

Annual Meeting of Mrs. Womans Inter Church Council held at Bible House, City, on Friday, 18th April, 1969, following monthly meeting.

Present were 25 members

Apologetes being received from Mrs. Coleman, Osborne and Peterson & Mesdames, Millar, Montgomery, Wells, Leam, ~~but~~ Durie, Hobbs & Nicker.

Minutes of the 1968 Annual Meeting were read and confirmed.

Reports: The Secretary's report was read and received. (Moved Mrs. Allen, seconded Mrs. Gilbert)

Treasurer's Report - was presented (as attached) indicating General Fund to be \$252.26; Fellowships of the Least \$111.79 and Project Fund \$22.01.

Mrs. Perriman moved the reception of this report. Seconded Mrs. Ralph, Carved.

Secretary was asked to write to Mr & Mrs Perriman expressing Council's sincere appreciation of their work throughout the year.

Election of Officers: President: Head Deaconess Mary Andrews (C. of P.)

President Elect: Mrs. Stanhope, (Church of Christ)
Past President: Mrs. J. Gilbert (Baptist)
Vice Presidents: Col. J. Coleman (S.A.)
 Mesdames Briggs (Society of Friends) Badger
 (Lang.) and Moly (Lutheran)
Secretary: Mrs. R.H. Dougherty. [Mrs. Dougherty
 advised that she would ~~not~~ be able to
 undertake the office for this year only.]
Asst. Secretary - to be appointed.
Membership Secretary: Mrs. R. Jessup (L of G)
Treasurer: Mrs. L. A. Perriam (Baptist)
 [Mrs. Perriam asked that she be relieved
 of this office next year]
Promotions Committee: (6 members with power
 to co-opt)
 Mesdames Nervo, Dixon, Wells, ~~H. Lewis~~,
 Moly, Gilbert and Carpenter.
Fellowship of Least Loved: Convenor. Mrs.
 Clarice Butler.
National Council of Women: Major R. Smith
 and Mrs. G. L. Walker.
Women's Christian Temperance Union: Mrs. Hall
T.V. & Films: Mrs. Palmer (subject to
 her acceptance)

Women's World Day of Prayer Mtg: (5 reps.)

Col. Osborne, Mesdames Wells, Ralph &
Gannon, & Head Deaconess Andrews.
Good Neighbors Council: Mesdames Hall
and Gamine.

A. C. C. State Mtg: President & Secretary

Mad. Inter Church Aid Mtg: Mrs. Col. Carpenter
(Mrs. K. Ledy, alternate)

Mad. Division of Studies & Education: Secretary

At the conclusion of the election of
the President, Mrs. Gilbert, thanked all
office bearers and representatives for their
year of service to Council and their
support of her during her year of
office. As Head Deaconess Andrews as
she prepares to take office, Mrs. Gilbert
pledged the prayers and support of
all members.

Formal thanks to Mrs. Gilbert was
expressed in the Secretary's report but
opportunity was taken by members to
express their personal appreciation of
Mrs. Gilbert's dedicated and gracious

leadership throughout the year.

Secretary was asked to write to Mr & Mrs C. A. Harman conveying Council's gratitude for the years of service they have given looking after Council's finances and particularly for their ^{ness} cheerfully & efficiently in undertaking this task.

As no auditor had been appointed Mrs Ralph offered to contact Mr Phamou seeking his services in this regard and Secretary was asked to write conveying Council's appreciation of his work over the past twelve months.

Closure

There being no further business the Annual Meeting for 1969/70 was closed with the benediction at 1 pm.

Secretary

President

Mary W. Cudde
24/4/70

(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

ANNUAL REPORT 1969.

At the outset of the Report last year mention was made of the exciting experience of being involved in the ecumenical movement of our day with particular emphasis on the local areas.

