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OF THE  
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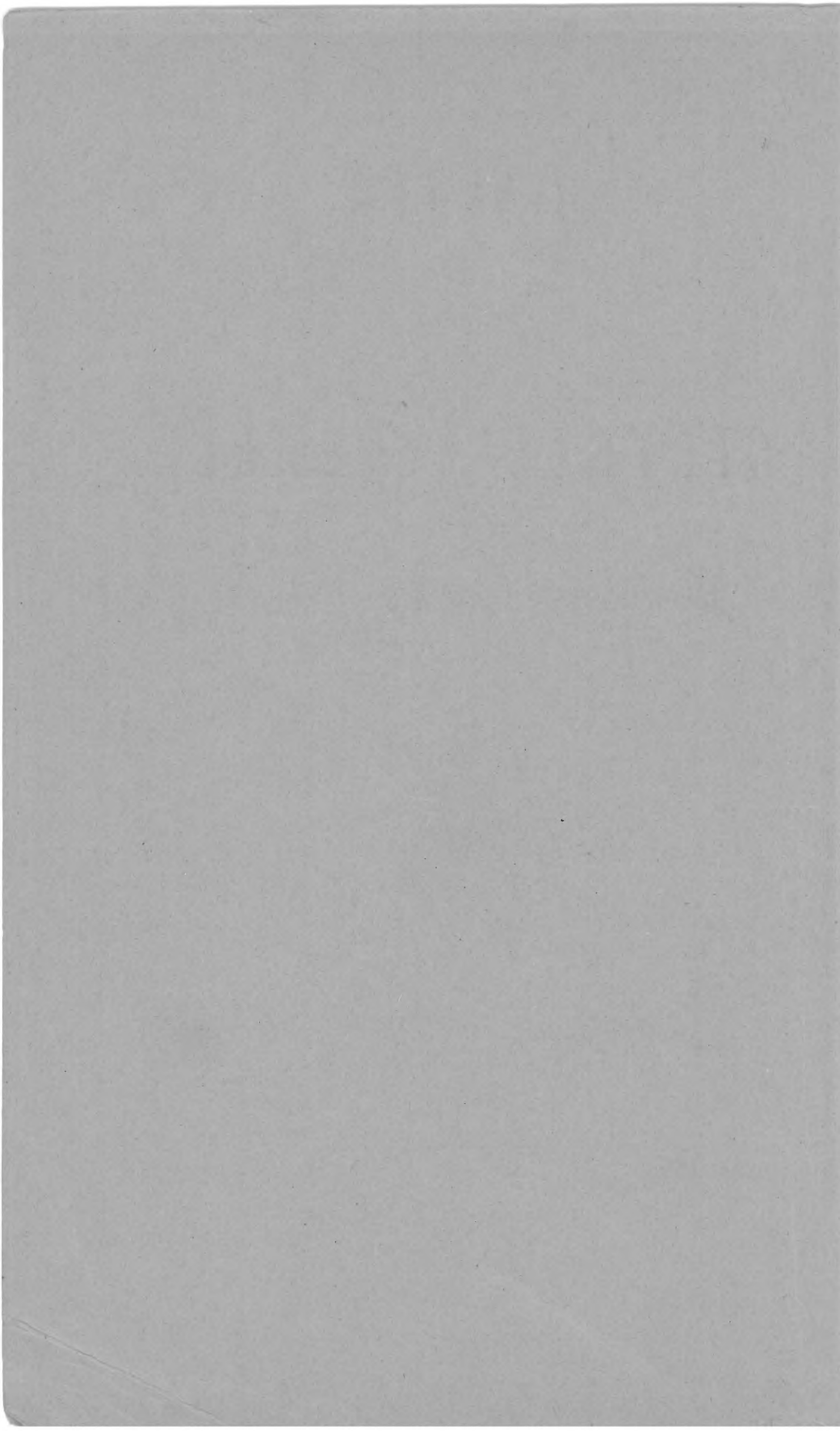
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## NOTANDA

Special attention is directed to the following:

Place and Date of Meeting of next Assembly: At Melbourne, within the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, on the second Wednesday of September, 1957, at 7.30 p.m.

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

Instructions, etc.: See Index at end.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

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12 required

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West Australia: Rev. A. Eadie, Dr. H. R. Pearson and Commissioner. Superintendent: Rev. J. F. McKay.

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### Business (Min. 291).

Appointed in accordance with Min. 227 (4), B.B. 1951.

Special Business Committee — Min. 227 (5), B.B. 1951.

Convener: Convener for the time being of the State Assembly Business Committee.

### Canberra Executive (Min. 153).

Reappoint the Committee with the addition of Mr. J. R. Mackay.

Convener: Rev. D. J. Flockhart.

### Christian Unity (Min. 82).

The State Committees on Christian Unity, with the N.S.W. Committee as the executive and the Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom as Convener.

### Convention on Deed of Union and Standing Orders (Min. 263).

Rev. V. Clark-Duff, A. C. Grieve, J. Gray Robertson, A. C. Watson, W. D. Marshall, H. Dunn, C. Auldish, R. H. C. Crowe, J. Williamson,

T. Gibson, Messrs. P. J. Barblett, J. R. Mackay, G. D. McKinnon, J. P. Adam, R. S. Byrnes, J. S. R. Wyllie, H. M. Caire, E. A. Hunt.

### Defence Forces Chaplaincy (Min. 266).

The Committee consists of the State Chaplaincy Committees with the Rev. A. S. Houston as Convener.

### Ecumenical (Min. 134).

The Moderator-General, Rev. W. A. Alston, C. T. F. Goy, F. Hanlin, T. McDougall, Dr. Cumming Thom, Very Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Prof. J. F. Peter, Prof. J. D. McCaughy, G. A. Wood, Messrs. J. R. Mackay and Gordon Davidson, with Rev. A. C. Watson (Convener).

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G. D. McKinnon, W. H. Williams, J. S. R. Wyllie, with power to add. Immigration (Min. 183).

Rev. J. P. Chalinor (Convener), E. H. M. Shugg, ~~W. H. M. Maclean~~, A. McMillan, James Jones, E. E. Fabb, M. Goodkamp, A. G. Harrison, S. Russell Scott, F. R. Charman, V. Clark-Duff, D. R. Wilcox, R. J. Scrimgeour, E. H. Thorpe, and Messrs. R. S. Byrnes, R. H. Vickers, N. F. Nelson, J. F. Callahan with power to add. Minutes (Min. 15).

Rev. G. Ross Williams (Convener), R. H. C. Crowe, G. F. G. Kerry. Nature and Function of the Ministry (Min. 149).

Rev. R. Swanton (Convener), W. A. Alston, E. W. Archer, A. C. Barr, J. R. Blanchard, A. C. Grieve, Prof. Hopkirk, Prof. J. D. McCaughey, Prof. J. McIntyre, C. J. V. McKeown, W. D. Marshall, Prof. J. F. Peter, A. C. Watson.

Public Questions (Min. 236).

Church Life and Work Committee of the N.S.W. Assembly, with its Convener for the time being as Convener.

Preservation of Wholesome Discipline (Min. 247).

Rev. D. McK. Jones (Convener), J. G. Bucknall, R. Swanton, Messrs.

J. P. Adam, F. M. Bradshaw, and G. U. Nathan.

Relationship of Church to State (Min. 248).

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South Australia: Very Rev. J. R. Blanchard.

Tasmania: Rev. H. Dunn.

Western Australia: Rev. H. D. McAndrew, A. C. Eadie.

Relations with other Presbyterian Churches (Min. 255).

Rev. E. Wallace Archer (Convener), J. Beatty, A. Boag, E. E. Fabb, D. S. Hopkirk, D. McK. Jones, A. Martin, G. T. Renfrey, R. Swanton, A. C. Watson, Mr. F. M. Bradshaw, and B. R. Pearson, with 7 members from N.S.W., 4 from Queensland, and 1 from each of the other States to be appointed by the respective State Assemblies. The Victorian Committee to be the Executive.

Sacraments and Season Observance (Min. 249).

Victoria: Rev. F. P. Strickland (Convener), J. G. Bucknall, W. A. Alston, N. Brown, G. R. Williams, A. D. Marchant, Rev. Prof. D. S. Hopkirk, M. J. Guersen.

New South Wales: Rev. Prof. J. McIntyre, Dr. Cumming Thom.

Queensland: Rev. Prof. J. F. Peter.

South Australia: Very Rev. J. R. Blanchard.

Tasmania: Rev. C. W. Auldlist.

Western Australia: Rev. J. A. Watson, A. C. Eadie.

Selection (Min. 13).

Rev. A. C. Eadie (Convener), H. J. Hillman, A. W. Grant, A. W. Cooper, C. W. Auldlist, and J. W. Miller, and Messrs. J. A. Morrison, H. M. Rolland, H. M. Caire and R. S. Byrnes.

Temperance (Min. 261).

New South Wales: Rev. S. A. Eastman, J. E. Smith.

Victoria: Rev. F. Sadler, A. C. Stevens.

South Australia: Rev. J. I. Williamson, Mr. H. E. Zelling.

Tasmania: Rev. C. W. Auldlist, Mr. T. S. Hickman.

Queensland: Rev. A. Trafford Walker, R. E. Pashen.

Western Australia: Rev. J. G. Thrum, G. Cameron.

Federal Committee on Women's Studies (Min. 264).

Rev. E. H. Shugg (Convener), Prof. J. McIntyre, J. Priestley, J. C. Alexander, E. H. Vines, C. M. Dyster, D. G. Cole, R. Maidment, Prin. H. Maclean, W. B. Hastie, J. I. Williamson, A. E. Giles, C. W. Auldlist, A. J. McAdam, H. McAndrew, J. Watson, J. R. Sweet, Prof. J. F. Peter, Deaconess C. Ritchie and Mrs. Holmes.

World Council of Churches (Representatives to Australian Council) (Min. 134).

The Moderator-General, Revs. W. A. Alston, J. P. Chalinor, C. T. F. Goy, F. Hanlin, T. MacDougall, Dr. W. Cumming Thom, Very Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Mr. J. R. Mackay and Rev. Dr. A. C. Watson; and appoint these representatives, together with the following (who shall act as Alternates to the Australian Council) — Rev. G. A. Wood, Prof. J. F. Peter, Prof. J. D. McCaughey, and Mr. Gordon Davidson, members of the Ecumenical Committee: Rev. Dr. Watson to be Convener.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

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of

MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

appointed to meet at

The Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, Sydney,

on

The Second Wednesday in September, 1954

(September 8th)

at 7.30 p.m.

The Right Reverend the Moderator, the Rev. Richard Bardon, B.A.

Moderator Designate, the Rev. Frank W. Rolland, O.B.E., M.C., M.A.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Elected by the State Assembly

*Ministers:*

Rev. A. A. Adam  
„ K. W. Burton  
„ R. G. Cruikshank  
„ V. Clark-Duff  
„ C. M. Dyster  
„ D. J. Flockhart  
„ A. C. Grieve  
„ F. Hanlin  
„ H. Harrison  
„ H. J. Hillman  
„ R. C. Lawton  
„ T. McDougall  
„ Dr. J. McIntyre  
„ Dr. W. Cumming Thom

*Elders:*

Mr. H. E. H. Atkinson  
Col. A. G. M. Burns  
Mr. N. Chivas  
„ A. E. Forrest  
„ Bryan C. Fuller  
„ T. T. Gammie  
„ E. A. Hunt  
„ J. R. Mackay  
„ J. A. Morrison  
„ S. R. Pacey  
„ D. K. Robertson  
„ Hugh Ross  
„ John Ross  
„ F. J. Walker

BATHURST

Rev. Alan Dougan  
„ N. H. Symes

Mr. G. C. Gordon  
„ J. R. McGill

CANBERRA

Rev. W. Kinmont  
„ L. McInnes  
„ W. A. Pordage

Mr. C. Lawrence  
„ B. K. McDonald  
„ D. S. McKenzie

DUBBO

Rev. E. M. Merton  
„ J. McKinney

THE HASTINGS

Rev. J. P. Mortimore  
„ S. F. Eldred

Mr. H. V. Wemyss  
„ G. T. Gordon

THE HAWKESBURY

Rev. J. R. Bovard  
„ C. F. McAlpine  
„ R. F. Mackay  
„ J. Mullan

Mr. T. Hoad  
„ J. McIntosh  
„ A. Miller  
„ B. Wiles

THE HUNTER

Rev. C. Keir  
„ G. F. Buckley

Mr. J. D. Ross  
„ W. Henderson

	ILLAWARRA	
Rev. S. M. Mitchell		Mr. D. S. Hotchkiss
99 L. M. Williams		„ J. H. B. McDonald
	MOREE	
Rev. R. A. Caldwell		Mr. S. R. Burnard
99 J. Goudie		„ A. C. McMillan
	MURRUMBIDGEE	
Rev. D. Y. Archibald		Mr. J. Cowan
„ H. G. Durbin		„ J. Currie
„ P. Somerville		„ S. P. Dart
	NEW ENGLAND	
Rev. J. A. J. Mitchell		Mr. W. H. McBean
„ J. R. Thorburn		„ R. A. J. McRae
	NORTHERN RIVERS	
Rev. M. M. Macdonald		Mr. M. Kunkier
99 H. McDonald		„ G. Oliver
99 G. W. Mann		„ E. Smith
	NORTH SYDNEY	
Rev. L. G. K. Blanchard		Mr. J. D. Borrowman
„ H. Cunningham		„ T. E. Elliott
„ J. F. McKay		„ P. L. Head
„ J. Gray Robertson		„ J. H. Mackay Sim
„ S. Russell Scott		„ J. B. Rae
„ E. H. Vines		„ A. W. Smart
	ORANGE	
Rev. H. V. Barratt		Mr. M. W. Clemens
„ M. D. Macleod		„ Wilson
	SCONE	
Rev. W. Mullan		Mr. A. S. Hamilton
	SYDNEY	
Rev. D. G. Cole		Mr. A. K. Anderson
99 G. W. McAlpine		„ R. L. Burgess
„ M. J. O'Doherty		„ T. M. Davy
	SYDNEY SOUTH	
Rev. A. W. Grant		Mr. J. McLean
99 R. Maidment		„ A. Morgan
„ W. A. Walker		99 J. C. Parnell
	SYDNEY WEST	
Rev. G. N. Bensley		Mr. A. M. Merrington
„ E. Graham		„ J. G. Paterson
„ A. G. Mackintosh	Carter	„ G. A. Robertson
99 M. A. McAlpine		99 R. F. Williamson
	WAGGA WAGGA	
Rev. C. G. Dane		Mr. A. Anderson
„ J. E. Smith		„ C. S. Munro
99 W. H. Stott		99 A. Ross
	YOUNG	
Rev. E. J. Jakes		Mr. G. E. Baker
„ G. F. G. Kerry		„ D. R. Cooper
„ J. W. Miller		„ A. F. Sergea at
	QUEENSLAND	
	Elected by the State Assembly	
Rev. S. Ballinger		Mr. F. W. T. Main
„ R. Bardon		„ H. Munro
„ L. J. Douglas		„ N. F. Nelson
„ Prof. H. S. R. Innes		„ J. T. Robinson
„ R. Ramsay		„ J. M. D. Stevens
„ J. R. Sweet		„ J. S. R. Wyllie

	BRISBANE	
Rev. R. H. C. Crowe		Mr. R. S. Byrnes.
" R. E. Pashen		" A. McCullough
" T. J. Patterson		" R. W. Ralph
" J. W. Van de Meene		" L. jr. Williams
" T. C. Watson		
	MACKAY	
Rev. A. Trafford Walker		Mr. Alex Grant
	MARYBOROUGH	
Rev. D. H. Henry		Mr. E. L. Jones
" M. W. Roberts		S. Marshall
	m o w b r a y "	
Rev. A. E. Dempster		Mr. W. S. Hastie
" E. F. Farquharson		" N. M. Henderson
" R. H. Vickers		" E. A. Parker
	ROCKHAMPTON	
Rev. W. R. G. Denning		Mr. J. Crawford
" A. W. Laurie		" B. G. Patterson
	TOOWOOMBA	
Rev. J. M. Davison		Mr. J. H. Funk
" R. T. Joughin		" R. Mercer
" E. C. Stevens		" C. Shannon
	TOWNSVILLE	
Rev. P. W. Gillies		Mr. J. Chamberlain
" E. M. Johnston		" T. Elsworthy
	W a r w i c k "	
Rev. R. M. Park		Mr. E. Costello
	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	
	Elected by the State Assembly	
Rev. R. S. C. Blance		Mr. H. M. Caire
" A. S. Jones		
	ADELAIDE	
Rev. J. R. Blanchard		Mr. R. J. Gilchrist
" R. J. F. Shanks		" L. V. M. Leal
	BELALIE	
Rev. Wm. Speirs		Mr. Donald Lauder
	ONKAPARINGA	
Rev. G. T. McGregor		Mr. Peter Stewart
	PENOLA	
Rev. I. H. Silke		Senator K. A. Laught
" T. R. Pritchard		Mr. A. B. Scott
	TASMANIA	
	Elected by the State Assembly	
Rev. H. L. Dunn		Mr. T. S. Hickman
	TASMANIA	
Rev. C. W. Auldism		Mr. G. A. Finlay
" A. J. McAdam		" W. I. Playstead
" R. J. Scrimgeour		" D. H. Thomas
	VICTORIA	
	Elected by the State Assembly	
Rev. W. A. Alston		Mr. J. P. Adam
" J. P. Chalinor		" F. M. Bradshaw
" A. M. Clark		" J. H. Cameron
" A. M. Dickie		Dr. V. Davies
" S. A. Goddard		Mr. C. Homer Fraser
" A. S. Houston		" A. S. H. Gifford
" A. D. Marchant		" R. R. Green
" W. D. Marshall		" W. M. Hodges
" J. E. Owen		" W. Laught
" J. Priestley		" G. D. McKinnon
" F. W. Rolland		" C. W. Powell
" E. H. McL. Shugg		" H. M. Rolland
" J. M. Stuckey		" J. C. Smith
" R. Swanton		" A. J. Spencer
" W. Young		
" J. M. Young		

Rev. N. W. Paul	BALLARAT	Mr. H. G. Grieve
" K. K. Luck		" W. Stepnall
" F. Reid		" J. Stickland
Rev. J. A. K. McLean	BEECHWORTH	" Mr. A. G. Jarvis
" A. T. Stevens		" W. Arnold
Rev. H. W. R. Norwood	BENDIGO	Mr. E. A. Miller
" L. J. Schmidt		" R. Nixon
Rev. J. S. Anderson	FLINDERS	Mr. W. C. Greaves
" J. A. Finlay		" W. De Graaf
" J. S. Tanner		" A. H. Murden
Rev. R. A. Blackwood	GEELONG	Mr. K. W. Burnside
" A. D. Hallam		Hon. J. J. Dedman
" E. W. New		Mr. D. K. P. Miller
" G. A. Wood		" G. L. Peel
Rev. Dr. Finlay Frase	GIPPSLAND	Mr. C. I. Cameron
" W. S. Laity		" A. Elwood
" G. Nathan		" J. Love
Rev. R. H. Reid	GOULBURN VALLEY	" Mr. A. Crawford
" G. L. Richardson		" S. Farthing
Rev. J. V. Mills	HAMILTON	Mr. T. L. Simpson
" P. W. Turner		" G. F. Spencer
" J. H. Bates		
Rev. D. W. Matthews	MACEDON	Mr. D. J. Fraser
" F. C. Parker		" W. McK. Russell
Rev. J. W. Beecher	MALLEE DOWNS	" Mr. D. Dixon
" D. Forbes		
Rev. K. I. Shrader	MARYBOROUGH	Mr. R. Newell
Rev. K. C. Billinge	MELBOURNE EAST	" Mr. J. H. Cormack
" C. T. F. Goy		" A. D. Reid
" P. M. Roberts		" Dr. A. G. Scholes
" G. S. Taylor		" Mr. R. N. Wilson
Rev. J. Beatty	MELBOURNE NORTH	" Mr. W. Beattie
" N. Brown		" J. C. Burton
" J. G. Bucknall		" A. K. Duncan
" A. E. C. Collins		" W. E. Nixon
" D. McK. Jones		" R. G. Scott
" F. P. Strickland		
Rev. R. G. Butler	MELBOURNE SOUTH	Mr. I. Collis
" H. D. Fearon		" A. G. Cust
" N. Pfeiffer		" K. M. Forster
" E. B. Robinson		" R. Officer
" J. Symington		" Geo. Langdon
Rev. E. E. Fabb	MELBOURNE WEST	Mr. R. T. James
" Dr. D. S. Hopkirk		" J. A. Pyke
" E. M. Kippax		" R. A. Quail
" W. R. Matters		" W. A. Thomson
" F. Sadler		" E. C. Owens
Rev. S. W. Ray	MILDURA	Mr. A. J. Duncan
Rev. R. Dunkley	MORTLAKE	Mr. K. Atkins
" W. F. Sutherland		W. I. Holmes
" S. Thompson		G. Horne
Rev. R. Rankin	SEYMOUR	Mr. T. H. Brown
" E. A. Wale		" R. J. Patterson
Rev. S. J. Hill	WESTERN PLAINS	" Mr. N. Fenton
" D. I. Munro		" E. D. Mackinnon
Rev. A. W. Cooper	WIMMERA	Mr. T. E. Haining
" C. S. Petrie		" E. W. Hudgson
	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	
	Elected by the State Assembly	
Rev. T. Gibson		Mr. P. J. Barblett
" H. Perkins		" A. J. Fraser
Rev. J. K. Hutchinson	FREMANTLE	Mr. J. Dreghorn
" J. A. F. Watson		" R. C. Purdie
Rev. J. Gregson	PERTH NORTH	" Mr. S. Fong
" J. G. Thrum		" W. R. G. Mitchell
Rev. A. C. Eadie	PERTH	Dr. A. A. Barr
" R. B. Sparks		Mr. R. J. Leonhardt

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

SESSION TWENTY-SIXTH

FIRST SEDERUNT

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, on Wednesday,  
the 8th day of September, 1954, at 7.30 p.m.

1. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia convened. Public Worship was conducted by the Right Reverend the Moderator-General, the Rev. R. Bardon, O.B.E., B.A., who preached from 2 Timothy 11:9. Thereafter, the Assembly was constituted with prayer. Constitution
2. The Roll of Assembly was laid on the Table as printed in the White Book with the changes reported since the printing of the Book, declared to be of interim authority, and ordered to be finally adjusted after the confirmation of the Minutes tomorrow. Roll
3. The Clerk intimated the death of Mr. J. Matheson of the Hawkesbury Presbytery and moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to the relatives. The Moderator led the house in prayer. Death
4. The Clerk submitted apologies for absence from the Rev. V. W. Coombes, E. W. S. Bishop, E. W. Archer, D. M. Baird and Messrs. J. Currie, John Ross and A. McL. Wilson and moved that the Assembly sustain them. The motion was seconded and approved. Apologies
5. The Clerk read a letter from their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Slim conveying their best wishes for the success of the Assembly. greetings from  
the Governor-  
General
6. The Clerk submitted the report of the Board of Nominators and intimated that the Board had agreed unanimously to nominate the Rev. Francis William Rolland, O.B.E., M.C., M.A., as Moderator of this Assembly, and moved "that the General Assembly accept the nomination and elect the Rev. F. W. Rolland as Moderator of this Assembly. The motion was seconded and approved with acclamation. Board of  
Nominators
7. The Rev. F. W. Rolland was conducted to the Chair and inducted with prayer by the retiring Moderator, and delivered a suitable address on "The Reserves of God." Moderator  
Inducted
8. The Clerk read a telegram of congratulations to tie Moderator-General from the A.I.M. Staff at Alice Springs. Con-  
gratulations
9. The Business Convener moved:—  
That the Assembly thank the retiring Moderator, the Very Rev. Richard Bardon, O.B.E., B.A., for his services to the Presbyterian Church of Australia, express sympathy with him in the serious illness that overtook him early in the term of his office, rejoice in the measure of health and strength which has been restored to him, and express appreciation of the way in which, subject to such limitations, Mr. Bardon has upheld the highest traditions of the office and of the Church.  
The Clerk seconded the motion, which was approved.  
The Moderator conveyed the thanks of the Assembly to the retiring Moderator, congratulating him upon receiving the O.B.E. Thanks to  
Retiring  
Moderator
10. The Business Convener moved that the Assembly adopt the following loyal address. Loyal Address

## LOYAL ADDRESS

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

We, your faithful subjects, Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, convened in General Assembly, take leave to express our continued loyalty to Your Majesty's person, family and throne.

Meeting in the year of the Royal Visit, and in the city where Your Majesty, accompanied by His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, landed in Australia, and thus became the first reigning Monarch to visit this land, we cannot but be grateful for all that Your Majesty's visit has meant, a visit that has confirmed the loyalty of our people to the throne and deepened their affection for Your Majesty's person.

We pray that God, Who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, will continue to vouchsafe to Your Majesty and to His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, all needful gifts for the full discharge of the many and onerous duties of Your Majesty's exalted office.

We have the honour to be Your Majesty's faithful servants, 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 by

F. W. ROLLAND,  
Moderator.

The motion was seconded and approved by a standing vote.  
The General Assembly sang the National Anthem.

Business  
report

## II. The Business Convener submitted the Report of the Business Committee and moved the Deliverance:

That the Assembly—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Fix the Ordinary Meetings of the Assembly from 9.30 a.m. till 5 p.m. with an interval from 12.45 to 1.45 for luncheon, Evening Sederunt from 7 p.m. till 9.30 p.m., Saturday mornings from 9.30 a.m. till 12 noon.
3. Approve the following arrangements for speeches for this Assembly:—  
Report, Board of Missions: Convener, 20 minutes; Seconder, General Secretary, Victorian Secretary, and Queensland Secretary, 15 Minutes each. Report, A.I.M. Board: Convener, 20 minutes; Victorian Convener and Superintendent, 15 minutes each. Reports, Christian Unity Committee and College Committee: Conveners presenting reports, 15 minutes each; seconders and movers of substantial amendments, 10 minutes each. Reports of other Committees: Conveners presenting reports, 12 minutes each; seconders and movers of substantial amendments, 7 minutes each. Other speakers, 5 minutes each. All these periods to be extensible by leave of the Assembly.
4. Request that Notices of Motion be submitted in triplicate.
5. Determine that Remanets at the evening sederunt refer to the unfinished business of the morning sederunt.
6. Give general approval to the following proposed Order of Business:

WEDNESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER, 1954.

7.30 p.m.

Opening of Assembly.

Public Worship conducted by the retiring Moderator, the Right Rev. R. Bardon, O.B.E., B.A.

Assembly constituted with prayer.

Roll.

Apologies.

Associates.

Nomination, Election and Induction of Moderator.

Moderator's Address.

Loyal Address.

Election of Ballot Committee.  
Adjourn.  
Report of Business Committee.  
Election of Selection Committee.

SECOND SEDERUNT — THURSDAY, 9th September, 1954.

- 9.30 a.m. Communion Service — St. Stephen's Church.  
11.30 a.m. Assembly constituted — Assembly Hall.  
Report of Finance Committee.  
Report of Committee on Aids to Devotion.  
Report of Audio-Visual Education Committee.  
Report of A.I.M. Board.  
Overtures III and VIII.  
2.00 p.m. Communication V anent Constitution Presbyterian Women's Association.  
Report of Beneficiary Fund Committee.  
Report of Canberra Executive.  
Petitions II and III.

THIRD SEDERUNT — THURSDAY, 9th September, 1954.

- 7.00 p.m. Remanets.  
Report of Committee on Christian Unity.  
Communications II and III.

FOURTH SEDERUNT — FRIDAY, 10th September, 1954.

- 9.30 a.m. Report of Committee on Church's Attitude to Creed.  
Report of Code Committee.  
Report of College Committee.  
Petition I, Overture VI.  
Report of Committee on Constitution and Function of G.A.A.  
Overtures I and II.  
Report of Defence Forces Chaplaincy Committee.  
Report of Ebenezer Sesqui-Centenary Committee.  
Report of Ecumenical Committee.  
Report of Federal Advisory Committee.  
Report of Fire Insurance Committee.  
7.30 p.m. A.I.M. Demonstration.

FIFTH SEDERUNT — SATURDAY, 11th September, 1954.

- 9.30 a.m. Remanets from previous Sederunts.  
Report of Immigration Committee.  
Report of Moderator General.  
Communications IV and VI.  
Overtures IV and V.

7. Approve the request of the Christian Unity Committee that the Christian Unity Report be an Order of the Day for 7 p.m., Thursday, September 9, and that the Defence Forces Chaplaincy Report be made an Order of the Day for Friday at 3 p.m.
8. Approve the request of the Board of Missions that the Board of Missions Report be an Order of the Day for 7 p.m. on Monday, September 13, and give leave for the Rev. Geo. Anderson, M.A., of Victoria and the Rev. Dr. Winburn T. Thomas, representative in Indonesia of the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, to address the Assembly during that sederunt.
9. Approve the following arrangements for the election of members of Standing Committees, and of any other persons in regard to whom a Ballot is necessary: Nominations to close at 2 p.m. on Monday, 13th September, 1954. Ballot to be taken at 4.45 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th September.
10. In terms of Minute 227 (4), G.A. or A., B.B. 1951, and to make up the vacancies that have occurred since that date, appoint the following as the Business Committee for this Assembly:

The Rev. T. McDougall (Convener),  
 Mr. Bryan C. Fuller (Procurator),  
 Mr. J. P. Adam (Law Agent),  
 The Rev. W. D. Marshall (Clerk),  
 The Rev. J. M. Stuckey (Junior Clerk),  
 The Rev. J. Eric Owen (Board of Missions),  
 The Rev. J. Gray Robertson (Australian Inland Mission),  
 The Rev. W. Young (College Committee),  
 The Rev. A. D. Marchant (Board of Religious Education),  
 Mr. J. A. Morrison (Finance Committee),  
 Mr. J. R. Mackay (Sydney),  
 Mr. R. S. Byrnes (Brisbane),  
 Mr. L. V. M. Leal (Adelaide),  
 Mr. G. D. McKinnon (Melbourne),  
 The Rev. T. Gibson (Perth),  
 with the Rev. C. M. Dyster as Vice-Convener.

11. Appoint Mr. J. Forsyth Grant, M.A., L.R.A.M., as Assembly Organist.
12. Appoint the following as a Press Committee: Rev. F. Hanlin (Convener), E. H. Vines, Walter Maclean and H. Dunn and Mr. R. S. Byrnes.
13. Authorise and request the Moderator and Clerk to furnish Mr. Bryan C. Fuller, Procurator, the Rev. W. A. Alston, Rev. J. Gray Robertson, and any other members of this Assembly who may go abroad during the period between this and the next meeting of the General Assembly and who may request such papers, with letters commending them to other Assemblies and Church Courts. Clauses 1-13 were seconded and approved.

Debate  
 adjourned  
 Selection  
 Committee

12. The Debate was adjourned. (Min. 30a).
13. The Business Convener moved:  
 That the Assembly appoint the Selection Committee as follows:  
 Rev. A. C. Eadie (Convener), H. J. Hillman, A. W. Grant, A. W. Cooper, C. W. Auldlist, and J. W. Miller, and Messrs. J. A. Morrison, H. M. Rolland, H. M. Caire and R. S. Byrnes.  
 The motion was seconded and approved.

Ballot  
 Committee

14. The Business Convener moved:—  
 "That the Assembly appoint the Ballot Committee as follows:  
 Messrs. A. E. Forrest (Convener), R. F. Williamson, Col. A. G. M. Burns, H. Munro, N. F. Nelson, A. K. Duncan, H. M. Rolland, P. Stewart, and R. C. Purdie."  
 The motion was seconded and approved.

Scrutiny of  
 Minutes

15. The Business Convener moved:—  
 That the Assembly appoint as a Committee to scrutinize the daily Minutes and notify corrections to the Clerks: Rev. G. Ross Williams (Convener), R. H. C. Crowe, and G. F. G. Kerry.  
 The motion was seconded and approved.

N.M.

16. Notices of Motion i-ii were read and laid on the Table.

S.O. 19  
 Suspended

17. Standing Order 19 was suspended in connection with Notices of Motion iii, iv, v, and vi.

N.M.

18. Notices of Motion iii, iv, v, and vi were laid on the Table.

S.O. 19  
 Resumed

19. Standing Order 19 was resumed.

Adjournment

20. The House adjourned to meet on Thursday, the 9th September, at 9.30 a.m., at St. Stephen's for Holy Communion, and thereafter for ordinary business at the Assembly Hall, which having been duly intimated, the sederunt was closed with the Benediction.

W. D. MARSHALL  
 J. M. STUCKEY

} Clerks.



## SECOND SEDERUNT

At Sydney, and within St. Stephen's Church, Macquarie Street, on Thursday, the 9th day of September, 1954, at 9 a.m.

21. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, in which the Moderator was assisted by the Rev. A. C. Eadie, the Very Rev. A. C. Grieve, the Very Rev. R. Bardon, the Very Rev. J. R. Blanchard, and the Rev. A. R. C. Jamieson, and the Rev. D. G. Cole. Constitution  
Lord's Supper
22. The Assembly adjourned to the Assembly Hall and the Business sederunt was opened with prayer. Constitution
23. Notice of Motion No. vii was read and laid on the Table. N.M.
24. Rev. W. Gardiner Scott of New Zealand was presented to the Moderator and associated. Rev. W. G.  
Scott  
Associated
25. Apologies for non attendance were received from Rev. A. E. Dempster, the Rev. M. W. Roberts, Rev. G. W. McAlpine, and Mr. W. Clements and sustained. Apologies
26. The Business Convener reported the death on June 22 last of a former Moderator, the Very Rev. Dr. Macintyre. The Very Rev. A. C. Grieve read the following Memorial Minute and moved that it be received. The Assembly approved the Minute by a standing vote, after which the Moderator led the House in prayer. Memorial  
Minute  
(Rev. Prof.  
Macintyre)  
Dr. R. G. Macintyre  
The Very Rev. Ronald George Macintyre, C.M.G., O.B.E., D.D., was born in Melbourne on August 30, 1863, and went to Scotland to study Law. He transferred to studies for the Holy Ministry, and was Ordained in 1891. After Pastorates in England and Scotland, he was Called to Woollahra, N.S.W., in 1904, where he ministered for six years. He served as Professor of Systematic Theology in the Theological Hall, St. Andrew's College, for seventeen years, and then for seven years as Managing Director of Burnside Presbyterian Orphan Homes.  
He was Moderator of the General Assembly of Australia from 1916 to 1918, discharging the duties of this office with ability and distinction, but he will be most vividly remembered for his work as Convener of the Assembly's Business Committee for more than thirty years. In this office he revealed a clear mind, sound judgment, a masterly grasp of the principles and details of procedure, and an extraordinary capacity for finding a path through complicated situations.  
His life was dominated by passionate devotion to the Church above all other institutions, and was inspired by unswerving loyalty to the great simplicities of the Christian Gospel. He was admired by many, beloved by those who knew him in friendship, revered by the great multitude whom he had helped along the way, and he will be gratefully remembered by the Church whose service he adorned.  
On June 22, 1954, in the 91st year of his age, he passed to where, beyond these voices, there is Peace.
27. Mr. J. A. Morrison submitted the report of the Finance Committee and moved the Deliverance. Finance  
Clause 1. "That the Assembly receive the Report." was moved, seconded and approved.  
Clause 2. "Note with regret the death of Mr. John Downes and express sympathy with his relatives." The motion was approved by a standing vote.  
The Moderator led the house in prayer.
28. The Debate was adjourned. (Min. 103). Debate  
adjourned
29. The House sat in private. (Min. 33).
30. The Rev. Mr. Heath, member of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, was presented to the Moderator and associated. Rev. Mr.  
Heath  
Associated  
The Order of the Day was called for.

Business  
(debate  
resumed)

30a. The Debate on the Deliverance of the Business Committee (Min. 12) was resumed.

31. The Convener moved Clause 14.

"Invite the Rev. Prof. J. G. Hromadka, Minister of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, Dean of the Comenius Evangelical Theological Faculty in Prague, Vice-President of the Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System, Member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, to address the Assembly at a private session on "The Protestant Churches in Czechoslovakia To-day," the time of such private session to be determined by the Business Committee in consultation with Dr. Hromadka."

The motion was seconded.

32. The Debate was adjourned (Min. 38).

33. The House resumed in public. (Min. 29).

34. Communication V was laid on the Table.

The Procurator moved:—

That the Assembly receive the communication and approve the Constitution of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia as follows:—

Name:

The Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia.

Object:

To link the members of the Presbyterian Women's Organisations throughout the Commonwealth in a friendly comradeship for mutual help and inspiration and for united service to Christ and His Church at home and abroad.

Composition:

The Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia shall comprise all members of the Presbyterian Women's Organisations as shall have been admitted as constituent bodies of the P.W.A. State Units. Should a State be unable to form a State Unit, an individual Presbyterian Organisation may join the Federal body, but should two or more Organisations from that State wish to join the Federal body, a State Unit must be formed.

State Units:

The Constitutions of State Units shall not be standardised, but may vary in the different States according to the varied groupings of Presbyterian women within the States. Each State Unit of the P.W.A. shall be autonomous, but Constitutions of State Units must be approved by the Federal Conference.

Governing Body:

The Governing Body shall be the Conference meeting concurrently with each Federal Assembly of Australia. Voting Delegates of the Federal Conference shall be appointed by the State Units in proportion of— New South Wales, 5; Victoria, 5; Queensland, 4; South Australia, 2; Tasmania, 2; Western Australia, 2. A quorum shall comprise 2/3rds of the voting members. The Governing Body is empowered to make By-laws to carry out the provisions of this Constitution.

Office-Bearers:

Office-bearers shall be:—

The Hon. President, who shall be the wife of the Moderator-General.

The President

Vice-Presidents, who shall be the Presidents of the State Units.

Secretary

Treasurer

and any other Office-bearers whom the Governing Body may from time to time appoint. Term of office to be from Conference to Conference. The President, Secretary and Treasurer (all of whom shall be from the one State) shall be nominated from States in rotation. The order of rotation shall be fixed by the Governing Body at its first meeting. Each State shall have the power to nominate. The State Unit shall have the right to decline its place in the rotation.

The President shall preside at such meetings of delegates, or, in her absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, and such Chairwoman shall have in addition to her vote (if a delegate), a casting vote.

Debate  
adjourned  
Public  
Communication V

Nominations must be in the hands of the Federal Secretary two months prior to the Conference.

THE EXECUTIVE shall consist of the President, one Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three other members who shall be appointed by the State Unit where the Executive is situated.

Badges:

The Badge shall be approved by the Governing Body at its first meeting and shall be distributed through a Federal Badge Secretary as the Governing Body may determine.

Finance:

The Annual Subscription from each State Unit shall be:—N.S.W., £5; Vic. £5; Q'land, £4, each other State £2.

Amendment of Constitution:

Notice to amend this Constitution shall be given by one or more State Units not less than six calendar months before the meeting of the Federal Conference and shall require to be passed after being remitted to all State Units, by a three-fifths majority of the voting delegates present, representing not less than four States, and shall not come into operation until approved by the General Assembly of Australia.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. J. A. Morrison moved as an amendment:—

1. The omission in Clause 3 (Composition) of all words after "Organizations" in the second line, with a view to insert these words—"which accept this Constitution and are admitted as constituent bodies of the Association."
2. The omission of Clause 4 (State Units).
3. The omission in other Clauses where they appear of the words "Unit" or "Units" with a view to substituting the words "Constituent bodies."

The amendment was seconded and disapproved.

The motion was approved.

35. Communications VIII, IX, and X were laid on the Table and received. Communications vin, IX, X  
Orders of Day varied
36. The Rev. J. E. Owen moved:—  
That the Assembly vary the Orders of the Day with a view to continuing the Debate on the Business Committee's Deliverance.  
The motion was seconded and approved.
37. The House sat in Private (Min. 46). Private Business (debate resumed)
38. The Debate was resumed (Min. 32).
39. The Moderator indicated that in his opinion the matter was sufficiently discussed.  
The Business Convener moved "that the question be now put."  
The motion was seconded and approved.
40. The Moderator intimated that in his opinion the motion was approved.
41. A Division was called for.  
The Moderator declared the result of the Division as follows:—  
For—238.  
Against—38. Division
42. The Rev. J. Gray Robertson indicated that he dissented on the following grounds:—  
1. That the matter had not been sufficiently discussed.  
2. That we believe the decision will injure the unity of the Church.  
3. That it involves the presentation of one side of the case from behind the Iron Curtain.  
The following associated themselves with the Rev. J. Gray Robertson and the reasons for dissent, viz.:  
Rev. J. P. Chalinor, Mr. E. C. Owens, and Mr. C. Homer Fraser. Dissent
43. The Rev. J. E. Owen moved that the Assembly appoint the Rev. T. McDougall, Rev. J. E. Owen and Rev. W. A. Alston to answer the reasons for dissent (Min. 290).  
The motion was seconded and approved.
44. The Rev. J. Priestley moved that the Assembly release Clause 14 simpliciter to the Press (Min. 31).  
The motion was seconded and approved.
45. The Deliverance as a whole was approved.
46. The House resumed in Public (Min. 37). Public

Aids to  
Devotion

47. The Rev. W. A. Alston submitted the report of the Aids of Devotion Committee and moved the Deliverance:—

48. It was agreed to take the Deliverance Clause by Clause.

Clause 1 was approved.

Clause 2 was moved and seconded as follows:—

2. Approve the Orders of Service, prepared by the Committee, as found in the Report.

49. The Rev. D. I. Munro moved in the Baptismal Order the omission after the words "the household of faith" of the words "and makes" down to "Kingdom of Heaven."

The amendment was seconded and approved.

50. The Rev. John Priestley moved the suspension of Standing Order 55 in order to re-commit Clause 1.

The motion was seconded and approved, and the Standing Order suspended.

51. Clause 1 was re-committed—approved.

52. Standing Order 55 was resumed.

53. The Debate was adjourned (Min. 251).

54. By leave of the House, Rev. F. Hanlin moved:

That the Assembly refer back the Orders of Service to the Committee and instruct members who wish to suggest amendments to submit them to the Convener by tomorrow, so that the Committee may consider them before presenting their report to a later sederunt.

The amendment was seconded and approved.

55. The Rev. C. T. F. Goy submitted the report on Audio-Visual Education and moved the Deliverance:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Instruct the Committee to watch all plans for the introduction of television in Australia so as to ensure that the interests of the Churches are properly conserved.

2. Instruct the Committee to maintain a close liaison with the Australian Council of the World Council of Churches Television Panel to encourage the production of suitable trial programmes so that the Church may be adequately prepared to take advantage of probable facilities and to co-operate subsequently in the production of regular programmes on the highest level of dramatic and religious quality and technical excellence.

3. Instruct the Committee to continue the close association with the Australian Religious Film Society.

The motion was seconded and approved.

56. The Clerk laid on the Table the Minutes of yesterday's sederunt.

57. The Rev. A. M. Clark submitted the report of the Beneficiary Fund Committee and moved the Deliverance.

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.

2. Authorise the Committee to send down to Ministers explanatory information on the G.A.A. Fund.

3. Authorise the Committee to confer with State Committees with a view to overcoming barriers to the commencement of the G.A.A. Fund.

4. Re-appoint the Committee:—

Rev. A. M. Clark (Convener) E. E. Fabb, J. Priestley, R. S. Woodger, S. Russell-Scott, V. Clark-Duff, Alex. Duff, J. I. Williamson, J. G. Thrum, A. J. McAdam.

Messrs. G. D. McKinnon, W. M. Hodges, J. R. Mackay, J. A. Morrison, R. S. Byrnes, J. S. R. Wyllie, H. M. Caire, W. R. G. Mitchell, W. W. Briggs.

The motion was seconded and approved.

58. Notices of Motion viii-xiii were read and laid on the Table.

59. The House adjourned to meet at 7 p.m. which, having been duly intimated, the sederunt was closed with prayer.

W. D. MARSHALL  
J. M. STUCKEY

Clerks

S.O. 55  
suspended

S.O. 55  
resumed  
Debate  
adjourned  
Orders of  
Service  
(referred  
back)

Audio-Visual

Minutes

Beneficiary

N.M.

Adjournment

### THIRD SEDERUNT

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, on Thursday, the 9th day of September, 1954, at 7 p.m.

60. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Constitution
61. Notice of Motion (XIV) was read and laid on the Table. N.M.
62. The Business Convener submitted the report of the Business Committee and moved "That the Order of Business as recommended be approved."  
The motion was seconded and approved. Business
63. The corrections of yesterday's Minutes were intimated and the Minutes were confirmed. Minutes  
Confirmed
64. The Clerk intimated the corrections in the Roll of the Assembly and moved that the Roll as corrected be declared the Roll of this Assembly.  
The motion was seconded and approved. Roll  
Confirmed
65. The O.D. was called.
66. The Rev. Dr. W. Cumming Thom submitted the report on Christian Unity and moved the Deliverance.  
It was agreed to take the Deliverance Clause by Clause.  
Clause 1 and 2 were moved, seconded and approved.  
Clause 3 was moved and seconded as follows:—  
3. Direct that in State Assemblies, Presbyteries, Kirk Sessions and congregations, a vote be taken on the desirability or otherwise of entering into negotiations with the Congregational and Methodist Churches with a view to corporate union on a basis to be agreed upon by the three Churches and to be submitted at a later date. The question to be as follows:—  
"Are you in favour of the Presbyterian Church of Australia resuming negotiations with the Congregational and Methodist Churches with a view to corporate Union?" Christian  
Unity
67. Mr. F. Maxwell Bradshaw, according to Notice, moved the omission of all words in Clause 3, of the Deliverance with a view to inserting other words namely:—  
"3. Instruct the Clerk, in consultation with the Committee on Christian Unity, to advise the appropriate authorities of the Methodist Church and the Congregational Churches that the General Assembly, at the present juncture, while appreciating the action of these Churches in approaching the Presbyterian Church on the matter of union, sees no early prospect of a union embracing the Presbyterian Church of Australia being accomplished, and therefore would not feel justified in entering upon negotiations which would have the effect of postponing the further implementation of proposals provisionally agreed upon between the Methodist Church and the Congregational Churches for a union of those two denominations."
68. The amendment was seconded and the Moderator indicated that in his opinion the amendment was disapproved.
69. A Division was called for. Division
70. The Moderator declared the result of the Division as follows:—  
For—47.  
Against—201.
71. The amendment was disapproved.
72. Notice of Motion VIII was declared incompetent.
73. The Debate on Clause 3 was adjourned (Min. 75). Debate  
adjourned

Overture IX  
fallen from

74. Overture IX was called for.

The Rev. M. A. McAlpine on behalf of the Overturists asked leave to fall from the Overture.

Leave was granted and Overture IX was fallen from.

Debate  
resumed  
Moderator's  
Ruling  
Challenged

75. The Debate on Clause 3 was resumed. (Min. 73).

76. The Moderator's ruling on a point of Order was challenged and the Business Convener moved that the Moderator's ruling be disagreed with.

The motion was approved and the ruling was disagreed with.

77. The Rev. E. H. Vines moved the omission of the word "corporate" in two places in Clause 3.

The amendment was seconded and disapproved.

78. Clause 3 was approved.

79. By leave additional Clause 4 was moved, seconded and approved as follows:—"Declare that only members on the Communion Rolls of the Congregation shall be entitled to vote."

80. Clause 5 was moved, seconded, approved as follows:

5. Empower the Executive of the Christian Unity Committee to make preliminary arrangements for voting and to submit the results of the vote to the next Assembly; the vote to be taken before 31st December, 1955.

81. Clause 6 and 7 were moved, seconded and approved.

82. The Deliverance as a whole was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly—

1. Receive the Report.

2. Receive with gratitude the communications from the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand and the Methodist Church of Australia.

3. Direct that in State Assemblies, Presbyteries, Kirk Sessions and congregations, a vote be taken on the desirability or otherwise of entering into negotiations with the Congregational and Methodist Churches with a view to corporate union on a basis to be agreed upon by the three Churches and to be submitted at a later date. The question to be as follows:—

"Are you in favour of the Presbyterian Church of Australia resuming negotiations with the Congregational and Methodist Churches with a view to corporate Union?"

4. Declare that only members on the Communion Rolls of Congregations shall be entitled to vote.

5. Empower the Executive of the Christian Unity Committee to make preliminary arrangements for voting and to submit the results of the vote to the next Assembly; the vote to be taken before 31st December, 1955.

6. Instruct the Executive, should the vote be in the affirmative, to confer with the corresponding Committees of the other two Churches and prepare a possible Basis of Union to be submitted to the next Assembly.

7. Re-appoint the Committee, with the N.S.W. State Committee as Executive and Dr. W. Cumming Thom as Convener.

83. Mr. F. M. Bradshaw dissented from Clause 3, 4, 5, and 6 on the following grounds:—

The decision embodied in these Clauses—

1. Shows a misconception of the character of the true unity of the Church as a spiritual entity and allows undue importance to mere organisation.

2. Approves a course of action to which many Ministers, elders,

Christian  
Unity  
Deliverance

Dissent

and others are opposed in conscience, which course of action these will feel obliged to resist.

3. Without any adequate reason for so doing, revives an issue which for a period of half a century served no useful purpose and only resulted in strife within the Church, and the dissipation of our energy on needless controversy.
4. Makes controversy strife and division once more inevitable within our Church.
5. Represents a turning away from our historic position as a Reformed Church to seek a union with bodies between whom and our Church there are profound differences.
6. Was arrived at without any reasonable ground for believing that either a practicable or acceptable basis of union will be agreed upon, or that the Presbyterian Church of Australia is at all likely to enter any union in the foreseeable future.
7. Necessarily postpones the implementation of a scheme of union provisionally agreed upon between the Methodists and the Congregationalists, in the face of the fact that it is in the highest degree improbable that any union will result from the negotiations to be entered into, and, with this knowledge available to us, is a breach of our Christian duty to these other Churches.
8. Disregards our responsibilities as a Presbyterian Church to the Reformed peoples from the European continent who are immigrating to this country.
9. Disregards our responsibilities towards the Presbyterian inhabitants of Indonesia numbering approximately two millions who need our co-operation, and many of whom feel unable to enter into ecclesiastical relations with non-Presbyterians.
10. Displays provincialism of outlook and a failure to appreciate the existence of other methods of attaining Christian Unity, eg. the World Council of Churches.
11. The means adopted for determining whether negotiations should be resumed are in violation of the Presbyterian system, are inept in themselves, and the voting will not provide a reliable guide as to the mind of the Church on the real issue.
12. Requires a vote by people who themselves feel they are not sufficiently informed on the matter.

F. MAXWELL BRADSHAW.

The following members adhered to the reasons for dissent:—

C. H. FRASER,  
R. SWANTON,  
C. STEWART PETRIE,  
L. STEWART TAYLOR,  
HECTOR McDONALD,  
P. SOMERVILLE,  
HECTOR L. DUNN,  
VICTOR CLARK-DUFF,  
D. Y. ARCHIBALD,  
GEO. W. MANN,  
M. KUNKLER.

84. Notices of Motion (xv-xviii) were read and laid on the Table.

N.M.

85. The House adjourned to meet at 9.30 a.m. tomorrow which having been duly intimated, the sederunt was closed with prayer.

Adjournment

W. D. MARSHALL  
J. M. STUCKEY

} Clerks.

#### FOURTH SEDERUNT

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, on Friday the 10th day of September, 1954, at 9.30 a.m.

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| Constitution       | 86. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.   |
| Evening Sederunt   | 87. The Rev. P. M. Roberts moved that the Assembly fall from its arrangement to meet at 7 p.m. this evening.<br>The motion was seconded and approved.   |
| A.I.M.             | 88. The O.D. was called.<br>89. The Rev. J. Gray Robertson submitted the report on the Australian Inland Mission and moved the Deliverance.<br>The motion was seconded.<br>90. The Superintendent of the A.I.M. addressed the House.<br>91. It was agreed to take the Deliverance Clause by Clause. Clauses 1-7 were moved, seconded and approved.<br>Clause 8 was moved and seconded as follows:—<br>8. Authorise the A.I.M. Board to continue investigations into the problem of integrating migrants into the Presbyterian Church of Australia and to take action in consultation with the appropriate committees.<br>92. According to Notice the Rev. J. W. van de Meene moved an addition to Clause 8 as follows:—<br>“and to appoint travelling padres for the Dutch Presbyterians in country areas.”<br>The amendment was seconded.  |
| Rev. M. J. Geursen | 93. By leave of the House the Rev. M. J. Geursen addressed the House.<br>The amendment was approved and the addition to the Clause added.   |
| Debate adjourned   | 94. The Debate was adjourned (Min. 228).  |
| College            | 95. The O.D. was called for.<br>“96. The Rev. W. Young submitted the report and supplementary report of the College Committee and moved the Deliverance.<br>The motion was seconded.<br>Clause 1 was moved and seconded and approved.<br>Clause 2 was moved and seconded.<br>97. The Convener moved Clause 2, Preparatory Courses, Section 2 b ii, as follows:—<br>“The Preliminary year at the Theological Hall and the Extra-Mural Course shall be in such subjects as English, History, Psychology, Logic, Philosophy, Greek and Hebrew. Hebrew shall be a subject in the Preliminary Year at the Theological Hall and the first year of the three years' Extra-Mural Course...”<br>The Rev. E. H. Vines moved as an amendment the addition of the word (“optional”) after the words “and Hebrew” and the substitution of the words “an optional subject” for “a subject” after the words “Hebrew shall be.”<br>The amendment was seconded and disapproved.<br>98. The Convener moved the Section Theological Hall Course, Section 3, as follows:—<br>3. The subjects in which the Candidate shall be required to satisfy the Faculty shall include the basic subjects as defined in Article viii d, namely, Hebrew with O.T. Exegesis, New Testament Greek with N.T. Exegesis, Systematic Theology, Apologetics, Church History and Practical Training. |



Candidates shall be tested in these subjects at all stages of their training in the Theological Hall by means of class examinations, critical exercises, theses, or other examinations as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee responsible for Theological Education in each State.

The study of Hebrew may be discontinued at the end of the first year by candidates who have entered from Preparatory Course 1, on the recommendation of the Faculty and with the approval of the College Committee.

The motion was seconded.

The Rev. E. H. Vines, according to Notice, moved the addition after the words "Practical Training" in the section on the Theological Hall Course, the words "Comparative religion shall be studied for one year at least, either in conjunction with Apologetics or separately."

The amendment was seconded and disapproved.

99. Clause 2 was approved.

100. Clauses 3-4 were moved, seconded and approved.

101. According to Notice, Rev. C. S. Petrie moved an additional Clause 5 as follows:—

"Instruct the College Committee to take such steps, in consultation with the examiners, as will ensure adequate standards in all faculties."

The motion was seconded and approved and the Clause added.

102. The Debate was adjourned (Min. 111).

Debate  
adjourned

103. The O.D. was called and the Debate on Finance was resumed (Min. 28).

Finance  
(resumed)

Clauses 3-6 were moved, seconded and approved.

104. By leave Clause 7 was moved and seconded as follows:—

"Approve the next Assembly being held in Melbourne in September, 1957."

According to Notice, the Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved the omission of the figures "1957" with a view to insert the figures "1956."

The motion was seconded.

105. The Debate was adjourned. (Min. 179).

Debate  
adjourned

106. The O.D. was called.

107. The Rev. A. S. Houston submitted the report of the Defence Forces Chaplaincy and moved the Deliverance.

Defence Forces  
Chaplaincy

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the report and express its appreciation of the work of the Chaplain-General A. H. Stewart and Principal Chaplain R. C. Russell during the past three years.
2. Convey its thanks to the Adjutant-General's branch of the Army for the introduction of the C.O.'s hour and periodic Chaplains' schools, and to the Air Member for Personnel for the splendid support given to the Chaplains' Branch of the R.A.A.F., with special reference to the provision made for the Christian citizenship training of the National Service Trainees.
3. Congratulate the Chaplains who have received promotion by the Air Force Authorities.
4. Recommend that the Chaplain-General and Principal Chaplain be afforded facilities by the Theological Faculties to present the challenge of Chaplaincy Work to Theological Students.
5. Draw the attention of State Assemblies and the Chaplaincy Committees

of New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania to Clause' (3) G.A.A. B.B. 1951 (Min. 63), and urge that steps be taken to provide their quotas towards the R.A.N. Protestant Memorial Chapel at Flinders Naval Base.

The motion was seconded.

Chaplain  
General  
(Rev. A. H.  
Stewart)  
Principal  
Chaplain  
(Rev. R. C.  
Russell)

108. By leave of the House the Chaplain General, the Rev. A. H. Stewart addressed the House.

109. By leave of the House Principal Chaplain the Rev. R. C. Russell addressed the House.

110. The Deliverance was approved.

College  
(resumed)

111. The Debate on the College Committee was resumed (Min. 102).  
Clauses 6-8 were moved, seconded and approved.

112. The Deliverance as amended was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Enact the following regulations:

#### General Regulations

1. Before admission to the Course of Training applicants must be duly accepted as "Candidates for the Ministry" by the Presbyterian Churches of their several States.
2. Every applicant must be a member of the Presbyterian Church in full communion for at least 6 months, and shall produce to the State Committee a certificate from the Presbytery, within whose bounds he usually resides, that his character and personality are such as to fit him for the work of the Ministry. Before providing a certificate, Presbyteries shall take practical steps to ascertain that the applicant possesses such qualifications.
3. Applicants are admitted to the Course of Training by the College Committee on the recommendation of the State Committees that are responsible for theological education. Applicants shall produce evidence to the College Committee that they have passed the examinations required for such admission.
4. All communications to the College Committee shall be forwarded through the State Committees responsible for theological education, with the exception that a direct approach by Faculties is allowable in those matters which the Faculties decide.

#### Rules for Entrance

In conformity with the "Articles of Agreement," the necessary preparation for Theological Studies is University Education or a course approved by the College Committee.

1. Any candidate who has qualified to matriculate at a recognised University shall be deemed to have the qualifications for admission to the Course of Training.
2. Any candidate who has not qualified to matriculate at a recognised University shall be required to produce evidence to the College Committee.
  - (a) That he has passed in an Entrance Examination, set by the College Committee, in the subjects of English Literature, English Expression and Modern History; or
  - (b) That he has passed in examinations accepted by the College Committee as equivalent to its Entrance Examination.

#### Course of Training

1. All courses shall be directed by Faculties and all syllabi, drawn up by Faculties, shall be approved by the College Committee.
2. All candidates, after the completion of their first year of training, shall be examined throughout their Course at the beginning of each year in the subject of English Bible.

3. Candidature may be terminated at any stage of a candidate's training by the College Committee on the recommendation of the State Committee or after consultation between the two Committees.

#### Preparatory Courses

There shall be two Courses, each extending over a period of at least three years, in preparation for Theological Hall studies. Candidates may be transferred from one Course to the other by the Faculty, with the approval of the College Committee. The Course shall be as follows:

1. Candidates who have matriculated shall proceed to
  - (a) A University Degree Course, and
  - (b) An Introductory Course in Hebrew and Greek.
2. Candidates who have not matriculated, or matriculated candidates, on the recommendation of the Faculty and the approval of the College Committee, shall proceed consecutively to
  - (a) i. A Preliminary Year at the Theological Hall; or  
ii. An Extra-Mural Year.
  - (b) i. The completion of at least Six University subjects; or  
ii. An Extra-Mural Course of Two Years.

The Preliminary Year at the Theological Hall and the Extra-Mural Course shall be in such subjects as English, History, Psychology, Logic, Philosophy, Greek, and Hebrew. Hebrew shall be a subject in the Preliminary Year at the Theological Hall and the first Year of the Three Year Extra-Mural Course, but may be discontinued at the end of these years, on the recommendation of the Faculty and the approval of the College Committee.

#### Theological Hall Course

1. All candidates, who have qualified in their preparatory studies, shall be required to complete three years at the Theological Hall.
2. Candidates shall be required to give their whole time to theological studies and permission to do extra work shall not be given, except in special circumstances, and with the express consent of the Faculty, each case being reported to the College Committee.
3. The subjects in which the Candidate shall be required to satisfy the Faculty shall include the basic subjects as defined in Article viii d, namely, Hebrew with O.T. Exegesis, New Testament Greek with N.T. Exegesis, Systematic Theology, Apologetics, Church History and Practical Training. Candidates shall be tested in these subjects at all stages of their training in the Theological Hall by means of class examinations, critical exercises, theses, or other examinations as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee responsible for Theological Education in each State.

The study of Hebrew may be discontinued at the end of the first year by candidates who have entered from Preparatory Course 1, on the recommendation of the Faculty and with the approval of the College Committee.

#### Rules of Exit

The Exit Certificate shall not be issued to a candidate until:

1. He has completed the whole course of study to the satisfaction of the Faculty concerned, and a certificate to that effect has been received by the Secretary of the College Committee.
2. He has passed an examination conducted by the College Committee, designed to test (a) the general competence of the Candidate in Doctrine, Polity and Biblical Studies, and (b) his ability to use his Theological Training to deal with the problems of the Ministry.
3. This examination conducted by the College Committee, shall consist of four (4) written papers each of three (3) hours. Two shall be in Biblical Studies and two in Doctrine and Polity.
4. Question papers shall be set by the examiners appointed by the College Committee. An examiner or examiners in each State (appointed by the College Committee on the recommendation of

the Committee responsible for Theological Education in each State) shall read the papers and orally examine each candidate. The papers and the judgments of the State Examiners shall be forwarded to the College Committee. The examiners who set, shall also read the papers and report to the College Committee, whose decision shall be final.

#### Special Cases

The Executive of the College Committee shall be empowered to deal with special cases as they arise from time to time. Any amendment of procedure which may be found necessary in special cases shall be duly reported to the Assembly.

3. Authorise the College Committee to accept all candidates into the newly adopted Course of Training at the commencement of 1955 and to grade them in the appropriate year.
4. Authorise the College Committee to determine whether attendance at lectures in University Divinity Faculties should exempt candidates, on the recommendation of the Theological Hall concerned, from attendance at lectures in the corresponding subjects of the Theological Hall.
5. Instruct the College Committee to take such steps, in consultation with the examiners, as will ensure adequate standards in all faculties.
6. Approve the proposed plan for Theological Hall teaching in Perth, providing the necessary finance is available.
7. Instruct the Committee to consider the possibility of including in the Curriculum instruction in the subjects of History of Christian Missions, and Economics, either separately or together.
8. Appoint Rev. J. C. Alexander as Convener of the Committee.

Overture VI

113. Overture X called for.  
The Rev. W. Young stated the Overture. Questions were called for.

The Rev. W. Young moved:—

That the Assembly—

1. Sustain the Overture.
2. Give the proposed changes interim authority.
3. Remit the following proposed Changes to State Assemblies and through them to Presbyteries, for report by June 30, 1956, through the Code Committee, to the next General Assembly:
  - a. Amend Rule 150 by the omission of all words after "have" in line 2 and insert in their stead "obtained the pre-requisites for Entrance to a Theological Hall may be admitted."
  - b. Amend Rule 151 by the omission of all the words and insert in stead, "The pre-requisites for entrance to a Theological Hall shall be such as are approved from time to time by the General Assembly."
4. Instruct the Code Committee to remind all Subordinate Courts which have not replied to the Remit by June 30, 1956, of their responsibility.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Overture X

114. Overture VI was called for.  
The Rev. R. Swanton stated the Overture. Questions were called for.

The Rev. R. Swanton moved:—

The the Assembly—

1. Sustain the Overture.
2. Give the proposed regulations interim authority.
3. Remit the proposed regulations set out in the report to State Assemblies and through them to Presbyteries, for report by June 30, 1956, through the Code Committee, to the next General Assembly.
4. Instruct the Code Committee to remind all subordinate Courts which have not replied to the Remit by June 30, 1956, of their responsibility.

The motion was seconded and approved.

115. The House sat in Private (Min. 120). Private
116. Petition I (from Mr. J. Logan Priestley) was laid on the Table and received. Petitioners were called to the Bar. The Rev. J. M. Stuckey and the Rev. W. A. Alston stated the Petition on behalf of Mr. Priestley. Petition I  
(Mr. J. Logan Priestley)  
 Questions were called for.  
 Petitioners were removed from the Bar.
117. The Rev. W. Young moved:  
 That the Assembly grant the prayer of the Petition, and resolve that the Petitioner be required to pass the Entrance Examination of the College Committee and that he study for two years in a Theological Hall to the satisfaction of the Faculty.  
 The motion was seconded and approved.
118. Petition IV from (from Mr. J. D. Penman) was laid on the Table and received. Petition IV  
(Mr. J. D. Penman)  
 The Petitioners were called to the Bar.  
 The Rev. S. M. Mitchell and the Rev. L. M. Williams stated the Petition on behalf of Mr. Penman.  
 Questions were called for.  
 Petitioners were removed from the Bar.
- 1 9. The Rev. W. Young moved:  
 That the Assembly grant the prayer of the Petition; require the Petitioner to pass the Entrance Examination of the College Committee, and subsequently to complete the last three years in a Theological Hall, without languages, to the satisfaction of the Faculty.  
 The motion was seconded.  
 The Rev. S. M. Mitchell moved the omission of the word "three" with a view to inserting the word "two."  
 The amendment was seconded and disapproved.  
 The motion was approved.
120. The House resumed in Public (Min. 115). Public
121. Notices of Motion (XIX-XXX) were read and laid on the Table. N.M.
122. The House adjourned to meet at 9.30 a.m. tomorrow, which having been duly intimated, the sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment

W. D. MARSHALL  
 J. M. STUCKEY } Clerks.

## FIFTH SEDERUNT

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, on Saturday the 11th day of September, 1954, at 9.30 a.m.

Constitution

122. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Apology

123. An apology from the Rev. H. V. Barratt was sustained.

Minutes

124. The Minutes of Thursday's sederunts were laid on the Table.

Code

125. Mr. J. P. Adam submitted the report on the Code and moved the Deliverance.

The motion was seconded.

Clauses 1-3 were moved, seconded and approved.

Clause 4 was moved and seconded as follows:

4. Approve the statement anent the "Scope and Functions" of the Code Committee contained in Section 4 of its Report and instruct the Committee in future to discharge its duties in accordance therewith.

126. According to Notice the Rev. J. Priestley moved the omission of all words in Clause 4 with a view to inserting other words, viz.: "Refer back to the Committee the duties and functions of the Code Committee for report to the next Assembly."

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

Clause 4 was approved.

Clauses 5-7 were approved.

127. According to Notice the Rev. J. Priestley moved an additional Clause 8 as follows:—

"Instruct the Code Committee to remit to Presbyteries and Assemblies all matters to be remitted under the Barrier Act."

The motion was seconded.

The Procurator moved the omission of the words "Code Committee" with a view to inserting the words "Clerk of Assembly."

The motion was seconded.

House  
adjourned

128. The Rev. J. Priestley moved that the House adjourn to enable the Business Conveners, Clerk of Assembly, the Procurator and the Law Agent to define the procedure in relation to amendments without notice.

The motion was approved and the House adjourned.

House  
resumed

129. The House resumed.

130. The Procurator reported on the matter referred as follows: "We are of opinion that an amendment to a motion can be moved without leave of the Assembly and we refer to Standing Orders 23, 24, and 25.

131. The Report was received and approved.

132. The amendment was approved and the words omitted.

The Procurator moved the insertion of the words.

The motion was seconded and approved and the words inserted.

133. The Deliverance as amended was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.

2. Declare that until the prescribed conditions have been fulfilled and Certificate of Status has been issued by the Committee on the Reception of Ministers, ordained Ministers received from other Churches shall not, while serving their period of probation, be permitted by Presbyteries either to preside at a meeting of a Kirk Session or to administer the Sacraments.

3. Approve the recommendation that the present "Chapter X—Appendix" be headed simply "Appendix," that "Chapter X" be the heading for a new chapter X including the Beneficiary Fund Regulations following the section numbered 412, which shall begin and proceed as follows:—  
Chapter X—Beneficiary Fund.

413. The General Assembly meeting at Melbourne, the 19th day of September, 1951, resolved in pursuance of Article of Agreement XIV to form a fund, to be called the Beneficiary Fund, for the benefit of Ministers of the Church incapacitated by age or infirmity and of the widows and orphans of deceased Ministers of the Church, subject to the following regulations.

Regulations.

- (1)  
(2)  
(3)  
etc.

and further approve that the titles of the new regulations as given on pp. 53-60 B.B., 1951, be inserted as marginal titles in the Code Book.

