougall for his aid in this.

R. J. H. McGOWAN, Convener,

MODERATOR'S COMMITTEE.

The three years Moderatorial term of Dr. John Flynn has been crowded with many and varied interesting episodes, which have not only furthered the wide experience of the much travelled "Flynn of the Inland", but have enriched and matured the story of the Presbyterian Church in Australia. The choice was as fruitful as it was popular, and in days of great national stress, with need of the imperial outlook, our Moderator-General, by thought, word and deed, has never ceased to emphasise the importance and value of the national viewpoint. Congregations and States disappeared before the distant vision of the man who always thinks in terms of a great Australian Commonwealth, yet is practical enough to assess the contribution of single Congregations and separate States to the great and grand expression of nationality.

All States have been visited by Dr. Flynn, and all have been made feel the oneness of our great Church in Australia, have been inspired by his mission, and encouraged by his message.

It is particularly gratifying that Dr. Flynn was able to pay a special visit to Ernabella Mission Station.

Fittingly the McGill University, Montreal, Canada, recognised the worth of this great Australian pioneer and honoured him by conferring the degree of Doctor of Divinity, but no title will surpass in honour and popularity Australia's own decoration, "Flynn of the Inland".

The Presbyterian Church of Australia has been worthily and well represented in the national and religious life of the Commonwealth by our Moderator-General, and the wisdom of Dr. Flynn has been in unique fashion leavened and enriched by the grace and genial personality of Mrs. Flynn.

Dr. Flynn regrets that international circumstances did not favour definite action in regard to the "Federal Fund" authorised by last General Assembly of Australia.

The Moderator-General, the Right Rev. Dr. John Flynn, has been active during his terms of office, engaged in various parts of the Commonwealth, meeting Church brethren and representing the Church at various public functions.

The Church at large cordially thanks the Moderator-General for his term of faithful, unselfish and fruitful service.

The following list will suffice to show the completeness and extensiveness of his Moderatorial tours.

After the Assembly was over in September, 1939, Dr. Flynn left Melbourne for Perth to attend the special celebrations of the Diamond Jubilee of Western Australia, and preached in several places. In October, 1939, he represented the Church at the Centenary Celebrations of South Australia, and took part in various functions and services. The following month he was in Melbourne attending the Commission of Assembly there and conducting services in various Churches. In February, 1940, he was in N.S.W., taking a service in Scots Church, Sydney, and at Holbrook and Yerong Creek conducting Jubilee Services. In March he toured Tasmania and did much to encourage the Church there. In April he was back again in N.S.W., visiting the Presbytery of Young, attending the State Assembly gatherings, taking part in the Day of National Prayer in St. Stephen's and Scots Churches. In June he visited Darwin for the official opening of the A.I.M. Welfare Hut there, and from there he went to Sydney and Melbourne, in the latter place representing the Church at the Memorial Service of the late Very Rev. Donald A. Cameron. The following month he presided at meetings of the Advisory Committees of the General Assembly of Australia, passing north to Sydney, where he visited the various Congregations of the Murrumbidgee Presbytery. In May of 1941 he attended the State Assembly meetings in Queensland, and then conducted a tour through the greater part of Queensland, visiting Townsville, Richmond, Hughenden, McKinlay, Atherton Tableland, Dunbar in Cape York Peninsula, Cairns, etc., coming back to Warwick and Toowoomba. In October he presided at the 29th Anniversary Tea and Demonstration of the A.I.M. in Sydney, when an opportunity was taken to robe him in his Doctor of Divinity hood. He then visited various Churches in N.S.W., and in December of that year he attended the official opening of the War Memorial at Canberra, representing the Church also at various functions there. From there he went on via Melbourne and Adelaide to Alice Springs, taking Oodnadatta on the way, and on his way to Alice Springs he visited the Ernabella Mission Station. From Alice Springs he returned via Oodnadatta, calling in at the Beltana Nursing Home on the way to Port Augusta, and from thence to Perth. While in Western Australia he visited quite a number of the Congregations there. He returned to Sydney where he conducted services at Double Bay and Longueville. In May, 1942, he attended the Victorian Assembly, and the following month took part in Allied Nations' Day services at St. Stephen's at 11 a.m. and Scots Church, Sydney, at 7.15 p.m. This month he also conducted services at Pymble, setting apart Sisters Clipsham and Gibson for service.

J. R. B. CAMPBELL, Convener.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

The War.

The Assembly in 1939, meeting at the beginning of the war, formulated the attitude of the Church on the whole question. It seems only necessary to add, that since then the course of the war has involved the major part of the world, and that for the first time in our history enemy action has been directed against the mainland of Australia. The organisation of the total population of our land for its defence, and the presence with us of considerable numbers of our American cousins, joining with us in that defence, must have a profound reaction in various ways upon our life, and the new problems which arise should be faced by the Church with resolution, faith, and, above all, vision. The nature of some of these problems is being made more manifest as the war proceeds, and when the foundations of life are being attacked with such determination and material might, there is a challenge to the Church such as it has rarely been called upon to face to marshal the maximum operation of its spiritual resources. We are gravely concerned with the business of winning the war, and Presbyterians are not backward in taking their full share of the nation's burden, but we should be even far more concerned with the task of winning the Peace. To maintain the mental and spiritual balance which is essential while the foundations are being uprooted and the heavens are falling about

us is no easy thing. To inspire the right spirit which alone can secure post-war settlements which will ensure real peace is a task of the superherculean order. To make our full contribution as a Church to this supreme task calls for a measure of consecration and practical Christianity which we can only achieve by a fuller baptism of Power from on high.

Broadcasting.

A Parliamentary Committee spent considerable time in taking evidence on matters relating to broadcasting. The Council of Churches in N.S. Wales supplied representatives of the Churches in other States with a copy of its statement which was submitted to the Parliamentary Committee. The effect of this was that in all States the Church point of view was presented with a large degree of unanimity. The report of the Committee to Parliament must be regarded as most gratifying from a moral and Church point of view. The main recommendations in this connection were that in granting licenses for new stations preference should be given to religious and educational interests: that in capitals where there are two national stations there should be four Church services broadcast each Sunday; and that one at least of such services should be of a non-ritual character. In dealing with moral issues the Committee adopted a distinctly Christian attitude. For example, they say: "We consider that Australia is a Christian nation and that Christian teaching, both in its spiritual and moral aspects, is of great importance to national morale and national development." Consistently with this declaration they subject certain types of broadcasting to severe criticism, which the National stations do not escape. The Report says: "... it behoves those responsible for the National system to set an example. No item which favours, condones or encourages vice or vulgarity should have any place in its programmes, or in any programme for that matter. We are pleased to be able to report that the A.B.C. is endeavouring to observe the standard which the community would naturally expect of a Government instrumentality. There are certain exceptions, however, and certain phases of the evidence which call for comment." After noting the scrupulous care taken to discover and correct such things as mispronunciation the report goes on: "It would have been gratifying to learn that similar care had been taken to detect offensive misuse of radio's far-reaching influence on the minds of the young, the adolescent and the grown-up." The report further says: "We are loth to believe that ingenuity in the field of wholesome humour is less fruitful of new ideas than in other spheres of invention. Our view is that Australia as a young nation with a culture of its own to foster and develop, should take a firm stand against any slackness which portends a trend in the direction of scaling down the highest standards of propriety." The Commercial stations come in for some very severe castigation under this heading, and the remedies proposed alike for national and commercial stations are:—

- (1) Fines up to £50 for offences by a broadcaster and/or the official who passed the script or selected the offending record; or
- (2) Banning of the person concerned from employment in any capacity in any broadcasting service for twelve months; or
- (3) In cases of persistent unwillingness to conform to the required standard, banning of the person concerned from employment in any capacity in any broadcasting system for all time.

The recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee were embodied in an Act of Parliament which generally followed the findings of the Committee. Some of the matters, however, which we have regarded as of the first importance have not been included, such as the fuller programme of Sunday services. Another matter which has occasioned considerable concern is the discontinuance of the regional broadcasts which gave those Churches in districts where a regional station operates an opportunity to broadcast their message. These matters come under the administration of the reconstituted Commission, and it will be necessary to watch very closely their application of the recommendations of the Parliamentary Committee, and if they should fail to carry out those recommendations, appropriate action should be taken where the failure operates. Another

question which was reviewed by the Committee is the matter of Sunday advertising by radio. The recommendation of the Committee is that: "We recommend that on Sundays advertising shall be for sponsored programmes only and that the advertisements sponsoring these programmes shall be limited to the names of the sponsors without any details of their products." A further measure of administration is the setting up of a permanent or standing Committee of Parliament on Broadcasting. This Committee will have no powers of over-riding the Commission, but it will have the advisory functions both as regards the Commission on the one side and Parliament on the other.

Liquor Administration.

With the increase of Military camps there has been a marked increase in the evils of intemperance. So acute has the situation become that the Federal Government has taken steps to reduce the manufacture of beer by 33.3 per cent, while in various States some measure of local tightening up of administration has been undertaken. The position, however, shows little, if any, improvement. The Queensland Assembly, 1942, expressed "strong-dissatisfaction with the Government's disregard of public morals in its failure to enforce the Liquor Laws—as shown by the illegal sale of liquor, with its grossly evident handmaidens, drunkenness and vice—at a time when the nation faces the greatest crisis of its history." The report to the West Australian Assembly says: ". . . the W.A. drink bill has now reached the enormous total of £4,162,832, being £8/18/6 per head of the population, with many men absent from the State on war duty. Six o'clock closing of liquor bars would help to curtail this enormous expenditure, but the Government of the day does not appear to worry about this matter and refuses even to receive a deputation on the question. The Liquor Act is being violated on every hand and little effort is being made to enforce the law. On the Goldfields the law is openly flouted with the consent of the Government." In South Australia there has been "an alarming increase in drinking." An attempt is being made to reintroduce barmaids under cover of the National Security Act. The S.A. Government does not favour the proposal, but it is feared that they may be over-ridden by the Commonwealth authority. In Victoria we have no information as to the views of our Church, but we know from public sources that the evil is very active in that State. In N.S. Wales the report refers to the greatly increased consumption of liquor and adds: "We are gravely alarmed at the progressive deterioration of life resulting to many of our young people of both sexes." The most significant sign of the increase of the evil is that sections of the Press which have hitherto shown no approval of any form of liquor control have published articles exposing the evils and leading articles demanding reform of the liquor trade. The Assembly declared for total prohibition for the duration of the war, and the Council of Churches, which includes all sections of Protestantism except the Church of England, has also demanded war-time prohibition.

The Governments of Victoria and New South Wales have introduced drastic restrictions prohibiting the supply of liquor to girls and giving the police extended powers of entry and search where there may be reason to believe that the law is being violated. In New South Wales the law has not been strictly administered in the past.

Gambling.

The Golden Casket in Queensland and the State Lottery in N.S. Wales flourish abundantly. The Queensland Assembly reminded the State Government "that the ever-expanding facilities for gambling in this State—especially the Golden Casket—constitute a blot upon its administration, a curse to the community and an affront to the Christian conscience in that they foster the spirit of covetousness, weaken the moral fibre of the people and cause economic waste." South Australia declares gambling to be on the increase, but congratulates the Premier, the Hon. T. Playford, on his timely and courageous action in cancelling race meetings and closing betting shops throughout the State. In West Australia gambling flourishes in the form of lotteries, S.P. betting, and "tipping pools." In New South Wales the State Lottery still forms the major item, but not by any means

the only one in widespread gambling practices. Horse and dog racing have been curtailed and this is all to the good. It seems to be urgently necessary that there should be more widespread teaching on the evils of every form of gambling as these evils touch the economic life of the community as well as the deterioration effected in the individual.

The Sabbath.

War and patriotic work have seriously interfered with Sabbath observance. Sunday Schools and Young People's Organisations are largely depleted of men. Church attendance is diminished by preoccupation with war work. These things may be necessary and as such justifiable, but in some quarters there has been an intensified demand for Sunday entertainment and sport under the plea of providing for the needs of service men. In New South Wales the Government has taken a firm stand against extending facilities for Sunday entertainment. The plea for entertainment was urged by a representative of the American forces, but a letter from General MacArthur which has been published makes his attitude on the question clear. The letter is as follows: "General MacArthur has asked me to answer your recent communication relative to entertainment for troops on the Sabbath. General MacArthur is very concerned over what appears to be the misapprehension that the question of Sunday entertainment for the troops arose from his headquarters. Neither he nor his staff have in any way concerned themselves in this matter, for it is known that it is a recurrent problem in Australian history for many years, and it is felt that the presence of American troops is being used to reopen this question with renewed vigour. The General believes that this problem should be settled entirely by Australians, for it is your land, and it is for you of Australia to determine your own laws. The American forces will accommodate themselves to the result. I assure you that no one is more anxious to retain the sanctity of God's Day than General MacArthur, and this view is the one held in general by the entire American nation. Again may I reiterate that I believe that the solution of the problem of Sunday entertainment should not be entered into by U.S. troops and their officers." On this question the Queensland Assembly suggested (a) No military leave to be granted on Sunday; (b) Leave to be staggered throughout the camps so that men may find entertainment for themselves during week days. There is need for constant vigilance, for the pagan interests of life seize every pretext to encroach on Christian institutions, and it is necessary to vigorously protest and resist as opportunity demands. But the real safeguard of the Sabbath is that there should be a healthy public spirit regarding its benefits and privileges. It is interesting to note that in N.S. Wales the present Chief Secretary is firmly opposed to any extension of Sunday activities on the practical ground that the working man needs his Sunday rest.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Council of Churches.

West Australia comments on the absence of a Council of Churches in that State, but hopes that one will be formed in the near future. It is intimated, however, that the Anglican Church will not be a member. An Australian Council has recently been formed, but as far as we know has no clearly defined constitution. Its main function will doubtless be to co-ordinate public action by State Councils so as to secure similar action in all States on public questions.

The Social Evil.

War-time conditions have produced a prolific crop of loose morals, which have been greatly aggravated by alcohol. It is pleasing to note that in Victoria and New South Wales the Governments have promulgated restrictions on drinking by girls under 21. Administration, however, may prove more difficult than the promoters imagine. The West Australian report says: "It is pleasing to note that the Government introduced and passed a Bill which is designed to effectively deal with and curb this evil (contraceptives) and we trust it will be vigorously enforced throughout the State."

Religious Instruction.

South Australia has acquired the right to give religious instruction in State Schools and reports: "Great satisfaction has been expressed at the results of the first year's work of religious instruction in schools. The 'Free Churches' have co-operated, and many voluntary instructors have assisted ministers in this very important work. Lesson Books published by the Joint Council of Religious Instruction in Victoria will be used again this year."

C. A. WHITE, Convener.

RECEPTION OF MINISTERS.

Your Committee has to report:—

(1) That the following petitioners, who were received by last Assembly, subject to certain conditions, having fulfilled those conditions, were granted certificates of status admitting them into the full Ministry of our Church:—

- (a) Rev. J. B. Allison.
- (b) Rev. R. F. Peirce, B.A., L.Th.
- (c) Rev. D. F. Mitchell, B.A., B.D.
- (d) Rev. H. W. R. Norwood, B.A., B.D.