This year I think you would want me to underscore this, as we see before our eyes, the reversal of previous practice in local inter-church groups and feel a sense of deep gratitude to God as we experience, to some degree at least, the fulfilment of our first stated aim... ".. fellowship and co-operation between women of all Branches of the Christian Church." The interesting thing we are witnessing in several local areas at the moment is the reversal of usual procedure. We have not endeavoured to establish the local group or even given much real assistance in its formation. The pew members themselves, feeling the urgent need for greater fellowship and communion, have come together as an inter-church group and then sought to link themselves with other similar groups throughout the State in membership of this Council.

We will not easily forget the quiet serenity of Mrs. Joan Curtin, a member of St. Michael's Church, Lane Cove, who was with us at our Branches' Day gathering in February, as she told of the joy of the Catholic women who participated in Women's World Day of Prayer, 1967. Out of this was born the very vital Lane Cove-Longueville inter-church branch. Listening to Mrs. Curtin was a very moving and thrilling experience for each of us present as we felt ourselves more fully drawn into the living experience of the oneness that is found only in Christ our Common Lord.

And so, in 1969, we pause to give praise and glory to God that our women are finding within themselves a very definite need one for the other, no matter what their denomination, as they seek for greater understanding and avenues of service.

The women who worked so very hard to establish the Wybalena Hostel must indeed be heartened at the very real and prayerful concern of every member of Council that these monies be used as God wills that the fruits of such service and sacrifice will continue to benefit girls for many years to come. We express our thanks to the two speakers, Mrs. K.S. Harrison (Dunmore Lang College) and Mrs. McMahon (Y.W.C.A. project) for their clarity and candour as they answered the many questions which had been submitted to them at our March meeting.

This year we have had Jackie Kini, the current Winifred Kiek Scholarship holder, in New South Wales for the greater part of the year while she has undertaken intensive studies and training to enable her to take on further responsibilities in Girls' Brigade Leadership in New Guinea. Her visit has meant a lot to the many women in our State who have been able to meet and get to know Jackie; and the opportunity we had of introducing Jackie to some 300 Methodist women when a Promotions Committee team visited Maitland during late 1968 has stimulated much interest there in the whole concept of the Scholarship. This visit

too, highlighted the need for suitable literature and study material for women's groups generally, as the women of Maitland Synod District quickly purchased every study book, and Circle of Prayer booklets and leaflets that we had in stock. Team visits to country areas are proposed in the future by our Promotions Committee and we thank them, and particularly Mrs. D.J.A. Verco, for the stimulus they are giving to inter-church work in many areas and also the sacrifice of time involved in this work.

Because, too, of our interest in Jackie's time spent in this State and her work here, the Girls' Brigade were invited to tell us of their work at one of our monthly meetings, and from this has come a very valuable contribution to the life of this Council through the affiliation of the Girls' Brigade and the appointment of two members to N.S.W. W.I.C.C.

In no small measure due to the quiet work and dedication of Mrs. Clarice Butler, the Fellowship of the Least Coin is linking, through prayer, hundreds of individual women and groups throughout the State as more and more feel the need to be involved together.

We express our gratitude to Mrs. Buschmeyer (wife of Dr. Fred Buschmeyer, who was Guest Preacher at Pitt Street Congregational Church) for broadening our horizons in so many ways while she was with us this last year. Her knowledge of and service to United Nations; Women's World Day of Prayer at the international level; as well as Fellowship Day and World Community Day, stirred our very real interest and enthusiasm and we were indeed sad to have to bid her farewell at our March meeting. We rejoice to have had her with us on Council and look forward to perhaps having her return to Australia even if just for a visit. Mrs. Buschmeyer will now become our link with the American churches and these other special committees, for she has promised literature and other information as it becomes available.

While she was with us in Sydney Mrs. Buschmeyer convened the original meeting of city church representatives to consider holding a city service on World Community Day, 1968, and that 120 women were involved in this service was indeed encouraging.