4. Approve the statement anent the "Scope and Functions" of the Code Committee contained in Section 4 of its Report and instruct the Committee in future to discharge its duties in accordance therewith.
5. Direct that the time for report by Presbyteries and Assemblies who have not yet reported anent remits IV (Changes of Articles of Agreement), V (A.I.M. and Home Missions), VII (Marriage and Divorce) and VIII (Commission of Assembly) be extended to 30th June, 1956 and that the proposed changes contained in remit V be given further interim authority until next General Assembly.
6. Direct that the rule (219) (1) be amended to read:  
"Do you beleve the Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, to be the only rule of faith and practice?..."
7. Declares the contents of Constitution and Procedure and Practice revised and issued by the Code Committee, 1950, including the Chapter on Discipline to have been duly enacted.
8. "Instruct the Clerk of Assembly to remit to Presbyteries and Assemblies all matters to be remitted under the Barrier Act."
134. The Rev. C. T. F. Goy submitted the report of the Ecumenical Committee and moved the Deliverance. Ecumenical  
That the Assembly:  
  1. Receive the Report.
  2. Express gratitude for the co-operative work done through the World Council of Churches, and through the Australian Council for W.C.C.
  3. Further commend to our congregations, the W.C.C. Fellowship.
  4. Continue the payment of the Assembly's quota, as before, to the World Council, and to the Australian Council for W.C.C.
  5. Appoint the following as Representatives to the Australian Council: The Moderator-General, Revs. W. A. Alston, C. T. Goy, F. Hanlin, T. McDougall, Dr. W. Cumming Thom, Very Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Mr. J. R. Mackay and Rev. A. C. Watson; direct the Finance Committee to pay travelling expenses to the Annual Meeting; and appoint these Representatives, together with the following (who shall act as Alternates to the Australian Council) Revs. G. A. Wood, Prof. J. F. Peter, Prof. J. D. McCaughey, Rev. J. P. Chalinor, and Mr. Gordon Davidson, members of the Ecumenical Committee; the Rev. Dr. Watson to be Convener.

The motion was seconded and approved.
135. Mr. J. R. Mackay submitted the report of the Ebenezer Sesqui-Centenary Committee and moved the Deliverance:— Ebenezer  
  1. Receive the Report.
  2. Commend the Congregations of Ebenezer-Pitt Town for their co-operation.
  3. Thank and discharge the Committee.

The motion was seconded and approved.
136. The Very Rev. R. Bardon submitted the report of the Moderator-General, and moved: Moderator-General Report  
"That the Assembly receive the report."  
The motion was seconded and approved.
137. The Clerk intimated the corrections in the Minutes of Thursday and the Minutes were confirmed. Minutes Confirmed
138. Notice of Motion XXXII was read and laid on the Table. N.M.
139. The House adjourned to meet on Monday, the 13th September, 1954, at 2 p.m. which having been duly intimated, the sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment

W. D. MARSHALL } Clerks.  
J. M. STUCKEY }

## SIXTH SEDERUNT

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, on Monday, this 13th day of September, 1954, at 2 p.m.

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| Constitution                            | 140. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.  |
|   | 141. The O.D. was called.   |
| Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies                  | 142. The Moderator welcomed the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies, the Prime Minister.<br>Mr. Menzies addressed the House.   |
| Thanks                                  | The Business Convener moved a Vote of Thanks to the Prime Minister.<br>The Very Rev. A. C. Grieve seconded the motion which was approved and the Moderator conveyed the thanks of the House to the Prime Minister.  |
| Rev. Dr. Winburn T. Thomas (associated) | 143. The Moderator welcomed the Rev. Dr. Winburn T. Thomas, Field Representative for Indonesia of the Division of Foreign Missions, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, and he was associated.  |
| Private                                 | 144. The House sat in private (Min. 148).   |
|   | 145. The O.D. was called.   |
| Rev. Prof. J. Hromadka                  | 146. The Moderator welcomed the Rev. Dr. Joseph Hromadka, who addressed the House on "the Protestant Churches of Czechoslovakia."   |
|   | 146a The Very Rev. J. R. Blanchard moved that the Assembly express their thanks to Professor Hromadka.<br>The Rev. Dr. John McIntyre seconded the motion which was approved.  |
| Thanks                                  | The Moderator conveyed the thanks of the House to the Professor.  |
| Greetings and Congratulations           | 147. The Rev. John Priestley moved:<br>That the Assembly—<br>Instruct the Clerk to convey, in 1957, to the Church of the Czech Brethren on the occasion of its 500th Anniversary, the greetings and congratulations of this General Assembly.<br>The motion was seconded and approved.  |
| Public                                  | 148. The House resumed in public (Min. 144).  |
| Nature and Functions of the Ministry    | 149. The Rev. R. Swanton submitted the report of the Committee on the Nature and Functions of the Ministry and moved the Deliverance.<br>That the Assembly—<br>1. Receive the Report.<br>2. Re-appoint the Committee adding the names of the Rev. Prof. J. D. S. McCaughey and the Rev. D. G. Cole.<br>The motion was seconded and approved.  |
| New Life                                | 150. The/Rev. K. W. Burton submitted the report of the New Life Committee and moved the Deliverance.<br>Clause 1 was approved.<br>According to Notice the Rev. D. I. Munro moved an additional Clause 2.<br>2. "Congratulate the Queensland Church on the spiritual achievements in the New Life Movement and recommend the Rev. H. J. Whitney, B.A., B.D., as an acceptable and successful missionary to State Assemblies that desire to follow Queensland's example: and urge all State Assemblies to organise prayer fellowships to pray for a Spiritual Awakening."<br>The motion was seconded and approved and the Clause added.<br>Clause 3 was moved, seconded and approved. |



151. The Deliverance as amended was approved as follows:—  
That the Assembly—
1. Receive the Report.
  2. "Congratulate the Queensland Church on the spiritual achievements in the New Life Movement and recommend the Rev. H. J. Whitney, B.A., B.D., as an acceptable and successful missionary to State Assemblies that desire to follow Queensland's example: and urge all State Assemblies to organise prayer fellowships to pray for a Spiritual Awakening."
  3. Thank and Discharge the Committee.
152. The Rev. D. J. Flockhart submitted the report of the Canberra Executive and moved the Deliverance which was seconded. Canberra Executive  
Clause 1 was approved.  
Clause 2 was moved and seconded as follows:—
2. Congratulate the Ministers and the Congregations of St. Andrew's and St. Columba's upon the steps taken to improve their building facilities.
153. Rev. W. A. Pordage moved the omission of the words "Congratulate" — "Ministers and" with a view to insert the word "Commend."  
The amendment was seconded and disapproved.  
Clause 2 was approved.  
Clauses 3, 4, 5 6 were approved.  
Clause 7 was moved and seconded as follows:—  
"Re-appoint the Committee with the addition of the name of Mr. J. R. Mackay."  
By leave of the House the Rev. H. Harrison moved the addition of the names, Rev. C. M. Dyster, A. A. Adam, Colonel A. G. M. Burns and Mr. B. K. McDonald.  
The motion was seconded and approved and the names added.
154. The Deliverance as amended was approved as follows:—  
That the General Assembly:
1. Receive the Report.
  2. Congratulate the Ministers and the Congregations of St. Andrew's and St. Columba's upon the steps taken to improve their building facilities.
  3. Thank the donors of the Memorials which have added to the beauty and usefulness of the Church of St. Andrew.
  4. Commend the needs of the parishes in the A.C.T. to the liberality of nationally-minded Presbyterians.
  5. Congratulate the Rev. Hector Harrison, O.B.E., M.A., B.D., on the honour conferred on him by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in recognition of public services rendered in the interests of the people of Canberra.
  6. Authorise the Executive to seek the continuance of the grant of one hundred pounds per year from the C. D. Lloyd Bequest for extension work in the A.C.T.
  7. Re-appoint the Committee with the addition of Mr. J. R. Mackay, the Rev. C. M. Dyster, A. A. Adam, Colonel A. G. M. Burns and Mr. B. K. McDonald.
155. Petition II of the Presbytery of Canberra re extension work in the Australian Capital Territory was laid on the Table and received. Petition II  
(re Extension  
Work in  
A.C.T.)  
The Petitioners were called to the Bar.  
The Rev. W. A. Pordage and Hector Harrison stated the Petition.  
Questions were called for.  
Petitioners were removed from the Bar.
156. According to Notice, the Rev. D. J. Flockhart moved—  
That the Assembly reject the prayer of the Petition, but while sympathising with the people of St. Columba's, and recognising their need, regret that they cannot recommend the present financial proposals for the building of a Church, but appoint the Rev. W. A. Pordage and the Rev. Hector Harrison to be Commissioners to make an appeal to the Church at large on behalf of St. Columba's.

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

157. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved that the Assembly:
1. Grant the prayer of the Petition.
  2. Request the Board of Trustees of New South Wales to guarantee a loan of up to £10,000 for the erection of a new Church.
  3. Direct that the present grant of £100 per year from the C. D. Lloyd Bequest be continued to St. Columba's for at least another three years for the payment of interest on the loan.
- The motion was seconded.

Debate  
adjourned

158. The Debate was adjourned (Min. 267).

159. The Clerk laid on the Table the Minutes of the third, fourth and fifth sederunts.

N.M.

160. Notices of Motion (XXXI -XXXV) were read and laid on the Table.

Adjournment

161. The House adjourned to meet at 7 p.m. which, having been duly intimated, the sederunt was closed with prayer.

W. D. MARSHALL  
J. M. STUCKEY } Clerks.

SEVENTH SEDERUNT

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, on Monday, the 13th day of September, 1954, at 7 p.m.

162. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer. Constitution
163. Notices of Motion (XXXVI-XXXVII) were read and laid on the Table. N.M.
164. The Business Convener submitted the report of the Business Committee and moved:  
That the Assembly receive it.  
The motion was seconded and approved. Business
165. The Clerk intimated the corrections in the Minutes and the Minutes were confirmed. Minutes  
Confirmed
166. The Moderator welcomed Mrs. Crichton Barr and congratulated her on her election as President of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia.  
Mrs. Barr suitably responded. Mrs. Crichton  
Barr  
(Welcome)
167. The Moderator welcomed Mr. Lincoln Hoon Kim, Consul-General for Korea, and he suitably responded. Mr. Lincoln  
Hoon Kim  
(Welcome)
168. The Rev. J. E. Owen submitted the report of the Board of Missions and moved the Deliverance which was seconded. Board of  
Missions
169. By leave the Rev. Geo. Anderson addressed the House. Rev. G.  
Anderson
170. By leave the Rev. Dr. Winburn Thomas addressed the House. Rev. Dr. W. T.  
Thomas  
Thanks
171. The Moderator expressed the thanks of the Assembly to the Rev. Geo. Anderson and the Rev. Dr. Winburn Thomas.  
Clauses 1-11 were moved, seconded and approved.  
Clause 12 was moved and seconded as follows:—  
12. Request Ministers and people to study the implications of our Church's geographical position in relation to non-Christian populations of neighbouring lands and to do everything possible to enable the Board of Missions to answer the calls for more missionary service amongst them.
172. According to Notice the Rev. E. W. New moved the omission of all words after "lands" with a view of inserting the words "and instruct the Board of Missions to explore the possibilities of reconstructing the scope of our operations so that we can accept responsibility for a part of such areas."  
The motion was seconded and disapproved.  
Clause 12 was approved.  
Clauses 13-16 were moved, seconded and approved.  
Clause 17 was moved, seconded and approved.
173. The Deliverance was approved as follows:—  
That the Assembly:
1. Receive the Report and adopt the audited Financial Statements as printed.
  2. Authorise the Board to continue indefinitely the practice of appointing to its full membership not more than six women, to be nominated on the Board's request, two each by the Victorian P.W.M.U. and the New South Wales W.M.A., one by the P.W.M.U. of Queensland, and one by the P.W.M.U.s of Tasmania and South Australia for three year periods alternately.
  3. Express gratification at the close and smoothly working integration of the work of the Board and of State Committees and Organisations.
  4. Authorise the Board to enter into such further agreements with the John G. Paton Fund Committee as will ensure permanent and effective administration of the Fund in the best interests of the work in the New Hebrides.

5. Record grateful appreciation of the service rendered by the Missionaries of the Church and request the Moderator-General to convey to them the greetings of the General Assembly.
  6. Note with interest the developments in the Aborigines' Stations and encourage further action towards rearranging and consolidating the work in North Queensland.
  7. Authorise such measures as are practicable towards strengthening the position of the Church in the New Hebrides as generally outlined in the report.
  8. Re-affirm the Church's determination to make a worthy contribution towards the upbuilding of the Church in Korea and authorise the Board to take all steps possible toward that end.
  9. Authorise continuance of the policy of closer integration of the Mission with the Church of South India.
  10. Call upon the Church generally, and qualified young men and women particularly, to supply the great need for Missionaries and resources to meet the immediate situation in the New Hebrides and Korea.
  11. Call the Church to earnest and prevailing prayer for the Church of Christ in China, the Church in Korea, the Church of South India, the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides, and the Churches established on our Aborigines' Stations, and extend to them the Assembly's greetings in Christ.
  12. Request Ministers and people to study the implications of our Church's geographical position in relation to non-Christian populations of neighbouring lands and to do everything possible to enable the Board of Missions to answer the calls for more missionary service amongst them.
  13. Approve the proposed merger of the Mapoon and Weipa Stations with Weipa as headquarters, as set out by the Queensland General Assembly following consultations between the Queensland Aborigines and Foreign Missions Committee and the Board of Missions.
  14. Note with pleasure the decision of the Queensland Assembly seeking integration of the North Queensland Stations' finances with the Board of Missions Budget, and State Quota Grant System, and authorise the Board to take appropriate action.
  15. Authorise the Board of Missions to open new work in Arnhem Land and Timor, provided such is within the resources of the Church without curtailing necessary development and progress in existing work in other fields.
  16. Appoint the Rev. G. Anderson Convener of the Board of Missions.
  17. Express grateful thanks to the Rev. J. Eric Owen for his services as Convener of the Board over a period of seven years and wish him Godspeed in his service as a missionary in the New Hebrides.
- Thanks 174. The Moderator conveyed the thanks of the House to the Rev. J. E. Owen.  
The Rev. J. E. Owen suitably responded.
- Adjournment 175. The House adjourned to meet at 9.30 a.m. tomorrow, which, having been duly intimated, the sederunt was closed with prayer.

W. D. MARSHALL  
J. M. STUCKEY } Clerks.

## EIGHTH SEDERUNT

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, on Tuesday, the 14th day of September, 1954, at 9.30 a.m.

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| <p>176. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.</p>   | Constitution                       |
| <p>177. Notice of Motion (XXVIII) was read and laid on the Table.</p>   | N.M.                               |
| <p>178. According to Notice the Rev. E. H. Vines moved:<br/>That the Assembly grant permission to any member of the Assembly to quote or publish anything that Prof. J. Hromadka said during the time in which the Assembly was, yesterday, sitting in private.<br/>The motion was seconded and approved.</p>   | Professor<br>Hromadka's<br>Address |
| <p>179. The debate on the Finance Committee's report was resumed. (Min. 105).<br/>The amendment was disapproved.<br/>Clause 7 was approved.<br/>Clauses 8-10 were moved, seconded and approved.</p>   | Finance<br>(resumed)               |
| <p>180. According to Notice Mr. C. Homer Fraser moved:<br/>An additional Clause—<br/>II. (a) Declare the Sunday immediately preceeding July 24th as General Assembly of Australia Sunday.<br/>(b) On that day urge Ministers to refer to the importance of the work of this supreme court, the Moderator-General, and to seek the prayers of our people support.<br/>(c) Invite congregations by special collection to contribute to the work and upkeep of the G.A. of A.<br/>(d) Request State Assemblies to implement this measure and authorise the Board of Finance to prosecute it.<br/>The motion was seconded and approved.</p>   |                                    |
| <p>181. By leave the Rev. C. T. F. Goy moved as an additional Clause:<br/>12. Include in the foregoing annual appeal the matter of financial help to Western Australia, the College Committee (£200) and the needs of the Committee on Relations with other Presbyterian Churches (£100), and other vital needs determined by the Finance Committee.<br/>The motion was seconded and approved and the Clause added.</p>   |                                    |
| <p>182. The Debate was adjourned (Min. 230).</p>  | Finance<br>(debate<br>adjourned)   |
| <p>183. The Rev. J. P. Chaliner submitted the report on Immigration and moved the Deliverance:—<br/>That the Assembly—<br/>1. Receive the Report.<br/>2. Appoint the following Committee: Revs. J. P. Chaliner (Convener) E. H. M. Shugg, W. M. McLean, A. McMillan, James Jones, E. E. Fabb, A. G. Harrison, S. Russell Scott, F. R. Charman, V. Clark Duff, D. R. Wilcox, Hector Harrison, <del>M. S. Padman</del>, R. S. C. Blance, R. H. Vickers, A. Duff, R. J. Sorimgaour, E. H. Thorpe, and Messrs. R. S. Byrnes, N. F. Nelson, J. F. Callahan with power to add.<br/>3. Empower the Victorian members of this Committee of the G.A. of A. as the Executive to deal with immediate problems relating to Immigration.<br/>4. Note with satisfaction that since the war, over 800,000 new settlers have come to Australia, and that the population has risen to over nine million.<br/>5. Commend the Government for reviving the Commonwealth Nomination Scheme, and urge the Government to extend its operation in order to provide accommodation for a wider range of new settlers.<br/>6. Urge the Presbyteries, Ministers and people of our Church to give their practical support to the Presbyterian Sponsorship Scheme for people of the Dutch Reformed Church.<br/>7. Commend the work of Citizenship Conventions, Good Neighbour</p> | Immigration                        |

Councils and New Settlers' Leagues to the practical sympathy of Ministers, Sessions and Members of the Church.

8. Authorise the Treasurer to pay our quota towards the expenses of the Federal Inter-Church Migration Committee, namely £75 per annum, to be collected from State Assemblies as set out hereunder:

New South Wales £25, Victoria £25, Queensland £10, South Australia £5, Western Australia £5, Tasmania £5. Total £75.

The motion was seconded and approved.

184. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom submitted the Public Questions report and on behalf of the Convener and moved the Deliverance:—

The Deliverance was seconded.

Clause 1 was moved, seconded and approved.

Clauses 2-4 were moved, seconded and approved.

Clause 5 was moved and seconded as follows:—

5. In view of the present complexity of International Affairs, set up a "Special Committee" to study the questions involved and deal specifically therewith; and remove the item from the Public Questions Committee,—

And disapproved.

Clause 6 was moved, seconded and approved.

Clauses 7-8 were moved, seconded and approved.

Clause 9 was moved and seconded as follows:—

"Whilst appreciating the difficulties connected with the National Training Schemes, request that other days than Sunday might be chosen by the Military Authorities for Military displays and passing out parades."

The Rev. C. T. F. Goy moved the omission of the words "and passing out parades."

The motion was seconded and disapproved.

Clause 9 was approved.

Clause 10 was moved and seconded as follows:

(a) "Adopt the Statement on 'Sunday Observance' as set out in the report; and declare it to be the 'finding' of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, (b) Send the Statement to the respective State Assemblies for printing and distribution among our people."

The motion was seconded.

185. According to Notice the Rev. D. Y. Archibald moved the omission of the words of Clause 10 with a view to insert the following words:—

"Refer the statement on Sunday Observance as set out in the Report back to the Committee to be considered in the light of the Report from the Hartwell Session as printed in the Blue Book, 951, and the statement prepared by the Sub-Committee of the N.S.W. Church Life and Work Committee and given general approval by the majority of N.S.W. Presbyteries; and making reference to Calvin's distinction between the Jewish Sabbath and the Christian Sunday."

The motion was seconded and approved and the words omitted.

The Rev. D. Y. Archibald moved the insertion of the words.

The motion was seconded and approved and the words inserted.

186. By leave Clause 11 was moved, seconded and approved as follows:

11. Express anxiety at the reported attitude of the Orthodox Church in Greece towards Evangelicals in that country.

187. According to Notice Mr. C. Homer Fraser moved an addition, Clause 12.

12. (a) Appoint the Moderator-General and each State Moderator as a special deputation to the Prime Minister and State Premier's whilst at a Premier's Conference.

(b) Request them to visit Canberra and, in full Mederatorial Dress accompanied by Chaplains, place before National Leaders the view of the Whole Church on certain current national moral issues.

(c) Refer the deputation to the General Terms of the Deliverance on Public Questions as a guide to the issues to be raised.

- (d) Authorise the Board of Finance to refund the expenses of the deputation.
188. The Debate was adjourned (Min. 234). Debate adjourned
189. The O.D. was called and the House sat in private. Private
190. The Very Rev. J. R. Blanchard was elected to the Chair in the absence of the Moderator.
191. By leave the Procurator made a Statement informing the House of new factors which had arisen in connection with the Appeal by the Presbytery of Sydney against a decision of the General Assembly of N.S.W., relating to the Rev. R. M. Herriman. Procurator's Statement
192. The Appeal by the Presbytery of Sydney against a decision of the General Assembly of N.S.W. was laid on the Table and received. The Appellants and Respondents were called to the Bar and were asked if in the light of the Procurator's Statement, they wished to be heard at this Assembly. Appeal (Presbytery of Sydney)
193. The House adjourned for the Appellants and Respondents to confer.
194. The House resumed and the Appellants and Respondents indicated that they were willing to accept the terms of the motion proposed by the Law Agent.
195. The Parties were removed from the Bar.
196. The Law Agent moved:—  
That the Assembly, in view of the material evidence that was not available to the Presbytery of Sydney on the original hearing, allow the appeal to lie on the Table and refer the whole matter to the Presbytery of Sydney for a rehearing or to deal otherwise with the matter as it may deem fit.  
The motion was seconded and approved.
197. The Parties were recalled to the Bar and the Moderator intimated to them the decision of the House.
198. The Parties were removed from the Bar.
199. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom submitted the report of the Reception Ministers Committee and moved the Deliverance. That the Assembly receive the report. The motion was seconded and approved. Reception of Ministers
200. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom laid on the Table Petition 1 of the Rev. F. A. Hoad and moved that the Assembly receive it. The motion was seconded and approved. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved that the Assembly grant the prayer of the Petition under Rule 197 (e) with one year in a Theological Hall to the satisfaction of the Faculty, with examination in Church, Ministry, and Sacraments, meanwhile fulfilling the H.M. requirements. The motion was seconded and approved. Petition 1 (Rev. F. A. Hoad)
201. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom laid on the Table Petition 2 of the Rev. Clyde John Paton and moved that the Assembly receive it. The motion was seconded and approved. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved that the Assembly grant the prayer of the Petition under Rule 197 (e) with one year in a Theological Hall to the satisfaction of the Faculty, with examinations in all subjects except Hebrew, meanwhile fulfilling H.M. requirements. The motion was seconded and approved. Petition 2 (Rev. C. J. Paton)
202. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom laid on the Table the Petition 3 of the Rev. Albert Isaac Trotman and moved that the Assembly receive it. The motion was seconded and approved. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved that the Assembly grant the prayer of the Petition under Rule 97 (e), provided that he pass the examination in Church, Ministry, and Sacraments; meanwhile fulfilling the H.M. requirements. Petition 3 (Rev. A. I. Trotman)

The motion was seconded and approved.

Petition 4  
(Rev. C. G.  
Burt)

203. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom laid on the Table the Petition 4 of the Rev. Colin George Burt and moved that the Assembly receive it. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved that the Assembly grant the prayer of the Petition under Rule 197 (e) with two years in a Theological Hall to the satisfaction of the Faculty, with examination in Church, Ministry, and Sacraments, meanwhile fulfilling the M. requirements; then to be ordained when called.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Petition 5  
(Rev. D. C.  
McLean)

204. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom laid on the Table the Petition 5 of the Rev. Raymond Clinton McLean and moved that the Assembly receive it. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved that the Assembly grant the prayer of the Petition under Rule 197 (e) with a reading course in Church, Ministry, and Sacraments to the satisfaction of the Faculty, meanwhile fulfilling H.M. requirements.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Petition 6  
(Rev. D. C.  
Harper)

205. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom laid on the Table the Petition 6 of the Rev. Denis Coffee Harper and moved that the Assembly receive it. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved that the Assembly grant the prayer of the Petition under Rule 197 (e) with two years in a Theological Hall to the satisfaction of the Faculty, with examination in Church, Ministry, and Sacraments, meanwhile fulfilling the H.M. requirements.

The motion was seconded.

206. According to notice the Rev. W. R. Matters moved the omission in Clause 6 of the word "two" with a view to inserting the word "one."

The amendment was seconded and disapproved.

207. The motion was approved.

Petition 7  
(Rev. W. R.  
Hopkins)

208. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom laid on the Table the Petition 7 of the Rev. William Read Hopkins and moved that the Assembly receive it. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved that the Assembly grant the prayer of the Petition under Rule 197 (e) with two years in a Theological Hall to the satisfaction of the Faculty, with examination in Church, Ministry, and Sacrament, meanwhile fulfilling H.M. requirements; thereafter to be ordained when called.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Petition 8  
(Rev. R. L.  
Thaden)

209. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom laid on the Table the Petition 8 of the Rev. Robert Lawrence Thaden and moved that the Assembly receive it. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved that the Assembly empower the Executive to deal with this Petition when Mr. Thaden arrives in Australia.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Petition 9  
(Rev. A. W.  
Stuart)

210. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom laid on the Table the Petition 9 of the Rev. Archibald Watson Stuart and moved that the Assembly receive it. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved that the Assembly do not grant the prayer of the Petition.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Petition 10  
(Rev. D. G.  
Gray)

211. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom laid on the Table the Petition 10 of the Rev. D. G. Gray and moved that the Assembly receive it. The motion was seconded and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved that the Assembly empower the Committee to deal with his Petition after a preliminary period of service under the Home Mission Committee ending December, 1955.

The motion was seconded.



Rev. M. W. McAlpine moved the omission of the words "ending December, 1955," with a view to inserting the words "for twelve months."

The amendment was disapproved.  
The motion was approved.

212. By leave the Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom laid on the Table the Petition II of the Rev. George Alfred Woolcock and moved that the Assembly receive it. Petition II  
(Rev. G. A. Woolcock)  
The motion was seconded and approved.  
The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved that the Assembly:  
"Grant the prayer of the Petition under Rule 197 (e) with a reading course in Church, Ministry, and Sacraments to the satisfaction of a Faculty, meanwhile fulfilling Home Mission requirements."  
The motion was seconded and approved.
213. The House resumed in Public (Min. 189). Public
214. The Rev. V. Clark-Duff submitted the Report on Statistics and moved the Deliverance. Statistics  
That the Assembly receive the report and the addendum.  
The motion was seconded and approved.
215. The Business Convener submitted the report of the Year Book and moved the Deliverance. Year Book  
The motion was seconded.  
By leave the Rev. E. C. Day addressed the House.  
That the Assembly:—  
1. Receive the Report.  
2. Authorise the Year Book Committee to continue publication.  
3. Commend anew the Year Book to all Boards of Management and our people generally.  
4. Appoint the Rev. W. M. Rolland as Editor for the next three years at an honorarium of £50 per annum.  
5. Appoint the Rev. W. A. Alston as Convener of the Committee.  
The motion was approved.
216. Mr. A. G. Forrest submitted the report of the Ballot Committee and moved that the Assembly— Ballot  
1. Receive the Report.  
2. Confirm the election of the Standing Committees as reported.  
3. Thank and discharge the Committee.  
The motion was seconded and approved.
217. Overture VIII was called for. Overture VI  
(re Western Australia)  
The Rev. J. Gray Robertson and the Rev. A. C. Eadie stated the Overture.
218. The Debate was adjourned. (Min. 227). Debate  
adjourned
219. Notices of Motion (XL- XLI) were read and laid on the Table. N.M.
220. The Clerk laid on the Table the Minutes of yesterday's sederunt. Minutes
221. An apology from Mr. E. W. Hudgson was sustained. Apology
222. The House adjourned to meet at 7 p.m., which having been duly intimated, the sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment

W. D. MARSHALL  
J. M. STUCKEY } Clerks.

## NINTH SEDERUNT

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, on Tuesday, the 14th day of September, 1954, at 7 p.m.

- Constitution 223. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.
- Apologies 224. Apologies from Mr. de Graaf and Mr. Leal were sustained.
- Minutes Confirmed 225. The Clerk intimated the corrections in the Minutes and the Minutes were confirmed.
- Business 226. The report of the Business Committee was received.
- Overture VIII (resumed) 227. The debate on Overture VIII was resumed. (Min. 218).  
Questions were called for.  
According to Notice the Rev. J. T. G. Robertson moved:  
That the Assembly:—  
1. Sustain the Overture insofar as it brings the matters before the House.  
2. Instruct the Board of the Australian Inland Mission to give urgent attention to the challenging missionary task in W.A.  
3. Instruct the Board of the Australian Inland Mission to appoint a Commissioner to Western Australia whose main duty will be the direction of Home Mission development and whose powers will be defined in consultation with the Home Mission Council in that State.  
4. Instruct the Board of the Australian Inland Mission to approach State Assemblies for a special subsidy of £2,500 per year for five years (1955-1960) for Home Mission development in W.A., and further instruct the Board to appoint a selected Committee to consider and advise what allocation of this sum may be made to the respective Assemblies.  
The motion was seconded and approved.
- A.I.M. (resumed) 228. The Debate on the A.I.M. was resumed (Min. 94).  
Clauses 9, 10, and 11 were moved, seconded and approved.
229. The Deliverance as a whole was approved as follows:  
That the Assembly:  
1. Receive the Report.  
2. Note the splendid example of Sisters Mona Henry and Lillian Whitehead during the crisis caused by the Birdsville fire.  
3. Urge generous support for the provision of a Christian witness among the workers in the uranium fields.  
4. Express gratitude to the Government of Western Australia for their co-operation in establishing the new Hospital and Children's Hostel at Hall's Creek.  
5. Commend the urgent appeal for additional funds for the building of the John Flynn Memorial Church.  
6. Express satisfaction at the continued success of Inter-Church experiments in the inland, and commend the co-operative scheme with the Methodist Inland Mission in Alice Springs.  
7. Congratulate the Reverend K. F. Partridge, M.A., on the completion of an outstanding period of service in the Inland and invite him to place on record, with a view to publication, his reminiscences of the late Very Rev. Dr. John Flynn, O.B.E.  
8. Authorise the A.I.M. Board to continue investigations into the problem of assimilating migrants into the Christian Church and to take action in consultation with the appropriate committees.  
9. Emphasise the need for special support to the Australian Inland Mission by all States to enable the Board to carry on federal home mission work.  
10. Express gratitude for the assistance of voluntary workers and supporters in all States, and commend the whole staff of the A.I.M. to Almighty God so that the witness of the Mission may go steadily forward.

II. Appoint the Board as follows:—

Assembly Nominations

N.S.W.—Rev. J. Gray Robertson (Convener)

Rev. L. K. G. Blanchard

Rev. A. W. Grant

Rev. C. J. V. McKeown

Mr. D. G. Wyles

Rev. H. J. Hillman

Victoria—Rev. E. H. McLean Shugg (Vice-Convener)

Rev. C. T. F. Goy

Rev. A. S. Houston

Mr. J. Macrae

Mr. H. M. Rolland

Dr. Geo. Simpson

Queensland—Rev. Alexander Duff

Rev. Jas. Sweet

Rev. E. Ballinger

Rev. R. H. Vickers

Sth. Australia—Very Rev. J. R. Blanchard

Rev. J. I. Williamson

Mr. E. F. Monk

Tasmania—Rev. C. W. Auld

Rev. A. J. McAdam

West Australia—Rev. Angus Eadie

Dr. H. R. Pearson and

Commissioner

Nominations from Board of the Australian Inland Mission

N.S.W.—Rev. Ian Ross

Rev. John Waugh

Mr. A. M. Merrington

Mr. A. V. Dangerfield

and the Superintendent

Vic.—Rev. A. T. Jones

Rev. J. G. Bucknall

Rev. F. P. Strickland

Rev. D. McK. Jones

230. The Debate on Finance was resumed (Min. 182).

Clause 10 was moved, seconded and approved.

Finance  
(resumed)

231. By leave Mr. Morrison moved an additional Clause as follows:—

13. "Authorise the Finance Committee to co-operate with other Church bodies in any approach to the Government seeking deductions for Income Tax purposes of donations or subscriptions for the building or maintenance of Church Buildings.  
The motion was seconded and approved.

232. Rev. A. M. Clark fell from Notice of Motion XXIX.

N.M. XXIX  
(fallen, from)

233. The Deliverance as amended was approved as follows:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Note with regret the death of Mr. John Downes and express sympathy with his relatives.
3. Authorise payment of travelling expenses to delegates to next Assembly of the sum by which their expenses on the following basis exceed the sum of two pounds ten shillings.
  - (a) When not more than one night in train, second class return fare.
  - (b) When more than one night in train, first class return fare plus cost of sleeper.
  - (c) Tasmania—return fare from Tasmania to Melbourne in addition to rail fare where necessary.
4. Approve, subject to receiving assessments from State Assemblies, payment to the Australian Council for the World Council of Churches an amount not exceeding £396 per annum from which sum is to be deducted the proportion of Presbyterian annual contributions to the Fellowship.
5. Approve, subject to receiving assessments from State Assemblies, payment of the affiliation fee to the Geneva Central Office an amount not exceeding £405 per annum, from which sum is to be deducted the proportion of Presbyterian annual contributions to the Fellowship.
6. Instruct the Finance Committee to pay £E50 to the World Presbyterian Alliance in respect of each of the next three years.

7. Approve the next Assembly being held in Melbourne in September, 1957.
8. Authorise payment to the Treasurers of the G.A. of A., of £4 per centum on all revenue received on and after 1st July, 1954, excepting the Capital and Income of the John Frazer Foreign Missions Endowment.
9. Authorise the Treasurers to advance an amount up to £3,500 to meet the present year's expenses until State assessments are received.
10. Resolve, that the annual general assessment on State Assemblies be—Victoria £1,150; New South Wales £1,080; Queensland £360; South Australia £70; Western Australia £50; Tasmania £50. Total £2,760.
11. (a) Declare the Sunday immediately preceding July 24th as General Assembly, of Australia Sunday.  
 (b) On that day urge Ministers to refer to the importance of this supreme court, the Moderator-General, and to seek the prayers of our people in support.  
 (c) Invite congregations by special collections to contribute to the work and upkeep of the G.A. of A.  
 (d) Request State Assemblies to implement this measure and authorise the Finance Committee to prosecute it.
12. Include in the foregoing Annual Appeal the matter of financial help to Western Australia, the College Committee (£200) and the needs of the Committee on relations with other Presbyterian Churches (£100), and other needs determined by the Finance Committee.
13. Authorise the Finance Committee to co-operate with other Church bodies in any approach to the Government seeking deductions for Income Tax purposes of donations or subscriptions for the building or maintenance of Church buildings.

Public  
Questions  
(resumed)

234. The Debate on Public Questions was resumed (Min. 188).  
 Clause 12 was disapproved.
235. According to Notice the Rev. G. W. Mann moved as an additional Clause 12:  
 Request the Committee to bring before Presbyteries and Ministers the need to instruct our people in the doctrine held by our Church concerning the Church of Christ as set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XXV, and take all steps possible to prevent the word Catholic becoming recognised as the official designation of the Roman Catholic Church; and give due attention to the classification of Census figures as they relate to Catholic and Roman Catholic.  
 The motion was seconded and approved and the Clause added.  
 Clause 13 "Reappoint the N.S. Wales Committee on Church Life and Work as the Committee on Public Questions.  
 "The Convener for the time being of the N.S. Wales Committee to be Convener."  
 Was moved, seconded and approved.
236. The Deliverance as amended was approved as follows:—  
 That the Assembly:—  
 1. Receive the Report.  
 2. Declare:—(a) That the Executive of the G.A. of A. Public Questions Committee be empowered to voice the mind of the Church, on matters affecting the moral and spiritual welfare of Australia, through the Moderator-General, (b) In the absence of the Moderator-General the Convener will express the mind and decision of the Executive.  
 3. Express appreciation of the strong united effort which the Churches in the State of Victoria directed in opposition to the introduction of a State Lottery; and regret its introduction by the Government of Victoria.  
 4. Declare the mind of the Assembly as being favourable to the contributory Hospital Schemes, either by the Governments or by private Institutions as being a wise and proper method of providing for the care of the sick and aged.  
 5. (a) Reiterate the opposition of the Assembly to any suggestion of what is termed "State Aid to Denominational Schools." (b) Express appreciation with the decision of the Federal Government

in providing for a rebate in taxation as an allowance to parents toward costs in super-primary education.

6. Express satisfaction that the various State Governments are taking steps to deal drastically with the question of salacious literature. Assure the various Governments that the Assembly is in thorough support of their cleansing of the Press as a set off against the lowering of the National standards.
  7. Express heartfelt sympathy with the Protestants of Colombia in their persecution, and emphasise the need for concerted action with a view to securing the rights and liberties of our co-Religionists in Colombia, so that the matter may be raised within the United Nations Assembly and also brought before the R.C. Apostolic Delegate to Australia.
  8. Whilst appreciating the difficulties connected with the National Training Schemes, request that other days than Sunday might be chosen by the Military authorities for Military displays, and passing out parades.
  9. Refer the statement on Sunday Observance as set out in the Report back to the Committee to be considered in the light of the Report from the Hartwell Session as printed in the Blue Book, 1951, and the statement prepared by the Sub-Committee of the N.S.W. Church Life and Work Committee and given general approval by the majority of N.S.W. Presbyteries; and making reference to Calvin's distinction between the Jewish Sabbath and the Christian Sunday.
  10. Express anxiety at the reported attitude of the Orthodox Church in Greece towards the Evangelicals in that country.
  11. Request the Committee to bring before Presbyteries and Ministers the need to instruct our people in the doctrine held by our Church concerning the Church of Christ as set forth in the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XXV, and take all steps possible to prevent the word Catholic becoming recognised as the official designation of the Roman Catholic Church and give due attention to the classification of Census figures as they relate to Catholic and Roman Catholic.
  12. Reappoint the Church Life and Work Committee of the N.S.W. Assembly as the Public Questions Committee of the G.A. of Australia. Convener: The Convener for the time being of the N.S. Wales Committee.
237. Communication VII was laid on the Table. Communica  
tion VII  
According to Notice the Rev. A. M. Dickie moved:—  
That the Assembly:—
  1. Receive the communication.
  2. Instruct the Public Questions Committee to investigate the policy of the World Council of Peace and of the Australian Peace Council and report to the next Assembly.
  3. Authorise the Public Questions Committee if they consider it necessary and possible to arrange for an observer to attend a meeting of the World Council of Peace.
  4. In the event of any Presbyterian Minister in good standing being refused a passport, authorise the Moderator-General to make representations to the Minister for Immigration to restore such Ministers freedom to travel.Clause 1 was moved, seconded and approved.  
Clause 2 was moved, seconded, and disapproved.  
By leave Clauses 3 and 4 were withdrawn.
238. The Procurator moved that the Assembly send greetings to the Very Rev. Dr. G. R. S. Reid and the Very Rev. Dr. John Mackenzie. Greetings  
The motion was seconded and approved.
239. Notices of Motion (XLII-XLX) were read and laid on the Table. N.M.
240. The House adjourned to meet at 9.30 a.m. tomorrow, which, having been duly intimated, the sederunt was closed with prayer. Adjournment

W. D. MARSHALL } Clerks.  
J. M. STUCKEY }

## TENTH SEDERUNT

At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, Margaret Street, on Wednesday, the 15th day of September, 1954, at 9.30 a.m.

Constitution

241. The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Religious  
Education

242. The Rev. A. D. Marchant submitted the report on Religious Education and moved the Deliverance:—  
The motion was seconded.

By leave the Rev. E. C. Day addressed the House.

That the Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. Approve of the decision of the Board made in April, 1952, not to proceed with the appointment of a Federal Director.
3. Terminate the present offices of Associate Director and Federal Director with a view to the present holder of the office of Associate Director, the Rev. E. C. Day, being appointed a Director of the Board of Religious Education for three years from January 1, 1955. Salary to be £650 per annum plus cost of living adjustment from January 1, 1950, and subject to future adjustments until the salary again reaches £650 per annum; manse allowance up to £250 per annum; and one month's holiday per annum. Request the Victorian Assembly to take appropriate steps for the induction of Mr. Day into the office of Director with provision for a seat in the Victorian Assembly and one in a convenient Presbytery.
4. Appoint the Rev. A. D. Marchant as Convener of the Board.
5. Express gratification at the improvement in the financial position of the Board and approve of its action in altering the date of the yearly balance from June 30 to December 31.
6. Assent to the following:  
"that such parts of the P.F.A. Constitution be suspended for a period of six years as would prevent the following being done:  
(1) An executive holding office for a period of three years in one State with an annual postal vote to confirm the residence of the executive in such State.  
(2) A Commonwealth Conference and Council meeting being held triennially in the home State of the executive; and in the intervening years the executive arranging with a particular State that a Conference in its State be designated the "Commonwealth Conference."
7. Approve of the action of the Board in assenting to the amendment to Rule 10 (5) and also Rule 10 (closing sentence).
8. Note with approval the representation of Australian Presbyterian Youth at the meetings held under the auspices of the World Presbyterian Alliance at Woudschoten, Zeist, Holland, in 1953, and at Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A., in 1954.
9. Appoint as Presbyterian members of the Joint Board of Graded Lessons: Rev. G. A. Beatty, E. C. Day, V. F. Hadley, D. McK. Jones, A. D. Marchant, and W. Young.
10. Reaffirm the principle that all profits derived within each State from the sales of Presbyterian and Joint Board publications belong to, and are to be used solely for the purpose approved by the Assembly's Youth Department in that State.
11. Convey to all State Youth 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 wider work of the Board.
12. Convey to all Sunday School teachers, teachers of the Home correspondence Sunday Schools, and leaders of young people, and Religious Instructors in State Schools, 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 the glory of God, and a world-wide Christian citizenship.  
The Deliverance was approved.

243. Communication IV was laid on the Table and received. Communication IV
244. Communications VI and XI were laid on the Table and received. Communications VI and XI  
 The Rev. C. M. Dyster moved:  
 That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia doth declare that the property known as Part Lot 10, D.P. 8735, 2 roods, at Table Top in the Shire of Hume and being the whole of the land in Certificate of Title, Volume 5009, Folio 190, is no longer required for the purposes of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales.  
 The motion was seconded and approved.
245. Leave to meet was granted to the A.I.M. Board at 10.30 this morning. Leave to meet
246. Communication XII was laid on the Table. Communication XII  
 Mr. J. P. Adam moved according to Notice.  
 That the Assembly:  
 1. Receive the Communication.  
 2. Instruct the Law Agent to pursue further his instructions contained in the Blue Book, 1951 Min. 171, in reference to the transfer of properties of the Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust.  
 The motion was seconded and approved.
247. Overture IV was called for. Overture IV  
 The Rev. R. Swanton and J. G. Bucknall stated the Overture.  
 Questions were called for.  
 The Rev. R. Swanton moved:  
 That the Assembly—  
 1. Sustain the Overture.  
 2. Appoint a Committee to bring down suggestions concerning:—  
 (a) Courses of action to be taken by Ministers of the Church when dealing with applications from divorced people for remarriage; and  
 (b) any other means for preserving wholesome discipline within the Presbyterian Church in these difficult matters of marital infidelity.  
 3. Appoint as members of the Committee the Revs. D. M. Jones (Convener), J. G. Bucknall, R. Swanton, Messrs. J. P. Adam, F. M. Bradshaw and G. U. Nathan.  
 The motion was seconded and approved.
248. Overture V was called for. Overture V  
 The Rev. W. A. Alston and J. G. Bucknall stated the Overture.  
 Questions were called for.  
 The Rev. A. Alston moved:  
 That the Assembly—  
 1. That the House sustain the Overture.  
 2. Appoint a Committee to study the question of the relationship of the Church to the Governments of both Commonwealth and States, with authority both to formulate, and as may from time to time seem appropriate, publish a statement on this relationship and with this same authority make representation to Government Authorities as and when it may be appropriate to do so.  
 3. Instruct the Selection Committee to appoint a Committee.  
 The motion was seconded and approved.
249. Overture VII was called for. Overture VII  
 The Rev. F. P. Strickland and J. G. Bucknall stated the Overture.  
 Questions were called for.  
 The Rev. F. P. Strickland moved:  
 "That the Assembly—  
 1. Sustain the overture.  
 2. Refer the overture to a Committee with the instruction to take the premises of the overture into consideration and to prepare, by 1st March, 1955, a proposed statement for the guidance of the Church in these matters.  
 3. Instruct the Committee to send the proposed statement to State Assemblies and Presbyteries for consideration and for comment to the Committee by 1st March, 1956.

4. Instruct the Committee in the light of the replies received to present a final proposed statement to the next G.A.A.
5. Instruct the Selection Committee to appoint the Committee." The motion was seconded and approved.

Reference

250. The Reference from the Presbytery of Bathurst was laid on the Table and received.  
The Rev. N. H. Symes stated the Reference.  
The Rev. N. H. Symes moved that the Assembly refer the Reference to the Committee on the Nature and Functions of the Ministry for consideration and report to next Assembly.  
The motion was seconded and approved.

Debate resumed  
(Aids to Devotion)

251. The Debate on Aids to Devotion was resumed. (Min. 53).  
By leave the Convener added an additional 5.  
Clauses 3-6 were moved, seconded and approved.
252. The Deliverance as amended was approved as follows:  
Receive the Report.
2. Approve the Orders of Service, prepared by the Committee, as found in the Report.
  3. Approve the inclusion of the material from the Church of Scotland Book of Common Order, as shown in the report.
  4. Authorise the Committee in consultation with the Board of Religious Education and the Finance Board to publish the complete Book of Common Order.
  5. Express appreciation of the Church of Scotland Aids to Devotion Committee for permission to use material in the 1940 Book of Common Order.
  6. Appoint the following as members of the Committee:—  
The Revs. W. A. Alston (Convener), J. R. Blanchard, G. Cowie, H. Cunningham, K. McC. Dowding, V. Clark-Duff, J. H. Gowdie, A. C. Grieve, T. P. McEvoy, Prof. McIntyre, Revs. A. D. Marchant, W. D. Marshall, Prof. D. Mccaughey, Revs. L. O. C. White, A. C. Watson, S. E. Yarnold, A. A. Dougan, Prof. J. F. Peter, Mr. C. P. Hughes.

253. By leave the Rev. S. J. Hill moved.

That the Assembly—

Refer to the Committee set up in regard to Overture VII (Min. 249), the proposed addition to the Order for Infant Baptism after the words "I will be your God," namely:—

Misconceptions about this Sacrament are so widespread, that we give a very solemn warning about the words just quoted from Christ and His prophet. "Making disciples" (of infants) or "Teaching (them) to walk in God's statutes and do His judgments" are tasks needing training. Little ones, being born copyists, want examples at home and in Church.

After children so trained reach suitable age, we will call them to a Confirmation service, and say, "You have now come that God may COMPLETE your Baptism." That is, your Baptism was a beginning. Should it not also begin a deepened interest by parents, and even teachers, in the growth in grace of the child now to be named here, till his (her) whole heart responds to the Saviour's suffering and dying love.

Our Lord to-day offers you this tremendous trust. Betray it, and you may become a stumbling block to one of Christ's little ones. Then, hear your doom, from the lips of the gentle Jesus: "It were better for you to have a millstone about your neck, and be cast into the sea."

The motion was seconded and approved.

Attitude to  
Creed

254. The Rev. S. A. Goddard submitted the report on the Church's Attitude to its Creed and moved the Deliverance.  
That the Assembly:—
1. Receive the Report.
  2. Thank and discharge the Committee.
- The Motion was seconded.  
According to Notice the Rev. E. H. Vines moved the omission of Clause 2 with a view to inserting the words "Reappoint the Com-



mittee and direct it to continue its work and seek to prepare any needed re-statement of the Church's Creed." The motion was seconded and disapproved. The Deliverance was approved.

255. Mr. F. M. Bradshaw submitted the report on Closer Relations with other Presbyterian Churches and moved the Deliverance:—  
That the Assembly:—

Closer  
Relations  
with other  
Presbyterian  
Churches

1. Receive the Report.
2. Approve the steps taken with a view to the establishment of a "Southern Section" of the "World Presbyterian Alliance," including the setting up of a joint (Australia-New Zealand) provisional organising committee, and authorise the committee to take such further action in this connection as it deems necessary.
3. Appoint the committee as follows: Revs. E. Wallace Archer (Convener), J. Beatty, A. Boag, E. E. Fabb, Prof. D. S. Hopkirk, D. McK. Jones, A. Martin, G. T. Renfrey, R. Swanton, A. C. Watson, Mr. F. Maxwell Bradshaw, Dr. R. R. Weffenhall, Messrs.  
D. M. Bradshaw and B. R. Pearson, plus one corresponding member co-opted by the Committee from each of the States other than Victoria.

The motion was seconded.

256. According to Notice the Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved the omission of all words in Clause 3 after the word "Pearson" with a view to inserting other words, namely:  
"with 7 members from N.S.W., 4 from Queensland and 1 from each of the other States to be appointed by the respective State Assemblies."

The amendment was seconded and approved and the words omitted.

The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved the insertion of the words. The motion was seconded and approved and the words inserted.

257. The Deliverance as amended was approved.

258. Communication I was laid on the Table and received.

Communica-  
tion I

259. The Rev. V. Clark-Duff submitted the report on Fire Insurance and moved the Deliverance.

Fire  
Insurance

1. Receive the Report.
2. Stress the need to review the Fire Indemnity on all Church Properties in the light of present day building costs.
3. Re-appoint the Committee as follows:  
Rev. V. Clark-Duff (Convener), Messrs. R. S. Byrnes, H. M. Caire, J. T. Bolles, Dr. Barr, Messrs. J. M. Carroll, H. G. Jefferson, C. N. Hope, G. D. McKinnon, W. H. Williams, J. R. Wylie.

The motion was seconded and approved.

260. The Business Convener moved:  
That the Assembly thank Mr. H. M. Gelding, a member of the Office Staff, for preparing an illuminated copy of the Loyal Address.

Thanks  
(Mr. H. M.  
Gelding)

The motion was seconded and approved.

261. The Rev. F. Sadler submitted the report on Temperance and moved the Deliverance:—  
That the Assembly—

Temperance

1. Receive the Report.
2. Urge upon our people everywhere the need to oppose any increase in facilities, including the extension of trading hours, for the sale of alcoholic beverages.
3. Urge upon our people the Christian virtue and responsibility of personal abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages.
4. Urge upon Ministers, Elders and Sunday School Teachers, the need to take every opportunity to teach the young of our Church the true nature of alcohol and its detrimental effect upon human beings.
5. Urge all Presbyterians, particularly Ministers and Elders, when

officially representing the Church to set an example by abstaining from all appearance of evil.

6. Reassert the statement of policy on Temperance adopted by the G.A. of A. in 1951. (See B.B. of G.A. of A., 1951, p. 172).
7. Congratulate the N.S.W. Government on their decision to refer the question of hours of closing of hotels to a public referendum.
8. Appoint the Temperance Committee as follows:  
N.S.W.—Revs. S. A. Eastman, J. E. Smith.  
Vic.—Revs. F. Sadler, A. C. Stevens.  
S.A.—Rev. J. I. Williamson and Mr. H. F. Zelling.  
Tas.—Rev. C. W. Auldism and Mr. T. S. Hickman.  
W.A.—Revs. J. G. Thrum and G. Cameron.  
Q'ld.—Revs. A. Trafford Walker and R. E. Pashen.  
Convener: Rev. S. A. Eastman.

The motion was seconded and approved.

262. The Rev. E. H. McLean Shugg submitted the report of the Committee on Studies for the Training of Women Workers and moved the Deliverance:—

That the Assembly:—

1. Receive the Report.
2. Express its appreciation of, and thanks for the services of the Medical Officers, and also Lecturers and Examiners in both New South Wales and Victoria, who assist very materially in the training of Women Workers.
3. Hereby constitute an( Order of Deaconesses to which Exit Deaconess Students may be commissioned by a Presbytery at the request of the State Assembly Committee having the appointment of Deaconesses.
4. Determine that a Deaconess shall work under a Session through the Moderator thereof, and shall also be under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of the bounds through the Moderator of the Session, her appointment being in the hands of the responsible Committee of the State Assembly.

The motion was seconded and approved.

263. The Rev. J. Gray Robertson submitted the report of the Committee on the Constitution and Functions of the G.A.A. and moved the Deliverance, which was seconded.

1. Receive the Report.
- 2 (a) Give authority for a Constitutional Convention to be convened at a date to be arranged to examine the Deed of Union and the Standing Orders and to recommend needed changes:  
(b) Instruct the Convention to give early consideration to the matter and, not later than 30th March, 1956, to forward to Clerks of State Assemblies copies of its Report with recommendations, requesting that the matters contained therein be reviewed by the Assemblies and the Convention advised as to whether the recommendations are acceptable or otherwise.
3. Request Finance Committee of the several States to bear the expenses of representatives.
4. Appoint the following members, the Procurator, Rev. Victor Clark-Duff, A. C. Grieve, Messrs. J. R. Mackay, E. A. Hunt, Rev. J. Gray Robertson, Revs. A. C. Watson, W. D. Marshall, Messrs. G. McKinnon, J. P. Adam, Revs. Hector Dunn, C. Auldism, Rev. R. H. C. Crowe, Messrs. R. S. Byrnes, J. S. R. Wylie, Rev. J. Williamson, Mr. Caire, Rev. T. Gibson and Mr. P. J. Barblett.
5. Express the thanks of the Assembly to the Rev. Colin Dyster for his work in preparing the White Book and Business for the G.A.A.
6. Appoint the Business Convener of the Victorian Assembly for the time being as Business Convener for the next meeting of the G.A.A. in Melbourne.
7. Instruct the Federal Advisory Committee to meet only once between meetings of the General Assembly, such meeting to take place in the September prior to the meeting of each General Assembly.
8. Request Committees whose representatives attend the meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee to pay the expenses of such

- representatives.  
The motion was approved.
264. By leave the Rev. E. H. McLean Shugg moved:  
That the Assembly—  
Appoint as the Committee of the Training of Workers as follows:  
The Rev. E. H. McLean Shugg (Convener), Prof. J. McIntyre,  
Rev. John Priestley, J. E. Alexander, E. H. Vines, C. Dyster, D.  
G. Cole, R. Maidment, Prin. H. Maclean, W. B. Hastie, J. I. William-  
son, A. E. Giles, C. W. Auldish, A. J. McAdam, H. McAndrew, John  
Watson, J. R. Sweet, Prof. J. F. Peter, Deaconess C. Ritchie, Mrs.  
Holmes.  
The motion was seconded and approved.
265. By leave the Rev. C. T. Goy moved that the Assembly appoint the  
following Audio Visual Education Committee:  
Revs. Hamilton Aiken, L. K. Blanchard, K. Burton, C. T. Goy, E.  
H. McLean Shugg, J. M. Stuckey, J. I. Williamson, and Messrs.  
W. M. Hodges, D. W. Moore, N. T. Nelson, W. Nixon.  
Convener: Rev. C. T. F. Goy; Executive: Revs. Hamilton Aikin, C.  
T. F. Goy, E. H. McLean Shugg, J. M. Stuckey and Messrs. W. M.  
Hodges and W. Nixon.  
The motion was seconded and approved.
266. By leave the Rev. A. S. Houston moved that the Assembly appoint  
the Rev. A. S. Houston as Convener of the Defence Forces Chap-  
laincy Committee.  
The motion was seconded and approved.
267. The Debate on Petition II was resumed. (Min. 158).
268. According to Notice the Rev. M. A. McAlpine submitted the follow-  
ing Motion (XLI).  
That the Assembly:—  
1. Grant the Prayer of the Petition.  
2. Give the N.S.W. Home Mission Committee the responsibility of  
the Church Extension work in Canberra and adjoining Federal  
territory.  
3. Assist the Home Mission Committee from the Lloyd Bequest.  
4. Declare that the Lloyd Bequest may be used for Church Ex-  
tension work.
269. On a point of Order the Moderator ruled that the motion was  
incompetent.
270. According to Notice, the Rev. W. A. Pordage moved an addition  
to Clause 1 as follows:  
“and refer it to the New South Wales Board of Trustees together  
with the Canberra Executive and the Home Mission Committee of  
N.S. Wales and Victoria to find and implement, if possible, a solu-  
tion for the matters raised in the Petition.”  
The motion was seconded and approved and the words added.  
By leave Clauses 2 and 3 were withdrawn. (Min. 157).
271. The motion was approved as follows:—  
That the Assembly grant the prayer of the Petition and refer it  
to the New South Wales Board of Trustees together with the  
Canberra Executive and the H.M. Committees of N.S. Wales and  
Victoria to find and implement, if possible, a solution for the  
matters raised in the Petition.
272. Petition III (from the Presbytery of Canberra re completion of the  
Church of St. Andrew) was called for. Petitioners were called to  
the Bar.  
The Rev. H. Harrison and Col. Burns stated the Petition.  
Questions were called for.  
The Petitioners were removed from the Bar.  
According to Notice the Rev. D. J. Flockhart moved:  
That the General Assembly—  
1. Grant the Prayer of the Petition.  
2. Request the Canberra Executive to consult with the people of

Training of  
Women  
Workers  
Committee

Audio-Visual  
Education  
Committee

Defence Force  
Chaplaincy-  
Convener

Petition II  
(resumed  
debate)

Petition III

St. Andrew's on the question of the completion or modification of the plan for the Church, and report to next Assembly;

3. Authorise the opening of a "National Memorial Church of St. Andrew's, Canberra, Building Account," for the completion of the Church, according to plan, or its modification, with the proviso that no work be undertaken in connection therewith until the money required is in hand; and
4. Authorise a Publicity Campaign to be undertaken in the various States of the Commonwealth as opportunity offers.

The motion was seconded and approved.

273. According to Notice, the Rev. M. A. McAlpine moved:

That the Assembly—

"In order to meet the great need in certain charges, agree to the Ordination of up to four men from the N.S.W. Home Mission Staff subject to such men being approved by the N.S.W. Theological Hall Committee and agreeing to undertake a reading course of not less than two years. The reading course to be prescribed by and completed to the satisfaction of the N.S.W. Theological Hall Committee. At the end of three years the men to be eligible for a Call provided the reading course has been completed to the satisfaction of the Theological Hall Committee.

The motion was seconded.

274. On a point of Order the Moderator ruled in his opinion the motion to be incompetent.

275. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved that the Moderator's ruling be disagreed with.

276. The Moderator's ruling was upheld and the motion declared incompetent.

277. The Rev. A. M. Clark, according to Notice moved the Suspension of Standing Order 55 in order to recommit the Petition of the Rev. Archibald Watson Stuart, B.A. (Min. 210).  
The motion was seconded and approved.

278. The House sat in private. (Min. 284).

279. The Rev. Russell Scott moved that all documents in connection with Petition 9 be read to the House. The motion was seconded and disapproved.

280. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom stated the Petition.  
Questions were called for.

281. The Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom moved:  
"That the Assembly do not grant the prayer of the Petition."  
The motion was seconded.

282. The Moderator intimated that in his opinion the matter had been sufficiently discussed.  
The Business Convener moved that the question be now put.  
The motion was seconded and approved.

283. The motion of Rev. Dr. Cumming Thom was approved.

284. The House resumed in public. (Min. 278).

285. The House agreed to sit till 6 p.m.

286. Overture I was called for.

The Rev. H. Perkins and T. Gibson stated the Overture. Questions were called for.

The Rev. Thos. Gibson moved:

That the Assembly—

1. Sustain the Overture.

2. Remit the proposals contained in the Overture to all State Assemblies and Presbyteries to be considered as an alternative to those contained in Remit VIII referred to in the Deliverance of the Code Committee for report to the Clerk by 30th June, 1956.

Moderator's  
Ruling

S.O. 55  
suspended re  
Petition 9

Private

Petition 9

Public

Extension  
of "m"  
Overture I

The motion was seconded and approved.

287. Overture II was called for.

Dr. A. A. Barr and the Rev. J. F. Watson stated the Overture. Questions were asked for.

Dr. A. A. Barr moved:

That the Assembly—

1. Sustain the Overture.

2. Amend Rule 184 by the addition of a new Clause as follows:

“(e) Vacancies on any Standing Committee shall be filled on the nomination of the State Assembly among whose members the vacancy occurs.”

The motion was seconded and approved.

Overture II

288. Overture III was called for.

Mr. P. J. Barblett stated the Overture. Questions were called for.

Mr. P. J. Barblett moved:

That the Assembly—

1. Sustain the Overture in so far as it brings the matter before the House.

2. Approve of the continuance of the merger of the Presbyterian and Congregational congregations at Kalgoorlie and Bunbury for a further period of five years after November, 1955.

3. Authorise the General Assembly of Western Australia (in conjunction with the Australian Inland Mission Board where deemed advisable by the Board) to combine with the Congregational and/or Methodist Churches in the formation of other United congregations on a basis similar to the United congregations at Kalgoorlie and Bunbury.

4. In view of the continuance of the merger, request the Code Committee to give consideration to details of procedure, having regard to the relationship of the Ministers (Presbyterian and/or Congregational) and their congregations to the Courts of our Church and to the Congregational Union.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Overture III

289. The Business Convener submitted the report of the Federal Advisory Committee and moved the Deliverance.

That the Assembly—

1. Receive the Report.

2. Instruct the Federal Advisory Committee (in terms of Min. 227 (2 and 3) B.B. 1'951), to meet in Melbourne in September, 1956.

The motion was seconded and approved.

Federal  
Advisory

290. The Business Convener submitted the answers to reasons for dissent given by the Rev. J. Gray Robertson (Min. 42).

1. When, as in this case, there is in the Assembly a great preponderance of opinion on one side of a question, it is to be expected that more voices will be heard on one side of the debate. The Moderator, after a prolonged debate, stated that in his opinion the matter had been sufficiently discussed. This view was sustained by the House, by a very large majority. The statement that the matter had not been sufficiently discussed is thus contrary to fact, as well as being a reflection on the Moderator and on the Assembly.

2. This is purely a matter of personal opinion, and not based on evidence or on any question of law or procedure.

3. This again is a matter of personal opinion. Every presentation of a case is more or less subjective. Members of the Assembly are able both to assess the sincerity of a speaker, and also to inform themselves from other sources of any matters on which a speaker may be thought to have withheld relevant information.

J. Eric Owen  
T. McDougall  
W. A. Alston

The Business Convener moved:

That the Assembly—

Receive the Report.

Reasons for  
Dissent  
Answers to

The motion was seconded and approved.

291. By leave the Business Convener moved:

That the Assembly—

Appoint the Business Committee for the Assembly of 1957 in Melbourne in terms of Minute 227-4, 1951, B.B.

Appoint the Business Committee of the Victorian Assembly a special Business Committee for the 1957 Assembly in terms of Minute 227-5, 1951, B.B.

The motion was seconded and approved.

292. By leave the Rev. V. Clark-Duff moved:

That the Assembly commission the Rev. J. Gray Robertson to seek Ministers and Licentiatees for service in Australia.

The motion was seconded and approved.

293. By leave the Rev. C. M. Dyster moved:

That the Assembly record their warm appreciation of the work of the Rev. T. McDougall as Business Convener of this Assembly over a period of 12 years.

The motion was approved with acclamation.

294. By leave the Clerk moved:

That the Assembly—

Convey its thanks to the Hospitality Committee of the N.S.W. Assembly and its Convener (the Rt. Rev. R. C. Lawton); to members of the Hospitality Committee of the Women's Missionary Association who, assisted by members of Guilds and of St. Stephen's Diocesan Society, provided luncheons not only for members of Assembly but also for wives of interstate delegates, to the willing workers who provided morning and afternoon teas for the Moderator and his guests, and for members of the Assembly generally; to the General Secretary (Mr. J. R. Mackay) and the staff of the Church Offices and Assembly Hall for their courteous and thoughtful arrangements for the organisation of the Assembly and the comfort of members; to the firm of Mastercraft Printing Co. Pty. Ltd. for constant co-operation and great helpfulness in the printing of Minutes and other papers; to the Assembly Organist, Mr. J. F. Grant and to Mr. W. K. Charlton for their services in leading the Assembly praise; and to all others who have helped in any way at the Meeting of the Assembly.

The motion was seconded and approved with acclamation.

295. The Clerk moved:

That the Assembly—

Appoint the Clerks and Rev. J. Priestley a Commission to examine and confirm the Minutes of the 8th, 9th and 10th sederunts.

The motion was seconded and approved.

296. The Business of the Assembly being now concluded, the Moderator delivered a brief address.

The Assembly joined in singing Psalm 122 after which the Moderator, having intimated that in pursuance of the General Assembly's appointment, the next General Assembly would convene in the Assembly Hall, Collins Street, Melbourne, on the second Wednesday of September, 1957, at 7.30 p.m., closed the session with the Benediction.

W. D. MARSHALL  
J. M. STUCKEY

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Clerks.

Certificate

I certify that the Commission appointed in Minute 295 has read and carefully checked the Minutes of 8th, 9th, and 10th sederunts and I have confirmed them as a correct record of the proceedings.

Signed,

F. W. ROLLAND,  
Moderator.

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

AND OTHER PAPERS

PRESENTED TO

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AUSTRALIA



SYDNEY, SEPTEMBER, 1954

# REPORTS

## AIDS TO DEVOTION COMMITTEE (Min. 47)

The Committee has completed its work of revising the contents of previous Books of Common Order approved by the General Assembly and herewith presents to the Assembly proposed Orders for the celebration of the Sacraments and other Ordinances of the Church, thus completing the Book of Common Order.

Copies of the first drafts of these Orders of Service were sent to State Assemblies and in turn sent to Presbyteries. Consideration has been given to all comments received from Church Courts or individual ministers. Some comments seem to arise from an assumption that there is something mandatory about Orders to which the Assembly has given approval. This is not so. The point ought to be clear that any such Book of Common Order is a guide to Ministers, and they are free to use it in whole or in part. We must preserve our liturgical freedom. It is evident from the wide use of the Church of Scotland Book of Common Order and the considerable material provided in the Service Books of other Presbyterian Churches, that if our publication is to serve a useful purpose it must contain a great deal more material than our earlier books, or a Minister will still feel the need to purchase and use books with fuller material. Hence we have sought to include suggested Orders for Morning and Evening Worship, prayers for special graces and suggested Orders for other services.

We have obtained permission from the Church of Scotland to use much of the material in their Book of Common Order. In seeking this permission we have been influenced by the high standard of their book, as well as the preservation of some sense of unity with that Church.

For instance, the Order for the Dedication of a new Church has been widely used by us for years and is itself so beautiful that we would be seeking to alter merely for the sake of alteration and not because we thought it could be improved.

In proposing that the first Order for the celebration of Holy Communion in the Church of Scotland Book should be included we are influenced also by the fact that both the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church of England have done this in substantially the same form and so we would have a Service which is commended by the General Assemblies of a considerable part of the Presbyterian Church throughout the world.

Other matter is from common sources and so we suggest incorporating this also.

The matter we have prepared is as follows:—

- (i) Order for the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism to Infants.
- (ii) Order for the admission of Baptised persons to Confirmation of their Baptismal Vows.
- (iii) Order for the celebration of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion.
- (iv) Order for the solemnisation of Marriage.
- (v) Order for the Burial of the Dead.
- (vi) Order for the Burial of a Child.
- (vii) Order for the Induction of Elders.
- (viii) Order for the Licensing of Probationers for the Holy Ministry.
- (ix) Order for the Ordination and Induction of Ministers.
- (x) Order for the Setting Apart of Deaconesses.
- (xi) Order for Remembrance Day or Anzac Day.

The following we propose taking from the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland.

- (i) Orders for Morning and Evening Worship.
- (ii) A Service for Children.
- (iii) Order for the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism to Adults.
- (iv) 1st Order for the celebration of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion.
- (v) Order for the Solemnisation of Marriage.
- (vi) Order for the laying of a foundation stone.



(vii) Order for the Dedication of a Church, appointments, and memorial gifts.

(viii) Prayers for special graces and Intercessions.

(ix) Ascriptions.

(x) Benedictions.

(xi) The Lectionary.

We have asked the co-operation of the Board of Religious Education and they have obtained a price which would enable us to sell at approximately the same cost or less than the Church of Scotland Book of Common Order. This would necessitate an outlay of approximately £700 for 2,000 copies.

The Committee regrets that in regard to the instruction contained in Minute 210 of the 1951 Assembly Blue Book anent the revision of the Church Hymnary, owing to the need to complete the Book of Common Order, it has not been able to take the matter up. It will receive attention in the immediate future.

W. A. ALSTON,  
Convener.

#### THE ORDER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TO INFANTS

The Minister shall begin the service with the sentence:

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children.

A suitable hymn may be sung. Then the Minister shall say:

Hear the words of the institution of the Sacrament of Baptism, as delivered by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Hear these further words of Scripture: Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you. And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them. And ye shall be My people, and I will be your God.

