

Minutes of the Meeting held at the
Bible House on Friday October 26, 1956.

The President, Mrs. Lyarish, was in the chair and 21 members present.

Major Coleman led in a devotional period, reading from Isaiah Chapter 35, and then spoke on the way of the Christian life.

Major Coleman then led the meeting in prayer.

Mrs. Bruce Gentles, a new member representing the Presbyterian Women's Association, was welcomed by the President.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Pearson, Nelson, Morris, Sutton, Knight, Deane, Hensman and from Miss Godson.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Hall reported that the Button Day was the most successful yet and should realise about \$50.

Miss Roseby read a draft of a letter to Mr. Ian Hunt relating to the powers of the executive of the Women's Interchurch Council. This draft was approved on the motion of Mrs. Walker seconded by Mrs. Miller.

Mrs Briggs gave notice of motion of two alterations to the constitution which had been recommended by the executive.

- ① that a member of the Appeals Committee should be appointed to the executive
- ② that the number to constitute a quorum of the executive should be 5 instead of 3.

Miss McDiarmid moved the adoption of the financial statement showing a credit balance of £4.13.1; this was seconded by Mrs Henry.

Outstanding expenses were passed for payment on the motion of Mrs Lyeodhaugh, seconded by Major Coleman.

Correspondence

Letters were received as follows:-

- (1) From Mrs Blance thanking the Council for the letter of sympathy received
- (2) From Mrs Watts suggesting that the Council might be able to provide afternoon tea following a naturalization ceremony in February or March.
- (3) From Mrs Day suggesting that the responsibility for the work at the Migrant Hostel at Dundas be placed on the Parramatta Churches. This was agreed to.
- (4) From Mr. Fairhall in answer to a

letter about federal aid to denominational schools in Canberra.

(5) From the Australian Council of the World Council of Churches reminding us that our subscription is due and urging the need for more subscribing members.

(6) Notice of a meeting in connection with The Call on 13th November, subject "The Call, what from the women".

A motion that the correspondence be received was moved by Miss Roseby, seconded by Mrs Palmer.

Reports were received from the various committees and organizations on which the Council is represented.

Hostel Committee In the absence of Mrs Knight this report was given by Mrs Miller. The mortgage now amounts to £3400; the interest rate, formerly $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, will be $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ in future, which means that an extra £34 a year must be raised. The committee have reluctantly decided that the fees must be raised from £3.15.0 to £4 a week. 18 girls are in residence at present and 11 have applied for readmission next year. A considerable amount of plumbing has to be done at a total cost of £150.

and the outside of the hotel must then be painted.

Brief reports were also received from W.C.T.U. National Council of Women, Interchurch Aid, Good Neighbour Council, Prison Reform. Notes on these reports are attached. The meeting closed with the benediction.

Jan Coleman

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

Financial Statement to 26th October, 1956.

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	£	s.	d.	<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	£	s.	d.
By Credit Balance 31st August, 1956,	5	19	1	To Affiliation Fee and Subscription for 1 Delegate-National Council of Women of N.S.W.	2	12	.
" Affiliation Fee 1956/57 Lutheran Ladies' Guild	1	1	.				
" Associate Membership Fee 1956/57-Mrs. Pearson	5	.		" Credit Balance, as per Pass Book,	4	13	1
	£7	5	1		£7	5	1

Inter church Aid Committee

A meeting of the above committee was held on 6th August 1956 in consultation with the N.S.W. Executive of the Australian Council for the World Council of Churches, to consider the appointment of a paid secretary for N.S.W.

The Rev. Frank Byatt outlined the need for an active & vigorous worker in this position, to travel the state raising funds for distribution by the central body at Geneva.

No decision was arrived at. A small group chosen from both committees was asked to find the right remuneration for the right man.

Good Neighbour Council

Queensland Good Neighbour Council has been very successful in getting migrant children into Australian homes for holidays. South Australia do a lot of hospital visiting. 2nd Migrant conference held in July was very successful. Efforts are being made to help old migrants, who cannot be naturalised to come under special Social Service. Very necessary to get even the elderly to learn English because of unity in the home. An Industrial conference was held on 3rd Oct. with a panel of experts to help with a better understanding in industry. The Victoria League have opened a library at Villawood which is much appreciated. A 2nd Exhibition of migrants work is being arranged for May 1954. A social afternoon for elderly women will be held at the Feminist Club on 12th Nov. Your representative and Miss Allen will be helping at this function.

A special Conference on "The Emotional Adjustment of the Migrant" will be held at Federation House at 7-30 p.m. Monday 29th Oct.

Annual Meeting held on Sept 25th
Splendid address by the Rt Hon. H. E. Holt
good attendance. Sir Richard Boyer
appointed President unopposed.

The Good Neighbour Council is helping to surround newcomers with the fellowship of Australian community life. It is a two-way process. The effort must come from both sides on the basis of personal friendship, mutual understanding and equality.