During the year we have been privileged to share the thoughts and experiences of several very valuable people, including Bishop Graham Delbridge, who left us remembering that UPSALA was about men because of God's love for men; and that it was, on the other hand, a world meeting, on world level, dealing with world problems. Rev. M.A. Thomas from Bangalore, India, that noted Priest of the Matoma Syrian Church, talked with us at a morning coffee hour this month of women's role in India today, with particular emphasis on the involvement - and lack of involvement - of Christian women. A suggestion came from this meeting that perhaps regular communication between our Council and some similar body in India would prove very enriching and give us greater understanding of world problems from a woman's viewpoint.

After submission of a draft to each denomination for their comment, the new Constitution of W.I.C.C. was adopted by Council in September last year and we thank Mrs. Ralph and the committee for their careful

revision of the constitution so that nothing of value should be lost but that the new draft should enable us to function much more effectively that our stated aims may indeed become our common practice.

We have reached the end of another year of service and would pause to remember the service of two of our members. Firstly, Mrs. C.W. Stolz, who at our November meeting, was given the honour of Life Membership of this Council for her work and dedication since 1947.

For the grace and competence of our retiring President Mrs. Joyce Gilbert, we are indeed both grateful and thankful. This has been a busy and not always an easy year for her. As you have heard it has seen several changes and innovations; new members have joined us and been made welcome by her; and for both Mrs. Millar and Mrs. Gilbert the best possible useage for Wybalena monies has taken much time and constant prayer. This, together with the fact that Mrs. Gilbert's aged parents have been in hospital or in her home for many weeks have made these difficult days for her and we would say to her that we have indeed appreciated her leadership and her serene faith throughout this year.

To our incoming President, Head Deaconess Mary Andrews, we pledge our prayer support this coming year and look forward with joy and enthusiasm as we undertake another year of service.

In conclusion, the words of St. Matthew disturb me as he says: "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a seine net which was cast into the sea, the kind of net that gathers all kinds of creatures and things into itself." In London in the dock district there was a woman who lived with a Chinese. She found her way somehow or other to a Women's Meeting in a church. She brought with her her half-caste child. She liked it. She came back again. At her second visit the minister of the church explained that the other women had said if she came again then they could not possibly come because they could not associate with people like that. She answered him wistfully "Sir, I know I'm a sinner; but isn't there anywhere a sinner can go?"

As church women may we remember this year that the Kingdom IS like a net which gathers into itself of every kind. We are church women - but all women are God's.

18th April, 1969.

W. D. DOUGHERTY,
Secretary.

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 1 APRIL 1968 TO 31 MARCH 1969

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>Payments</u>	
Opening Balance 1.4.68	\$225.81	A.C.C. for Literature	\$32.50
Collection Annual Rally	18.55	A.C.C. for Letterheads	4.50
Anonymous Donation for Aborigine		Wybalena Hostel Committee	
Women - N.Z. Expenses	100.00	Abor. Women N.Z. Expenses	100.00
Sale of Literature & Pens	113.10	Affil. Fees: Nat. Cncl. Wm.	10.00
Affiliation Fees	36.20	W.C.T.U.	2.00
Bank Interest	8.10	Donations: B.&F.B.S. use hall	10.00
Trans. from Project Fund 30%		C.M.M. " "	3.00
Fellowship Day Collections	76.72	Fares Delegates to Melbourne	60.40
W. Community Day Collections	63.31	B.&F.B.S. - use kitchen	2.00
Refund Delegates fares Melbourne	13.90	McClintoch Bros. printing	6.90
		A.C.W. pens & literature	94.60
		Promotion Expenses	45.83
		Secretary's Expenses	20.00
		Treasurer's Expenses	4.00
		F. of Least Coin Expenses	7.70
		Closing Balance at 31.3.69	<u>252.26</u>
	<u>\$655.69</u>		<u>\$655.69</u>
	<u>FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN</u>		
Opening Balance at 1.4.68	\$30.77	A.C.W.	\$367.91
Receipts	448.93	Balance in Hand 31.3.69	<u>111.79</u>
	<u>\$479.70</u>		<u>\$479.70</u>
	<u>PROJECT FUND</u>		
Opening Balance at 1.4.68	\$31.16	A.C.W. Orders of Service	
Fellowship Day Collections	316.98	Fellowship Day	56.25
W. Community Day Collections	283.69	World Community Day	62.50
Girls Brigade for Winifred		A.C.W. 70% S.D. Collections	
Kiek Scholarship Fund	150.00	Fellowship Day	179.01
		World Community Day	147.73
		A.C.W. W.Kiek Scholar. Fund	150.00
		Expenses - W. Community Day	24.30
		Trans. to General A/c 30%	
		Fellowship Day	76.72
		World Community Day	63.31
		Balance at 31.3.69	<u>22.01</u>
	<u>\$781.83</u>		<u>\$781.83</u>
<u>Summary of Funds in Hand</u>			
General Fund	\$252.26	L. Perriam	
Fellowship of Least Coin	111.79	HON. TREASURER	
Project Fund	<u>22.01</u>	J. A. Shannon A.A.S.A.	
Total as per Bank Statement	<u>\$386.06</u>	HON. AUDITOR	
		29th April, 1969	

