

Minutes of meeting of Aust. Church Women N.S.W. Unit held at
#39 Castlereagh St. Sydney, on Mon. Nov. 17th at 10.30a.m.

The President opened with a reading from Matt. 8 vs 5-11, and prayer was led by Mrs. Stanhope, Mrs. Dougherty and Deaconess Andrews, with special prayers for various countries at this time when East and West will be meeting in Manila, and prayers for the Winifred Kiek Scholars.

A welcome was expressed to Mrs. Clements, P.W.A., and Mrs. Burtenshaw from Lambton, Mrs. Morgan new Baptist representative.

Apologies were received from Major Hosking, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Gummow, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Ridley, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Udy, Mrs. Jessup, Mrs. Burton, - and it was reported Major Venables was in hospital to undergo surgery tomorrow. There were 43 ladies present.

A welcome back was extended to our Treasurer, Miss Mitchell, after being overseas.

Minutes of meeting 15th Sept. were read and confirmed.

Business Arising.

5 attended the luncheon and meeting at Y.W.C.A. Advertising for W.C.D. had been followed through, by denominations Sec. attended the Deaconess Institution Annual Meeting, Pres. had attended the Uniting Church and Catholic functions. Six Council Members had attended the U.S.A. Slides shown by Deaconess for the W.W.D. of P. meeting, which were very interesting. It was recorded thanks to Sec. for Audio Visual for promotion purposes, on A.C.W. and Mrs. McCann for assistance, and it had been donated.

Correspondence.

A summary of the correspondence was presented explaining communications with the Working Committee in Hobart. We had received their Annual Financial Report and 3 options for Structures of Working Committee to be considered and comments made. A.C.C. Leaflets, Minutes for 2 months and Women at Work for 2 months. The New Zealand tour to be printed in Women at Work, Our recommendation previously for someone to tour Australia next year to promote the F.L.C. in the Silver Jubilee Year the Working Committee had replied there was no money and it was not practicable. Following further letters they had written to say 'Someone to be appointed to promote F.L.C. and ACW and the funds from the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Fund be used for this purpose.' The Working Committee feels that in the special circumstances this would be appropriate, we had replied we felt it was competent for the fund to be used in this way, under the Winifred Kiek 'Visiting' Scholarship. When other States reply the Working Committee decides. We congratulated the Working Committee on Woman at Work, and W.C.D. Service. We reported to them several of us met with Rev. Mary Au on her return to Hong Kong, the W.K.S. this year. Orders for 300 Circle of Prayer. A lengthy report was sent on State Unit's activities since 1978 to the National President on request, for Shanti Solomon. Letter asking for accommodation and certain requirements for the new W.K.S. arriving late Feb. till she goes to Deaconess House to study. Letter Salvation Army re advertising for W.D.D. Y.W.C.A. appointed Mrs. B. Das with Mrs. Vickery with Mary Guthrie alternate. Baptist Church Mrs. Morgan rep.

The inwards and outwards correspondence was received, and confirmed.

The Treasurer gave the Financial Report and thanked Mrs. Stevens for acting while she was overseas. Miss Mitchell emphasized cheques be made payable to A.C.W. and F.L.C. is an activity of A.C.W. Newsette subscription are due before Nov. each year. The Asian Church Woman quarterly paper is due for 1981 subscriptions, and payments paid promptly can be paid in Manila, this month. Permission was granted for the Treasurer to pay when funds are available to the Working Committee for the W.C.D. Projects, as they have been requested promptly. The Treasurer's report was received.

Mrs. Dougherty brought a greeting from National President Rachel Cocks, who had phoned.

'Someone to be appointed to promote FLC and ACW and the funds from the WKS Fund be used for this purpose.'

The five minute segment of affiliated organizations, this time the Y.W.C.A., was given by Mrs. Vickery, the representative. This proved most interesting, the history of the 'Y', and the up to date activities, especially in this 100 years of work. A new complex is to be built over the next 2 years, to replace the old building.

Mrs. Bent brought the F.L.C. segment devotional, from Burma.

Deaconess Andrews brought the Winifred Kiek Scholar report, about various scholars. Request is made for Study lamp, radiator, electric blanket, linen and accommodation for up to a week, for Maline from Sri Lanka for 1981.

The Women at Work for 2 months were distributed.

One of the Speakers for the Day then gave her talk early before leaving. Miss Mitchell gave a most interesting report of the meeting of the European Conference of the Women's World Day of Prayer, held in Edinburgh, to which she was fortunate to be invited to attend for a short time, while in Scotland, - this gave a wider view of this World Organization.

Mrs. Olwen Lean then followed with her account of her travels and in particular the Passion Play at Oberamgau, to which she and Miss Mitchell had the privilege to attend. This proved to be a most moving event for her, which dated back to 1634, and all were interested in her detailed description and extract of a recording. Both ladies were thanked with a small spray of flowers.

Brig. Ward brought the Publicity Report, a request for items for 'Newsette' by early January. It was noted the badge had been printed on the last issue

Mrs. Lt. Col. E. Baker brought reports of W.C.D. Services, where 6 new areas held Services. Interesting reports of country branches was given, and the enthusiasm came through as people share in various places.

Mrs. McCann gave a report of the committee which had met regarding social issues, and had some replies from 16 organizations which had been written to.

Mrs. McCann also presented her idea that if ladies desired they could contribute cents towards the 300 she was collecting to take to Manila so this would involve others with the F.L.C. Celebrations, and feel that of prayer had gone with the cents. contributed. Several people followed up this idea, and donated, these to be exchanged with other delegates. It was indicated the five ladies attending the Celebrations would be Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Stanhope, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Richardson and Deaconess Andrews.

Mrs. Stanhope then spoke about the banner she had had prepared for this event, which was on display, and depicted the Australian birds and animals, and the theme of the Conference, and the people of many colours. This was most colourful, and appreciated by all. The State Unit sends greetings to the Conference.

Living in Hope was the theme for the Day of Reflection and Prayer at Cranbrook School on Sat. 22nd Nov. organized by Anglican group, and all churches. An updated list of changes in membership list was available.

The Secretary indicated as she was not available for nomination next April as Secretary, if anyone knew anyone willing to be nominated to let her know by the end of Nov. or people would need to be approached, fairly soon.

Mrs. L. Oates then brought us a Christmas Devotional, which was greatly appreciated by all for this the last meeting of the year.

Mrs. Renn and Mrs. De Wit were our hostesses today, and Mrs. Bell offered for the Feb. meeting, on 16th. The topic of the day would be report back from the ladies attending the Manila Conference.

A Calendar of dates for the year would be sent to all Council Members by the Secretary, in January with a letter.

Best wishes were given to the President who was going on holidays. A Happy Christmas was wished to all and the meeting closed at 12:30 p.m. with the Benediction.

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.....President. 16th Feb. 1981.