(2) In accordance with the resolution of last Assembly your Committee dealt with the petitions of two of the Presbyterian Ministers from America on their arrival in Sydney; and after personal interviews and careful inquiry resolved to receive the following petitioners as Ministers in full standing, and issue the certificates of status:

- (a) Rev. C. E. Rowley, Th.B.
- (b) Rev. H. O. Moore, B.S., Th.B.

The third petitioner, Rev. J. W. Myrose, has not arrived.

(3) The Rev. C. E. Rowley, shortly after settlement in a parish, suddenly left Australia, and, as it is believed, returned to America.

A recommendation on the subject will be submitted to the Assembly.

(4) Your Committee continued negotiations with the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand regarding the reciprocal transfer of Ministers between our two Churches, and was prepared to present an Overture to this Assembly for the necessary variation of the Rules on the subject when information came of the limitation of Assembly, and the Overture has not been proceeded with.

(5) Similarly the Committee had taken steps to prepare an Overture on the general revision of the Rules governing the reception of Ministers authorised by last Assembly, but for the same reason this has not been proceeded with.

(6) **Petition from the Rev. Charles Ernest Bowles,
Congregational Minister.**

Herewith is a summary of the contents of the petition:—

Born at Rockdale, N.S.W. Age, 37 years; married, one young child. Educated at Sydney schools; passed leaving Certificate and Matriculation Examinations; did not proceed with the graduate course. Theological training received at Camden (Congregational) College and the United Faculty of St. Andrew's Theological Hall. Ordained to the Congregational Ministry in June, 1936, and has ministered in several Churches around Sydney ever since.

His chief reason for desiring entrance into the Presbyterian Church is on the ground of Church government. He states (inter alia) : "Presbyterianism makes for a more effective exercise of the work of the Ministry and is better fitted to advance the work of the Kingdom of God."

Necessary documents have been provided; also many supporting testimonials.

The Presbytery of Sydney resolved unanimously to recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

The Executive of the Reception of Ministers Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition be granted, and the petitioner be received, provided he shall serve under the Home Mission Committee of N.S. Wales for a period of one year, during which he shall attend such classes as shall be determined by the Faculty of the Theological Hall of N.S. Wales, with the approval of the College Committee. Thereafter he shall serve under the Home Mission Committee of N.S. Wales for one year.

A. S. McCOOK, Convener.

ADDENDUM.

I.—Petition from Rev. Edward McIntyre Kippax, L.Th., Baptist Minister, Coburg, Victoria.

Summary of contents:—

Born at Latrobe, Tasmania. Age, 42 years; widower, one young child. Early education at State schools and Hobart High School. Passed Junior Public Examination of University of Tasmania, and one year's course in Psychology, Logic and Ethics in University of Melbourne. Took the four years' course in Baptist Theological College of Victoria (including Greek and Hebrew), and one session for Philosophy of Religion at Ormond Theological Hall. Ordained by President of Baptist Union in December, 1932; ministered in several Churches around Melbourne; spent one year in travel abroad.

Lengthy statements are supplied as reasons for desiring to enter Presbyterian Church, and for change of view on the subject of baptism.

Several necessary documents are provided; also supporting testimonials.

The Presbytery of Melbourne East resolved unanimously to transmit the petition with the cordial recommendation that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Executive of the Reception of Ministers Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition be granted, subject to the petitioner taking such further course of study as shall be set by the Theological Faculty of Ormond College and approved by the College Committee, for a period of one year. That thereafter he serve for one year under the direction of the Home Mission Committee of Victoria. That he also present a certificate of health from the Medical Referee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

II.—From Rev. E. C. M. Brown.

A petition was received from the Rev. Edwin Charles McIntosh Brown, Baptist Minister, Victoria.

Petitioner is 54 years of age. Married. One grown-up daughter. Theological training consisted in an extra mural course set by the Baptist College of Victoria, and he was ordained to the ministry of the Baptist Church. That in 1939 he resigned from the Baptist ministry "only on account of a limited sphere of service."

That he applied to the Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, and was accepted for Service. Appointed to Red Cliffs he has served there since January, 1940. Numerous documents have been presented in support.

The Presbytery of Mallee Downs forwarded the petition simpliciter.

Your Committee recommends that the prayer of the petition be not granted.

III.—From Rev. G. R. van Eerde.

A petition was received from the Rev. George Robert van Eerde, B.A. Pastor, Evangelist, Churches of Christ. Born at Brisbane. Age 31. Married, 2 children. Early education at Brisbane and Melbourne. Graduated through McKinley-Roosevelt University, Chicago, U.S.A. Extension Course. Theological course taken at College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Melbourne. Ordained to Churches of Christ ministry in 1937. Served in Tasmania and Queensland.

Resigned to take up work under Social Service Committee of Presbyterian Church of N.S.W.

The Presbytery of New England resolved "that after due consideration, Presbytery feels that its knowledge of the Petitioner is not sufficient to justify it dealing with the petition in its present form."

Your Committee recommends that further consideration of the petition be postponed till next Assembly; and that Mr. van Eerde be recommended to the Presbytery of Sydney for employment under the Social Service Committee and/or the Home Mission Committee of N.S.W.

A. S. McCOOK, Convener.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Finance.

Though it is a profit-sharing, rather than a profit-making body, the Board has satisfactorily maintained its own financial position, in spite of rising production costs, and an increase in some overhead expenses. The "accumulated profit" now stands at £2,286/16/2. Of this amount, £1,229/1/3 represents stock, furniture, and fittings, and £1,057/14/11 is cash. People in the realm of commerce who learn these facts are amazed that an organisation with such limited cash capital contrives to handle successfully so large a volume of business. The retail value of the sales is more than £10,000 annually.

Sunday School and Bible Class Statistics.

It is regretted that, of the six States, only two have furnished statistics of any kind for the abovenamed section of this report. Only one of these two States sent figures that can be regarded as complete and reliable. No doubt the frequent war-time changes among the personnel of Sunday School and Bible Class secretaries is the chief cause that has operated to produce this unsatisfactory position of our Commonwealth records.

Presbyterian Fellowship of Australia.

This organisation, though greatly depleted in numbers—especially on the young men's side—is gallantly facing the special difficulties and accepting the new responsibilities brought about by the disturbed conditions through which we are now living.

Though many of those who are still in the ranks of the movement in Australia are strenuously busy assisting canteens, the Red Cross, and other valuable enterprises, the men and women who are on active service are not being forgotten. Class, district and State magazines and news-letters are being used to maintain unbroken the Christian fellowship between members who are absent and those who are at home.

Work with the Joint Board.

Since the Presbyterian Board's last report was presented to the Federal Assembly, in 1939, the work of the Joint Board has suffered a serious loss, through the death of the Rev. Joseph McIlroy, B.A., B.D., Dip.Ed., who passed away, after an illness of less than two months, on July 11, 1940.

The Presbyterian Board welcomes the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Ernest C. Pallott as Director of Religious Education for the Methodist Churches of Victoria and Tasmania, in succession to Mr. McIlroy.

The labours of the Joint Board have been greatly assisted by the wise chairmanship of the Rev. H. A. Overend, B.A.

The new Executive Manager is the Rev. A. T. McNaughton, who had to assume these duties quite suddenly, on the decease of Mr. McIlroy. The present arrangement is that Mr. McNaughton will remain in office as Executive Manager until the end of 1945.

Changes in Literature:

- January, 1941. "Elementary Quarterly" replaced by two sets of half-yearly notes, viz., Junior Teachers' Handbook, Beginners'-and-Primary Teachers' Handbook.
- January, 1941. Both "Scholar" magazines reduced from 32 pages to 24 pages monthly.

January, 1943. Both Beginners' and Primary Folders reduced in area of pages.

Editorial Staff.

The following list gives the names, and also includes the denomination, of those who are editorially responsible for the various items in the range of the Joint Board's publication:—

Leaders' Handbook (for "Unto the Hills") ..	Rev. A. T. McNaughton*	P.
Intermediate Handbook ..	Rev. Dr. E. C. Pallott	M.
Junior Handbook.....	Rev. Dr. E. C. Pallott	M.
Beginners' and Primary Handbook.....	Miss J. J. Hopkins	P.
"Unto the Hills".....	Rev. A. T. McNaughton	P.
Intermediate "Scholar" .. .	Rev. Dr. E. C. Pallott	M.
Junior "Scholar".....	Rev. Norman Smith	M.
Primary Folder.....	Miss J. J. Hopkins	P.
Beginners' Folder.....	Rev. A. T. McNaughton	P.

* Also Executive Manager of the Joint Board.

Junior Picture Outlines		
Primary Picture Outlines ..	Rev. Dr. E. C. Pallott	M.
"Torch-Bearer".....	Rev. Dr. E. C. Pallott	M.
* Primary Home Magazine ..	Miss J. J. Hopkins	P.

* Special Home Sunday School or correspondence literature.

Circulation Figures.

	Methodist		Presbyterian	
	July, 1939	July, 1942	July, 1939	July, 1942
Leaders' Handbook.....	1,850	1,900	1,000	900
Intermediate Handbook.....	6,800	6,350	4,350	3,700
Junior Handbook)	*13,980	J 7,850	*9,650	J 5,500
Beginners' and Prim. Handbook j		} 7,500		(4,700
"Unto the Hills".....	7,000	7,200	6,100	6,250
Intermediate "Scholar" .. .	33,450	34,000	26,300	24,900
Junior "Scholar".....	40,050	40,800	38,600	37,850
Primary Folder.....	4,500	6,300	6,900	8,075
Beginners' Folder.....	3,000	6,700	5,400	8,450
Junior Picture Outlines.....	10,100	9,500	4,300	4,600
Primary Picture Outlines.....	4,450	7,300	4,700	5,400
"Torch-Bearer".....	550	600	875	1,825
Primary Home Magazine.....	500	560	750	1,075

* These figures give the circulation of the "Elementary Quarterly", which contained notes for teachers in the three grades: Junior, Primary and Beginners.

Co-operation with New Zealand.

It is a pleasure to report that the past three years have seen a continuance of the cordial relations established between the Board, on the one part, and the New Zealand Presbyterian Youth Committee, on the other.

Perhaps the most notable example of this was the delegation of six people from Australia to the N.Z. Centennial Youth Conference held at Palmerston North in December-January, 1939-40. Accompanying them as their unofficial leader was the Rev J. C. Jamieson, who was one of the principle speakers at the Conference.

Cost: £181/9/8, of which £100 was generously provided by the New Zealand Committee.

Names and States: W.A., Rev. Robert M. Herriman. Vic., Miss Muriel M. Rogan. N.S.W., Mr. Keith Gilpin. S.A., Miss Edith I. Watts. as., Miss Zillah Woolley. Q'ld., Miss R. Clare Loosemore.

As soon as circumstances permit, we hope to see a group of youth eaders from the Dominion making a return visit to one or more Summer Conferences in the Commonwealth.

Intermediate Catechism.

Reports from State Assemblies:—

W.A.—“Approve generally.”

S.A.—No report.

Vic.—To be considered jointly by Creed Committee, Youth Committee, and Theological Education Committee; but no report to hand.

Tas.—No. report.

N.S.W.—“That this Assembly recommend to the 1942 G.A.A.:

1. That the proposed Intermediate Catechism be authorised for use generally throughout the Sunday Schools of the Commonwealth until the next meeting of the G.A.A. [i.e., the adjourned meeting of this Assembly],
2. That at such next meeting of the G.A.A. the proposed Intermediate Catechism be reconsidered in the light of reports made on experience gained.
3. That the Board of Religious Education be requested to continue to receive suggestions and/or criticism with respect to the proposed Catechism, and prepare a report thereon, to be submitted for consideration to the meeting of the G.A.A., when the proposed Catechism will come up for reconsideration, as in Clause 2.”

Qld.—“Approve generally.”

Up to November 1, 1941, comments had also been received from 17 Sunday Schools (covering 25 of the 50 questions) and from 38 of the 52 Presbyteries (covering 43 of the 50 questions).

All these opinions were carefully collated in the form of a typescript book. From November 6, 1941, to July 16, 1942, the Executive of the Board, at eight special and ordinary meetings, devoted approximately 10 hours to a careful consideration of every criticism and suggestion. Thirty-two of the questions—and—answers were left unchanged; 18 were altered—some of them quite extensively; and one new question—and—answer was added. The proposed catechism, in its amended form, is printed, as part of this report.

It is the Board's desire to see the Catechism released for wider experimental use, in the way suggested by the recommendation of the N.S.W. State Assembly.

PROPOSED INTERMEDIATE CATECHISM.*I. The Purpose of Life.*

- Question 1:** What is the chief purpose of our life?
Answer: The chief purpose of our life is to know, love, and worship God, and do good one to another.

II. The Faith.

- Question 2:** How does God make Himself known to us?
Answer: God makes Himself known to us as we receive and study His revelation of Himself in nature, history, human life, the Scriptures, and especially in Jesus Christ.
- Question 3:** What do we know about God?
Answer: We know that God is Spirit, ever-living and all-powerful, the creator and upholder of the universe, the wise, just and loving Father of us all.
- Question 4:** Who is Jesus Christ?
Answer: Jesus Christ is the Son of God, whom the Father sent to be our Saviour and Lord.
- Question 5:** Who is the Holy Spirit?
Answer: The Holy Spirit is God working in the world and in the lives of men, helping them to understand and follow Jesus Christ, inspiring and guiding the search for truth, goodness, and beauty.
- Question 6:** Is there more than one God?
Answer: There is one God only, whom we worship as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—known as the Trinity.

- Question 7:** Why do we use the word Trinity?
Answer: We use the word Trinity, which means Three-in-One, because the one God makes Himself known as the Father (our Creator), as the Son (our Redeemer), and as the Holy Spirit (our Helper).
- III. The Christian Life, Its Problems and Power.*
- Question 8:** What is the Christian life?
Answer: The Christian life is a life of fellowship with God through Jesus Christ, who enables us to serve God and to win the victory over sin.
- Question 9:** What is sin?
Answer: Sin is any rebellion against God or lack of loyalty towards Him, shown by wrong thought, word, or action, or by any failure in good-will towards man.
- Question 10:** What are the results of sin?
Answer: Sin separates us from fellowship with God, baffles His purpose for our lives, injures others, robs us of true happiness, and makes us less and less able to know and to do what is right.
- Question 11:** What is the Gospel?
Answer: The Gospel is the Good News of salvation, through the life, death, resurrection, and abiding presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Question 12:** What is salvation?
Answer: Salvation is the work of God, through Jesus Christ, whereby God freely forgives our sins, brings us into fellowship with Himself, and gives us power to live the Christian life.
- Question 13:** How does the Christian life begin?
Answer: The Christian life begins with our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Question 14:** What is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?
Answer: Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is opening our lives to Him, receiving and resting upon Him alone for salvation, as He is offered to us in the Gospel.
- Question 15:** What does God ask of us, when we receive Jesus Christ?
Answer: When we receive Jesus Christ, God asks that we turn from sin, yield our lives to His control, and use all the helps which He has provided for our growth in the Christian life.
- Question 16:** What special helps has God provided for our growth in the Christian life?
Answer: God has provided, as special helps for our growth in the Christian life, the Bible, prayer, the Lord's Day, and the Church with her Sacraments.
- Question 17:** What is the Bible?
Answer: The Bible is a collection of books containing the message of God, written by men who, during many centuries and with increasing clearness, were taught by the Holy Spirit the truth about God and His loving purpose for mankind.
- Question 18:** How do we obtain help from the Bible?
Answer: We obtain help from the Bible by reading it daily with care, storing it in our minds, treasuring it in our hearts, and obeying it in our lives.