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL
(State Unit of Australian Church Women)

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1969/70

Executive

President	Head Deaconess M. Andrews, Deaconess House 28 Carillon Avenue, Newtown 2042	51 1172
Past President	Mrs. L. P. Gilbert, 17 Rosen St. Epping 2121	86 4570
President Elect	Mrs. R. W. Stanhope, 36 Deltman Ave. Longueville 2066	42 6078
Vice Presidents	Mrs. D.G. Badger, 56 Epping Ave. Epping 2121	86 2225
	Mrs. G.H. Briggs, 13 Findlay Ave. Roseville 2069	41 7785
	Lt. Col. J. Coleman, 140 Elizabeth St. Sydney 2000	26 1711
	Mrs. C. W. Stolz, 97 Bayview Ave. Earlwood 2206	55 1532
Hon. Secretary	Mrs. R.H. Dougherty, 56 Mabel St. Willoughby 2068	41 2453
Asst. Secretary		
Membership Sec.	Mrs. R.A. Jessup, 36 Boomerang St. Turrumurra 2074	44 4016
Hon. Treasurer	Mrs. C.A. Perriam, 6/37 Ormond St. Ashfield 2131	798 6481
F' ship Least Coin	Mrs. R.W. Butler, 17 Woonona Rd. Northbridge 2063	95 2985
Also Conveners and Secretaries of Sub-Committees		

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Promotion Committee Mesdames Verco, Wells, Down, Gilbert, Udy, Carpenter with power to co-opt.

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Representatives to:

National Council of Women	Mrs. G. Walker, Major R. Smith
W. Christian Temperance Union	Mrs. Hall
W. World Day Prayer Committee	Deaconess Andrews, Lt. Col. Osborne, Mesdames Goninon, Wells and Ralph
NSW Council for Children's Films and T.V.	Mrs. Palmer
Good Neighbour Council	Mesdames Hall and Gammie
A.C.C. State Committee	President and Secretary
Inter-Church Aid Committee	Mrs. Lt. Col. Carpenter (Mrs. Udy alternate).
Div. Studies & Education	Mrs. Dougherty

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Life Members Mesdames Millar, Pearson, Walker, Knight, Wyper, Hall, Stolz,
Miss Roseby and Lt. Col. Cross

MEETINGS

Council: 10.30 a.m. on fourth Friday of March, April, June, August, September
November in Social Hall, Bible House (3rd Flr) 95 Bathurst St.

Annual Rally: Fourth Friday of May

Special Days: Fourth Friday of July (FELLOWSHIP DAY) and October (WORLD
COMMUNITY DAY) or convenient day, observed in various centres

Executive Meetings: Third Friday of the month (excluding December, January)
in No. 2 Committee Room, 2nd Floor, 139 Castlereagh St. Sydney at 1 p.m.