This Sacrament is a sign and a seal of our ingrafting into Christ, of the forgiveness of our sins by His Blood, and our regeneration by His Spirit; also of our adoption and resurrection unto everlasting life. By it we are solemnly admitted into the Church of Jesus Christ and are engaged to be the Lord's.

Even children too young to understand these things are sharers in the promise. In this Sacrament God brings the baptised child into the family and household of faith, and makes him a member of Christ, and a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven. This assurance is given by St. Peter when he declared that the children of believers are to be numbered with the holy people of God.

Consider what is written in the Gospel: They brought young children to Jesus, that He should touch them; and His disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased and said unto them, Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them and blessed them.

It is the duty of those who present their children for holy Baptism to make profession of the faith wherein they are to be baptised, and to promise that they shall be brought up in the Christian Faith and in the fellowship of the Church of God.

The Minister shall then say to the parents or those who present the child:

In presenting this child for Baptism, do you confess your faith in God as your Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier?

Answer: I do.

Do you promise, in dependence on Divine Grace, to teach him the truths and duties of the Christian Faith; and by prayer, precept and example, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in the ways of the Church of God?

Answer: I do.

Alternatively, the Minister may say:

In presenting this child for Baptism, do you receive the Doctrine of the Christian Faith whereof we make confession, saying: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried, He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into Heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of Sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting?

Answer: I do.

Do you promise, in dependence on Divine Grace, to teach him the truths and duties of the Christian Faith; and by prayer, precept and example, to bring him up in the fellowship of the Church of God?

Answer: I do.

The Minister shall then say:

The Lord Bless you and your child, and give you grace faithfully to keep these vows.

Let us pray—

Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast ordained this holy Sacrament; give us grace to realise Thy presence here. Set apart this element of water from a common to a sacred use; and grant that what now we do on earth may be confirmed in Heaven. Bless this child, we beseech Thee; let his name be written in the Lamb's book of Life. Being baptised outwardly with water, let him be baptised inwardly with Thy Holy Spirit; let him receive Thy grace in its fulness and remain for ever in the number of Thy faithful children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Minister shall then call upon the people to stand.

Then the parents or other sponsors, shall present the child at the Font and the Minister, calling the child by Christian name, shall pour or sprinkle water on his face, saying:

*N . . . I baptise thee into the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend upon thee, and dwell in thine heart for ever. Amen.

Then may be sung:

The Lord bless thee and keep thee . . .

The Minister taking the child in his arms shall say:

This child is now received into the membership of the Holy Catholic Church and is commended to the love and care of all believers. Who so says the Lord Jesus Christ, shall receive one such little child in My Name receiveth Me.

The Minister shall now return the child to the mother and shall say:

The Lord be with you in the high and holy Duty He has laid upon you, and abundantly fulfil in you His Will.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, most holy and most merciful, we thank Thee that it hath pleased Thee to receive this child as a member of Thy Holy Church. Being ingrafted into Christ, the true Vine, let him ever abide in Him and receive His fulness. Grant him to grow in stature, and in favour with God and man. Amid all vicissitudes and trials, temptations and failures of this life, keep him ever faithful in his love and loyalty to Christ.

Guide him by Thy Holy Spirit, that in due time he may confirm the Holy Vows now made; that witnessing a good confession, and persevering therein to the end, he may obtain the victory of life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Thou, whose Blessed Son Jesus did share at Nazareth the life of an earthly home, bless, we pray Thee, the home upon which Thou hast bestowed this precious gift. (We thank Thee for Thy goodness to this mother in preserving her life and renewing her strength). And we pray

that Thou wilt guide these parents as they seek to discharge the trust committed unto them, and wilt Thou keep them faithful to the vows they have made; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sanctify to us, O Lord, the ministration of this holy Sacrament. Forgive us wherein we have come short of the grace of our own Baptism by wandering from Thy ways; and bring us back to Thee in a true repentance. Quicken us anew by the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may walk in love, humility and gentleness, as those who have been baptised by the same Spirit into one body through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father which art in Heaven . . .

Here may be sung a suitable Hymn or Psalm.

The Blessing: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

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#### ORDER FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISED PERSONS AND FOR THEIR ADMISSION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER.

After a Sermon, a Hymn having been sung, the Minister shall take his place in front of the Communion Table and address the Congregation in these words:

Dearly beloved, we are about to admit to the Confirmation of their Baptism and to participation of the Lord's Supper, these persons about to be named.

They have already been under special instruction in the teaching of the Church. The Session is satisfied as to their Christian faith and character and has agreed to receive them, and they are ready to profess publicly the faith into which they were baptised.

Then he shall read their names, and addressing them as they stand before the Holy Table, he shall say:

Beloved in the Lord in the days of your infancy you were by Baptism ingrafted into the Lord Jesus Christ as members of His Church. God in His Mercy has brought you to years of responsibility, and you have now come that God may complete your Baptism and seal you by His Holy Spirit, to profess your faith in the Lord Jesus, to consecrate yourselves to Him, and thereby to bind yourselves to His service.

In the Scriptures of the New Testament we read:

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God in Whom ye were sealed for the day of redemption.

And it came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised of John in Jordan, and straightway coming out of the water He saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; and there came a Voice from heaven saying, "Thou art My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased."

Jesus said, "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will

I confess also before My Father which is in heaven.

I charge you, therefore, to make confession of your faith, and to answer with all sincerity, and as in the presence of God, the questions I now put to you.

Do you believe the doctrines of the Christian Faith as expressed in the Creed?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried, He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of Sins; the resurrection of the body; and the Life Everlasting.

Do you promise, in dependence on Divine Grace, to serve the Lord and to walk in His ways all the days of your life?

Answer: I do.

Do you promise to make diligent use of the means of grace, to share dutifully in the worship and service of the Church, and to give of your substance, as the Lord may prosper you, for the advancement of His Kingdom throughout the world?

Answer: I do.

Alternatively the Minister may say:

Do you confess your Faith in God as your Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier?

Answer: I do.

Do you promise, in dependence on Divine Grace, to serve the Lord and to walk in His ways all the days of your life?

Answer: I do.

Do you promise to make diligent use of the means of Grace, to share dutifully in the worship and service of the Church, submitting yourselves to Her authority and guidance, and to give of your substance, as the Lord may prosper you, for the advancement of His Kingdom throughout the world?

Answer: I do.

Then shall the Minister say:

Let us pray.

Almighty and Ever-living God, seal these Thy servants we beseech Thee, with the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, and daily increase in them the manifold gifts of grace, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord; and keep them in Thy mercy unto life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Minister (raising his hand in blessing over the candidates, or laying his hand on the head of each as they kneel) shall say:

The God of all Grace, who hath called you to His Eternal Glory, confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then shall the congregation stand and the Minister shall say:

For as much as God has given you grace to make confession of your faith, I do now, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, admit you to the fellowship of the Lord's Table.

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you, now and for evermore. Amen.

Then may be sung:

The Lord bless Thee . . .

The Minister shall say:

Let us pray.

Almighty God who has founded Thy Church upon earth, and hast promised to preserve it to the end, we thank Thee for Thy great mercy to these Thy children, and to Thy Church, to which Thou hast given the joy of receiving them into full communion.

We thank Thee that by Baptism and by the sealing of Thy Holy Spirit they have been incorporated into the Body of Christ. We thank Thee for their Christian training, and for every good influence in their lives; and that Thou hast granted them the assurance of Thy Blessing and favour.

Forgive, we beseech Thee, all their sins, and graciously accept them as now they dedicate themselves to Thee. When they approach Thy Holy Table to receive the Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, grant them to behold the vision of His love and to be made partakers of His grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and dominion, world without end. Amen.

Our Father . . .

The Minister with the Session or representatives of Session shall then give the right hand of fellowship to the newly received members.

Then the Minister shall add this or like exhortation:

Dearly beloved, you are admitted to the privileges of full Communion in the Church, walk worthy of your vocation. Fulfil your part as good soldiers of Christ, and strengthen your brethren, in whose ranks you now take your place. Consider well that you are fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone, in whom also ye are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. Thus devoting yourselves to your God and Saviour, you will find His yoke to be easy and His burden light. God on His part will bless you. He will give you His peace which passes understanding.

Thereafter the Minister addressing the Congregation shall say:

These persons having been received into full communion with the Catholic Church, and into the fellowship of this Congregation, we commend them to your confidence and love, as "brethren" in the Lord, remembering that our Lord said: A new Commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Then shall be sung a Hymn.

Thereafter the Minister shall give the Blessing.

Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

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ANOTHER ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE  
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION OR THE LORD'S  
SUPPER

The sermon being ended, then shall the Minister say:

Dearly beloved, the Communion Table is the Table of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is open to all who are in Communion with the Church Universal. I therefore invite those who are in fellowship with any branch of the Church to unite with this Congregation in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

As we draw near to the Table we gratefully remember that our Lord instituted this Sacrament for the perpetual memory of His death, and the pledge of His love, as a bond of the union with Him and with each other as members of the Church which is His Body, and as the assurance of His coming again.

For this cause let us bow our knees unto the Father of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

Let us pray.

O God who by the life and death and rising again of Thy dear Son hast consecrated for us a new and living way into the Holiest of all, cleanse our minds, we beseech Thee, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may draw near unto Thee with a pure heart, and may receive Thy gifts without sin, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Psalm or Hymn shall here be sung.

The Minister moves to the Holy Table.

Then shall the Minister say:

Hear the gracious words of our Saviour.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Blessed are they which no hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear My Voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with Me.

Then shall the Minister say:

The Grace of the Lord Jesus' Christ be with you all.

Let us attend to the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ as they are delivered by the Apostle Paul.

I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that 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. For as often as ye eat this Bread and drink this Cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

And now in His Name and following His example, I take these elements (*here the Minister shall lay his hand upon the plate and cup*) to be set apart by prayer to the Holy use for which He has appointed them.

The Lord be with you.

R/s. And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

R/s. We lift them up unto the Lord.  
Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
R/s. It is meet and right so to do.

It is verily meet, right and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty; Everlasting God; Who didst create the heavens and the earth and all that is therein; Who didst make man in Thine Own image and Whose tender mercies are over all Thy works.

Together with the whole company of the faithful in heaven and on earth we worship and adore Thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee, and saying:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory.  
Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most high.  
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we give Thee thanks for all Thy mercies, known and unknown, but chiefly for Thine unspeakable gift of salvation sealed to us in Jesus Christ Thy Son. Not as we ought, but as we are able, we bless Thee for His Holy incarnation, for His perfect life on earth, for His suffering and death upon the Cross, for His resurrection and ascension, and for the promise of His coming again.

Wherefore, having in remembrance the work and passion of our Saviour Christ, and pleading His eternal sacrifice, we Thy servants do set forth this memorial, which He hath commanded us to make; and we most humbly beseech Thee to send down Thy Holy Spirit to sanctify both us and these Thine Own gifts of bread and wine which we set before Thee, that the bread which we break may be the Communion of the body of Christ, and the cup of blessing which we bless the Communion of the Blood of Christ; that we receiving them, may by faith be made partakers of His Body and Blood, with all His benefits, to our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace, to the glory of Thy most Holy Name.

And here we offer and present unto Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice through Him Who loved us and washed us from our sins in His Own Blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father. To whom be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father . . .

Then shall the Minister say:

The Lord Jesus, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread (*here he shall take the bread in his hands*) and when He had blessed it, He brake it (*here he shall break the bread in view of the people*) and said:

TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS BROKEN FOR' YOU;  
THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

Then shall the Minister say:

After the same manner also, He took the cup (*here he shall take the cup in such a manner as to be seen by the people*) when He had supped saying:

THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD; THIS DO YE, AS OFT AS YE DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

The Minister in giving the bread, shall say:

Take ye, eat ye, this is the body of Christ which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of Him.

And, in giving the cup:

This cup is the new Covenant in the Blood of Christ, which is shed for many unto remission of sins; drink ye all of it.

When all have communicated the Minister shall say:

THE PEACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU  
ALL.

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, Whose bounty prepared for us this Table, we bless Thee that Thou hast kept covenant and promise with all who have waited upon Thee this day. We thank Thee we have seen, heard, tasted and handled of the Word of Life. Confirm and seal upon our hearts every holy influence, and so inspire us with faith and new obedience that we may serve Thee without fear, in holiness and in righteousness all the days of our life. So may we have the power to fight the good fight of faith and to endure unto the end. As we have received Christ, help us

to live in Him. Make us wise unto a right use of life, enjoying its pleasures thankfully, fulfilling its duties faithfully, and bearing its trials patiently and with unconquerable trust in Thee; and so instruct and guide us by Thy Spirit that it may be the work of our lives to obey Thee, the joy of our souls to please Thee, and at the last, the fulfilment of all our desires to dwell with Thee, in Thy holy and everlasting Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be thanksgiving, honour and glory, now and world without end. Amen.

Then shall a Psalm or Hymn be sung

Thereafter the Minister shall give the Blessing.

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## ORDER FOR THE SOLEMNISATION OF MARRIAGE

Scripture Sentences

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Hymn or Psalm

Dearly beloved: we are gathered here in the presence of God and in face of this congregation (or, before these witnesses) to join together this man and this woman in marriage.

Marriage is a holy estate, instituted by God, and hallowed by our Lord's gracious presence at the marriage in Cana of Galilee. It is commended in Holy Scripture as honourable in all, and consecrated as signifying the mystical union between Christ and His Church.

It is therefore not to be entered upon lightly or unadvisedly, but thoughtfully, reverently, and in the fear of God, with due consideration of the ends for which it was ordained.

It was ordained for the life-long companionship, help, and comfort, which husband and wife ought to have of each other.

It was ordained for the continuance of the holy ordinance of family life, that children, who are the heritage of the Lord, should be duly nurtured and trained in godliness.

It was ordained for the welfare of human society, which can be strong and happy only where the marriage bond is held in honour.

Into this holy estate these two persons now desire to enter. Wherefore, if anyone can shew any just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together in marriage, let him now declare it.

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever blessed God, we bow before Thee, desiring to acknowledge Thee in all our ways. We thank Thee for all the gifts of Thy providence, and for all the bounties of Thy Grace. Especially at this time do we thank Thee for the institution of marriage, which Thou hast ordained to guard, hallow and perfect human love; and that Thou hast made it to be honourable among all. We pray Thee to bless Thy servants, who are about to be united in this holy bond, according to Thy Word. As Thou hast brought them together in Thy providence, sanctify them by Thy Spirit, enrich them with all grace, whereby they may perform the duties, enjoy the comforts, undergo the cares, and resist the temptations which accompany that condition, as becometh Christians. Grant that acknowledging Thee and seeking to please Thee in this and in all things, they may enjoy Thy loving-kindness which is better than life.

We ask all this, with the forgiveness of our sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Minister shall then say:

Who giveth this woman to be wedded to this man?

Answer: I do.

Mutual Assent

Then the Minister shall say:

(Bridegroom) N . . . wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's law in the holy estate of matrimony?

Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour and keep her, in sickness and in health, so long as ye both shall live?

Answer: I will.

(Bride) N . . . wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband; to live together after God's law in the holy estate of matrimony?

Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honour and keep him, in sickness and in health, so long as ye both shall live?

Answer: I will.

The Vows

Thereafter the Minister shall cause the man and the woman to take each other by the right hand and repeat after him:

Bridegroom:

In the presence of God and before this congregation, I N . . . do take thee N . . . to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God's Holy Law, and thereto I give thee my troth.

Bride:

In the presence of God and before this congregation, I N . . . do take thee N . . . to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death do us part, according to God's Holy Law, and thereto I give thee my troth.

Then shall they loose their hands and the man shall give the woman a ring, laying the same upon the book, and the Minister taking the ring shall offer the prayer of Dedication.

In Thy Name O Lord, we hallow and dedicate this ring that by Thy blessing, he who gives it, and she who wears it, may abide together in Thy peace, continue together in Thy favour, live together in Thy love, and may finally dwell together in Thine eternal Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

He shall then deliver the ring unto the man to put upon the third finger of the woman's left hand, then the man holding the ring there shall say:

With this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee worship, with my whole mind I make covenant with thee, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

OR

Then shall they loose their hands and the ring shall be placed upon the book and the Minister shall say:

Do you give this ring as the token and remembrancer of a pure and unbroken wedded love?

Answer: I do.

Do you receive this ring as the token and remembrancer of a pure and unbroken wedded love?

Answer: I do.

The Minister shall then deliver the ring to the man who places the ring on the third finger of the woman's left hand.

The Congregation shall then stand, and the Minister having joined their hands together, shall say:

Forasmuch as you N . . . and you N . . . have covenanted together in holy wedlock and have declared the same before God and this congregation, I pronounce you to be husband and wife, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Whom God hath joined together let not man put asunder.

The couple shall then kneel and the Minister shall pronounce the Blessing.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless and preserve you, and, through His Son, and by His Holy Spirit, keep you; the Lord mercifully with His favour look upon you; and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have everlasting life.

OR

God the Father, etc.

The Lesson.

Word of Exhortation.

Prayer: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, source of all life and love, bestow Thy blessing upon these Thy servants who have covenanted before Thee to dwell together as husband and wife. Unite their hearts in true sympathy and love that they may keep their vows and live together in peace. Bestow Thy blessing upon the home in which they dwell, that it may ever be a place of true affection, pure religion, and consecrated joy.



Enrich them by the mutual sympathies and disciplines of their life; make them sufficient for every duty, and meet for Thy Kingdom by Thy grace; and bring them at last to that heavenly home where love and joy are perfect, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Almighty God who settest the solitary in families, we praise Thee for all the sacred ties that bind our hearts together. We beseech Thee to bestow Thy Fatherly blessing on the families enriched by this union. May our homes be filled with Thy peace, may our lives be spent in Thy fellowship and service, and may we be helpers of one another's faith and love until we come by Thy mercy to the life where love is made perfect.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Our Father . . .

Hymn or Psalm.

The Blessing.

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### ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD

Service in the Church or House.

The Service may begin with the singing of a suitable Psalm, Paraphrase or Hymn.

Then shall the Minister say one or more of the following sentences:

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God, and there shall no torment touch them . . . They are in peace.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. In His favour is life; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

Then may be offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, who lovest us with an everlasting love, and canst turn the shadow of death into the morning; help us now to wait upon Thee with reverent and submissive hearts. In the silence of this hour speak to us of eternal things, that through patience and comfort of the Scriptures we may have hope, and be lifted above our darkness and distress into the light and peace of Thy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then may be read or sung one or more of the following:

Psalm xxiii

Psalm xxxix

Psalm xc

Psalm ciii

Psalm cxxi

Romans viii

1 Corinthians xv

2 Corinthians iv

1 Thessalonians iv

1 Thessalonians v

Revelations vii

Revelations xxi and xxii

St. John xiv

At the close of the reading from Holy Scriptures, the Minister shall say:

The Lord bless to us the reading of His Holy Word, and to His Name be glory and praise. Amen.

Let us pray.

God of all grace, Who didst send Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to bring life and immortality to light; most humbly and heartily we give Thee thanks, that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His glorious resurrection opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Grant us assuredly to know that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to

come, shall be able to separate us from Thy love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Father of mercies, and God of all comfort; look in Thy tender love and pity, we beseech Thee on Thy sorrowing servants. Enable them to find in Thee their refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge. Grant them faith and hope in Him who by death hath conquered death, and by rising again hath opened the gates of everlasting life; even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Here may be offered such special Prayers or Petitions as may be proper to the occasion).

Our Father . . .

Then may be sung a suitable Psalm, Paraphrase or Hymn.

THE BLESSING: The God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Service at the Grave

Introductory Sentences as required.

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for former things shall pass away.

He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of His people shall He take away from off all the earth. Fear not; I am the first and the last. I am He that liveth and was dead; and behold, I am alive for ever more.

Words of Committal:

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of our *brother* here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, looking unto our Lord Jesus Christ who can fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of His glory, according to the working whereby He is able even to subject all things unto Himself.

At a Cremation Service the following shall be used:

Forasmuch as it hath passed Almighty God to take unto Himself the soul of our *brother* here departed, we therefore commit *his* body to be dissolved, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, looking unto our Lord Jesus Christ who can fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of His glory, according to the working whereby He is able even to subject all things unto Himself.

Prayer:

Minister: Lord have mercy upon us.

People: Christ have mercy upon us.

Minister: Lord have mercy upon us.

Our Father . . .

Then shall the Minister use one or more of these prayers as may be fitting.

Almighty God, Who hast revealed Thine only begotten Son as the resurrection and the life, raise us up, through Him we beseech Thee, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that, when we shall depart this life, we may rest in Him, as our hope is this our *brother* doth, and that we may at last receive the blessing, well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of Thy Lord. Grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father; through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

or

O God, Whose days are without end, and Whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of

human life, give us grace to prepare for the hope of a holy life and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this present world in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; that, when we have served Thee in our day and generation, we may be gathered to our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of Thy Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a holy hope, in favour with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with all mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God our Father from Whom we came, unto Whom we return, and in Whom we live and move and have our being, into Thy hands we commit those who pass beyond our mortal vision into the blessedness of Thy closer fellowship, especially this Thy servant (our beloved brother) comfort, we beseech Thee, hearts that are heavy laden. Reveal Thyself as the God Who watches over all our ways and Who art nearest to us when we most deeply feel our need of Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lift up your hearts.

O Lord support us all the day long of this troublous life until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in Thy mercy, grant us safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

Thou art the King of Glory O Christ

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death

Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood,

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.  
Amen.

or

O Heavenly Father, Who in Thy Son Jesus Christ hast given us a true faith and a sure hope, help us we pray Thee to live as those who believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to everlasting life, and strengthen faith and hope in us all the days of our life, through the love of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Saviour.

On the death of a husband or father:

O God of all grace, tender mercy, and gentle compassion, deeply as we mourn the loss of Thy servant whom we love, we think of those to whom he was most dear. O Thou Who art the Father of the fatherless, the Husband of the widow, we pray for her who shall miss her loved one from her side and the children bereft of a father's loving protection. Uphold her and them with Thy Divine Strength; enfold them in Thy love; comfort them with Thy tenderest consolation; bind up their broken hearts and make Thy Grace sufficient for them all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Father of mercies and God of all comfort, look in tender love and pity, we beseech Thee, on Thy sorrowing servants. Enable them to find in Thee their refuge and strength, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. Grant them assurance, now and hereafter, that nothing shall separate those who love one another in the Lord, but that in perpetual light they shall meet again and rejoice before Thee.

Almighty God, in this hour of sorrow, with the burden of our mortality heavy upon us, we confess our sins to Thee. In the vigour of life we so often live as though our destinies were in our own control and not in Thine, O Sovereign Lord of Life. Forgive us, O Father, so that we may learn to walk humbly with Thee. Forgive us our sins for Jesus Christ's sake, that we may watch and pray until His coming in judgment.

O Thou before Whose face the generations rise and pass away, we praise Thee for Thy servant departed this life in Thy faith and fear. Especially this day we thank Thee for *him*, whom Thou hast taken from our midst. We thank Thee for the memory of *him* for those words and acts which have endeared *him* to us. We bless Thee for all Thy loving kindness to *him* through the years of *his* earthly life, and we thank Thee that for

*him* all sickness and sorrow are now ended, and that death itself is now past.

We beseech Thee, therefore, that Thou wilt receive this soul on pilgrimage in eternity, so that for *him* there shall be light and peace, and, *his* sins committed in this life being forgiven, he may enter into rest. Amen.

The Blessing.

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## ORDER FOR THE BURIAL OF A CHILD

Service in the Church or House

The Minister shall say one or more of the following sentences:

Lord have mercy upon us,  
Christ have mercy upon us.

Jesus said, Let not your heart be troubled, Ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions.

Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King,  
Make them to be numbered with Thy saints,  
In glory everlasting.  
Then shall the lambs feed after their manner,  
David shall feed them and be their shepherd,  
They shall walk with Him in white, for they are worthy.

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,  
He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
And carry them in His bosom.

Then shall the Minister read one or more of the following lessons.

Psalm 23.  
St. Matt. 18:2-5; 10:14.  
St. Mark 10:13-16.

At the close of the reading from the Holy Scriptures, the Minister shall say:

The Lord bless to us the reading of His Holy Word and to His Name be glory and praise.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, our Heavenly Father, Who art most near to us when most we are in need of Thee; and Who canst turn even the shadow of death into the morning, draw near unto these Thy children in this hour of sorrow and need. Help them to believe in Thy Fatherly love and to trust in Thy perfect wisdom. In their grief give them faith that they may be enabled to say, the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord. We bless Thee for the gift of this child whom Thou hast taken to Thyself. We thank Thee for memories of his (her) childhood, and for the assurance that for him (her) all sickness and sorrow are ended, that death itself is past, and that he (she) lives evermore in Thy presence, wherein is fullness of joy. We bless and praise Thy Name that Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ took the little ones into His arms, put His hands upon them and blessed them, and that the promise of Thy grace is unto them and to this child. Now Thy finger hath touched him (her) and he (she) sleeps, help us to trust Thy love and promise that Thou wilt keep him (her) for ever in the arms of Thine eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, Who healest the broken in heart and bindest up their wounds, look down in tender pity and compassion upon Thy children whose joy is turned into mourning. Leave them not comfortless, but grant unto them that where their treasure is there may their hearts be also. Fill their desolate souls with the light and comfort of Thy presence. Pour into their wounded spirits the balm of Thy consoling grace. Grant unto <sup>4</sup> \*." such a vision of that life where all mysteries shall be revealed and all tears wiped away, that they may be able to endure as seeing Thee Who art invisible. So dwell with them and be their God until the day breaks and the shadows flee away, and then in Thy mercy unite them again with their little one in the Father's House of many mansions, where there is fullness of joy for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father . . .

The Blessing.

## ORDER FOR THE ORDINATION AND/OR INDUCTION OF ELDERS

The Session having been duly constituted, Divine Service is celebrated according to the usual Order.

The following are appropriate lessons of Holy Scripture:

Exodus 28; Rom. 12; St. Luke 12:35-40.

The Minister shall then say:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, Who has given to Thy Church Elders of the people with gifts to rule and govern, for the oversight and care of Thy flock, look mercifully upon us, and so direct us by Thy Holy Spirit that what we do at this time may be to the building up of Thy people in righteousness, love and good works and to the glory of Thy Holy Name, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the narrative be read by the Session Clerk.

The Minister shall then say:

I have now to request you the members of this Congregation, to stand and to signify your assent to the following questions by holding up your right hand.

Do you the members of this Congregation, now confirm the election of these brethren to the office of Elder in this Congregation?

Do you promise to render them all due respect and encouragement in the discharge of their duties?

The Minister shall then say:

The importance of the Office of the Eldership was recognised by the Assembly of Divines at Westminster in 1643 in these words:

As there were in the Jewish Church Elders of the people joined with the priests and Levites in the government of the Churches, so Christ Who hath instituted governments and governors ecclesiastical in the Church, hath furnished some in His Church, besides the Ministers of the Word, with gifts of government and with commission to execute the same, when called thereunto, who are joined with the Minister in the government of the Church, which officers Reformed Churches commonly call Elders.

The duties of Elders are more particularly:—

To set the example of a virtuous and godly life, and of regular attendance at public worship.

To take part with the Minister in administering the care and discipline of the Parish.

And to represent their brethren in Presbyteries and General Assemblies when commissioned thereto.

In this act of Ordination and Admission, the Presbyterian Church of Australia, as part of the Holy Catholic Church, worshipping one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, affirms anew its belief in the Gospel of the Sovereign grace and love of God, wherein through Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord, incarnate, crucified and risen, He freely offers to all men, upon repentance and faith, forgiveness of sins, renewal by the Holy Spirit, and eternal life, and calls them to labour in the fellowship of the faith for the advancement of the Kingdom of God throughout the world. The Church acknowledges the Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the supreme rule of faith and life, and holds as its subordinate standard the Westminster Confession of Faith, recognising liberty of opinion on such points of doctrine as do not enter into the substance of the faith, and claiming the right, in dependence on the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, to formulate, interpret, or modify its subordinate standards; always in agreement with the Word of God and the fundamental doctrines of the Christian Faith contained in the said Confession, of which agreement the Church itself shall be sole judge.

The Minister addressing the Elders-Elect, who shall stand before him, shall say:

Brethren in view of this Declaration, you are now required to answer the questions appointed by the Church:

I. Do you profess your faith in God, revealed in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord and Saviour?

II. Do you own anew the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord, and will you seek, in dependence on the Holy Spirit, to order your life in accordance with His Will?

III. Do you declare your loyalty to this Church and to the principles of Presbyterian polity?

IV. Do you accept the office of Elder in this Congregation, and, in so doing, promise to take your part in the administration of its affairs, and faithfully to discharge the duties of the Eldership?

May Almighty God bless you and give you grace faithfully to fulfil these vows.

The questions having been answered, the Congregation shall stand, and the Minister shall offer the Ordination and/or Induction prayer:

O Eternal and ever blessed God, Who dost rule Thy Church by Thy Spirit, and dost accept the service of faithful men, we commend unto Thee these whom we now ordain and/or induct to the Office of the Eldership in this Congregation. Endue them with Thy Spirit. Let their manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ. Make them pure in heart, unselfish in service, and zealous for the advancement of Thy Kingdom. Keep them faithful to the end, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, they may receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we humbly pray—

Our Father . . .

Prayer being ended, the Minister shall say:

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church and by the authority of this Session, I declare you, A. B. C. D. . . . to be Ordained and/or Inducted to the office of the Eldership and I commend you to the grace of God in the discharge of all your duties. The Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and abide with you always. Amen.

Then the Minister and Elders shall give to the newly Ordained and/or Inducted Elders the right hand of fellowship.

Thereafter the Minister shall give the charge to them and to the Congregation.

Then shall a Hymn be sung, and the Service shall end with the Blessing.

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#### FORM AND ORDER FOR THE LICENSING OF PROBATIONERS FOR THE HOLY MINISTRY.

The Licensing of Probationers or Candidates should, wherever possible take place in Church, in the presence of a Congregation, preferably where he/or they are members.

At the time appointed, the Presbytery being constituted and the Congregation assembled and the Candidate for Licence having taken his place before the Presbytery, the Service may begin with the singing of:

Psalm 84:1-2, 10-12.

Thereafter the Moderator shall say:

Our help is in the Name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, thy God reigneth.

Then shall he say: Let us pray.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose Name is great and whose goodness is inexhaustable; bestow Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon us Thy servants, who are assembled for the fulfilling of Thy Will and the furtherance of the Gospel. We acknowledge our great unworthiness to be accounted fellow-labourers with Thee, and our manifold failures in the work Thou hast given us to do. Mercifully forgive us, we entreat Thee; and so endue us with the spirit of power, and of love, and of a sound mind, that those things which to-day Thou requirest us to do may be for the good of Thy Church and the advancement of Thy Kingdom, and that our lives henceforward may be more completely devoted to Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord our God, Who art great, eternal, and wonderful in glory; we thank Thee for Thy unnumbered mercies unto the children of men, and especially for Thy unspeakable grace in the gift of Thy Son our Saviour. We bless Thee for the Church which He established to be Thy witness before men, for the Holy Spirit who dwells in it for ever, and for Thy love and faithfulness to it from age to age. We bless Thee that Thou hast been its strength in weakness, its light in darkness, its defence in the day of evil, and the source of its patience, faith and triumph in all generations. We thank Thee for the Gospel ministry, and for the assurance

which Thou hast given to those who serve Thee, that Thou wilt be with them always, even unto the end of the world.

Merciful Father, as Thou hast ever owned the labours of Thy people and manifested through them Thy saving power, replenish them still with Thy truth, stir up in them the spirit of zeal and devotion in Thy service, and enable them to bring forth abundantly the fruits of peace and good works. Send out faithful labourers into Thy harvest. Give spirit and power to preach Thy Word. Open up more and more the knowledge of salvation, that in all parts of the earth Thy truth and love may be made known, to the end that all nations may praise, honour and glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee, O Father, and with the Holy Spirit, be honour and adoration, both now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons shall then be read:

Such as Is. 6:1-8. 2 Timothy 1:1-14.

Thereafter the Apostles Creed may be said by all, standing:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; Born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Then the Moderator shall say:

Brethren in Christ: God by His Holy Spirit calls man to serve Him according to the gifts bestowed upon them, and to chosen servants He grants this grace that they should make known the riches of Christ by the preaching of the Gospel. Unto His Church commandment has been given not only to pray for the increase of the ministry, but also to prove and try those who seek the sacred office, that men of pure heart, good conduct, sound learning, and true Christian experience, able to speak to edification, be found for the service of the sanctuary. Therefore, it is proper that those who desire to give themselves to this ministry should not only prepare themselves by study, prayer, and good works, but should also have opportunity to make trial of their gifts by the experience of preaching, and to approve themselves to the Churches as workmen fitted rightly to divide the word of truth. According to the Constitution of the Church the oversight of these matters is committed to the Presbytery, which is to examine every candidate for the sacred office in regard to his religious experience, his motives in seeking the ministry, and his proficiency in that knowledge which is necessary as a teacher of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Clerk of the Presbytery or the Minister appointed for the duty, shall then read distinctly the names of the candidates and give a brief narrative of the proceedings of the Presbytery after which the Moderator, addressing the Candidates shall say:

I have now to ask you to stand and answer the following questions:

- I. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice?
- II. Do you own and accept the Westminster Confession of Faith, read in the light of the Declaratory Statement contained in the Basis of Union adopted by this Church on the 24th day of July, 1901, as an exhibition of the sense in which you understand the Holy Scriptures, and as a confession of your faith? And do you engage firmly and constantly to adhere to, and to the utmost of your power, in your station, assert, maintain and defend the same?
- III. Do you own and accept the purity of worship as practised in this Church?
- IV. Do you own the Presbyterian form of government to be founded on the Word of God and agreeable thereto? And do you promise that, through the grace of God, you will firmly and constantly adhere to, and to the utmost of your power, in your station, assert, maintain, and defend the same?
- V. Are zeal for the glory of God, love to the Lord Jesus Christ, and a desire to save souls, and not worldly interests or expectations (so

far as you know your own hearts), your great motives and chief inducements to the work of the Holy Ministry?

- VI. Do you promise in the strength of Divine grace to lead a holy and circumspect life, faithfully fulfilling all appointments and instructions given you by competent authority, in accordance with the laws of this Church?
- VII. All these things you profess and promise through grace, as you shall be answerable at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Satisfactory answers having been given the following blessing shall be pronounced:

May Almighty God accept and bless you, and bestow upon you His quickening Spirit, that those things which you have purposed in your heart you may be enabled to fulfil, to the glory of His Holy Name, and the edifying of His Church. Amen.

The Candidate shall then kneel, and the Moderator shall say:

Let us pray.

Almighty and Eternal God, the Father of the spirits and the Lover of souls, Who hast promised to abide in the midst of Thy people for ever: direct us by Thy Spirit, we beseech Thee, as in the Name of Thy risen and ever glorious Son, Whom Thou hast made Head over all things to the Church, we set apart *these* Thy *servants* for the preaching of Thy Gospel.

Graciously accept *them* as in faith and humility *they* dedicate *themselves* to the service of Thy Kingdom. Bestow upon *them* the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that *they* may be instructed in the deep things of Thy truth, enabled by purity of life to adorn Thy doctrine, and guided into ever fuller knowledge of Jesus Christ Thy Son, Whom to know is life, Whom to serve is freedom, Whom to love is joy. Give *them* such power of understanding and utterance that as *they* preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, *they* may be enabled to enlighten the ignorant, to guide the perplexed, to arouse the indifferent, to win those who oppose themselves, and to gather into the folds of Thy Kingdom many who wander in the ways of error and sin. Let Thy Word on *their* lips be a message of good tidings to the weary and heavy laden, cheering the desolate, loosing the captives of sin, comforting the mourners, and causing the heart of the penitent and sad to sing for joy.

Spare *them*, if it please Thee, that in due season, enriched in grace and experience, *they* may be called to the office of the Holy Ministry.

Grant *them* the assurance that Thy Word cannot return unto Thee void, and in due time give them to see abundant fruit of all their labours.

Teach *them* to have a steadfast care for *their* own soul (s) ; conserve in *them* the gift of Thy love; sanctify and confirm them by Thy Heavenly benediction; that holding fast their profession without wavering *they* may finish *their* course with joy, and finally, of Thy mercy, receive a full reward, in Thy eternal and glorious Kingdom.

These things we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray—

Our Father . . .

The prayer being ended, the Candidates and the Congregation shall stand and the Moderator shall say:

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority which He has given to the Church, we do license you to preach the Gospel wherever God in His providence may call you; and may the blessing of God rest upon you and the Spirit of Christ fill your heart.

The Moderator shall here present a Bible provided by the Presbytery for this purpose, and he shall say:

Take this Bible, of which you are appointed an interpreter; and be diligent to study the things that are written therein, that, as much as in you lies, you may faithfully and truly teach the Gospel of the grace of God and be an example of faith and holy living.

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

The Hymn, "Lord speak to me that I may speak," *may be sung. Thereafter the Moderator or a Minister appointed shall deliver a Charge to the Licentiate (and to the Congregation).*



The Charge being concluded a Hymn or a Psalm may be sung and the Service ends with the Blessing:

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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#### ORDER FOR THE ORDINATION AND INDUCTION OF MINISTERS

On the day appointed, the Presbytery meets beforehand in a place adjoining the Church, and is constituted by the Moderator.

The chancel and a sufficient number of adjacent pews in the Church, should be reserved for the Presbytery, and an adequate supply of Hymnaries provided for them.

Robes are worn by the officiating Ministers and the Presbytery Clerk, also by the other Ministers, should Presbytery so appoint.

Careful arrangements should be made as to the order in which members of Presbytery enter the Church. All shall remain standing in their appointed places in the Church, until the officiating Ministers have taken their seats.

Suitable provision should be made for the kneeling of the Ordinand or the Minister who is to be inducted. A table other than the Communion Table, should be made ready for the signing of the Formula.

The Presbytery having been duly constituted, the edict is called for and produced; the prescribed intimation is made concerning objections, and (if none be offered) the Presbytery resolves to proceed with the Induction.

The Minister appointed may begin the Service with one or more of the following sentences:

Our help is in the Name of the Lord Who made heaven and earth.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Then may be sung Psalm 65:1-4 concluding with the Gloria Patri.

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, Who art nigh unto all that call upon Thee in truth; be merciful to us, we beseech Thee, and make us joyful in Thy house of prayer. Grant unto Thy people here assembled the outpouring of Thy Holy Spirit, that, being cleansed from sin and illumined by Thy grace, we may show forth Thy praise, meekly learn Thy word, render due thanks for Thy mercies, and obtain a gracious answer to our prayers; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then is read a Lesson from the Old Testament such as: Isaiah 61:1-6. Psalm 68:18-20 may be sung with the Gloria Patri.

Then Lessons from the New Testament are read such as: 1 St. Peter 5:1-4, St. John 16:15-17.

Then the Apostles Creed may be said by all, standing,

I believe in God . . .

Let us pray.

O Lord our God, Who hast founded Thy Church upon earth, and hast promised to abide with it forever, lighten and sanctify it, we beseech Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit. We pray for all Ministers of Thy Word and Sacraments, that Thou wouldst increase in them Thy grace, that with joy and assurance they may guard and feed Thy sheep, looking to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls.

We pray for this Congregation of Thy Church, that Thou wouldst encompass them with Thy favour, and grant that with one heart and one mind they may strive together for the faith of the Gospel.

We pray for the progress of Thy Kingdom throughout all the world, that Thou wouldst hasten the time when in the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord.

We pray for rulers and all in authority, especially for our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth and all her house; for the Queen's Ministers and Counsellors, and for all the people of this realm, that Thou wouldst exalt our land in righteousness, and guide the nation in the way of peace.

We pray for the afflicted, for those who are lonely and sad, for those in sickness and sorrow, and for all whom we name in our hearts . . . that

Thou wouldst lift up the fallen, and strengthen the weak, and comfort them that mourn; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We bless and praise Thy Name, O God, for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear, and for those dear to us who are now with Thee . . . and we beseech Thee that Thou wouldst keep us united to them in the Communion of Thy Saints, and finally gather us with them in the glory of Thy Kingdom.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Spirit, we ascribe glory and honour, thanksgiving and power, world without end. Amen.

The Intimations.

The Offering.

Prayer of Dedication.

Then may be sung the Hymn 205 — "The Church's One Foundation."

A Sermon is preached, followed by an Ascription of Praise.

Then is sung the Hymn 182 — Veni Creator Spiritus — "Come Holy Ghost, our Souls Inspire."

Thereafter the Narrative shall be read' and the Minister to be inducted, having taken his place before the Presbytery, the Moderator shall declare as follows:—

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, Who being ascended on high, hath given gifts unto men for the edifying of the body of Christ, we are met here as a Presbytery to ordain and/or induct M ... N ... into the pastoral charge of ... In this act the Presbyterian Church of Australia, as part of the Holy Catholic or Universal Church worshipping one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit—affirms anew its belief in the Gospel of the Sovereign grace and love of God, wherein through Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Incarnate, Crucified and Risen, He freely offers to all men, upon repentance and faith, the forgiveness of sins, renewal by the Holy Spirit, and eternal life, and calls them to labour in the fellowship of faith for the advancement of the Kingdom of God throughout the world.

The Presbyterian Church of Australia acknowledges the Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the supreme rule of faith and life.

The Presbyterian Church of Australia holds as its subordinate standard the Westminster Confession of Faith, recognising liberty of opinion on such points of doctrine as do not enter into the substance of the Faith, and claiming the right, in dependence on the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, to formulate, interpret, or modify its subordinate standards, always in agreement with the Word of God and the fundamental doctrines of the Christian Faith contained in the said Confession, of which agreement the Church itself shall be the sole judge.

Then the Moderator addressing the people shall say: I have to request you, the members of this Congregation, to stand and -signify your assent to the following questions:

1. Do you the communicants and adherents of this Congregation, adhere to the call which you have already subscribed in favour of . . . to be your Minister?
2. Do you cordially receive him as your Minister, promising to provide him with suitable maintenance, and give him all due respect, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord?

Then the Moderator, addressing the Minister to be ordained and/or inducted, who shall stand and make answer to the questions put to him, shall say:

N . . . M . . . you are now required to answer the questions appointed by the Church.

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practise?
2. Do you own and accept the Westminster Confession of Faith, read in the light of the Declaratory Statement contained in the Basis of Union adopted by this Church on the 24th day of July, 1901, as an exhibition of the sense in which you understand the Holy Scriptures, and as a confession of your faith? And do you engage firmly and constantly to adhere thereto, and to the utmost of your power to assert, maintain, and defend the same?
3. Do you own and accept the purity of worship as practised in this Church?

4. Do you own the Presbyterian form of government to be founded on the Word of God and agreeable thereto? And do you promise that through the grace of God you will firmly and constantly adhere to and to the utmost of your power, in your station, assert, maintain, and defend the same?
5. Are zeal for the glory of God, love to the Lord Jesus Christ, and a desire to save souls, and not worldly interests or expectations (so far as you know your own heart), your great motives and chief inducements to the work of the Holy Ministry?
6. Do you accept this call, and promise through grace to perform all the duties of a faithful Minister of the Gospel among this people?
7. Do you promise to give conscientious attendance upon the courts of this Church, and to direct your best attention to the business thereof, doing all in a spirit of faithfulness, brotherly kindness, and charity?
8. Do you promise in the strength of Divine grace, to lead a holy and circumspect life, to rule well your own house, and faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully to perform all the parts of the ministerial work to the edifying of the Body of Christ in love?
9. All these things you profess and promise through grace, as you shall be answerable at the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Satisfactory answers having been given, the following Blessing may be pronounced:

May Almighty God accept and bless thee, and bestow upon thee His quickening Spirit, that those things which thou hast purposed in thine heart thou mayest be enabled to fulfil, to the glory of His Holy Name, and the edifying of His Church. Amen.

After the Blessing the Moderator shall say:

You are required now to sign the Formula as a seal of these vows which you have made.

or

The formula may be signed after the Service has been concluded. Here the Minister to be ordained and/or inducted kneels and the Moderator shall say:

Let us pray.

Almighty God, most merciful Father, Who of Thine infinite goodness hast given Thine only Son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer and the Author of everlasting life, and hast exalted Him unto Thy right hand, whence according to Thy Will, He hath sent down the Holy Spirit and given gifts unto men; we thankfully acknowledge Thy great mercy in bestowing upon us these inestimable benefits; and we humbly beseech Thee, send down the Holy Spirit upon this Thy servant, whom we, in Thy Name, and in obedience to Thy most blessed will, do now, by the laying on of our hands

*(Here the Moderator lays his hands upon the head of the Ordinand, and the other Ministers also laying on their right hand).*

ordain and appoint to the Office of the Holy Ministry in Thy Church, committing unto him authority to dispense Thy Word and Sacraments, and to bear rule in Thy flock. Impart to him such fulness of Thy grace as shall fit him more and more for the work to which he has been called.

Give him counsel, understanding, and utterance, that he may boldly proclaim Thy Word and Will. Make him a light unto them that sit in darkness, a watchful and loving guardian over Thy fold, and a follower of the Good Shepherd Who gave His life for the sheep. Enable him to guide aright the people of his charge, and in all things to fulfil his ministry without reproach in Thy sight, so that he may abide steadfast to the end, and be received with all Thy faithful servants into the joy of the Lord.

O God who didst vouchsafe to enlighten the minds of the disciples by the outpouring of the Spirit of life and truth, visit we beseech Thee, this Congregation with Thy love and favour. Grant that they may be strengthened unto every good purpose. These things we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray —

Our Father . . .

or

Where the Minister is to be inducted only, the Moderator shall say: Let us pray.

Almighty God, Who under Thine ever-blessed Son, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, hast appointed them to be fed and guided by Thy ministering servants we thank Thee that Thou hast this day graciously

provided a pastor for this people; and we earnestly entreat Thee to grant unto Thy servant, to whom we now commit this solemn trust in Thy Name, Thy Holy Spirit, to fit him more and more for the work to which he has been called. Give him utterance that he may boldly make known Thy Word and Will, and faithfully dispense the myterie<sup>3</sup> of Thy Gospel. Endue him with wisdom and zeal to rule aright the people over whom he is set and to preserve them in peace and purity, so that Thy Church, under his administration and example, may increase in grace and holiness.

Grant him meekness, patience and firmness to bear all the trials and troubles of his ministry, and strengthen him with Thy Spirit, that he may abide steadfast to the end, and be received, with all Thy faithful servants, into the joy of the Lord. O God, Who didst vouchsafe to enlighten the minds of the disciples by the outpouring of the Spirit of life and truth, visit, we beseech Thee, this Congregation with Thy love and favour. Bless the ministry now begun to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace. Grant that they may be enlightened and edified by the preaching of the Word, quickened by Thy Spirit, established in all holy living, and kept by Thy power through faith unto salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who taught us to pray:—

Our Father...

The Minister rises from his knees, and the Moderator addressing him says:

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the King and Head of the Church, and by authority of this Presbytery, we do hereby declare you duly (Ordained to the Office of the Holy Ministry and) Inducted into the pastoral charge of this Congregation and Parish and entitled to all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining, and in token thereof we give you the right hand of fellowship.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Then the Moderator or a Minister appointed shall give a solemn charge to the newly inducted Minister and thereafter to the people setting forth their respective duties from the Word of God.

Then may be sung Psalm 122:6-9 concluding with the Gloria Patri, and the Moderator pronounces the Blessing.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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#### ORDER FOR THE SETTING APART OF DEACONESSES

The Presbytery being constituted, the Setting Apart of Deaconesses shall be preceded by public worship.

(Appropriate Lessons are 1 Cor. 12:4-11, St. John 20:11-18).

Then shall the Moderator say:

Let those who are to be set apart as Deaconesses come forward.

Then shall the Chairman of the Deaconess Council, or other Minister, present them, saying:

I present unto you these candidates to be admitted to the office of Deaconess—

(If there is only one candidate, he shall say:

I present unto you (NAME) to be admitted to the office of Deaconess).

Here their names shall be read.

They, having satisfactorily completed the course of training prescribed by the General Assembly are deemed fit and worthy to exercise this ministry.

Then shall the Moderator say to them that are to be set apart.

Beloved in the Lord, in the Scriptures of the New Testament it is recorded that women ministered to our Lord Jesus Christ in the days of His flesh. Saint Paul acknowledges with gratitude the help he received in his apostolic labours from Christian women; from the beginning until now God has adorned His Church with the good works and lives of faithful and devoted women.

And now, as you are minded to take upon you this service, we exhort

you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to have in remembrance the sacred office to which you are called. It belongs to a Deaconess to minister to the welfare of those to whom she is sent; to assist the Ministers of the Word and Sacraments; to seek, advise, and pray with such as require help in trouble or perplexity; to instruct the young, and to encourage all to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord.

I now ask you to stand and answer the appointed questions.

Do you confess your faith in God as your heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your Sanctifier?

Answer: I do.

Do you believe that God has called you to the office of a Deaconess?

Answer: I do.

Do you humbly engage, in dependence on Divine grace, faithfully and prayerfully to discharge the duties of this office?

Answer: I do.

Do you promise to seek the unity and peace of the Church, and to yield yourself to the authority of those to whom the Church has committed the direction of your work?

Answer: I do.

Then shall the Moderator say:

May Almighty God accept and bless you, and bestow upon you His quickening Spirit, that those things which you have purposed in your heart you may be enabled to fulfil, to the glory of His Holy Name and the edifying of His Church. Amen.

Let us pray.

O Eternal and ever-blessed God, Who hast chosen to Thyself a Church which Thou hast ever ruled by the Holy Spirit, and hast used therein the service of men and women, graciously regard these Thy handmaidens whom we, in Thy Name, now set apart to the office of Deaconess — send down Thy spirit upon them that they may worthily accomplish the work now committed to them, and may they in all their ministrations be found faithful. Bestow upon them the gifts of wisdom and sound judgment of singleness of heart and sympathy. Be Thou their joy in service, their comfort in sorrow, their counsel in doubt, and at the last their exceeding great reward, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Our Father . . .

Then shall the Moderator say:

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, and by authority of this Presbytery, I now declare you set apart to the office of Deaconess.

I charge you in the Name of the Lord to be faithful to this, your office, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and abide with you always. Amen.

Then may follow an address to the Deaconesses:

The Moderator shall say:

Let us pray—

Almighty God, Who art the giver of all spiritual grace and the author of everlasting life; look with favour upon these, Thy servants, and grant them grace, that they may know what things they ought to do and have strength to do them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be sung a Hymn:

The Blessing.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

#### ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DEACONESS

When a Deaconess begins a new appointment it is desirable that she be introduced to those amongst whom she will work in a special Service. This Service should include the relevant parts of the Service of Setting Apart, beginning with the words:

Beloved in the Lord, in the Scriptures of the New Testament . . .

In making the Declaration the Moderator shall say:

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of

the Church, and by the authority of this Presbytery, I now declare you installed to the work of a Deaconess in...

I charge you in the Name of the Lord to be faithful in this, your office, and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit rest upon you and abide with you always. Amen.

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#### ORDER FOR DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OR ANZAC DAY

Call to Worship.

The Minister shall say:

Let us worship God.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together. He maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth. Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.

Brethren, we are come together, in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven, to offer unto Him our praise and thanksgiving and to commemorate those who died in the service of our country.

Hymn: 230 (R.C.H.).

Prayer of Confession: To be said together.

O God our Father, we have sinned against Thee in thought, word and deed; we have not loved Thee with all our hearts, we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee; cleanse us from our sins, and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Minister shall say:

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and remission of all our sins, time for amendment of life and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then shall be said the Lord's Prayer.

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:6-13 or Micah 4:1-5.

Act of Remembrance

The people shall stand, and the Minister shall say:

Brethren, gathered as one family on this Day, we remember before God those who have died in defence of justice and freedom. Before Him, Who is the God not of the dead but of the living, let us call to remembrance—

Those who forsook all at the call to serve.

Those who went forth and returned no more.

Those whose names are for ever written deep in our hearts.

Silence.

Prayer—to be said together.

Eternal Father, in Thy mercy hear us as we pray that these whom we remember before Thee may ever be treasured in our hearts, and that we may be made worthy of the sacrifice made for us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be sung the National Anthem.

Second Lesson—St. Matthew 26:36-46 or Romans 8:35-39.

Anthem.

Prayers of Intercession:

Let us pray for our Country—

O God, Who rulest over all, we commend to Thy protection and favour Thy servant, our sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Charles, Duke of Cornwall and Rothsay and all the members of the Royal Family. Let the Queen's ministers and all who have in their control the affairs of State be ruled by Thy fear and guided by Thy wisdom. May all the people grow in true fellowship and each, according to his ability, serve his country as it may need.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Let us pray for all Nations.

O God, Who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, turn the hearts of men everywhere unto Thyself. Remove from their minds hatred, prejudice and contempt for those who are not of their own race or colour, class or creed. Direct the decisions and over-rule the actions of those who seek to bring tranquility and trust between the nations.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Let us pray for all who suffer through war.

O God Who lovest all and forgettest none, lift up the light of Thy countenance upon all who have suffered through war in body, mind or estate. Let not our gratitude to them fail or grow weary. Deepen our sympathy to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

We beseech Thee to hear us, O God.

Here may follow other supplications at the discretion of the Minister.

Hymn 32 (R.C.H.).

Sermon.

The Offering.

Then shall the Minister say: Let us stand.

An act of thanksgiving:

O God of our salvation, we give thanks upon every remembrance of Thy mercy. Thou hast done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

We therefore lift up our hearts and bless Thy Holy Name.

For Thy goodness to our nation, and for all who have hazarded their lives in its defence.

We praise Thee, O God.

For grace that sustained through years of peril and sorrow, for the hand that guided, and the strength that enabled us to endure and overcome.

We praise Thee, O God.

For our heritage of ordered justice and freedom, for the faith of Thy Church, for the skill of leaders, the wisdom of statesmen, and the steadfastness of a loyal people.

We praise Thee, O God.

O God Who art the strength of our life and our salvation, we tell out Thy works with gladness, and offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving for Thy bountiful providence towards our nation from the days of old and especially for our deliverance from those great dangers wherewith we were compassed. Continue Thy mercies towards us we beseech Thee, and keep us united in Thy service to the glory and the benefit of mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Faithful Departed.

O God, our Heavenly Father, Who hast given us the blessed assurance that the dead as well as the living are in Thy care; we give Thee thanks for all dear and loved ones who have passed away from our earthly fellowship.

Keep us with them, in the everlasting fellowship of Thy Church, and bring us at last, cleansed and purified, to the glory and beauty of Thine eternal presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And here we offer and present unto Thee ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; and we beseech Thee mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, as, in the communion of all the faithful in heaven and on earth, we pray Thee to fulfil in us, and in all men, the purpose of Thy redeeming love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, by Whom, and with Whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Hymn No. 9 (R.C.H.).

The Blessing.

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#### AUDIO-VISUAL EDUCATION (Min. 55)

Since this Committee was established eight years ago several of its members have either passed on or retired, and because it has been difficult for the remaining members to meet together at one time there have been few actual meetings. Nevertheless, there have been frequent consultations between members in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth, which have kept them mutually informed on all developments.

The Committee has functioned in close association with the Australian Religious Film Society, the establishment of which was due largely to the sponsorship of this Committee, and with the Television Panel of the Australian Council of the World Council of Churches.

The Committee has, through the personal service of several of its members, rendered such help as was required of it by the various State Audio-Visual Education Committees. The Committee has been kept informed on religious television developments through the Audio-Visual Education Committee of the Victorian Church. The Rev. Hamilton Aikin, one of the members, is also a member of the Television Panel for the World Council of Churches, and in this way a very close liaison is maintained.

The Committee desires to record with considerable satisfaction the very substantial growth of the Australian Religious Film Society, which is now established in five of the States, with full-time staff in Melbourne, Sydney and Perth. Through the Society's 16 mm hiring libraries a very wide variety of religious films is available to Churches of all Denominations. It is only through a joint enterprise of this nature that any one Church, including our own, can satisfy its needs. It is a source of considerable gratification that these needs have been satisfied so fully and that the Society continues to make substantial progress.

C. T. F. GOY  
Convener.

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### AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION (Min. 88)

The Board of the Australian Inland Mission has faced the tasks and problems of the last three years with a sense of optimistic adventuring, and grace abounding has been granted in most unpredictable ways. New adjustments, fresh challenges, and a precarious financial position have confronted the Board; but under God the fine tradition of the past has been preserved.

#### Moderator General

In extending good wishes to the Right Rev. F. W. Rolland the Board proudly records the fact that he was one of the original statesmen of the A.I.M., and that the hospital at Oodnadatta still carries the honoured name of "Rolland Home."

#### Deaths

Grateful recognition is made of the contributions to administrative and field work by the following whose deaths have taken place since the last G.A. of A.—Rev. A. S. McCook, Rev. R. D. Birch, Rev. John Armour, Mr. E. A. Black and Mrs. P. Somerville.

#### Superintendent

Rev. Frederick McKay took over duties as Superintendent on 9th November, 1951, and was inducted by the Presbytery of Brisbane on 21st November, 1951.

#### Interstate Meetings

According to the new Constitution of the A.I.M., Interstate Executive Meetings have been held with full State representation as follows:—

- 18th-19th March, 1952.
- 15th-16th July, 1952.
- 4th-5th November, 1952.
- 17th December, 1952 (full Board meeting).
- 16th-17th June, 1953.
- 3rd-4th November, 1953.
- 6th-7th April, 1954.
- 13th-14th July, 1954.

#### Hospitals

Soon after the 1951 G.A. of A., the Board was faced with a sudden field crisis caused by the fire destruction of the entire Birdsville property. However, the Christian example of two Nursing Sisters and the goodwill of countless people who quickly appreciated the tragic loss to that isolated area, compelled the Board to undertake immediately the building of a completely new hospital and quarters. Building materials were carted by road from Sydney, a distance of 2,000 miles, and Mr. Ben Hargreaves returned to the A.I.M. staff as Builder while Padre A. L. McKay interrupted normal patrol duties to act as builder's assistant. In August,



1953, the new hospital was officially opened and dedicated, free of debt at a cost of £15,000. This hospital is one of the bastions of our Church witness in the inland, and the nursing service was continued in improvised buildings even during the eighteen months of the rebuilding operations. The devoted sacrificial work of Sisters Henry and Whitehead won admiration in all quarters—and to them largely goes the credit of transforming the Birdsville Crisis into the Birdsville Miracle.

A new nursing enterprise was commenced at Radium Hill in 1952, and this has developed into a very important outpost. At Hall's Creek, the Government of West Australia has erected a fine new hospital building at the Nine Mile, replacing the former structure situated at the old Hall's Creek used by the A.I.M. since 1918. On 8th June, 1954, the official opening of this hospital was held, and the A.I.M. in undertaking the complete administration of this hospital has commenced a new chapter of nursing witness in the East Kimberleys. The nursing service at Innamincka has been discontinued owing to the changed conditions in that sector. At the other outposts—Dunbar, Fitzroy Crossing and Oodnadatta—the nursing service has gone steadily on; and the Board is now in process of reorganising the property and policy at Oodnadatta. Regular Sunday School work is carried on at four of the hospitals.

#### Patrolling Ministry

Eight patrol trucks have covered thousands of miles in maintaining the characteristic A.I.M. outback witness. Long untouched ground in Cape York Peninsula and in the north of West Australia has again been covered and new fields in the Northern Territory uranium areas have been pioneered. Regular Church rolls are kept by all patrol padres, and each year these records reveal something of the impact which the A.I.M. is making upon people far removed from town and village. It was with profound regret that the resignation of the Rev. K. F. Partridge was accepted by the Board as from 31st January, 1953. Mr. Partridge gave twenty-five years of service to the A.I.M. and his name has become a household word in the Centre. The Board made suitable recognition of Mr. Partridge's services.

The old Beltana Hospital has been transferred to its former prestige as a Manse, and is now used as Headquarters for the Sturt Patrol. A Manse is also being erected at Hall's Creek for the Kimberley Patrol. A new and significant patrolling ministry has been developed in the uranium fields of the Northern Territory. At Batchelor (Rum Jungle), a new Church-Club is in operation having been officially opened and dedicated on 4th July, 1954, and in which regular Sunday School and Church services are now being conducted. This phase of our work has been undertaken very enterprisingly by Rev. J. W. S. Lang from his base in Darwin.

On June 28-30, 1954, a Patrol Padres' Conference was held at Alice Springs, attended by Rev. J. W. S. Lang (N.T.), Rev. H. D. McAndrew (W.A.), Rev. K. C. W. Beckett (W.A.), Rev. V. J. Murrell (S.A.), Rev. A. L. McKay (Q'ld.), Rev. C. R. Ford (Q'ld.), and Rev. A. T. Cottrell (W.A.). The purpose of this Conference was to establish a common mind about the true nature of the patrolling ministry and to discuss methods of work and relevant problems. The time has obviously come for a closer co-ordination of our patrolling work in the inland, and for consolidation of past gains. With alert cognisance of the growing needs in particular areas, the padres are making a special endeavour to give a comprehensive coverage in all isolated sectors and to establish definite causes where possible. For instance, the McKinlay Rally in Western Queensland is becoming an institution with growing attendances each year.

#### Frontier Parishes

At the end of six years' sterling service in Mt. Isa, the Rev. W. A. Walker resigned and accepted a call to N.S.W. At the special request of the Queensland General Assembly, the A.I.M. Board agreed to administer Mt. Isa as a frontier parish for a further three years, and Mr. J. M. Blacklock, a senior Home Missionary of Queensland, has been appointed to this strategic centre, which during the last year has returned a full stipend and has grown in communicant membership. This

frontier parish is a gateway to the inland and is of increasing importance in its relation with the rest of A.I.M. activity.

At Geraldton which now comes under the direct supervision of the A.I.M. Board, the Rev. J. H. Gregson has been appointed for a further term, and a steady ministry has been maintained. Regular services are held at Yandanooka and Carnamah as well as at the home base, and the financial arrangements for the parish are those originally arranged by the Commonwealth Co-ordinating Committee.

#### Old Timers' Homes

A progressive policy has been instituted at the Mt. Blatherskite settlement, where Rev. C. R. Ford of Cape York Peninsula Patrol is giving one year to assist in consolidating this important enterprise. "The Old Timers" is the only institution of its kind in the inland and already there is a waiting list of old pensioners who desire to spend their last days under the care of the A.I.M. Two new cottages have been completed during 1954, making the total accommodation adequate for a manager and his wife, and four old timers. This is a very sound beginning for a long range project, and there is excellent prospect of the settlement becoming a very important avenue for the witness of the Church. One of the cottages erected this year is in memory of the late Mr. C. C. Kennett of the Glenfield congregation. The water supply for the settlement is an urgent need; and it will be of more than ordinary interest to our Church people to know that four men from Ernabella Mission dug the first well on the block, striking water at 31 feet. Reti-culation of the water supply is now under way.

#### Hostels

The Hostel for Bush Mothers in Alice Springs passed through a precarious phase in 1952, and Mrs. John Flynn and Mrs. Fred McKay offered their services voluntarily to go to Alice Springs and administer the affairs of this institution. Mrs. Flynn gave five months' invaluable service and Mrs. McKay has remained on as Matron. As a result the Hostel is completely re-established, with a revival of local support and interest. At Hall's Creek the Hostel for School Children began its new work with the first school term of 1954. Sixteen children are in residence. An official opening ceremony was conducted on 8th June, 1954, when Rev. C. T. F. Goy and Mr. D. G. Wyles represented the Board. This new venture in educational work by the A.I.M. is being watched with great interest. At "Warrawee," two Christmas Camps for inland children have been conducted each year, catering for the needs of a total of over 120 children since 1951. "Warrawee" is now being used as a Hostel for Inland Children attending school in Adelaide during the February to November period, and this successful venture is a rallying point for new interest in the A.I.M. in South Australia. Sister N. Inglis resigned her position as Matron of "Warrawee" in May, 1954, and is succeeded by Mrs. W. Dron.

#### John Flynn Memorial Church

Implementing Minute 29 (4) of the 1951 G.A. of A., the Board immediately appointed Rev. K. C. W. Beckett as Director of the John Flynn Memorial Appeal and £15,152/8/7 was subscribed to the special fund. Mr. A. A. Philpot of the firm Evans and Bruer, Philpot and Partners, Adelaide, was appointed as Architect, and eventually an appropriate design was approved. Tenders were called throughout Australia, and after actuarial investigations of submitted prices for building in Alice Springs, it was substantiated that to construct an adequate memorial Church in the Centre it would cost from £30,000 to £40,000. After further adjustments to plans, a contract was finally signed with J. A. Richards and Sons, of Sydney and Alice Springs for £31,500 without furnishings. The first soil was turned on 29th April, 1954, and building commenced immediately. Marble and sandstone are being quarried in Central Australia as the basic building material, and the whole structure promises to be an Australian landmark. The setting of the foundation stone took place on 26th June, 1954, when an historic ceremony was performed by the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable R. G. Menzies, and the Convener of the Board. The Appeal for additional funds for the memorial

project is the urgent concern of the Board at the present time; and in the confidence that this national challenge will be faithfully faced by the whole Church, the Board has launched a fresh campaign to raise £22,000. The Memorial Church will be completed in 1955 and it is hoped the opening ceremony will be one of the greatest events in the history of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

#### John Flynn's Grave

In August, 1953, the dignified obelisk marking the grave of the late Dr. John Flynn was completed in the form of an eight ton granite monolith set on a quartzite base. The Board carried out this work in consultation with Mrs. Flynn and with the voluntary co-operation of several inlanders; and half the total cost was subsequently borne by the Victorian Section of the Flying Doctor Service. The grave is situated beside the Hermannsburg road at the foot of Mt. Gillen, three miles from Alice Springs, and the Administrator of the Northern Territory has agreed to make the area a special reserve.

#### Inter-Church Experiments

The united enterprise in Darwin has continued successfully. It has now been in operation since 1940 and very good relations have been consolidated between the Australian Inland Mission and the Methodist Overseas Mission. The growing need in the Darwin area has made it necessary to appoint a third Minister and this was done in May, 1954. This appointment gives Rev. J. W. S. Lang greater opportunity to concentrate on urgent patrol work in the uranium fields.

At Kalgoorlie-Boulder the merger between Presbyterians and Congregationalists is now in its fifth year and has produced satisfactory results. The parish now appears to have reached self-supporting status and great credit is due to the faithful work of Rev. Harold Perkins.

The long standing Inter-Church arrangement in South Australia has continued without spectacular results, but with a steady witness, particularly in the Leigh Creek coalfield.

In November, 1952, the Methodist Inland Mission made an overture to the Australian Inland Mission regarding the possibility of co-operation in Alice Springs. The proposal was carefully considered, particularly in the light of the already implemented policies in connection with the building of the John Flynn Memorial Church. After advice from the Procurator and Law Agent, it was decided at a specially convened meeting of the full Board that no valid grounds existed why the John Flynn Church should not be used for worship by co-operating congregations. Accordingly it was unanimously resolved to continue the building of the John Flynn Memorial Church in line with policies already partly implemented, and to enter into a co-operative scheme with the Methodist Inland Mission whereby the Church would be used by combined congregations with a Presbyterian Minister and a Methodist Minister co-operating in all matters relating to the pastoral oversight of the Alice Springs area. This plan has not yet been put into action but discussions are continuing between the two Boards, while in the field preparations are being made for the consummation of such a scheme after the completion of the Church.

#### Home Mission Work

The A.I.M. has continued to subsidise the work at Bunbury in West Australia as well as giving a regular pastoral ministry in Mt. Isa, Darwin, Geraldton and Carnarvon. An appended report gives a summary of State Home Mission activities which are of special interest from a federal point of view. Acting in the role of the federal Home Mission Committee, the A.I.M. Board has made exploratory investigations regarding the immigration problem, particularly in West Australia. The large scale influx of Dutch settlers into that State has created a new situation on the Home Mission front. It is felt by the Board that a comprehensive policy should be evolved to cope with the overall immigration problem and the ministry of our Church among new Australians. An unofficial conference was held on 12th November, 1953, with representative Ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church from three States; and frank interchange of opinions revealed that there is a strong inclination among them toward a new approach to the task of integrating Dutch migrants into the Presbyterian Church of Australia. This whole

matter calls for specialised research and action, and if the A.I.M. Board is to undertake this fresh responsibility it will be necessary to evolve a system of financial assistance from the various States.

#### Finances

Grave anxieties have constantly dogged the Board as progressive surveys have been made of the deteriorating financial position because, for several years, normal income has fallen far short of the growing expenditure. After last G.A. of A., new economies were instituted in overall administration, and Miss Catherine Lofts as Secretary to the Board, and Mr. A. V. Dangerfield as Honorary Accountant, have done exceptionally fine work. The three major States have increased their general income, and by God's providence, sufficient help has come from unexpected quarters to steady our ship in rough waters. Retrenchment of important activities is a recurring fear, but the response and active interest of people in various quarters of Australia have helped us to overcome any pessimism about the future.