* This word is explained in the answer to Question 32.

- Question 19:** What is prayer?
Answer: Prayer is drawing near to God, in the name of Jesus Christ, worshipping Him, thanking Him for His goodness, confessing our sins, awaiting His guidance, and asking His help for ourselves and others.
- Question 20:** What is the Lord's Day?
Answer: From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have set apart the first day of the week for worship, calling it "the Lord's Day", because on that day the Lord Jesus rose from the dead.
- Question 21:** How do we obtain help from the Lord's Day?
Answer: We obtain help from the Lord's Day by making it a holy day for rest, worship, fellowship, and service.
- Question 22:** What is the Christian Church?
Answer: The Christian Church is the Holy Fellowship, created by God, in which Christians are united to worship, study, teach, and serve.
- Question 23:** Who belong to the Church?
Answer: All who believe in and confess Jesus Christ as Lord, together with their children, belong to the Church.
- Question 24:** How do we obtain help from the Church?
Answer: We obtain help from the Church by uniting in her worship and sacraments, practising her teaching, living in friendship with all her members, and sharing in her work.

IV. The Church and Ourselves.

- Question 25:** What is the Presbyterian Church?
Answer: The Presbyterian Church, known in many countries by the name "Reformed", is a part of the Christian Church which, at the Reformation, sought to restore New Testament worship, teaching, and government.
- Question 26:** Why is our Church named Presbyterian?
Answer: Our Church is named Presbyterian because, following the custom of the New Testament, it is governed by presbyters.
- Question 27:** What are presbyters?
Answer: Presbyters are ministers and elders.
- Question 28:** What are ministers?
Answer: Ministers are persons who have been called by God, and ordained by a Presbytery to be servants of the whole Church, to be pastors of God's people, to preach and teach the Word, administer the sacraments, and preside over the work of a congregation.
- Question 29:** What are elders?
Answer: Elders are persons who have been called by God, elected to office by the congregation, and ordained to assist the minister in governing the Church.
- Question 30:** How do ministers and elders govern?
Answer: Ministers and elders govern a local congregation through a Session; a group of congregations through a Presbytery; and all the congregation in a State or nation through a General Assembly.
- Question 31:** When are persons received and admitted into full membership within a congregation?
Answer: Persons who have been baptized are received and admitted by the Session into full membership within a congregation, when, after instruction, they profess their faith in God through Jesus Christ, and pledge their loyalty to Him and His Church.

- Question 32:** What is a sacrament?
Answer: A sacrament is a religious rite in which, by the use of symbols and actions, spiritual truths are pictured and blessings are conveyed.
- Question 33:** What are the sacraments of the New Testament?
Answer: The sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.
- Question 34:** What is Baptism?
Answer: Baptism is the sacrament in which God's cleansing of our lives from sin is symbolized by the use of water, and in which we are received into the fellowship of the Church and dedicated to God.
- Question 35:** What are parents required to do, when they present their children for baptism?
Answer: Parents, when they present their children for baptism, are required to profess their faith in God through Jesus Christ, and to pledge themselves that, with the help of the Church, they will bring up their children in the way of Christ.
- Question 36:** What is expected of baptized children?
Answer: It is expected of baptized children that they will think of themselves as belonging to God and His Church, and will, in their early youth, profess their own faith in Him by coming to the Lord's Supper.
- Question 37:** When should adults be baptized?
Answer: If they have not received baptism in childhood, adults should be baptized when they have professed their faith in God through Jesus Christ, and their desire to unite with His Church.
- Question 38:** What is the Lord's Supper?
Answer: The Lord's Supper is the sacrament of Christian fellowship.
- Question 39:** How did the Lord's Supper begin?
Answer: "The Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread. And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me."
(1 Cor. 11:23-25.)
- Question 40:** What do we do, when we rightly take part in the Lord's Supper?
Answer: When we rightly take part in the Lord's Supper, we use in faith the symbols of bread and wine, we remember with joy and thanksgiving Christ's death for us, we realize His presence with us, we pledge our loyalty to Him and His Church, and we receive from Him strength for daily living.
- Question 41:** What is the duty of the Church?
Answer: The duty of the Church is to worship God in the name of Christ, to proclaim our Lord and His Gospel to the ends of the earth, to build up her members in faith, character, and fellowship, to give loving service to all men for Christ's sake, and to watch and pray for the coming of His Kingdom.
 [Adapted from Church of Scotland booklet, "We Believe."]

Question 42: What are our duties, as members of the Church?
Answer: As members of the Church, our duties are to join regularly in her worship and sacraments, to be friendly to all her members, to bring others to Christ, and to support, by prayer, service, and gifts, her work at home and abroad for the Kingdom of God.

V. The Kingdom of God.

Question 43: What is the Kingdom of God?
Answer: The Kingdom of God is the rule of God in the heart, producing the new order of society in which men shall live together as brothers, doing the will of God as it is revealed in Jesus Christ.

Question 44: How does the Kingdom of God come?
Answer: The Kingdom of God comes according to the measure in which we receive Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives, and work with others for the extension of that Kingdom, looking forward to the time when there shall be fully established His reign of righteousness, peace, and joy.

Question 45: What is our chief duty, as citizens in the Kingdom of God?

Answer: Our chief duty, as citizens in the Kingdom of God, is complete loyalty to God, under whose guidance we shall seek the full development of all our powers—body, mind, and spirit—for His service.

Question 46: What are our other duties, as citizens in the Kingdom of God?

Answer: Our other duties, as citizens in the Kingdom of God, are to make our homes centres of happy fellowship, to live with good-will towards all men, to do our daily work as a sacred service for God and His Kingdom, to seek the highest welfare of our own country, and to treat all other races and nations as our brothers, equally dear unto God.

Question 47: How do the Scriptures sum up the duties of citizens in the Kingdom of God?

Answer: The Scriptures sum up the duties of citizens in the Kingdom of God by saying:

“What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?”

(Micah 6:8.)

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.”

(Luke 10:27.)

“All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.”

(Matthew 7:12.)

Question 48: When will the Kingdom fully come?

Answer: The Kingdom of God will fully come in God's own time and way, when Christ will reveal Himself in power and glory, by the complete triumph of good over evil.

VI. The Life to Come.

Question 49: What do we believe concerning the life to come?

Answer: We believe that all men continue to live after death, and are judged by God, according to the way in which they have accepted or rejected His mercy and purpose for their lives.

Question 50: What is the hope of the Christian for the life to come?

Answer: The hope of the Christian for the life to come is that all who have accepted God's mercy and purpose for their lives, shall be with Christ and be like Christ, living in perfect fellowship with one another and with God.

VII. Conclusion.

Question 51: In what spirit does the Church hold and proclaim her Faith?

Answer: The Church holds and proclaims her Faith in reverent obedience to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, ever seeking to understand more fully the mind and will of God, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

Youth Hymnal.

War conditions have, for the time being, interfered with the progress that was being made towards completion of the Youth Hymnal (for Fellowships and Bible Classes), being prepared by a Committee in New Zealand, under the guidance of that Church's Youth Committee. The Board hopes to co-operate in the publishing and/or marketing of this book.

Commonwealth Youth Sunday Orders of Service.

1940	48,000 copies distributed.
1941	42,440 copies distributed.

No orders of service were issued in 1942, for these reasons:—Uncertainty as to how schools would be situated for normal observance of this day, especially in certain of the States. The necessity of conserving paper for more essential purposes—e.g., graded literature for Sunday Schools and Bible Classes. (Half a ton of paper would have been used for one year's leaflets.) A desire to effect a useful economy; the leaflets cost the Board about £66 each year. There is no financial return from this outlay, because they are distributed gratis.

"Up From Childhood"

This book for parents and teachers, prepared in the main by the late Rev. Robin Adair, M.A., B.D., will, it is hoped, be published about the end of 1942 or early in 1943. Three additional chapters have been written, by the Revs. Dr. John Mackenzie, J. C. Jamieson, and A. T. McNaughton. The six more technical chapters (by Mr. Adair) have already had two revisions, one of them—this was particularly requested by the author—being at the hands of persons each of whom is a specialist in working with some particular age-group. There will shortly be undertaken the final survey of the script as a whole, in preparation for printing.

The publication is to take place—by arrangement with the Board—under the auspices of the National Council of Religious Education of Australia, whose Publications Committee has for its Convener the Rev. A. T. McNaughton. It is expected that the retail price will be about 4/-.

Theological Education.

To our knowledge, no progress has been made by the College Committee along the lines of Clause 15 in the Board's Deliverance (Minute 213, p. 82, 1939 B.B.). However, the Director is now serving as a member of a Commission on Practical Training, set up by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. Along with Dr. John Mackenzie—former Convener of the Board—he has submitted to the Commission a number of recommendations touching the place of Religious Education in the theological curriculum.

Future Developments Affecting the Director's Work.

The Board gratefully acknowledges the faithful and efficient service of the Director. His tireless energy, passion for thoroughness, literary ability, comprehensive grasp, and wide vision have all contributed to raise the standard of our literature, and to win favour for it in Presbyterian Churches as far afield as South Africa.

In spite of the valuable assistance rendered to Mr. McNaughton by the Board's secretary, Miss Hazel Belcher, the continual expansion of the work under his direction has imposed on him a variety and weight of responsibility beyond the capacity of any one officer to carry indefinitely. This situation renders imperative a review of the work now included in the Directorship.

The present duties of the Director are curiously mixed. He is expected to be a religious journalist, an editor, a publisher, an organiser (station-

ary and also travelling), a business manager, a preacher, a specialist lecturer, with a wide and detailed knowledge concerning many phases of Religious Education.

If an adequately long-range view is taken of this work, the following development (or plans akin to them) are likely to appear necessary:—

- (1) A Presbyterian Federal Director, who is wholly or largely freed from the Joint Board editorial and managerial duties, at present carried by the Presbyterian Director. As things are, these take fully half his time.
- (2) Because of and parallel with the change in (1) above, some adjustments in the Joint Board's administrative machinery. As a result of representations made on this subject by the Presbyterian Board there has recently been set up a committee of the Joint Board, empowered to inquire into the constitution of the latter body, and, if thought necessary, to make recommendations to it, as to changes that are desirable.
- (3) Professors of Religious Education in at least two of our capital cities—ultimately a professor in each capital. By the co-operative enterprise of several denominations, hundreds of theological students could be receiving thorough tuition in the theory and practice of Religious Education, and many ordained Ministers could greatly benefit from short "refresher courses", periodically organised by the professors and their assistants.
- (4) Schools of Religious Education—one in each capital city—for the intensive training of lay leadership.

On behalf of the Board,

W. H. WATERS, Convener.

SOCIAL SERVICES.

The outbreak and continuance of the Great War since the last General Assembly of Australia has made increasing demands upon the social activities of the Churches in every State. While the amount of poverty has been diminished by increased employment and higher wages brought about by war industries and military services, the Churches have been called upon to render many new kinds of work caused by these conditions. Many of these are of such a nature that they cannot well be tabulated in a report. Thousands of soldiers and others, both men and women, in our fighting forces are being assisted in numerous ways which minister to their welfare; yet because of their number and the scattered localities in which they take place, it is impossible to co-ordinate them in one united system. The fact that they are going on shows that, just as the nation's industries have been capable of adaptation to new and urgent uses, so the spiritual forces within the Church have been adjusted to unprecedented demands for the social application of the Gospel.

In the following accounts only a brief survey of existing social services can be attempted; but they will indicate that, while the newer types of war-time work are being done, the older and more stabilised forms of activity have been well maintained.

QUEENSLAND.

There have been no new avenues of service opened up since the 1939 Report was presented; but the **Blackheath Home** for boys at Oxley, Brisbane; the **W. R. Black Home** for girls and little boys at Chelmer, Brisbane; the **Hopetoun Home for Aged Men** at Corinda, Brisbane; and the **Stonehaven Home for Aged Women** at Chelmer, are all functioning, but under different conditions, as all the children of the Homes have been evacuated and are accommodated at Killarney and the **Darling Downe**.

A considerable amount of work is being done among the Military Forces in conjunction with the Methodist Church, and this is reported by the Chaplaincy Committee.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

Vigorous work is proceeding in various centres throughout Sydney and suburbs with some extension into country parts. At **Palmer Street** a Welfare Officer and his wife have been appointed to supervise the social and religious work in a congested area. Alterations have been made in the old Church so as to provide greater facilities for the new undertaking which is now under the sole administration of the Social Service Department. This is the oldest centre of social work, and much tender sentiment remains for the original efforts made by a few faithful people many years ago.

Redfern.

The work here has been carried on with great energy by the Deaconess and her many helpers from different Churches. The help given to the poor has not been up to the high level of previous years owing to the demands made by the war upon the financial resources of sympathising friends, but much good work has been done, and the Church services, Sunday School, Fellowship and other organisations, have all been functioning successfully in spite of many difficulties.

Ultimo-Pyrmont.

Here, as in Palmer Street, a man and his wife are employed, and they report a considerable increase in the number attending Church services. Food and other forms of relief have been regularly distributed. Religious instruction in day schools is given by the Welfare Officer.

Erskineville.

The marked feature of the work here is a Girls' Club conducted by the Deaconess, in addition to much other work done in the community.

Newtown.

This centre has suffered through the decline in Church life due to moving population, and the absence of a settled Minister over a considerable period, with the decreasing ability of the parish to call one, has resulted in the work being given over to the Social Service Committee for a stated time. The Deaconess perseveres with the well-established services among the poorer members of the community.

Balmain, Glebe.

These centres have both carried good cheer and help to many needy folk and their respective Deaconesses have been untiring in their work.

In addition to the above-mentioned services, work has been opened up in Cessnock, Bellbird and Aberdare coalfields; a Dorcas Society continues after many years to make a great number of new garments and to repair old ones for distribution; the Deaconesses' Auxiliary undertakes various forms of assistance for all the centres; an annual fete, known as The Australian Market, is held, from which the last result was almost £550; regular visits are paid to the Children's Court; a War Comforts Fund has sent, during the last year, over 3,000 garments and numerous other gifts; hospitals are regularly visited by the Committee's Chaplains; and employment has been found for a large number of girls and boys leaving school.

Generally speaking, the Social Services in New South Wales have been increased and organised with great efficiency during the last few years. The appointment of a full-time Superintendent has proved to be of the greatest value.

Home for Aged Ladies.

A dream of years has recently come true in the establishment of a Home for Aged Women. This was made possible by the bequest of a commodious property at Ashfield, known as the Eva Patience Wood, Pitt Wood Memorial Home. The property has been altered for the particular purpose for which it will now be used, and the rents of four shops, left as part of the bequest, will help towards the running expenses of the work.

Burnside Homes.

