

minutes of the meeting held at the Bible House  
on Friday August 31st 1956.

The President, Mrs Lyall, was in the chair and 25 members present.

The meeting opened with a devotional period conducted by Mrs McCallum who read from the 12th chapter of the letter to the Hebrews, and then spoke of the race to be run by those endeavouring to live the Christian life - a race in which all hindrances such as fear, pride, self pity must be laid aside. Mrs McCallum then led the meeting in prayer.

Apologies were received from Mrs Paterson, Millar, Wynn, Stolz, Clappett, Blance and Butler.

The death of Mrs Blance's husband was reported and it was desired that a letter of sympathy be sent by Miss Roseby to Mrs Blance.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

All agreed that the demonstration of flower arrangement held on August 15th was a very enjoyable function. Takings were £30.19.6, expenses £2.15.0 leaving a credit balance of £28.4.6. Mrs Deans spoke appreciatively of

the help given by Mrs Kell and Mrs Maynard Daves in providing transport for Mrs Hutton and her materials.

It was announced that button sellers for Rose Day on Friday 12th October would be welcomed. The financial statement presented by Miss McDiarmid showed a credit balance of £5.19.1; its adoption was moved by Miss McDiarmid, seconded by Mrs Walker. Outstanding expenses were passed for payment on the motion of Mrs Pearson.

Correspondence: The following correspondence was received:—

- (1) From Mr Hunt, the honorary legal adviser, pointing out that in the draft constitution the powers of the executive are undefined and suggesting that this matter be clarified. Otherwise the draft constitution appears satisfactory.
- (2) From Lt. Colonel Bell, hon. secretary of the Women's World Day of Prayer committee, giving a general survey of arrangements.
- (3) From Mrs Rae stating that the Presbyterian Women's Federation has now been replaced by the Presbyterian Women's Association and that the members representing this body

on the Women's Interchurch Council are Miss Allen and Mesdames Carter, Blance and Hensman.

- (4) From Mrs Morrison confirming this arrangement.
- (5) From the National Council of Women giving details of membership and fees.
- (6) From the Society of Crippled Children asking for help in the various efforts made by this fund in September.

It was decided that a meeting of the executive should consider the question raised in Mr Hunt's letter as to powers of the executive and report to the October meeting of the Council.

Miss Rosby asked for authority to have new note paper printed.

The meeting was then privileged to hear a talk by Lt. Colonel Garlick on his work with prisoners.

He spoke of the three types of prison, from gaol with maximum security to camps such as that at Oberon where the security was a minimum. In some prisons, such as at Goulburn with its orchestra and Benrma with its sign writing and painting, the prisoners have

opportunities for creative work and for obeying the motto "make Time serve you".

The major causes of crime appeared to the speaker to be drink and broken homes, and though some could be greatly helped there were not many of the prisoners ready to find means of grace. He ended with a reminder that all church communities should be careful not to be turned in on its own membership and its own concerns but should be alert to help other less fortunate ones who had made mistakes.

This talk was greatly appreciated by members and the speaker was very sincerely thanked.

Community Day leaflets were distributed and it was suggested that notice of the meeting should be sent to the radio feature Church news on 2CH.

A message was received from Mrs Watts asking if the Council would provide afternoon tea following a Naturalization ceremony in the Town Hall some time in October. As many organizations had special activities in that month that on the motion of Mrs Stoly seconded by Mrs Deane it was decided that Miss Roseby be asked to write to Mrs

Watts saying that the Council would not be able to undertake this till some time in the new year.

Mrs Walker moved and Mrs Deans seconded a motion that the executive consider whether Mrs Pearson should be made a life member in order to retain her services on the Council. Miss McDiarmid moved and Mrs Deans seconded a motion that a letter should be sent to Mr Fairhall protesting against Federal aid to denominational schools.

Mrs Peyton ~~moved~~ suggested that the Council should protest about the number of balls held on Sunday night, notably at Paddington Town Hall and the Maccabean Hall.

Mrs Garlick was asked if she would make enquiries about this matter.

The meeting closed with the benediction.

A. Garlick.