J. GRAY ROBERTSON,  
Convener.

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#### ADDENDUM REPORT ON STATE HOME MISSION WORK

With the amalgamation at the last G. A. of A. of the Home Mission Committee, Commonwealth Co-ordinating Committee on Home Missions and the Australian Inland Mission so that only one Committee of the Assembly should have the administration of Home Mission work, the Australian Inland Mission present a report of the activity in Home Mission work throughout the Commonwealth from information furnished by State Home Mission Committees:—

##### Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania

The extension of Home Mission work in the three States of Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania has been considerable during the last three years. New congregations have been formed in the rising suburbs of the capital cities and in new Government Housing Areas, both around the capitals and in the country provincial centres. The motto of the Home Mission Committee has been—follow the people into the new areas wherever possible and build up the Church of Christ in their midst, and to do this now. This extension is still progressing rapidly.

It is found that there is a large number of children in each district who are sent to Sunday School or Kindergarten or other pre-School centre. This entails very considerable work on the part of faithful workers drawn frequently from neighbouring long established Congregations, and the erection of fairly large Church Halls which are required for the accommodation of children and youth. The parents often are not as ready to attend Public Worship as they are to send their children to Sunday School, and the average attendance at Church is relatively small.

The Committee is faced with the problem of seeking to staff the new work with Home Mission Agents. The new course of training for the Ministry has reduced the number of young men available for Home Mission appointments. Married men rather than single men are appointed as they are available, despite the extra cost. Retired Ministers are doing excellent work in the organising of new Congregations, especially in and around Melbourne, with the result that several Congregations are developing rapidly into Charges.

The increased cost of building has been a heavy drain on the financial resources of the Committee, and the loan money of the Church is being diverted mainly to assist the erection of new Church buildings in new areas.

To meet the situation relative to manpower and greater costs for increased stipend and expenses generally the Presbyteries have arranged the amalgamation of Stations with neighbouring Stations or Charges in some cases, and Ministers have sometimes increased their already heavy work by adding services in new areas in their Charges.

Recently a survey was made by the Committee in Victoria of the last sixteen years which showed that in that time thirty-two new

Charges had been formed, mainly by what may be called natural development. Also nineteen new Home Mission Stations, mainly since 1945 and twelve other new Congregations or Preaching Stations, have been formed in new areas.

In South Australia there is a distinct forward move in the Church. Eleven new Congregations with buildings have been formed and several new sites purchased with a view of further development.

In Tasmania, also, the same spirit of enterprise and development is manifest.

Considerable enterprise has been shown in the work among migrants, both Dutch and Hungarians, in the three States. Four Dutch Ministers and two Hungarian Ministers are hard at work ministering both to old Australian Congregations and to people from their own lands. Three more Dutch Licentiates have been invited from Holland, and at this date two men have agreed to come to us. One will be settled in Adelaide, and one in Geelong, Victoria. Without the aid of these men it would be impossible for our Church to assimilate the migrants into our Church.

The Church of Ireland is sending out two licentiates giving them special ordination for their task here. These men are going to Adelaide.

This is a time of opportunity and we are endeavouring to make it a time of development for Christ and His Church.

### Queensland

The work of the Home Missions in the Queensland Church during the post-war years has been stamped with the seal of shining achievement. These years have been marked by periods of expansion up to 1952 and since by a period of consolidation before a further advance. Time and again during the period of expansion when new areas have been developed, it has been the story of a congregation going forward in faith, accepting the challenge of extension, whilst to a greater degree, our loyal band of missionaries have been not a whit behind in ready and real sacrifice. An honest and unbiassed judgment would affirm that never in the history of the Queensland Church have missionaries displayed such conspicuous practical devotion in their willingness to serve the Church on such a meagre salary.

There were 47 missionaries on the staff in June, 1954. With the movement of a large number of 3rd Year Old Course men into the Hall, an acute staff shortage has arisen, and there is urgent need for about nine new workers.

With the introduction of the New Course and the securing of a large group of splendid young men who have studied for the Ministry through the Home Mission Course over the last three to five years, the problem of finding appointments and manses for the number of men who will be in the Brisbane metropolitan area during 1955 will be acute, while in the country there will be vacant charges unless mature married men who are willing to serve the Church during this period of transition are recruited. The number of New Course men who may be graded as Student-Assistants for the country will not fill up these gaps. The Church must seek to implement the urgent programme of evangelism in the growing residential areas of our larger cities by allowing for some modifications in the New Course (if necessary) during the transitional period.

Despite the claims of vacant charges, the needs of a busy period of extension have usually been met by the Department. Fourteen new causes in the greater Brisbane area are supplied by Home Missionaries. In the larger country provincial cities and towns, there has been a steady and growing demand for the assistance of Missionaries and Deaconesses.

Over the past six months certain definite preliminary moves have been made in an effort to find a solution to the problem of the Church's responsibility to Dutch migrants of the Reformed Faith in our midst. Rev. J. W. Van de Meene, the Minister of Toowong, has been seeking to assess the strength of our Dutch friends with a view to establishing a Presbyterian Dutch congregation within the Presbyterian Church of Queensland. The Queensland Assembly has approved a grant of £500 from the W. R. Black Endowment Fund to be placed at the disposal of the Home Missions Committee to supplement any funds that this Dutch congregation can find towards the appointment of a Dutch chaplain who could serve them in full-time service throughout Queensland.

The Chaplain to Institutions, Rev. M. McDermant, continues to do valuable work for Christ and the Church in regular visits to the hospitals, aged homes and prisons, a work made possible under the direction of the Home Mission Committees by an annual grant of £1,000 from the W. R. Black Endowment Fund.

Following a call to Footscray, Victoria, Rev. J. McPhail resigned from the office of Director of Home Missions as from August, 1953. The Commission of Assembly in September appointed Rev. J. R. Sweet, B.A., B.D., Minister of Lismore, N.S.W., as Mr. McPhail's successor. Mr. Sweet took up his new duties on November 1, 1953.

Pressure of work has compelled the Church to consider the appointment of a full-time accountant to the Missions Department. In August, 1952, Mr. L. J. Duncan was appointed to this position; with his resignation in May, 1953, Mr. Douglas Allan, a trusted and valuable member of the Church Office staff, was transferred to this office in July, 1953.

Deficits of £3,063 in 1951 and £2,119 in 1952 were followed by a credit balance of £47 in 1953. Four factors contributed to this upward trend, namely—(a) Increased budget grants; (b) Increased giving from Home Mission Stations themselves; (c) Increased grant of the W. R. Black Endowment Fund, and (d) No increase in stipends for Home Missionaries since 1952.

#### New South Wales

In New South Wales the Home Mission Department has been endeavouring with the limited resources available to carry out a vigorous policy of extension to meet the expansion and development taking place in many country and city districts. The growth of the larger country towns and cities, the establishment of new housing settlements and the extension of suburbs in the metropolis have confronted the Church with a challenge; to meet the situation arising from the growth and shifting of population has not been easy. In addition, the shortage of Ministers has placed upon the Home Mission Committee the added burden of supplying many vacant charges for extended periods. At the present time 21 vacant charges are being supplied—and during 1953 as many as 30.

The staff of Ministers, Home Missionaries and students now exceeds 100, a big increase in the past three years.

The Department has been called upon during the greater part of the period under review to find staff for the frontier charges of the West from the Victorian to the Queensland border. A new irrigation area in the South West, based on Wakool and the appointment of an assistant to the Minister of Cooma enabling services and ordinances to be provided in the extensive area covered by the Snowy Mountain Authority, represent recent important developments.

Work amongst European migrants has continued and two Dutch Ministers and one Hungarian Minister have been ministering to New Australians in the State. It is also pleasing to state that two Dutch Ministers and one Hungarian have been called and inducted into Australian congregations in the State. Negotiations are well advanced to bring two Dutch Ministers to New South Wales — one to succeed Rev. J. J. Mol at Bonegilla and the other to a New South Wales Congregation in the Newcastle district.

Twelve months ago the N.S.W. Assembly placed the arrangements for pulpit supply under the jurisdiction of the Committee.

During the three years under review, two charges only have been raised to full status, but a large number of vacant charges staffed by this Committee have inducted Ministers.

Four vacant charges have been reduced to Home Mission status while 18 new Home Mission Stations and five New Assistantships have been established. Forty-seven new preaching centres have been opened.

Further activity is revealed in the purchase of 35 sites for Church purposes, the erection of seven Churches, 12 Church halls, 16 small halls and extensions and 8 manses.

The subsidy list as a result of extension needs has increased considerably and the cost of removals — which has been aggravated by the requirements of the students entering upon the new course of training — have added to the financial burden. Heavy deficits have been incurred each year and reserves exhausted.

Further, £90,000 is on loan to Congregations for the purchase of sites and the erection of Churches, Halls and Manses.

The Assembly of 1953 authorised the Committee to appeal to the Church for £100,000 for Church Extension and this appeal is being vigorously advanced.

#### West Australia

Materially, the position has shown distinct improvement since 1951. The graph of statistics had shown an alarming downward trend for a number of years up to 1952. The impact of a war situation was evident. However, in the past two years, and particularly as at May, 1954, a change appeared with a slight upward trend. There is good reason to suppose that this will be even more evident by 1955.

There are nineteen Charges in the State, one of which, the Goldfields, is maintained in co-operation with the Congregational body, and only one of which is vacant. (1951, five vacancies). Six Home Mission Stations are manned, but of these at least two require division, a step which might immediately be taken if manpower and finance permitted. (One Home Missionary covers an area roughly equal to the Victorian Presbytery of the Wimmera). There are eight Home Missionaries on the staff, of whom two are acting as Assistants in Group Charges, whilst a Deaconess has been attached to Fremantle to assist extension work in that area.

With the arrival during 1953 of a Minister from Holland (the Rev. M. J. Bonting), work among the Dutch migrants is now taking shape and shows every promise of being very successful. A congregation has been established in Perth, whilst groups are forming in other centres. The appointment of an additional Field Worker may have to be envisaged in the early future.

Present possibilities in the West are becoming very apparent. One encouraging feature of the position is that four candidates are about to begin training and three others appear almost certain to join them in the New Year. Other younger men have also indicated their intention of becoming candidates. For a Church which at present has only two students in the Theological Hall, this is a significant change for the better.

The field of work is clearly defined into two aspects. In the country areas a policy recently adopted envisages the placing of a representation of Ministers and Home Missionaries in centres along the five main road arteries of the State. (At present, e.g., we have no ordained Minister between Perth and Kalgoorlie along the Eastern Highway). A patrol system would make it possible to provide the ordinances with some sort of regularity in the more remote areas. However, if this policy is to be implemented in the early future, assistance will have to be forthcoming from some quarter. Any long delay would be regrettable, inasmuch as frequent requests are coming to the Home Missions Council for a more intensive and adequate ministry.

The metropolitan area is developing so rapidly that it is almost impossible to conceive a policy that would be adequate. New suburbs in their entirety have developed within the past two or three years and there appears to be no sign of pause. A system of co-operation with the Methodist and Congregational Churches gives promise of avoiding unnecessary overlapping and needless expenditure of resources. Steps are now being taken towards opening new work in several areas, while some of the more recently formed congregations are progressing steadily.

In pursuing this line of development, three manses were acquired in the past few months and another is now being sought. Sites have been purchased in several areas which give special promise.

The recent General Assembly took steps towards meeting some of the pressing financial problems involved in the situation. One proposal is to effect that all freehold properties held by congregations should be made available to the Board of Finance to use as collateral in establishing a central loan fund from which new work might be financed to a limited extent. A Guild of Church Builders is to be established, consisting of people willing to contribute as called on to the erection of Sunday School or Church buildings in Extension areas. Certain congregations have undertaken specific responsibilities in the same field. Most important of all is the general recognition that the Church has an open

door before it in Western Australia and that every effort should be bent to using it.

The situation consists of possibilities. The development of industry south of Fremantle round the Kwinana Oil Refinery project; the interest in the lower North-West surrounding the search for oil (a point as far from Perth as Brisbane is from Melbourne); the opening up of farmlands in the Esperance area and the general development of the regions round the metropolis are all but aspects of a challenging situation.

The Church in the West is not unmindful of the assistance which has been forthcoming from such funds as the C. D. Lloyd Bequest and from the A.I.M. The fact remains that Home Missions and Extension work in W.A. have to be carried on a budget of not more than £3,000 for 1954. The problems involved cannot be adequately met by a Church with the strength, numerically and financially, of a larger Eastern Presbytery. The question needs to be seen perhaps in a national perspective. The Western seaboard is coming to life and may well become a major part of the Commonwealth. A national Church will need to grow with it now.

J. GRAY ROBERTSON,  
Convener.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### General Review

In making my first report to the General Assembly of Australia, I am more than ordinarily aware of many unfulfilled intentions, but the three years have been characterised by unpredictable happenings which have made more than proportionate inroads upon time and energy. I refer mainly to the devastating fire at Birdsville, the crisis in our work in Central Australia, and the unforeseen difficulties in connection with the building of the John Flynn Church. However, as I review the period, I am grateful for the continuing goodness of God, the constructive criticism of friends, and the generous understanding of fellow-workers.

The foremost observation from my own experience in the field is that the name of John Flynn is so deeply imprinted upon the soul of the inland that this very fact presents an inescapable challenge to carry forward his distinctive witness. The more I recall of John Flynn's own assessment of his calling, and the more I read of his own writings, the more I appreciate the rare combination of the spiritual and the material which characterised his comprehensive Gospel. Conditions have changed in certain areas, but the basic policies of Flynn are still relevant to the basic needs of the inland; and I believe that the Board is following sound missionary strategy in developing and expanding the old methods to cope with the present day needs of different sectors. For instance, it is obvious that "quick mobility" must always characterise our itinerant witness so that in suddenly changing situations, in such areas as the uranium and oil fields, our frontline troops may be deployed for specialised spearhead work. This policy has been well exemplified during 1953-54, and it is neither boast nor idle claim to state that our patrolling Ministers have gone into immediate action in every early camp where important new projects have been pioneered.

This leads me to emphasise that the A.I.M. under God's spirit is evolving a significant type of "inland evangelism." Having made a restricted survey of mission work in Australia, I am of the growing conviction that if "inland evangelism" is tackled seriously it is one of the toughest jobs of the whole Church. And through specialised literature, religious films, family worship and personal identification with inland life and problems, a general pattern of approach is being evolved which makes the witness of the A.I.M. padre and of the A.I.M. nursing sister of tremendous importance in a long range programme. It is felt that within the next ten years a great cohesive fellowship of inland members of the Church can be established as a spiritual extension of what John Flynn called the "A.I.M. Family." The John Flynn Memorial Church in Central Australia will naturally take its place in this whole missionary mosaic, for it will be a unique visible symbol of the faith that inspired John Flynn and his followers from the very beginning, and it may even prove practicable in the future to register all dispersed Presbyterian communicants under the Inland Kirk Session of the John Flynn Church.



## Diary of Activities

In reporting upon detailed activities I would summarise as follows:

1951: Commenced duties as Superintendent 9th November. Birdsville Fire 10th November. Launched special appeal for rebuilding of Birdsville—concentrated activity at Headquarters on plans for new Birdsville Hospital, procuring of materials and routine office duties.

1952: Twenty-seven (27) weeks in the field, twenty-five (25) at Headquarters.

Visits to Melbourne (Launching of John Flynn Memorial Appeal), Adelaide (Warrawee business and Government interviews re hospital work), Leigh Creek, Beltana (2 visits re transfer of Hospital), Oodnadatta (2 visits), Alice Springs, Darwin (2 visits), Rum Jungle, Tennant Creek, Radium Hill (re new hospital), Fitzroy Crossing, Hall's Creek, Brisbane (two visits re Mt. Isa and government subsidy for rebuilding of Birdsville). Patrol through the Centre.

Patrol from Broken Hill via Maree to Birdsville (re rebuilding of property).

Patrol from Birdsville via Boulia to Cloncurry, Mt. Isa.

Attended New England Easter Fellowship Camp; N.S.W. Assembly; preached in several parishes; produced issue of "Frontier News;" Deputation work in Northern Rivers Presbytery.

1953: Thirty-two (32) weeks in the field, twenty (20) at Headquarters.

Visits to Brisbane (2 visits—Assembly and Birdsville subsidy); Adelaide (5 visits), Melbourne, Rockhampton, Alice Springs, Oodnadatta (2 visits), Birdsville (opening of new hospital); Radium Hill, Darwin, Rum Jungle (re new Welfare Club), Tennant Creek (Unveiling of John Flynn Cairn).

Patrol from Birdsville to Beltana via Marree.

Undertook personal control Old Timers' Homes on resignation of Mr. Paton. Organised and worked on construction of John Flynn's Grave. Supervised repairs and painting, etc., of Alice Springs Hostel. Produced "Frontier News."

1954 (until 30th June) : Twenty-three (23) weeks in field and three (3) weeks at Headquarters.

Visits to Adelaide, Warrawee Children's Camp, Oodnadatta (2 visits) ; Port Augusta (Laying of Foundation Stone of new Flying Doctor Base), Hall's Creek, Fitzroy Crossing.

Full time attention for several weeks on building John Flynn Church, Alice Springs, quarrying marble, letting contracts, procuring materials, supervising arrangements for Foundation Stone Ceremony.

At the time of writing of this report, plans are on hand for a survey of our whole field in Western Australia.

## The Future

The practical projects of the past three years have prevented any concentrated attention on what may be termed the "inspirational" side of a Superintendent's duties. Attendance at State Assemblies and Presbyteries; visitation of parishes on deputation work; and organisation of Office Teams, etc., have been compulsorily neglected, but it is hoped that during the next three years more time will be available for these important activities. It is obvious, too, that Home Mission challenges are a responsibility that must weigh more heavily upon us as the A.I.M. gears itself to this work. It is a sobering thought to study the prominence given to federal home mission activity by Dr. Harper and others when the first G.A. of A. met in 1901; and if we are to remain faithful to the aspirations of those who consummated the federation of State Churches we are compelled to give emphatic prominence to Home Mission witness in areas beyond the present capacities of normal State work.

## Appreciation

I am deeply grateful to the Convener and members of the A.I.M. Board, to the various State Council Chairmen, to members of Office and Book Teams, and to a most co-operative team of field workers, for unstinted assistance at every point.

FRED McKAY,  
Superintendent.

## BENEFICIARY (Min. 57)

The General Assembly of 1951 having enacted the Rules of the G.A.A. Fund, now makes it possible for the Fund to come into operation when assent has been obtained from all State Assemblies. Assent was invited from State Assemblies in the terms of Rule 161 (see Minute 231, Clause 4, 1951), Queensland is the only State Assembly which has declined to give assent, although N.S.W. Assembly has not expressed an opinion.

One of the difficulties in the work of this Committee, is that Ministers and Congregations lack information which will give a full appreciation of the advantages of an all-Australian Fund, or for that matter, of the peculiarly distinct nature of Beneficiary Funds. Your Committee feels that steps should be taken to supply the necessary information.

The effect of the commencement of the G.A.A. Fund on State Funds is mainly a matter for each State concerned, however, it can be said that these State Funds in the long run, could be of great benefit to the Ministers of the State concerned; there appears to be room for some consideration of this matter by the G.A.A. Committee with individual States through their Committees, to remove misconceptions and in general to enable the advantages and/or difficulties of individual States to be appraised, to the mutual benefit of all. We consider that it is not enough that assent should be sought and obtained, it should be with wholehearted understanding and approval. With this purpose in mind your Committee seeks approval to send down such information as will help towards a full understanding of the G.A.A. Fund and encourage assent. A further important matter is the effect of the substantial inflation of money and consequent increase in Stipends and Congregational revenue since the assessment of Rates, Benefits and Contributions were determined as in Rules 10, 16 and 12. Mr. G. Huntly Walker (Actuary) has kindly given an opinion on this in the light of current conditions. "There are two alternative ways in which an adjustment could be made to meet this circumstance:—

- (1) The scale of benefits and rates to be unaltered, but the percentages in (12) and (14) to be reduced. (Contributions).  
(Estimate of one-third reduction or possibly more).
- (2) The scale of benefits and of Rates to be increased, the percentages in (12) and (14) to be unaltered.  
(Estimate is that scale of benefits and rates could be increased by about 50%—possibly more).

"Though the above is without full information available, it is considered a reliable estimate."

Your Committee will give consideration to this matter before making any recommendation.

A. M. CLARK, Convener.

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## CANBERRA EXECUTIVE (Min. 152)

A survey of the work of the two parishes in the A.C.T. shows steady progress.

The Church of St. Andrew, Canberra. Here the Rev. Hector Harrison continues a successful ministry. Since the last General Assembly progress has been made towards the providing of a Church Hall under the permit with regard to financial commitments approved by the 1951 Assembly. Mr. Finlay Munro was appointed Architect for the building, at the request of the Minister, representing the Session and Committee of Management. Plans were prepared, and after minor modifications, were finally approved by all parties, including the Canberra Executive, and the building is now in course of erection. On March 13 of this year the foundation stone of what is termed the first section of the War Memorial Church Hall was laid by the Governor-General, Field Marshall Sir William Slim. The section is to comprise the main hall, kitchen and store-room. The estimated cost, with furnishings is £11,000. Of this sum £8,000 was in hand at the time the foundation stone was laid. Of this £6,000 was provided within the parish, and £2,000 donated by the late Dr. George Armstrong. The Hall, when fully completed, will cost about £24,000, but the first portion, now in hand, will provide for all needs for

some years to come. It is anticipated that £9,000 will be in hand by September.

The population of Canberra is now 30,000.

A site at Narrabundah, Section 67, has been leased from the Department, as a site for another Church.

Some time in the future, the Church will have to determine in what a temporary end, beyond which (according to the original plan) the way the Church building is to be completed. As is known, the building has Nave was to be extended. It is doubtful whether this plan will be adhered to, and, if, when the matter comes up for consideration, it is decided not to proceed with it, the choice of an alternative will have to be made. At the same time, the General Assembly will have to determine who will be responsible for the completion of the Church in whatever form may be agreed upon.

In 1951, towards the end of the year, the parish of St. Andrew was greatly favoured by a visit from the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, the Rt. Rev. Dr. W. White Anderson; and at the end of 1953 and early in 1954 by visits of the Moderator-General, the Rt. Rev. Richard Bardon.

The following memorials have been dedicated since the last report was made:

To the memory of Captain George Thyne Reid: Stained glass windows of St. Michael and St. Gabriel in the Warriors' Chapel.

To the memory of Sgt. Pilot Norman G. Chapman: Elder's Chair, in the Warriors' Chapel.

To the memory of Captain Lorna Matthews and Flying-Officer Eric W. Yates: Elder's Chair in the Warriors' Chapel.

To the memory of G. Roland Love, Esq.: Three-light stained glass window, "The Window of the Word," over the pulpit.

It is pleasing to report that the Minister of St. Andrew's, Canberra, Rev. Hector Harrison, M.A., B.D. (Melb.), had conferred on him by Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II the honour of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of his outstanding public services in the interests of the people of Canberra through his close association with cultural, social and other local public bodies.

St. Columba's Church, Braddon, A.C.T. The Rev. C. Egan maintained his ministry until his translation to Warwick in March, 1952, when after a vacancy of four months Rev. W. A. Pordage was inducted by the Presbytery of Canberra. Just prior to the arrival of the Minister, the Board of Management enlarged the number of duplex envelope subscribers and have been careful since to maintain the envelope system as the best means of financing the affairs of the congregation. Side by side with this work of the Board, the Session, which has been increased by four members, has created Elders' Districts and carried out regular visitation of the people herein. It has also assisted in the canvass of newly opened residential areas for the purpose of discovering every Presbyterian family in the Parish.

Soon after the arrival of Mr. Pordage the Board was directed by the congregation to purchase a car for the Minister's use. A Morris Oxford sedan was purchased for £750 by a loan from the A. & N.Z. Bank to be repaid in three years.

To repay this loan and augment the Building Fund a resolute attempt was made to increase revenue from special efforts. In all £885 was raised and after the deficit on the management fund was met, £500 was added to the Building Fund which now stands at £700.

Since the Church hall was erected twenty-seven years ago nothing has been done to increase the accommodation of the Church hall, although the population of the parish has increased rapidly and the residential area has extended far. Where we have done nothing the other denominations have been active. We now find ourselves hemmed in by a ring of seven Protestant Churches, not our own. The result is that these Churches are cutting off the flow of Presbyterian families to the Church to which they belong. Because our Sunday School has to meet in two divisions at two different times of the day and because it is too far for kindergarten children to travel alone from the newly settled areas to the Church hall, parents are sending them to other Sunday Schools, which are not slow to press the parents into the service of that denomination.

The answer to the problem would be found if enough accommoda-

tion was available to enable the family to come as a unit and have Church services and Sunday School meeting simultaneously. As a first step the Board has plans in hand for the erection of a new Church, to the erection of which the congregation has resolved to proceed as quickly as possible. It would appear if the congregation has to depend upon its own

The Session therefore is preparing to petition the Presbytery to assist it to bring its need before the General Assembly of Australia, through the Canberra Executive, and this document will be transmitted later.

Meanwhile the Sunday School and Young People's work is being maintained at a high level, the congregations are not decreasing, the membership is slightly enlarging and the active committees of the Church are working hard to consolidate the Church in this area.

D. J. FLOCKHART,  
Convener.

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#### CHRISTIAN UNITY (Min. 66)

In reply to the communications sent by the Assembly of 1951 to the Congregational and Methodist Churches, letters have been received which are printed as Communications 2 and 3. The Committee has studied the suggestions made therein and brings them before the Assembly for most careful consideration. In short, our neighbour Churches are pausing in their movement towards corporate union to invite us to resume negotiations, and our answer must be given within a reasonable time. The full Committee which met on Tuesday, 7th September, 1954, unanimously agreed to recommend to the Assembly that a courteous answer should be sent to the neighbour Churches and that our Courts and our people be invited to answer a simple question regarding their attitude towards the resumption of negotiations. The question proposed is set out in Clause 3 of the Deliverance.

The Committee was also instructed to examine Schemes of Union recently drawn up in India and Ceylon. This has already been done by the Faith and Order Commission of the Australian Council for the World Council of Churches, which drew up a possible scheme for Australia which was discussed at some length. The main problem in such schemes, that of linking episcopal and non-episcopal Churches, does not arise in our case, and the careful arrangements for re-commissioning of Ministers have no bearing on the situation with which we are confronted. The Scheme of Union of the United Church of Canada and the more recent Schemes in the United States are more likely to assist us in our task.

The Convener tenders his grateful thanks to the members of the Committee for their patience and their careful consideration of the problems with which they were called upon to deal.

W. CUMMING THOM,  
Convener.

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#### THE CHURCH'S ATTITUDE TO ITS CREED (Min. 254)

In accordance with minute 110 (B.B. 1951) consideration was given to Overture IV (B.B. 1951 P. 208). It was agreed that each one of the three examples of teaching quoted from the Study Book "I Believe" was not in keeping with the Confession of Faith. We believe that the Study Book fulfills the function for which it was produced, but recommend that if the book be republished, the chapters from which the examples specified in the Overture are taken should be revised in the light of this Committee's finding.

Communication X (B.B. 1951 P. 201) was considered in accordance with minute 243. It was agreed that no action be taken in the production of such a brief and simple statement of faith. The idea of brevity was not appealing, and in any case we felt that the construction of such a statement of the faith was more a task for the wider Reformed Church than for the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Nothing has been done with the proposed alterations to the Basis of Union and Declaratory Statement and Formula, the proposed addition to

Article XI, and the proposed Preamble and Questions for use at Ordination and Induction of a Minister, (B.B. 1951, pp. 79-82) which were remitted to Assemblies and Presbyteries (B.B. 1951 Minutes 213 and 229) but wait for the judgement of the Assemblies and Presbyteries. The Code Committee's Report shows that the support required by the Basis of Union has not been realised, in fact it reveals a rejection of overwhelming strength.

This Committee, which was formed in 1922 and which has stimulated discussion and thought on the general subject of Creed Revision, was directed by the General Assembly of 1939 to report on the Church's Attitude to its Subordinate Standard. The Committee's reply to this specific direction is the above proposed alterations. The basis of these proposals came before the Assembly in a general fashion in 1945, and after three years of discussion with Presbyteries the alterations were brought forward in their present form at the General Assembly in 1948. Thus there has been abundant opportunity for their examination, and the considered judgement of Assemblies and Presbyteries is their rejection.

Having discharged the specific task laid upon it by the General Assembly of 1939, we feel that the Committee can no longer serve a useful purpose and recommend its discharge.

In its 32 years the Committee has been helped by the services of several men as Conveners and a goodly number as members, and records its gratitude to all who have helped.

S. A. GODDARD,  
Convener.

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#### CODE (Min. 125)

##### 1. Administration of the Sacraments by Home Missionaries

The Committee reports that in August, 1952, the College Committee requested advice on the interpretation of the Rules referring to the Administration of the Sacraments by Home Missionaries (Rules 205-212) and especially on their legality in view of the fact that these Rules as submitted to the Assembly in 1933 were three times remitted to State Assemblies and Presbyteries because of insufficient returns being received, that the interim authority given in 1933 and 1936 was not renewed in 1939, and that after this date there appeared to be no reference to them in the Minutes of the General Assembly and therefore no action taken for their formal enactment as part of the law of the Church. The researches of the Code Committee revealed the fact that there is considerable doubt as to the validity of these Rules. But as the College Committee in its examination of the Rules referred to decided that they were in need of fairly extensive amendment to bring them into line with the present requirements of the Church and to facilitate the appropriate administrative measures involved in their operation, the wise course seemed to be to take steps at once to supply a more satisfactory set of rules rather than to enter at this stage on a detailed consideration of the history of the earlier ones. The Code Committee has perused the proposed rules and is of opinion that the Assembly could well give them interim authority and remit them to State Assemblies and Presbyteries as the College Committee suggest.

##### 2. Ministers from other Churches "on Probation" and the Administration of the Sacraments and Presiding at Meetings of Kirk Sessions

In December, 1952, the Code Committee of the Victorian Assembly forwarded to this Committee a letter from the Home Mission Committee, Victoria, regarding a matter on which that Committee had been called to furnish advice, viz., whether an ordained Minister of another Church who has petitioned the G.A. of A., been accepted conditionally and is fulfilling those conditions, may be given the right—

(a) to dispense the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism, in the Home Mission Field to which he has meantime been appointed by the Home Mission Committee;

(b) to preside at a Session meeting?

The Home Mission Committee, after tendering advice, had forwarded the question to the Victorian Code Committee with the suggestion that in view of the general uncertainty, regulations might be framed for the guidance of Presbyteries. The State Code Committee then referred the question to this Committee in view of its obvious Australia-wide

bearing, and enclosed a copy of their own opinion with which, after consideration, this Committee concurs and now asks the General Assembly to adopt for the guidance of those concerned, viz.,

"That until the prescribed conditions have been fulfilled and a certificate of status has been issued by the Committee on the Reception of Ministers, ordained Ministers received from other Churches shall not, while serving their period of probation, be permitted by Presbyteries either to preside at a meeting of a Kirk Session or to administer the Sacraments."

3. Numbering of Beneficiary Fund Regulations. (B.B., 1951, Min. 233 "5").

The Committee recommends that "Chapter X" be the heading of the Chapter for the Beneficiary Fund Regulations and that the present "Chapter X" be headed simply "Appendix." For the sake of clarity and to bring the terminology into conformity with Article of Agreement XIV, it is further proposed that the new chapter begin with a statement of the Assembly's resolution establishing the Fund, numbered 413 and that this be followed by regulations each with a single number following the series (1), (2), (3), etc.

4. Scope and Functions of the Code Committee

(B.B. 1951, MIN. 279 "7" p. 117).

As the name of the committee implies its functions should be conceived as concerned with the body of law falling within the purview of the General Assembly of Australia. This body of law is complex, and subsists at several levels. It has the essentially declarative and ministerial character of all Presbyterian law; that is to say, in all its parts, and at every level, it aims to state and apply to the life, work, practice, and procedure of the Church the mind of Christ as that is contained in the Scriptures, and, further, to do so in conformity with the system and principles of Presbyterian doctrine, worship, government, and discipline as these are found in the official subordinate standards and formularies of the Presbyterian Church of Australia and of its constituent parts, namely, the Presbyterian Churches of the several States. This law, consisting as it does in part of such principles, and of the fundamental constitutional document of the Presbyterian Church of Australia known as the Basis of Union and the Articles of Agreement, signed on the 24th July, 1901, and of specific rules, regulations, and interpretative declarations made in pursuance thereof for the regulation of the proceedings of the General Assembly of Australia and of such matters as properly fall within its jurisdiction, and in part of certain customary procedures and practices not formally enacted as legislation, provides a complex subject-matter requiring the constant oversight, study and attention of a group of persons well versed in the complexities and the historical background of that subject-matter, and capable of advising and guiding the Church in respect of the many questions and problems which arise from time to time and in different circumstances relative to the formulation, consistency, amendment, repeal, interpretation, and applicability of such law.

In view of the foregoing, the members of the Code Committee ought, to the greatest extent attainable, be persons who by training, knowledge, temperament, and intention are able to approach in an impartial and objective spirit the consideration of all the matters that come before them. Such a committee would rightly be charged with the task of revising from time to time the whole or part of the Church's Code, and after due consideration and enactment of the same by the General Assembly, with the publication of it.

It seems inadvisable to attempt any detailed statement of what ought to be the functions and duties of the Code Committee, but it also seems clear that it should not be regarded as an administrative committee or have committed to it administrative duties which are not a necessary consequence of its concern with the law of the Church. Such administrative duties could easily result in the proper impartiality of the committee's members being compromised or brought in suspicion, to the grave detriment of its proper work and the undermining of confidence in it by the Church which it is called upon to serve in a matter both specialised and technical.

One particular point calls for some comment. There has been a marked tendency for the Assembly to "approve in general" or "in principle" of legislative proposals submitted to it by overture or other-

wise and to instruct the "law officers" or "the Code Committee" to prepare necessary amendments of the constitution, or new or amended rules, and to resolve that these (without further submission to the Assembly) be remitted to State Assemblies and Presbyteries for approval. This, the Committee would emphasise, is a procedure wrong in principle and very undesirable. Not only does it place a quite unjustifiable responsibility on the committee or the law officers, but the General Assembly itself is the body which should approve the precise form of all remits before they are sent down. It is therefore recommended that this be done in future, and that the General Assembly insist on all legislative proposals of whatever kind being formulated, and submitted to it in detail in the exact form which it is desired such proposals should have when enacted.

The Committee is of the opinion that the foregoing statement, if approved by the Assembly, would provide sufficient guidance as to the Committee's proper scope and function, and in the proposed Deliverance it recommends such approval.

#### 5. Returns to Remits

The returns to the Remits sent down by the 1951 Assembly indicate that Remits I, II, III fall and that unless more returns to Remits IV, V, VI, VII and VIII are received before September it might be considered necessary to send certain of these down again. The Committee presents the Returns without making any recommendations. Returns which are received later than the end of June may be submitted in an Assembly Paper.

Remit I. *The Church's Attitude to its Creed.* (B.B. 1951, Min. 213 "2," Min. 229. Report pp. 79-81. N.B. In Section 2, Clause VII, p. 80, lines 6 and 7 should be transposed).

##### *State Assemblies:*

*Approve:* Not any.

*Disapprove* 6: New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia.

##### *Presbyteries:*

*Approve* 8: Maryborough (Q'land.), Penola, Ballarat, Macedon, Mallee Downs, Melbourne East, Mortlake, Seymour.

*Disapprove* 47: Wagga Wagga, Brisbane, Mowbray, Toowoomba, Adelaide, Onkaparinga, Tasmania, Bendigo, Flinders, Geelong, Hamilton, Maryborough (Vic.), Melbourne North, Melbourne South, Mildura, Western Plains, Wimmera, Fremantle, plus 29 Presbyteries no return.

Remit II. *Addition to Article XII* (159) (1950 Edition). (B.B. 1951, Min. 213 "3," Min. 229, Report p. 82).

##### *State Assemblies:*

*Approve* 1: South Australia.

*Disapprove* 5: New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia.

##### *Presbyteries:*

*Approve* 11: Brisbane, Maryborough (Qld.), Adelaide, Penola, Ballarat, Macedon, Mallee Downs, Melbourne East, Melbourne North, Mortlake, Seymour.

*Disapprove* 44: Wagga Wagga, Toowoomba, Mowbray, Onkaparinga, Tasmania, Bendigo, Flinders, Geelong, Hamilton, Maryborough (Vic.), Melbourne South, Mildura, Western Plains, Wimmera, Fremantle, plus 29 Presbyteries no return.

Remit III. *Preamble and Questions for use at Ordination and Induction of a Minister.* (B.B. 1951, Min. 213 "4," Min. 229. Report pp. 80-81).

##### *State Assemblies:*

*Approve* 1: New South Wales.

*Disapprove* 5: Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia.

##### *Presbyteries:*

*Approve* 8: Maryborough (Qld.), Penola, Ballarat, Geelong, Macedon, Mallee Downs, Melbourne East, Seymour.

*Disapprove* 47: Wagga Wagga, Brisbane, Toowoomba,

- Mowbray, Adelaide, Onkaparinga, Tasmania, Bendigo, Flinders, Hamilton, Marborough (Vic.), Melbourne North, Melbourne South, Mildura, Mortlake, Western Plains, Wimmera, Fremantle, plus 29 Presbyteries no return.
- Remit IV. *Changes in Articles of Agreement*. (B.B. 1951, Min. 297 and B. 1948 Overtures 2, 4-7, pp. 172, 174, 233—additional Articles of Agreement to be numbered XV to XIX respectively).
- State Assemblies:*  
*Approve* 4: Queensland, South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia.  
*Disapprove* 2: No return—New South Wales, Tasmania.
- Presbyteries:*  
*Approve* 17: Mowbray, Rockhampton, Adelaide, Onkaparinga, Penola, Ballarat, Flinders, Geelong, Hamilton, Macedon, Mallee Downs, Maryborough (Vic.), Melbourne North, Melbourne East, Mortlake, Seymour, Fremantle.  
*Disapprove* 38: Bendigo, Melbourne East, Mildura, Western Plains, plus 34 Presbyteries no return.
- Remit V. *A.I.M. and Home Missions* (B.B. 1951, Min. 25 and Overture, p. 205).
- State Assemblies:*  
*Approve* 4: South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, Western Australia.  
*Disapprove* 2: No return—Queensland, Tasmania.
- Presbyteries:*  
*Approve* 20: Adelaide, Belalie, Onkaparinga, Penola, Ballarat, Bendigo, Flinders, Geelong, Hamilton, Macedon, Mallee Downs, Maryborough (Vic.), Melbourne North, Melbourne South, Melbourne East, Melbourne West, Mortlake, Seymour, Western Plains, Fremantle.  
*Disapprove* 35: Mildura plus 34 Presbyteries no return.
- Remit VI. *Question at Ordination and Induction of Ministers* (B.B. 1951, Min. 279 "5." Report p. 116 — amendment of Rule 219).
- State Assemblies:*  
*Approve* 4: New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia.  
*Disapprove* 2: Queensland, Tasmania no return.
- Presbyteries:*  
*Approve* 17: Adelaide, Belalie, Onkaparinga, Penola, Ballarat, Bendigo, Flinders, Geelong, Hamilton, Macedon, Mallee Downs, Melbourne North, Melbourne West, Mortlake, Seymour, Western Plains, Fremantle.  
*Disapprove* 38: Melbourne East, Melbourne South, Mildura plus 35 Presbyteries no return.
- Remit VII. *Marriage and Divorce* (B.B. 1951, Min. 261. Report p. 138).
- State Assemblies:*  
*Approve* 2: South Australia, Western Australia.  
*Disapprove* 4: Queensland, Victoria, plus New South Wales, Tasmania no return.
- Presbyteries:*  
*Approve* 13: Sydney West, Adelaide, Belalie, Penola, Ballarat, Geelong, Hamilton, Mallee Downs, Maryborough (Vic.), Melbourne South, Mortlake, Seymour, Fremantle.  
*Disapprove* 42: Brisbane, Mowbray, Onkaparinga, Bendigo, Flinders, Macedon, Melbourne North, Melbourne East, Mildura, Western Plains plus 32 Presbyteries no return.
- Remit VIII. *Commission of Assembly*. (B.B. 1951, Min. 298; B.B. 1948, Min. 99; Overture p. 229).
- State Assemblies:*  
*Approve* 2: South Australia, Queensland.  
*Disapprove* 4: Victoria, Western Australia plus New South Wales, Tasmania no return.
- Presbyteries:*  
*Approve* 12: Sydney West, Mowbray, Adelaide, Penola,



Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Hamilton, Mallee Downs, Mortlake, Seymour, Western Plains.  
*Disapprove* 43: Onkaparinga, Flinders, Macedon, Maryborough (Vic.), Melbourne North, Melbourne South, Melbourne East, Mildura, Fremantle plus 34 Presbyteries no return.

E. W. S. BISHOP,  
Acting-Convener.

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#### COLLEGE COMMITTEE (Min. 96)

The College Committee has pleasure in submitting this report of its stewardship in the years between the Assemblies 1951-54.

The Committee suffered severe loss in the removal by death of its Convener, the Rev. D. F. Mitchell. The following memorial minute is extracted from the records:

The Rev. Donovan Frederick Mitchell, M.A., B.D., was born in Erith, Kent, England, on September 22nd, 1890, and having migrated to Australia, entering the Baptist College of N.S.W. in 1914 and was ordained in 1918. His subsequent ministry was exercised in the Baptist Churches of Lismore and Bankstown, N. S. W., Hobart, Adelaide (Flinders St.), and Armadale, Vic. Upon his admission to the Presbyterian Ministry in 1939 he ministered at Daylesford, Parkville, Surrey Hills and Hartwell, each charge being in the State of Victoria. He was a most diligent pastor and a faithful expounder of the Word.

He graduated at Sydney University, B.A., with first class honours in 1923, and was awarded the Lithgow Scholarship. He later completed his M.A. degree and gained the B.D. of the Melbourne College of Divinity. He lectured at Parkin and the Victorian Baptist Colleges, and also, during an interim, at Ormond College. He was a close and thorough scholar combining with a close attention to detail a clear apprehension of principles.

As Convener of this Committee from 1951 to 1954 he gave clear and decided guidance during the critical period of the reconstruction of the Course of Training, and in this and other ways has made a lasting contribution to the work of theological education in Australia.

His death on May 31st, 1954, removed a man of consecrated spirit and a brother beloved.

#### Change in Executive

Following the decision of the last Assembly the Executive was transferred from Sydney to Melbourne and the new Executive accordingly entered into its duties, partially in December 1951, and fully in April 1952. The large increase in the volume of business has necessitated the holding of regular monthly meetings.

#### New Course of Training

The Committee in terms of Minute 222 of the last General Assembly has been much concerned with the responsibility of introducing experimentally the New Regulations, with the co-operation of the State Committees. Accordingly the first year of the New Course was introduced in 1953 in the various States. Considerable difficulties have been experienced re diverse and often conflicting opinions as to the relationship of the Old and New Courses but these have now been largely resolved. Candidates completing their University Course in 1952 and 1953 have been admitted to the Theological Hall without completing their Entrance Examination under the Old Regulations and this will be repeated at the end of the present year.

The experience so far gained may appear to be of a rather too limited nature upon which to base an assessment of the relative merits of the New Course, but it is clear that under the new regulations the place of the first year is crucial and has decisive bearings on the whole. The Committee with this limited but vital experience behind it, having met in general conference in February 1954, at Ormond College, Melbourne, is unanimously of the opinion that the Regulations of 1951 provide considerable improvements for the training of candidates, but recommends that certain important changes be made, particularly in the direction of meeting the peculiar difficulties in each State, and especially with a view of allowing more elasticity in the methods of training in the preparatory

stages. In particular, the departure from a rigid uniformity for the First Year and the admission of a considerable variation at this stage would make it possible, on the one hand, for University Courses, especially Honours in Arts, to proceed ab initio without interruption, and, on the other hand, would make it possible for Home Mission Committees to give employment to all candidates who should be in need of such. These and other alterations, such as the lengthening of the minimum period of the course to six years, express a general pattern which has emerged and are embodied in the further proposed regulations. It is recommended in the event of their adoption by the Assembly that all Candidates be accepted into the Course of Training at the commencement of 1955 and graded in the appropriate year.

#### Examinations on the Sacraments

These have been conducted, as formerly, twice yearly in the months of May and November. However, following consultation with the Code Committee it would appear that there is considerable doubt as to whether the regulations under which these examinations have been conducted are valid. (See Report of Code Committee.) The Committee therefore recommends (by way of overture) that proposed regulations (as in 1950 Book with alteration to no. 205) be remitted to Assemblies and Presbyteries and that in the meantime the Assembly give them interim authority. The effect of the proposed alterations would be towards the restriction of existing abuses, for the Committee has been greatly alarmed at the number of applications made by presbyteries for home missionaries, by no means inaccessible to interim-moderators, to submit for this examination.

Petitions referred to College Committee by last General Assembly

The Committee reports that the petitions remitted to it by the Assembly were carefully considered and the petitioners informed of the requirements as hereunder :-

F. J. Clark was instructed, upon the completion of the Second Year Home Mission examinations, without Greek, to enter the Theological Hall, Sydney, and to study the first and second year subjects, without languages or exit examination. He fulfilled these requirements and a certificate favourable to licensing was issued.

C. M. Fyfe was directed to attend the Theological Hall, Brisbane, for a session in the subjects of Church History, New Testament (without Greek) and Theology and to pass the Exit Examination in the latter in Church Ministry & Sacraments. These conditions have not been satisfactorily fulfilled.

R. A. Rance was directed to the Theological Hall, Western Australia (the reference to the Sydney "Steel Lectures" in Min. 155 of the last General Assembly being by oversight) and to study for a session the subjects of Theology, Old Testament (without Hebrew) New Testament, Church History and Pastoral Theology. He was also required to pass the Exit Examination in Church Ministry and Sacraments. He fulfilled these requirements and a certificate to this effect was forwarded to the Committee on Reception of Ministers.

H. White was directed to the Theological Hall, Melbourne and attend classes in Theology, Church History, Practical Training, and New or Old Testament. He was also required to pass the Exit Examination in Church, Ministry and Sacraments. He fulfilled these requirements and a certificate to this effect was forwarded to the Committee on Reception of Ministers.

A. U. Soos was directed to attend the Theological Hall, Sydney, attend courses on the Person and Work of Christ and satisfy as to his ability to express himself in English. He fulfilled these requirements and a certificate to this effect was forwarded to the Committee on Reception of Ministers.

L. Becske was directed to attend the Theological Hall, Sydney, and study the Church, Ministry and Sacraments for one session to the satisfaction of the Faculty. He fulfilled this requirement and a certificate to this effect was forwarded to the Committee on Reception of Ministers.

A. C. McLean was directed to attend the Theological Hall, Sydney, and take a course of study in Church, Ministry and Sacraments. He fulfilled this requirement and certificate to this effect was forwarded to the Committee on Reception of Ministers.

H. G. Peffer was directed to attend the Theological Hall, Sydney, and attend the Third Year classes and pass in Exit New Testament and Theology (Church, Ministry & Sacraments). He fulfilled these requirements and certificate favourable to licensing was issued.

#### Resignations from Course of Study

Messrs. D. F. McLean, W. B. McIntosh, A. H. Shaw, A. Hasselmann, P. D. Crawford, J. S. Hook, K. Craigen, F. J. James and B. J. Hill intimated their withdrawal from the course leading to the Ministry. Their names have been removed from the list of candidates.

#### Training Lay Preachers

As directed by the last General Assembly (Min. 267) the Committee consulted with State Lay Preachers' Boards and considered the preparation of a suitable syllabus for the establishment of a Commonwealth Diploma. The Committee is of the opinion that a Commonwealth scheme is neither practicable nor desirable.

#### Divinity Lectures

The matter has been raised from Queensland as to whether attendance at lectures in the University Divinity Faculty should exempt candidates, on the recommendation of the Theological Hall Faculty concerned, from attendance at lectures in the corresponding subjects at the Theological Hall. The matter is referred to the General Assembly with the recommendation that this Committee be authorised to determine the matter.

#### Divinity Examinations

In the event of the New Regulations being adopted the acceptance of passes in Divinity Examinations in lieu of Exit will cease with the termination of the latter examination. It is reported that in the meantime equivalent passes in the Queensland University Bachelor and Diploma of Divinity will be accepted in lieu of Exit.

#### Special Cases

R. Sparks was granted exemption from Hebrew on the grounds of war service.

J. B. McCarthy was admitted to the Home Mission Course and exempted from all subjects except Greek I & III, Bible & Catechism I and Old Testament, on the grounds of mission service and age.

K. C. Bingham was admitted to the new Course of training in 1952 with passes in Leaving History and English (Victorian) on the grounds of the uncertainty prevailing at that period as to the entrance requirements.

M. Owen was exempted from the normal requirements of the Third Year of the Theological Hall, on condition that he satisfied the Exit requirements, on the grounds of further studies in Germany in 1954-5.

D. W. Matthews was granted an aegrotat pass in the Exit subjects of Old Testament and New Testament on the grounds of serious ill-health.

W. YOUNG, Acting Convener.

R. SWANTON, Secretary.

#### COLLEGE SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT (Min. 96)

Following consultation with this Committee the following plan re Theological Hall studies in Western Australia as formulated by the Theological Hall Committee in that State is brought before the Assembly.

It is proposed that a Director of Theological Studies should be appointed. This Minister would have the oversight of all Theological Hall teaching, and would undertake a large part of it himself, together with the pastoral care of a charge, which would become a Teaching centre. He would be freed from all other responsibilities to the Church at large. To this end, the Presbytery of Perth has been asked to declare the South Perth Church a College Church.

The proposed stipend would range from £850 to £1,000 and the cost of the undertaking over a period of five years would be £1,120 per annum which would include the cost of a rented Manse. Of this amount it is requested that the sum of £300 be made available through the General Assembly of Australia.

W. YOUNG, Acting Convener.

#### THE CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE G.A.A. (Min. 263)

The Committee draws attention to a process operating over a period of years, whereby the "functions" of the General Assembly, clearly defined and limited by Article IV of the Articles of Agreement, have been extended to a variety of matters not originally conceived to be the function of the G.A. Some examples are Fire Insurance, Social Services, Temperance,

Christian Social Order, Missions to the Jews, Broadcasting and Public Questions.

It is not suggested that these or many other matters which could be listed are not the concern of the G.A.A., but it is submitted that most of them are being effectively dealt with by State Assemblies. The elimination of redundant reports would not only save printing expenditure, but could make time available during the evening sederunts for demonstrations and inspirational addresses which would bring to the notice of our own people and the general public the nature, purpose and work of our Church.

In considering the question of reducing the number of Assembly members, your Committee soon realised that conditions had vastly changed since the Deed of Union was agreed to by the States. Not only is there a felt need to make the G.A. an Australian Church rather than a federation of State interests, but Tasmania and South Australia are now united with the Victorian Church.

The need for a Standing Committee with power to deal with emergent business between meetings of the G.A.A., the questions concerning the frequency of meetings of G.A.A., the method of electing the Moderator-General, and consideration of his duties, together with the afore-mentioned problems, all point to the need for a Constitutional Convention which shall re-examine the Deed of Union in the light of the present situation, and suggest needed changes.

J. GRAY ROBERTSON,  
Convener.

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#### DEFENCE FORCES CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE (Min. 107)

The chief responsibility for the oversight of our Chaplaincy work, in peace time, rests with the Chaplain-General and the Principal Chaplain of the Air Force, but meetings of the Executive are held several times a year, when reports are presented by these Officers, and authority is given for any new work, and the appointment of additional Chaplains.

The Committee would again place on record its great appreciation of the fine service of Chaplain-General A. H. Stewart and Principal Chaplain R. C. Russell, and its complete confidence in them.

The situation in regard to Chaplaincy work in the Navy is less satisfactory. There, there is one Senior Chaplain who controls the Chaplains of all Denominations. He is usually, although not necessarily, an Anglican, for the appointment goes by seniority. We have a Presbyterian representative on the Nominating Committee of the Navy, but that Committee's responsibility is practically limited to receiving nominations of new Chaplains for the various Denominations, and then passing them on with approval, to the Naval Authorities. We have sought to give our member of this Nominating Committee, the Rev. W. F. Gilmour, greater standing and authority by appointing him as the special representative of the Chaplaincy Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in Naval matters. This has enabled Mr. Gilmour to speak and act more effectively in dealing with the Naval Authorities and the Senior Naval Chaplain on behalf of the Committee, and he has taken a firm stand upon the question of the proper right of the Presbyterian Church to a full share in arranging for and conducting such united services and functions as the opening and dedication of the new Flinders Base Memorial Chapel, which took place on May 15th of this year. We were only partly successful in this, as, in spite of earlier representations made to the Nominating Board after the laying of the Foundation Stone, the Anglican authorities had made most of the arrangements before we received any official notification, and invitations had been sent out from the Naval Base stating that the opening ceremony and dedication of the Chapel would be carried out by the Governor of Victoria and the Archbishop of Melbourne. The Committee at once wrote to the Secretary of the Navy protesting strongly, and copies were sent to the Senior Naval Chaplain, Archbishop Booth, the President of the Methodist Conference and our own State Moderator. We succeeded in having the order of service amended to state that "the Dedication would be conducted by the Archbishop of Melbourne in association with the Moderator-General of the Presbyterian Church and the President General of the Methodist Church." We were somewhat at a disadvantage in our protests, owing to the fact that so far the Presbyterian Church of Australia alone has failed to contribute its allotted quota towards the building. The amount allotted to the Presbyterian



approved a fixed method for the promotion of Chaplains in time of war and peace. In recognition of their efficient service, and having regard to their length of service, the Air Board, on the recommendation of the Principal Chaplain, and during 1953, promoted the following Chaplains from 4th Class to 3rd Class: Chaplains S. C. Calder; R. H. C. Crowe; W. McPheat and N. W. Paul. Chaplain J. F. Forrest, who had previous service with the Army, also holds the rank of Chaplain 3rd Class.

#### Rocket Range, Woomera, S.A.

Chaplain S. C. Calder continues to render efficient service at this composite formation in South Australia. Since the date of the last report the Commonwealth Government has made available £7,000 to each of the three denominational groups (C.E., R.C., and Pres, Meth, OPD) for the erection of three Churches. The Commonwealth Government also made a grant of three blocks of land on which the Churches will be built. Through the painstaking initiative of Chaplain Calder the Church which will serve the Presbyterian, Methodist and Other Protestant Denominations is in process of erection. Before this could be done plans had to be prepared and agreed to by the composite congregation. The Principal Chaplain journeyed to Woomera and presided at a meeting of the congregation and at this enthusiastic meeting unanimity was reached on the plans for the Church. Chaplain Calder had the stone for the building donated, and after several major obstacles were surmounted, the contract was let. The foundations have been poured and work commenced on the stone walls of the Church building. It is hoped that the building will be opened free of debt in 1955, and when in use will serve the Navy, Army, Air Force and civilian personnel. The thanks of the General Assembly is due to Chaplain Calder for his outstanding work throughout this vast area.

#### Moral Leadership Courses

On the recommendation of the Board of Chaplains the Air Board, in 1952, approved of the holding of Moral Leadership Courses for R.A.A.F. personnel. One course annually is held for each of the three denominational groups, C.E., R.C., Pres, Meth and OPD. The first P, M, and OPD Course was held in 1952 at R.A.A.F. Station, East Sale, Victoria, and the second Course at R.A.A.F. Canberra in 1953. The 1954 course will be held at R.A.A.F. Stores Depot, Toowoomba, Queensland. These courses have been most successful and the results have been remarkable. The Air Member for Personnel has approved of one course annually for members of the Womens Royal Australian Air Force and the R.A.A.F. Nursing Service. Consideration is also being given to the proposal to have a two-day course at the R.A.A.F. Staff College, Point Cook. All senior officers of the R.A.A.F. attend the Staff College and this proposed innovation will enable the Principal Chaplains to reach these senior officers who in time must become Commanding Officers of Units.

#### National Service Trainees

The introduction of National Service Training presented certain problems to the Principal Chaplains. The presence in the service of large numbers of adolescent youths of the age of 18 years constituted a challenge and an opportunity to be grasped. The Board of Chaplains considered this matter at great length and made certain recommendations to the Air Board. These were accepted, and it is pleasing to be able to report that Sunday mornings are now given over entirely to the Chaplains. As well as the normal Church Parades the Trainees attend lectures given by the Chaplains on Christian principles and moral ethics. At units where part-time Chaplains are employed who are unable to spend Sunday mornings with the Trainees, time is made available during week days for the lectures. The Service has realised that if the Chaplains succeed in turning out decent Christian citizens, and the Service as such produces trained servicemen, both the Service and the community at large stand at the receiving end when these young men return to their civilian occupations. At a recent Sunday morning Communion service conducted by the Principal Chaplain at Laverton, 74 were present in their own time and on a purely voluntary basis. This policy has now been included in the curriculum of training of the R.A.A.F. National Service Trainees.

#### Religious Films

In 1952 the Board of Chaplains recommended that a Religious Film Library be established at Air Force Headquarters, controlled by the Chap-

lains' Branch and used exclusively in assisting the work of the Unit Chaplains. The Air Board approved and 90 Religious Films have already been purchased, including five from the Moodie Institute of Science.

#### Chapels

With two exceptions all R.A.A.F. Units now have their own Chapels. Standard size huts have been made available, and converted into Chapels. Most of the work has been undertaken by voluntary labour, and the buildings have been set aside to be used exclusively as Chapels. During 1953 a hut was converted, by voluntary labour, into a fine Chapel at R.A.A.F. Richmond, N.S.W., and the Board of Chaplains dedicated and opened the new building in December 1953. The same building was also blessed by the Roman Catholic Principal Chaplain and is now used by ALL denominations. This represents the accepted policy of the Board of Chaplains viz., that one building suitably equipped shall be used by all denominations.

#### Ecclesiastical Equipment

At the date of my last report I indicated that a scale of issue of ecclesiastical equipment had been approved by the Air Board for the use of the Chaplains. The equipment has now been purchased and issued to all Chaplains. The equipment includes communion sets, vestments, carrying case and parade service books.

#### Church Parade Publications

The R.A.A.F. Publication for use at Church Parades has been revised by the Board of Chaplains, and will be reprinted during 1954. The new edition will contain additional hymns, psalms and a Communion service to be used by Presbyterian, Methodist and O.P.D. Chaplains.

#### Presentation of the Queen's Colour to the R.A.A.F.

The Colours of Her Majesty the Queen were presented to the Royal Australian Air Force at R.A.A.F. Laverton in September 1952. The parade was a full dress ceremonial and the Colours were presented by the Minister of State for Air deputising for the Governor-General. Prior to the presentation, on the parade ground as part of the public full-dress ceremonial, the Colours were consecrated by the Principal Chaplains of the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches.

#### Chaplain E. W. C. New

In September 1951 Chaplain E. W. C. New was called-up from the Reserve and posted for full-time duty to the Squadrons serving in Malaya. He served there with distinction until December 1952, doing an excellent job of work and travelling far afield in the course of his duties.

#### General

Chaplain-General A. H. Stewart and myself confer as occasion demands and this close co-operation tends to consolidate the work in the services. I would like to convey, through the Assembly, my sincere thanks to all serving Chaplains for their diligent and efficient service during the period covered by this report. I also desire to place on record my appreciation of the willing co-operation of the Convener and members of the Federal Executive and State Committees.

R. C. RUSSELL,  
Presbyterian Principal  
Chaplain, R.A.A.F.

30th April, 1954

#### ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT OF PRINCIPAL CHAPLAIN

R. C. RUSSELL

Rocket Range, Woomera. South Australia.

On 14th July, 1954, the Foundation Stone of the new Church was laid at a very impressive ceremony. The service was conducted by Chaplain-General C. K. Daws (Methodist), representing the Army and Principal Chaplains R. C. Russell (Presbyterian), and Walter Albiston (Other Protestant Denominations) both representing the Royal Australian Air Force. Principal Chaplain Russell presided and the Foundation Stone was laid by Chaplain S. C. Calder (Presbyterian) also of the R.A.A.F.

Through voluntary labour and careful management on the part of the composite Board of Management this beautiful edifice, on the fringe of the desert, will be opened free of debt in June, 1955.

R. C. RUSSELL,  
Presbyterian Principal  
Chaplain, R.A.A.F.

9th September, 1954

FLINDERS NAVAL BASE MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Statement to 31st May, 1954

Receipts

Victoria:

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Congregations .....	1,439 77	
Donation .....	9 120	
Soldiers' Welfare Association .. ..	154 184	
		1,603 17 11

New South Wales:

Congregations .....		337 8 3
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Western Australia:

Congregations .....		43 13 2
Interest to 31/12/53 .....		57 19 5

£2,042 18 9

Payments

Royal Aust. Navy Chapel Appeal:

	£ s. d.
Victoria .....	1,657 13 10
New South Wales .....	318 11 5
Printing, Postages and Petty Cash, .....	3 12 6
Balance as at 31st May, 1954, .....	63 1 0

£2,042 18 9

(Addendum to Defence Force Chaplain's Report)

R.A.A. Ch. D.

Report of Chaplain General, A. H. Stewart

I have great pleasure in presenting this report to the General Assembly. It represents the work covered, by our Chaplains, during the last three years, 1951-54. May I remind the Assembly that most of the Chaplains now serving are men of the older age group and, in the event of a crisis, cannot be employed in combatant areas.

*Younger Men are Required.* A wonderful opportunity is afforded the Church to-day to meet this challenge in the Services. It is imperative we should maintain our Chaplaincy establishment to its full strength so as to minister to the needs of the National Trainees in particular and the Australian Military Forces generally.

Death of Senior Chaplain A. R. Macneil

Senior Chaplain A. R. Macneil, M.C., E.D., M.A., served as a combatant in the 1914-18 war. He was awarded the M.C. and Bar and mentioned several times in despatches, for outstanding ability and gallantry. On his return to Australia he graduated in Theology and later became a Chaplain with the C.M.F. At the outbreak of war, 1939, he volunteered for active service and was posted to the 8th Division. He was a prisoner of war in Malaya, Changi, for 3 years. During his captivity he set an example of the highest courage and carried out his duties as a Chaplain with self-sacrificing devotion.

At the cessation of hostilities he was evacuated to Australia. He later on became Senior Chaplain of Southern Command, and Convener of the State Defence Forces Committee. He also played an important part in raising contributions towards the building of the Flinders Naval Base Protestant Chapel. The sympathy of the Church and the R.A.A. Ch. D. was extended to Mrs. MacNeil and her family.



Establishment R.A.A.Ch.D.

*Establishment and Nominal Roll—July 1, 1954.*

	F.T.D. (R.A.R. Nat./Tng)	P.T.D.	C.M.F.	CDTS.	Total
A. H.Q.	—	1			1
B. C.K.F. (Japan, Korea)		—	—	—	
N/CMD (Qld.)	1	—	3	1	5
E/CMD (N.S.W.)	1	1	6	3	11
S/CMD (Vic.)	—	2	*6	3	11
W/CMD (W.A.)	1	—	2	1	4
C/CMD (S.A.)	—	—	2	—	2
T/CMD (Tas.)	—	—	*1	1	2
	3	3	20	9	36

\* Pending = 3

*Comparative Statement of Postings according to Denominations —  
Commonwealth*

	C.E.	R.C.	PRES.	METH.	U.C.	HEB.	TOTAL
Establishment	94	83	36	40	36	2	291
Number of Postings filled	81	55	33	38	35	2	244
Number of Postings vacant	13	28	3	2	1	—	47

Establishment and Nominal Roll

A.H.Q. Chaplain-General, part-time, A. H. Stewart.  
A.R.A. 2nd Btn. A. J. W. McAllister (full time).  
NAT./TNG. W. Wallace. Eastern Command (full time).  
NAT./TNG. T. J. Diggins. Western Command (full time).  
Part time: H. Harrison, R.M.C. Duntroon, N.S.W. W. Gilmour,  
Puckapunyal, Victoria. J. Finlay, Broadmeadow, Victoria.

*Senior and Unit Chaplains, C.M.F. (Showing Commands)*

Northern Command (Qld.)—Senior Chaplain R. M. Park and Chaplains (C.M.F.) M. W. Roberts, G. D. Whitney, (Cadets) W. R. G. Denning and (A.R.A.) A. J. W. McAllister.

Eastern Command (N.S.W.): Senior Chaplain H. Cunningham and Chaplains (C.M.F.) A. J. Watt, (H. Harrison, R.M.C.), (W. Wallace, Nat. Training), J. Mallyon, N. M. Ward, A. W. Grant, G. B. Miller, (Cadets) W. B. Gentle, A. L. Hewitt (A. J. Watt).

Southern Command (Vic.): Senior Chaplain J. A. Finlay, Chaplains C.M.F. (W. Gilmour, P.T.), P. M. Roberts, A. I. Absolam, N. McLeod, A. H. Loudon, (Cadets) W. A. Fraser, K. C. Wood (J. A. Finlay, P.T.).

Central Command (S.A.): Senior Chaplain A. S. Jones, C.M.F. Pool, vacant.

Western Command (W.A.): Senior Chaplain J. A. F. Watson, C.M.F. (Nat. Training), T. J. Diggins, R. B. Sparks (Cadets) E. H. Thorpe.

Tasmanian Command: Senior Chaplain H. Dunn (Cadets) and (C.M.F.) W. R. Faulkner.

#### Retirement of Senior Chaplain A. Giles

The Reverend A. G. Giles, B.A., Dip.Ed., retired recently from the position of Senior Chaplain, Central Command (S.A.) Chaplain Giles served most faithfully and carried out the duties of his command very efficiently.

#### Appointment of Senior Chaplain Revd. J. A. Finlay and A. S. Jones

The Reverend J. A. Finlay was appointed Senior Chaplain of Southern Command. Chaplain Finlay served with distinction during the 1939-45 war. Later he was posted for duty to C.M.F. units. He brings considerable experience and administrative ability to his office as Senior Chaplain.

The Reverend A. S. Jones has served in Central Command. His services as a Chaplain have been greatly appreciated. He was appointed Senior Chaplain vice the Rev. A. G. Giles.

#### Korea and Japan

##### Chaplains T. J. Diggins and A. J. W. McAllister

Chaplains T. J. Diggins and A. J. W. McAllister served in Japan and Korea. Chaplain Diggins had to return to Australia on compassionate grounds. Chaplain A. J. W. McAllister returned with the 2nd Inf. Btn., after his period of duty and is now stationed in Northern Command. The Church appreciates very much indeed the fine service rendered by these Chaplains. An appointment will be made to Japan at an early date.

#### National Trainees

The National Trainees are being well catered for. Criticism and publicity has been made regarding behaviour of these trainees in certain areas. After careful investigation it has been discovered these reports have often been exaggerated. I can assure the Assembly the most careful supervision is exercised by the Commandants and C.O.'s of these trainees. I cannot speak too highly of the fine work being carried out by our Chaplains.

#### R.M.C. Duntroon

##### Revd. Hector Harrison, O.B.E.

The duty of Chaplain has been carried out by the Reverend Hector Harrison for a number of years. He has rendered an invaluable service to these cadet officers and has had the privilege of preparing and admitting into full membership of the Church, a number of young men. We congratulate the Reverend Hector Harrison on receiving the honour of the O.B.E.

#### O. 's Hour and Moral Leadership

Provision is made for the C.O.'s Hour. The Chaplain is given the opportunity of addressing the soldiers of all components, on moral and social questions.

Moral leadership courses were held in Japan, and discontinued after B.C.O.F. changed its establishment and became B.C.K.F., an integrated force.

A very fine modern Chapel Centre has been established in Korea. Moral Leadership Courses will be reintroduced at an early date.

#### Chaplains Schools

Schools for the training and instruction of Chaplains are now a permanent part of Army administration. The method of instruction is by precis of lectures and relative documents. Lectures are delivered personally or submitted to syndicate groups for discussion. The next school will be held at Seymour, Victoria, from the 13th to the 24th September. We are entitled to one Chaplain from each command. All expenses are met by the Army.

#### Chapels

Provision is being made for the erection or construction of buildings suitable for Chapels in the main camps. Details are being worked out. It is expected finality will be reached at an early date. (Some denominations have already commenced to erect suitable places for religious services independent of Government assistance).

## Communion Sets and Equipment

It is approved that Chaplains of all denominations should provide their own equipment including vestments and Communion Sets and that a monetary grant in respect of its purchase and maintenance be paid. This to be effective as from the 1st of July, 1953.

## C.M.F. and Cadet Camps

The periodical C.M.F. and Cadet Training Camps have been held regularly. These Camps have been very well conducted and our Chaplains have given very valuable service.