These homes are still the outstanding social service of our Church, and at the last General Assembly of N.S.W. report that 495 children were

under their care. Within the last few months, however, the whole of this work has been upset by the action of the Military Authorities, who took over the buildings for war purposes. All of the children had to be moved to Springwood and Woodford on the Blue Mountains into homes and other buildings provided by the Government. The shifting of so many boys and girls, the staff and furniture, etc., was a colossal task, and the Church owes much to the Rev. Dr. Macintyre for playing so large a part in this undertaking. The Education Department has provided portable classrooms and extra teachers for the children at Springwood. Owing to the splendid team work and good spirit of the staff, the move to new quarters, with many restricted conditions, has not interfered with the generally good behaviour of the children or the efficiency of the work.

TASMANIA.

Tasmania has not made any definite progress in social work under the exclusive management of the Presbyterian Church, but Church members are represented on various interdenominational committees.

VICTORIA.

The extensive operations of this work have been faithfully maintained, but space allows only for the brief mention of the various centres which are as follows:—

Abbotsford Hostel.

Accommodation fully taxed. Increased Church and Bible Class attendances. Improved equipment, including hot-water service, gas stove and Electrolux.

Babies' Home.

Matron absent through serious illness for six months, now happily back on duty. Fine Nursery School, costing upwards of £1,700, opened by the Hon. R. G. Menzies at close of last year. Public appeal moneys liquidated overdraft and also a loan of £500; of the balance, up to £1,500 is held for overdue repairs and maintenance. Domestic staff difficulties greatly increased through war conditions. Over 50 per cent of the infants admitted suffered from prematurity or malnutrition. Another year of wonderful life-saving was achieved. Provision is being made for evacuation.

Children's Aid Society.

"Kildonan" celebrated Diamond Jubilee. Since inception about 3,000 children have been assisted. Beautiful modern Kindergarten Cottage to house 25 little ones opened during the year by Mrs. R. G. Menzies.

Girls' Home.

Has had to face increased cost of living and reduced income owing to petrol restrictions limiting work available. Repairs and improvements cost £96—well worthwhile work done.

Girls' Hostel.

Despite increased cost of wages and foodstuffs, only a slight increase of board charges has been made. Seldom a vacancy for more than a day or two. Facing great difficulties in securing domestic staff.

Kilmany Park Farm Home.

New Superintendent and Matron (Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Thomas, formerly of Dr. Barnardo Home, Mowbray Park, N.S.W.) installed, facing a difficult future with courage. Decrease in numbers due to shortage of applications for admission. This is attributed to wages prosperity brought about by war and to improved financial ability of parents owing to child endowment. Debit reduced to £582 at end of February. A hot-water service costing £237 has been installed.

Renfrew Hostel.

Owing to changed conditions arising from circumstances connected with the war, it is considered by the Committee of the Hostel that the

premises should be thrown open as an ordinary Hostel for the residence of girls, primarily between 15 and 21, working in the metropolis. This would be a temporary measure, while present war conditions exist. The Hostel would, during this period, be "off the Budget". The Executive of this Committee has considered the position that has arisen in connection with Renfrew Hostel in consultation with the Convener of the Home, and approves of the proposals for its temporary conversion as an ordinary Hostel while the present conditions exist.

Sisterhood.

The Home has been almost full throughout the year. Sisterhood Friends' League has continued and extended its support. External repainting of Home much needed.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

The work of the Children's Homes at Byford continues to make progress. It is hoped to erect a further new wing at a cost of £1,450—towards which the sum of £1,000 has been donated by Mr. Nat. Harper. The demand for accommodation for orphans is so great that some 20 to 30 children have been refused admission as we can accommodate no more than 32 at present.

Social work is carried on amongst the sick-poor by St. Andrew's, Ross Memorial, and Scots Church, Fremantle.

The P.W.M.U. have been doing a fine work amongst the men in the Services since the war began, by taking charge, regularly, of the various Canteen and Hostels in Perth under the auspices of the Citizens' Reception Council: also, large numbers of soldiers going to and returning from the Middle East have been entertained in our halls, and St. Andrew's has a regular gathering at the close of the Sunday evening services for men and women in uniform.

We are restricted in our operations in Social Service enterprises because of the war, and because of lack of funds in view of the demands of our Home Mission work.

VICTOR C. BELL, Convener.

STATISTICS.

The compilation of accurate and complete statistical summaries and comparisons constitutes a problem in normal times largely because of the failure of so many Congregations to send in complete reports—the task is immeasurably increased in days like these, when so many far-reaching problems claim our care and attention. Statistics lose any attraction they may have had in the light of the practical difficulties confronting any Congregation in meeting the challenge of these times. Some States prepare no statistics for the Blue Book publication, others present a few of the more important figures they have, that a comparison with our position of three, six or ten years ago, would be so much guess work as to be of little real value.

It may be that the Year Book, which at present publishes the only attempt at State-wide figures, could be used to greater purpose.

The reconstitution of the Committee, too, would seem necessary if accurate and up-to-the-minute information is to be made available.

It is therefore suggested that the Statistics Committee should comprise the Conveners of State Committees and a Convener.

V. CLARK-DUFF, Convener.

QUEENSLAND.

The Statistics Committee regrets that no report on Statistics was presented to the State Assembly for 1942, covering the year 1941, owing to the indisposition of Rev. W. C. Radcliffe, who has always made up the tables. Figures for the two previous years are as published in the Blue Book of those years.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Statistics for the Year end 31st December, 1941.

Churches.....	442
Manses	171
School Halls	161
Other Properties.....	127
Elders.....	1,562
Deacons and Managers.....	2,842
Communicants.....	31,604
Adherents.....	36,127
Sabbath Schools.....	297
Sabbath School Teachers	2,126
Religious Instruction—	
State Schools in Parish.....	1,365
Scholars Taught	28,067
Congregational Income, including Buildings . . .	£150,803
Gifts and Bequests.....	£29,356

VICTORIA.

Statistics of the Victorian Church, taken from schedules for the year ended 31st December, 1940, are:—

Churches.....	631
Manses.....	278
School Halls.....	322
Other Properties.....	205
Elders.....	1,827
Managers.....	5,724
Communicants.....	43,518
Adherents.....	85,757
Sabbath Scholars.....	35,250
Sabbath School Teachers.....	4,500
Religious Instruction—	
State Schools in Parishes.....	2,772
Scholars Taught.....	174,660

G.A. OF A. TRUSTEES.

The Trustees appointed in 1939 met for the first meeting on the 29th April, 1940, when it became apparent that a full list of all assets and liabilities should be made available. Extra copies of the Deed of Trust were printed and in due course the Deed of Trust was executed. The execution of this Trust Deed presented many difficulties, and finally, after many delays, it was registered in New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, and became operative in these States. The Trustees felt, however, that before acting under the Trust the Deed should be duly registered in all the States, and certain difficulties arose in two States, viz., Western Australia and Queensland. In Western Australia the difficulties were not thought to be insuperable, but in Queensland they did constitute a problem. The registration of the Trustees as a corporate body might overcome the difficulty in Western Australia, but would not affect the position in Queensland, it was therefore resolved to report to the G.A. of A. the handicaps under which the Trustees laboured and seek further instructions. Further it will be necessary for the G.A. of A. to appoint a Trustee in lieu of Mr. F. C. Millin deceased, and also to give authority to the Trustees, if the occasion arises, to appoint independent legal advisers for consultation in New South Wales.

YEAR BOOK.

The period now under review (1940, 1941, and 1942) has brought its special difficulties to this Committee, but no effort has been spared to keep the Year Book at a consistently high level of accuracy and interest, and

to promote its circulation. Our thanks are again due to the Editor (Rev. J. R. Fiddian, M.Sc.), who has now held office for 28 years with credit both to himself and the Church, and the Rev. A. T. McNaughton, M.A., B.D., who is responsible for the publishing arrangements.

An increased deficit in 1940 led to the Executive's decision to raise the price of the book in 1941. Finances for that year showed some improvement, but sales have decreased in 1942, and the deficit is up again. Faced as we are with rising costs of paper and increased wages in the printing trade, it seems that we may soon be compelled to consider the price again.

Members of the Executive have considered a suggestion that the Year Book be published after the State Assemblies instead of at the beginning of the year, but are of opinion that the present arrangements should continue.

The following summary of our figures excludes review copies and copies, supplied to the Theological Hall. These amount to between 60 and 80 per annum.

Year.	No. printed.	Sales.	Expend.	Receipts.	Deficit.
1940	1300	1088	£93 4 2	£58 19 0	£34 5 2
1941	1150	1075	94 19 4	67 10 0	27 9 9
1942	1250	990	97 9 7	65 18 5	31 11 2

VERNON McKEOWN, Convener.

Overtures.

I.—From the Presbytery of Hamilton, Victoria, re Subjects of Baptism.

St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, Victoria, on Thursday, 4th June, 1942, at 11 a.m., at which time and place the Presbytery of Hamilton, Victoria, met and was duly constituted.

Inter alia: It resolved to forward the following Overture (presented by Rev. D. I. Munro, of Dartmoor, and Rev. H. W. R. Norwood, of Heywood) concerning the "Baptism of Infants" "simpliciter" to the General Assembly of Australia, meeting in Sydney in September, 1942.

UNTO THE VENERABLE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA.

Whereas the Church has always recognised the need of maintaining a high standard of spirituality and practice in connection with the administration and reception of symbols and sacraments, and

Whereas in regard to the Sacrament of Baptism great spiritual truths are symbolised and obligations of a special kind are incurred, and in order that the sacrament be not degraded into a meaningless form by those who lightly, ignorantly or unworthily take the vows, Rule I, 197 requires Profession of Faith, and

Whereas there is appalling ignorance and superstition concerning the meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism, with resultant mechanical, meaningless and merely formal answering of questions at the Baptismal service, and

Whereas many Ministers find themselves in a difficult situation when suddenly approached by unthinking and often irreligious parents who ask Baptism for their children; and in order to help both Minister and people to maintain the high standards of the Church,

Now therefore it is humbly overtured the General Assembly to take these premises into consideration and adopt the following form and direct its issue for general use or do otherwise as the Assembly may in its wisdom deem best.

PROPOSED FORM.

OUR LORD GAVE COMMANDMENT to "Make disciples of all nations, baptising them into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit".

JESUS SAID: "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God".

"They brought unto Him little children, and He blessed them".

God has given you a great treasure in the gift of a little babe. We earnestly hope that the infant will soon have the privilege of admission into the visible Church of God, and, by the Sacrament of Baptism, engaged to be the Lord's.

The Presbyterian Church requires profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and stresses full Church membership on the part of one or both parents of the child to be baptised (Rule I, 197). This is essential because the Sacrament of Baptism is a sign and seal of God's Grace and favour through Christ, a symbol of the cleansing away of sins by His Blood, and regeneration by His Spirit into the family of God, and everlasting life; and because special promises are given regarding the training of children. To administer the sacrament to children of such parents as are without Christian faith degrades Baptism into a meaningless form, and brings parents under responsibilities which they are unable to discharge. The Church is concerned lest anyone should regard this great sacrament as a charm, or merely the solemn giving of a name. To baptise an infant under such an impression would be to be guilty of superstition. You will agree that it would be unwise to baptise an infant when there is no reasonable prospect that the child will know anything of the Christian family into which he or she is received.

Baptism is administered in Church in the presence of a congregation of fellow-Christians, not privately, except under quite exceptional circumstances. The presence of both parents is desired. The child when baptised is commended to the care and love of the congregation and all believers.

Please bring attached form, duly completed, when making arrangements regarding the Baptismal Service.

.....
(Minister and Moderator of the Kirk Session).

(Please detach and return to the Minister.)

FORM OF REQUEST FOR THE BAPTISM OF AN INFANT.

- 1. Name of Child.....
- 2. Date and Place of Birth
- 3. Father's Full Name.....
- 4. Mother's Christian and Maiden Name.....
- 5. Address.....

As a Christian I undertake to endeavour, by God's help, to provide that this child will be brought up to be a Christian, that I will order my life as an example of Christian living, that I will do my best by regular attendance at worship to keep the child in touch with the Fellowship and Teaching of the Church.

.....Signature of Mother.
.....Signature of Father.

Signatures to Overture—

H. W. R. NORWOOD, The Manse, Heywood.
D. IAN MUNRO, The Manse, Dartmoor,
Victoria.

The Rev. D. I. Munro and Rev. J. Priestly were appointed to support the Overture.

The above Overture and Form were presented by Rev. D. I. Munro and Rev. H. W. R. Norwood at the meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery on the 4th June, 1942, and the Clerk was instructed to forward the Overture and Form to the G.A.A. "Simpliciter".

Signed JOHN H. BATES,
Clerk of the Hamilton Presbytery.

II.—From the General Assembly of Victoria, re Standing Order 36.

TO THE VENERABLE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AUSTRALIA.

Whereas:—

1. At its meetings in Melbourne in May, 1942, the State General Assembly of Victoria approved a Deliverance on the Report of its Committee on Standing Orders; and,

2. This Deliverance contained, *inter alia*, Clause VI, as follows: "Instruct the Clerk of Assembly to Overture the General Assembly of Australia re Standing Order I 36 in terms of the References given in the Report"; and,

3. The Standing Order of the G.A. of A. thus named declares that "A mover of an amendment shall not afterwards speak to the main question, nor can he move another amendment"; and,

4. In adopting the Standing Orders of the G.A. of A. the State Assembly of Victoria has made various slight modifications suggested by experience; and,

5. Amongst these modifications a variation of Standing Order 36 seemed of sufficient importance to submit to the General Assembly; and,

6. The modification consists of the omission of the last six words of Standing Order 36; and,

7. The grounds advanced to the Victorian Assembly for the omission of these words included, *inter alia*, the following considerations: (a) The fact that in a Motion or Deliverance there may be several details, needing correction, which have been noticed by some member who has made a close study and prepared a list of amendments; (b) Some Motions, and many Deliverances, cover a wide range of subject, which nevertheless it is not necessary or convenient to take clause by clause; (c) Standing Order 36 either prohibits adequate consideration of such cases on points submitted by the member most competent to explain them, or Standing Order 36 is sometimes conveniently ignored, and then perhaps suddenly enforced, with manifest injustice to one or more parties to a debate.

Now therefore it is humbly **Overtured** on behalf of the State General Assembly of Victoria that the General Assembly will take into consideration these premises and amend Standing Order 36 by omission of the last six words, "nor can he move another amendment", or do otherwise as to its wisdom may seem best.

THOMAS J. RIDDLE,
Clerk, State Assembly of Victoria.

III.—From the General Assembly of Queensland anent the Status of Unordained Missionaries in charge of Aboriginal Mission Stations.

EXTRACT MINUTE OF QUEENSLAND ASSEMBLY, 18/5/1942.

96. The Assembly called for the **Overture** from the Committee on Missions to the Aborigines anent the Status of **Unordained Missionaries in charge of Aboriginal Mission stations.**

This was submitted by the Convener (the Rev. David Galloway), who left the chair for the purpose, Rev. Alexander Duff presiding.

It was moved, seconded and approved—

That the Assembly sustain the Overture and **remit it to the General Assembly of Australia.**

Extracted from the records of the General Assembly by me.

ALLAN M. MacKILLOP, B.D., Clerk.

