

# ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1952-1953.

**President:** Mrs. R. B. Lew.

**Vice-Presidents:** Mesdames Deans, Gill, McCallum, Millar, Stolz, Walker.

**Secretary:** Miss G. A. Roseby, B.A.

**Recording Secretary:** Mrs. M. Chapman.

**Treasurer:** Mrs. M. Chapman.

## "Wybalena" Hostel Committee

- (a) Elected members from Council: Mesdames W. Deane, Knight, Hall, Palmer, Walker and Miss McDiarmid.
- (b) From Appeal Committee: Mrs. Millar, Lady Plowman, Mesdames Payten, Porter, and Wyper.
- (c) President, Treasurer and Secretaries of the Council.

## WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

### Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, May 31, 1951 to May 30, 1952

RECEIPTS			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash in hand . . . . .	5	7 4	Printing . . . . .	3	7 6
Affiliation fees -			Affiliation fee to National		
Lutheran, Methodist,			Council of Women . . . . .	1	7 0
Churches of Christ,			Donation to Band of Hope . . . . .	1	2 0
Presbyterian, Congre-			Donation to World Coun-		
gational . . . . .	5	5 0	cil of Churches . . . . .	1	0 0
Donation from Epping			Donation to Bible House . . . . .	1	1 0
Branch . . . . .	10	0	Hire of Social Hall . . . . .	1	5 0
Collection from Annual			Sundries, i.e., Station-		
Rally . . . . .	4	6 0	ery, Stamps, Tele-		
Collections from monthly			phone calls . . . . .	3	10 9
meetings . . . . .	7	6 9	Floral tributes . . . . .	1	1 0
			Printing - Programmes		
			for Rally, 1952 . . . . .	3	10 0
				£17	4 3
			Bal. - Cash on hand . . . . .	5	10 10
	£22	15 1		£22	15 1

(Mrs.) M. M. Chapman,  
Hon. Treasurer.

May 30th, 1952.

## WYBALENA HOSTEL COMMITTEE

### Financial Statement - May 31, 1951 to May 29, 1952

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
In Bank . . . . .	271	19 11	Option on House . . . . .	200	0 0
In hand . . . . .	7	0 0	Donations passed to		
Donations . . . . .	239	16 2	Appeal Committee . . . . .	89	12 0
" . . . . .	13	16 5	Print, Crockery, Photo	5	6 5
From Appeal Com. . . . .	1045	0 0	M.L.C. Interest . . . . .	12	14 1
Interest . . . . .	89	0 5	House purchase and		
Rose Day . . . . .	60	16 11	legal expenses . . . . .	8246	6 6
Sale Bonds . . . . .	2570	10 0	Hostel Fund . . . . .	1159	1 0
M.L.C. Loan . . . . .	5500	0 0	Housekeeping . . . . .	306	1 5
Hostel Fees . . . . .	504	16 0	In hand . . . . .	283	4 5
	£10,302	5 10		£10,302	5 10

# FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

of the

## WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1952

The year that is past is a memorable one in the history of the Women's Inter-Church Council, in that our aim has been reached, for which we have striven for several years. A hostel for girls has been established through the efforts of many, under God's guidance, for which we express our thanks.

We are grateful for the generosity of many interested friends, for the co-operation of the affiliated Women's Organisations of the Churches, and of the Womens Citizens' Appeal Committee.

The monthly meetings of the Council have been held in the Bible House, Bathurst Street, Sydney.

The Annual Meeting took place on May 25, and was presided over by Mrs. A. Deans, of the Congregational Church.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS: 1951-1952

**President:** Mrs. A. Deans.

**Vice-Presidents:** Mesdames Millar, Morris, Stolz and Walker.

**Correspondence Secretary:** Miss G. A. Roseby, B.A.

**Recording Secretary:** Mrs. M. Chapman.

**Associate Secretary:** Mrs. A. Hall.

**Treasurer:** Mrs. I. Bond.

## Representatives to Affiliated Organisations)

National Council of Women: Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Snow.

Band of Hope: Mrs. Gill.

United Nations Association: Miss Roseby.

Women's Christian Temperance Union: Mrs. Bond, Mrs. A. E. Walker.

Prison Reform Council: Mrs. R. Stolz, Mrs. Bond.

World Day of Prayer: Mesdames McCallum, Morris, Hall, Stolz, Miss Roseby.

## Wybalena Hostel Committee:

The following have served on this committee during the year:—  
Chairman: Mrs. N. Millar, B.A.

Mesdames McCallum, Knight, Deane, Butler, Stolz, Walker, Deans, Bond, Hall, Snow, Payten, Porter, Chapman, Bedkoher Wyper, Watts, Misses Roseby and McDiarmid.