## Women's Services

Wherever units of the women's services are situated our Chaplains are ministering to them. The Chaplain-General was requested to deliver these lectures—"Spiritual Services in the Army" to the W.R.A.A.C. officers at the Training School, Mildura. These lectures were given to combined groups of women of the Nursing and Army Services. A very fine standard is being set by these members of the W.R.A.A.C. in the various commands.

## Tours of Duty

### *Commands A.M.F.*

#### *\*A"—A.M.F.*

All commands have been visited during the past three years. Conferences with Senior Chaplains have been held and all administrative work has been carried out. The finest co-operation was experienced throughout the commands.

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### *Korea and Japan.*

A tour of duty was undertaken to Japan and Korea dating from the 31st of May to the 1st of July. This tour was very strenuous but very profitable. Opportunity was given to visit the various components of the United Nations in Korea. In particular I met all Australian troops in the most forward areas. Many services were held and careful observations were made regarding the general "set-up" of the force.

A real effort is being made to provide sufficient leisure occupation for Australian soldiers under cold war conditions in Korea. Leave facilities were good both in Korea and Japan. It is unfortunate that Australian Y.W.C.A. (women workers) have been withdrawn from Japan owing to lack of funds. While it is apparent that only a limited number of women workers could be used in Korea at present, there is a wide field for them in Japan.

One pleasant mature woman in such an area could have a tremendous influence on the men. This was most noticeable by the appreciation expressed towards the twenty-four women employed by the U.K.—Voluntary Aid Service— and the Canadian Red Cross, numbering twenty-two.

The morale of the troops, especially in the forward areas in Korea, is very high. The spiritual and moral welfare of all components of the Commonwealth Forces is being attended to in a most efficient manner by the Chaplains, who received the finest co-operation from the Commanding Officers in the various areas of Korea, Tokyo and Kure.

## Principal Chaplain R.A.A.F.

The closest co-operation exists between the Principal Chaplain, R.A.A.F., the Rev. R. Russell, and myself, regarding the two services. All matters of mutual interest are discussed and a common policy adopted.

The Chapel at Woomera Rocket Range has had our very careful attention.

## Repatriation Hospitals

Chaplains J. Marshall (full time), Concord, N.S.W., and A. Irving Davidson (part time Heidelberg, Victoria) are continuing to render valuable services in these hospitals. Their duties are many and varied, and their responsibilities great. We appreciate their devotion to their ministry to the men and women of the services.

## Appreciation

I wish to express my appreciation for the co-operation of all Senior Chaplains and Conveners. Also for the support given to the R.A.A. Ch. D. by the Chief of Staff, Lt-General Sir S. Rowell, the Adjutant-Generals and all G.O.C.'s of commands and their staffs.

ALEX H. STEWART,  
Chaplain-General.

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## SESQUI-CENTENARY SERVICES AT EBENEZER (Min. 135)

The Committee acknowledge with gratitude their debt to Mr. T. Prisk, Home Missionary, Mr. R. M. Arndell, Session Clerk and Convener of the local Committee, the Kirk Session and Women's Guilds of Ebenezer-Pitt Town, for their splendid co-operation and untiring efforts without which this celebration could not have been carried out or achieved the success which it did.

The Service was a memorable one and marked a milestone in the history of Presbyterianism in Australia.

The Moderator-General, The Rt. Rev. R. Bardon, B.A., presided over a congregation of 2,500. The N.S.W. Moderator, The Rt. Rev. F. Hanlin, M.A., B.D., delivered the Sermon; also associated in the

Service were the Revs. A. C. Grieve, B.A., T. P. McEvoy, B.A., A. A. Adam, Alan MacLachlan, Messrs. T. Prisk, Home Missionary, R. M. Arndell, Session Clerk, Brian Fuller, Q.C., B.A., LL.B., J. R. MacKay, General Secretary.

Messrs. Sherwood and Seton Arndell presided over the music, the North Shore D.C. Fellowship choir led the praise conducted by the Rev. L. G. K. Blanchard.

A Guard of Honour from the Scots College and Knox Grammar School, and the presence of the Police Pipe Band added colour to the occasion.

Preceding the Service the Moderator-General dedicated memorial gates to commemorate the Sesqui-centenary of the first Service.

This celebration achieved a very great success and the large congregation were deeply moved. We left with a peace in our hearts, and a thankfulness to James Mein and his band of pioneers who built Ebenezer, and to those who have followed after who maintain it in such splendid order.

ALAN MACLACHLAN,  
Convener.

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## ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE (Min. 134)

It is pleasing to be able to report that, following upon the formation of the World Council of Churches in 1948, this "new instrument of Christian co-operation" has become increasingly effective, both at the national and international levels.

Our Church is a member of the World Council, our annual contribution being £405. In addition, we are a member-Church of the Australian Council for the W.C.C., our quota being £396. In spite of expanding work and increased costs, it is not necessary to increase the latter amount. This is due to the fact that a large part of the Australian Council's income is derived from the W.C.C. Fellowship. A letter from the Convener to the Boards of Management resulted in a considerable number of new subscriptions. Many more are needed, however, if the work of the Council is to be maintained.

Among numerous activities we select some that are typical—

### International Level

A significant development of the ecumenical movement has been the coming together of thinkers and teachers of the various branches of the Church. "Ecumenical conversation" is a reality in modern Christianity, and is having practical effects. Recent examples are to be seen in the studies of the Lund Conference on Faith and Order, and the present "Ecumenical Surveys," which form the basis of study for the Second Assembly at Evanston.

Two other activities are the work of the Commission on Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees—the finest piece of Church aid in

all history—and the quiet but useful work of the Commission on International Affairs, which always has a member in attendance at United Nations, and at all other places where there is tension or fighting. Dr. Nolde and Sir Kenneth Grubb are leaders in this field. It is hoped that one of these leaders may be able to visit Australia shortly.

#### Commonwealth Level

The giving of Australian Churches, through Inter-Church Aid, has been on a generous scale during the past three years. In the last twelve months it amounted to £15,000, part of this going to approved W.C.C. projects in India, Malaya, and Indonesia.

"The Council's Commission on Immigration under the Chairmanship of the Rev. J. P. Chaliner" has continued its work in connection with the entry of many thousands of new citizens into our country. The work has grown enormously over the past year through the setting up of a "Resettlement Committee." We now have three full-time women workers in this field, their salaries being met by the central office at Geneva, although their actual work is under the supervision of the Australian Council to which they report.

The Government Commission on Television called for evidence, and the Australian Council set up an expert Panel which prepared and presented evidence. It is known that the Commission was favourably impressed, and that the interests of the Church are to be conserved when television is introduced.

#### State Level

State Committees to forward the work of the W.C.C. have now been formed in all six States. In Tasmania, for example, the Jane Franklin Hall, the University Women's College, was founded under the Council's auspices, and a part-time Commissioner has been at work. In Queensland successful conferences have been held. In Victoria, the most notable development has been the appointment of a Chaplain to Melbourne University, the Rev. Donald Macrae. A great many local groups have been formed, and gradually the ecumenical idea is taking root in the essential place, the congregations and parishes.

#### General Secretary

A great deal of the credit for the success so far of the Australian Council must be given to its first Secretary, the Rev. John Garrett. He has given outstanding service in the upbuilding of a worthy organisation which will serve the Churches, and assist them in those areas of thought and action where there is agreement or the possibility of agreement. His work has been recognised abroad, and a few months ago he was invited to become one of the Associate Secretaries of the World Council at Geneva. He has now taken up his new duties there. The 1954 Annual Meeting sought out a successor and invited Dr. Malcolm Mackay, one of our own Ministers, to be its Secretary. Dr. Mackay began his work in June, 1954.

#### Central Committee Representation

We report with thanks the representation of the Rev. M. O. Fox to the Central Committee Meetings of the W.C. of C. at Lucknow, 1952-53, which he attended at his own expense.

#### Communication re Credal Basis

The Clerk of Assembly forwarded the resolution passed by the A. of A. in 1951 anent the Credal Basis of the W.C. of C. This, having been received by the Central Committee of the W.C. of C., was forwarded to Evanston for consideration, but to date no reply has been received.

#### The Second Assembly

The Second Assembly met in Evanston, U.S.A., from August, 15-31. For three years the Theological Study Commission has been preparing a theological basis for the major theme of this Assembly, which was "Christ, the Hope of the World." The six Sections were Faith and Order, Evangelism, Social Questions, International Affairs, Intergroup Relations, and the Laity.

The Committee gave careful consideration to the appointment of delegates to the Assembly. The following names were sent to Geneva

by the Moderator-General: *Delegates*, Prof. J. F. Peter (Q.), Rev. J. J. Mol (N.S.W.), Rev. A. C. Watson (Vic.), Mr. Gordon Davidson (S.A.). *Accredited Visitors*, Miss C. Ritchie (Vic.), Rev. R. K. Heriot (at present in Canada), Dr. Bruce Hetzel (S.A.), and Mr. A. McCutchan (Q.).

ALAN C. WATSON,  
Convener.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE (Min. 27)

It is with a deep sense of loss and sorrow the Committee reports the death of the Convener, Mr. John Downes, in September, 1953, immediately following the meetings of the Federal Advisory Committee at which he was present. By his death the Australian Church has been deprived of the services of a wise friend and counsellor and a competent financial adviser. The Executive appointed Mr. J. A. Morrison Acting Convener of the Committee until this Assembly.

The total expenditure since last Assembly was £7,805, an increase of £1,935 or 33% over the preceding three-years period. At 30th June, 1954, the credit balance was £1,364. The major expense incurred covers the travelling allowances paid to delegates to the 1951 Assembly, viz., £2,426, an increase of £1,024 over the amount paid to delegates to the Assembly of 1948. Travelling allowances provided for delegates to Standing Committees was less by £240 than during the preceding period.

The basis of payment to delegates attending this Assembly was determined by the 1951 Assembly, B.B. 1951, Minute 170 (4) and provides for payment by each delegate of the first £2/10/0 of the expense incurred in travelling to the Assembly.

The Committee recommends that the payment of travelling allowances to delegates to the next Assembly be on the basis approved for the present Assembly, Vide B.B. 1951, Minute 170 (4).

Contributions to the Australian Council of the World Council of Churches and to the Geneva Central Office were paid as approved, viz., £396 and £405 per annum, respectively, from which sums were deducted the proportions of Presbyterian annual contributions to the Fellowship. An annual contribution of £E25 was paid to the World Presbyterian Alliance as instructed by the Assembly. The Committee recommends that similar contributions be paid during the succeeding three years, 1955/57.

Annual assessments on State Assemblies approved by last Assembly were on the following basis—

Victoria .....	1,150	
New South Wales .....	1,080	
Queensland .....	360	
South Australia .....	70	
Western Australia .....	50	
Tasmania .....	50	
		£2,760

Assessments received from State Assemblies were:—1952 £2,760; 1953 £2,760; 1954 £2,400. A further amount of £360 was received after the closing of the books at the 30th June.

The 1951 Assembly approved the creation of a Federal Assembly Capital Fund [Minute 170 (11)1, to which contributions were to be invited. No steps have been taken to establish the fund, but consideration was given to the matter by the Committee at a meeting in Melbourne in September, 1953.

At that time it was agreed to ask the Assembly to invite State Assemblies to contribute to the fund on the basis of three annual payments of £2 or more from each sanctioned charge in their territories. On further examination by the Executive it was decided to vary the original proposal and to recommend to the Assembly that State Assemblies be urged to increase their assessments for the next three years by 33 per cent, the additional amount received to be credited in full to the Federal Assembly Capital Fund. If the Assessments are so increased the amount available for the establishment of the fund would be £2,760 at the end of the three-years period.

The Committee having further considered the matter decided to make no recommendation to the Assembly.

To cover general expenditure between Assemblies, the Committee is of the opinion that no increase in the ordinary Assessment is necessary. However, in the event of the Assembly approving increases in any direction not already provided for the position will require to be reviewed in the light of the changed circumstances.

By Minute 233(8), the 1948 Assembly authorised payment to the Treasurers of the G.A. of A. at 2 per cent on all revenue received excepting the Capital and Income of the John Frazer Foreign Missions Endowment. The Committee considers that the time is ripe for an increase to be made and it is recommended that, as from 1st July, 1954, the payment be increased to 4 per cent.

During the three-years period an amount of £150 was paid to the Federal Inter-Church Migration Committee. It is recommended that a similar amount be made available for the period 1955/57 on receipt of annual assessments from State Assemblies, viz., Victoria £25; New South Wales £25; Queensland £10; South Australia £5; Western Australia £5; Tasmania £5.

J. A. MORRISON,  
Acting Convener.

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#### FIRE INSURANCE (Min. 259)

It is pleasing to note the satisfactory progress made by the Indemnity Funds of the Victorian, New South Wales, and Queensland Churches, respectively. Victoria deserves special commendation for making the greatest progress of all States for the three year period ending 31st December, 1953.

Whilst no Indemnity Fund has been formed as yet in the remaining three States it is encouraging to note that the Assembly of the Western Australian Church has referred the matter to the Commissioners with power to act.

It is to be hoped that the South Australian Church will eventually overcome the legal difficulties which prevent the formation of a Fund in that State.

Unfortunately, no report has been received from the Tasmanian Church at the time of going to print.

The attention of Members is drawn to the necessity of all Church Committees and Boards ensuring that the properties coming under their control are adequately protected by Fire Indemnity based on present day building costs. The experience of the New South Wales and Queensland Churches indicates that serious consideration might also be given to the extension of the existing Fire Indemnity to include Hail and Wind-storm risk.

Having regard to the high verdicts and legal costs involved in Public Risk Claims it would be wise to consider also, the necessity of effecting adequate Public Risk Insurance on Church properties, especially Church halls.

Apparently the time has not yet arrived when it would be practicable to form an Australian-wide Indemnity scheme whereby the activities of the various State Funds might be co-ordinated under a working agreement. It is thought by many that the first step necessary for the success of such a scheme would be for two of the leading States to enter into such an agreement and later, profiting by the experience gained in the interim, expand their activities to include those of another State until ultimately the scheme would be Australia-wide. It is realised, however, that many difficulties will have to be overcome before such a scheme can become an accomplished fact.

V. CLARK-DUFF,  
Convener.

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#### NEW SOUTH WALES INDEMNITY FUND

During the three years to 31st December, 1953, the Indemnity Fund made satisfactory progress as revealed by the following comparative figures:—

	1953			1950		
Net Revenue from						
Contributions . . . . .	£9,366	13	0	£6,341	0	2
Interest on Reserve Fund	2,600	3	3	1,699	11	7
<i>Total Revenue for 3 years</i>	<u>11,966</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>8,040</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>
Rent, Office Services and						
Sundry Items of Expense	£6,109	7	7	2,750	10	7
Claims—Net Loss to Fund	912	1	10	1,099	8	5
Donations to the Assembly						
Hall Building Fund	700	0	0	600	0	0
<i>Net Surplus for 3 years</i>	<u>4,245</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3,590</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>9</u>
Reserve Fund as at						
commencement of period	18,239	12	6	14,648	19	9
<i>Reserve Fund as at end of period</i>						
Reserve for Unexpired Risks	1,250	0	0			
Reserve for Claims and Contingencies	16,000	0	0			
General Reserve	5,234	19	4			
	<u>£22,484</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>£18,239</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>

#### Group Motor Car Insurance Scheme

The Group Motor Car Insurance Scheme is functioning smoothly, the total number of cars insured being 130. Owing to the exceptionally heavy losses sustained in the first year of the Scheme's operation it was found necessary to reduce the Fleet Discount from 20 per cent to 15 per cent. The No Claim Bonus concessions remained unaltered.

In an endeavour to lighten the running costs of cars owned by Congregations and Ministers, arrangements were made whereby a Fleet Discount is obtainable on the purchase price of all tyres and batteries ordered through the Committee.

#### Public Risk Insurance

Because of the large sums that have been awarded under verdicts in connection with Claims of this nature, as well as the heavy legal costs involved, the serious responsibility for maintaining adequate amounts of Public Risk Insurance has been stressed to all Boards, Councils, and Committees of Management. So far 163 Congregations have taken out this class of insurance through the Indemnity Fund Committee.

#### Stamp Duty

Following representations the Committee has been advised that Stamp Duty is no longer payable on policies in the name of the Presbyterian Church (New South Wales) Property Trust, as owners. This exemption has resulted in a considerable saving being made to the Congregations, Colleges, Hospitals and Hostels of the Church.

#### Australia Wide Indemnity Scheme

No progress has been made towards the formation of an Australia Wide Indemnity Scheme, nor has any further approach been made to the Church of any other State with a view of arranging a working agreement.

#### Indemnity Fund Committee

The Committee continues to meet Monthly.

Mr. H. Lee, a prominent Insurance executive, was appointed by the Committee in 1951 to fill the vacancy that occurred on the Committee as the result of the death of the late Mr. T. O. McCreadie.

The Committee consists of Mr. H. G. Jeffreson (Convener), Mr. Gordon C. Thompson, Rev. V. Clark Duff, Messrs. W. H. Williams and H. Lee, and the General Secretary, Mr. J. R. Mackay, ex officio.

H. G. JEFFRESON,  
Convener.



### VICTORIAN INDEMNITY FUND

The Indemnity Fund of the Victorian Church is making steady progress. This is indicated by the following particulars:—

	1950	1953
Number of congregations indemnified ..	374	402
Indemnity granted .....	£1,018,341	£1,489,657
Colleges, Institutions, etc.....	£1,462,815	£2,537,975
Accumulated Funds .....	£12,176	£17,990

During the period 30th June, 1950 to 31st May, 1953, the number of claims was 21, the total amount claimed being £4,717/14/3 of which sum £3,193/19/7 had been paid by our Insuring Company.

g . d . Mc K i n n o n ,  
Secretary and Treasurer

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA INDEMNITY FUND

The Procurator advises that, as this is a matter touching the property of the Presbyterian Church of South Australia, it does not come within the cognisance of G.A.A.

As it would take an act of Parliament to amend the Presbyterian Church of South Australia Act of 1899, nothing can be done in South Australia at present to form or join an Indemnity Fund.

H. M. CAIRE,  
Acting Convener,  
Finance Committee.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIAN FIRE INSURANCE SCHEMES

No further action has been taken by our State Assembly, to bring into operation a uniform Insurance Scheme, other than a resolution passed by the Assembly at the meetings held in May this year, viz:—

“Refer the question of insurance of Church properties to the Commissioners with power to act.”

JAS. ADAMSON,  
Deputy Clerk,  
General Assembly.

### QUEENSLAND INSURANCE FUND

The Queensland fund which has been operating for twenty-three years is steadily building up in strength, and is carried on as a Sub Committee of the Board of Finance, with the Chairman of the Board, Mr. J. S. R. Wyllie as Convener.

On 8th February, 1952, the Fund lost one of its most valuable Committee men in the death of Mr. George Johnston. Mr. Johnston had taken a leading part in establishing the Fund and had been its Convener from 1931 to 1947, and was an active member of the Committee at the date of his death. The vacancy on the Committee has been filled by the appointment of Mr. W. H. Jack.

Under Assembly regulation Insurance of all Church property through the Fund, is obligatory on Committees and congregations, and on a general basis, two-thirds of the risk on Churches and Halls and three-quarters of the risk on Manses is passed to an outside Insurance Company. The insurance given covers loss or damage arising from fire, storm and/or tempest, and aircraft accident.

The whole of the office work is handled by the Church Office staff with the Church Accountant, Mr. R. P. Gresham, as Secretary to the Fund.

During the period under review, there has been an upsurge of new building in the State, and together with the Committees insistence of keeping all covers in line with present day building costs, the total insurance effected has increased by £468,075 to £1,141,837. Of this amount £280,196 is carried by the Fund and £861,641 by an Insurance Company.

At 31st December, 1953, the accumulated funds transferred to form the Capital of the Fund, totalled £5,877/7/11. Included in this figure are the profits in 1952 of £251/18/6 and 1953 of £494/5/7, with the loss in 1951 of £200/13/0 being deducted. Interest from investment for the three years totalled £622/15/7 and administration costs £1,245/19/9.

In the three years, thirteen claims were received, totalling £3,303/16/4 of which sum £649 was met by the Fund and £2,654/16/11 by the Insurance Company. Four of these claims resulted from fire, and nine from storm and tempest. The largest claim was for the loss of the A.I.M. Hostel at Birdsville, totalling £2,200, of which £549 was borne by the Fund, resulting in 1951 showing the only net loss in the Fund's history. Churches at Lagoon Flat and Acland were totally destroyed by cyclone.

No action has been taken by Queensland towards the formation of a Federal Fund.

J. S. R. WYLLIE,  
Convener.

### IMMIGRATION (Min. 183)

Since the end of the war, immigration has assumed an importance never given to it in pre-war days; it is now generally accepted throughout Australia and by all parties of the Commonwealth Parliament, that the building up of the population as rapidly as possible is essential to the development and security of the country. It is, therefore, no mean achievement to recall that over 800,000 new settlers have been received into the Australian community, and that our population has now passed the nine million mark. "Immigration," says the Hon. H. E. Holt, "has enabled Australia to attain a population that natural increase would not have given until 1961."

#### STATISTICS.

The figures are compiled from information supplied by the Department of Immigration, and the Commonwealth Statistician.

*Permanent New Arrivals, from October, 1945, to September, 1953:*

<i>British.</i> Assisted arrivals, 202,716. Full fare arrivals, 182,405	Total 385,121
<i>Alien.</i> Assisted arrivals, 217,090. Full fare arrivals, 173,067	Total 390,157
	<u>Grand Total 775,278</u>

Under the main Assisted Schemes from January, 1947, to December, 1953, there were 427,603 New Arrivals made up as follows:—

*British* 190,578; *Displaced Persons* 170,695; *Empire and Allied Ex-Servicemen* 19,116; *Dutch* 11,533; *German* 7,583; *Others* 28,098.

Since last General Assembly, the following are the figures of New Arrivals, including Free, Assisted and Full Fare migrants:—

<i>British</i> 1951, 73,586	<i>Alien</i> 1951, 58,956
1952, 64,107	1952, 63,717
1953, 34,862	1953, 40,053
<u>Total 172,555</u>	<u>Total 162,726</u>
	<u>Grand Total, 335,281</u>

*The British Total* consisted of 79,772 Full Fare Arrivals

23,677 Commonwealth Nominated Arrivals

69,106 Personal and Group Nominated Arrivals

*The Personal and Group Nominated Arrivals were distributed as follows:* New South Wales, 17,655; Victoria, 25,283; Queensland, 10,036; Tasmania, 2,896; South Australia, 5,015; Western Australia, 7,474; Australian Capital Territory, 747.

The 1953/54 migration target was 90,000 new settlers, one half under the Free and Assisted Schemes, and the other half paying full fares.

The Assisted Migrants were to consist of British and Alien as follows:

<i>British</i>		<i>Alien</i>	
British Assisted ..	.... 16,000	Empire & Allied Ex-Servicemen .. ..	2,000
Child Migrants ..	.. 1,000	Dutch .....	10,500
Irish .. .. .	.. 500	German .. .. .	7,000
Maltese .. .. .	.. 1,500	Italian .....	500
		Other Europeans ..	6,000
	<u>Total 19,000</u>		<u>26,000</u>

Assisted Total, 45,000. Full Fare Total, 45,000. Grand Total, 90,000 For 1954-55, the tentative target is 107,000 new arrivals from all sources.

Owing to the economic recession the migration target for 1953—was reduced to 80,000, the actual intake being 74,915; but with the return of a more prosperous outlook and the discoveries of oil and uranium in Australia, we may expect to receive an increasing number of new settlers, provided there is a continuance of favourable conditions. The recent visit of Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh focussed the attention of the people of Britain upon Australia, and there is a widespread desire to come to this country. Dr. Alexander King of the Church of Scotland has informed the Convener that there are more Scottish people wanting to emigrate to Australia than we can arrange to receive, and the large number of letters arriving from such people supports his statement. Very many of these letters are from skilled tradesmen with families, and who have a definite Church connection; they would be valuable additions to our Church and would fill many of the vacancies existing in industry.

Unfortunately, the problem of securing nominators who can accommodate such families is frustrating the efforts made to bring them to this country; and this applies with equal force to the kind of Dutch families it is desired to bring to Australia. Because of this situation, the Executive of the Federal Inter-Church Migration Committee interviewed the Hon. H. E. Holt, requesting a revival of the Commonwealth Nomination Scheme for British people, under which the families of selected workers can be accommodated in Commonwealth Hostels until they secure something more suitable. The Minister was sympathetic and has introduced a Commonwealth Scheme which is limited in scope, applying only to workers urgently needed in Australia; but, in the financial year ending June, 1954, it was expected to bring some 3,000 British people to Australia.

Presbyterian Sponsorship Scheme for Dutch People of the Dutch Reformed Church. This scheme arose out of a resolution of the New South Wales Assembly in May, 1953, which authorised its Immigration Committee to take the necessary action to increase the flow of Dutch migrants associated with the Dutch Reformed Church in Holland. The scheme itself — at the request of the Rev. J. J. Mol — was provided by the officers of the Department of Immigration in Canberra, and was approved by the Immigration Committee of New South Wales; it was then referred to your Executive on Immigration, with a request that it be placed on a Federal basis. After consulting and securing the approval of all State Committees, this was done, and the Convener of your Committee was appointed to act as liaison officer to deal with the Commonwealth Department. The scheme provides that the Dutch Ministers in each State will act as executives under State Committees to secure sponsors who will guarantee employment and accommodation for Dutch Presbyterians. If a breakdown occurs in the arrangements made for the placing of such migrants, the Commonwealth Department will temporarily accommodate them in hostels while the State Executives, or Committees, make alternative arrangements.

Unfortunately, those who wanted this Scheme seem unable to implement it at present, and your Committee appeals for the co-operation, not only of our Dutch brethren and State Committees, but of all our Ministers and people, otherwise it will be necessary to abandon the Scheme.

The Federal Inter-Church Migration Committee continues its efficient service on behalf of the non-Roman Churches; and, on various occasions, the

Minister for Immigration and the permanent head of the Department have been interviewed on current problems, or on matters raised by one or other of the Churches. Owing to the reduced programme, fewer Chaplains have been required for overseas service; but with our renewed prosperity, it is anticipated that more will be needed in the near future, or, at least, to board ships at Fremantle. We, therefore, ask the General Assembly to authorise the Treasurer to pay our quota of £75 per annum towards the cost of this work as set out in the Deliverance.

The Citizenship Conventions. The Moderator-General appointed the Convener to represent the Presbyterian Church of Australia at these annual gatherings of representatives from all parts of Australia, and he, in turn, has reported to the Moderator-General and to the Conveners of our State Immigration Committees. The 1954 Convention mainly concerned itself with the subject of Naturalisation; it adopted resolutions requesting a simplification of the procedure; and it suggested ways of securing a greater public interest in Naturalisation Ceremonies.

The following Resolutions had reference to the Churches:—

“THAT the Department of Immigration provide Ministers of Religion with information as to the requirements and advantages of Naturalisation, and that Ministers personally place this information before foreign migrants.

“THAT each Church be asked to consider, after a member of that Church has been naturalised, some religious hallowing of the new status.

“THAT once a year, or more often if possible, Churches arrange ‘welcome’ services to newly-naturalised migrants.

“THAT the heads of Churches in each State be asked to urge their clergy or Ministers to co-operate with Good Neighbour Councils and ‘New Settlers’ Leagues in forming branches to care for migrants in their respective areas.

“THAT consideration be given to the holding of an annual Good Neighbour Day which, with the approval of the Churches, might be on a Sunday.”

STATE COMMITTEES. The following are the Conveners of State Committees:—

Rev. F. R. Charman, New South Wales.  
Rev. James Jones, Victoria.  
Rev. R. H. Vickers, Queensland.  
Rev. M. S. Padman, South Australia.  
Rev. E. H. Thorpe, Western Australia.  
Rev. R. J. Scrimgeour, Tasmania.

The Committees are in general agreement that the personal sponsorship required under the Assisted Passage Schemes from the United Kingdom, and associated with the Dutch Sponsorship Scheme, constitutes a problem which frustrates their efforts to bring recommended families to Australia. It is increasingly difficult to find nominators who will guarantee employment and accommodation for families; and, for this reason, the revived Commonwealth Nomination Scheme is welcomed.

In all States, arrangements are made to welcome new settlers from the United Kingdom and other countries; and Ministers are advised of those who have gone to reside in their districts or parishes.

There is a general acknowledgement of the good work of the Presbyterian Chaplains on migrant ships; but two Chaplains from other Churches are criticised for their failure to supply lists showing the religion and destination addresses of migrants disembarking.

Dutch Ministers, who have been received into our Church, are now settled in all States, except South Australia, and one is expected there in the near future. Our Dutch brethren are heartily commended for their faithful work among the Dutch migrants. In Queensland, the Board of Finance has made £500 available as a special grant towards the work among Dutch people in that State.

Some Committees are impressed by the rare talents displayed by many "New Australians," which, in time, may prove to be a valuable contribution to the cultural life of Australia.

Arrangements have been made to receive selected British children in Victoria and Western Australia. Regular batches of boys are now arriving for the "Dhurringile" Farm Training School in Victoria; they are selected by the "Overseas League," and, so far, the arrangement has proved satisfactory. The "Burnbrae" Children's Home in Western Australia will receive some children in the near future.

The G.A. of A. Committee gladly acknowledges the good work being done by the Conveners and Committees in all States.

In conclusion, we again express our thanks to the Officers of the Commonwealth and State Immigration Departments for their efficient and courteous co-operation at all times.

JOHN P. CHALINOR, Convener.

The Committee place on record their appreciation of the varied and valuable services of the Victorian Chaplain, the Rev. J. P. Chalinor. His work is strenuous, involving early and late hours and much broken time, and includes extensive correspondence with and on behalf of other States. The Victorian Chaplain, he devotedly serves the whole Commonwealth.

It is not generally understood, or is sometimes forgotten, that Mr. Chalinor's stipend and general expenses, except for certain postages, are met by the Victorian Assembly, and the time is overdue for other State Assemblies to relieve him of some of the clerical work; and the Committee accordingly recommend the G.A.A. to invite the several State Assemblies so to do, on a basis to be submitted by the Executive.

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#### AUSTRALIAN PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS (Min. 168)

##### (a) Home Organisation

In the introduction to the 1951 Report three factors were stressed as of international importance and of deep concern to every Australian Presbyterian, viz.:—

- (a) World events and the transformed outlook of non-Christian peoples everywhere are presenting Christian countries with an emergency call hitherto unequalled.
- (b) Australia's geographical position and the Christian history of her people face her with a unique obligation, particularly in South East Asia, in the South Pacific and among her own Aborigines.
- (c) In these regions there have developed over the years, spheres of Presbyterian influence where only Presbyterian Missionaries from Australia can at present work effectively. In such an international situation, only a Church organised on a fully national basis can possibly fit into the pattern.

The Board of Missions has consistently kept this total scene in view and has striven responsibly to carry out its trust as the instrument of the whole Australian Church. There has been a considerable measure of success and for this we humbly thank our enabling God and Father. There have also been saddening deficiencies which continue to impede the coming of the Kingdom. Board members have applied themselves to finding the causes and offering such remedies as are within their power. Nevertheless the Board is but the agent of the Church and therefore cannot operate beyond the resources which the Australian Church makes available. The Board cannot pass on to others a better spiritual contribution than it receives from the Australian Church at large.

#### An Analysis

An analysis over the years reveals:—

- i. Our Church still largely lacks awareness of the task God has prepared for us among the millions of this corner of the world. Therefore our spiritual perspective is wrong; our potential is

gravely under-exercised; and Ministers and people consequently suffer from malnutrition in spirit, vision and self-giving, to the impoverishment of the Church.

- ii. In spite of Australia's recent growth as a nation, there remains a deep-seated State consciousness. Our Church is likewise slow to develop a national mind and produce national action. The Board of Missions has helped greatly toward this end; but there are still many who have not yet caught the vision. So our stature is dwarfed.
- iii. Theological research and Church history have produced the two concepts that "Church is mission" and that "the Gospel without mission is not the full Gospel." Most world Church leaders now stress that a Church actuated by a predominantly missionary programme is a living and expanding Church. Yet many congregations still follow the spiritually suicidal policy of keeping "Missions" well out on the periphery of their teaching, serving and giving.
- iv. Many children in our congregations grow up without real knowledge of the missionary imperative as a whole and particularly of the missions of their own Church. Ignorance is a seed plot for choking weeds of misunderstanding. Un denominational organisations step in where we have failed and much of the flower of youth is lost of our Church.
- v. Australia is quickly becoming a welfare state. Much of what was once the inexpensive charitable work of the Church is now undertaken on a comparatively lavish scale by the State. Costs and standards have become so high that the Church can no longer compete without risking bankruptcy. Such risk increases yearly at a rapidly accelerating rate. In the Mission Field as at Home, the establishment and conduct of service institutions has demanded immediate review. The Church has had to choose between financially crippling institutional work and the more direct task of expanding evangelism. In the experience of the Board of Missions the latter is the peculiar and unique task of the Church which none other can undertake. The exceptions maintained are training institutions through which Christian workers are multiplied, or where no State service has yet been established.

As far as it is able, the Board has applied itself towards remedying these deficiencies and disabilities. They are recorded in this report in the hope that more concerted action will speedily become possible.

#### Board and State Committee Co-operation

Relationships between the Board and State Committees and Organisations have without exception, been fully co-operative and harmonious. There is markedly a growing realisation that these bodies form one single organisation, departmentalised only to the extent necessary to meet the constitutional and administrative convenience of given areas. Thus the State Mission Offices act also as branches of the Board Office and State Office-bearers share fully with the Executives of the Board. Each is a clearing and administrative agency for the other. Not the least successful result of this situation is the facility with which candidates for missionary service from any part of the Commonwealth are brought into immediate relationship with the Board, backed by the interest and help of their own State. Missionaries from whatever State of origin are accepted by the whole Australian Church as their own. In the isolation and stresses of field service the knowledge of this widespread interest and prayer support counts greatly with our Missionaries.

#### Finance

The Revenue Account and Balance Sheet published with this report, set out the position throughout and at the end of the three-year period. As always, the major source of voluntary income was the Quota Grants from States. Budgeting continues on the basis approved by the G.A. of A. 1951. The system meets the organisational needs satisfactorily for the present and will be carried on as hitherto. The Board records its ap-

preciation of the consistent goodwill and efficiency of State Committees and Executives which have enabled the arrangement to function so smoothly.

The financial obligations on each field and station have been carefully watched. Any adverse tendency has been traced to its cause. In the case of hospitals, schools, and on Aborigines' stations where the necessity to offer extensive social service remains, continuous negotiations with the Governments concerned have resulted in greatly increased grants guaranteeing solvency. This practice will be relentlessly pursued. The Board works in partnership with Local Governments in enterprises which both agree can best be carried on by the Mission. Care is taken to ensure that religious liberty is preserved, that Mission management is unrestricted and that subsidies and grants in aid are reasonably adequate.

When disasters occurred, such as war devastation in Korea and volcano, hurricane and fire damage in the New Hebrides, or when inflated costs and delayed action because of war shortages made major building reconstruction necessary as in the case of the Paton Memorial Hospital, Vila, special appeals were made throughout the Commonwealth.

The response was heartening.

The three-year financial period closed with a small credit balance, after making reasonable provision towards replacement of wasting assets and in lieu of insurance. Certain special donations and legacies were reserved for specific purposes in terms of the trust involved. While the position is satisfactory, it must be emphasised that this is so only because some Mission Stations remained vacant through lack of suitable ordained volunteers. Vacancies are disastrous to the work. When they have been filled, increased funds will be needed.

A pleasing aspect of the considerable financial commitments of the work has been the proportion born by Mission field Christians, particularly in the New Hebrides. Self-government, self-support and self-propagation remain the tripod on which the structure of our daughter Churches is built. They are willing and eager. Given consistent and adequate help by resident Missionaries, they will make rapid advance in most of our centres.

#### Capital Undertakings

It has been a period of further overtaking of the wartime lag and of replacement of destroyed and worn-out plant. New expansion has also called for new provision. Though costs have been high, concessions of various kinds have been secured and all expenditure has been completely met. Projects include the following:—

*Korea:* Reconstruction of Masan residence, 2 jeeps, temporary training hospital buildings, hospital and house equipment, cottage at Tangyung.

*India:* New Church and welfare centre at Podaturpet, new van for evangelistic and welfare work, renovations.

*Wotjulum:* New residence, industrial workshop, sawmilling and woodworking plant, Native houses, stores, water scheme materials, poultry and garden plant, truck, 32 ft.-6 in. diesel launch, powered dinghy, furnishings and implements.

*Ernabella:* New Church, extended hospital and new mother and infant welfare clinic, new industrial training school with sawmill, new station water pumping and reticulation scheme, house renovation, extension to woolshed and yards, new handcrafts equipment, new stock wells with windmills, tanks and troughs, additional aerodrome landing strip.

*Thursday Island:* Ship "Reliance" overhaul and new diesel engine, overhaul "Janet Thomson," new Native cottages.

*Weipa:* New dormitory, Native houses, cold room and deep freeze unit, electric generators and installation.

*Aurukun:* Extension and overhaul of Mission residences, new cold room and deep freeze unit, electric generators and installation, trucks, tractor and trailer, agricultural plant, cattle yards and fencing, Native houses.

*Mornington Island:* Cold room, deep freeze and electric generators and installation, trucks, Native houses.

*New Hebrides:* Hog Harbour: New residence and equipment, new launch. Tasiriki-Tangoa: New residence, new launch. Tangoa Institute:

Residences renovations, new Native student houses. Aulua: New residence, house renovations, launch reconstruction. Ambrym: Residence renovation, launch overhaul. South West Bay: New residence, small hospital and equipment. Paama: Arrangements complete for new residence and equipment. Vila: Reconstruction of Paton Memorial Hospital, new water scheme and sanitation, residence renovation, new electric generator and installation, new launch. Lenakel: Arrangements complete for reconstruction of hospital and residence. Churches and Schools: Many new Churches, schools, and pastors' and teachers' residences have been built and financed by the Native Church.

Towards new construction and installation work at Wotjulum, Ernabella and Vila, Government grants in aid amounting to £13,900 have been secured. Similar grants of equipment in North Queensland have reached a considerable sum.

#### Administration

The gradually rising standard of living, particularly among Aborigines and New Hebrideans, has created a requirement for more commodities and facilities which must be supplied from Australian capital cities. Western standards extend to the Mission stations, necessitating more mechanical equipment with attendant maintenance. Educational standards in Mission schools involve more teaching and study requisites. All this calls for selective purchasing, shipping, accounting and correspondence on a scale much greater than in pre-war times. Airmail and teleradio have stepped up pace and frequency in communication. The volume of work passing through the Board Office is correspondingly increased.

The Board continues to act as an agency and clearing house for some of the Mission business of the New Zealand Church which must be transacted through Sydney.

Affairs of the John G. Paton Fund Mission are also administered by the Board. Although the system built up over the years functions smoothly, changing times and money values have made personal consultations with the Fund Committee in Glasgow necessary. Certain major decisions concerning the future of the work must soon be made. The Board General Secretary is to visit Britain for this purpose late in 1954.

#### Board Visitation of Fields

Changes in recent years have been so rapid and emerging problems so serious that quick action is frequently demanded. It is helpful to take the Board's accumulated experience of many years and fields to the trouble spot and draw on it to find solutions. Accordingly the General Secretary has visited the New Hebrides, Wotjulum, Ernabella, Korea and North Queensland Stations. The Convener and others also attended the opening of the new Church at Ernabella in October-November, 1952, and representatives of the Queensland A. & F.M. Committee were present in the 1954 visitation to Thursday Island, Mapoon, Weipa, Aurukun, Kendall River and Mornington Island. During these travels opportunities were made to make representations to the State Cabinet Ministers and Departments concerned, with the result that the additional income received has exceeded many times the cost of travel incurred. In addition, the Missionaries and people are brought into direct consultation with the Board through its representatives and resultant decisions have been better informed and therefore more effective.

The General Secretary represented the Presbyterian Church of Australia, the Australian Council of the World Council of Churches and the National Missionary Council of Australia at the second General Assembly of the National Christian Council of Indonesia held in Djakarta in June, 1953. He also represented the Church and the National Missionary Council as an invited observer at the South Pacific Commission (Six Nation) Conference held at Noumea in April, 1953.

Opportunity was also taken to consult with Committees, Presbyteries and Assemblies in each of the State capitals as occasion arose.

#### Literature and Films

The Board has continued its efforts, in co-operation with the States, to keep Missionary information and news before Ministers and Congregations through the medium of annual illustrated booklets, study text books, pamphlets, Church paper articles, broadcasts, leaflets and widely cir-



culated copies of the monthly "Field Despatches."

Gratitude is expressed to State Church paper editors for space devoted to missionary subjects and to the producers of "The Chronicle," "Ministering Women," "The Record," and youth magazines for their steady presentation of the total enterprise.

Nevertheless it is recognised that missionary information publicity is still inadequate. The Board therefore still entertains the hope that the way will open up for the publication of an Australia-wide missionary magazine.

A number of excellent photographic enlargements have been obtained and these are used for display, block-making, etc. The Board maintains a block bank and sends blocks on loan to any centre on request.

By arrangement with the Audio-Visual Education Department of Melbourne, the Rev. Hamilton Aikin visited Ernabella and produced the film "Men of the Mulga." The excellence of this work has won a very cordial reception. Tape recordings of singing by the Ernabella Choir have been used in broadcasts and some have been transferred to record discs.

Strip films have been prepared and distributed. They are available from State Offices either for purchase or loan. Similarly sets of Kodachrome slides have been accumulated and made into lecture units, available as required. More are being prepared on different stations and fields.

#### Deputation Work

Missionaries have been kept busy on deputation visits during the portion of their furlough set aside for this purpose. Conveners, Secretaries and others interested have also devoted much time to this purpose. Conferences of State Secretaries and the Board General Secretary have been regularly held, thus co-ordinating publicity work in all States. It is hoped that arrangements can soon be made to ensure that every congregation will receive at least one such deputation each year.

#### Missionary Candidates

The Board has continued the practice of accepting applicants as "candidates in training" without obligation and of guiding their courses of studies, always observing such limits as are prescribed by the Church. Some have completed their training and are in service on the fields. Others are at various stages in their courses and still others are enquiring. The Board welcomes approaches from all interested, very particularly at present, from students thinking of work as ordained missionaries. The range includes acceptable trainees in theology, medicine, nursing, teaching, accountancy, deaconess work, engineer-mechanics, building, plumbing, agriculture, animal husbandry and co-operatives.

#### Overseas Trainees

On the completion of their post-graduate training in Australia, the four Korean Christian workers referred to in the 1951 report to Assembly, returned to Korea. Sister Hong is now Matron of the great Severance Hospital and Nurses Training School at Seoul. Of the three men, one is Acting Minister for Education in the Cabinet of the Republic of Korea, one is a Lecturer in the Pusan University, and the third is a Hospital Medical Superintendent. All acknowledge a deep debt of gratitude to the Australian Church for the opportunity made available to them.

Two Korean Nurses have been selected to come to Australia in 1955 for two years special training. They are at present staff nurses at the Mission's Il Sin Hospital at Pusan and are concentrating on English in their spare time. It is expected that they will hold more responsible staff positions in the same Training Hospital on their return to Pusan.

The two New Hebridean students previously reported, completed their studies in Sydney with credit. One is now the first Native staff member at the Tangoa Training Institute. The other is Headmaster of our District School at South West Bay, Malekula. Three others are at present training in Sydney and two more will probably follow. These men will later take further theological studies at the Tangoa Institute and become Ministers of the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides.

#### Missionaries

The following is a list of Missionaries in service at the time of writing:—

## Aborigines

### *Mapoon:*

Rev. G. W. Holmes, B.A.

Mrs. G. W. Holmes

Miss M. Cochrane

### *Thursday Island:*

Mr. P. Fletcher

Mrs. P. Fletcher

### *Mornington Island:*

Rev. D. L. Belcher

Mrs. D. L. Belcher

Mr. J. Gillanders

Mrs. J. Gillanders

Sister A. Creagh

### *Weipa:*

Mr. J. S. Winn

Mrs. J. S. Winn

Mr. J. Mackenzie

### *A arukun:*

Rev. W. F. Mackenzie, B.A.

Mrs. W. F. Mackenzie, B.A.,

Dip.Ed.

Mr. L. Little

Mrs. L. Little

Mr. D. M. Robertson

### *"Reliance" Captain:*

Mr. G. Stockman

### *Wotjulum:*

Rev. R. W. Price, B.A.

Mrs. R. W. Price

Mr. L. Macmillan

Mrs. L. Macmillan

Mr. R. Miller

Mr. E. Whatley-Dale

(temporary)

### *Ernabella:*

Rev. R. M. Trudinger, B.A.,

B.D., Dip.Ed.

Mrs. R. M. Trudinger

Mr. J. H. Bennett

Miss W. Hilliard

Miss A. Turvey

Sister M. Turvey

Mr. W. C. Elliott

Mrs. W. C. Elliott

Mr. A. J. Dunbar

Mrs. A. J. Dunbar

## New Hebrides

### *Tasiriki :*

Rev. C. Williamson, B.A.

Mrs. C. Williamson

### *Tangoa:*

Miss M. A. Williams, B.A. B.Ed.

Miss V. Sinclair

### *Ambrym:*

Mr. J. Wyllie

(Technical Assistant)

Mrs. J. Wyllie

### *Malo:*

Vacant

### *Aulua:*

Miss M. Cranstoun

Miss J. Trudinger

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Dr. T. J. K. Jamieson, M.B., B.S.

Mrs. T. J. K. Jamieson

Sister E. Edgar

Sister M. Brister

Sister L. Connerton

Mrs. L. Hurse

Miss S. I. McRae

Mr. N. Dugan (Temporary)

Mrs. N. Dugan (Temporary)

Mr. I. Horman (Temporary)

## India

### *Sholinghur:*

Rev. K. V. Coombes, B.A.

Mrs. K. V. Coombes

Miss C. R. McCredie

### *R am akrishnapet:*

Miss A. H. Goldie

### *Pallipat :*

Rev. C. K. Kay, B.A., B.D.

## Korea

### *Pusan:*

Rev. G. Anderson, M.A.

Rev. C. R. Kenyon, B.A.

Mrs. C. R. Kenyon, B.A.

Mr. A. B. Colvin

Dr. H. P. Mackenzie, M.B., B.S.

Sister C. Mackenzie

Sister E. Galt (associated)

Miss A. A. McNabb, B.A.,

Dip.Ed.

Miss M. Withers (on furlough)

### *Masan:*

Miss E. W. Dunn

Miss I. Watkins

### *Under Appointment:*

Miss R. I. Munro, B.A., B.D.,

Dip.Ed.

### *Chinju:*

Vacant

## Chinese in Australia

### *Sydney:*

Rev. P. S. Mo

### *Melbourne:*

Vacant

Associated under the Board's Administration.

John G. Paton Fund

*Hog Harbour:*

Rev. H. A. Prenter, B.A.

Mrs. H. A. Prenter

*Paama:*

Rev. J. Poon, B.A., B.D.

Mrs. J. Poon

*South West Bay:*

Rev. I. N. Whyte, B.A., B.D.

Mrs. I. N. Whyte, M.B., B.S.

Mr. D. B. Herron (Temporary)

*Lenakel:*

Dr. W. Armstrong, M.B., B.S.

Mrs. W. Armstrong

Sister M. Wallace

Sister R. Vickers

*White Sands:*

Rev. S. J. Cooper, B.A.

Mrs. S. J. Cooper

Associated under New Hebrides Mission Council.

New Zealand Presbyterian Church \*

*Nguna:*

Rev. C. K. Crump, B.A.

Mrs. C. K. Crump

*Tangoa:*

Rev. R. W. Kirkby, B.A., B.D.

Mrs. R. W. Kirkby

*Onesua:*

Mr. I. L. Gray, B.A., Dip.Ed.

Mrs. I. L. Gray

*Tongoa:*

Rev. R. W. Murray, B.A.

Mrs. R. W. Murray

Sister A. Lilburne

Miss N. Clarke

*Epi-Emae:*

Rev. G. Horwell, B.A.

Mrs. G. Horwell

The Board has recorded deep appreciation of the long service rendered by the Rev. H. W. and Mrs. Lane and Miss M. Withers in Korea; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCarthy at Mornington Island; and the Rev. H. M. and Mrs. Bell, the Rev. E. L. and Mrs. Sykes and the Rev. C. W. and Mrs. McLeod in the New Hebrides. Thanks are also extended to many other devoted workers who served for shorter periods at the Church's call. Grateful reference is made to the Rev. G. Anderson, who, to meet an emergency, vacated his office as Foreign Missions Secretary in Victoria and returned to Korea for a further two and a half years valued service.

Attention is also drawn to the very long service rendered by the late Rev. W. Anderson and by Mrs. Anderson at Hog Harbour. Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Anderson in the passing of her life partner in the great cause.

Late Rev. H. C. Matthew

The Board also records grateful memory of the long devotion to the missionary cause of the late Rev. H. C. Matthew, first as a Foreign Missions Secretary for Victoria, then as Board Secretary and later as Vice-Convener.

Missionary Vacancies

Existing vacancies for new appointments include three ordained men and a woman teacher for the New Hebrides, three ordained men for Korea, and Nurses, women teachers and technical and livestock experts for Aborigines Stations. The serious shortage of long service ordained volunteers threatens to render our position untenable in Korea and in parts of the New Hebrides.

Missionaries' Salaries and Allowances

In terms of the general authority given by the Assembly, cost of living and other allowances continue to be adjusted to meet variations in circumstances.

New Work

The Board has been invited by the Commonwealth Department of Territories to consider establishing a new Mission Station on the southern border of the Arnhem Land Reserve. The area proposed is reported to be in well-watered cattle country and is on the line of drift of inland Natives towards the North-South Road and thence to Darwin. Arrangements have been made for representatives of the several Government departments concerned to accompany the General Secretary on a survey of the people and of the district and its possibilities. A report will most likely be available for presentation when the General Assembly meets. The basis of the negotiations is that the Mission will provide the ex-

pert missionaries and the independent administration, while the Government will provide practically all of the capital cost and an annual subsidy to the Board sufficient to cover the total net recurring cost over and above the salary and maintenance of the Missionary Superintendent.

In June, 1953, an invitation was issued to the Board by the Presbyterian Church of West Timor and adjacent islands to send five missionaries of stated expert categories to strengthen the local Church in taking advantage of the unprecedented opportunity for successful evangelism now offering. The Board decided to accept the invitation as far as it was able. A request for further information on certain specific points was sent to the Church leaders in Djakarta and the National Council of Churches in Indonesia was informed. No reply has been received, probably due to the fact that Government approval would in some cases be necessary. To obtain this is a time-consuming venture. On this subject also it may be possible to make a supplementary report to Assembly.

#### National Missionary Council

An active share in the functioning of the Council is accepted by the Board. Good work on a co-operative basis is carried out and benefits are secured by conference and fellowship with Secretaries and leaders of other Mission Boards.

#### (b) Field Work

##### Aborigines — North Queensland

Work on the Gulf Stations is covered by the appended Report of the Queensland Aborigines and Foreign Missions Committee. During the three years under review a number of factors have combined to create a situation which has recently led to a financial crisis. The stage has also been reached where an overhaul of policy and programme has become imperative. On the invitation of the Queensland Committee, the General Secretary joined with the newly appointed State Secretary and Missions Accountant from the Brisbane Office in carrying out a survey and investigation at each station. Conferences were held with the Director of Native Affairs at Mapoon, the Station Superintendents at Aurukun, and the Station Staff at Mornington Island. A new system of budgeting, accounting and financial control was prepared and far-reaching proposals were offered concerning a re-grouping of the Native people, educational and training programmes, industries, buildings, protected water supplies, Missionary staffing, administrative control, boat transport, airmail services, agriculture, Native housing and health measures. An analysis of costs revealed the prime cause of the financial drift and demonstrated the need for greatly enhanced Government subsidies and capital appropriations from loan funds. These proposals are being dealt with by the Queensland Committee and Assembly in consultation with the Board and there is reason to expect that the difficulties can be overcome.

There is a probability that Mapoon will be progressively merged with Weipa with the latter as head station. The continuance of a Mission Station on Mornington Island will depend on Government expert investigations and tests of proposals now offered regarding a protected water supply.

The North Queensland stations bear ample evidence of very good and effective work over many years. The need and potential remain. This is the time when, in common with most missionary work, review and reorganisation have become necessary.

##### Aborigines — Wotjulum

Building a new station to provide occupation, amenities and services for above 200 people is a big task. It has proved to be so at Wotjulum. Yet good progress has been made and the stage has been reached where more rapid advance should be possible.

The severe drought conditions of 1952-53 caused hardship. Water supply was limited to a distant place involving haulage. Time and labour had to be diverted to maintenance as distinct from the construction that had been planned. Nevertheless the unprecedented dry spell effectively tested the springs from which the station water supply is drawn. These gave adequate yield, though insufficient to keep the stream running over a distance. With this year's new installation of 1 miles of piping from the springs to the new station, abundant water in the future should be assured.

Construction of the workshop and sawmill will make local lumber available for further building. The people are in good heart. Health has been generally satisfactory. Production of green vegetables, fruit and eggs will help to remedy remaining defects. As a result of prolonged negotiations with the Government, increased subsidies have been obtained and the work is solvent. However, the position needs careful watching and further measures will be taken as necessary. The provision of the new boat now being built in Sydney will lessen costs and provide more satisfactory transport.

#### Aborigines — Ernabella

Seasons have been good and the sheep industry has flourished. More country is being opened up, more wells equipped and sheep camps established. Proceeds of wool sales have provided money for rapid development. Native men and women are interested and trustworthy.

Handicrafts for women workers have become an industry in which about 90 are employed, at least part time. The new school building has improved class work, making it even more absorbingly interesting for children and their Native assistant teachers.

The cash trade store maintains its place in the high estimation of the people over a wide area. Last year nearly 3,000 dingo scalps were brought in to the Mission. Most of the proceeds were expended for helpful goods from the Mission Store, virtually at landed cost. The training in values and monetary transactions thus gained is appreciated.

The new hospital-clinic, built and equipped at a cost of above £6,000, serves the people's need ideally. This together with teleradio and flying doctor service to the Mission aerodrome helps to preserve the remarkably high standard of health and growth which prevails.

For the young men the new Industrial Training School under a trained and practical Missionary, offers a very welcome outlet. As far as practicable, local timber will be milled and used. Further improvements partly under way, are the new protected station water scheme with adequate sanitation, further garage and workshop accommodation, and more development of the sheep country.

The opening of the beautiful new Church at the end of 1952 provided a literal and spiritual landmark. Carefully taught and tested young men and women have been baptised and admitted to Communion. Others are in instruction classes. There is evidence that the true meaning of the Gospel and the beauty of the Christian life are finding an abiding place in the thoughts and aspirations of the people.

Ernabella is now well staffed by experts, and is fast becoming well equipped. It holds the confidence of the people. The Mission will go on to face the emerging problems natural to a people as they venture from the nomadic to a more settled community life.

#### Korea

The removal of military restrictions permitted our women Missionaries waiting in Japan to return to the work in Korea with headquarters in Pusan. Following Mr. Lane's withdrawal after a lone stand for many months, the Rev. C. R. and Mrs. Kenyon from Brisbane joined the Rev. G. Anderson. Mr. Anderson has endeavoured to re-establish touch with the widespread country congregations, enduring the rigours of extensive travel by jeep over frightful roads and the variable prospects of a bed in some Korean home at the end of each day's journeying. Mr. and Mrs. Kenyon have striven to reserve time for regular language study; but the demands of the situation have been against them.

Though the recent arrival of Mr. Colvin as Missionary Business Manager will ease the burden for all, the task is still hopelessly beyond the capacity of three or four even experienced men. Yet Mr. Kenyon is our only Minister remaining on the field.

Much of the time of the General Secretary's recent visit was occupied in interviews with deputations, Ministers, Presbytery Clerk, Moderator and Conveners, Headmasters and many others, all pleading for help from the Australian Church in this day of Korea's disruption and vivisection. Ever the emphasis is on the expected coming of ordained missionaries who will follow the pre-war pattern of acquiring a working grasp of the Korean language and remaining for long-term service. They know only too well that nothing less will meet the crying need.

Written petitions were presented asking for experts as theological

teachers, as workers among the masses of high school and university students, as youth leaders, as educationalists, as literature workers and as pastoral and community workers. There are factors in the Korean situation to-day which will make the path of any Missionary difficult. When indeed was it otherwise? Yet for younger men of vision and of spirit here is a grand challenge to worthy adventuring for Christ such as is perhaps unequalled elsewhere. The Korean people have no real religion — apart from Christ for those who are Christian. Dimly-----and often clearly— they are aware of their lack. Korea is open for Christ. The Christian leaders of our Province wait rather impatiently for the return of the Australian Church Missionaries in numbers.

Since the 1950 invasion from the North, millions of refugees and displaced persons have flocked into the south-east section of South Korea, into the province where our Mission works. Half of Korea has been devastated. The other half was overcrowded. A Korean leader confidently asserted that of the 30 million population for all Korea, some 24 millions are now south of the 38th Parallel. Probably 800,000 widows and orphans subsist on handouts or live on whatever they can find.

Destruction of property has been colossal. Hills have been denuded and lands laid waste. In normal times Korea's farmers are hard pressed to wrest a living and food supplies for the populace from their limited garden soil, laboriously built through centuries, in terraces up the steep slopes of the ever-present hills. War conditions made much farming impossible. Severe food shortage resulted. In spite of relief measures there are many appalling evidences of malnutrition.

Forced into abnormal ways of grasping at mere subsistence, many have drifted into moral instability. Self-reliance has been replaced by acquisitiveness to an extent that is alarming. Dishonesty and even robbery are rife. Burglary is commonplace. The pickpocket and the petty thief are ever present. Moveable parts are speedily taken from cars if left unattended in a city street for even a brief period. Missionaries perforce keep their house doors locked both day and night.

Inflation, and the presence of several overseas currencies among occupying forces, have confused standards and values. Costs are insupportably high and the wonder is that ordinary people can live. If it were not for the purchase concessions extended by the American and British Commissaries, it might not be possible to support our Missionaries in Pusan. Building costs have risen steeply and wages for skilled Koreans are many times the pre-war rates.

In Korea as elsewhere, the presence of many Americans has created quite false ideas as to the world supply of money and as to its value. Many Koreans hold the view that United Nations have a superabundance of funds and commodities which could be poured freely into Korea if there were only the will to do so. Various U.N. and U.S.A. relief and reconstruction projects, while achieving great good, are nevertheless confirming this false understanding of the position. In such a scene it is not easy to convince our daughter Church that Australian Presbyterians are just not able to pour in unlimited finance to restore the range of institutional and personal Mission work carried on by our Mission up till 1940-41.

Yet through all the catastrophe of the past twelve years, the Christian Church has increased. Refugee Christians formed new congregations and built new stone Churches in the areas of their temporary settlement. Christian witness never failed, whatever the circumstances. Though hundreds of ordained Ministers were lost during the Communist advance and the well-organised Churches scattered, they constantly rallied and the work went on. It is stated that 267 Church buildings were completely destroyed and a further 706 at least half destroyed.

Of the estimated one million Christians in Korea to-day, about 700,000 are Presbyterians. Their influence and witness is far greater than their numerical strength. Yet tragedy has fallen upon tragedy. The Shrine issue during Japanese occupation, followed by the unsettling of the internal war, have provided fertile soil for dissension within the Church itself. Doctrinal questions have been forced out of perspective. A harassed people have fallen back on authoritarianism and rigidity in a search for at least spiritual security. A certain group of Missionaries have seized on this tendency and accentuated it. The net effect is that the Presbyterian Church in Korea is today rent from

top to bottom. In many Churches two sections of what till recently was one congregation, now meet separately for worship at different hours in the same building. It is a breeding ground for rivalry, recrimination and bitterness. When the total situation of the Korean people cries for a strong united witness from the Church, this tragic division of forces and preoccupation with domestic strife are weakening her impact.

Basically both sides are earnest and sincere. Much of the intolerance is the product of ignorance and misunderstanding. The Korean Church needs a Missionary ministry of sympathy and reconciliation, conditioned by infinite patience and long suffering, and by consecration and wisdom. Again the challenge comes to Australia to produce such Presbyterian Missionaries now.

Meanwhile the work of our women Missionaries is slowly being re-established as new openings for service within and without the Church occur. After a full survey of Pusan's medical needs and of the existing hospital it was decided that we should concentrate on a hospital for training Korean nurses and doctors in obstetrics and gynaecology. Temporary buildings were secured in Pusanchin in 1952. The success has been phenomenal. Graduates from Nursing Hospitals of South Korea come for regular periods of training. The institution also fills a desperate need in the community. It is the only training hospital of its kind in Korea.

But the temporary buildings are impossible and a permanent home is needed if the venture is to continue. Costs would be quite beyond the Board's resources. However, during the General Secretary's recent visit to Pusan, offers of help with funds and materials from various U.N. and U.S.A. official and semi-official organisations, were fully explored. There is good prospect that these will be sufficient, aided by an Australian legacy of £8,000, to erect a substantial minimum building to house a 40-bed Christian training hospital. Beyond a token grant and Missionaries' salaries to be provided by the Board as at present, there is ample evidence and experience to show that such a hospital will be self-supporting. The Board has therefore authorised proceeding with the project, subject to safeguards regarding availability of resources from Korea to complete the undertaking without further obligation on the Australian Church.

As ours is the only Australian Church Mission operating in Korea, the Board became the channel for remitting and distributing relief funds and goods from New Zealand and the Food Bowl Relief Fund of the Australian Section of the World Council of Churches. This was over and above the quite substantial amount donated by our Australian Presbyterian Church for the purpose. Altogether, during the three years, over £20,000 in cash has been so disbursed.

In addition relief goods to the value of at least £30,000 have been collected, screened, shipped and distributed through our Mission and its associated Korean Church organisations.

## India

The period under review has been largely occupied with the process of "Indianising" our Mission work, by integrating it with the Church of South India. So great a venture in Church Union has been keenly watched with world interest. Wisely, the leaders have hastened slowly, consolidating Church membership opinion each step of the way. Quite remarkable advance has been made. Each year sees a further dwindling of the older denominational consciousness and a further identification in spirit with the new truly Indian Church.

As a step towards such integration, our Missionary Field Council has been abolished and replaced by an Advisory Committee to both Church and Mission, and consisting of representatives of both. Our Missionaries meet infrequently in a Fellowship to discuss business and make recommendations to the Board on matters affecting Missionary personnel only, as distinct from their work.

At present consideration is being given to a closer integration of Mission finance with the funds of the Church. There are difficulties in principle and dangers in practice to be faced. This is one reason why the Indian Church has asked for a visit this year from the General Secretary to present the case from the Board's point of view. There is

little doubt that this problem also will be satisfactorily solved in due time.

Independence for India has not so far adversely affected the Mission's witness. It is probably true that the net balance of effects has rather favoured the growth of Christianity. There are signs of a mass movement in the northern section of our field and recently there have been many baptisms.

The one major matter in doubt is the continuance of Mission-Church elementary schools. The Government aims at literacy for all and is forced to impose regulations which so crowd the teachers' time that it is becoming physically impossible for him to devote regular periods to Christian teaching as always hitherto. The Church is surveying the total position to ascertain whether the available Christian resources could be employed more effectively in some other avenue.

On the whole the work in India is most encouraging and proceeds smoothly. Finances remain stable, highly trained Indian workers are retained and responsibility is being progressively placed upon the Indian Church. Synods and Assembly are thoroughly at grips with the really vital issues and the picture is one of a virile Church faced with a vast spiritual challenge and determined to meet it in the power of the Living God.

#### New Hebrides

Here also, in spite of the disabilities of a Condominium administration, prolonged missionary vacancies, strong indigenous "cult" and "company" movements and disasters of volcano, hurricane and fire, real progress can be reported. The Board is grateful to all who have rallied so splendidly in response to the special appeals it was forced to make.

The General Assembly and five Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church of the New Hebrides have met at stated periods. Slowly the Native Pastors and Elders are adding to their responsibilities. Though there are frequent failures under the stress of local circumstances, there are also many incidents which tell of devotion and Christian self-sacrifice beyond the ordinary. New Hebridean Christians have many temptations to surmount in their climb toward stable Christian community living. Not the least of these come from white men whose general attitude towards native life is more of exploitation for gain than of generous uplift.

The history of the Group is one of failure by the Condominium to provide education in any form, or health services to any adequate degree. It is perhaps true that apart from the Mission, many villages would have died out long ago. One fact which stood out in the discussions of the Native representatives of 18 Pacific regions at the South Pacific Commission Conference in April, 1953, was that New Hebrideans are far, far behind other Islanders in their development and facilities.

Thinking Natives are aware of this and are profoundly dissatisfied. They ask for education and training with a knowledge of a Metropolitan language, preferably English. While it seems that both the French and British Administrations are willing to act, the process is lamentably slow.

For several years the Mission and the Church have jointly planned improved village and district schools, leading to better training of teachers and pastors at Tangoa Institute and medical dressers and nurses at Paton Memorial Hospital. There are now ten trained Missionary teachers in the field.

In 1953 a new educational programme was worked out by Assembly and Mission Council at the White Sands meetings. Curricula, textbooks, etc., have since received further attention. Some of these proposals are already in operation. Consultations have been held with the British Resident Commissioner towards securing Government grants in aid for Mission-Church schools of all grades. By this means it is hoped that New Hebridean Church and Christian community leadership will be raised during the coming years.

Reference to capital developments has been made elsewhere in this report. With the completion of the reconstruction of the Paton Memorial Hospital this year, followed by similar treatment for the Lenakel Hospital and Station on a smaller scale, our medical contribution to health and training should be assured. Increased Government subsidies recently granted enable these two institutions and the medical work of Doctor



(Mrs.) Mary W yte on West Malekula, to be carried on without fear of financial strain.

There have been repeated rumours that the British are to withdraw from the Condominium and hand over entirely to the French. The Board has a written assurance from the Australian Commonwealth Government that there is no such intention.

It is abundantly clear that the supreme need of the work in the New Hebrides is a period of at least fifteen years of concentrated expert Missionary impact, with every station filled all the time and with emphasis on evangelism, Christian education and Christian health measures, ever building up New Hebridean Christian leadership and fitting the Church of the New Hebrides to accept full responsibility for the Christian future of the total community. The Presbyterian Mission has been in the Group since 1848. Now is the time to seal the work of 106 years of martyrdom, suffering and triumph. In figures for Missionary personnel and money, the cost is not beyond the means of our Australian Church. If we fail now, the prospects for these people are indeed sad.

#### Chinese in Australia.

##### *Sydney.*

Under the pastoral care of the Rev. P. S. Mo and the interim moderatorship of the Rev. T. McDougall, the Church in Sydney continues to flourish on a high spiritual level. Attendance at quarterly communion has reached 113 and has averaged above 100. Financial contributions to the support of the pastor, the work of the congregation and the wider enterprises of the Church have been maintained. Sunday schools and Fellowship are strong and an active part is taken in inter-Church activities.

At the request of the Congregation, the Board has taken steps to secure an extension of the Rev. P. S. Mo's immigration permit with a view to appointing him for a further three years following the conclusion of his present five year term in August, 1954.

##### *Melbourne.*

Owing to removals from the city, the congregation of the Melbourne Church is no longer strong. The premises in Little Bourke Street, occupied by the Church for so long, have been sold by the owners with vacant possession. A temporary meeting place has been secured near by. The place and work of the Church has been under investigation by the Presbytery. The Foreign Missions Committee in Victoria is watching the position and the Secretary for Foreign Missions is taking a regular part in the services.

#### (c) Reports from State Foreign Mission Committees

Reports to the Board covering the three year period, are submitted hereunder.

J. ERIC OWEN,  
Convener.  
VICTOR W. COOMBES,  
General Secretary.

#### Rev. J. E. Owen M.A., B.D., Minute of Appreciation

"Mr. Owen was appointed Convener of the Board of Missions in July, 1947, on the resignation of the Rev. J. McMaster who removed to Western Australia, and has occupied this position to the present time. Mr. Owen has placed at the disposal of the Board his great ability and enthusiasm over these seven years and has further demonstrated his missionary interest by himself volunteering to be a missionary in the New Hebrides, which is the immediate occasion of his retirement from the position of Convener. The Board hereby places on record its grateful thanks for his valued services and looks forward to his continued co-operation in its work during the years ahead, while wishing him the blessing of God in his new venture."