OVERTURE

Anent Status of Unordained Missionaries in charge of Aboriginal Mission Stations.

At the Church Offices, Brisbane, the seventh day of May, 1942, the Executive of the Aboriginal Mission Committee met to consider the status of unordained Missionaries placed in charge of Mission Stations.

Inter alia: Consideration was given to the form and the method in which an Overture on the matter should be brought before the General Assembly of Australia, indicted to meet at Sydney on the ninth day of September, 1942, and it was resolved that an Overture be presented to the State Assembly as follows:

Whereas it is the declared policy of the Aboriginal Mission Committee to appoint, where practicable, ordained Ministers of the Gospel as Missionaries in charge of the Mission Stations under its care; and

Whereas the Committee has been unable to put this policy into full effect owing to its inability to secure the services of such ordained Ministers for this important work, and it has been compelled to appoint unordained men as Missionaries in charge at Mapoon, Weipa, and Mornington Island; and

Whereas this action has been called in question. The Committee are of the opinion that certain action should be taken, so as to conform to the declared policy; and

Whereas it is desirable and necessary for the well-being of the work that the Missionary in charge of a Mission Station should be in the position to dispense the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper at regular intervals, the inability of the unordained Missionary causes not only confusion in the minds of the natives, but also causes them to regard the Missionary as of lower rank and lesser authority and thereby renders discipline more difficult and the work harder; and

Whereas there is only one ordained Missionary on the field, and he is unable, by reason of distance and inability, to leave his own Station to visit other Stations for the purpose of dispensing the sealing ordinances of the Church, and thus the native Christians are denied the rite of Baptism for their children and the privilege of observing the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and thereby some are "offended and caused to stumble".

It is therefore overtured on behalf of the Aboriginal Mission Committee to the Venerable the State Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the State of Queensland, indicted to meet at Brisbane on the 12th day of May, 1942, that the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of Queensland overtures the General Assembly of Australia to take these premises into consideration, and in view of the facts as herein set forth, authorise the General Assembly of the State of Queensland to ordain to the status of ordained Missionaries, for work amongst the Aborigines in North Queensland, such men as are qualified by length of service, zeal in the work, and of proved character and ability to successfully continue in and carry on the work.

Or to do otherwise as the General Assembly in its wisdom may deem fit.

The Rev. David Galloway and Rev. D. A. Brown were appointed to support the Overture.

Extracted from the records of the General Assembly by me.

ALLAN M. MacKILLOP, B.D., Cleric.

petitions.

I.—From the Presbytery of Brisbane on “Heresies—so-called.”

EXTRACT MINUTE OF QUEENSLAND ASSEMBLY, 19/5/1942.

129. The Assembly called for the **Petition from the Presbytery of Brisbane on “Heresies—so-called.”**

This was introduced by Mr. Innes. Mr. Innes moved that the prayer of the Petition be granted and that it be referred to the General Assembly of Australia.

This was duly seconded and approved.

Here follows the Petition referred to:—

PETITION ANENT HERESIES SO-CALLED.

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly.

The Petition of the undersigned, the Presbytery of Brisbane, respectfully sheweth;

That the Students of the Theological Hall (EMMANUEL COLLEGE), being convinced of the need for a forward move on the part of the Church to meet the extraordinary conditions now prevailing and aiming to develop a stronger and more virile Church: and further, believing that at least two serious dangers confront the Church in a tendency to compromise and be over-cautious, whereas the message must be presented fearlessly and with a preparedness to suffer if need be; and judging from their own experience as preachers of the Gospel that the heresies (so-called) of British Israelism, Prediction Prophecy, Spiritualism and Christian Science constitute a menace to the spiritual health of the Church:

Did humbly request the Presbytery to issue a statement of the Church's attitude to these heresies (so-called):

That thereupon the Presbytery received the request of the Students, and desiring that on such a matter the Statement should have wider scope than the determination of one Presbytery **RESOLVED** to make request to the Venerable the General Assembly to prepare and issue a statement on the attitude of the Church to British Israelism, Prediction Prophecy, Spiritualism and Christian Science:

Or to do otherwise as may seem fitting.

Which request the Presbytery of Brisbane now respectfully makes. And your petitioners will ever pray.

H. S. R. INNES, Clerk.

Extracted from the records of the General Assembly by me.

ALLAN M. MacKILLOP, B.D., Clerk.

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SUMMARY

B.B., 1939, Min. 33. CHAPTER ON DISCIPLINE.

Approve.

N.S. Wales: Presbyteries of Clarence, Dubbo, Hastings, Monaro, Moree, Murrumbidgee, New England, North Sydney, Sydney.

Queensland: General Assembly, Presbyteries of Brisbane and Toowoomba.

South Australia: Presbytery of Adelaide.

Victoria: Presbyteries of Ballarat, Bendigo, Flinders, Gippsland, Maryborough, Melbourne East, Melbourne North, Melbourne South, Mortlake, Penola, Western Plains.

West Australia: Presbytery of Albany.

Disapprove.

N.S. Wales: Presbyteries of Hawkesbury and Illawarra.

Victoria: Presbytery of Beechworth.

West Australia: General Assembly, Presbyteries of Fremantle and Perth.

Summary.

Approved by one Assembly and twenty-three Presbyteries; **Disapproved** by one Assembly and five Presbyteries.

B.B., 1939, Min. 95, 163, 164. RE SANCTIONED CHARGES.

Approve.

N.S. Wales: Presbytery of Clarence, Dubbo, Hastings, Illawarra, Moree, Murrumbidgee, North Sydney, Sydney.

Queensland: General Assembly, Presbyteries of Maryborough and Toowoomba.

South Australia: General Assembly.

Victoria: Presbyteries of Ballarat, Flinders, Gippsland, Maryborough, Melbourne East, Melbourne North, Penola, Western Plains.

Western Australia: Presbytery of Albany.

Disapprove.

N.S. Wales: Presbytery of Hawkesbury.

Queensland: Presbytery of Brisbane.

Victoria: Presbyteries of Beechworth and Bendigo.

West Australia: General Assembly, Presbyteries of Fremantle and Perth.

Summary.

Approved by two Assemblies and eighteen Presbyteries; **Disapproved** by one General Assembly and six Presbyteries.

B.B. 1939, Min. 213 (4). RE INTERMEDIATE CATECHISM.

Approve generally.

N.S. Wales: Presbyteries of Hawkesbury, Illawarra, Moree, Murrumbidgee, Sydney.

Queensland: General Assembly, Presbytery of Maryborough.

Victoria: Presbyteries of Gippsland, Maryborough, Western Plains.

West Australia: Presbytery of Albany.

Disapprove.

Victoria: Presbyteries of Ballarat, Beechworth, Bendigo, Melbourne North.

See Report of Board of Religious Education.

B.B. 1939, Min. 262. ADMINISTRATION OF SACRAMENTS BY HOME MISSIONARIES.

Approve.

N.S. Wales: Presbyteries of Clarence, Hastings, Illawarra, Murrumbidgee, North Sydney, Sydney.

Queensland: General Assembly, Presbyteries of Brisbane, Maryborough and Toowoomba.

Victoria: Presbyteries of Gippsland, Maryborough, Melbourne East, Melbourne North, Melbourne West, Penola.

Disapprove.

Victoria: Presbyteries of Ballarat and Flinders.

Summary.

Approved by one Assembly and fourteen Presbyteries; **Disapproved** by two Presbyteries.

Communications.

I.—From the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of England. 37, Sydenham Avenue, Liverpool, 17.

May 18, 1942.

The Rev. R. W. Macaulay, B.A., Camberwell, E.6, Victoria.

Dear Mr. Macaulay,—

“I am instructed by the General Assembly to send you a copy of the following resolution, which was adopted at its meeting on Wednesday, May 12th:—

“The Assembly records its sympathy with the Presbyterian Churches of Australia in the dangers and distress besetting them by the extension of the war in the Far East.”

To this may I add my own sincere hope that your members may be preserved safe through these days of peril.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. WISHART,

Clerk of Assembly.

II.—From General Presbyterian Alliance. 44 Queen Street, Edinburgh, Scotland.

30th November, 1939.

MESSAGE TO ALL REFORMED CHURCHES.

Dear Brethren,—

At the half-yearly meeting of the Eastern Section of our world-wide Alliance of Reformed Churches held here on 1st November, 1939, all who were present desired that a message in the name of the whole Alliance should be sent to the ministers and members of as many of the Churches of our Presbyterian family as may be accessible in this sorrowful time.

The longing to do so arose from the brotherly love which we all have in Christ for one another and from our profound conviction that much of this stricken world's hope depends upon the faithful cherishing of our fundamental unity and brotherhood in Christ during this whole period of trial, whether we are involved in the present unhappy conflict or not.

It is not for us to assess the guilt of the nations, or any of them, in the long evil process that has now culminated in internecine strife. The event itself we contemplate with unfeigned grief; and we fear its effects upon the Cause which our Lord and Master committed as a sacred trust to all His disciples of every land and kindred, unless, by His Grace and an effort greater than mere human flesh and blood can achieve, the spirit of the discipleship which is “elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth” is preserved in purity and in the glorious hope of His victory and everlasting reign.

Humbly owning that in God's Presence we all are sinful men and helpless but for His mercy, and that if He should mark iniquity none of us could hope to escape condemnation, we yet recall that He delighteth in mercy: wherefore we call on ourselves and all the brethren in our Churches to bring constantly to mind that eternal mercy of God which makes us indissolubly one in Him and constrains us to be the willing servants of His Son who has called us not servants but His friends and brothers.

Our infinite debt to Him urges us to do our utmost, now and always, by prayer and by love in our hearts and by every available endeavour, to maintain our common heritage together, to preserve our spiritual contacts with one another, to confirm our mutual faith and hope towards a far more Christian earth, and as much as possible to ensure that, whatever these days may bring to any or all of us, we may in every land be found ready as ever to advance His Kingship over all.

We pray all the brethren of our Christian family to whom this message shall come—and especially those who have special opportunity because their countries are mercifully spared the ordeal of war—to share and to further and to make actual the verities we behold in our vision—verities which are deeper than anything that can divide us—and to do everything within

their power to knit our world-wide family of Christian Churches of the Reformation closer than ever in this time of darkness and distress: for Jesus' sake.

We pray that we may all thus prepare our hearts against the day (God speed its coming!) when we shall once more gather together and greet each other face to face as Christian brethren within our historic fellowship.

In the name of the General Presbyterian Alliance,

We are, yours most truly,

ROBERT LAIRD, D.D., LL.D., Toronto, President.

GEORGE H. DONALD, D.D., Montreal, Vice-President.

ADOLF KELLER, D.D., LL.D., Geneva, Vice-President.

J. HUTCHINSON COCKBURN, D.D., Dunblane,

Chairman of Eastern Section.

GEORGE T. LENINGTON, D.D., New York,

Chairman of Western Section.

J. MACDONALD WEBSTER, D.D., Edinburgh.

W. B. PUGH, D.D., LL.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

G. D. HENDERSON, D.D., D.Litt., Aberdeen.

JOHN McNAUGHER, D.D., Litt.D., Pittsburgh, Pa.

CHARLES MERLE d'AUBIGNE, D.D., Paris.

GEORGE W. RICHARDS, D.D., Litt.D., Lancaster, Pa.

WILLIAM A. CURTIS, D.D., Litt.D., D.Théol., Edinburgh.

W. H. HAMILTON, Edinburgh, General Secretary.

III.—From the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

18th December, 1941.

The Clerk,
General Assembly of Australia.

Dear Mr. Macaulay,

In accordance with the request of the Federal Advisory Committee, General Assembly of Australia, 1941 Session, Minute 70, on behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria Trusts Corporation, I am authorised to communicate with you as follows in reference to the administration of the Bequest contained in the Will of the late Mr. C. D. Lloyd for the benefit of Home Mission work in Australia.

Under the terms of the Will, the trust premises go to the Presbyterian Church of Victoria Trusts Corporation for the purposes mentioned, and the application of the income is within the discretion of that Corporation. In practice, however, the Trusts Corporation is primarily a holding Trustee, and its procedure has been for many years, in important matters of policy, to seek the direction or counsel of the State Assembly of which it is an agency, assuming that the Assembly will act legally, and that course was followed in the present case. The Assembly dealt with the matter as follows:—

“Direct the Board of Finance to pay the interest from the C. D. Lloyd Bequest, which has reference to Home Mission work in Australia, to the Home Mission Committee of Victoria, for distribution amongst the States, after consultation with the Executive of the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly of Australia, with instructions to the Committee that, before coming to a decision, it shall fully consider any report which the Home Mission Committee of the General Assembly of Australia shall make.” (S.A. B.B., 1938, Min. 110.)

We have made enquiries and find that the annual distributions recommended by the Home Mission Committee of Victoria to date have been on a genuine Australian basis, and that there has not been any sectional preference to the Victorian Church, which, in fact, has received no allocation of income from this particular Bequest for any Home Mission purpose in Victoria.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. THOMPSON, Secretary.

IV.—From the Chaplain General, the Rev. W. Floyd Shannon.

To the Clerk of the General Assembly.

Dear Mr. Macaulay,

Owing chiefly to the recent reorganisation of the Chaplaincy Department of the Army, I find it is impossible for me to carry on my work as Chaplain General, which I have held for 16 years. And I therefore with regret find it necessary to hand back to the Assembly the commission of this important position graciously entrusted to me, and request this Assembly to appoint some one to succeed me in this office.

Yours faithfully,

W. FLOYD SHANNON,
Chaplain General.

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STATEMENT BY LAW OFFICERS [Minute 51].

During the debate on the report of the Committee on Christian Unity, the Procurator made the following statement:

Memorandum on Church Union.

The Law Officers of the Church consider it most desirable that the Church make up its mind as to the form of union that it requires.

There are two possible courses to adopt:

(1) Federation which would be on lines somewhat akin to the present union of the Presbyterian Churches of Australia as exemplified in our present General Assembly of Australia. Such a union would be on doctrine and polity only, and would leave the question of property untouched. This union, as far as our own Church is concerned, could be accomplished by a suitable alteration in our existing Basis of Union and Articles of Agreement without the necessity of seeking legislative assistance.

(2) Unification. This form of union would involve a complete merger of the whole of the assets of the Churches and must involve legislation in each of the States, and possibly in the Federal Territories. The position as to this is very clearly set out in a report printed with the G.A.A. Blue Book, 1924, in an appendix, a copy of which report is attached hereto.

B. C FULLER, Procurator.

11/9/42.

COPY OF REPORT ON LEGAL AND FINANCIAL QUESTIONS IN REFERENCE TO CHURCH UNION.

[G.A.A. Blue Book (Appendix), 192]

In reference to the General Committee to enquire into legal and financial questions concerning property and funds in reference to the Church Union proposals, authorised by the General Assembly of Australia on 12th September last (see G.A.A. Blue Book, 1922, minute 91), it is impracticable to prepare a complete official statement in time for the meetings of State Assemblies, but the section of the Committee meeting in Sydney consider that, so far as practicable, communications on the subject should be made.

Schedules containing inquiries of an exhaustive character regarding Church properties and debts are in circulation, and the results will be considered by the Committee in maturing a statement to send down to Presbyteries and congregations.

