

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1986.

The past twelve months has been a time of consolidation by the N.S.W. Unit of Australian Church Women. Under the gracious leadership of Mrs. Edith Ridge, the meetings have been well attended and the aims and purposes of A.C.W. maintained at all meetings including the Special Day services. Interesting visitors and speakers at the council meetings have included Miss Irenen Voyser of the Bible Society, who gave a stirring account of the growing Prayer Circle of the Bible Society.

Four representatives from this Unit attended the National Conference held in Brisbane during August. Each one brought a report on some aspect of the conference at the August Council meeting. The Theme, 'Living in God's Service, was both inspiring and challenging.

The current Winifred Kiek Scholar, Valerie Palang, from Rabaul, New Guinea was present at the September meeting when she spoke of her background, education and studies at Alcorn College in Brisbane as well as the type of work she did with the village women of her country.

On the 21st October a special meeting was convened so that members could meet the newly elected National President, Mrs. Dorothy Haensel. The purpose of this visit was owing to the cancellation of the Asian Church Womens Conference which was to be held in Adelaide in 1986. Mrs. Haensel clearly explained the financial difficulties of Asian women travelling to Australia.

For the November meeting, Christina Richards of Trading Partners presented the goods on display in an interesting and informative manner. These related to the conditions and changes which have taken place to people in the Third World. The ten per cent profit usually donated to our funds was not taken as we wished this to be our donation to this work.

Two special visitors at the February meeting in 1986 were Mrs. Joyce Bragg, president of National Council of Women and the National president, Mrs. Haensel

Mrs. Bragg was the main speaker and gave a clear and interesting outline of the history of the National Council of Women which began in Sydney ninety years ago. Celebrations are well in hand for this special anniversary. Mrs. Haensel was able to give further information regarding the conference held in Taipei since she had visited us in October. A special segment of this meeting was the presentation to Deaconess Mary Andrews of a Life Members Badge from the National Executive.

Appreciation on behalf of each member is expressed to the president, Mrs. Ridge for the dignified manner she has conducted all meetings and the inspiration of her messages.

To the treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, who has handled the ever growing finances of this unit with skill and a strong sense of stewardship. The healthy position of the balance has enabled us to be generous in our giving to National projects e.g. \$500 to Partners with A.C.W.C. fund and \$200 towards the out of pocket expenses of Rathie Selveratnum when she attends a conference in Canada and the United States. We regret that our treasurer has been battling with a physical problem, and pray God will lay His healing hands upon her.

To the members of the executive who are faithful in all their commitments, the representatives of local branches who organise the Special Day Services, the representatives to other organisations, and for the loyalty of the council members including Special Interest Groups, e.g. Y.W.C.A. and W.C.T.U. Thank you for making my work so fulfilling.

The generosity of your giving and service is like a lovely fragrance, a sacrifice that pleases the very heart of God.

Anabel Ward

Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN N.S.W. STATE UNIT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 1ST MARCH, 1985 TO 28TH FEBRUARY, 1986

1.3.85. -	cr. Bank Balance	\$ 374.30	
<u>Add RECEIPTS:</u>			
<u>Organisation A/c. :</u>			
Affiliation Fees	\$ 160.00		
Collections & Donations	255.16		
Conference Subsidies	190.00		
Asian Bulletin Subscriptions	74.50		
Badges	53.25		
Imprest Returns	34.25		
Interest	<u>1,391.37</u>	\$ 2,158.53	
Newsette Subscriptions		337.00	
Overseas Travel Fund		120.02	
Sales of books, spoons & badges		135.50	
Partners A.C.W.C.		12.00	
<u>Special Funds:</u>			
Fellowship Least Coin	\$ 7,447.41		
Winifred Kiek Scholarship	150.51		
Fellowship Day	2,852.17		
World Community Day	<u>2,469.10</u>	12,919.19	
From Invested Funds		10,750.00	
Transfer from Special Funds		<u>955.88</u>	\$27,388.12
			\$27,762.42

Less PAYMENTS:Special Contributions :

Fellowship Least Coin	\$	7,200.00	
Winifred Kiek Scholarship		110.00	
Fellowship Day		2,000.00	
World Community Day		<u>1,718.00</u>	\$ 11,028.00
Overseas Travel Fund			150.00
Promotion - F.L.C.	\$	208.00	
" - Fellowship Day		366.92	
" - World Community Day		<u>341.40</u>	916.32
Dr.S.Rao - for printing			291.31
Subscriptions, Asian Bulletin			100.00
Donation, A.C.W.C. Assembly			250.00
National Conference, fees, etc.			1,057.25
Newsette production, postage			349.85
Transfers to Investments			11,717.40
General Administration			414.46
Transfer to Organisation A/c.		<u>955.88</u>	<u>27,230.47</u>
28.2.86.—		<u>cr.Bank Balance</u>	<u>\$ 531.95</u>

CAPITAL FUNDS STATEMENT 28TH FEBRUARY, 1986.BALANCES:

Westpac Current A/c.	\$	531.95
" Savings Inv. A/c.		956.03
Glebe Board		<u>7,000.00</u>

\$8,487.98FUNDS:

Organisation A/c.	\$	7,436.55
Newsette		426.42
Overseas Travel		124.26
F.L.C.		394.10
Stock		94.65
Partners A.C.W.C.		<u>12.00</u>
	\$	<u>8,487.98</u>

R. E. Walker
 Hon. Treasurer, 18.3.86

Auditor's Report:

I have examined the books of account and records of Australian Church Women N.S.W. State Unit for the year ended 28th February, 1986. In my opinion the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 28th February, 1986 and the Statement of Funds as at 28th February, 1986 show a true and correct view of the result for that year and of the state of affairs as at 28th February, 1986.

J. P. Bragg
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 Hon. Auditor 9.4.86