#### QUEENSLAND ABORIGINAL AND FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The story of the Queensland Aboriginal Missions in the Gulf of Carpentaria and at Thursday Island is a story of a Church sorely pressed by ever-increasing problems of administration; the work of the Mission Stations has been, and must be, expanded, but with the challenge

of this expansion, there has been an accompanying shrinkage of financial support owing to increased costs of administration, freight and goods supplied to the stations. With the growing burden of financial responsibility, and the shrinking revenue from Government grants and support from the State Church, the Queensland Committee finds itself face to face with a financial crisis that must be met and overcome if the Church is to remain faithful to the trust that she has accepted from her Lord and King. At this particular time, negotiations are in hand for a Conference with leading Government and State officials with a view to solving some of the real problems confronting our Missions.

**Staff Administration:** The three-year period has seen many changes on the Mission Stations. Staff has been increased because of the trend towards the development of industry, like cattle and agriculture, and the granting of amenities, like lighting and cold storage, for some of the Mission stations, like Aurukun and Weipa. Unfortunately, there have been many changes, too, in personnel . . . diverse reasons causing resignations and transfers. Sickness has been the major contributing factor. In historical sequence, the following is a list of the changes . . .

In 1951, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hartshorn were transferred from Mapoon so that Mr. Hartshorn might study for the Ministry. He is now in his second year in the Theological Hall in Brisbane.

In 1952, we lost quite a number from active service. Rev. J. Calder Allen was forced to resign owing to his wife contracting polio. Rev. G. Holmes and his wife were appointed to Mapoon in his place. Miss J. McGrath of Aurukun also contracted polio but has not made the same recovery as Mrs. Allen. Mr. and Mrs. R. Smith resigned owing to the illness of Mr. Smith. Mr. Doug. Page also succumbed, but we have hopes that he may yet return to the field. During this period, Mr. and Mrs. Hopkinson also left our service.

In 1953, Rev. C. R. S. and Mrs. Kenyon volunteered for service in Korea, whilst Rev. Doug with Mrs. Belcher, after having obtained some experience on a peninsula station, was appointed to Mornington Island.

In that period, we lost veteran missionaries.

Mr. C. D. Sydney, who has served the Church of Queensland with loyalty and distinction as a missionary in the Home Mission Department as well as in the Gulf, was brought back to the mainland owing to ill health, and is now serving as a Home Missionary.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Cane resigned after 12 years service whilst Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCarthy after 14 years service resigned so that Mr. McCarthy might engage in Home Mission work with a view to the Ministry. He enters the Theological Hall this year. Margaret Winn of Weipa married Mr. Royce Little, but after Mr. Royce Little had served for two years only (Mrs. Little for nine years), he resigned from the work. We also lost Mr. and Mrs. Ollett during this period.

1953/54. The Skipper of the "Reliance," Mr. W. Norgate, became the subject of much concern early in 1953. Whilst on furlough, a medical check-up revealed that he was suffering from Hansen's disease. The latest report is that he is responding to treatment at Peel Island, Moreton Bay. Mr. L. G. Stockman was appointed to this position in his place. Mr. and Mrs. F. J. James took over from Mr. and Mrs. Cane, but Mr. James resigned in November, 1953. Mr. Peter Fletcher of Weipa has been appointed in his place, but will not take up his duties until the return of Mr. and Mrs. J. Winn from furlough in April.

New workers in this period were . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Gillanders to Mornington Island; Miss Alice Simpson as a nurse to Aurukun; Miss Marjorie Cockrane as teacher to Weipa and then to Mapoon.

Recently both Mr. Bruce Hill and Miss Alice Simpson have left the work at Aurukun.

With this recent loss of two workers at Aurukun, and the anticipated departure of Mr. and Mrs. L. Little from Aurukun at the end of 1954, plus the vacancy at Weipa caused by Mr. P. Fletcher's appointment at Thursday Island, the need for volunteers for this work is urgent.

**Problem of Communications:** The problems of water transport have grown with the years. There are now three boats owned by the Mission — the "Reliance," the "Remus" and the "Janet Thomson." All needed repair during 1953. A new engine, a Gardiner, has been installed in the "Reliance" as a result of a loan from the Government, repayable by the Church from the proceeds of the next cattle sale at Aurukun. The

"Remus" is in bad shape whilst the "Janet Thomson" needs her hull to be recovered with copper plating. She is leaking badly, although still on the run during the wet.

**Missionaries' Salaries:** The present range is £400 — £450 for Superintendents and £350 for Assistants. This is recognised as being inadequate, but in view of the dire financial position, nothing can be done to raise them at present.

**Future of Mapoon:** During a recent Conference in Brisbane with Government officials, the Church was advised that no further aid would be forthcoming for Mapoon unless the Church embarked on a policy of rehabilitation of buildings, and a policy aiming at financial independence of the station through native and cattle industries, or alternatively vacating Mapoon station, and moving the natives to Weipa and Aurukun. A conference of Government and Church officials will be held at Mapoon in April to confer on this problem, and the alternatives facing the Church.

**Church Office Administration:** For the three-year period, the work had been carried on at Head Office by the Secretary in part-time capacity — being Director of Home Missions, also by a part-time typiste, for most of the time a part-time accountant. Now the Missions Office has still a part-time typiste in Miss Hicks, who is a tower of strength to the Committee and Secretary, and a part-time accountant in the person of Mr. Doug. Allen, but with this distinction that the time is shared NOW only with the Home Missions Department and not as formerly with the General Church Offices.

**Finance:** A review of finances since 1946 shows an alarming drift from a Reserve of over £16,000 to a deficit of £17,000 at the present time. This reversal is underlined in its gravity by the fact that the Government of Queensland has helped considerably in years gone by, having liquidated a debt of £10,000 (approx.) during that period. It would appear that the Church is at the cross-roads. We must embark on a progressive policy that engenders the confidence of our Church people as well as that of the Government. It would appear that the Government will not help any more if we betray signs of blatant inefficiency. On the other hand, if there is ground for quiet confidence in future expansion and consistent returns from developing industry, then the Government will again come to our aid. This is our hope.

**Spiritual:** Real permanent results in vital Christian character and leadership are slow in forthcoming. The natives are not showing signs of maturity in the faith. This also applies to the many crafts necessary to make industry efficient. They still need the personal direction and supervision of the white man.

One of our stations, Mapoon, was the scene of unrest during the period 1953. The Superintendent, Rev. W. F. Mackenzie attributes the serious trouble that threatened to the infiltration of some "pink" theories from one or two of the young bloods' association with white stockmen on the hinterland cattle stations. The trouble nearly developed into a serious riot whilst Mr. MacKenzie was absent at Mapoon on a special survey of that field with a view to its future. The Director of Native Affairs was called in with Police protection. The result was that some of the hot-heads have been removed from the Station to be under closer Government guard. The latest reports of the spiritual response since then has been most encouraging. There is now a movement of the Spirit of God, and some have come forward for instruction as catechumens, and have been received into the Church. The movement is growing.

**The Bentinck Islanders:** No report would be complete without a passing reference to the gentle but effective absorption of the Bentinck Island natives into the life at Mornington Island. Desperate hunger and thirst drove them in the period of 1950/51 into the arms of our Mission work at Mornington. They were evacuated to Mornington and have lived there ever since, slowly adapting themselves to the new way of life, happy in their lot.

**The Cattle Industry:** The real hope of making the Mission Stations less dependent financially of the Church and the Government depends on the development of the cattle industry. This will involve heavy financial outlay in better breeding, the fencing of paddocks especially for breeding purposes where the date of the birth of calves can be controlled and where the calves can be branded before cattle-duffing makes its inroads upon those that would otherwise be clean-skins in the open cattle coun-

try of the hinterland. Only Government aid on a generous scale can help solve this urgent problem.

Drought and Epidemic at Mornington Island: During the period 1952/53, the Island passed through a very severe drought that caused the Superintendent and the Head Office considerable trouble. Evacuation of the Island was contemplated. However, a survey showed that the Island had ample reserves of fresh water from lakes and springs, although there was little water near the Mission Station itself. A sober estimate of the situation would be that the drought was not as serious as had been reported, and that its seriousness was underlined with a view to securing better water facilities for agriculture during the dry period of each year.

In November and December, 1953, a measles epidemic at Mornington developed into gastro-enteritis and dysentery. Supplies of life-saving drugs were sent regularly to the Island. Sister Creagh was facing a breakdown in health and had to be relieved. Two Sisters from New Zealand holidaying in Queensland answered our S.O.S. and served us during the height of the epidemic for a period of four weeks. With a mounting toll of deaths, the services of the Health and Home Affairs Department was sought. The Department, acting on advice from Dr. Shaw, the Flying Doctor stationed at Cloncurry, sent two doctors and two nurses from Brisbane by plane with blood transfusing equipment and a supply of blood donated by the Red Cross. The reason for this was that death was taking its toll of children in the 2-4 years of age group. These children had been under the care of their parents from the age of weaning to the dormitory age. Their health had deteriorated owing to lack of food with a rich vitamin content. Added to this was the anaemia aggravated by the hookworm. It was necessary for a doctor to be present on the station all the time so that immediately a child was stricken down, a blood transfusion was given, else the child, without any resistance, succumbed in a few days.

In a fortnight, the epidemic was brought under control. The report of the doctor from the Health and Home Affairs is still awaited by us in Brisbane, but we know that when the report comes it will urge the need for a better balanced diet. It will underline the need for us to grow "greens" there when we can, and import other vegetables during the off season.

It is clear that our accounting must show more clearly to both Church and State that Child Endowment is going towards the benefit of the children, in food, education, culture and recreation.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE OF N.S.W.

Throughout the period under review the N.S.W. Committee has worked closely with the Board of Missions to help ensure the successful prosecution of Australian Presbyterian Missions.

Mr. J. A. Morrison, who was Convener for a number of years, retired from the position in 1951 and was followed for a short term by the Rev. C. E. Turnbull and in 1952 the present Convener, Rev. T. McDougall, was appointed.

The Rev. G. F. Buckley, who was Foreign Mission Secretary for six years, resigned from office in 1952 on being called to Hamilton, N.S.W. The Rev. H. F. McDonald was appointed by the Assembly to fill the vacant office and took up duties on September 1, 1952.

As the administration of the fields formerly under the care of this Committee is now entirely in the charge of the Board of Missions and the Board reports in detail on all fields, it is not intended that any reference should be made further in this report.

Missionary Personnel: It is with gratification that we see the growth in the number of missionaries originating from the N.S.W. Church. Within the past three years the following have gone forward:

Rev. Hugh Prenter, B.A., and Mrs. Prenter (Hog Harbour), Mr.

D. B. Herron (temporary appointment as mission carpenter), (South West Bay), Miss A. Turvey (teacher), Miss M. Turvey (nursing sister) to Ernabella Aborigines Mission and Mr. A. B. Colvin to Korea, as Business Manager.

Other N.S.W. Church members in the fields are: *New Hebrides*, Rev. R. T. C. Williamson, B.A., and Mrs. Williamson (South and West Santo), Sister M. Wallace (Lenakel); *Aborigines*, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Macmillan

(Wotjulum, W.A.); *India*, Miss C. R. McCredie, Rev. K. V. Coombes and Mrs. Coombes (Sholinghur, South India). Although Miss A. Hope Goldie is a Victorian who has served long in our Indian field, she has strong links with the N.S.W. Church.

Financial: The financial position of the Committee over the three years is summarised as follows:—

	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>	<i>Surplus</i>	<i>Deficit</i>
1951	15,677	14,767	909	
1952	15,603	16,191		588

During the term we have met our commitments to the Board by the payment of Quota Grants as follows:

1951	£12,392
1952	13,478
1953	14,088

It will be seen that there has been an increase in these grants each year.

Special Appeals: Special appeals raised a considerable sum of money for such funds as Indian Famine, New Hebrides Launch, New Hebrides Hurricane, Hog Harbour Fire, Korea Relief and Vila Hospital. Proceeds were remitted to the Board. Also considerable quantities of goods were forwarded to Korea.

Missionary Organisations: The Women's Missionary Association, Girls' Auxiliary, Young People's Mission Bands, P.F.U. Missions Committee have maintained interest and support, and are constantly seeking to increase and widen the scope of their activities so that the Foreign Missions of our Church may have a worthy place in the prayers and giving of our people.

T. McDougall, Convener

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE OF VICTORIA

The three years since the last report to the G.A. of A. have seen the growing ability of the Board of Missions and of the State Committees to work together as a team. The local committees are able more and more to turn their attention to the four main tasks allotted to them — Propaganda, Recruitment, the raising of Funds, and most important, keeping wide the vision of the Church. The P.W.M.U. continue their close and harmonious co-operation.

Convenership and Secretaries: The Rev. E. W. New resigned as Convener in July, 1951, to take up R.A.A.F. Chaplaincy work and the Rev. J. Beatty of Canterbury was elected in his place. In response to the desperately urgent situation in Korea, the Rev. G. Anderson gallantly volunteered to return for a two-year period. He therefore resigned the Secretaryship in December, 1951. In October, 1952, the Assembly appointed the Rev. J. M. Stuckey to fill the vacancy. Mr. Stuckey took up office in February, 1953. The Committee record their deep gratitude to Mr. New and Mr. Anderson for their service as Convener and Secretary, and also to Miss B. M. Roberts, Secretarial Assistant, who with the assistance of the General Secretary and the late Rev. H. C. Matthew carried the work through the vacancy.

The Rev. H. C. Matthew, M.A.: The death of Mr. Matthew in April, 1953, deprived the Church of one whose life-long interest in Missions had been shown by his service as Convener of the F.M. Committee and his fourteen years as Secretary (1925-1939). The Committee will miss his ripe wisdom but are grateful to God for his long and faithful service to the Church throughout his 52 years of ministry.

Mission to the Jews: The Victorian Assembly of 1952 decided to disband the special committee on Christian approach to the Jews and to commit the work to the Foreign Mission Committee. The validity of this decision was queried but on advice from the Law Agent was reaffirmed by Assembly in 1953. A request to the Presbyteries for report of any work done amongst the Jews has so far not produced any results.

Chinese Church: The Chinese Congregation has had many vicissitudes during the three year period covered by the report. The building previously occupied by the congregation which belonged to the Church Missionary Society was put up for sale and as the price was far beyond anything which the Committee could contemplate it was sold to commercial

interests. It thus became necessary to find other accommodation. The A.B.M. Church of the Epiphany opposite has given our people the joint use of their Church at least temporarily. Mr. Langhorne completed his service with the congregation in January, 1953. The secretary conducts service once a month and during term time one service a month is taken by theological students. Relations of the congregation with the Presbytery are being examined.

Publicity: The monthly bulletin "Field Despatches" is being circulated through Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania by the Melbourne Office and seems to be meeting the need for up-to-the-minute information. The latest Board Booklet has also been very favourably received. "Go or Send," a Study Book on Missions by the Victorian Secretary, was used by most of the P.F.A. Camps at Easter, 1954.

Deputation work by returned missionaries has been arranged when possible. However, the furlough period of the New Hebridean missionaries, and the staff position on the field, which has necessitated the curtailment of furlough to a rest period in some cases, has limited the possibilities. The Secretary has done some and will do more Presbytery itineraries, filling in with metropolitan engagements in the periods he is in town.

Two copies of the film "Men of the Mulga" have been kept busy since their production and somewhere in the region of a gross of the Ernabella film-strips have been sold, at cost.

Recruitment: The claims of the Church's missionary enterprises are being pressed and the number of enquiries for such service has increased. Those actually appointed from Victoria in the period under review are:

The Rev. I. N. Whyte, Miss S. McRae, Miss J. Trudinger, Miss V. Sinclair, Mr. Lex Dunbar, the Rev. Rhys Price, the Rev. John Cooper.

The Committee is appreciative of the close and helpful co-operation of the Youth Department. The Sunday Schools have fully supported one missionary and are now thinking of beginning to support another missionary in another field. P.F.A., P.B.A. and P.G.A. have all helped both financially and also by providing invaluable opportunity for returned missionaries, students from Korea and the New Hebrides, and the Secretary to put the case and the need for Missions.

Missionary Homes: The Committee has continued the two missionary homes at "Fernside" and "Cooinda." There seems to be a growing opinion that it would be advisable to concentrate on "Fernside," particularly after an attempt to evict the outside tenants at "Cooinda" had failed. Over the December, 1953, to February, 1954, season the four flats have been continuously occupied. Contact has been made with other missionary societies and with students for tenants during the periods in which the homes would otherwise be vacant.

Visiting Students: The value of having students from other countries doing further studies here is widely recognised, but the cost makes the plan difficult of implication. Miss S. Y. Hong came for advanced nursing studies but was somewhat hampered by inadequate English. It is planned to bring two nurses to fit them to carry on with the MacKenzie sisters' work while they are on furlough. The possibility of getting Indonesian students sponsored under the Colombo plan is also being explored.

Finance: Finance remains a real problem. While giving by congregations has increased considerably and in 1953 reached very nearly to the target of £50,000, it has not been sufficient to enable the Committee to meet its Board commitments out of current income. The reserve stored up during the war years for reconstruction has had to be drawn on and is fast being exhausted. The reconstruction funds were immeasurably strengthened by a bequest from the estate of Mrs. Annie Matthew to an amount of £18,500 for work in Korea and China. It was decided to set apart £8,000 for the setting up of hospital work and to place the rest in a special reserve fund. Special appeals have resulted as follows: Vila Hospital Rebuilding (Lord Mayor's Fund), £5,000; Hurricane Relief, £2,542; India Famine Relief, £9,339; Food for India, £1,518. The Committee believe that the Church is willing to give to Foreign Missions if when, the story is told them, the opportunity to give is immediate. We are not unaware of the difficulties of enterprises with less "publicity value," but are convinced that a Church not continually increasing its work and enthusiasm for Foreign Missions is a declining Church. We

therefore go forward with faith believing that the years ahead will bring great advances in the field of our responsibility.

And to Him be the glory.

JAMES BEATTY, Convener.  
JAMES M. STUCKEY, Secretary.

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#### FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The three years that have passed since the last Report of the Foreign Missions Committee of South Australia have been marked by intensified interest in Foreign Missionary work. The harmony which exists among members of the Board of Missions is also a characteristic feature of our own Committee.

The quota of £1,230 for 1952 as against £552 in 1951 has been readily accepted. Missionaries have been met while on furlough or en route to their destinations, car transit has been provided and meetings have been arranged, with teas to meet friends and those specially interested in missionary work.

The principle of co-operation with other States in work beyond the areas of our particular responsibilities has been accepted as a boon and a privilege. Contributions were made towards the needs of Korea and of the New Hebrides as needs presented themselves.

The Committee is greatly indebted to the P.W.M.U. and P.F.A. for their generous contributions and missionary zeal. During 1952, Miss J. Trudinger was set apart as a Deaconess and, being appointed to Aulua, is regarded as our own missionary. In 1953, the P.W.M.U. celebrated its Diamond Jubilee by special services and increased donations to our Funds.

The Field Despatches received from Melbourne have been welcomed and have accelerated missionary interest, while the distribution of pamphlets, missionary digests and New Hebridean maps have contributed to the people's knowledge of our wide-spread missionary activities.

We register our pride and gratitude in the work being carried on at Ernabella under the superintendency of the Rev. R. M. Trudinger, B.A., B.D., and we rejoice in the recovery of Miss Baird from her severe accident.

The Committee meets monthly and is well attended, while at the State Assembly there have been special speakers and missionary films have been exhibited. The film "Children of the Musgraves" has been shown in the country and found there a special appeal. Thus also "The Men of the Mulga."

A Foreign Mission month is set aside in the year during which Ministers dwell from the pulpit on missionary themes and endeavour to stir up missionary enthusiasm.

In August, 1953, a meeting was held in the Town Hall under the auspices of the Aborigines' Advancement League and with which our Committee was associated. This meeting received considerable publicity and the Hall was packed to the doors.

A pamphlet dealing with the "Mission of Ernabella" has been prepared under the direction of Dr. C. Duguid. A sub-committee appointed by our Foreign Missions Committee dealt with all arrangements in connection with the visit of natives from Ernabella on the occasion of the Royal Visit.

The Committee renders its thanks to Almighty God for the maintenance and advance of the missionary cause in all the areas in which the Church exercises its activities.

J. A. MUNRO FORD, Convener.

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#### MISSIONARY COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

In the absence of the Chairman of the Missionary Council of Western Australia this report is necessarily abridged.

During the period since last reporting to the Board, interest has been maintained in the work of the Missions, and special mention is made of the generous help of the P.W.M.U. and of the P.F.A. With much pleasure we report that the P.F.A. were able to provide a powered dinghy

to the Mission Station at Wotjulum which was dedicated by the State Moderator and despatched towards the end of 1953.

A number of missionaries have passed through Perth during the period, including Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Coombes, Miss Dunn, Miss McCredie, Mr. and Mrs. Macmillan from Wotjulum on furlough and Rev. and Mrs. Price on their way to Wotjulum where Mr. Price takes up the position of Superintendent.

It is with pleasure we report that the Government of Western Australia increased the grant for adult indigent natives, and in addition, as this report is being prepared, word has come through that Treasury approval has been given for the payment of £3,800 towards the cost of extensive improvements and the provision of the new lugger in connection with the Mission at Wotjulum.

Our Council has been able to meet the increases of assessments as asked for by the Board through the period and in addition was able to make a grant of £200 towards the work in Timor.

We have every reason for courage and thankfulness to God as we review the period just closing.

On behalf of the Acting Chairman:

THOMAS GIBSON

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS COMMITTEE OF TASMANIA

In reviewing the Minutes that have been sent to the A.P.B.M. from the Tasmanian Foreign Missions Committee over the past three years, there is a realisation of much change; but also of maintained and increased support.

The concern and interest of Tasmania in Ambrym has not been weakened. The return of the Rev. W. F. Paton in 1948, followed by the invaliding home and death of the Rev. J. Stewart Hurse, was a double sorrow; and our hopes of direct representation by the Rev. R. W. Kirkby who went to Ambrym in 1951 have suffered a set-back in his transference to the Tangoa Training Institute and the New Zealand sphere in 1953; but the sufferings of the people of Ambrym through hurricane and volcanic eruption have stirred the more deeply our desire to help their shepherdless estate. Pending a new appointment, we have asked that Mission Council re-examine the possibility of using the Rev. W. F. Paton's Ambrymese Catechism and Hymnal for this scattered and discouraged folk.

With gratitude to God we are able to report continued good progress in the health of the Rev. W. F. Paton. A cause of joy also this year (1954) has been the acceptance of the Call to the Paton Memorial Hospital, Vila, by Sister Brister of St. John's, Hobart.

The Australia-wide Appeals for the New Hebrides Hurricane Relief in 1952 and for the Paton Memorial Hospital, Vila, in 1953, have been well supported in Tasmania, almost £1,000 being subscribed.

Steeply rising costs have brought our Budget quota in 1953 up to £1,613 and this amount was only just found, the F.M. share of the Budget requiring to be supplemented by almost the whole of our slender Reserve Fund.

To help meet emergencies Tasmania has launched a Foreign Mission Reserve Fund (The Second Mile Fund). Still in its initial stages, it has as yet only some fifty members pledged to an annual £1 subscription additional to their normal Foreign Mission giving, but it is hoped that this will grow to be a Fund of much value. The Treasurer is Mr. J. A. B. Finlay, "Baskerville."

The Rev. V. W. Coombes, General Secretary of the A.P.B.M., and also, in his Moderatorial year, the then Right Reverend J. Eric Owen, used their visits to Tasmania to stimulate knowledge of and interest in the wide-spread Foreign Mission work our Presbyterian Church supports; and the visit of Victorian F.M. Secretary, the Rev. J. M. Stuckey, to our Assembly in 1954 was also of great benefit, especially in revealing the challenge of the Call from Indonesia.

It may not be out of place to report also that the Tasmanian Church sent a letter of brotherly love and encouragement to the Presbyterian Church of East Africa as they face the terrorism of the Mau Mau; the Synod of East Africa replying in grateful and cordial terms.

A. CHRISTIE JOHNSTON, Convener.



## MODERATOR GENERAL (Min. 136)

The Moderator reports that, during his term of office, he has visited congregations in the Australian Commonwealth Territory, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Victoria, preaching, setting foundation stones, opening Churches and halls, and dedicating gifts. He addressed the State Assembly in Queensland and the State Assembly in New South Wales. A proposal to visit West Australia was found to be inopportune, and an itinerary arranged for Tasmania had to be abandoned on account of a breakdown in health.

As commissioned by the General Assembly the Moderator, in May, 1953, conducted a service in the precincts of the Ebenezer Church, New South Wales, to celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the first Presbyterian service conducted in Australia and at Ebenezer in 1803.

In September, 1953, the Moderator presided at a meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee that met in Melbourne. In the same month he visited Canberra and preached in our Churches in that city. The Church of St. Andrew in the Federal Capital of Australia is a special concern to this Assembly and deserves the affectionate interest of Presbyterians throughout the Commonwealth. We appear slow to recognise the significance of this Church as a symbol of our unity, and as a centre from which we could more emphatically serve the interests of the Kingdom of God among many nations.

Pursuant to arrangements advanced by the Reverend Hector Harrison official calls were made on the Prime Minister, the American Ambassador and at the Japanese Embassy. Their Excellencies, the Governor-General, Sir William and Lady Slim, very graciously received the Moderator and his wife and entertained them to lunch at Government House.

Several opportunities have been accepted to declare our affectionate loyalty to our beloved Queen and to members of the Royal House. When King George the Sixth died the respectful sympathy of this Church was extended to Her Majesty the Queen and to the Royal Family and our message was graciously acknowledged. By courtesy of the Prime Minister accommodation in Westminster Abbey was allotted to a representative of our Church appointed to attend the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. It is cause for deep satisfaction and appreciation that the Very Reverend J. R. Blanchard was able to attend on that historic occasion.

When Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh visited Canberra in February of this year the Moderator was the recipient of many courtesies shown by the Prime Minister so that the Church was represented at a number of functions arranged in honour of the Royal visitors.

Material help was given through the courtesy of the Premier of Queensland, who graciously provided for the Moderator and his wife free transport on the Queensland railways.

It is regretted that a strict limitation of strength did not allow the acceptance of a number of invitations, particularly invitations kindly extended by country congregations. Grateful acknowledgement is here made of much kindness and generous hospitality received from many Manses. The Moderator is greatly indebted to the Very Reverend Dr. G. R. S. Reid, A. C. Grieve and J. R. Blanchard for timely help and kindly encouragement. Ready co-operation and service was ever available from the Church offices in the several States. The attention and care of his chaplaincies shown in the direction of the Moderator's business has been a service of good-will that is cordially cherished. These trusty brethren took the weight out of many responsibilities, and, on occasion, no doubt kept back the Moderator from presumptuous sins.

RICHARD BARDON, Moderator.

## NATURE AND FUNCTION OF THE MINISTRY (Min. 149)

This Commission was appointed by the last General Assembly (Min. 262) with instructions to study the subject of the Nature and Function of the Ministry in relationship to the standards of the Reformed Church and to report accordingly. The Victorian members of the Commission have met and there has been correspondence with members in other States. However, owing to the preoccupation of the Convener with the un-

usually heavy duties of the Secretaryship of the College Committee and the involvement of other members in considerable responsibilities; little progress, as yet, has been made in the Commission's task. It is anticipated that within the next three years the Commission will function more effectively and present a more adequate report to the Assembly of 1957.

R. SWANTON, Convener.

#### NEW LIFE MOVEMENT (Min. 150)

The following reports summarise the position in the various States regarding the progress of the New Life Movement:-

##### VICTORIA: (Including South Australia and Tasmania)

This matter was referred to in the Report to our General Assembly 1951 by the Extension and Development Committee in which it was stated that this particular Committee had taken up the matter of the New Life Movement, and that the Rev. Trafford Walker had been invited to come to Victoria and give an address. Mr. Walker came, but there is no further reference to the Movement in any subsequent Report to the Assembly.

The Extension and Development Department was discontinued at the beginning of 1953. It was set up for a special purpose for five years. Its term was extended to seven years, and thereafter it closed down.

I am afraid the New Life Movement never caught on in this State. Regretful, but that is the position.

G. D. MCKINNON, Secretary and Treasurer.  
Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

##### Western Australia

Early in the period during which the New Life Movement operated door-to-door canvassing was carried out in some suburban areas, notably in Nedlands and North Perth; the results were reasonably encouraging.

The vigorous way in which the Church in the West has approached the problems created by industrial expansion and migration may well be regarded as an integral part of the New Life Movement. Vital work is being carried out at Kwinana and Medina and a Dutch Chaplain has been appointed to care for the migrants from the Netherlands.

The recent General Assembly was marked by a dominant note of faith and expectancy, no less than eight young men have volunteered for the ministry during the last twelve months, and we feel that in a very real sense we are experiencing a resurgence of spiritual life and vitality.

VICTOR A. H. RANCE,

Convener of the Evangelistic Committee.

##### Queensland

When our previous report was submitted to the G. A. A. nominations were being called for a full time officer to advance the New Life Movement in Queensland. The Rev. H. J. Whitney, B. A., B. D. was appointed as the New Life Evangelist of our Church in Queensland and took up his duties on 1st October, 1951. Mr. Whitney has consistently endeavoured since his appointment to bring new life to the church at the congregational level by conducting evangelistic missions throughout the congregations of our church in Queensland. The value of his work may be gauged from the fact that he has never lacked invitations sufficient to keep him fully occupied since his appointment and is now receiving requests to return for a second time to many spheres of previous ministry. In every place where Mr. Whitney has laboured the Holy Spirit has mightily blessed his proclamation of the Gospel and his ministry has been of rich spiritual benefit to our church.

The work of the Evangelist has been carried on now long past the time when the New Life Movement was planned to conclude and the Assembly of 1953 resolved to reappoint Rev. H. J. Whitney as Assembly Evangelist for a further period of 2 years from 1st October, 1953. The committee on Spiritual Life and Work recommended this reappointment to the Assembly of 1953 because it felt "that there is a definite spiritual movement in the church, due largely to the efforts of the New Life Evangelist." The report of the Committee the same year disclosed that upwards of 1,000 souls had publicly declared themselves for Christ or reconsecrated themselves to His service since the Evangelist's appointment in October, 1951.

While the Committee felt, at the end of the 3 year period of the New Life Movement of the G. A. A. that it may not have developed according to the organisational plan as at first set out, there was cause for a very real sense of satisfaction in the spirit of new life which has come to our church.

The Report of the Committee on Spiritual Life and Work to the Queensland Assembly this year showed that the ministry of the Evangelist has continued with consistent success within our State and on the few occasions when the opportunity has arisen to serve in spheres outside Queensland. The Assembly "noted with pleasure the increasing interest in our Church's Work in Evangelism and commended the work of the Assembly Evangelist to the fervent prayers of our people."

R. E. PASHEN,  
Convener,  
Committee on Spiritual Life and Work.

#### New South Wales

In this State, an attempt was made, over the three year period of the New Life Movement, to carry out the programme as suggested by the Committee. A number of conferences were held in various Presbyteries, and a certain amount of literature published. Some congregations attempted the "Parish Mission" method of reaching disinterested and nominal Presbyterians, with considerable success in certain cases. Many congregations worked along their own lines without following the set plan, and experienced new interest and activity.

While it is extremely difficult to assess the result of the Movement, it is certain that in those cases where an attempt was made to implement the planned programme, definite benefit was experienced. In too many cases, however, there was very little enthusiasm for the movement and very little was done.

The Movement did at least serve to emphasise the need for greater devotion and loyalty on the part of the total membership of the Church, and some congregations at least were awakened to a greater sense of their responsibility. A number of these are still experiencing beneficial results from the efforts that were made.

KEITH W. BURTON,  
Convener,  
N. S. W. Committee.

#### General

The foregoing reports indicate that in Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia, the New Life Movement was merged in the Extension and Development Campaign and had no separate entity; in Western Australia, some activity was manifested; in Queensland, the appointment of Rev.

H. J. Whitney as Assembly Evangelist has resulted in the extension of the Movement beyond the period planned; in New South Wales, some attempt was made to carry out the programme, with rather mixed success.

It must be admitted, in the words of the Victorian report, that as far as the greater part of the Australian Church is concerned, the New Life Movement "did not catch on." There is something in the nature of Presbyterians which revolts against any suggestion of regimentation, and yet far too many of our ministers, office-bearers and people are too apathetic to adopt any means of revitalizing their work on their own initiative.

The New Life Movement presented a programme which, if adopted enthusiastically and simultaneously throughout the Church, could have resulted in a marked revival. But until the Church as a whole is willing to face the issue and be stirred from its apathy, any such campaign is doomed to failure.

KEITH W. BURTON,  
Convener.

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#### PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Min. 236)

Most of the reports from the various State Assembly Committees which are responsible for the Public Questions, have not come to the hands of the Convener up to date, excepting those from Victoria and West Australia. Being a member of the New South Wales Church Life and Work Committee I am in touch with N.S.W. attitude and decisions.

It is quite manifest that a full report of the discussions in each and all of the States is therefore impossible. It is however factual that the problems which occupy our Committees are much the same in each and all of the States, subject of course to the slight variation of State laws.

One of the most important matters which has been before the various Assemblies and remitted to Committees, is that of "The Christian Observance of Sunday." This subject received a fair amount of attention at the last G.A. of A. which met in Melbourne. Various points of view which were raised were remitted to the Committee to consider and report upon at the 1954 Assembly. As the Church Life and Work Committee of the N.S.W. Assembly is the Public Questions Committee of the G.A. of A. and this Committee does not meet until the beginning of August it is not possible to report thereon in this statement for the White Book at the moment. This finding will require to be published as a separate paper with the Deliverances to this short report.

In each of our States there is a necessity laid upon the Church to voice her decisions on Public Questions. It has been the fact that the Church is often behind time in expressing her mind on the many questions relative to the moral and religious well-being of the community. There is a psychological moment at which to speak. Many have the feeling that the Committee of the Assembly concerned with the particular subject ought to know the mind of the Assembly thereon and ought to express it at the right time.

At the last Assembly we were able in our "deliverances" to congratulate the Victorian State Assembly on the fact that their State was free of the "State Lottery" and it was hoped that this freedom would continue. With all diligence and vigilance it is manifest that the changes of political interests and parties have unfortunately found ready support for this iniquitous introduction. It is given a humanitarian appeal on a supposed financial aid for the sick and dying. With so many present day institutions, e.g., the Hospital Funds on a State basis, has surely robbed the "lotteries" of their supposed financial aid to the sick. As was expected the Lotteries in other States continue; seemingly now having gained their result of having taught most of the community to gamble.

The whole situation of INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:— with the discussion of communism, and Peace and War, has become a great world subject which seems to remove its consideration as an item in this Committee's report. This now is a big issue, the biggest issue that the Nation has at this time to face. That being so we would suggest that it be considered as a separate matter in close association with the Australian Section of the World Council of Churches where it seems to us it rightly belongs.

"State aid to denominational Schools" which though somewhat quiescent at this time, is not removed from the possibility of coming to light again. We believe that by the united attitude of the Protestant Churches Governments have been restrained from making State-Aid available to Schools:— nevertheless it is to be appreciated that provision has been made by the Federal Government for an allowance in Taxation for parents whose children are in secondary Church Schools. It is our continued conviction that no grants ought to be provided by the Government at the expense of the taxpayer.

Regarding Television:— Much evidence was tendered by the respective State Assemblies through their Councils of Churches (States) and by the Australian Section of the World Council, to the Commissions on Television. Our Committees were represented in these Commissions and we are hopeful that when Television becomes a part of our broadcasting that not alone will the Church have great privilege thereon, but also the principles worthy of a Christian land will be manifest in the standards which will be expressed in the Act.

#### Salacious and Morally Degrading Papers

Our various Assemblies have had to raise through their Committees, strong objection to the many types of papers and periodicals, Comic and otherwise which are considered of bad taste. Some have been pornographic in picture and word, vicious and salacious in character, and definitely ministering to the lower and debased nature developed in youth thereby. These results have been the occasion of "deputations" to Governmental authorities; mainly through the Fraternals and Councils of Churches, asking for legislative action to insure a morally clean type of literature and press.

PERSECUTION of Protestants:— "Eternal vigilance is the price of our liberty" for we know that there are those who yet assert, "if we had might as we have right, we would introduce the Inquisition again." In most of our States Committees we have discussed the persecutions of Protestants, especially the Protestants in Columbia. Reports from the authoritative Confederation of Evangelical Churches in Columbia have occasioned Councils of Churches taking the matter up with the Roman Catholic authorities in Australia and with the Federal Government. In New South Wales the Committee were associated with the Council of Churches and Protestant Associations in publicly condemning such persecutions. In addition there was a week of a special Protestant Mission of Positive Protestantism as an alternative to the errors connected with the Eucharistic Congress.

Appropos to the question of Sunday Observance the Public Question Committees of our respective Assemblies have been concerned with the increasing encroachments of Organised Sport on Sundays, which are by no means confined to any one State. There is a general feeling amongst many Church leaders and people that there are few of those who are in "authority" in Councils and State who have sufficient concern as to whether such Sunday Sport and gate collections are within or without the law. It is of great concern to those who accept the sacred significance of the Lord's Day, to note the big gatherings of all kinds and types of worldly interests are set down for Sundays.

The National Service Military Parades in some districts, have caused concern; in that Sunday has been so continuously chosen for these displays. Such military displays and parades on Sunday must deter the work of Chaplains in camps and must also tend to foster amongst youth a disregard for the habit of public worship and attendance on youths, Christian Fellowship groups and activities. The Committee would appreciate a tightening up on this matter by the Federal Government in its National Service authority; so that such parades may be kept to a minimum on the Lord's Day.

From the three States from which the Convener has received reports, it is evident that the Church is alive to the privilege and responsibility which rests upon those who are the guardians of the Church's faith and morals. Committees have attended to quite an amount of routine business which could only be told by those who have engaged therein. The Assembly would express thanks to the members of the Committees in the various States who have worked and served in the efforts to establish the Christian implicate of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May I as Convener thank those who have so loyally supported me in the Convener'ship of this Committee during the term of my occupancy of that responsibility; but may I also ask the Court to relieve me from the further responsibility of the Convener'ship. I have now joined the ranks of the Minister Emeritus; and feel that a younger Minister, who is in the active service should be appointed.

S. ARTHUR EASTMAN,  
Convener.

### Supplementary Report

#### "The Proper Use of Sunday"

REPORT.—1. Statement of the Case. At the 1951 G.A. of A. discussion ensued on an Overture which was submitted by the Hartwell Session, (Vic.) and had been transmitted to the Court by the Presbytery of Melbourne North, seeking a decision on/and a policy on "the proper observance of Sunday."

To certain statements in the Overture, certain members, viz.: Mr. F. M. Bradshaw, Rev. E. W. Archer and Rev. H. G. Jones had recorded their dissent on grounds stated in Minutes No. 207, and Communication 13 of the G.A. of A.

At the same Assembly the Rev. W. E. Blackwood presented a statement which is No. 37 G.A. of A. Minutes.

After much discussion the Movers fell from Notices of Motion 27 and 37. (See Minute 203. The Rev. K. W. Burton, who was presenting the Report then moved:— That the Assembly:

- (a) Sustain the Overture in so far as it raises the question.
- (b) Refer the suggestions contained therein, together with those contained in Motion 37 by the Rev. W. E. Blackwood, and the relevant

Minutes of the State Assembly of Victoria, to the Public Questions Committee for report to the next Assembly . . . . At the August Standing Committees of the N.S.W. Church Life and Work Committee, which is the G.A. of A. Public Questions Committee, with Presbytery Representatives gave consideration to the matter submitted . . . the Rev. S. A. Eastman, Convener in the Chair.

The contents of the respective statements were analysed; after which the Committee unanimously adopted the STATEMENT contained in No. 37, by the Rev. W. E. Blackwood, with the alteration of one word, which was the substitution of the word "challenge" with "request."

The Committee therefore submit the statement as follows for the Assembly. In order to facilitate its consideration by the Assembly, we print the "Statement" in the Report.

#### STATEMENT

1. There is a vital connection between the Sabbath of the Old Testament and the Lord's Day, inasmuch as Jesus Christ claimed to be Lord of the Sabbath, and that "the Sabbath was made for man," not just for the Jew.
2. The Lord's Day or Christian Sunday is, therefore, set apart as a day of rest from all ordinary work, except works of necessity and mercy, and as a day for honouring Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, celebrating as it does His rising from the dead, and the Pentecostal bestowal of the Holy Spirit.
3. It is the privilege and duty of all people, whether under law or in grace, to participate in corporate worship and to use the Day specifically for spiritual culture and refreshment, and for doing good in acts of mercy and service.
4. Though the Church refrains from condemnation of acts, which accord with the dictates of the individual's conscience, it claims that the call of the Sabbath comes from God, and therefore cannot be ignored without grievous hurt to the individual and to the community.
5. The Presbyterian Church of Australia must therefore request State and Municipal authorities and all charitable, commercial, sporting and entertainment organisations that they preserve the atmosphere necessary for the true purpose of the Lord's Day and refrain from permitting the organisation of gatherings that would put a strain upon the Christian conscience.
6. The Presbyterian Church of Australia is constrained to invite all Christian Churches to unite in a sustained and urgent call to all Christian people to regard the Christian heritage of the Lord's Day as a definite challenge to engage regularly in public worship, to maintain Christian ordinances and to accept it as a supreme opportunity for the spread of the Gospel, the building up of the Kingdom of God, and as a necessity for the further moral and spiritual progress of humanity.

S. ARTHUR EASTMAN, Convener.

#### RECEPTION OF MINISTERS (200-212, 277)

The Executive of the Committee met four times in Sydney and the attendance of members was excellent.

Certificates of Status were granted, on completion of the requirements set out by the last Assembly, to the following Ministers:—Revs. A. C. MacLean; W. B. Gentle, M.A., B.D.; E. G. Ewin; V. A. H. Rance; H. White; A. G. Finch, B.A., L.Th.; L. Becske; A. U. Soos; and H. J. Pepper. The Rev. H. S. Morgan left for Wales before completing his year under the Home Mission Committee.

Certificates of Status under Rule 195 were also given to the following Ministers:—Revs. John McFall, M.A.; G. Fairservice, M.A.; A. D. Hallam, B.D.; Rev. C. A. Gibson, from the Church of Scotland; Rev. Murdoch Luke, from the United Free Church of Scotland; Mr. G. T. McGregor, B.A.; Mr. D. M. Hodges, B.A., B.D.; Mr. D. M. Macrae, B.A., Licentiates of the Church of Scotland; Rev. W. Phillips, from the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand; Rev. J. D. Groenewegen, M.Th., B.D., A. v.d. Hoeven, D.D.; J. Roodenburg, B.D.; J. W. v.d. Meene, B.A., B.D.; Jac de Vries, Ministers of the Reformed Church of the Netherlands.

A Petition was received from the Rev. Benno Joachim Tautorat, Minister of the German Evangelical Church. The Committee resolved to receive him under Rule 196 (f) as a Minister of the Church eligible for a Call on the completion of a probation to end on 31st December, 1952. In 1953 he was inducted to Sarina, Queensland.

The following Petitions have been received:—

1. Rev. F. A. Hoad, B.A., Baptist Church.
  2. Rev. C. J. Paton, L.Th., Baptist Church.
  3. Rev. A. I. Trotman, L.Th., Congregational Church.
  4. Rev. C. G. Burt, Churches of Christ.
  5. Rev. R. C. McLean, B.A., B.D., Dip.Ed., Methodist Church.
  6. Rev. D. C. Harper, Baptist Church.
  7. Rev. W. R. Hopkins, Baptist Church, Scotland.
  8. Rev. R. L. Thaden, B.A., B.D., Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.
  9. Rev. A. W. Stuart, B.A., Baptist Church.
  10. Rev. D. C. Gray, Baptist Church, Scotland.
1. Rev. Francis Alfred Hoad, B.A. Age 45. Single. Well-known in the Presbytery of Sydney South and commended. [Recommended: that the prayer of the Petition be granted under Rule 197 (e) with one year in a Theological Hall to the satisfaction of the Faculty, with examination in Church, Ministry, and Sacraments, meanwhile fulfilling the H.M. requirements].
  2. Rev. Clyde John Paton, L.Th. Age 35. Married, four children. Well-known in the Presbytery of Sydney South and commended. [Recommended: that the prayer of the Petition be granted under Rule 197 (e) with one year in a Theological Hall to the satisfaction of the Faculty, with Exit examinations in all subjects except Hebrew, meanwhile fulfilling the H.M. requirements].
  3. Rev. Albert Isaac Trotman, L.Th. Age 54. Married, two children. Trained in United Course in Brisbane. Well-known in Presbytery of Mowbray and has served Home Mission Committee satisfactorily. [Recommended: that the prayer of the Petition be granted under Rule 197 (e), provided that he pass the Exit examination in Church, Ministry, and Sacraments; meanwhile fulfilling the H.M. requirements].
  4. Rev. Colin George Burt. Age 34. Married, three children. Trained at Glen Iris College of the Bible. Known and heartily supported by the Presbytery of Ballarat. [Recommended: that the prayer of the Petition be granted under Rule 197 (e) with two years in a Theological Hall to the satisfaction of the Faculty, with examination in Church, Ministry, and Sacraments, meanwhile fulfilling the H.M. requirements; then to be Ordained].
  5. Rev. Raymond Clinton McLean, B.A., B.D., Dip.Ed. Age 42. Married, two children. Known and recommended by Presbytery of Melbourne East. Wishes to continue teaching in a Church School. [Recommended: that the prayer of the Petition be granted under Rule 197 (e) with a reading course in Church, Ministry, and Sacraments, meanwhile fulfilling one year under the Home Mission Committee].
  6. Rev. Denis Coffee Harper. Age 49. Married, two children. Known and recommended by the Presbytery of Melbourne West. [Recommended: that the prayer of the Petition be granted under Rule 197 (e) with two years in a Theological Hall to the satisfaction of the Faculty, with examination in Church, Ministry, and Sacraments, meanwhile fulfilling the H.M. requirements].
  7. Rev. William Read Hopkins. Age 46. Married, three children. Served on F.M. staff of Church of Scotland. Known and recommended by Presbytery of Perth. [Recommended: that the prayer of the Petition be granted under Rule 197 (e) with two years in a Theological Hall to the satisfaction of the Faculty, with examination in Church, Ministry, and Sacraments, meanwhile fulfilling H.M. requirements; thereafter to be Ordained].
  8. Rev. Robert Lawrence Thaden, B.A., B.D. Age 36. Married, three children. Wife an Australian. Not yet in Australia. Recommended by Presbytery of Melbourne North. [Recommend: that the Executive be empowered to deal with this Petition when Mr. Thaden arrives in Australia].
  9. Rev. Archibald Watson Stuart, B.A. Age 66. Married. Well-known as Secretary, B. and F. Bible Society for many years in N.S.W.

- Does not desire Beneficiary Fund. Well-known to Presbytery of North Sydney. [Recommend: that the prayer of the Petition be granted].
10. Rev. Douglas Craig Gray. Married with children. Recommended by Church of Scotland Ministers. Recently arrived in Australia. [Recommended; that the Committee be empowered to deal with his Petition after a preliminary period of service under the Home Mission Committee].
  11. Rev. George Alfred Woolcock. Age 42. Married, four children. Rained in England and ordained by Congregational Union. Recently Minister in Pitt Street Congregational Church.  
[Recommended by full Committee; that the Prayer of the Petition be granted under rule 197 (e) with a reading course in Church, Ministry, and Sacraments to the satisfaction of a Faculty, meanwhile fulfilling the H.M. requirements].

W. CUMMING THOM,  
Convener.

## RELATIONS WITH OTHER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES (Min. 255)

### 1. Relations with Presbyterian Alliance

During the last three years a great deal of correspondence on a variety of subjects has passed between the committee and the central office of the World Presbyterian Alliance at Geneva; information about Alliance, Section and Executive meetings and other matters has been sent to the committee and some of it passed on from time to time to our Church papers for publication; and the opinion of the committee on many matters has been sought and given. The greater part of the committee's attention has, however, been given directly or indirectly to matters related to the proposed establishment of a new Pacific or Southern Section of the Alliance and to preparations for the 17th General Council of the Alliance, both of which are referred to in more detail below.

### 2. Visits from Alliance Officials

In November, 1952, the Reverend Dr. E. Emmen, of the Reformed Church of the Netherlands, visited Australia and New Zealand in connection with the immigration of people from Holland and also as the official representative of the Presbyterian Alliance. He was entertained by the committee in Melbourne and conferred with them with particular reference to the proposed Pacific Section. The Reverend Dr. Marcel Pradervand, the Executive Secretary of the Alliance, had planned to visit parts of South-East Asia, Indonesia, Australia, and New Zealand in the latter part of 1953, but the pressure of preparations for the 17th Council necessitated postponement. It is now planned that he should make the visit in 1955.

### 3. New "Southern Section" of the Alliance

After preliminary correspondence with the New Zealand Church, which, (through its Committee on Ecumenical Affairs), asked us to act as its agent in the matter, the committee began the arduous task of working out a scheme for a new Pacific or Southern Section of the Alliance and of consulting the different Churches concerned, at the same time keeping the Geneva office fully informed of developments. This process reached its culmination in a two-day conference held in Melbourne on 15th and 16th March, 1954, between your committee and two representatives of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand who came specially by air from Christchurch for the meeting. The committee, having no funds of any sort at its disposal, made a personal appeal by letter to the subscribers to the "Presbyterian World" (the official organ of the Alliance) in Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania and by this means raised a sum of £64 to pay one third of the airways fares of the two New Zealand delegates. The meeting was a very fruitful one. The form of a "Report and Recommendations" to be submitted to the 17th General Council of the Alliance was agreed upon, and other important conclusions were also reached. The "Report and Recommendations" is printed as an appendix to this report.

An important outcome of the conference was an offer by the New Zealand committee to share in the cost of the future organising work, and in view of this the Convener of the New Zealand committee has been associated as a corresponding member with the Australian committee, thus



creating a "joint provisional organising committee" for the Southern Section region.

#### 4. 17th General Council of the Alliance

(a) *Study Group Preparation.* For the first time some official part in the preparation of study material for a General Council was taken by an Australasian group, which supplied some notes for use in connection with Sub-Theme 5, "The Renewal of the Church's Inner Life," on which a Hungarian and a Canadian group also worked.

(b) *Australian Delegation.* The actual experience of appointing delegates to represent the Australian Church at Princeton has revealed how very unsatisfactory is our present position. On the formula used, the Presbyterian Church of Australia is entitled to eleven (11) voting members and two (2) "corresponding" members (one "Woman," one "Youth"). Mainly because the committee has no funds or regular income at its disposal it is impossible to choose a really representative delegation of those best qualified by knowledge, interest, and status in the Church. Having to make use of those going or already abroad for some other purpose is most unsatisfactory and only occasionally will it provide the kind of delegates really needed. This goes to the very root of most of the difficulties which have beset our relation to the Alliance in the past, and prevents our making the contribution we should to the work of the Alliance, or receiving maximum benefit from it. The matter is one upon which the committee intends to concentrate in the immediate future.

#### 5. Relations with other Churches

There has been a fair amount of correspondence on matters of mutual interest with Presbyterian Churches in other parts of the world, e.g., England, Greece, U.S.A., and Canada. Within Australia close contacts, mostly of an informal kind, have been maintained with the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, the Free Presbyterian Church of Victoria, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church in the same State. These contacts have been very helpful in ensuring cordial co-operation in certain matters, notably immigration. We report as a matter of "family" interest an event of considerable historic importance which took place on 25th November, 1953. This was the ecclesiastical and legal absorption of the Free Presbyterian Church of Victoria into the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Australia, which was accomplished by means of a private Bill passed by the Victorian Parliament. The Convener and Mr. F. Maxwell Bradshaw were privileged to be present at the historic meeting of Synod at which the amalgamation took place, and an official letter of congratulations and good wishes was sent by the committee and cordially received.

#### 6. Finance

The natural growth of the committee's work, the increased interest taken by the Alliance Executive and by other Presbyterian Churches in this part of the world, the preliminary organising activity relative to the proposed Southern or Pacific Section and the continuation and expansion of this which is likely, and the increasingly large and active part being taken by our Church in the work of the Alliance—these, and other aspects of the committee's work, all emphasise the urgent need for a largely increased income for administrative purposes. Also there is no money at all available for the expenses of even one official representative at Council, Section, and Executive meetings of the Alliance, and overseas Presbyterian Churches and officials are amazed and puzzled by this apparent (and, so far as the committee is concerned, very real) penury compared with what other and less wealthy Churches are doing to ensure their proper participation in these important Alliance meetings. Furthermore the committee feels bound to point out how pitifully small and unworthy is our contribution of £25 a year to the Alliance central funds.

In view of these facts it has been decided to ask the General Assembly to make an annual contribution of £50 to the Alliance central funds, and in addition to make available to the committee for administrative and other expenses a sum of £100 per annum, any unexpended balances being allowed to accumulate to the credit of the committee. By this means, and with the help of the contribution from New Zealand (see section 3 above), it may be possible to build up the nucleus of a fund from which part, at least, of the expense of official representation at Alliance meetings could be paid. The committee has already determined to concentrate

during the next three years on ways and means to supplement any such income from voluntary sources.

E. WALLACE ARCHER,  
Convener.

#### APPENDIX

### WORLD PRESBYTERIAN ALLIANCE

#### Proposed New Southern Section. Joint Report and Recommendations of the Presbyterian Churches of Australia and New Zealand

In August, 1951, the Executive Committee of the Alliance adopted the following resolution:

"That the Executive Committee, believing that there are needed more effective relationships between the Alliance and the constituent Churches and between the Churches themselves in *South East Asia, New Zealand and Australia*, requests the Executive Secretary to invite these Churches to consider the matter and to inform the Executive Committee whether, in their opinion, the time has come to organise one or more new Sections of the Alliance in their areas; and if so, what Churches and regions should be included."

This was communicated to the Presbyterian Churches of Australia and New Zealand. The General Assembly of each Church approved the suggestion of forming a new Section in the Pacific area, and authorised its appropriate committee to act with other Presbyterian Churches in drawing up plans to this end.

Ever since the early part of 1949 the Australian Committee on Relations with Other Presbyterian Churches had been actively at work in an endeavour to establish friendly relations with the Churches of the Presbyterian family in Indonesia. It succeeded in making important contacts and in securing much valuable information about these Churches, but the course of political affairs in that part of the world, the transfer of sovereignty, and subsequent ecclesiastical re-groupings and re-organisation resulted in those contacts being lost. More recent attempts by the committee to establish others have not been successful, though the Australian Presbyterian Board of Missions has received from the Evangelical Church of West Timor a request for a team of workers to assist in the urgent work of evangelisation there; and there is other evidence that some of the Indonesian Churches are looking to Australia and New Zealand with awakened interest. The Church in the New Hebrides has expressed its willingness to co-operate within the proposed new Section. No reply has come to an enquiry sent to New Caledonia.

The question of a new Section in the Australian and Pacific region is not a new one. The Council resolved in 1892 that an "Australian Sub-section" be constituted, but it never eventuated. The root of the trouble now, as then, is the nature of the Alliance structure—its organisation in only two Sections, a Western (the American continent), which is a workable unit, and the Eastern (the remainder of the world) which is not.

As General Councils, the Eastern Section, and executive committees of the whole Alliance or of the Eastern Section meet in Europe or America, the Australian and New Zealand Churches are precluded by distance, time, and expense from sending full or properly qualified or representative delegations to Council or Section meetings, and from sending one or more men every year or two to attend executive meetings. Yet without the contacts and mutual exchange of knowledge, and participation in decisions, which such attendance alone can give, neither the Alliance nor the Australian and New Zealand Churches can reap the benefits of their membership. In these circumstances the connection with the Alliance is felt to be very tenuous, and it is difficult to arouse or maintain interest in its purposes and work and to secure financial support.

The need for dividing the Eastern Section into more workable units seems now to be generally recognised throughout the Alliance. This recognition is probably in part the result of the growth within the last twenty years of autonomous native Churches in the vast areas of Asia and Africa, and in the Pacific Ocean region, and more recently of the

establishment of a number of new self-governing States which formerly were dependencies of European powers. It is natural that there should grow up a degree of mutual interest between such new States and Churches lying to the South-East of Asia and the countries and Churches of Australia and New Zealand, which are located in the same region. But it is essential to realise that almost all of these younger native Churches are either not entirely self-supporting or are faced with a tremendous task of evangelisation in their own localities and that they lack the resources of equipment, money, and trained workers to carry it out.

It is therefore not unimportant, but of the very essence of the matter before us, to realise that the relatively highly organised Presbyterian Churches of Australia and New Zealand (situated in countries having a high material standard of living and, in the economic sense, advanced and prosperous) are in point of numbers relatively small, and at the same time confronted with difficult, expensive, and constantly expanding programmes of Church extension within their own countries, due to rapidly increasing populations. In Australia the percentage of the population who describe themselves as Presbyterians is 10%; in New Zealand it is 23%. The Presbyterian communicants in Australia number about 105,000, in New Zealand about 65,000, in a total population of roughly 11 (eleven) millions. The total population of the area which it is proposed should form a new Section of the Alliance is over 100 millions, of whom, probably less than 20% could be classed as even nominally Christian.

From these facts it becomes apparent that the Presbyterian Churches of Australia and New Zealand must be regarded as an outpost of the Alliance in an essentially missionary area of the world; and it becomes equally clear that the internal organisation and functioning of the proposed new Section (which they would have to organise) cannot, possibly for a long time, be brought to approximate to that of the present two Sections or to new Sections as envisaged in the proposed new Constitution of the Alliance—described, as the latter are, in terms of concepts borrowed from the functioning of the Western Section and of the European part of the Eastern Section. Something much simpler and more flexible and less expensive is required for this Southern area. Furthermore, the Australian and the New Zealand committees that have been working on this problem, are convinced that, initially, a provisional organising committee will need to be set up and to continue working patiently for a number of years, in close consultation with the Alliance Executive, to establish throughout this great area the necessary contacts, build up mutual respect and goodwill between Churches, and lay in this way the only kind of foundations upon which a more active policy, and a more closely integrated organisation, may in the future be built up.

The committees are of opinion that the area initially proposed for the new Section, viz., that including Australia and New Zealand (and their associated territories), Indonesia, the New Hebrides, and New Caledonia, is the minimum area required to be useful, and very nearly the maximum area which on account of distances, time and expense, could, in this part of the world, be made a workable unit in the foreseeable future; but it is thought that Churches in certain countries lying, as it were, on the fringe of the area to the North-West might wish to be associated with this new Section, even if only temporarily, and provision for that is suggested. The recommendations which follow are designed to cover this matter of area and to provide for the kind of provisional organisation that the local conditions seem to require.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Council approve the establishment of a Southern Section of the Alliance for the area including Australia and New Zealand (and their associated territories), Indonesia, the New Hebrides and New Caledonia.
2. That the Executive Committee be empowered, with the concurrence of the provisional organising committee referred to hereafter, and of Presbyterian Churches in the countries concerned, to add further territory to the area of the proposed Southern Section.
3. That the Council appoint for the proposed Section a provisional organising committee consisting of the Victorian members for the time

being of the Australian Church's Committee on Relations with Other Presbyterian Churches, and the Convener for the time being of the New Zealand Church's Committee on Ecumenical affairs as corresponding member, with the Convener of the Australian Church's committee as Convener of the said provisional committee—the meeting place of which shall normally be in Melbourne.

4. That the Council request and authorise the provisional committee—
  - (a) to take all measures possible to prepare the way for the formal inauguration and the active operation of a Southern Section as soon as that may be feasible;
  - (b) to make a progress report of its activities to the Alliance Executive Committee in August of each year prior to that in which the 18th General Council is held and directly to that Council when it meets—unless in the meantime the Southern Section has been formally inaugurated, in which case the report to the Council shall be made by the Section Administrative Committee.
5. That the Council—
  - (a) request the Executive Committee to give special consideration to the question of how best to assist the provisional committee in carrying forward the work entrusted to it, and in particular to facilitate such arrangements for an early visit of the General Secretary to the South Pacific region as will be most beneficial in furthering the purpose and work of the provisional committee;
  - (b) authorise the Executive Committee to do all other things needful and within its power formally to establish the new Section when in its opinion the time shall be opportune.

#### BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Min. 242)

In presenting this Report the Board expresses its thankfulness to God for guidance given over a very difficult period in its history.

1. The Board. The following alterations have taken place since last Assembly. The Rev. H. F. Elmore replaced the Rev. E. C. Day when he was appointed Associate Director; the Rev. William Young took the place of the Rev. G. Ross Williams who, after many years of service to the Board, resigned owing to the pressure of chaplaincy work; in March, 1954, the Rev. H. F. Elmore, who is Chaplain to a Boys' School, finding he could not attend the Executive meetings, resigned and the Rev. Colin Thomson was appointed in his place.

The Board meetings have been held annually. The members have been very happy under the Convener'ship of the Rev. A. D. Marchant and they are grateful to him for his leadership. Meetings of the Executive have been held almost monthly and that of the Board yearly. In 1953 the Queensland Youth Department made it possible for the Board to meet in that State. This meeting coincided with the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Board by the G.A.A. in 1928 at its meeting in Brisbane. The interstate members arrived in Brisbane on a Saturday and were given hospitality by the Brisbane Ministers and on the Sunday they took services in and around Brisbane and at Toowoomba. From the Monday to the Thursday they held the Board meeting at Alexandra Park, the Presbyterian Youth Conference centre, which is the envy of all youth workers in Australia.

In 1954 the Board meeting was held at "Manyung," the Y.M.C.A. camp at Mornington, Victoria and in 1955 the Board has been invited to meet in New South Wales. The members feel there is a considerable advantage from "living in" during their annual meetings.

2. Staff Changes. The Rev. A. T. McNaughton left for New Zealand on January 17, 1952. On December 12, 1951, the Executive farewelled Miss Hazel Belcher who had resigned from her full-time position with the Board which she had served faithfully for some sixteen years. She was then appointed as part-time Editor of "The Record." The Rev. E. C. Day commenced his duties as Associate Director on January 1, 1952.

3. The Directorships. The position at the close of the 1951 Assembly was that the Rev. E. C. Day had been appointed Associate Director; the action of the Board in calling for applications for the position of Federal Director had been approved; a Commission had been appointed to deal with the directorships. At an Interstate meeting of the Board

held on November 21, 1951, the members examined the financial position and considered that the appointment of another director would result in all available money being used in central administration and so no allocation could be made to the State Youth Departments for their own work. The situation was then put before the Youth Departments and the general reply received was that the time was not opportune for the appointment of a Federal Director. When the Board held its annual meeting the following April it had before it estimates of receipts and expenditure as checked by the Joint Board Accountant. It then decided not to proceed with a further appointment, but that the Rev. E. C. Day should carry out the duties of both offices with certain of the editorial work being farmed out. By that time he had been appointed Executive Manager of the Joint Board of Graded Lessons for six years as from January 1, 1952. Under these circumstances the Board did not ask the Moderator to convene a meeting of the Commission, but the situation was reported to him. The Advisory Committee were also notified at their meeting held in September, 1952.

The Board desires to place on record its deep appreciation of the splendid service that has been rendered since last Assembly by the Rev. E. C. Day as Associate Director. He handled a difficult situation with consummate skill and with rewarding success. The whole aspect has changed. Instead of the Board having to rely on an overdraft, which is a hampering position for any enterprise, it has entered 1954 with a reserve of its own and the State Youth Departments are receiving a more liberal allocation than was previously possible.

The present position is: there are two directorships; that of Associate Director to which the Rev. E. C. Day has been appointed for a period of six years from January 1, 1952, and that of Federal Director to which no appointment has been made. The result is that Mr. Day is actually the Director of the Board and it is felt he should be placed in that position officially.

The Board suggests that the present offices of Associate Director and Federal Director be terminated and that Mr. Day should be appointed Director for three years from January 1, 1955; that there should be an increase in the salary of £50 per annum; and that, in view of a possible increase in rents, the limit of the house allowance should be raised to £250 per annum.

4. Finance. Briefly, the financial difficulties of the Board arose because rapidly increasing costs reduced the allocation the Joint Board was able to make to the Presbyterian Board; the costs of the Presbyterian Board office had risen; the State Youth Departments with their own expenses increasing were allotted their usual "dividends." At that time it was hoped that an increase in the prices of Joint Board literature would overcome the "lag." Instead, costs "jumped" and the Board was left with loans and advances. To overcome the difficulty the Youth Departments received no allocation as a "dividend" during the first half of 1952. In the second half they received 2 % and in 1953 this was increased to 12 %. But during 1953 the situation changed. Sales of graded literature increased, more of the publications were registered as periodicals and this was accompanied by a decrease in expenses. The Joint Board allocation for 1953 was such that the Youth Departments had their 12 % "dividend" increased to 20% on their sales.

One of the difficulties associated with Presbyterian Board finance was that the date of balance of the Joint Board was November 30, which was the end of the literature year. The Presbyterian Board balanced on June 30. The Board agreed to alter the date of balance from June 30 to December 31 as by that date the full allocation to be made by the Joint Board is known. This alteration means that the financial statement presented herewith is for 2 years; six months from July 1, 1951, to December 31, 1951, and for the calendar years 1952 and 1953.

The Board at its meeting held in April, 1953, received a request from the Youth Committee of the Western Australian Church asking for assistance so that a full time worker could be obtained for that State.

The Board readily agreed to the request and has offered the sum of £200 per annum for three years.

Overseas Study Fund. In accordance with the resolution, B.B. 1951; 265 (22) the sum of £200 has been paid into this fund. Its purpose is "to assist the travel or other expenses of a suitable Minister, licentiate, or deaconess, who desires to carry out some definite piece of study in the field of Christian Education, at an overseas university or other institution approved of by the Board."

5. Publications. During 1953 the Board issued a catalogue of its publications and in addition to supplying Bookrooms and Youth Departments, posted a copy to each Minister in the Church. The Book of Memory Lessons, the Book of Family Worship, and the Year Book have been published annually with sales remaining constant. Reprints have been made of "The Fire in the Heart," "Worship the King" and in the Practical Pamphlet series of "The Church and Your Child."

Of the new publications, "Why Presbyterian?" by the Rev. J. C. Jamieson, meets a long felt want. Copies are being sold in each State and in New Zealand, South Africa, and Northern Ireland. "Go or Send" by the Rev. James Stuckey, was the study book for Easter Conferences, 1954. It has the two-fold purpose of giving information about the Mission Fields of our Church and of making the personal appeal for service. "Revive Us Again" by the Rev. J. C. Jamieson was subsidised by the Extension and Development Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria who took 1,000 copies to distribute to Kirk-Sessions and a further 2,500 have been sold. "The ABC of Prayer" by the Rev. J. Vardre James has three short studies on Prayer. "The Young Presbyterian's Manual" has been revised and published. "God So Loved" by the Rev. C. M. Dyster, a series of studies in St. John's Gospel is being prepared for publication.

The Rev. William Pollak is preparing a booklet on Religious Drama and a booklet on "Anniversaries" is being farmed out. The Board has considered the question of the publication of the Doctrinal Memory Books which are intended to be self-teaching books on "doctrine." The Board has given instructions for the first of the series of six to be published.

The duplicated Handbooks formerly issued to aid in the teaching of "Faith and Life" have been revised and issued in one printed book under the title of "Handbook to Faith and Life."

The Record. Miss Hazel Belcher does an excellent piece of work in editing "The Record." Unfortunately the price had to be increased to 4p per annum posted as from January 1, 1952. The deficit was reduced considerably, but there was also the inevitable drop in circulation. In 1952 the deficit was £222, but the Board of Missions granted a subsidy of £100 to decrease the loss to the Board; in 1953 the deficit was £254 and the Board of Missions generously helped by a subsidy of £125. The circulation has decreased from 8,800 in 1951 to 6,000 in 1954. The reason for the decline is the increased cost of all Sunday School supplies and "The Record" is looked upon as an extra.

The Code Book. The sales of "The Procedure and Practice of the Presbyterian Church of Australia" from the date of publication in 1950 to March, 1953, were 534. The sales for 1952 were 72 and for 1953 were 66. To print, the Board had to borrow £468 from the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. Interest was paid on this advance to July 31, 1953, when the Board itself paid off the amount (£439) owing to the Victorian Church. The number of books in stock on 31/12/53 was 2,409 out of the original 3,000.

Up from Childhood. The Board published this teacher's text book in conjunction with the Australian Council for Christian Education. Of the original printing of 8,000 copies in 1946, 3,827 have been sold. The Board has yet to recover £380 of its original outlay before profit is available for distribution. This is to be in the proportion of 80% B.R.E. and 20% A.C.C.E.