The General Assembly has given no detailed instruction regarding the contents of the statement to be prepared, but what the Committee has in view is a clear statement, uncoloured by the expression of contentious opinion, likely to help Church Courts and congregations on the consideration of the legal and financial questions affecting union.

In connection with the legal position of the various trusts affecting property belonging to the Church, its congregations, or agencies, which are created or evidenced in various ways, e.g., Acts of Parliament, Crown grants, wills, deeds and declarations of trusts, the experience of the United Free Church of Scotland in its famous case (1904 Appeal Cases, 516), makes it clear that a settlement of those trusts for the purpose of union with other denominations is most satisfactorily secured by Act of Parliament.

But first it is necessary to devote attention to two preliminary matters:—

(a) The existing Basis of Union of the Presbyterian Church of Australia contains provision for the revision of the subordinate standard of the Church, restatement of its doctrine or change of formula. Further provision is made for congregations refusing to acquiesce in the change. The relevant provisions are set out in the schedule hereto. It is submitted that these provisions have in view revisions and restatements of doctrines within the Presbyterian Church of Australia as such, and that, while they would undoubtedly regulate trusts of properties within the Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of regulating trusts of properties and funds consequent on union with other denominations, it would be unsafe to rely exclusively upon them.

While dealing with this aspect of the matter, we also set out in the schedule a provision that appears in the enabling Acts of Victoria and Western Australia, under which Parliamentary authority was given in these States to the arrangements for the formation of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. The legal effect of this provision on the Church Union proposals will be examined by the Committee, but for the present it is simply brought under the notice of the Assembly.

(b) It is not contended, as regards restatements or alterations of Church doctrine in themselves, that there should be any control by Parliament or other civil authority. Under the present system of religious toleration in British communities, the State does not interfere with the beliefs of Christian Churches. Restatements and alterations may, however, affect the trusts upon which Church properties or funds are held, and that is the point at which the control of the State is recognised, and, if necessary, would be asserted. The Church would, no doubt, act within its constitution, in which case no difficulty would arise.

The position is made clearer by an extract from Lord Davey's judgment in the United Free Church case:—"My Lords, I disclaim altogether any right in this or any other civil court of this realm to discuss the truth or reasonableness of any of the doctrines of this or any other religious association, or to say whether any of them are based on a just interpretation of the language of Scripture . . . or any similar question. The more humble, but not useless, function of the civil court is to determine whether the trusts imposed upon property by the founders of the trust are being duly observed." (1904 Appeal Cases, pp. 644-5.)

Now, each Parliament acting within its legislative sphere, has complete authority within that sphere, and if a law passed by it within that sphere alters a trust affecting Church property, the alteration being made with the authority of Parliament, cannot be successfully challenged in the law courts by any dissatisfied person.

Should doubt arise regarding the meaning of any provision in the Act of Parliament, the civil courts have, of course, authority to interpret the same should the point be material to an issue properly brought before them in the course of legal proceedings.

It is suggested that in the event of the union proposals being adopted by the Church, the contents of any proposed law in relation to the trusts of its property and funds should be matured so far as possible, before Parliamentary co-operation is sought.

THE SCHEDULE.

Extracts from Basis of Union of Presbyterian Church of Australia.

6. III. Any proposed revision or abridgment of the subordinate standard of the Church, or restatement of its doctrine, or change of the formula, shall, before being adopted, be remitted to the State Assemblies, and through them to the Presbyteries, and no change shall be made without the consent of a majority of the State Assemblies, three-fifths of the Presbyteries of the whole Church, and a majority of three-fifths of the members present when the final vote of the General Assembly is taken.

IV. On any change being made in the Basis of Union in accordance with Section III., if any congregation thereupon refuses to acquiesce in the change, and determine to adhere to the original Basis of Union, the

General Assembly is empowered (1) to allow such congregation to retain all its congregational property, or (2) to deal in such other way with the said property as to the Assembly may seem just and equitable.

V. Any proposed change in either of the two preceding Sections III. and IV. shall be made only under the provisions contained in Section III.

Extracts from Victorian and Western Australia Enabling Acts.

Provided nevertheless that if any alteration is made in the said subordinate standard, any person, being a minister or office-bearer of the said Presbyterian Church of Victoria-Western Australia at the time of the making of such alteration, may continue to be a minister or office-bearer of such Church, and to retain all his rights and privileges so long as he adheres to the standards of religious belief and ecclesiastical government set forth in the Scheme of Union, either without alteration or with such part of the alteration or alterations so made as he may approve of.

Balance Sheets

AND

Revenue Accounts

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA.
AGGREGATE BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1942.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	s. d.
Sundry Creditors—			
Due by—			
Board of Religious Education.....		489 1 2	
National Bank of Australasia, Melbourne—			
Board of Foreign Missions.....		516 0 9	
Presbyterian Church in New South Wales—			
On account of Church of St. Andrew, Canberra.....		15,637 5 11	
Reserve Funds—			
A.I.M.....	12,591 8 4		
Board of Foreign Missions—			
Boat and Truck Renewal Fund	192 2 0		
	-----	12,783 10 4	
Funds for Specific Purposes—			
A.I.M.....		6,120 10 8	
Trust Funds—			
Sundry A.I.M. Funds.....	6,328 2 4		
C. D. Lloyd Bequest—			
Capital Account.....	2,2148 0 0		
Income Account.....	44 17 10		
A. E. McCracken Bequest.....	4,000 0 0		
John Frazer Foreign Missions Endowment—			
Capital Account.....	1,000 0 0		
Income Account.....	143 12 0		
Church of St. Andrew, Canberra—			
Parish Endowment.....	2,823 3 2		
	-----	36,487 15 4	
General Assembly of Australia—			
Expenses Account.....		540 19 6	
Properties—			
A.I.M. Hostels and Nursing Homes, etc.		29,715 10 0	
Church of St. Andrew, Canberra.....		57,304 0 10	
		-----	87,019 10 10
Organ (at cost) —			
Church of St. Andrew, Canberra			1,809 3 8
Office Furniture—			
A.I.M.....		207 10 6	
Board of Religious Education		275 3 0	
		-----	482 13 6
Motor Cars—			
A.I.M.....			802 2 11
Wireless Sets—			
A.I.M.....			920 0 0
Stock on Hand—			
Board of Religious Education			953 18 3
Loans on Mortgage—			
On account of A. E. McCracken Estate ..			3,899 3 5
Shares in Companies—			
A.I.M.....			3,948 0 0
Cash at Bank—			
A.I.M.—			
Bank of N.S.W., Sydney.....		123 13 7	
" " " Melbourne		119 1 7	
" " " Perth.....		22 11 7	
E.S. & A. Bank Ltd., Alice Springs . .		6 13 9	
Board of Religious Education—			
Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd. . .		5 7 2	
Board of Foreign Missions—			
Bank Account—Adelaide Sub-committee of Ernabella Mission.....		158 8 6	
Boat and Truck Renewal Fund, Savings Bank of Victoria.....		192 2 0	
		-----	627 18 2
Funds in Hands of Local A.I.M. Committees			1,077 4 1
Cash on Hand—			
A.I.M.....			20 0 0

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Capital and Accumulated Funds—		
Church of St. Andrew, Canberra.....	41,611 3 6	
A.I.M.....	37,624 5 2	
Board of Religious Education.....	2,286 16 2	
	-----	81,522 4 10

I report that I have compared the above Balance Sheet with the books of account of the General Assembly of Australia, and the audited statements furnished by the Presbyterian Church in other States, and find same to be in accordance therewith.

A. W. CHAPMAN,
Chartered Accountant (Aust.),
Official Auditor to the Presbyterian Church
of Australia in the State of New South Wales.

SYDNEY, 8th September, 1942.

£154,097 8 6

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Funds in Hands of—		
Presbyterian Church in N.S.W.		
On account of—		
A.I.M.....	19,583 15 9	
General Assembly of Australia		
Expenses Account.....	540 19 6	
A. E. McCracken Bequest.....	100 16 7	
John Frazer Foreign Missions		
Endowment.....	1,000 0 0	
	-----	21,225 11 10
Presbyterian Church in Victoria.		
On account of—		
A.I.M.....	3,970 10 6	
John Frazer Foreign Missions		
Scholarship Fund.....	143 12 0	
Charles D. Lloyd Bequest.....	22,192 17 10	
Board of Religious Education ..	952 12 2	
	-----	27,259 12 6
Presbyterian Church in Queensland.		
On account of—		
A.I.M.....	1,715 12 10	
Presbyterian Church in South Australia.		
On account of—		
A.I.M. ..	315 9 5	
Presbyterian Church in West Australia.		
On account of—		
A.I.M. ..	10 0 0	
Sundry Debtors—		
Due to—		
A.L.M. ...	106 10 0	
Board of Religious Education ..	577 11 9	
	-----	684 1 9
Church of St. Andrew, Canberra—		
Commissioner's Stipend A/c. ...	958 8 1	
Board of Foreign Missions ...	357 12 3	
Payments in Advance—		
Board of Religious Education—		
Rent paid in advance.....	11 5 0	
	-----	£154,097 8 6

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA.

EXPENSES ACCOUNT FROM 1st JULY, 1939, TO 30th JUNE, 1942.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Meeting in Melbourne, September, 1939—									
Advertising.....	10	3	9						
Attendants, Cloak Room, Com- munion Wine, Printing and Stationery.....	50	2	5						
	<u> </u>			60	6	2			
„ College Committee—									
Secretary's Honorarium:									
Rev. K. Foster.....	66	13	4						
Rev. A. C. Grieve.....	93	6	8						
Calendars.....	3	13	0						
Examination Fees.....	52	10	0						
	<u> </u>			216	3	0			
„ Loss on Year Book (including honorarium to Editor of £21 per annum) —									
1939.....	29	19	9						
1940.....	34	6	2						
1941.....	27	10	0						
1942.....	31	12	2						
	<u> </u>			123	8	1			
Honorariums—									
Moderator General.....	300	0	0						
Clerk of Assembly.....	30	0	0						
Junior Clerk of Assembly . .	20	0	0						
	<u> </u>								
				350	0	0			
By Balance brought forward 1st July, 1939							196	13	10
„ Assessment of Expenses for 1939—									
Queensland Church.....						90	0	0	
Western Australian Church						25	0	0	
	<u> </u>						115	0	0
„ Assessment of Expenses for 1940—									
Victorian Church.....						400	0	0	
New South Wales Church . .						350	0	0	
Queensland Church.....						90	0	0	
South Australian Church . .						25	0	0	
Tasmanian Church.....						20	0	0	
	<u> </u>						885	0	0
„ Assessment of Expenses for 1941—									
Victorian Church.....						400	0	0	
New South Wales Church . .						350	0	0	
Queensland Church.....						90	0	0	
South Australian Church . .						25	0	0	
Tasmanian Church.....						20	0	0	
	<u> </u>						885	0	0

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„ General Presbyterian Alliance—				
Edinburgh.....	25	0	0	
Exchange	6	7	4	
				31 7 4
„ Audit Fee.....				6 6 0
„ Expenses—				
Moderator General.....	17	12	0	
Chaplain General and Chaplains	13	18	8	
				31 10 8
„ Postages, Telegrams and Exchange				15 14 9
„ Printing and Stationery.....				11 11 11
„ Sundries.....				2 12 3
„ Travelling Expenses to Meetings in Melbourne, September 1939	880	13	1	
Delegates' Expenses to Special Committee, April 1940 ..	170	9	10	
Delegates' Expenses to Special Committee, October 1940 ..	173	11	5	
				1,224 14 4
„ White and Blue Books, Minutes and Postage.....				304 4 11
„ Interest				79 11 3
„ 2% on Revenue.....				47 15 7
				2,505 6 3
„ Balance carried forward, 30th June, 1942				540 19 6
				<u>£3,046 5 9</u>

„ Assessment of Expenses for 1942—				
Victorian Church	400	0	0	
New South Wales Church	350	0	0	
Queensland Church	90	0	0	
South Australian Church	25	0	0	
Tasmanian Church	20	0	0	
				885 0 0
„ Church Hymnary Royalties				79 11 11

£3,046 5 9

Examined and found correct,

A. W. CHAPMAN, Chartered Accountant (Aust.),

Official Auditor to the Presbyterian Church of
SYDNEY, 28th July, 1942,

Australia in the State of New South Wales.

AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION-GENERAL FUND.
BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH, 1942.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.								
		£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.			
Trust Funds—				Current Funds—								
Estate Helen A. Allen.....		1,000	0	0	Presbyterian Church in N.S.W.	610	0	11				
„ M. Mat ^h liee ^h		60	0	0	Bank of N.S.W., Sydney . . .	123	13	7				
„ W. Mai ^h tin.....		2,750	0	0	„ „ Melbourne ..	119	1	7				
„ A. Philijis.....		386	7	11	„ „ Perth ..	22	11	7				
„ Edgely ^h Memonal.....		1,500	0	0	E.S. & A. Bank Ltd., Alice							
Eleanor Symon Endowment.....		100	0	0	„ „ „ ..	6	13	9				
Robert Purdie Em ^h (^h)nmnd.....		531	14	5	Petty Cash.....	20	0	0				
										902 1 5		
				6,328 2 4	Council Cash Balances—							
Funds for Specific Purposes—				Queensland.....						72 12 9		
A.M.S. and Wireless Fu ^h s.....		1,341	0	6	Victoria.....	147	4	1				
Busby Bequest.....		134	5	9	Western A ^h s ^h rr ^h lici.....	10	0	0		229 16 10		
Estate M. R. Bla ^h i.....		200	0	0						1,131 18 3		
Darwin Apped.....		11	15	0						284 10 7		
Edgely Memorial Im ^h oo ^h o.....		143	0	1	<i>Less South Australia</i>							
Estate Miss Charles Faieaan.....		1,172	12	5						847 7 8		
„ H. A. Jo ^h ss.....		205	5	8	Total Current Fund's ..							
„ J. S. Low.....		698	15	3	Reserve Funds—							
Motor Car Replacement Funn.....		773	13	9	(Available for general purposes							
Estate C. M. MacKaa.....		641	10	10	in case of emergency) . .							
Presbyterian Church of New Zealand . .		19	6	8	Held by Presbyterian Church							
Estate J. W. Rogeer.....		54	4	9	in N.S.W.						11,420 6 3	
Fellowship Funn.....		725	0	0	Held by Presbyterian Church							
					6,120 10 8	in S.A.....						500 0 0
Reserve Funds—				Held by Presbyterian Church						671 2 1		
Legacies in Reserve in N.S.W.....		11,420	6	3	in Victoria						671 2 1	
„ „ „ S. A.....		500	0	0	Total Reserve Funds ..						12,591 8 4	
„ „ „ Vi ^h		671	2	1	Funds for Specific Purposes—							
					12,591 8 4	In Cash held by—						
AcsumelaOed Funds—				Presbyterian Church in								
General Fund:					N.S.W.						5,971 0 7	
Balance at 1/4/39		26,262	12	5	Presbyterian Church in						6 10 0	
A. M. S. Fund:					Victoria						6 10 0	
Balance at 1/4/40		2,619	9	0	Presbyterian Church in						143 0 1	
Additions during Ohaes years ended 31/3/42		10,583	12	6	Queensland.....						143 0 1	
					39,465 13 11	Total Funds for Specific						6,120 10 8
					Purposes						6,120 10 8	

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	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Less Excess of Expenditure over Revenue (General Account) £2,229	3	1	
Deduct Excess of Revenue over Expenditure (Local Committee Accounts) . .	387 14 4		
	-----	1,841	8 9
		-----	37,621 5 2

Carried forward £62,661 6 6

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Trust Funds—			
In Cash held by—			
Presbyterian <Crurch in N.S.W.	1,582	8	0
Presbyterian Church in Queensland	1,500	0	0
Presbyterian Church in Victoria	3,115	11	1
Presbyterian Church in South Austra^a	100	0	0
	-----	6,328	2 1
Shares held by—			
Presbyterian Church in N.S.W.—			
Imperial Tobacco Co. of Great Britain and I ^la n	1,872	0	0
Pinde ^r-Port Stephens Ltd:			
1500 Shares at Probate valuation	150	0	0
Scotts Ltd	250	0	0
Presbyterian Church in Vic.—			
Herald and Weekly Times 100	0	0	0
Presbyterian Church in Q'ld.—			
Brisbane Gas Co	1,250	0	0
Qantas Ltd	26	0	0
	-----	3,918	0 0
Total Trust Funds			<u>10,276 2 1</u>
Carried forward			£29,835 9 0

Properties —
(Including equities in Nursing Homes, Churches, Manses, Clubs, etc.).