6. Presbyterian Fellowship of Australia. The increase in the cost of interstate travel led the Commonwealth Council of the P.F.A. to examine the

work done under the present Constitution. It was discovered that the actual amount of business done at the annual meetings would not warrant the expense, but that the meeting of representatives from the other States had been most profitable as facts and opinions were exchanged and problems common to all were considered. It was the unanimous opinion of the representatives of the States that in some way this vital contact should be kept and that there should be less frequent meetings of the Commonwealth Council itself. At the Commonwealth Conference held in Adelaide in 1954 it was considered the best way would be to hold a Council meeting once in three years and that for the intervening years one State should be asked to declare its Conference a Commonwealth one and interstate members of the P.F.A. would be invited to attend these Conferences without expense to the Commonwealth Council. In order that this experiment might be carried out, the Commonwealth Council, after complying with requirements of section 30 (iii) of the Constitution, asked the Board to give its assent to the following:—

"That such parts of the P.F.A. Constitution be suspended for a period of six years, as would prevent the following being done:

- "1. An Executive holding office for a period of three years in one State with an annual postal vote to confirm the residence of the Executive in such State.
- "2. A Commonwealth Conference and Council meeting being held triennially in the home State of the Executive; and in the intervening years the Executive arranging with a particular State that a Conference in its State be designated the "Commonwealth Conference," guidance in preparation of the programme being given by the Executive and one of the members of the Executive attending with expenses paid from general funds.

"The Board now refers the matter to the General Assembly for its approval.

"Previously the Board had given its assent to an amendment to Rule 10 (5). This was to ensure that the office-bearers of two years standing should be the ones to conduct the business of the annual meeting and not ones newly appointed. The wording is: 10. The following constitute the Commonwealth Council... (5) The Commonwealth President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, after election, which shall take place at the end of the Commonwealth Council meeting in the year when the new office-bearers require to be elected."

As the quorum of 16 members was too high, seeing that the State Youth directors who have their own Summer Conferences to attend can rarely attend Council meetings, the following amendment to the Constitution was presented to the Board for its assent:—

Rule 10. "12 members thereof personally present constitute a quorum of the Commonwealth Council." This assent was given by the Board at its meeting in April, 1954.

Membership. As the various States have their own method of reckoning membership, e.g., Victoria has an affiliation or membership fee and only financial members are counted, the following figures presented to the Commonwealth Council in 1954 have little value for comparison between the States — Queensland 2,480, New South Wales 5,205, Victoria 5,250, Tasmania 220, South Australia 520, Western Australia 450.

World Presbyterian Alliance. Early in 1953 the Board was informed by the Secretary of the World Presbyterian Youth Conference that two places would be reserved for Australia at the Conference to be held at Woudschoten, Zeist, Holland from August 17 to 29, 1953. The Board was able to nominate the Rev. Ken Heriot who was in England, and Mr. John Reading, a former member of the P.F.A. in New South Wales, but a member of the staff in a Bank in London. The Board contributed £15/15/0 towards the expenses of each. They have sent back excellent reports, portions of which are appearing in the P.F.A. State magazines.

"Princeton." The P.F.A. will also have representation at the World Presbyterian Alliance meeting to be held at Princeton, New Jersey, U.S.A., July-August, 1954. Miss Susan Sandral has been accredited by the G.A.A. Committee "Relations with other Presbyterian Churches." The Board will make a contribution towards her travelling expenses in U.S.A.

7. The Joint Board of Graded Lessons. The Assembly of 1951 left the appointment of the six Presbyterian members Of the Joint Board of Graded Lessons of Australia and New Zealand to the Board of Religious Education as there was some uncertainty about the availability of some of the previous members of the Board. The Board appointed the Revs. G. A. Beatty, E. C. Day, V. F. Hadley, D. McK. Jones, A. D. Marchant, and William Young.

As from January 1, 1952, the following appointments were made by the Joint Board: Chairman, the Rev. E. H. P. Nye; Executive Manager, Rev. E. C. Day; Co-Manager, Rev. Rex Mathias. These appointments are for six years.

The staff of the Joint Board consists of Miss M. Harry, B.A., the Lady Editor of the Beginners' and Primary Grades; the Accountant, Mr. H. D. Morton, A.I.C.A.; the typiste, Miss M. Brown; with the Rev. E. H. P. Nye (part-time) undertaking the supervision of the Dispatch Depot. The staff now works alongside the Executive Manager in the Presbyterian Offices. The Presbyterian Board pays the Joint Board for services rendered by the staff to the Presbyterian Director. This has proved advantageous to both parties.

The Dispatch Depot continues to work efficiently and between 60 and 70 tons of literature are parcelled and posted each year. The work is carried out by the equivalent of three full-time packers. The Board is most fortunate in its staff, all of whom do their work most efficiently and cheerfully. Mr. H. D. Morton, the Accountant, has shown remarkable loyalty and devotion and has willingly undertaken tasks that are outside the usual scope of such an appointment. The Presbyterian Board records its grateful thanks for his energy and efficiency.

There are now 17 publications of Graded Literature including two that deal with the correspondence Sunday Schools only. The proportion of Graded Literature sales as between the Presbyterian and Methodist partners was for 1953 47.35% and 52.65% respectively. These figures show a very slight increase in favour of the Presbyterian partner. But when the Australian sales are separated out we find that the Presbyterian portion is about 40% and the Methodist 60%, a figure which is rather disturbing to Presbyterians seeing that the census figures of the two denominations would only warrant a slight difference.

During the past three years the following improvements have been made in the Literature. Recent new publications are "The Roadbook" which has been published for those leading Senior Bible Classes or Fellowships which use "The Highway" for their studies; an Intermediate Workbook in response to a strong demand; adapting the Beginners' Handbook to give assistance to those in charge of "Nursery Classes"; the restoration of the Intermediate Scholar's "Pathfinder" to 24 pages per month instead of 16 pages per month with 24 on a five-Sunday month; and the use of magazine paper instead of newsprint in the Llandbooks.

The number of children receiving tuition by correspondence through the State Youth Departments is over 10,000. The Board is making plans for an additional publication which will be for Intermediates. It has in mind the employment of a Lady Editor (half-time) who will prepare the lessons for this publication and also the "Torchbearer," especially for the correspondence schools. At present the correspondence work is a mere adaptation of the ordinary type of lesson.

The following figures give the total Presbyterian sales of Graded Literature for the years 1950 and 1953 along with the percentage of increase or decrease over the three-year period.



<i>Monthly Publications</i>	1950	1953	Percentage Increase
Beginners' Papers .. .. .	269,997	348,618	29.1
Primary Papers .. .. .	224,169	289,696	29.2
Classmates .. .. .	526,943	584,280	10.8
Pathfinder .. .. .	271,255	286,834	5.7
Torchbearers .. .. .	23,700	25,818	
Primary Home Mag. .... .	24,449	23,094	
	<u>1,340,513</u>	<u>1,558,340</u>	16.2

<i>Half-yearly Handbooks</i>	1950	1953	Percentage Increase
Beginners' .. .. .	7,268	8,404	15.6
Primary .. .. .	6,828	8,206	20.2
Junior .. .. .	12,255	13,517	10.3
Intermediate .. .. .	7,071	7,188	1.6
	<u>33,422</u>	<u>37,315</u>	11.7

<i>Yearly Handbooks</i>	1950	1953
Leaders' .. .. .	1,148	1,095
Roadbook .. .. .	—	393

<i>Yearly Bible Class</i>	1950	1953	Percentage Change
Unto the Hills .. .. .	12,954	12,870	
Highway .. .. .	5,848	4,734	Decrease 19%

<i>Half-yearly Workbooks</i>	1950	1953	Percentage Increase
Primary Picture .. .. .	29,410	43,112	46.6
Junior Picture .. .. .	25,146	58,096	131
Intermediate (1951) .. .. .	15,888	23,164	45.6

The percentages of Presbyterian sales is divided into: —

Region	Percentage	Australia Only
New Zealand .. .. .	33.14	
Queensland .. .. .	11.93	17.89
New South Wales .. .. .	21.27	31.90
Victoria-Tasmania .. .. .	29.56	44.32
South Australia .. .. .	1.66	2.48
Western Australia .. .. .	2.28	3.41
South Africa .. .. .	.16	
	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>

The finances of the Joint Board have been steadily improving. The retail sales for 1953 of the Graded Literature was over £66,000; the registration of the Beginners' and Primary Papers as periodicals and certain economies that have been effected resulted in a decrease in expenditure. The result was that the Presbyterian partner received £9,244 as its allocation. This was £2,200 more than in 1952. The Presbyterian Board was able to pay a "dividend" to the State Youth Departments of 20% on their retail sales. For some years the Joint Board found it necessary to hold back the profits from the sale of non-graded material to ease the cash position. In 1953 it was able to release these amounts and the sum of £1,125 was divided amongst the Presbyterian Youth Departments in proportion to their sales.

8. Statistics. The following figures have been forwarded to the Board by the State Youth Departments during the month of June, 1954:—

#### *Australian Presbyterian Sunday Schools*

State	Schools	Teachers			Children under 14		Total
		Men	Women	Total	Boys	Girls	
Q'ld.	261			2,033			18,029
N.S.W.	480			3,830			33,315
Vic. (1952)	542	1,447	3,261	4,708	17,857	20,299	38,156
S.A.	53	134	345	479	1,542	1,953	3,495
W.A.							
Tas.							

### Correspondence Sunday Schools

State	Teachers			Children under 14			Y.P. Over 14		
	Men	Women	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Q'ld.			61			1,327			246
N.S.W.		5	5	558	609	1,167	42	56	98
Vic. (1952)	4	34	38	229	193	422	20	24	44
S.A.		1	1	30	40	70	2	2	4
W.A.									
Tas.		1	1	56	44	100	5	5	10

The above statistics show a large increase in the number of children on the rolls of our Sunday Schools during the past three years. Unfortunately we are not in a position to make even a fair estimate of the overall increase. The statistics presented this year are the result of careful estimating and ought to give a better comparison for the future. Even so, at least 25% of the schools did not send in statistics and these had to be estimated.

The increase is due not only to the increase in the number of Sunday School age but also to the increasing interest being shown by young parents in the religious education of their children. In the new housing areas the Church has to face serious accommodation problems, but the opportunity is unique and is being made the most of by the smaller denominations.

9. General. The reports from the Youth Departments of the States indicate a forward movement in youth work. Queensland has now two field workers, one for the Southern area and the other for the Northern area of the State with headquarters in Townsville. In New South Wales they are facing the re-organisation of their Department in preparation for a new Director who will take over from Mr. Peak in 1955. The Board hopes to see more field workers covering the area of that large State. The Victorian Department (which includes Tasmania) has made a big venture. They have sent their Director, the Rev. G. A. Beatty, overseas for study and observation both in Britain and in the U.S.A. and Canada. We are certain that not only Victoria but the Board itself and through the Board the other States will benefit greatly from Mr. Beatty's observations and experiences. South Australia is finding the organising of the Boys' and Girls' Associations promising well for future work in that State. Western Australia looks forward to having a full-time youth leader in the near future.

A. D. MARCHANT, Convener.

### STATISTICS (Min. 214)

The main purpose and chief service of statistical tables is their value for comparisons—not so much to ascertain the present position as to determine the ebb and flow of Church life over succeeding years.

The advance and progress over and above the normal increase anticipated by reason of New Life Movement and Immigration has, unfortunately, not materialised.

While individual States show marked improvement in certain aspects of the Church's life and work, the general overall picture would seem to indicate a "mark time," "stand at ease" policy.

One gratifying feature revealed in the financial returns is the increasingly steady adjustment to the ever-rising economic standard of living. Not only have many stipends been materially increased, but over and above there has been a lifting of the recognised stipend minimum and adjustments of living costs have been made which improve the ratio of income to expenses.

The tables appended, showing comparisons with 1951 and 1945, tell in figures the facts of the call for a deepening of the spiritual life and expansion of the Church's influence, which factors could not fail to be reflected in the cold tabulated columns of a statistical table.

VICTOR CLARK-DUFF,  
Convener.

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	N.S.W.			QUEENSLAND			STH. AUSTRALIA			TASMANIA			VICTORIA			W. AUSTRALIA		
	1954	1951	1945	1954	1951	1945	1954	1951	1945	1954	1951	1945	1954	1951	1945	1954	1951	1945
Parishes	216	220	209	87	78	68	24	27	19	14	15	16	246	248	251	16	23	23
Home Mission Stations	66	51	48	49	33	42	8	3	7	7	7	6	59	64	58	2	8	12
Ministers (Settled)	178	181		69	66		19	22		13	12		220	210		16	18	
Ministers without Charge	18	13		8	3		1			0	1		25	31				
Ministers (Emerit.)	54	51		7	12		3	5		1	0		60	50		2	3	
Ministers Special Appointments	21	18		15	5		1	4		2	1		31	19		4	0	
Communicants	32729	29475	38000	15800	16006	14732	3301	3416	2705	2263	1716	2113	45781	42860	44491	2289	2371	2873
Elders	2146	1820	1950	934	827	732	248	225	183	123	114	111	2497	2120	1884	136	148	158
Managers	3058	2759	2940	1383	1383	1179	331	342	265	206	200	224	5216	4977	5311	176	210	215
Drinary Income	270411	178582	155000	98031	43126	44650	39250	24041	12129		10772	10056	319806	199504	246545	21996	17690	15525
Value of Property	2229400	1561495	1385000	1390486	682637	416593	321000	231165	97290		78460	78460		3307569	2057902	130895	76990	79231
Sunday Schools	480	384	401	265	180	185	58	56	38	37	37	43	542	660	782	33	33	41
S.S. Teachers	2899	3376	3108	2033	1420	1221	479	375	260	190	199	211	4708	4129	5750	260	301	304
S. S. Scholars	25179	26432	23307	18343	13217	10504	3495	2630	1569	1900	1575	1403	38156	31072	37000	2017	2350	2453
Home S.S. Scholars	1328	1372	1500	1103	918	900	75	50	38	90	130	63	460	745	462	20	40	30
Fellowship Members	4980	5080	5160	3000	2637	1500	551	455	596	250	243	271	8000	8600	7200	348	417	467

## TEMPERANCE (Min. 261)

At the time of writing the report no meeting of the Executive had been held; in fact none could be held as no other member of the Committee was available in Victoria. However all members of the Committee were written to and the report is based partly on their replies.

Following the last General Assembly the Victorian Committee bore the cost of printing the "Statement of Policy," adopted by the Assembly, bundles of which were sent to each State for distribution. A statement on temperance was sought from the Moderator General.

The general tone of the letters from the members of the Committee in the different States gives no encouragement of an optimistic outlook for temperance. On every side the liquor interests appear to be gaining ground; statistics from the Commonwealth Statistics Bureau for the quarter ended March, 1954 show that sales of liquor were worth £47 million; groceries £64.1 million; meat £30.1 million; and other foods £55.5 million. Beer, wine and spirits accounted for 11.4 per cent, of all retail sales (excluding motor cars). Five years ago liquor sales were 9.7 per cent, of all retail sales. This increase is partly due to the lucrative return from the trade, "The love of money being the root of all evil" 1 Tim. 6.10. On the other hand various newspaper reports of sordid human behaviour where strong drink is involved do nothing to commend its use by right thinking and good living people. The temperance cause must be given increasing support by all followers of Jesus Christ and our efforts to expose the true harmful nature of alcohol and its evil effects as a beverage, must be redoubled.

Tasmania, Western Australia and Queensland have later closing than 6 p.m. as in Victoria, South Australia and N.S.W. There is no evidence that drunkenness is less in the States where later closing exists. Indeed, according to a Gallup Poll covering 1,900 people in Tasmania, according to a newspaper report, 79% drink liquor. This is a higher figure than those given for other States and it is a reasonable deduction that where more people drink more are likely to get drunk. Victoria and Queensland are lowest with 65% drinkers. One temperance advocate recently asked if it were better to have a soak between 6 and 10 p.m. or a swill between 5 and 6 p.m. Tasmania's recent figures indicate an increase in drunkenness with later closing. The bona fide traveller's distance of 7 miles in Tasmania, and 20 miles in Victoria is just farcical. Victoria's Liquor Reform Bill is generally agreed to play into the hands of the liquor interests. This must be so when it makes it possible for any person who wants to, to obtain liquor 24 hours a day.

There have been no recent amendments to the Licensing Act in South Australia. The Western Australian Government recently refused to sponsor a Bill for later hours of Hotel trading when it was requested by the United Licensed Victuallers' Association.

In each State; Assemblies and Presbyteries are vigilant in the matter. The West Australian Assembly has urged Ministers and Home Missionaries, to provide adequate instruction in the attitude of the Church on the matter.

Victoria's Temperance Committee conducts a monthly Sunday School Competition which extends to South Australia and Tasmania and is designed to instruct the young with a view to total abstinence. There is also a number of publications distributed and three 16 mm. films on temperance available through the Australian Religious Film Society, free of charge.

### The Maxwell Report

The Maxwell Report revealed the rather obvious fact that the Trade is notorious for its malpractices and law-breaking. The recommendation that applications etc. for licenses be dealt with by a Legal Tribunal (as in Victoria under the Reform Bill) does not give much, if any, opportunity for the influence of Public opinion, which should be a major consideration. All temperance advocates are painfully aware that there is no reference in the finding to the moral depravity that follows in the wake of drinking alcohol to excess, nor of the tragic effect it has upon family life, which will inevitably be increased by the providing of further opportunities for drinking.

F. SADLER,  
Convener.

## FEDERAL COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S STUDIES (Min. 262)

The training of women workers has now been put in train and definite progress made for the co-ordinating of this throughout the Commonwealth.

In New South Wales arrangements have been made for women students to attend lectures at the Theological Hall.

In Victoria students are trained at Rolland House, a residential college, and some subjects are taken at the Theological Hall.

External Examiners for Exit Students have been appointed according to the plan followed in training candidates for the Ministry.

In Victoria the External Examiners are:—

For Church History — Rev. A. L. Burns

Theology — Rev. L. O. C. White

New Testament — Rev. A. D. Hallam

In New South Wales:—

For New Testament — Rev. J. H. Brown

Church History — Rev. W. Cumming Thom

History of Christian Missions — Rev. V. Coombes

Theology — Rev. C. M. Dyster

Official Exit certificates have been prepared and are issued by the Executive.

Certificates for 1953 have been issued to Mrs. Kathleen Browning and Miss June Chew of New South Wales, and to the following of Rolland House, Melbourne:— Miss Marjorie Copeland, Miss Margaret Eddy, Miss Audrey Garth, Miss Betty McKillop and Miss Margaret Scanlon.

*Status of a Deaconess.*—It is proposed that the General Assembly constitute an Order of Deaconesses to which Exit Students may be commissioned by a Presbytery at the request of the State Assembly Committee having the appointment of deaconesses. Also that a deaconess shall work under a Session through the Moderator thereof, and shall be under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of the bounds through the Moderator of the Session, her appointment being in the hands of the responsible Committee of the State Assembly.

Reports from New South Wales and Victoria are interesting as they reveal considerable development in the training of women workers of the Church.

For New South Wales since the commencement of the Basic Course two women have fulfilled the requirements, Miss June Chew and Mrs. Kathleen Browning. Both did remarkably successful courses at the Theological Hall, Mrs. Browning winning the John Edwards Prize for Applied Christianity, a subject which includes Christian Education. Three new recruits commenced in March, 1954, and there are five preparing for Entrance, either studying for the Leaving or completing Arts or Social Studies at the University.

A training allowance of £3 a week is paid, and a flat for three trainees is provided.

In addition to prescribed syllabus, the trainees in N.S.W. attend lectures in the evening two nights a week at the Teachers' College for a course in Social Studies. The only scope at the present in this State is employment with the Social Services Department; that means welfare work in the inner City Churches or in the Housing Settlements or the Migrant Centres. The thanks of the Committee are extended to the Medical Officer, Dr. Kathleen Cunningham, and the lecturers at the Theological Hall who do the greater part of the lecturing and examining.

The minimum salary paid to Deaconesses in N.S.W. is £400 p.a. and all travelling allowances, and also a uniform allowance. The report received from Victoria is as follows:—

### Outline of the Training of Deaconesses in Rolland House

There is at present sixteen Deaconess and Missionary Students in training at Rolland House — nine are from Victoria, three from Queensland, two from South Australia and one from Tasmania. In addition, an Indonesian Student, who has come to Australia at the invitation of the Australian Christian Youth Commission to do a year's special training in Christian Youth leadership, is living at the College and doing First Year lectures and special practical work.

Five students — three Victorians, one South Australian and one Tasmanian— will complete their course in November, and will be available

for appointment by the Deaconess Council. Four are Second Year Students and seven commenced their course in March of this year.

The three-year course for Deaconess and Missionary Students is both Theoretical and practical. Students attend lectures in Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, Comparative Religion and Psychology of Religion at the Theological Hall, Ormond College, and also lectures on Theology, Christian Education and History of Christian Missions given by various lecturers at Rolland House. Two Students are completing their Degree of Bachelor of Divinity. Rev. R. A. Miller is Director of Studies and supervises and advises concerning the course of training for each Student.

In addition, the practical training includes working as assistants to Deaconesses, Kindergarten Directresses and group leaders in inner suburban areas, new housing districts, Presbyterian Day Kindergartens and migrant centres. Each Student gives Religious Instruction to at least one class in a State School, and teaches in Sunday School or leads a Bible Class.

During 1954 the following full or part-bursaries are being utilised for Rolland House Students:—

From: P.W.M.U. of Victoria  
 P.F.A. in Victoria  
 Beechworth Presbyterial Association  
 Elders' Daughters' Association  
 Daughters of the Manse  
 Presbyterian Church of Queensland  
 Presbyterian Church of Tasmania  
 Presbyterian Church of South Australia

In addition some Students are responsible for their own training fees, which amount to One Hundred Pounds per annum (£100 p.a.).

Upon completion of their training, Rolland House Students may be appointed by the Foreign Mission Committee for Missionary service on any field; or by the Deaconess Council to work in an inner suburban area, a new housing district (metropolitan or country), as assistant to the Minister of a city, suburban or country Church, or to a special position in youth or hostel work, or by the Home Mission Committee to a Home Mission Station.

The salaries paid to Deaconesses in that State (which covers South Australia and Tasmania also) are a minimum of £260 p.a. plus C.O.L. adjustments of £196/6/-p.a.— a total of £456/6/-p.a. to which is added £5 for each five years of service up to twenty years.

The highest salary paid at present is £476/6/-p.a. plus £10 p.a. for Superannuation Fund and £12 for travelling expenses.

Thanks on behalf of this Committee are extended to all lecturers and examiners who make possible this very important training of women for work in the Church.

E. H. McLEAN SHUGG,  
 Convener.

#### YEAR BOOK COMMITTEE (Min. 215)

In the Report to the last General Assembly the Committee made it clear that the high costs of publication and the limited number of people to whom the book makes an appeal tends inevitably towards a recurring loss.

The following is an account of the position over the last few years:—

1951	1353	copies sold at 3/- per copy, deficit	£75	16	7
1952	1063	" " " 5/- " " "	77	6	5
1953	1316	" " " 6/- " " "	60	13	9

The higher sales in 1953 were due to the fairly successful effort to secure from Boards of Management a continuing subscription to the book and also to the vigorous effort by the late Mr. John Downes and others in New South Wales to secure new subscriptions in that State.

It would seem evident that we cannot expect entirely to meet the cost of publication from sales, though continued effort in each State to present its claims and win interest will reduce the gap between expenditure and receipts. Yet it is a publication of great value to Ministers and office-bearers; to the Conveners of the Committees of the General Assemblies; and provides a useful service to the College Committee and the State Theological

Committees; and it could not be discontinued without great loss to the Church.

At the time of this Report, sales for 1954, up to June 7th, were 1067 and the deficit £111/11/8. Sales continue up to November each year.

The Committee asks the General Assembly to continue the publication of the Year Book even where such a step makes it necessary to bear some financial responsibility.

The Rev. W. M. Rolland undertook, at our request, the Editorship in 1952, succeeding the Rev. E. C. Day, and has maintained the high standard of the publication. We place on record our appreciation of the efficient work done by both these editors.

W. A. ALSTON,  
Convener.

## APPEAL.

By the Presbytery of Sydney against a Decision of the General Assembly,  
N.S.W. (Min. 189)

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales.

Under instructions from the Presbytery of Sydney I have to notify your Venerable Court that at the meeting of the Presbytery of Sydney held in St. Stephen's Church, Macquarie Street, on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 1953, the said Presbytery, being duly met and constituted with prayer, — inter alia — gave consideration to the following matters:

1. The report of the Respondents appointed by the Presbytery in connection with the Appeal of the Rev. R. M. Herriman against the decision of the Presbytery of Sydney not to grant him a Certificate of Status; and
2. A communication, dated 8th June, 1953, from the General Assembly advising the Presbytery of Sydney of the Assembly's finding, viz.  
"Sustain the Appeal of Rev. R. M. Herriman, and direct the Presbytery of Sydney to issue a Certificate of Status to him."

After due consideration of the report of the Respondents, and the finding of the General Assembly, the Presbytery resolved, on the motion of the Rev. Vernon McKeown, seconded by the Rev. Keith W. Burton, to appeal to the General Assembly of Australia against the decision of the General Assembly of New South Wales for the Reasons "That the decision was against the evidence, and the weight of evidence."

The Presbytery of Sydney therefore, respectfully requests your Venerable Court to transmit this Appeal to the General Assembly of Australia in due course.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Sydney this 15th day of June, 1953, by me.

g. w. mc alpine,  
Presbytery Clerk.

15th June, 1953.

To the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia.

Appeal of the Presbytery of Sydney to the Venerable The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia from a finding of the General Assembly of New South Wales in the case of the Rev. R. M. Herriman.

Whereas the Rev. R. M. Herriman, Minister without Charge under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Sydney, appealed to the General Assembly of New South Wales against a decision of the said Presbytery not to grant him a Certificate of Status, and whereas the General Assembly of New South Wales resolved as follows .... "Sustain the Appeal of the Rev. R. M. Herriman and direct the Presbytery of Sydney to issue a Certificate of Status to him."

And whereas the Presbytery of Sydney is of opinion that the decision of the General Assembly of New South Wales was arrived at against the evidence and the weight of evidence, the said Presbytery of Sydney, on the motion of the Rev. Vernon McKeown seconded by the Rev. Keith W. Burton resolved to appeal to the General Assembly of Australia against the decision of the General Assembly of New South Wales for the reasons that (that) the decision of the said General Assembly was against the evidence and the weight of evidence.

The Presbytery of Sydney therefore respectfully appeals to the General Assembly of Australia to review the evidence in the case of the Rev. R. M. Herriman; sustain the Presbytery's Appeal against the decision of the General Assembly of New South Wales or do otherwise as the General Assembly deems fit.

The business of the Presbytery of Sydney was duly transacted, the meeting having been opened and closed with prayer.

For and under instructions from the Presbytery of Sydney.  
June 15th, 1953.

g. w. mc alpine,  
Presbytery Clerk.



Assembly  
Constituted

57. At Sydney, and within the Assembly Hall, on Thursday, 14th May, 1953, at 9.30 a.m., the Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with Praise, Reading of Scripture, and Prayer, the Moderator presiding.

Inter alia:—

Private  
Sitting

71. The House resolved to sit in private.

Appeal by  
the Rev. R.  
[. Herriman

72. The Moderator called for the Appeal by The Rev. R. M. Herriman against a decision of the Presbytery of Sydney, in refusing his request for a Certificate of Status.

Printed copies of the documents received from the Presbytery of Sydney were placed in the hands of members.

The record of the proceedings in the Presbytery of Sydney was read.

The parties were called.

The Appellant, The Rev. R. M. Herriman, and the representatives of the Presbytery of Sydney, appeared.

Parties were asked if they agreed to an adjournment at this stage.

Parties agreed.

The matter was adjourned, to be resumed at 9.30 a.m. tomorrow (Min. 79).

Open Court

72(a). The House resumed in Open Court.

Private  
Sitting

78. The House resolved to sit in private.

Appeal

79. Consideration of the Appeal by The Rev. R. M. Herriman was resumed (Min. 72).

In answer to the Moderator, the appellant stated that he accepted the record of the proceedings in the Presbytery, which had been read to the Assembly, as a true record of the said proceedings.

The appeal and the reasons therefor, were read.

The appellant addressed the House.

Questions were asked.

The Rev. T. McDougall and G. W. McAlpine, respondents on behalf of the Presbytery of Sydney, addressed the House.

Questions were asked.

The parties were removed from the Bar.

Consideration of the matter was adjourned (Min. 85).

Private  
Sitting

84. The House resolved to sit in Private.

85. Consideration of the Appeal by The Rev. R. M. Herriman was resumed (Min. 79).

The Rev. R. M. Herriman replied.

The parties to the Appeal were asked to withdraw, and did so.

It was moved and seconded—

That the Assembly having heard the evidence given before the Presbytery of Sydney, and having heard the respective parties, sees no reason to differ from the conclusion arrived at by the said Presbytery and therefore the appeal be dismissed.

It was moved as an amendment—

That all words after "parties" be omitted and the following words be substituted, viz.: "Sustain the Appeal of the Rev. R. M. Herriman, and direct the Presbytery of Sydney to issue a Certificate of Status to him."

The amendment was seconded and approved.

The motion as amended became the substantive motion.

It was moved and seconded as an amendment—

That all words after "parties" be omitted, and the following words be substituted: "Declare that the Rev. R. M. Herriman is a Minister on the Rolls of this Assembly as a Minister without charge and under the jurisdiction of the Sydney Presbytery and that he be so informed in writing."

The competence of the amendment was challenged.

The Moderator ruled the amendment incompetent.

The motion, as originally amended, was put and carried.

Open  
Court

85(a). The House resumed in Open Court.

Appeal  
Rev. R. M.  
Herriman

86. The Rev. T. McDougall, Moderator of the Presbytery of Sydney, asked that a public declaration of the Assembly's decision in the appeal of Rev. R. M. Herriman be made to the parties.

The decision of the Assembly was intimated; the appellant accepted the decision; The Rev. T. McDougall withheld acceptance until he had conferred with his Presbytery.

Closed with Prayer.

Assembly  
Constituted

At Sydney and within the Assembly Hall on 19th May, 1954, at 9.30 a.m., The Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was Constituted with Praise, reading of Scripture, and Prayer, the Moderator presiding.

Inter alia:—

Appeal :-  
Presbytery  
of Sydney

166. The Clerk laid on the table the following documents:

1. Copy of letter from the Clerk of Assembly to the Clerk of the Presbytery of Sydney, dated June 8, 1953, advising the Presbytery of the decision of the Assembly anent the Appeal of the Rev. R. M. Herriman.
2. Letter from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Sydney to the General Assembly, dated June 15, 1953, intimating that the Presbytery had resolved to appeal to the General Assembly of Australia against the before-mentioned decision of the General Assembly, New South Wales; enclosing such Appeal by the Presbytery; requesting that the Appeal be transmitted to the General Assembly of Australia in due course; and appointing the Rev. T. McDougall and G. W. McAlpine to represent the Presbytery.

The documents were received.

On motion duly moved and seconded it was resolved:—

That the Appeal and relevant documents be transmitted to the General Assembly of Australia, and that the Rev. G. N. Bensley and the Rev. M. O. Fox be appointed Respondents on behalf of this Assembly.

Closed with Prayer.

Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly, N.S.W. this 10th day of June, 1954, by me.

A. C. GRIEVE,  
Clerk of Assembly.

# COMMUNICATIONS.

1—From World Presbyterian Alliance. (Min. 258)

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

At the request of Dr. Marcel Pradervand, Executive Secretary of the World Presbyterian Alliance, I transmit herewith a copy of the Annual Report for 1953 and respectfully ask that it be printed, along with this covering note, for the information of the members of your venerable court. The income of the Alliance (approximately £6,000 sterling) is much too small and is severely limiting the usefulness of the Alliance. Your committee, of which I have the honour to be the Convener, is of opinion that the annual contribution by our General Assembly should not be less than £50 sterling and we propose to ask, in connection with our report printed elsewhere, that the Finance Committee be instructed to pay this amount each year.

E. WALLACE ARCHER,  
Convener.

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## WORLD PRESBYTERIAN ALLIANCE

(Alliance of Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System) GENEVA

Annual Report for 1953

During 1953, there has been a lessening of international tension. Every Christian will give thanks for this; the problem of peace is not an exclusively Christian problem, far less a confessional matter, but it has been much in the minds of all Christian Churches, and may well be mentioned at the outset here.

For the World Presbyterian Alliance itself, 1953 has seen no sensational developments; but this is not to say that the year has been without significance for it.

### New members

The Nederduitse Hervormde Kerk van Afrika and the Presbyterian Church of Portugal applied for admission to membership of the Alliance at the beginning of 1953; this application was granted, and we have been glad of the very active participation of these Churches in Alliance affairs. Further, at the meeting of the Executive Committee in August (Woudschoten, Holland), the Presbyterian Church of Eastern Nigeria (which has 25,000 communicants) was admitted to membership; we cordially welcome this young African Church, which brings the total of member Churches to 65.

### Encouraging signs

In many countries, growing interest has been manifest in the Alliance and the cause for which it stands; we mention one or two encouraging signs of this. In Australasia, under the energetic impulsion of the Rev. E. Wallace Archer, the "Committee on relations with other Presbyterian Churches" of the Presbyterian Church of Australia, and the "Committee on Ecumenical Affairs" of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand have for some months been discussing the question of a new South Pacific Section of the Alliance. The boundaries of such a Section are by no means definite, and many problems have still to be decided; but a joint Conference to be held in March, 1954, will prepare a report and resolutions for submission to the 17th Council.

In Rio de la Plata, the "Reformed Association" continues to do excellent work. It has strengthened the links between various Reformed groups of different origin, around Buenos Aires, and has organised a monthly combined Service in Spanish for them all; a young people's association has also been formed, and holds regular meetings. President John A. Mackay of Princeton, who visited Buenos Aires in July, 1953, spoke about the Ecumenical Movement and the Reformed Churches at a dinner organised by the Association.

In South Africa, the "Committee for Reformed Co-ordination," formed in Johannesburg at the time of the visit of the Executive Secretary of the Alliance (1952), was able to organise on Sunday November 1, 1953, an Afrikaans-English Reformed Service, in which representatives of the various Churches and Missions took part; we believe that this is only the beginning of most fruitful co-operation. A report to the Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa stated, with reference to the visit of the Executive Secretary, "There is no doubt that his visit has brought about friendlier relations between ourselves and the brethren of the Dutch Reformed Churches;" this is cause for rejoicing, — for the Alliance seems pointless unless it can help to create closer unity among the Reformed groups in any given country.

Another encouraging feature has been the way in which the Reformed Church of Hungary has stimulated interest in the Alliance (and in particular in preparations for the Princeton Council) among the members of its congregations. We commend the example to other Churches elsewhere!

#### Activity of the Sections

During 1953, the two Sections of the Alliance were not inactive. The Executive Committee of the Western (American) Section met three times, in February, May, and October; it gave much of its time to questions concerning the prospective 17th Council of the Alliance, to take place at Princeton Theological Seminary (July 27 to August 5, 1954). The annual meeting of the Section itself took place at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., from February 24 to 26, the nine member Churches represented. At this meeting, the Presbyterian Church of Jamaica (transferred from the Eastern Section with the consent of the Executive Committee of that Section) was received into membership; the Rev. John H. Gardner, Jr., was elected President of the Western Section; and a special Permanent Commission on Civil and Religious Liberty was set up.

The Eastern Section met in Woudschoten, Holland, from August 20 to 24; 25 Churches, from 14 countries and 4 continents, were represented. The main theme to be considered was "The Ministry of the Word in the World of Today," and animated discussion took place thereupon. The Executive Committee of the Section (of which the Chairman is Pasteur M. Dominicé of Geneva) was re-elected. This Committee has met twice during the year — in January in Switzerland (when the American Secretary, Dr. R. W. Lloyd, was also present), and in August in Woudschoten; as the Western Section Committee, much of its time was given to problems relative to the Princeton meeting.

At Woudschoten also, a Youth Conference organised under the aegis of the Alliance took place from August 17 to 29; young people from a number of countries studied the problems of renewal, in the life of the Church and its members — and for the most part, went away full of enthusiasm for the cause of the Alliance.

#### Special Problems

The problem of religious liberty is one which continues to absorb much of our attention. A number of Reformed Churches are more or less deprived of such liberty, in countries which are predominantly Roman Catholic. During 1953, the Alliance has given constant support to the Protestants of Colombia — whose situation is too well-known to need detailed description here, and whose leaders have written constantly in appreciation of what we are doing. The Eastern Section of the Alliance also gave special attention at Woudschoten to the difficult situation of the Greek Evangelical Church (which is far from enjoying religious freedom, although the Orthodox Church like itself belongs to the World Council of Churches); and resolved to bring the whole matter to the notice of the World Council of Churches.

#### Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Alliance, which last met in Basel in August, 1951, held a meeting at Woudschoten, Holland, from August 14 to 17; since the President, the Very Rev. Dr. E. J. Hagan of Edinburgh, was unfortunately absent for health reasons, Vice-President Dr. E. F. Romig of New York took the Chair. The Agenda was full; but needless to say, arrangements for the Princeton Council were most prominent.

We record with regret the death on December 16, 1953, of the Rev. Dr. Gordon A. Sisco, General Secretary of the United Church of Canada, and a member of the Alliance Executive Committee since 1948; Dr. Sisco

had a great concern for the Alliance, and we are grieved at his untimely death.

#### 17th General Council

Our chief preoccupation during 1953 was undoubtedly the matter of preparations for the 17th General Council. The 65 member Churches have been invited to send delegates; and if all sent their full quotas, more than 600 people would be present. This is hardly to be expected — but we hope for strong delegations nevertheless; certain of our Churches, far distant from the U.S.A., have already appointed impressive numbers of representatives.

The overall Theme to be considered at Princeton will be "The Witness of the Reformed Churches in the World Today;" 5 sub-themes to be studied in 5 Commissions of the Council are already the subjects of preliminary thought and discussion, each by three small groups in various parts of the world. The Reports of the preliminary groups will be collated, and the results circulated to the delegates, we hope before the end of May 1954.

Apart from the General Council, a Women's Conference organised by the "Women's International Union" will be held at Princeton from July 29 to 31, 1954. The Women's International Union was officially recognised by the Alliance Council in 1937; and its President and Secretaries have already done much work in preparation for the forthcoming meeting. It will be a most important meeting, at which the whole future of the organisation will be considered.

#### Finances

The financial situation of the Alliance improved somewhat in 1953. Several Churches sent their first contributions to its funds (though some came too late for inclusion in the 1953 accounts). We mention especially a gift outwith the budget, of Sw. Fr. 3,000 (\$700), sent by one European Church to enable the Executive Secretary to undertake wider travelling in the interests of the Alliance; this gift is being kept in a separate account until it can be used for this purpose.

The expenses of the Geneva office have remained consistently below the budgetary estimates, and the strictest economy is observed. Be it noted that the salary of the Rev. W. S. Robertson, of Hull, England, who is serving as special assistant to the Executive Secretary from July 1, 1953 to December 31, 1954 (in view of the extra work involved by the Princeton Council), is paid from the Eastern Section funds held in Great Britain; taking this fact into account, 73.5% of our income during 1953 came from the Western Section and 26.5% from the Eastern Section. We are grateful to all member Churches which give us financial support; we thank especially the Western Section Churches, without which the work of the Alliance would have been severely handicapped in recent years.

#### "The Presbyterian World."

The Presbyterian World has continued to appear quarterly. The apparent increase in the deficit for this Journal is due simply to the fact that a large payment from Britain did not arrive until January 1954. The news published in the "Presbyterian World" is constantly being reproduced in the world Press, and clearly proves of considerable interest. A word of thanks is in place, to those who regularly act as collectors for subscriptions in various countries.

#### Alliance Staff

Although our work is continually expanding there have been few modifications in our staff. Miss Piguet continues to be the Executive Secretary's right hand and her faithful and intelligent collaboration is much appreciated. A German Secretary-translator has been engaged and she is doing very good work. The Rev. W. S. Robertson, working from Britain (apart from brief visits in Geneva) is endeavouring not only to help with preparations for Princeton, but as far as possible to deepen concern for the Alliance in British Presbyterian Churches and we are grateful for his help.

We specially would like to mention here the debt of gratitude the Alliance owes to the American Secretary, President Dr. R. W. Lloyd. In spite of his heavy responsibilities as President of Maryville College

and Chairman of the Committee which is preparing plans for the union of three Presbyterian Churches in U.S.A., Dr. Lloyd has all through the past year given benevolently much time and hard work to the Alliance, and we wish here to thank him for his guidance and help.

Finally we wish to express our thanks to the General Treasurer of the Alliance, M. George Lombard; the American Treasurer, Mr. R. C. Liggett; and the British Treasurer, the Rev. Dr. Alex King. Their constant collaboration has been most valuable.

#### Conclusion

1954 is the year of Princeton. What will it hold in store for us? One thing we know, that the Reformed Churches must clearly state what they expect from the World Presbyterian Alliance, and how far they intend to support its work.

We ask you all to approach Princeton in a spirit of prayer, so that the 17th General Council may, by the grace of God, help our Churches to realise more clearly the greatness of the mission entrusted to them by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

MARCEL PRADERVAND,  
Executive Secretary.

## II. Re Union Negotiations — Congregational Church (Min. 66)

5th August, 1952.

The Moderator General,  
Presbyterian Church of Australia,  
Brook Street,  
Kalinga, Brisbane

Dear Mr. Bardon,

Your letter to the Rev. J. Harold King, President of the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand, duly came before our Bi-ennial Assembly in Brisbane and I, as Mr. King's successor to the Presidency, was asked to convey to you the following:—

"At the Bi-ennial Meetings of the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand, which were held in Queensland from 21st to 28th May, 1952, the following resolutions were passed on Church Union:—

- (1) That this Assembly expresses regret at the decision of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to break off negotiations with the Methodists and the Congregationalists for Federal Union.
- (2) That it re-affirms its former decisions to co-operate with other denominations for the building up of the Church and for the greater realisation of the Kingdom of God.
- (3) That it expresses its willingness to resume negotiations with the Methodists, with a view to Union.
- (4) That the Church Union Committee of the Victorian Union be asked to act for the Australian and New Zealand Union in these negotiations.

With reference to the question of the Presbyterian General Assembly desiring to enter into a covenant with the Methodist General Conference and our Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand, for more effective co-operation in the Christian witness, I am also directed to forward to you our Assembly's decision to meet with your representative and those of the Methodist Church of Australia to discuss and formulate the conditions.

The Missionary situation at home and abroad is such that it makes increasingly imperative that a fuller manifestation of our unity in Christ should be given, "That the world may believe that God is love and accept His righteous rule."

With every good wish,

I am,  
Yours sincerely,  
• (Sgd).

WALTER ALBISTON,  
President.

I —Re Union Negotiations — Methodist and Congregational Churches  
(Min. 66)

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

On behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia and the Biennial Assembly of the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand we, the undersigned, have been directed to submit to the consideration of your Assembly the following resolutions, viz:

"That this General Conference approves in general principle the proposal for union with the Congregational Church and expresses its appreciation of the goodwill of our Congregational brethren in the negotiations.

"Conference defers action for Methodist-Congregational Union upon the Basis of Union now submitted, pending further approaches to the Presbyterian Church for a fuller union in the interests of the three Churches and the Kingdom of God.

"Conference directs that a proposal be made to the Biennial Assembly of the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand and that it should join with the General Conference Church Union Committee in a further approach to the Presbyterian Church prior to the General Assembly of Australia in September, 1954, seeking the participation of the Presbyterian Church in negotiations for the union of the three Churches.

"Conference directs that, in the event of delay by the Congregational Union in joining in this approach, the Church Union Committee should itself make this proposal to the Presbyterian Church, and Conference authorises the Church Union Committee to conduct these negotiations with the purpose of drawing up a detailed scheme of union for the three Churches.

"If the Presbyterian General Assembly of Australia in 1954 does not accept this approach, Conference authorises the voting as outlined in the Basis of Union to be proceeded with on the proposed Basis of Union for the Methodist and Congregational Churches.

"Conference directs that, in any event, the Church Union Committee shall furnish its report to the Annual Conferences of 1957 for their information and to the General Conference of 1957."

(Resolution passed unanimously, 141 voting, at the General Conference held at Brisbane on 26th May, 1954).

"That this Biennial Assembly of the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand expresses its continued concern for the re-union of Christendom and its readiness to encourage due consideration of any proposed basis of Union with other Churches.

"It expresses appreciation of the labours of the Federal Church Union Committees of the Congregational and Methodist Churches in preparing a Basis of Union between the Methodist and Congregational Churches.

"It welcomes the suggestion of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia that a joint approach be made to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia with a view to a triple union and authorises such an approach.

"Meantime it submits to State Unions for consideration and reference to Churches, and report to the Executive Council of the Congregational Union of Australia and New Zealand the proposed Basis of Union together with the decision of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia and its amendments to the proposed Basis of Union."

(Resolution passed unanimously, at the Biennial Assembly held at Melbourne on 2nd June, 1954).

We recall with interest the fact that from the first meeting of your Assembly held in Sydney in 1901 came the initial invitation to the Churches to confer as to the possibility of taking the first steps towards the formation of a United Evangelical Church of Australia. After years of friendly discussion and negotiations, your Assembly, owing to a lack of unanimity amongst its people, resolved that it could no longer continue the negotiations for an incorporating union of the three Churches on the proposed Basis of Union.

We remember, however, that, at the meeting of your Assembly in

Sydney in September, 1924, in the Deliverance forwarded to our Church Courts the following clauses are included:—

“Reaffirm the conviction expressed by the General Assembly of 1910: ‘That the communion of fellow-Christians in worship and service is a duty wherever it is not forbidden by conscience,’ and declare that, so far as revealed in the course of these negotiations, there is no bar in principle to union between the three negotiating Churches.

“It was further resolved rather to await the time when, under the leading of Divine Providence, a way may be opened up whereby these and other divisions of Christ’s One Church may be happily healed in accordance with His Will.”

During the thirty years since this Resolution was received from the General Assembly of Australia in 1924 there have been many changes. The Ecumenical Movement has become a new force to be reckoned with, unions between several Churches in various parts of the world have been consummated, and in Australia closer relationships have been effected between our three Churches through friendly co-operation in many fields.

It is therefore our sincere desire that the Presbyterian Church of Australia should once more be associated with our Churches in the effort to take fresh steps towards the realisation of the union of half a century ago, viz, the establishment under the guidance of the Great Head of the Church Himself of a United Evangelical Church of Australia.

In view of the threatening world situation and of the divisive and destructive forces that are challenging the Christian Faith in our own land, the witness and influence of the whole Christian Church are urgently needed; and it is with the prayer that we may have your help in furthering the purpose of our Lord that His people might be one that we submit these resolutions of our Church Courts for your consideration and decision.

The undersigned will gladly give any further explanation of the resolutions now submitted if your Assembly so desires.

In the fellowship of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

We are, Yours respectfully,

A. HAROLD WOOD,  
Convener, Methodist Church Union  
Committee, and Secretary-General of the  
General Conference of the Methodist  
Church of Australasia.

J. D. NORTHEY,  
Convener, Federal Church Union  
Committee of the Congregational  
Union of Australia and New Zealand.

Melbourne,  
23rd June, 1954.

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IV—From Presbytery of Mowbray, re Formation of New Presbytery  
(Min. 243)

The Clerk,  
The General Assembly,  
The Presbyterian Church of Australia,  
Burwood, Victoria.  
Dear Mr. Marshall,

19th February, 1954.

At the last Session of the State Assembly of Queensland a new Presbytery was erected to be known as the Presbytery of Mowbray. This comprises that part of the original Presbytery of Brisbane lying South and West of the Brisbane River and includes the Sanctioned Charges of Annerley, Bulimba, Coorparoo, Hawthorne, Ipswich (St. Stephens), North Ipswich-Churchbank-Harrisville, Silkstone-Booval, Mowbraytown, Norman Park, Sherwood, South Brisbane (Park), Southport, Wynnum, and Yeerongpilly, together with the Home Mission Stations of Boonah, Cannon Hill, Esk, Camp Hill, Holland Park, Manly-Lota, The Redlands, Redbank-Goodna, Tallebudgera, and Tamborine Mountain.

The Inaugural Meeting was held on the 4th instant and the undersigned was appointed Clerk. The Rev. C. B. Watts was appointed by the Assembly first Moderator.

With regards,  
Yours sincerely,  
EDWIN F. FARQUHARSON,  
Presbytery Clerk.



V—From Certain Petitioners to the G.A.A. 1951 (Min. 164, Clause 4)  
re Proposed Presbyterian Women's Association (Min. 34)

To the Clerk of the General Assembly of Australia.

In accordance with Minute 164, Clause 4, Blue Book 1951, we forward herewith the Draft CONSTITUTION of the PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION of AUSTRALIA, and would be pleased if you would present such Constitution at the next Meeting of the General Assembly of Australia in September, 1954.

Signed by  
Anne Crichton Barr  
Elizabeth Campbell  
Isabella McPhail  
Eva R. Jones  
Nell Eadie  
Olive M. Jackson  
D. Eathorne Hanlin  
Margaret Buckley  
Pauline C. Gray Robertson  
Daisy J. Both

Petitioners  
Victoria  
Victoria  
Queensland  
Tasmania  
Western Australia  
Western Australia  
New South Wales  
New South Wales  
New South Wales  
South Australia

DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S  
ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

See *Second Sederunt* (Min. 34)

(Approved, as altered.)

(Signed, BRYAN C. FULLER,  
Procurator. 21/6/54.) Original held.

VI—From N.S.W. Assembly re Union Church Land at Table Top (Albury Parish) (Min. 244)

The Manse,  
Drummoyne  
July 5, 1954.

The Clerk of Assembly,  
Presbyterian Church of Australia.

Re Union Church Land at Table Top (Albury Parish)

Dear Mr. Marshall,

Here is a Copy of an Extract Minute about the abovementioned matter, sent to this Assembly by the Presbytery of Wagga Wagga:—

At Coolamon, and within the Presbyterian Church, on Friday, 4th day of June, 1954, at 10.30 a.m. at which time and place the Presbytery of Wagga Wagga met, as convened by notice, and was constituted with reading of Scripture, Praise and Prayer.

Inter alia:—

It was moved and seconded:— That the General Assembly be moved to declare that the property known as Part Lot 10, D.P. 8735, 2 roods, at Table Top in the Shire of Hume, and being the whole of the land in Certificate of Title Volume 5009 Folio 190, is no longer required for the purposes of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales.

As the Declaration specifically states that the land be held on behalf of (inter alia) the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Australia it is requested that the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales refer this matter for declaration by the General Assembly of Australia.

The motion was carried.

The meeting was closed with the Benediction.

Extracted from the Records of the Presbytery of Wagga Wagga this seventh day of June, 1954, by me.

D. RITCHIE,  
Presbytery Clerk.

As this Extract Minute was received after the 1954 Session of this Assembly had closed, I send this copy of it to you, for such action as your Assembly may see fit to take.

Yours faithfully,  
A. C. GRIEVE,  
Clerk of Assembly.

VII — From Victorian Peace Council. (Min. 237)

2nd August, 1954.

Rev. W. D. Marshall, M.A.,  
Clerk, General Assembly of Australia,  
226 Warrigal Road, Burwood. E.13.

Dear Mr. Marshall,

We should be grateful if you would place this letter before the General Assembly of Australia.

In a public statement made in Brisbane on Thursday, May 20th, the Minister for Immigration, Mr. Harold Holt, challenged the Australian Peace Council to issue an invitation to the Heads of the Churches to nominate observers to attend a meeting of the World Council of Peace.

Mr. Holt's challenge arose out of the banning of passports for several Australians who were to attend the World Council of Peace meeting at Berlin, which started on May 23rd. The intended delegates included Rev. Neil Glover of Richmond, Victoria, and Rev. Albert Haley, Rector of Darwin.

The Executive of the Australian Peace Council has resolved to invite the General Assembly of Australia or its relevant committee to nominate an observer for the next meeting of the World Council of Peace, which is likely to be held in some three months time.

We are most sincere in this invitation for your Church to investigate the bona fides of the organisation in the most direct way possible, and to satisfy itself regarding the World Peace Council's Policy. To this end we will, with respect, notify you of the time and place of the next meeting of the World Peace Council when such details are available, and pledge ourselves to do all in our power to facilitate the journey and reception of any observer you care to nominate.

We believe that the policy of the World Council of Peace and of the Australian Peace Council can stand the closest examination, for that policy is based on belief that negotiation must displace war; that there can be co-existence of different social systems, and that there must be continuing discussion between men of goodwill, whatever the starting points for those discussions, to avert the danger of war.

Yours sincerely,  
(Rev.) F. J. HARTLEY,  
Joint Hon. Secretary.

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VIII—From the Presbyterian Women's Federation of New South Wales  
re Draft. (Min. 35)

Constitution, P.W.A. of A.

To

The Clerk of the General Assembly,  
Presbyterian Church of Australia.

In 1951 the General Assembly of Australia gave general approval for the formation of a Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia and authorised certain Petitioners to draw up a draft Constitution to be presented at the next meeting of the General Assembly (Vide G.A.A. B.B. 1951 — Minute 168).

The Presbyterian Women's Federation of N.S.W. is the body coordinating the women's work in that State and works under a Constitution granted by the General Assembly of N.S.W. in 1928. Each year the Women's Federation presents its Annual Report to the General Assembly.

At a meeting of the Council of the Presbyterian Women's Federation, held on the 19th August, 1954, a communication was received from the Women's Missionary Association (a constituent body of the Presbyterian Women's Federation) forwarding a resolution which had been unanimously agreed to at a meeting of its General Committee held on the 19th August, 1954, in the following terms:—

"That as most of the Constituent Bodies of the Presbyterian Women's Federation have not had an opportunity of reviewing the draft Constitution of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia, to be presented to the General Assembly, and are therefore not fully cognisant of the position, it is suggested that a communication

embodying this be forwarded to the Clerk of the General Assembly of Australia."

After consideration of the matter contained in the communication, the Council of the Presbyterian Women's Federation of N.S.W. agreed to forward the resolution of the Women's Missionary Association, simpliciter, to the Clerk of the General Assembly of Australia.

This is now forwarded in accordance with the decision of the Council of the Presbyterian Women's Federation of N.S.W.

C. A. MORRISON,  
Secretary,  
Presbyterian Women's Association  
of N.S.W.

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IX—From the Associated Women's Guilds, re Draft Constitution  
P.W.A. of A. (Min. 35)

1 Kangaroo St.,  
Manly. 3rd Sept., 1954.

The Clerk of the General Assembly  
of Australia, Sydney.

Dear Sir,

re DRAFT CONSTITUTION, P.W.A. of A.

The Council of Associated Women's Guilds of New South Wales has been informed that a communication has been sent to the Assembly to the effect that the Draft Constitution of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia has not been adequately discussed in New South Wales.

Our Council, representing 399 Guilds, with an approximate membership of 8,650 (the great majority of the organised Presbyterian women in this State) has fully discussed and fully approved of it.

Yours faithfully,

D. EATHORNE HANLIN,  
President,  
Associated Women's Guilds  
of N.S.W.

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X—From the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia, Information  
Bureau, re Draft Constitution. (Min. 35)

Information Bureau,  
Normanhurst,  
3rd September, 1954.

The Clerk of the General Assembly of Australia.

Dear Sir,

re DRAFT CONSTITUTION, P.W.A. of A.

The Presbyterian Women's Federation has sent a communication to the General Assembly alleging that opportunity for discussion of the Draft Constitution of the Presbyterian Women's Association of Australia has not been afforded to women's organisations in New South Wales.

May I place the following facts before you:—

1. Liaison Officers of the P.W.A. of A. for this State—Mrs. J. Gray Robertson and Mrs. N. Wells—were summoned to Melbourne in September, 1953, to complete the drafting of the Provisional Constitution. Before leaving Sydney, they invited the Executive of the Women's Missionary Association, and the Councils of the Associated Guilds and Presbyterian Women's Federation to confer on the matter. At the meeting on 28th August, there was a large representation from all these bodies. The proposed Constitution was discussed, clause by clause, and suggestions were asked for, and made, which the Liaison Officers conveyed to the Interstate Meeting in Melbourne.

2. On their return, the Liaison Officers called a similar Conference on October 26 to hear their report, and the completed Draft Constitution was read and explained. The Minutes of this meeting are available and can be produced if required.
3. Within a fortnight of this latter meeting, 30 copies of the Draft Constitution were prepared by me and handed to Miss C. A. Morrison, Hon. Secretary of the Presbyterian Women's Federation for distribution to member organisations of the P.W.F.  
It will be clear that full information was made available for the organisations associated with the P.W.F.

Yours faithfully,  
 GRACE E. THOMPSON,  
 Hon. Secretary,  
 Information Bureau,  
 Presbyterian Women's Association  
 of Australia.

XI — From the New South Wales General Assembly re Communication  
 VI — Table Top Land (Min. 244)

The Clerk,  
 General Assembly of Australia,

Re Communication VI—Table Top Land

Dear Mr. Marshall,

With reference to the Communication from the General Assembly, N.S.W., anent Union Church Land at Table Top, Albury Parish, Presbytery of Wagga Wagga, I wish to advise you that this Assembly, at its Session in May, 1954, gave authority to the August meeting of the Commission of Assembly to receive and transmit to the G.A. of A. the necessary Presbytery application for approval of the sale of Church property at Table Top (Wagga Wagga Presbytery).

The Commission of Assembly, at its meeting on August 12, 1954, resolved, on motion duly moved and seconded:—

"That the Application by the Presbytery of Wagga Wagga anent Church Property at Table Top be received and transmitted to the General Assembly of Australia, with a request that the Declaration craved therein be made."

I have now to request that the Assembly make such Declaration,

Yours faithfully,

A. C. GRIEVE,  
 Clerk of Assembly.

XII — From the Law Agent, Presbyterian Church of Victoria re Transfer  
 of Properties. (Min. 244)

Rev. W. D. Marshall M.A.  
 Clerk of General Assembly,  
 Presbyterian Church of Australia,  
 Warrigal Road,  
 Burwood, E.13.

re Transfer of properties to Presbyterian Church of New South  
 Wales Property Trust. 1951 B.B.M. 171

Dear Mr. Marshall,

As Law Agent I wrote to the Secretary of the New South Wales Property Trust in January, 1953, and received an intimation on behalf of the trustees that they were willing to act in accordance with the terms of G.A.A. Minute 171.

In March, 1953, I wrote to Clerks of Assembly of Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland drawing attention to the Minute and indicating the properties of G.A.A. which were apparently held by local trustees. This information was gathered from page 406 of "Constitution Procedure and Practice" and replies were received as follows:—

*Queensland:* From the Assistant Clerk to the effect that the Solicitors of the Queensland Church advised that in their opinion the property in Queensland could not be transferred because a Company or Corporation not registered in Queensland could not hold land in that State without the authority of a special Act of Parliament.

*Western Australia:* In January, 1954, the Clerk wrote stating that all property is held in Western Australia for the Church by the Commissioners under the Church Act. As far as the Clerk is aware the only property held for the Federal Church is that held by the A.I.M. He was under the impression that it had been stated that under the Church Act, property held for the Australian Church could not be transferred to any other body unless and until the Church Act had been amended. My letter was being sent to the Commissioners of the Western Australian Church with the request that they should deal with it and if necessary obtain the findings of their Law Agent. On the 17th May, 1954, the G.A. of W.A. carried a motion authorising the Commissioners to take necessary action to transfer the property held by the G.A. of A. to the New South Wales Property Trust provided that there is no legal barrier to the transfer. The matter is said to be at present receiving the consideration of the Procurator in Western Australia.

*South Aristralia:* The Law Agent wrote in February, 1954, setting out the categories of properties of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in South Australia as follows:—

1. Property held in connection with a Church Congregation in the north (e.g. Beltana).
2. Property the subject of the Smith of Dunesk Funds.
3. Properties purchased in connection with the A.I.M. (Children's Work).
4. General properties for the G.A. of A. mostly for Foreign Mission purposes. Those properties held in trust for existing Congregations are controlled by the Private Presbyterian Church of South Australia Act, 1899, and cannot be transferred to any entity of the G.A.A. The Smith of Dunesk Funds are held by Attorneys and cannot be transferred.

The A.I.M. properties can, if the A.I.M. so direct, be transferred to the N.S.W. Property Trust and also the property held generally for G.A.

On the 23rd February, 1954, Mr. Zelling reported having written to the Clerk of Assembly to have the matter set down on the Agenda for the April Assembly. No further reply has been received.

In the meantime steps are being taken to transfer the Ernabella leases to the New South Wales Property Trust.

Yours faithfully,

J. P. ADAM,  
Law Agent.

## OVERTURES.

I—Anent Commission of the General Assembly of Australia (Min. 286)

From the Presbytery of Perth, Western Australia, and transmitted by the General Assembly of Western Australia. Anent Commission of the General Assembly of Australia.

At Perth, and within the McNess Hall on Friday, the 15th day of May, 1953, at 10 o'clock a.m., the Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer.

Inter alia:— The Overture sent up from the Presbytery of Perth anent the Commission of the General Assembly of Australia was called for and was stated.

The Clerk moved, it was seconded and agreed that the Overture be sustained and sent on to the General Assembly of Australia with the unanimous approval of this Assembly.

### Overture

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly:—

This Overture humbly showeth that—

Whereas the General Assembly of Australia in September 1948 sustained an overture anent a Commission of Assembly (B.Bk. 1948, Min. 99); and

Whereas it is desirable that such a Commission be appointed and vested with authority to deal with matters affecting the Welfare of our Church in Australia; but

Whereas the number of members constituting the said Commission appears to be small for the important duties it may be called upon to discharge, bearing in mind the possibility of the absence of some members; and

Whereas there is no provision for filling vacancies caused by death, removal, infirmity or other causes; neither is there provision for a quorum;

Now therefore your overturists humbly Overture the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to take these premises into consideration and amend the terms of appointment of the said Commission of Assembly by deleting all words in paragraph 3 after "Commission," and by inserting the following:—

- (a) Six representatives from the State of Victoria.
- (b) Six representatives from the State of New South Wales.
- (c) Four representatives from the State of Queensland.
- (d) Two representatives from each of the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania.

In the event of vacancy the General Assembly of the State among whose representatives the vacancy occurs shall appoint a representative to fill the vacancy.

And by adding a new paragraph numbered 6, as follows:—

6. Determine that no business shall be transacted in the Commission except in the presence of at least eight members representing at least three of the States.

Or to deal otherwise with the matter as the Assembly may deem fit.

And your Overturists will ever pray.

It was agreed that the Overture be supported in the General Assembly of Australia by the Rt. Rev. H. Perkins and the Rev. T. Gibson.

Extracted from the records of the General Assembly of Western Australia by me on this the 10th day of June, 1954.

THOMAS GIBSON,  
Clerk of Assembly.

II—From the General Assembly of Western Australia anent Standing Committees of the General Assembly of Australia (Min. 287)

At Perth, and within St. Andrew's Church, on Wednesday, the 19th day of May, 1954, at 3.30 o'clock p.m., the Assembly met pursuant to adjournment, and was constituted with prayer, the Moderator presiding.

Inter alia:—

The Overture anent election of members of standing committees of

the G.A. of A. was stated by Dr. A. A. Barr and Rev. J. A. F. Watson after which Dr. Barr moved, it was seconded and agreed that the Assembly sustain the Overture, transmit the same to the General Assembly of Australia with the hearty approval of this Assembly and appoint Rev. J. A. F. Watson and Dr. A. A. Barr to support the Overture in the General Assembly of Australia.

#### Overture

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia:

This Overture of the General Assembly of Western Australia humbly showeth that:—

Whereas the election of members of Standing Committees is governed by rules 179-185 (P. & P.); and

Whereas the said rules appear to give no direction for the filling of vacancies on such Standing Committees; and

Whereas inconvenience may be caused in a State which has only one representative on a Standing Committee should such member's seat become vacant through resignation, death, etc.; and

Whereas it is considered desirable that the method of filling vacancies on Standing Committees should be clearly defined;

Now therefore the General Assembly is humbly overtured to take these premises into consideration and amend rule 184 by adding a new clause (e) to read as follows:

“(e) Vacancies on any Standing Committee shall be filled by the Executive on the nomination of the State Assembly among whose members the vacancy occurs.”

Or to do otherwise as the Assembly in its wisdom deemeth best.

And your Overturists will ever pray.

Extracted from the records of the General Assembly of Western Australia by me on this the 10th day of June, 1954.

THOMAS GIBSON,

Clerk of Assembly.

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III—From the General Assembly of Western Australia anent Standing Order No. 107, and united congregations in Western Australia (Min. 288)

At Perth and within St. Andrew's Church on Wednesday, the 19th day of May, 1954, at 3.30 o'clock p.m., the Assembly met pursuant to adjournment and was constituted with prayer, the Moderator presiding.

Inter alia:—

The Overture anent proposed amendment to Standing Order No. 107 and to the rules of the W.A. Code anent United Congregations, was submitted by Rev. H. D. McAndrew who, after stating the same, moved that the Overture be sustained and transmitted to the General Assembly of Australia with the hearty and cordial approval of this Assembly.

The motion was seconded and carried. It was further agreed that the Overture be supported in the General Assembly of Australia by Rev. J. A. F. Watson and Mr. P. J. Barblett.

#### Overture

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia:—

This Overture humbly sheweth that—

Whereas the G.A. of A. in September, 1951, approved the merging of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches at Kalgoorlie for an experimental period of five years, and gave authority to the A.I.M. to represent the General Assembly in the administration of the united congregation and to accord it financial support; and also approved the establishment and support of a united congregation at Bunbury;

And whereas these united congregations have been duly established and are working according to agreements and with benefit to both denominations;

And whereas it is desirable that they should be related to the life and work of the partner denominations and have representation in the Church Courts;

And whereas representation has been granted by the Congregational Union of Western Australia but cannot be granted by this Assembly without enactment of the General Assembly of Australia;

And whereas it may be desirable in view of the situation of the Churches in Western Australia, that united congregations be formed in other places;

And whereas it seems desirable that the Church should have a policy and machinery to foster and regulate such ventures;

And whereas if it be not possible for Ministers of other denominations serving the united cause to hold seats on the courts of this Church, it is desirable that they be at least associated with the courts of this Church;

Now therefore it is humbly ovetured that the Venerable the General Assembly take these premises into consideration and enact as follows:—

1. Amend Standing Order 107 insofar as it applies to Western Australia by inserting after the word "standing" and before the word "may" the words "and Ministers of other denominations serving a united cause in which the Presbyterian Church is partner," so that the said Standing Order will then read:—

107. Ministers of settled Charges and bona fide acting Elders, who are members of other Courts of equal standing, and Ministers of other denominations serving a united cause in which the Presbyterian Church is partner, may be associated with Courts.

2. Give authority to the General Assembly of Western Australia to add a new part to its rules to read as follows:—

#### Part V. — United Congregations

242. When, after due enquiry into all the circumstances, it appears to a Presbytery that it is desirable for Presbyterians to unite with members of another denomination to form one Congregation, it shall make a report to the Assembly.

243. The Assembly may authorise Presbytery to enter into negotiations and make Agreements with the appropriate authority of the Church or Churches concerned, with due regard at all times to the rights of this Church.

244. The general life and work of a united congregation shall be supervised by an Advisory Committee consisting of the Minister, if he be an ordained Minister of his denomination, two members of each participating denomination within the local congregation, and three members appointed by each of the appropriate Church Courts of the co-operating Churches. It belongs to the Advisory Committee to assist and advise the Church on matters it may see fit to refer or which are brought to its notice by the Church, and to see that Agreements are observed, but it shall have no legislative function.

245. The Minister and a representative Elder of a united Congregation shall, if Presbyterians, be granted a seat in the Presbytery of the bounds. If the Minister be a Minister of another denomination, but inducted by authority of the Presbytery, he may be associated as provided in Standing Orders 107 and 108.

246. A United Congregation shall pay such rates as may be determined by Presbytery and Assembly, but not exceeding half of those fixed for other Charges.

Or do otherwise as the Assembly in its wisdom may determine.

And your Overturists will ever pray.

Extracted from the Records of the General Assembly of Western Australia by me on this the 10th day of June, 1954.

THOMAS GIBSON,  
Clerk of Assembly.

#### IV.—From the Presbytery of Melbourne North re Preservation of Wholesome Discipline (Min. 247)

WHEREAS a Kirk Session under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Melbourne North has reported that two married communicants of the Congregation having been joined in the Divorce Court as respondents in an adultery charge, which they did not defend; and a verdict having been given against them, they were cited to appear before the said Kirk Session according to the laws of the Church; and that while still under citation they were united in marriage by a Parish Minister of our Church, who admits that he knew of the verdict of the Civil Court, and also that he made no enquiries as to whether the parties had any Church connection;

WHEREAS it is evident that by this action the Kirk Session concerned has been frustrated in its attempt to exercise a wholesome discipline



according to the requirements of the Church; and that such breakdowns of discipline, and from such a cause, tend to discourage Kirk Sessions from embarking upon a process of discipline;

WHEREAS it appears to be necessary to both: (a) encourage the courts of the Church to do their duty in difficult circumstances, and (b) to give guidance to Ministers of the Church in cases of application for re-marriage: IT IS THEREFORE humbly overtured by the Presbytery of Melbourne North to the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia to take these premises into consideration and to set up a Committee to bring down suggestions concerning:—(a) courses of action to be taken by Ministers of the Church when dealing with applications from divorced people for remarriage; and (b) any other means for preserving wholesome discipline within the Presbyterian Church in these difficult matters of marital infidelity, or to do otherwise as the Assembly in its wisdom may deem fit.