Alice Spr ns	3,802	0	0
Birdsvilie	2,881	13	8
BeRta-ia	685	9	6
Broome	650	9	0
Carnarvon	1,713	19	6

£ s. d. £ s. d.

Brought forward £62,664 6 6

I report that I have compared the above Balance Sheet of the Australian Inland Mission with the vouchers and books of account of the Mission which have been produced to me and find same to be in accordance therewith. In my opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Mission according to the best of my information and the explanations given me and as shown by the books of account of the Mission.

A. W. CHAPMAN,
Chartered Accountant (Aust.).

SYDNEY. 24th July, 1942.

£62,664 6 6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Church on Gascoyne.....	44	0	0			
Cloncurry Land.....	10	0	0			
Darwin Land and Buildings.....	7,067	6	2			
Dunbar.....	2,758	10	6			
Fitzroy Crossing.....	2,521	4	1			
Hall's Creek.....	894	4	10			
Innamincka.....	3,591	15	10			
Oodnadatta.....	1,264	6	9			
Tennant Creek.....	1,827	10	2			
				29,715	10	0
Wireless Sets.....				920	0	0
Motor Cars—						
Central Patrol.....	427	2	11			
Darwin.....	50	0	0			
Broome.....	50	0	0			
Tennant Creek.....	150	0	0			
Podge.....	125	0	0			
				802	2	11
Office Furniture.....				207	10	6
Sundry Debtors—						
Advances to Padres, Nursing Homes, etc.				106	10	0
Funds in Hands of Local Committees—						
Birdsville.....	305	16	7			
Broome.....	3	8	6			
Carnarvon Church.....	32	2	6			
Carnarvon Club.....	6	2	7			
Fitzroy Crossing.....	186	2	6			
Hall's Creek.....	149	12	7			
Innamincka.....	250	10	8			
Oodnadatta.....	96	5	6			
S.A. Children's Camps.....	53	3	8			
				1,083	5	1
Less Beltana.....	6	1	0			
				1,077	4	1
				<u>£62,664 6 6</u>		

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AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION—GENERAL FUND.

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1940, 1941 AND 1942.
HEADQUARTERS.

EXPENDITURE.

	12 months to 31/3/40		12 months to 31/3/41		12 months to 31/3/42		Total	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Advertising and Publicity ..	226	1 5	390	10 5	505	3 6	1,121	15 4
„ Beneficiary Fund.....	79	4 8	72	12 5	63	12 5	215	9 6
„ Bank Charges.....	47	6 11	44	15 6	34	19 8	127	2 1
„ Freight and Cartage.....	105	9 8	216	3 9	88	2 3	409	15 8
„ Fuel, Light and Water	93	13 3	134	18 6	132	16 6	361	8 3
„ General Expenses	403	0 9	366	12 6	523	16 2	1,293	9 5
„ Grants to Missions.....	550	5 0	546	10 0	537	10 0	1,634	5 0
„ Hospital Supplies	218	13 11	2	16 3	15	11 7	237	1 9
„ Household Expenses.....	861	14 5	371	14 10	529	12 3	1,763	1 6
„ Insurance.....	172	14 3	181	16 3	246	12 0	601	2 6
„ Printing and Stationery	161	14 0	112	5 9	78	19 1	352	18 10
„ Rent, Rates and Church Office Charges.....	782	16 3	763	10 11	797	12 10	2,344	0 0
„ Repairs and Maintenance ..	35	4 6	380	19 7	—	—	416	4 1
„ Salaries and Allowances ..	7,642	12 0	6,545	9 9	5,626	5 2	19,814	6 11
„ Stamps, Telegrams and Telephones.....	395	8 1	319	3 9	373	6 5	1,087	18 3
„ Travelling Expenses.....	2,287	12 0	1,651	10 1	1,439	16 2	5,378	18 3
„ Donation to A.A.M.S. (Q'ld, section).....	—	—	250	0 0	—	—	250	0 0
„ Depreciation on Buildings, etc., and Motor Cars.....	1,782	1 1	2,523	9 7	2,348	5 4	6,653	16 0
„ Transfer to Accumulated Funds—Excess Revenue over Expenditure.....	—	—	113	1 4	—	—	113	1 4
	<u>£15,845</u>	<u>12 2</u>	<u>£14,988</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2 £13,342</u>	<u>1 4</u>	<u>£44,175</u>	<u>14 8</u>

REVENUE.

	12 months to 31/3/40		12 months to 31/3/41		12 months to 31/3/42		Total	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
By Sales of "Beyond the Furthest Fences"	10	19 2	4	8 0	12	9 0	27	16 2
„ Donations, Special Efforts, etc.	4,941	18 6	5,089	13 5	4,727	12 7	14,759	4 6
„ Dividends.....	196	19 2	227	9 10	225	0 0	649	9 0
„ Fees	218	15 2	199	5 0	330	19 6	748	19 8
„ Interest	381	1 1	373	12 2	490	13 9	1,245	7 0
„ Legacies (under £50)	157	13 3	147	12 11	283	17 7	589	3 9
„ Subsidies.....	1,282	2 2	793	12 4	542	5 10	2,618	0 4
„ Wireless Adjustments	—	—	458	12 6	—	—	458	12 6
	7,189	8 6	7,294	6 2	6,612	18 3	21,096	12 11
„ Transfers:—								
From Estate M. M. Carson	—	—	1,981	10 0	—	—	1,981	10 0
From Legacies in Reserve	6,632	4 1	5,712	5 0	4,500	0 0	16,844	9 1
„ Transfer to Accumulated Funds:—								
Excess of Expenditure over Revenue	2,023	19 7	—	—	2,229	3 1	4,253	2 8
	<u>£15,845</u>	<u>12 2</u>	<u>£14,988</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2 £13,342</u>	<u>1 4</u>	<u>£44,175</u>	<u>14 8</u>

AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION.—AERIAL MEDICAL SERVICE AND WIRELESS.

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH, 1940.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Current Funds Overdrawn—									
Presbyterian Church of N.S.W.	1,611	18	10						
Bank of New South Wales . .	119	11	2						
				1,731	10	0			
Queensland Council.....				23	13	6			
Trust Funds—									
Busby Bequest.....	124	14	7						
Donations for Wireless Sets	19	14	3						
Depreciation Reserve . .	371	0	8						
Estate J. S. Love.....	609	18	4						
Estate J. W. Rogers.....	120	4	8						
Fellowship Fund.....	725	0	0						
				1,970	12	6			
Accumulated Funds—									
Balance at 1/4/39.....	3,650	18	4						
Additions during year . .	827	19	3						
	4,478	17	7						
Less Excess of Expenditure over Revenue for year . .	1,859	8	7						
				2,619	9	0			
				<u>£6,345</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>			
							<u>£6,345</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>

I report that I have compared the above Balance Sheet of the Australian Inland Mission with the vouchers and books of account of the Mission which have been produced to me, and find same to be in accordance therewith. In my opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Mission according to the best of my information and the explanations given me as shown by the books of account of the Mission. SYDNEY, 1st November, 1940.

(Sgd.) A. W. CHAPMAN,

Chartered Accountant (Aust.).

This Aerial Medical Services and Wireless Account discontinued since the transfer of Flying Doctor and wireless work to A.A.M.S. (Queensland) Section. All balance now incorporated in General Fund Account.

AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION—NURSING HOMES AND CLUBS.

LOCAL COMMITTEES' REVENUE ACCOUNTS FOR YEARS ENDED
31st MARCH, 1940, 1941 AND 1942.

EXPENDITURE.

	12 months to 31/3/40		12 months to 31/3/41		12 months to 31/3/42		Total	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Advertising and Printing ..	3	9 9	7	13 4	8	4 5	19	7 6
„ Bank Charges.....	14	15 5	4	0 11	2	13 6	21	9 10
„ Fuel, Light and Water ...	76	19 0	102	8 1	107	1 10	286	8 11
„ Freight and Cartage.....	71	17 3	12	10 10	36	2 5	120	10 6
„ General Expenses.....	223	2 6	246	13 10	213	17 4	683	13 8
„ Household Expenses.....	709	19 1	619	11 5	639	13 0	1,969	3 6
„ Hospital Supplies.....	235	0 6	186	17 7	331	11 9	753	9 10
„ Insurance.....	51	3 9	30	0 9	23	6 3	104	10 9
„ Repairs and Maintenance ..	199	11 5	98	8 0	76	6 3	374	5 8
„ Rent, Rates and Taxes . . .	83	2 9	28	16 3	24	12 6	136	11 6
„ Salaries.....	213	4 1	51	5 6	57	5 9	321	15 4
„ Stamps, Telegrams and Telephones.....	95	5 5	36	12 7	35	13 5	167	11 5
„ Travelling Expenses.....	20	0 0	—	—	—	—	20	0 0
	1,997	10 11	1,424	19 1	1,556	8 5	4,978	18 5
„ Transfer to Accumulated Funds—								
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure.....	514	2 6	493	0 5	387	14 4	1,394	17 3
	£2,511 13 5	£1,917 19 6	£1,944 2 9	£6,373 15 8				

REVENUE.

	12 months to 31/3/40		12 months to 31/3/41		12 months to 31/3/42		Total	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
By Donations	1,231	15 4	909	16 9	929	12 4	3,071	4 5
„ Fees and Sale of Drugs ..	775	8 7	413	1 1	503	16 11	1,692	6 7
„ Subsidies and Grants . . .	504	9 6	595	1 8	510	13 6	1,610	4 8
	£2,511 13 5	£1,917 19 6	£1,944 2 9	£6,373 15 8				

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE THREE YEARS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1942.

	Year ended 30/6/40	Year ended 30/6/41	Year ended 30/6/42	Total		Year ended 30/6/40	Year ended 30/6/41	Year ended 30/6/42	Total
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Stock	772 14 10	618 4 2	683 10 0	772 14 10	By Sales.....	5,279 2 1	5,613 6 10	5,487 6 9	16,379 15 8
„ Purchases	3,968 9 0	4,227 18 10	4,571 16 5	12,768 4 3	„ Stock	618 4 2	683 10 0	953 18 3	953 18 3
„ Gross Profit.....	1,156 2 5	1,450 13 10	1,185 18 7	3,792 14 10					
	£5,897 6 3	£6,296 16 10	£6,441 5 0	£17,333 13 11		£5,897 6 3	£6,296 16 10	£6,441 5 0	£17,333 13 11
To Salaries.....	729 18 6	665 18 11	765 15 2	2,161 12 7	By Gross Profit ..	1,156 2 5	1,450 13 10	1,185 18 7	3,792 14 10
„ Travelling Expenses	12 17 6	17 8 0	12 11 11	42 17 5	„ Interest.....	12 15 0	23 6 8	27 1 10	63 3 6
„ Rent.....	110 10 0	138 1 1	138 0 0	386 11 1					
„ Auditing.....	4 4 0	4 4 0	4 4 0	12 12 0					
„ Telephone.....	18 13 7	27 1 6	27 11 11	73 7 0					
„ Postages.....	18 3 7	18 2 11	18 17 4	55 3 10					
„ Advertising	6 5 2	14 16 1	2 6 0	23 7 3					
„ General Expenses ..	124 18 3	120 3 4	108 12 6	353 14 1					
„ N.Z. Delegates' Expenses.....	81 9 8	—	—	81 9 8					
„ Depreciation.....	9 17 4	22 19 2	18 11 0	51 7 6					
„ Net Profit for year ..	51 19 10	445 5 6	116 10 7	613 15 11					
	£1,168 17 5	£1,474 0 6	£1,213 0 5	£3,855 18 4		£1,168 17 5	£1,474 0 6	£1,213 0 5	£3,855 18 4

We certify that we have audited the books and the accounts of the Board of Religious Education for the three years ended 30th June, 1942, and that the Balance Sheet and Trading and Profit and Loss Account are correct and in accordance therewith.

Melbourne, 14th July, 1942.

MORTON, WATSON & YOUNG,
Chartered Accountants (Aust.).

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, CANBERRA. CANBERRA EXECUTIVE.

BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1942.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.					
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Donations, Collections, etc., received on Account of Church and Manse Properties (Less Interest, Insurance and Sundry Charges).....			41,611	3 6	Church and Manse Properties (at Cost) —				
Parish Endowment.....			2,823	3 2	Church Building.....	46,008	5 4		
Presbyterian Church in New South Wales.....	18,460	9 1			„ Grounds.....	122	10 1		
Less Funds held on account of Parish Endowment ..	2,823	3 2			„ Furnishing.....	1,468	9 9		
			15,637	5 11	N.S.W. Women's Gift Window	501	16 0		
					Manse (Gift of John Ross Family, Holbrook)	6,655	0 8		
					„ Grounds.....	229	10 6		
					„ Roadway	80	2 3		
					„ Furnishing.....	170	3 6		
					Assistant Minister's Cottage	1,957	2 0		
					„ „ Furnishing	111	0 9		
					Organ (at Cost).....			57,304	0 10
					Commissioner's Stipend Account			1,809	3 8
								958	8 1
			<u>£60,071</u>	<u>12 7</u>				<u>£60,071</u>	<u>12 7</u>

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I report that I have compared the above Balance Sheet, and attached accounts of The Church of St. Andrew, Canberra, with the records relating thereto, and find same to be correct and in accordance therewith.

A. W. CHAPMAN, Chartered Accountant (Aust.),

Official Auditor - to the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales.

SYDNEY. 28th July, 1942.

CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, CANBERRA. CANBERRA ACCOUNT.

FROM 1st JULY, 1939, TO 30th JUNE, 1942.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	Insurance on Church, Manse, Cottage and Organ for 1939-1940-1941				67	0	6			By Balance brought forward, 1/7/39			43,708	4	1
„	Stationery, Telegrams, Pos- tages and Stamp Duty on Cheques				1	11	6			„ Receipts for 3 years ended 30/6/42—					
„	Interest Charges—									Estate late W. W. Killen . .	50	0	0		
	1939—6 months.....	353	18	10						„ „ Dr. John Walker	100	0	0		
	1940	756	1	9						Donationn.....	12	10	0		
	1941.....	786	15	7						„ Canberra Collec- tion Box . .	36	16	7		
	1942—6 montt^.....	415	16	3						Canberra—Refund of In- surance Premiums . .	37	6	10		
					2,312	12	5			Canberra Debt Reduction Fund.....	47	10	5		
													284	3	10
„	Balance carried forward, 30/6/42				2,381	4	5								
					41,611	3	6								
					<u>£43,992</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>						<u>£43,992</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>11</u>

GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THREE YEARS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1942.

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
General—							278 6 8
Victoria to 30/6/42	4,200	0	0				
New South Wales to 31/12/41.....	2,735	0	0				
South Australia to 30/6/42	405	0	0				
Western Australia to 30/6/40	140	0	0				
On Account 6 months to 31/12/40 . .	66	0	0				
Tasmania to 31/12/41.....	375	0	0				
	<u>7,921</u>	0	0				
Donations.....	110	6	3				
Estate of late Miss C. G. Balfour . . .	1,475	0	0				
Sale of Booklet, "The Future of the Aborigines".....	1	7	0				
				9,507	13	3	
Ernabella—							
South Australian Group—Subsidy to 30/6/42	900	0	0				
General Donations.....	1,275	18	3				
Special Donations—							
H. V. McKay Trust for Extension Work	250	0	0				
J. H. McPhillimy, for Assistant's House	250	0	0				
South Australian Government—							
Subsidy for Teachers.....	180	5	4				
Sale of Wool, Skins, etc.....	2,017	2	5				
Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union—							
Salary, Dr. Jean Davies.....	40	0	0				
Special Grant—South Australia.....	25	0	0				
Interest	4	1	4				
	<u>4,942</u>			4,942	7	4	
Balance brought forward, 1st July, 1939 . .							
General—							
Grant to Queensland Executive.....	1,200	0	0				
Donation to Roper River Mission	5	0	0				
Hey, N.—Retiring Allowance.....	96	0	0				
Keeping Accounts—Presbyterian Church of Victoria.....	150	0	0				
Grant—Secretary.....	25	0	0				
Fares and Incidental Expenses.....	28	12	6				
Printing, Postages, Petty Cash.....	242	10	8				
Special Donation—Framlingham Aboriginal Settlement.....	10	0	0				
							1,757 3 2 n
Ernabella—							
Salaries—							
Love, Rev. J. R. B.....	433	6	8				
MacDougall, W. B.....	444	17	0				
Taylor, Rev. H. L.....	288	15	0				
Trudinger, R. M.....	551	6	1				
Ward, S.....	718	15	0				
Young, L. B.....	218	14	11				
Davies, Dr. Jean.....	40	0	0				
Matron—Grant.....	40	0	0				
	<u>2,735</u>	14	8				
South Australian Provident Fund—							
Love, Rev. J. R. B.....	10	0	0				
Insurance—							
MacDougall, W. B.....	46	12	6				
MacDougall, Mrs. W. B.....	12	10	0				

Kunmunya—					
Donations.....	52	3	6		
Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union—					
On Account Salary, Dr. Jean Davies . .	49	10	0		
Expenses, Dr. Jean Davies	65	12	9		
	<hr/>			167	6 3
Moola Bulla—					
Donations.....				151	10 6
Balance carried forward, 30th June, 1942 . .	516	0	9		
Less amount held by H. M. Caire-Ernabella	158	8	6		
	<hr/>			357	12 3

Presbyterian Church of Victoria—					
Beneficiary Rates—Taylor, Rev.	H.	L.		22	10 0
Children's Allowances—					
Love, Rev. J. R. B.	£120	0	0		
MacDougall, W. B.	26	5	0		
Taylor, Rev. H. L.	13	15	0		
	<hr/>			160	0 0
Medical Expenses.....	40	17	0		
Grant to Mission.....	1,380	12	4		
Building Costs.....	1,518	15	3		
Cost of Keeping Half-caste Children . .	75	1	6		
Translation Work.....	31	10	0		
Insurance	32	4	9		
Fares, Outfit Allowances, Removal Ex-					
penses, Freights and Incidental Expenses	643	6	3		
Film—"Brown Men and Red Sands",					
Slides, etc.....	43	8	11		
Wireless Licences, Dog Rate.....	6	6	0		
Printing, Postages, Typewriter and Sundry					
Expenses.....	167	10	5		
Piano.....	10	10	0		
Purchase of Sheep	96	0	6		
Shearing Wages and Expenses, Stores for					
Shepherds	657	17	0		
Truck Renewal Fund.....	120	0	0		
Petrol, Repairs, etc., Truck.....	336	12	11		
Donation for Special Work.....	10	0	0		
	<hr/>			8,158	0 0
Kunmunya—					
Salaries—					
Holmes, Rev. G. W.....	720	16	8		
Love, Rev. J. R. B.....	541	13	4		
MacDougall, W. B.....	256	18	0		
Paton, J. W.....	177	1	8		
Young, L. B.....	395	16	8		
Davies, Dr. Jean.....	74	3	4		
	<hr/>			2,166	9 8

Presbyterian Church of Victoria—				
Beneficiary Rate—Holmes, Rev. G. W.		49	11	8
South Australian Provident Fund—				
Love, Rev. J. R. B.....		5	0	0
Insurance—Young, L. B.....		12	3	9
" MacDougall, Mrs. W. B., .		7	10	0
Children's Allowances—				
Holmes, Rev. G. W.....	£11	5	0	
Love, Rev. J. R. B.....		137	10	0
MacDougall, W. B.....		1	17	6
		150	12	6
Presbyterian Mission Account.....		1,230	0	0
Broome Agenny.....		137	10	0
Boat Renewal Fu n.....		120	0	0
Refrigeatoos		148	3	9
Fares, Freights, Outfit Allowances . . .		408	13	10
Medical Expenses, Drugs, Instruments, etc.		80	0	0
Wireless Licencc.....		3	0	0
Sundry Expennce.....		5	0	0
Donations for Special Work.....		16	18	0
				4,540 13 2
Moola Bulla—				
Hovenden, Rev. H. W.—Allowance . . .		192	10	0
Presbyterian Church of Victoria—				
Beneficiary Rate—Hovenden, Rev. H. W.		44	6	8
Children's Allowannc.....		31	5	0
Expenses, Fares, Furlough Allowance . .		114	1	6
Organ, Picture Rolls, etc.....		9	0	11
Donation for Special Wo		1	2	6
				392 6 7
				£15,126 9 7

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Audited and found correct.

MORTON, WATSON & YOUNG,
Chartered Accountants (Aust.).

Melbourne.
11th August, 1942.

CHARLES D. LLOYD (AUSTRALIA) BEQUEST.
STATEMENT FOR THREE YEARS ENDING 30th JUNE, 1942.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.		PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, 1st July, 1939 . . . . .	..	18,355	0	0		Balance carried forward, 30th June, 1942 . . . . .	..	22,148	0	0
Received from Executors of Estate . . . . .	..	3,793	0	0						
		£22,148	0	0				£22,148	0	0

CHARLES D. LLOYD BEQUEST (AUSTRALIA) REVENUE ACCOUNT.
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THREE YEARS ENDING 30th JUNE, 1942.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.		PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, 1st July, 1939		208	16	10		Grants—								
Accumulated Revenue received from Executors of Estate		283	0	0		Presbyterian Church of Queensland . . . . .	..	278	0	0				
Net Interest on Trust Fund		2,315	1	1		Presbyterian Church of Western Australia . . . . .	..	881	0	0				
		£2,806	17	11		Presbyterian Church of Tasmania . . . . .	..	556	0	0				
						Presbyterian Church of South Australia . . . . .	..	556	0	0				
						Presbyterian Church of Canberra . . . . .	..	450	0	0		2,721	0	0
						Travelling Expenses of Home Mission Director to Western Australia			28	12	4			
						3 % on Revenue to Church Expenses Revenue Account—Presbyterian Church of Victoria			12	7	9			
						Balance carried forward, 30th June, 1942 . . . . .	..		44	17	10			
		£2,806	17	11				£2,806	17	11				

JOHN FRAZER FOREIGN MISSIONS SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

STATEMENT FOR THREE YEARS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1942.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance brought forward, 1st July, 1939 . . .	76	2 0	Scholarship—		
Presbyterian Church of New South Wales			Alan Pound.....	37	10 0
Scholarship Committee—			Balance carried forward, 30th June, 1942 .	143	12 0
Interest on Endowment.....	105	0 0			
	<u>£181</u>	<u>2 0</u>		<u>£181</u>	<u>2 0</u>

Audited and found correct.

Melbourne.
14th August, 1942

MORTON, WATSON & YOUNG,
Chartered Accountants (Aust.).

JOHN FRAZER FOREIGN MISSIONS ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT

FROM 1st JULY, 1939, TO 30th JUNE, 1942.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To the Treasurer, Board of Missions—			By Balance brought forward, 1st July, 1939 .	1,000	0 0
Interest to 30th June, 1942	105	0 0	„ Interest to 30th June, 1942	105	0 0
„ Balance carried forward, 30th June, 1942 .	1,000	0 0			
	<u>£1,105</u>	<u>0 0</u>		<u>£1,105</u>	<u>0 0</u>

Examined and found correct,
A. W. CHAPMAN, Chartered Accountant (Aust.),

Official Auditor to the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales.

SYDNEY, 28th July, 1942.

BOAT AND TRUCK RENEWAL FUND.
STATEMENT FOR THREE YEARS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1942.

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	PAYMENTS.	£ s. d.
Balance brought forward, 1st July, 1939		395 8 8	New Boat Engine and Sails.....	664 13 11
Transferred from General Assembly's Foreign Mission Board Account— On Account Boat—Kunmunya On Account Truck—Ernabella	120 0 0 <u>120 0 0</u>		Balance carried forward, 31st July, 1942 . . .	<u>192 2 0</u>
Sale of Boat.....		240 0 0		
Savings Bank Interest.....		200 0 0 <u>21 7 3</u>		
		<u>£856 15 11</u>		<u>£856 15 11</u>

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Melbourne.
14th August, 1942.

Audited and found correct.
MORTON, WATSON & YOUNG,
Chartered Accountants (Aust.).

ALEXANDER EARLE McCRACKEN BEQUEST ACCOUNT

FROM 1st JULY, 1939, TO 30th JUNE, 1942.

	Interest.			Principal.			Interest.			Principal.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Payments as per Blue Book, page 52, Minute 129—												
Presbyterian Church of Tasmania:												
Home Mission Committee	98	6	5									
Presbyterian Church of South Australia:												
Home Mission Committee	245	18	0									
Presbyterian Church of Western Australia:												
Home Mission Committee	245	18	0									
	590	2	5									
„ 2% on Revenue.....	12	0	8									
„ Stamp Duty on Cheques ..	0	2	4									
„ Balance carried forward, 30th June, 1942				4,000	0	0						
	£602	5	5	£4,000	0	0				£602	5	5
							£4,000	0	0			

Examined and found correct,

A. W. CHAPMAN, Chartered Accountant (Aust.),

Official Auditor to the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales.

SYDNEY, 28th July, 1942.

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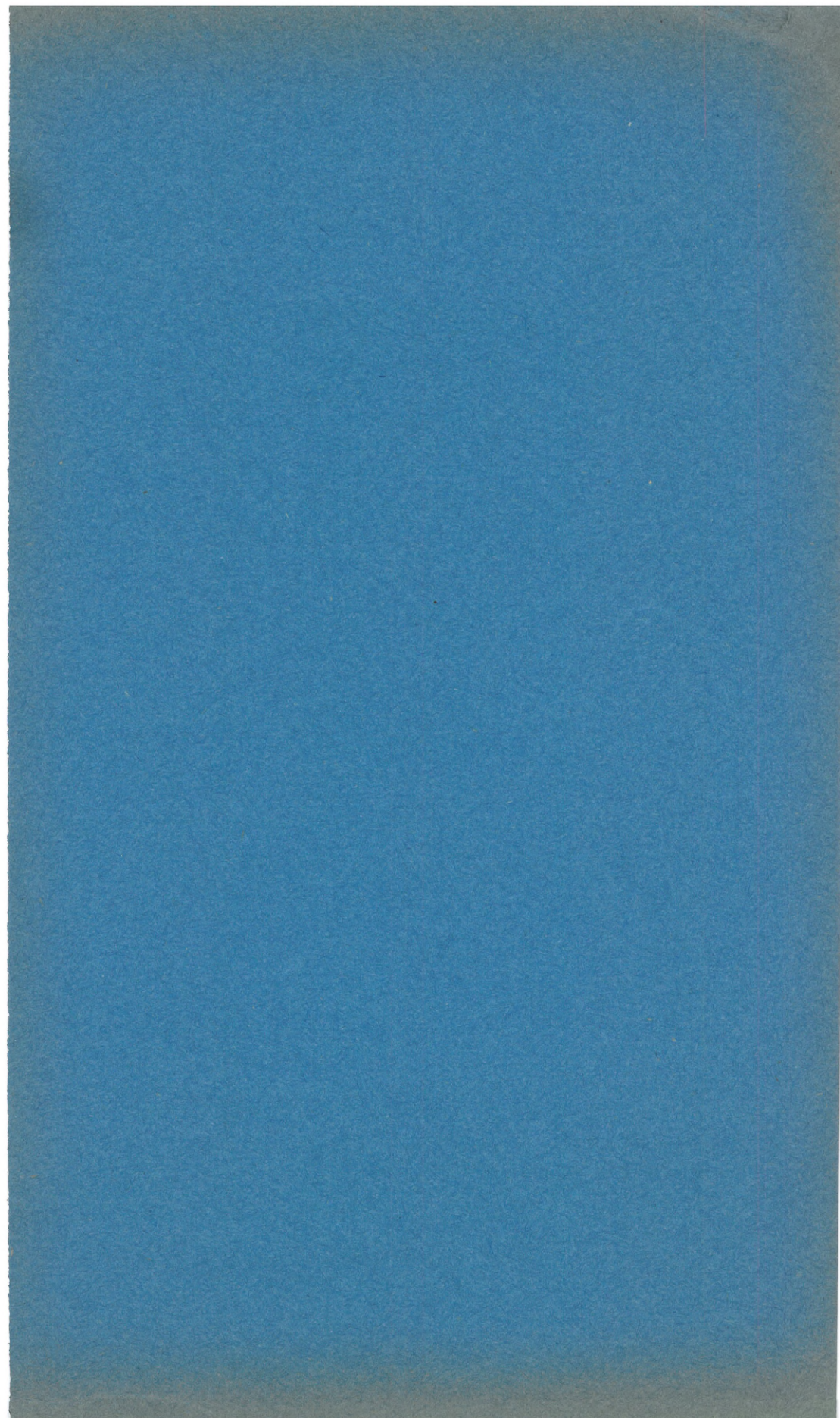
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