J. G. BUCKNALL,  
Clerk, Presbytery of  
Melbourne North.

#### Extract Minute

At Melbourne and within the Assembly Hall, 156 Collins Street, on Tuesday, the 13th day of April, 1954, at 10 a.m.

The Special Commission of the General Assembly met by appointment of the State General Assembly in October, 1953, (Min. 203). Public Worship was conducted by the Rt. Rev. the Moderator, the Rev. A. C. Watson, and the Commission was constituted with prayer.

Inter alia:—

20. The House sat in private.

21. Overture 1 from the Presbytery of Melbourne North (re Preservation of Wholesome Discipline) was laid on the table and received.

The Rev. D. F. Mitchell and Mr. G. U. Nathan stated the Overture.

Questions were called for.

The Rev. D. F. Mitchell moved:

"That the Special Commission (a) sustain the Overture; (b) transmit the Overture to the G.A.A.; (c) appoint the Revs. R. Swanton and D. F. Mitchell to support the Overture in the G.A.A."

The motion was seconded and approved.

22. The House resumed in public.

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V—From the Presbytery of Melbourne North re Relationship of Church to Governments of Commonwealth and States (Min. 248)

The Venerable the General Assembly of Australia:

WHEREAS Governmental and other authorities in Australia are now generally acting as if the Church of England were the official Church in Australia, presumably because it is the Established Church in England, and

WHEREAS the Presbyterian Church is the Established Church in Scotland and therefore one of the two Established Churches in association with the Crown: and

WHEREAS there is no Established Church in Australia: and

WHEREAS the question of the relations between the Presbyterian Church and the Governments of the Commonwealth and States needs careful consideration:

NOW THEREFORE the Presbytery of Melbourne North prays the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia to take these premises into consideration and appoint a Commission to study the question of the relationship of the Church to the Governments of both Commonwealth and States, with authority both to formulate, and as may from time to time seem appropriate, publish a statement on this relationship, and with the same authority make representations to Government authorities as and when it may be appropriate to do so, or do otherwise as the Assembly in its wisdom may deem fit.

Presbytery appointed the Rev. W. A. Alston and Rev. Hamilton Aikin to state the Overture when it comes before the House.

Extracted from the minutes of the Presbytery of Melbourne North of meeting held on June 2, 1954, by me.

GRAEME BUCKNALL,  
Clerk of Presbytery.

VI—From the College Committee, re Administration of Sacraments by Home Missionaries (Min. 114)

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

WHEREAS abuses exist under the present operation of the Regulations re the Administration of the Sacraments by Home Missionaries; and

WHEREAS it would appear that there is considerable doubt as to whether the regulations are valid;

NOW THEREFORE the College Committee humbly overtures the General Assembly to take these premises into consideration and remit the following proposed regulations to Assemblies and Presbyteries and that in the meantime the Assembly give them interim authority, OR do otherwise as the General Assembly in its wisdom may deem fit:—

205. That the Assembly in view of the fact that in some parts of the Commonwealth it is not meantime possible to obtain the services of an ordained Minister of the Word, hereby authorise as a temporary administrative arrangement, to meet such need, and until such need be supplied, that Home Missionaries who have completed the first year of the Course of Training for the Ministry, or other such training, as is accepted by the College Committee as equivalent thereto, or have completed five years in the Home Mission or Australian Inland Mission or Aboriginal Mission Service, and have been specially recommended by the Presbytery of the bounds, this recommendation having been specifically confirmed by the Executives of the appropriate State Theological Education Committee and Home Mission Committee or the Australian Inland Mission Board or the Australian Board of Missions or the Queensland Aboriginal and Foreign Missions Committee, as the case may be, and who have further passed an examination, arranged by the College Committee, on the Doctrines of Baptism and the Lord's Supper according to the rules of the Church, under the conditions set forth in Rules 206-212 hereunder.

206. (a) General.— (i) That the Presbytery of the bounds shall, before granting such power to the Home Missionary in charge of any district, satisfy itself that no ordained Minister of the Word is ordinarily available for such purpose.

(ii) That those exercising such function shall straight way report the details of each case to the Moderator of the Home Mission station, or if there be no Moderator, to the Clerk of the Presbytery, or in the case of the Australian Inland Mission, to the Convener of the Board.

(iii) That the power be exercised only in the district for which it is given, and only so long as those authorised are acting on behalf of the Church in such station.

(iv) That every Home Missionary administering these Sacraments shall use the forms in the Book of Common Order of the Presbyterian Church of Australia or the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland.

207. (b) Lord's Supper. — (v) That the Kirk Session responsible, shall fix in advance the date or dates of each such special administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

(vi) That the Moderator of the district shall be responsible for each special administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and shall authorise and direct the Home Missionary to associate with him, wherever possible, one or more elders of the Church, to act on behalf of the Kirk Session in the administration of the Sacrament.

208. (c) Discipline.— (vii) That in no case shall discipline be exercised by those authorised to act, but any cases of discipline shall be reported to the Moderator of the station, to be dealt with according to the law of the Church.

209. (viii) That a list of members, and of those desiring to communicate for the first time, shall be submitted before each occasion to the Moderator and Kirk Session, who shall be responsible for the admission of members on profession of faith, and receiving and granting certificates of membership.

210. (ix) That no Home Missionary shall administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on any occasion except those fixed under conditions as above.

211. A Presbytery is not to authorise a Home Missionary to administer the Sacraments until he has passed an examination, arranged by the College Committee, on the Doctrines of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Tt 6 subjects shall be:

- (1) The Confession of Faith, Chapters XXV and XXVIII-XXIX.
- (2) The Shorter Catechism, Questions 88 and 91, 97.
- (3) The Book of Common Order of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

212. In administering the Sacraments, Home Missionaries are required to consult Rule 203 and to use the Forms in "The Book of Common Order of the Presbyterian Church of Australia or the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland,

W. YOUNG, Acting Convener.  
R. SWANTON, Secretary.

VII—From the Presbytery of Melbourne North (re Sacraments and Season Observance) (Min, 249)

To the Venerable the General Assembly:

A. Whereas there is variety of theory and practice in the observance of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; and

Whereas in regard to Baptism this variety is shown more particularly in—

- (a) time and place of observance,
- (b) preparation and obligations required of participants; and

Whereas in regard to the Lord's Supper this variety is shown more particularly in—

- (a) preparation and obligations required of participants,
- (b) the frequency of celebration,
- (c) the form of invitation to partake; and

Whereas Students for the Ministry have no uniform authoritative guidance from the Church on these matters, and on entering the Ministry follow their individual opinions, in consequence of which there have arisen theories and practices various and contradictory, to the confusion of both the Ministry and the people; and

B. Whereas on the one hand, the practice has arisen of observing "special Sundays," e.g. Mother's Day, Red Cross Sunday, Bible Sunday, Hospital Sunday, Temperance Sunday, Anzac Sunday, etc., and such tend to increase as other claims are pressed; and

Whereas, on the other hand, our Church has no authoritative statement on her attitude to the observance of the Christian Year; and

Whereas again there is resulting uncertainty, if not confusion;

NOW THEREFORE the Presbytery of Melbourne North humbly Overtures the Venerable the General Assembly to take these premises into consideration, and to refer them to the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia, asking for an authoritative statement setting forth thereby the Church's basic teaching in principle and in practice in relation to these matters;

Or do otherwise as the Assembly in its wisdom may deem fit.

The Overture was approved for transmission to the General Assembly, and the Rev. F. P. Strickland and the Rev. Graeme Bucknall appointed to state it when it comes before the House.

Extracted from the minutes of the Presbytery of Melbourne North of August 4th, 1952.

GRAEME BUCKNALL, Clerk.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria decided to transmit the Overture to the General Assembly of Australia. (A.B.B. Min. 99). The Rev. F. P. Strickland and the Rev. J. G. Bucknall were appointed to state the Overture before the Assembly.  
7th July, 1954.

W. D. MARSHALL,  
Clerk of Assembly.

VIII—From the A.I.M. Board anent Western Australia (Min. 217)

Whereas there are inadequate resources, both in manpower and finance, to meet the urgent demands of the increasingly strategic work of the Church in Western Australia;

And whereas there has been a large influx of Dutch migrants into Western Australia during 1953-54 many of whom should be assimilated into our Church;

And whereas it is recognised that the present methods adopted to assist Western Australia are not designed to meet long range needs;

And whereas it is a missionary obligation that a stronger State should help a weaker;

It is therefore humbly overtured by the Board of the Australian Inland Mission to the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia to take these premises into consideration and to—

- (a) Discuss the whole problem of our Church in Western Australia;
- (b) Instruct the Board of the Australian Inland Mission to collaborate with the General Assembly of Western Australia and to confer with Home Mission Committees in other States regarding this problem;
- (c) Empower the Australian Inland Mission to approach State Assemblies with a view to securing adequate financial aid and manpower to assist the position in Western Australia; or to
- (d) Deal otherwise with the Overture as the Assembly may seem fit.

J. GRAY ROBERTSON,  
Convener A.I.M. Board.

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IX—From the Session of the Lidcombe-Berala Presbyterian Church, anent Christian Unity (Min. 74)

Unto the Venerable, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales.

Whereas during the Meetings of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia held in Melbourne in September, 1951, Clause 2 of the Deliverance on Christian Unity (Min. 287., B.B., p. 71), duly carried, would seem to close the door to further negotiations with the Methodist and Congregational Churches with a view to Federal Union ... at least for many years, and

Whereas it is reported that the Methodist and Congregational Churches are continuing negotiations, and

Whereas a great many of our people are disappointed with the decision in Clause 2 of the Deliverance (Min. 287, B.B. p. 71) and feel that it does not represent the mind of the Church.

It is therefore humbly overtured to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales to take these premises into consideration, and

- (1) Declare itself in favour of the re-opening of negotiations for Federal Union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches.
  - (2) Approach the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia when it meets in Sydney in September this year with the object of having negotiations with the Methodist and Congregational Churches re-opened with a view to Federal Union with those Churches. Or do otherwise as the Assembly in its wisdom may deem best.
- For and on behalf of the Session of Lidcombe-Berala.

mark a. Mcalpine,  
Moderator of Session.

The General Assembly, N.S.W., resolved:—

That the Overture be sustained, and forwarded to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.

A. C. GRIEVE,  
Clerk of Assembly.

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X—From the College Committee anent Articles of Agreement and Theological Training (Min. 113)

To the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia —

Whereas the General Assembly of Australia in 1951 approved changes in the Course of Training for the Ministry and directed that the changed Course be brought into operation, and

Whereas the descriptions applied to both students and courses in Rules 150 and 151 are now not always applicable.

Now therefore the College Committee humbly pray the Venerable the General Assembly to take these premises into consideration, and

- (1) Amend Rule 150 by the omission of all words after "have" in

line 2, and insert in their stead "obtained the pre-requisites for Entrance to a Theological Hall may be admitted."

(2) Amend Rule 151 by the omission of all words, and insert in their stead, "The pre-requisites for entrance to a Theological Hall shall be such as are approved from time to time by the General Assembly." Or to do otherwise with the matter as the Assembly may deem fit.

W. YOUNG,  
Convener.

R. SWANTON,  
Secretary.

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## PETITIONS.

I—From Mr. J. Logan Priestley to Proceed to Ordination by a Shortened Course (Min. 116)

To the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia through the Presbytery of Melbourne North:

The Petition of James Logan Priestley, at present an officer of the Youth Department of the Presbyterian Church in Victoria, humbly sheweth:—

He was born at Yackandandah in Victoria in 1901. He received a State School education, and proceeded to a Postal Department and Banking career.

Your petitioner is married, with three grown-up children.

In 1926 he was ordained to the Eldership at Charlton. He moved from there to Geelong in 1929, and to Camberwell in 1932 in the course of his banking experience.

At each of these places, the work of the Eldership was actively continued, as well as leadership in Bible Class, Sunday School and other congregational work.

In 1947 he was appointed Convener of a Committee to develop Boys' Work under the Youth Department of the Victorian Church. He was then requested to submit his name to be considered for appointment to the position of Organising Secretary of a proposed organisation to be known as the Presbyterian Boys' Association.

This appointment was duly made by the General Assembly of Victoria as from February, 1948, for a period of three years, and on the expiration of that time your petitioner was re-appointed by the Assembly for a further five years.

The organising and establishing of this Boys' Association has involved a considerable number of preaching appointments, which have been acceptably undertaken throughout Victoria, as well as in Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia.

Although particularly appointed to organise the development of week-day activities for Sunday School boys, service in every aspect of the Victorian Youth Department's work has been undertaken, including regular school vacation camps for boys, Summer Conferences and Easter Camps for older age groups, metropolitan and country itineration involving leadership training, as well as tutorials to Sunday School teachers and P.F.A. groups.

Realising the value of increased knowledge, a year's lectures on Education (Principles), were undertaken at the Melbourne Teachers' College in 1948 under the Principal, Mr. A. J. Law, and in the next year, with an increasing desire towards ordination, first year lectures at the Theological Hall, Ormond College, were taken in Old Testament under Principal Maclean, and in New Testament under Professor MacNicol. Second year lectures in New Testament were commenced in the following year, but the increasing requirements of the now successfully launched, and swiftly developing Boys' work caused constant absence from lectures, and your petitioner was compelled reluctantly to discontinue lectures.

Although the desire has remained, it has not been possible to undertake further studies because of the necessity of stabilising this work. Now that the work is established, he desires to continue without delay towards his purpose of serving as a parish Minister.

By arrangement with the Victorian Youth Committee and the Senatus of the Theological Hall in Ormond College, lectures are being taken, as a private student, during 1954, in Theology and in Church History.

Taking into consideration his age and the limitations imposed by family responsibilities, and with a profound sense of call to the full service of the Church, which would be given greater effectiveness in the work of the ordained ministry, your petitioner now prays the General Assembly of Australia to consider his position and enable him to proceed to ordination by a shortened course, or do with this petition as it may in its wisdom see fit.

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

J. L. PRIESTLEY. 30/3/54.

Petition endorsed by the Session of Camberwell and forwarded by the Presbytery of Melbourne North for sympathetic consideration. The said Presbytery also recommends Mr. Priestley as a suitable candidate for the ministry. Petition also supported in the strongest terms with full documentation, by the Youth Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

Extract from Minutes of College Committee Executive, 4/6/54.

"It was resolved that it be recommended to the General Assembly that the applicant be required to pass the Entrance Examination of this Committee, that he subsequently complete the two last years of the Theological Hall, without languages, and that he meet the final requirements of this Committee."

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## II—From Presbytery of Canberra. Re extension work in Australian Capital Territory (Min. 155)

To the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia through the Canberra Executive.

The petition of the Presbytery of Canberra respectfully showed that:

1. The rapid growth of population and occupied areas in the City of Canberra requires that developmental work be done by the Church, which work cannot be done effectively by the two parishes within the Australian Capital Territory without aid.
2. That the parish of St. Columba's is urgently in need of a new Church building which the congregation is eager to erect subsequent to the necessary help being afforded.
3. That the parish is within the bounds of the area administered by the General Assembly through the Canberra Executive.
4. That the Canberra Executive is granted a certain sum of money from time to time from the C.D. Lloyd Bequest for the purpose of Church Extension in the Australian Capital Territory.

Your petitioners therefore pray the General Assembly:

1. To request the Board of Trustees of New South Wales to guarantee a loan of up to £10,000 for the erection of a new Church.
2. To direct that the present grant of £100 per year from the C. D. Lloyd Bequest be continued to St. Columba's for at least another three years for the payment of interest on the loan.

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

The Rev. W. A. Pordage and Rev. R. L. McInnes were appointed to present the petition.

WALTER A. PORDAGE,  
Clerk of Presbytery.

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## III—From the Presbytery of Canberra and the Congregation of the Church of St. Andrew, Canberra, re completion of the Church of St. Andrew (Min. 273)

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

1. Whereas the Congregation of the Church of St. Andrew maintains the parochial work of the parish and keeps the buildings in repair and whereas a new Congregation and parish have been formed, namely St. Columba's; a Church, St. Ninian's, has been repaired and furnished; the Warriors' Chapel in the Church of St. Andrew furnished at a cost of £3,000; and the first portion of the War Memorial Hall built at a cost, with furnishings, of £11,000, and
2. Whereas the congregation must still engage in extension work for which it accepts responsibility, and
3. Whereas the Church of St. Andrew still stands incomplete with an ugly wall of weatherboards facing the main highway through the city this Congregation and Presbytery seeks to know the mind of the Venerable, the General Assembly as to which of the following alternatives should be pursued:—

- (a) To leave the Church as it is.
- (b) To modify the original plan by providing an extra bay in the nave with seating for 160 persons, this to be done after consultations with an appointed panel of architects and at a cost of approximately £50,000.
- (c) To complete the Church according to the original plan at a cost of approximately £120,000.

The seating capacity of the Church is at present 300 with an extra 50 in the Warriors' Chapel. On most Sundays of the year this is taxed to the full and with the increase in population greater congregations will be expected.

As the Venerable the General Assembly planned to complete the Church your petitioners pray that a scheme may be formulated and implemented which will lead to the provision of a Church which will ever stand in the National Capital as a symbol of Presbyterian faith and witness, or to decide otherwise as in its wisdom it may seem fit.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

C. MULLAN, Moderator of  
Presbytery.

W. A. PORDAGE, Clerk of  
Presbytery.

HECTOR HARRISON, Moderator  
of Session.

A. G. M. BURNS, Clerk of Session.

Certified.

HECTOR HARRISON,  
Moderator of Session  
26/6/54.

#### IV.—From Mr. J. D. Penman to proceed to Ordination by a Shortened Course. (Min. 117)

To the Venerable the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia through the Illawarra Presbytery. The petition of the undersigned James Dick Penman, at present stationed at Berry, N.S.W., respectfully sheweth:—

Your petitioner was born at Wishaw, Scotland in 1906, and is now married and has two children. From baptism till the time of his departure for Australia the Church of Scotland was his spiritual home. During such time he was a pupil of the Sunday School and Bible Class, Communicant member, Sunday School teacher and lay preacher.

He also served his apprenticeship as a grocer and provision hand and whilst not twenty-two years of age was a branch manager with his firm of employment. In 1928 with his parents and other members of the family, he migrated to Australia. Arriving in Australia he followed his former line of business, also spiritual pursuits, serving for several years as an elder, superintendent of the Sunday School and Secretary of the Committee of Management at Gladesville Presbyterian Church.

Upon being approached by his Minister to take on Home Mission work, he felt that further knowledge was necessary for this arduous task, so he completed a two years' course set by St. Andrew's Theological Hall Committee for lay preachers and Church workers, after which he applied and was accepted as a full time servant of the Home Mission Department. He has served the department for the past 19 years, including the two years of his course at St. Andrew's, when he accepted part time employment, supplying charges in and around Sydney.

First full-time appointment was to Maryville, Newcastle, where he was stationed for six years. During this period a new Church was built and completely furnished, most of the initial cost being paid upon completion of work, and the finances so arranged and organised that the balance owing was paid within three years. Steps were taken for the purchase or erection of a manse; such purchase was made during the ministry of his successor.

Next sphere of labour was at Kurri-Kurri in the South Maitland coal-fields. During three years there a block of land was purchased, the cottage



adjoining the Church property also purchased, whereon at a suitable date a Sunday School hall is to be erected. A building fund for such was established with an accrued credit balance of between £200 and £300.

Broken Hill was the next place of service where for three years he was assistant to Rev. M. C. Gibb. Owing to the ill-health of his elder boy he was transferred to Riverstone and he ministered to the people of that parish for over four years. At Marsden Park, part of the Riverstone charge, a Sunday School was established, a large Kindergarten Room erected, and a piano purchased.

In each of the afore-mentioned places, the charge did, during the ministry of your petitioner, reach the position of self-supporting.

In 1952 he was appointed to the vacant charge of Berry and has supplied there till this present day. The reason your petitioner has failed to pursue the full course of study being the nature of the various charges of labour and a sincere desire to render his undivided attention to the practical work of the Cause in each congregation and place; the little spare time at his disposal being devoted to his mental equipment for the task, through diligent reading of necessary works.

To pursue the full course at his present age, he feels that the best remaining years of his life would be spent chiefly in preparation for the passing of examinations, whilst the work of the charge must inevitably suffer. Nevertheless coupled with years of experience he feels that ordination at this time would offer greater scope for service.

Your petitioner therefore prays your Venerable Court to take these premises into consideration and prescribe a shortened course of study that he might be taken on trials for license or deal otherwise with this petition as the General Assembly in its wisdom may deem fit. And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray.

J. D. PENMAN

The Presbytery of Illawarra transmitted the Petition "with Presbytery's recommendation and approval" and agreed that "Presbytery's representatives to G.A.A. support the petition."

The Rev. M. C. Gibb, of Broken Hill, commends the Petitioner "with enthusiasm" and sincerely hopes "that the General Assembly of Australia will in its wisdom see its way clear to grant the prayer of the petition."

The Rev. R. G. Cruikshank, of Hurstville, and ex-Superintendent of Home Missions, supports the Petition stating that "If given the advantage of a shortened course and ordination his service to the Church and Cause would be magnified considerably."

The Rev. J. Mallyon, of Scone, and I. P. McEvoy, of Cronulla, also support the Petition.

## REFERENCE

I—From the Presbytery of Bathurst regarding procedure in connection with the first Induction of Ministers received from other Churches. (Min. 250)

Whereas from time to time Ministers of other parts of the Holy Catholic Church are received into the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia;

And whereas it appears to have become the general custom of Presbyteries to adopt the practice of inducting without ordination such Ministers of other denominations who have been ordained with the laying on of hands;

And whereas it appears to the Presbytery of Bathurst that such practise raises difficulties insofar as in many cases such Ministers are not ordained by a Presbytery, nor any similar body;

And whereas the doctrine of some of the Churches from which some Ministers come is so different from the doctrine of the Ministry held in our Church that it is questionable whether such Ministers have been commissioned to the same office as that which the Presbyterian Church understands to be the Ministry of the Word and Sacraments;

The Presbytery of Bathurst respectfully asks the Venerable the General Assembly of Australia to take these matters into consideration and issue some definite ruling on the procedure to be adopted in such cases.

For the Presbytery of Bathurst in the State  
of New South Wales.

NORMAN H. SYMES,  
Moderator.

ALAN DOUGAN,  
Clerk.

The Rev. Norman H. Symes or Rev. A. Dougan to present the Reference on behalf of the Presbytery of Bathurst.

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**BALANCE SHEETS**

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

AGGREGATE BALANCE SHEET AT 30th JUNE, 1954

LIABILITIES

Sundry Creditors:			
Due by Board of Religious Education .. .. .	£2,844 8 7		
Due by Board of Missions .....	4,091 2 1		
		£6,935 10 8	
Presbyterian Church in New South Wales: On Account of Church of St. Andrew, Canberra		428 9 7	
Sundry Current Accounts:			
A.I.M.—“Warrabee” Local Committee ..	£575 12 6		
Board of Missions .....	916 3 4		
		1,491 15 10	
Reserve Funds:			
A.I.M.....	£52,594 19 0		
Board of Missions—Emergency Fund .. .. .	1,315 18 9		
Board of Religious Instruction — Overseas Study Fund .....	50 0 0		
		53,960 17 9	
Funds for Specific Purposes:			
A.I.M.....	£54,846 16 8		
Board of Missions .....	87,807 8 8		
		142,654 5 4	
Trust Funds:			
A.I.M.....	£17,098 9 3		
C. D. Lloyd Bequest—			
Capital Account .....	22,274 5 0		
Income Account .....	42 16 6		
A. C. McCracken Bequest—			
Capital Account .....	4,000 0 0		
Income Account .....	207 8 10		
John Fraser Foreign Mission Endowment—			
Capital Account .....	1,000 0 0		
Income Account .....	79 13 9		
Church of St. Andrew, Canberra—			

ASSETS

Properties:			
A.I.M. Hostels and Nursing Homes, etc. ..	£53,244 15 2		
Church of St. Andrew, Canberra.....	59,113 4 6		
		£112,357 19 8	
Office Furniture, etc.			
A.I.M.....	£143 2 0		
General Assembly of Australia .....	8 12 7		
Board of Religious Education.....	700 19 0		
		852 13 7	
Projectors, etc.: A.I.M. ....		826 0 0	
Motor Vehicles: A.I.M. ....		6,781 11 8	
Wireless Sets: A.I.M.....		672 0 0	
Stock on Hand: Board of Religious Education ..		1,583 2 0	
Shares and Debentures in Companies:			
A.I.M.....	£10,084 0 0		
Board of Missions .....	2,776 4 0		
		12,860 4 0	
Commonwealth Loans:			
A.I.M.....	£62,714 7 6		
Board of Missions .....	4,320 0 0		
A. E. McCracken Estate.....	820 0 0		
		67,854 7 6	
Cash at Bank, on Account of:			
A.I.M.—			
Bank of N.S.W., Sydney .....	£25 7 9		
Bank of N.S.W., Melbourne.....	205 16 7		
Bank of N.S.W., Perth.....	731 14 1		
StateBank of South Australia, Radium Hill	486 9 3		
E.S. and A. Bank, Alice Springs.....	24 5 0		
Commonwealth Trading Bank, Perth . . . . .	130 12 5		
Commonwealth Savings Bank, Charleville . .	247 9 8		
Board of Missions—			

Parish Endowment.....	3,019 13 7	
J. I. Dent Bequest—		
For Building ..... £533 17 6		
For Stipend..... 540 5 7		
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Clara Kirkland Bequest Aborigines' Mission—	1,074 3 1	
Capital Account .....	3,755 6 3	
Income Account .....	82 19 10	
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	52,634 16 1	
General Assembly of Australia:		
Expenses Account .....	1,364 7 6	
Capital and Accumulated Funds:		
Church of St. Andrew, Canberra.....	£59,113 4 6	
A.I.M.....	73,014 6 6	
Board of Religious Education .....	4,980 5 5	
Board of Missions .....	1,613 1 4	
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	138,720 17 9	

Bank of N.S.W., Sydney .....	346 10 2	
Bank of N.S.W., Melbourne.....	519 18 8	
Bank of N.S.W., Adelaide .....	366 3 2	
Bank of N.S.W., Perth.....	796 16 5	
Board of Religious Education:		
Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd.....	2,277 16 6	
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	6,158 19 8	
Funds in Hands of Local Committees:		
A.I.M.....	£143 8 8	
Board of Missions.....	3,959 14 9	
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	4,103 3 5	
Cash on Hand:		
A.I.M.....	£20 0 0	
Board of Missions .....	400	
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	24 0 0	
Advances—Board of Religious Education to:		
Joint Board of Graded Lessons .....	£1,886 8 9	
Code Book Committee .....	423 17 1	
A.C.C.E.....	380 0 0	
Year Book Committee .....	64 5 9	
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	2,754 11 7	
Funds in Hands of Presbyterian Church in New South Wales on Account of:		
A.I.M.....	£41,807 18 0	
Board of Missions.....	78,358 10 4	
General Assembly of Australia —		
Expenses Account .....	1,355 14 11	
A. E. McCracken Bequest .....	3,387 8 10	
John Fraser Foreign Missions—		
Scholarship Fund .....	1,000 0 0	
Clara Kirkland Bequest .....	3,838 6 1	
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	£129,747 18 2	
Presbyterian Church in Victoria, on Account of—		
A.I.M.....	£5,699 16 0	
Board of Missions.....	139 14 3	

Charles D. Lloyd Bequest .....	22,317 1 6		
	<hr/>	28,156	11 9
Presbyterian Church in Queensland, on Account of A.I.M.....		7,805	11 10
Presbyterian Church in South Australia, on Account of A.I.M.....		5,103	4 2
Presbyterian Church in Western Australia, on Account of A.I.M.....		50	0 0
Sundry Debtors—Due to:			
A.I.M.....	£1,182 14 2		
Board of Missions .....	4,235 16 2		
Board of Religious Education . . . . .	421 7 5		
	<hr/>	5,839	17 9
Church of St. Andrew, Canberra : Share of Liability due by States.....		4,522	6 3
Payments in Advance:			
Boards of Religious Education .....		136	17 6
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		£398,191	0 6

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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.

SYDNEY, 14th July, 1954.

A. W. CHAPMAN, F.C.A. (Aust.),

Official Auditor to the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA  
EXPENSES ACCOUNT FROM 1st JULY, 1951, TO 30th JUNE, 1954

EXPENDITURE

To College Committee:			
Secretary's Honarium: Rev. A. C. Grieve	£40	0	0
Secretary's Honarium: Rev. R. Swanton	80	0	0
Examination Fees.....	60	18	0
			£180 18 0
„ Loss on Year Book (including Honorariums to Editor):			
1951 and 1952 .....	£153	7	0
1953 .....	60	15	6
			214 2 6
„ Expenses re Code .....			6 8 9
„ Honorariums:			
Clerk of Assembly .....	£30	0	0
Junior Clerk of Assembly.....	20	0	0
Convener of Business Committee .. ..	20	0	0
			70 0 0
„ World Council of Churches:			
Assessments.....	£817	0	0
Assessments—Geneva.....	810	0	0
			1,627 0 0
„ World Presbyterian Alliance .. . . . .			188 5 4
„ Audit Fee (3 years to 30/6/51) . . . . .			26 5 0
„ Federal Inter-Church Migration Committee . .			150 0 0
„ Moderatorial Expenses: Rt, Rev. R. Bardon			900 0 0
„ Travelling Expenses of Delegates:			
Meetings in Melbourne, September, 1951 ..	£2,425	14	7
Meetings of Advisory and other Committees, 1951/1954 .....	775	19	8
			3,201 14 3
„ Presbyterian Church of Victoria, Sundry Expenses .....			190 19 8

INCOME

By Balance Brought Forward 1st July, 1951 ..			£772 18 7
„ Assessment of Expenses for 1951:			
South Australian Church .....	£36	0	0
Western Australian Church .....	36	0	0
			72 0 0
„ Assessment of Expenses for 1952:			
Victorian Church.....	£1,150	0	0
New South Wales Church.....	1,080	0	0
Queensland Church .....	360	0	0
South Australian Church .....			7000
Western Australian Church.....	50	0	0
Tasmanian Church .....	50	0	0
			2,760 0 0
„ Assessment of Expenses for 1953:			
Victorian Church .. . . . .	£1,150	0	0
New South Wales Church.....	1,080	0	0
Queensland Church .....	360	0	0
South Australian Church .....			7000
Western Australian Church.....	50	0	0
Tasmanian Church .....	50	0	0
			2,760 0 0
„ Assessment of Expenses for 1954:			
Victorian Church .. . . . .	£1,150	0	0
New South Wales Church.....	1,080	0	0
South Australian Church .....			7000
Western Australian Church.....	5000		
Tasmanian Church .. . . . .	50	0	0
			2,400 0 0
„ Assessment for Federal Inter-Church Migration Committee for 1951:			
South Australian Church.....	£5	0	0

„ Printing and Stationery.....	6 15 9	Western Australian Church.....	5 0 0	
„ Postages, Telegrams, Exchange, etc.....	15 8 3			10 0 0
„ Depreciation—Office Furniture .....	2 9 6	For 1952:		
„ White and Blue Books.....	856 2 4	Victorian Church.....	£25 0 0	
„ 2% on Revenue.....	168 9 9	New South Wales Church.....	25 0 0	
„ Balance Carried Forward 30th June, 1954 ..	1,364 7 6	Queensland Church .....	10 0 0	
		South Australian Church.....	5 0 0	
		Western Australian Church .....	5 0 0	
		Tasmanian Church .....	5 0 0	75 0 0
		For 1953:		
		Victorian Church.....	£25 0 0	
		New South Wales Church .. . . . .	25 0 0	
		Queensland Church .....	10 0 0	
		Tasmanian Church .....	5 0 0	
		Western Australian Church .....	5 0 0	
		South Australian Church .....	5 0 0	75 0 0
		For 1954:		
		Victorian Church.....	£25 0 0	
		New South Wales Church.....	25 0 0	
		South Australian Church ..	5 0 0	
		Western Australian Church .....	5 0 0	
		Tasmanian Church .....	5 0 0	65 0 0
		„ Church Hymnary Royalties.....		142 9 5
		„ Interest on Current Accounts.....		36 18 7
				<u>£9,169 6 7</u>
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SYDNEY, 14th July, 1954.

Examined and found correct.

A. W. CHAPMAN, F.C.A. (Aust.).

Official Auditor to the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales.



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA  
BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1953

<p>Current Liabilities:</p> <p>Sundry Creditors .. .. . £112 18 3</p> <p>Youth Departments .. .. . 2,731 10 4</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>Reserves:</p> <p>Overseas Study Reserve Fund .. .. . £50 0 0</p> <p>Joint Board of Graded Lessons Reserve Transferred from Accumulated Fund £6,000 0 0</p> <p>Less Invested in Joint Board 6,000 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">0 0 0</p> <p>Accumulated Fund:</p> <p>Balance 1st July, 1951 (including £3,750 Invested in Joint Board)..... £4,958 11 5</p> <p>Add Interest on Advance A.C.C.E. 30/8/46 to 30/6/51 .. . . . . . 75 4 9</p> <p>Add Net Profit for Period (2 years) ended 31/12/53 .. . . . . . 16,404 7 8</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">£21,438 3 10</p> <p>Less Distributed to Youth Department for Period (2 years) ended 31/12/53 (2 years) .. . . . . . £10,457 18 5</p> <p>Less Transfer to Joint Board Reserve .. . . . . . 6,000 0 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">16,457 18 5</p> <p>Balance at 31st December, 1953 .. . . . . . 4,980 5 5</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">£7,874 14 0</p>	<p>£2,844 8 7</p> <p>50 0 0</p> <p>4,980 5 5</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p>£7,874 14 0</p>	<p>Current Assets:</p> <p>Commercial Bank of Australia Limited .. . . . £2,277 16 6</p> <p>Sundry Debtors..... 421 7 5</p> <p>Joint Board of Graded Lessons .. . . . 1,886 8 9</p> <p>Stock on Hand .. . . . 1,583 2 0</p> <p>Year Book Committee—1953 £60 13 9</p> <p>" " " 1954 3 12 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">64 5 9</p> <p>Advance—A.C.C.E..... £380 0 0</p> <p>G.A.A. Code Book Committee .. . . . 423 17 1</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">803 17 1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">£7,036 17 6</p> <p>Fixed Assets:</p> <p>Furniture and Fittings— at Cost, less Depreciation .. . . . £604 13 0</p> <p>Office Machines—at Cost, less Depreciation .. . . . 96 6 0</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">700 19 0</p> <p>Prepayments .. . . . . . 136 17 6</p> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <p style="text-align: right;">£7,874 14 0</p>
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We certify that we have audited the books and accounts of the Board of Religious Education for the two and one-half years ended 31st December, 1953, and that the Balance Sheet and Trading and Profit and Loss Account are correct and in accordance therewith.

MORTON, WATSON & YOUNG,  
Chartered Accountants (Aust.),  
55 William Street, Melbourne, C.I.

MELBOURNE, 5th February, 1954.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA  
BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953

	Six Months 31/12/51		Year Ended 31/12/52		Year Ended 31/12/53		Total			Six Months 31/12/51		Year Ended 31/12/52		Year Ended 31/12/53		Total	
To Stock .. ..	£1,537	10 8	£1,994	6 3	£1,130	11 3	£1,537	10 8	By Sales .. ..	£1,323	12 10	£2,958	12 3	£2,787	5 4	£7,069	10 5
„ Purchases ..	1,388	7 11	1,398	7 3	2,713	4 10	5,500	0 0	„ Stock .. ..	1,994	6 3	1,130	11 3	1,583	2 0	1,583	2 0
„ Retention ..	6	0 0	39	18 0	49	4 6	95	2 6									
„ Gross Profit ..	386	0 6	656	12 0	477	6 9	1,519	19 3		£3,317	19 1	£4,089	3 6	£4,370	7 4	£8,652	12 5
	£3,317	19 1	£4,089	3 6	£4,370	7 4	£8,652	12 5	By Gross Profit ..	£386	0 6	£656	12 0	£477	6 9	£1,519	19 3
To Salaries .. ..	£1,139	5 10	£1,597	7 0	£1,195	9 10	£3,932	2 8	n Profit—Sale of Assets, etc. ..	52	2 9			1	13 0	53	15 9
„ Retiring Payments ..	300	0 0					300	0 0	„ Interest Received					16	1 6	16	1 6
„ Outside Editing	94	10 0	372	10 0	371	0 0	838	0 0	„ Record Subsidy A.B.M. ..					100	0 0	100	0 0
„ House Rent ..	102	6 0	205	16 8	208	0 0	516	2 8	„ Refund L.S.C. Expenses ..			162	14 6			162	14 6
„ Office Rent ..	121	17 10	252	12 6	217	2 4	591	12 8	„ Joint Board— Graded Allocation .	3,984	11 2	7,049	16 11	9,244	14 2	20,279	2 3
„ Telephone ..	51	12 6	97	8 10	74	10 11	223	12 3	Editing and Management	240	0 0	1,320	5 9	1,234	0 0	2,794	5 9
„ Postages ..	42	12 9	57	17 3	20	3 8	120	13 8	Non - Graded Allocation— 4 years to 30/11/52 ..							1,125	16 3
„ Stationery, etc.	82	17 1	70	18 4	91	13 9	245	9 2	Allocation — 1953 ..					499	1 11	499	1 11
„ Interest .. ..	36	10 6	33	2 11	9	10 4	79	3 9									
„ Periodicals, etc.			31	17 7	27	5 1	59	2 8									
„ Advertising ..	34	6 9	15	6 11	29	8 8	79	2 4									
„ Travelling ..	70	6 7	9	12 1	23	6 0	103	4 8									
„ Audit Fee ..	10	10 0			17	17 0	28	7 0									
„ Depreciation ..	22	6 0	44	13 9	45	6 9	112	6 6									
„ General Exes. . .	48	4 6	113	14 3	43	13 8	205	12 5									
„ Youth Sunday— Order of Service ..	280	0 0	225	13 0	236	4 0	741	17 0									
„ Commonwealth P.F.A.....	200	0 0	106	14 0	113	16 0	420	10 0									
„ Board Meeting	98	6 11	271	4 4	303	7 1	672	18 4									
„ L.S.C. Expenses	163	5 7					163	5 7									
„ Woudschoten Conference ..					39	11 0	39	11 0									
„ Overseas Study Fund .. . . .					50	0 0	50	0 0									
„ Loss on Record	147	1 5	221	19 0	254	14 9	623	15 2									
	£3,046	0 3	£3,728	8 5	£3,372	0 10	£10,146	9 6									
„ Net Profit ..	1,616	14 2	5,461	0 9	9,326	12 9	16,404	7 8									
	£4,662	14 5	£9,189	9 2	£12,698	13 7	£26,550	17 2		£4,662	14 5	£9,189	9 2	£12,698	13 7	£26,550	17 2

JOHN FRASER FOREIGN MISSION ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT

FROM 1st JULY, 1951, to 30th JUNE, 1954

Dr.:		Cr.:	
To the Australian Presbyterian Board of Missions—		By Balance Brought Forward, 1st July, 1951	£1,000 0 0
Interest to 30th June, 1954	£105 0 0	„ Interest to 30th June, 1954	105 0 0
„ Balance Carried Forward, 30th June, 1954	1,000 0 0		
	<u>£1,105 0 0</u>		<u>£1,105 0 0</u>

Examined and found correct,

A. W. CHAPMAN, F.C.A. (Aust.),

Official Auditor to the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales.

SYDNEY, 14th July, 1954.

CLARA KIRKLAND BEQUEST ACCOUNT

ABORIGINES' MISSION IN NORTHERN QUEENSLAND AND WESTERN AUSTRALIA

FROM 1st JULY, 1951, to 30th JUNE, 1954

Dr.:			Cr.:		
	Income	Capital		Income	Capital
To Australian Presbyterian Board of Missions	£310 4 2		By Balance Brought Forward, 1st July, 1951		£3,755 6 3
„ 2% on Revenue	8 0 1		„ Income from Estate	£10 10 1	
„ Stamp Duty on Cheques	4		„ Interest Received	390 14 4	
„ Balance Carried Forward, 30th June, 1954	82 19 10	£3,755 6 3			
	<u>£401 4 5</u>	<u>£3,755 6 3</u>		<u>£401 4 5</u>	<u>£3,755 6 3</u>

Examined and found correct,

A. W. CHAPMAN, F.C.A. (Aust.),

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SYDNEY, 14th July, 1954.

CHARLES D. LLOYD (AUSTRALIA) BEQUEST

STATEMENT FOR THREE YEARS ENDING 30th JUNE, 1954

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance Brought Forward, 1st July, 1951 .....	£22,273 0 0	Balance Carried Forward, 30th June, 1954 .. .. .	£22,274 5 0
Estate of the late Charles D. Lloyd.....	15 0		
	<u>£22,274 5 0</u>		<u>£22,274 5 0</u>

CHARLES D. LLOYD (AUSTRALIA) REVENUE ACCOUNT

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THREE YEARS ENDING 30th JUNE, 1954

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance Brought Forward, 1st July, 1951 .....	£67 4 0	Grants:	
Net Interest on Trust Fund .....	2,588 16 0	Presbyterian Church, Canberra .....	£300 0 0
		Presbyterian Church of Queensland .. ..	360 0 0
		Presbyterian Church of South Australia ..	520 0 0
		Presbyterian Church of Tasmania.....	530 0 0
		Presbyterian Church of Western Australia .	900 0 0
			<u>£2,610 0 0</u>
		Printing and Postages, etc.....	33 6
		Balance Carried Forward, 30th June, 1954 ..	42 16 6
	<u>£2,656 0 0</u>		<u>£2,656 0 0</u>

ALEXANDER EARLE McCracken BEQUEST ACCOUNT  
FROM 1st JULY, 1951, to 30th JUNE, 1954

Dr.:	Income	Capital	Cr.:	Income	Capital
To Payments to:			By Balance Brought Forward, 1st July, 1951 ..	£53 17 8	£4,000 0 0
Presbyterian Church of Tasmania—			„ Interest Received from—		
Home Mission Committee .....	£42 18 11		Current and Capital Accounts.....	339 14 2	
Presbyterian Church of South Australia—			Commonwealth Loans.....	79 19 0	
Home Mission Committee .....	107 7 5				
Presbyterian Church of Western Australia—					
Home Mission Committee .....	107 7 5				
	£257 13 9				
„ 2% on Revenue.....	879				
„ Stamp Duty on Cheques.....	6				
	£266 2 0				
„ Balance Carried Forward, 30th June, 1954 ..	207 8 10	£4,000 0 0			
	£473 10 10	£4,000 0 0		£473 10 10	£4,000 0 0

SYDNEY, 14th July, 1954.

Examined and found correct.  
A. W. CHAPMAN, F.C.A. (Aust.),  
Official Auditor to the Presbyterian Church of Australia in the State of New South Wales.

AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION  
REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED 31st MARCH, 1952, 1953 AND 1954

	EXPENDITURE				REVENUE				
	12 Months to 31/3/52	12 Months to 31/3/53	12 Months to 31/3/54	Total	12 Months to 31/3/52	12 Months to 31/3/53	12 Months to 31/3/54	Total	
To Advertising and									
Publicity ..	£344 2 2	£917 15 7	£619 10 1	£1,881 7 10					
„ Beneficiary ..	143 14 3	162 12 7	161 12 1	467 18 11					
„ Bank Charges ..	82 17 6	81 1 1	87 12 0	251 10 7					
					By Donations,				
					Special Efforts,				
					etc.....	£13,476 18 4	£13,973 13 5	£17,745 13 0	£45,196 4 9
					„ Dividends .. ..	170 12 11	208 4 1	454 1 4	832 18 4

„ Freight and Cartage ..	339	7	8	254	14	5	371	9	6	965	11	7
„ Fuel, Light and Water ..	417	5	5	376	18	11	633	16	1	1,428	0	5
„ General Expenses	1,523	9	1	673	6	6	1,390	2	5	3,586	18	0
„ Grants	230	0	0	130	0	0	480	0	0	840	0	0
„ Hospital Supplies	1,087	19	8	894	15	5	1,212	16	6	3,195	11	7
„ Household Exes.	3,633	3	1	3,377	15	0	3,756	6	8	10,767	4	9
„ Insurance ..	642	5	1	561	7	4	558	18	0	1,762	10	5
„ Printing and Stationery ..	406	19	5	643	1	2	406	5	5	1,456	6	0
„ Rent, Rates and Church Office Charges ..	1,216	8	3	1,554	5	8	1,841	13	11	4,612	7	10
„ Repairs and Maintenance ..	222	15	0	459	18	1	428	9	3	1,111	2	4
„ Salaries and Allowances ..	15,600	15	4	15,242	2	5	15,962	9	1	46,805	6	10
„ Stamps, Telephones and Telegrams	755	8	4	821	6	7	958	8	1	2,535	3	0
„ Travelling Exes.	4,275	13	6	4,304	12	3	4,000	17	3	12,581	3	0
	£30,922	3	9	£30,455	13	0	£32,870	6	4	£94,248	3	1
„ Depreciation—Buildings, etc., Motor Cars, Wireless Sets and Projectors	3,150	17	0	3,059	12	3	6,985	16	0	13,196	5	3
	£34,073	0	9	£33,515	5	3	£39,856	2	4	£107,444	8	4
„ Transfer to Accumulated Funds—Excess Revenue over Expenditure ..				4,096	12	2				4,096	12	2
	£34,073	0	9	£37,611	17	5	£39,856	2	4	£111,541	0	6

„ Fees and Rents ..	1,767	6	8	2,148	4	8	5,224	16	4	9,140	7	8
„ Interest ..	2,003	19	9	1,928	10	9	2,161	10	10	6,094	1	4
„ Subsidies and Grants ..	2,589	1	5	3,353	4	6	4,124	11	8	10,066	17	7
	£20,007	19	1	£21,611	17	5	£29,710	13	2	£71,330	9	8
„ Transfer from Legacies in Reserve ..	4,000	0	0	16,000	0	0	6,500	0	0	26,500	0	0
	£24,007	19	1	£37,611	17	5	£36,210	13	2	£97,830	9	8
„ Transfer to Accumulated Funds—Excess Expenditure over Revenue ..	10,065	1	8				3,645	9	2	13,710	10	10

£34,073 0 9 £37,611 17 5 £39,856 2 4 £111,541 0 6

AUSTRALIAN INLAND MISSION  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1954

LIABILITIES

Trust Funds:

Estate H. A. Allen .....	£1,443	17	8	
Edgely Memorial Trust .....	1,500	0	0	
Estate John Kirkland .....	1,028	1	0	
Margaret Mathieson Endowment .....	60	0	0	
Estate Wm. Martin Memorial.....	2,750	0	0	
Arch. and Eliz. McLaurin Fund .....	4,612	13	2	
M. E. McGowan Bequest.....	100	0	0	
Jessie Mcilwraith Bequest .....	100	0	0	
W. G. McCullough Bequest .....	105	12	1	
A. Phillips Bequest.....	386	7	11	
Robert Purdie Endowment .....	1,339	7	10	
Patterson Memorial Trust .....	2,500	0	0	
Mary Ronaldson Bequest.....	72	9	7	
Eleanor Symond Endowment.....	100	0	0	
Estate Cathcart-Scott .....	1,000	0	0	
				£17,098 9 3

Funds for Specific Purposes:

A.M.S. Fund .....	£129	10	8
Wireless Fund .....	281	15	3
Estate Mary R. Blain .....	2,969	4	0
Estate H. A. Burns.....	124	11	6
Estate C. F. Blain (Educational).....	3,803	5	4
Estate C. F. Blain (Eye).....	543	4	5
Darwin Claims .....	6,758	1	4
Edgely Trust Income.....	1,028	6	3
Estate Miss Charles Fairfax.....	1,528	19	7
John Flynn Memorial Fund .....	12,014	6	5
Estate C. E. Gebhardt .....	278	10	2
Estate W. A. Gilmore .....	219	16	3
Estate J. S. Love .....	803	11	8
Leonora Works.....	7	5	0

ASSETS

Current Funds:

Bank of N.S.W., Sydney ..	£25	7	9	
Bank of N.S.W., Melbourne ..	205	16	7	
Bank of N.S.W., Perth ..	213	19	3	
Bank of N.S.W., Perth (Hostel)	517	14	10	
E.S. & A. Bank, Alice Springs ..	24	5	0	
Commonwealth Trading Bank, Perth .....	130	12	5	
Commonwealth Savings Bank, Charleville .....	247	9	8	
State Bank of South Australia, Radium Hill .....	486	9	3	
Petty Cash.....	20	0	0	
				£1,871 14 9

Council Cash Balances:

New South Wales .....	£391	0	4	
Queensland.....	2,208	0	8	
South Australia.....	890	5	2	
Victoria .....	1,185	6	5	
West Australia .....	50	0	0	
				4,724 12 7

Total Current Funds .. . . . . £6,596 7 4

Reserve Funds (Available in case of emergency for General Purposes):

In Cash held by—			
Presbyterian Church in N.S.W. . . . .	£24,799	17	0
Presbyterian Church in Queensland .. . . .	3,937	7	1
Presbyterian Church in South Australia .. . . .	1,313	14	11

£30,050 19 0

Common-wealth Government Inscribed Stock .. 17,460 0 0

Old Timers' Homes.....	..	1,703	1	1	
Presbyterian Church in New Zealand ..	..	14	5	4	
Estate Wm. Shine ..	..	20,498	0	7	
Birdsville Fire Appeal ..	..	111	11	9	
Tennant Creek Amenities.....	..	50	0	0	
Batchelor Building Fund ..	..	129	6	2	
Badge Day, S.A.....	..	1,850	3	11	
					<b>54,846 16 8</b>
Reserve Funds:					
Legacies in Reserve in N.S.W. .. ..	..	£42,259	17	0	
"    "    "    "    Victoria .. ..	..	5,084	0	0	
"    "    "    "    Queensland .. ..	..	3,937	7	1	
"    "    "    "    South Australia ..	..	1,313	14	11	
					<b>52,594 19 0</b>
“ Warrawee ” Local Committee.....	..		575	12	<b>6</b>
Accumulated Funds:					
General Funds—					
Balance at 31/3/51 ..	..	£57,353	3	11	
Add Additions during three years ended					
31/3/54 ..	..	25,275	1	3	
					<b>£82,628 5 2</b>
Less Excess Expenditure over Revenue for					
three years ended 31/3/54 ..	..	9,613	18	8	
					<b>73,014 6 6</b>

Broken Hill Pty. Co. Ltd. Shares.....		5,084	0	0	
					<b>52,594 19 0</b>
Total Reserve Funds .....					
Funds for Specific Purposes:					
In Cash held by—					
Presbyterian Church in N.S.W.....	..	£12,633	1	0	
Presbyterian Church in Queensland ..	..	1,614	11	7	
Presbyterian Church in South Australia ..	..	2,799	4	1	
					<b>£17,046 16 8</b>
Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock ..		37,800	0	0	
					<b>54,846 16 8</b>
Total Funds for Specific Purposes .. ..					
Trust Funds:					
In Cash held by—					
Presbyterian Church in N.S.W.....	..	£3,983	19	8	
Presbyterian Church in South Australia ..	..	100	0	0	
Presbyterian Church in Victoria.....	..	4,514	9	7	
Presbyterian Church in Queensland ..	..	45	12	6	
					<b>£8,644 1 9</b>
Debentures in—					
Brisbane City Electric Light Co. Ltd. ..	..	1,000	0	0	
Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock		7,454	7	6	
					<b>17,098 9 3</b>
Total Trust Funds .....					
Investments:					
Shares in Companies—					
Imperial Tobacco Co. of Great Britain and					
Ireland.....	..	£1,872	0	0	
Pindemar-Port Stephens Ltd., 1,500 Shares					
(at Probate Valuation).....	..	450	0	0	
Scotts Ltd.....	..	250	0	0	
Herald and Weekly Times.....	..	178	0	0	
Brisbane Gas Co.....	..	1,250	0	0	
					<b>4,000 0 0</b>



Properties: Including Equities in Nursing Homes,  
Churches, Manses, Clubs, etc.:

Alice Springs .....	£2,322	0 0
Birdsville .....	12,736	19 1
Beltana.....	392	0 0
Broome.....	394	5 0
Batchelor .....	137	8 1
Carnarvon .....	1,147	2 0
Cloncurry Land.....	10	0 0
Dunbar.....	1,504	15 0
Darwin.....	1,096	13 0
Fitzroy Crossing.....	3,044	0 0
John Flynn Memorial Church.....	1,481	5 8
Hall's Creek .....	661	12 1
Hall's Creek Manse.....	460	0 6
Innaminka .....	2,583	0 0
Mt. Isa—Club .....	1,466	0 0
Mt. Isa—Manse.....	1,354	10 0
Northbridge Manse.....	4,102	0 0
Oodnadatta.....	1,287	10 0
Old Timers' Homes—		
Clearing, Fencing, Water Piping, etc. ..	757	0 0
Equipment .....	545	10 0
Armco Shed .....	431	0 0
Wilkinson Hut .....	607	10 0
Kennett Memorial Hut.....	245	19 10
Perth Manse .....	2,829	19 6
Tennant Creek .....	1,944	10 0
Warrawee .....	9,702	5 5

53,244 15 2  
672 0 0

Wireless Sets.....

Motor Vehicles:

Darwin.....	£122	16 6
Peninsula .....	189	11 0
Kimberley .....	122	16 6
Mt. Isa.....	368	10 0
Old Timers' Homes.....	466	15 0

South West.....	565	0	0	
Kalgoorlie-Boulder .. .. .	430	0	0	
Kalgoorlie-Boulder Motor Cycle .. .. .	49	6	0	
Board (Alice Springs) .. .. .	552	15	0	
West Queensland .. .. .	531	10	0	
Sturt .. .. .	844	0	0	
Western .. .. .	1,136	10	0	
Kimberley .. .. .	1,402	1	8	
				6,781 11 8
Office Furniture, etc.....				143 2 0
Projectors, Screens, Cameras and Film Programmes, etc.....				826 0 0
Sundry Debtors (including advances to Padres, Nursing Homes, etc.) .. .. .				1,182 14 2
Local Committee Funds:				
Birdsville .. .. .	£100	0	0	
Carnarvon .. .. .	45	16	11	
Innamincka.....	9	10	4	
				£155 7 3
Less Oodnadatta.....		11	18 7	
				143 8 8
	£198,130 3 11			£198,130 3 11

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 Mission's affairs according to the best of my information and the explanations given me and as shown by the books of account of the Mission.

SYDNEY, 7th July, 1954.

A. W. CHAPMAN,  
Chartered Accountant (Aust.).



New Hebrides Mission Maritime Service Fund 2,274	3	7		
New Hebrides Special Donations Fund . .	393	14	5	
North Malekula Medical Fund.....	266	16	0	
				20,466 19 10
New Hebrides "John G. Paton Fund: "				
Sundry Station Funds .....	£882	18	5	
Native Teachers' Fund .....	1,574	13	10	
Language Publications Funds Trust .. ..	480	13	0	
Meaun Tribe Lands Defence Trust .. ..	109	11	10	
				3,047 17 1
India:				
Car Replacement Fund .....	£1,097	19	1	
Building and Equipment Funds .....	170	18	6	
India Emergency Fund .....	1,065	18	2	
India Administration Fund .....	600	0	0	
India Relief Legacy Fund.....	200	0	0	
				3,134 15 9
Korea:				
Reconstruction Fund.....	£7,265	0	9	
New Hospital Fund.....	9,785	0	0	
Relief Appeal Fund.....	267	16	11	
Cars Replacement Fund.....	1,086	13	0	
Korea Legacies Fund.....	25	12	0	
				18,430 2 8
Indonesia:				
Indonesia Fund.....				218 10 0
Sundry Current Accounts:				
N.Z. Lepers' Trust Board.....	£123	12	6	
Tangoa Training Institute .....	155	13	2	
John G. Paton Fund Committee .....	586	17	8	
Sutherland House Committee.....	50	0	0	
				916 3 4
Sundry Creditors .....				4,091 2 1
				£95,823 7 11
				£95,823 7 11

I report that I have compared the above Balance Sheet of the Australian Presbyterian Board of Missions with the vouchers and books of account of the Board, 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 Board's affairs according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the Board's books of account. SYDNEY, 6th July, 1954.

(Sgd.) V. W. COOMBES, F.A.S.A.,  
General Secretary.

A. W. CHAPMAN,  
F.C.A. (Aust.)



## Ernabella Station Account:

Sale of Wool, Skins, Sheep.....	11,591	1	10	9,778	13	11	14,038	1	11	£35,407	17	8	
Child Endowment (Contra).....	1,687	0	0	1,299	0	0	2,089	0	0	5,075	0	0	
S.A. Department Education Grant .....	247	19	0	588	6	0	687	0	0	1,523	5	0	
S.A. Government Building Grant .....	—			1,325	0	0	2,500	0	0	3,825	0	0	
Transfer from Endowment Fund .....	1,927	1	11	1,900	0	0	2,050	0	0	5,877	1	11	
Donation.....	—			51	17	6	—			51	17	6	
Accident Compensation Grant .....	—			426	12	2	—			426	12	2	
Sundry Transfer .....	4,478	10	3	2,043	15	2	—			6,522	5	5	58,708 19 8
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Kunmunya-Wotjulum:													
Donations .....	67	18	6	121	5	8	65	5	8	£254	9	10	
Sundry Transfers.....	1,394	12	10	1,000	0	0	—			2,394	12	10	
Child Endowment .....	—			—			613	15	9	613	15	9	
W.A. Indigent Subsidy.....	—			—			1,639	16	6	1,639	16	6	
W.A. Child Subsidy .....	—			—			1,269	1	6	1,269	1	6	
Dividend.....	—			—			8	0	0	8	0	0	6,179 16 5
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New Hebrides:													
Centenary Appeal (P.M. Hospital).....	387	5	2	375	17	7	8,374	3	9	£9,137	6	6	
Hurricane Appeal.....	—			3,676	2	10	—			3,676	2	10	
Donations .....	26	0	0	818	2	8	753	8	8	1,597	11	4	
Sundry Station Income.....	—			241	0	6	3	8	1	244	8	7	
A. A. Graydon Estate.....	—			—			25	0	0	25	0	0	
Sundry Transfers.....	744	11	11	3,979	3	6	6,837	16	11	11,561	12	4	26,242 1 7
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India:													
Donations .....	430	5	6	350	10	0	55	17	10	£836	13	4	
Food Relief Appeal .....	1,691	3	11	608	10	4	—			2,299	14	3	3,136 7 7
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Korea:													
Donations .....	54	14	0	3,468	10	3	437	9	1	£3,960	13	4	
Relief Appeals .....	13,115	9	5	1,264	16	7	4,872	10	0	19,252	16	0	
A. A. Graydon Estate.....	—			—			25	0	0	25	0	0	23,238 9 4
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	£90,084	18	3	£87,185	8	10	£97,700	17	11	£274,971	5	0	

AUSTRALIAN PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS

COMBINED REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE THREE YEARS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953

EXPENDITURE

	Year Ended 31/12/51	Year Ended 31/12/52	Year Ended 31/12/53	Totals	3 Years to 31/12/53
Home Base:					
General Secretary—Salary and Manse ..	£917 3 0	£1,097 9 0	£1,137 15 0	£3,152 7 0	
Office Salaries.....	1,212 8 2	1,435 11 9	1,148 2 7	3,796 2 6	
Beneficiary and Provident Fund.....	50 0 0	53 15 0	42 10 0	146 5 0	
Travelling Expenses—Board and General Secretary ..	501 5 4	596 8 3	807 13 11	1,905 7 6	
Office Rent, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, Literature and Audit ..	796 1 4	822 12 3	928 9 9	2,547 3 4	
				<hr/>	£11,547 5 4
National Missionary Council ..	100 0 0	100 0 0	159 0 0	£359 0 0	
Equipment and Furniture ..	93 1 0	172 2 3	24 5 0	289 8 3	
Interest Allocated.....	1,271 8 11	1,443 9 10	1,872 0 11	4,586 19 8	
Sundry Transfers.....	1,493 18 2	212 0 0	5,468 6 6	7,174 4 8	
				<hr/>	12,409 12 7
<sup>bs</sup> {Zt Aborigines—General:					
Grant to North Queensland Stations.....	400 0 0	400 0 0	400 0 0	£1,200 0 0	
Retiring Allowance ..	32 0 0	—	—	32 0 0	
				<hr/>	1,232 0 0
Ernabella Mission Account:					
Mission Grant.....	200 0 0	300 0 0	300 0 0	£800 0 0	
Missionaries' Salaries.....	493 0 0	602 0 0	633 0 0	1,728 0 0	
Beneficiary, Fares, Freights, Printing and Films, etc.....	76 14 11	79 17 8	685 11 8	842 4 3	
Sundry Transfers.....	2,822 4 1	4,453 7 8	176 2 0	7,451 13 9	
				<hr/>	10,821 18 0
Ernabella Station Account:					
Mission Grant, Wages, Rations, etc.....	1,938 18 9	1,948 0 0	1,820 0 0	£5,706 18 9	
Buildings and Equipment ..	5,891 3 0	8,089 2 2	5,729 0 1	19,709 5 3	
New Trucks Purchase.....	3,627 9 0	—	103 15 9	3,731 4 9	
Sheep Purchases ..	—	480 0 0	1,849 11 11	2,329 11 11	
Missionaries' Salaries ..	2,191 18 3	2,437 6 10	2,873 18 3	7,503 3 4	
Provident Fund, Fares, Freights, Insurance, Shearing, Rent, etc.....	1,327 3 3	1,136 5 11	1,072 10 2	3,535 19 4	
Sundry Transfers.....	4,866 0 11	2,873 18 3	5,202 7 3	12,942 6 5	
				<hr/>	55,458 9 9

Kunmunya-Wotjulum:

Mission Grant ..	730 15 4	720 0 0	1,283 7 10	£2,734 3 2
Missionaries' Salaries ..	1,333 10 6	1,067 19 0	1,629 0 0	4,030 9 6
Provident Fund, Fares, Freights and Sundry Expenses.....	537 7 0	55 1 3	406 6 10	998 15 1
Reconstruction and Renewals ..	1,044 12 10	2,744 7 2	1,254 15 6	5,043 15 6
Child Endowment Allocation ..	—	—	585 0 0	585 0 0
Indigent Subsidy Allocation ..	—	—	1,650 12 11	1,650 12 11
Child Subsidy Allocation ..	—	—	938 0 5	938 0 5
Sundry Transfers.....	350 0 0	625 0 0	850 0 0	1,825 0 0

17,805 16 7

China:

Missionaries' Salaries ..	1,919 13 9	—	—	£1,919 13 9
Sundry Expenses ..	133 12 0	—	—	133 12 0

2,053 5 9

New Hebrides:

Buildings and Equipment ..	8,613 19 9	8,781 16 2	6,947 9 5	£24,343 5 4
Missionaries' Salaries ..	5,227 16 11	7,081 11 5	6,878 10 0	19,187 18 4
Children's Allowances ..	88 2 8	84 0 0	207 0 0	379 2 8
Beneficiary and Provident Funds ..	136 18 3	176 15 4	112 15 7	426 9 2
Passages, Freights, etc.....	1,937 5 3	2,748 5 0	1,893 19 6	6,579 9 9
Station Expenses.....	156 10 8	357 8 5	193 15 8	707 14 9
Grant, Paton Memorial Hospital.....	845 7 7	1,701 12 5	959 13 1	3,506 13 1
Launch Maintenance ..	290 2 1	394 0 10	464 17 7	1,149 0 6
Grant to Tangoa Institute.....	140 0 0	140 0 0	140 0 0	420 0 0
Hurricane Damage Repairs.....	—	1,258 16 5	—	1,258 16 5
Land Title Fees and Costs.....	—	143 17 0	—	143 17 0
Sundry Transfers.....	3,527 19 2	6,055 3 4	10,552 12 5	20,135 14 11

78,238 1 11

India:

Grant to Field Council.....	4,958 0 0	5,569 1 8	5,651 6 5	£16,178 8 1
Buildings and Equipment ..	2,490 17 7	—	—	2,490 17 7
Missionaries' Salaries.....	2,367 1 0	2,515 9 9	2,493 11 3	7,376 2 0
Children's Allowances.....	36 0 0	—	—	36 0 0
Missionary Retirement Grant ..	250 0 0	—	—	250 0 0
Beneficiary Contributions ..	15 12 6	32 10 0	40 0 0	88 2 6
Passages and Freights.....	620 15 1	141 16 9	41 4 2	803 16 0
Food Relief ..	905 10 0	608 10 4	—	1,514 0 4
Sundry Transfers.....	1,353 4 5	649 10 0	1,455 0 0	3,457 14 5

32,195 0 11







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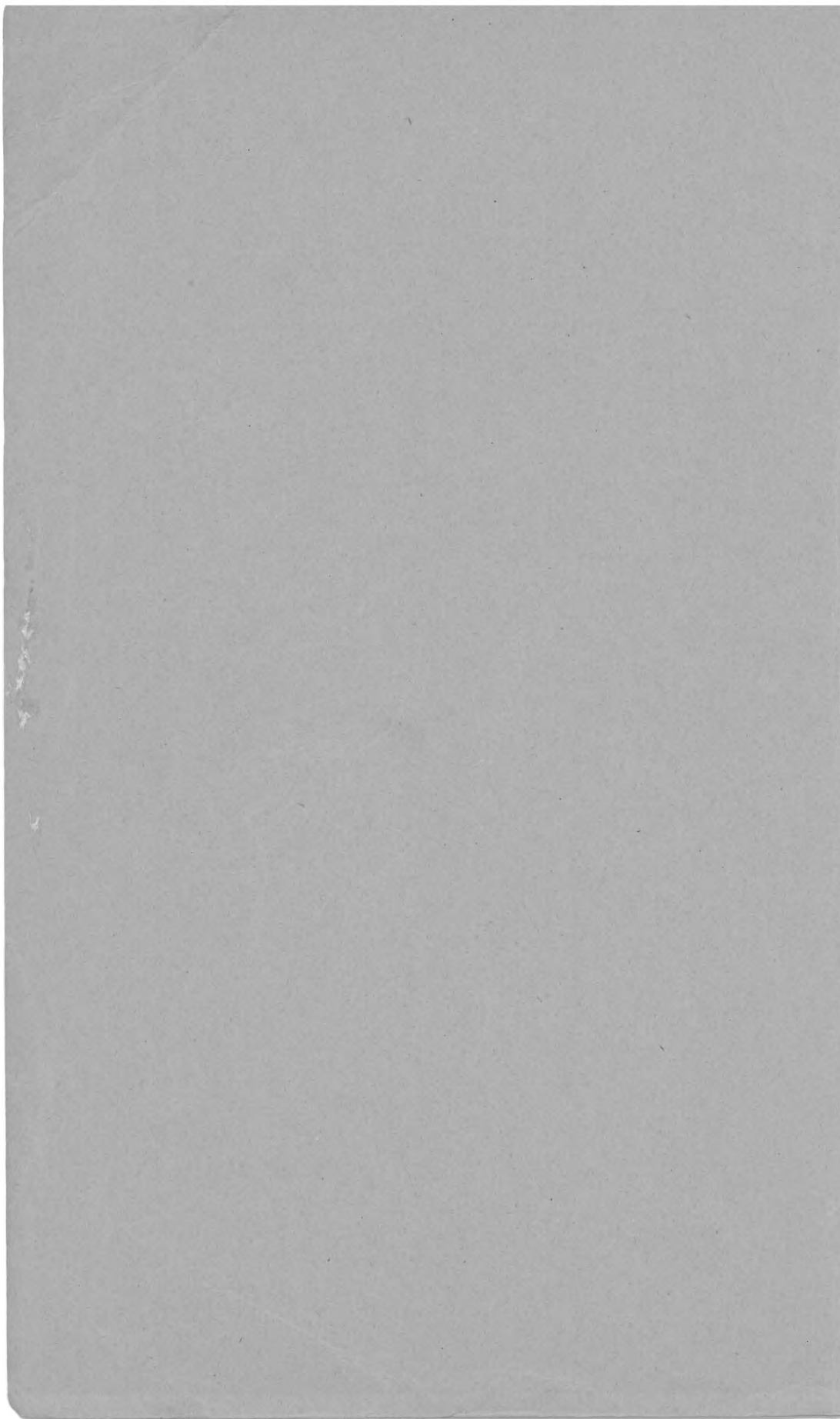
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