## Obituary

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of two of our foundation members of the Council, in the persons of Mrs. Clouston, a former president, and Mrs. I. Bond, a former secretary, and treasurer for many years. Both these ladies were active members, and maintained a keen interest in the affairs of the Council until their final illness.

**Note:** Early in the year Mrs. Chapman resigned from the office of Recording Secretary, and Mrs. E. Snow was elected in her place at the July meeting.

When the treasurer's office became vacant after the death of Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Chapman was elected to this position. Mrs. R. McCallum was appointed delegate to National Council of Women in place of Mrs. Bond. Two additional vice-presidents, Mrs. McCallum and Mrs. Gill were appointed during the year.

Miss Roseby and Mrs. McCallum were appointed delegates to the Australian Commission for Inter-Church Aid.

By a change in the constitution the number of representatives from the various churches was increased from six to eight.

#### Affiliated Organisations

Informative reports have been regularly given on the work of the National Council of Women, the Prison Reform Council, the W.C.T.U. and the Band of Hope by the delegates to these organisations.

#### Ryde-Hornsby Branch of Women's Inter-Church Council

This branch has been active under the leadership of Mrs. Day, who arranged a service on the Women's World Day of Prayer, also a social afternoon in July, in the Presbyterian Church, Epping.

#### Annual Rally

The Annual Rally of the Council was held at Bible House on June 22, at 10.30 a.m. Morning tea was served before the meeting proper, over which Mrs. A. Deans presided. As she was to continue in office a second term, Mrs. Norman Millar, past president, presented her with the official Bible.

Extracts from the annual report were read by the recording secretary, Mrs. Chapman.

Mrs. A. W. Stuart gave an interesting account of her visit to Bible House, London, during her recent trip abroad. Mrs. A. E. Walker, President of the W.C.T.U. in N.S.W., described her recent visit to Brisbane for the Diamond Jubilee Convention of the W.C.T.U. in Australia, and told of progress made in the cause of Temperance.

Thanks were conveyed to these two speakers, and to Miss Phyllis Williams, who gave a delightful solo.

#### Guest Speakers

On several occasions speakers were invited to address the Council. Mrs. A. M. Paterson of London, gave a talk on the National Free Church Women's Council.

Mrs. Brigadier Garlick told of her association with the Queensland Council, and also of her own work in the Social Department of the Salvation Army.

Colonel J. P. Dean described conditions in Europe and the service rendered by Inter-Church Aid.

The executive invited members and friends to "Wybalena" to meet Miss Janet Barker, B.A., Federal secretary of the Congregational Women's Association, who spoke of her recent visit to England and the activities of the N.F. Church Women's Council.

#### Personal

Mrs. Stolz has been absent from meetings for some months through illness. We are pleased to learn that her health is improving and trust that she will soon be able to return to active membership.

Mrs. McCallum attended the Commonwealth Jubilee Women's Convention held in Canberra in October as a delegate from the Churches of Christ Federal Conference, and brought to the Council a comprehensive report on the discussions of the Convention.

#### Thanks

The thanks of the Council are expressed to the British and Foreign Bible Society, for the use of the Board Room for meetings during the year.

To Mr. J. A. Dey, LL.B., we are grateful for advice freely given on legal matters.

#### Retiring President

Mrs. Deans has presided at all meetings of the Council throughout the year, except one, and has attended many other functions as a representative of the Council. She has not spared herself in carrying out her duties, and our thanks are expressed for her leadership and loyalty to the tasks of the Council.

Members of the Council have co-operated fully with the Hostel Committee in many social functions to raise money for the hostel project, especially in the fete at "Wybalena" on the opening day.

Rose Day buttons were distributed among the Church Organisations, £37/12/0 proceeds going to the hostel funds.

#### Wybalena Hostel Committee

Fourteen meetings have been held during the year, with Mrs. N. Millar, Chairman, Miss Roseby, Secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Knight, recording secretary.

Two members, Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Bedkoher, resigned, and Mrs. Bond was called to higher service. Early in the year the property at No. 1 Appian Way, Burwood, now known as "Wybalena," was purchased for £8,500, with a mortgage of £5,500.

A draft declaration of trust was drawn up by the Hon. Solicitor, Mr. Dey. Mrs. Millar, Mr. Dey and Mr. Hunt are the trustees of "Wybalena."

An inspection day was arranged on 27th October to give an opportunity to see the hostel. Miss Moore was appointed Hostess.

Seventeen girls are now in residence. Much time has been spent by the committee in preparing furnishings for the hostel. Special mention must be made of Mrs. Millar and Miss Roseby who have given untiring service.

Thanks are expressed to Mr. Cooper, architect, for his advice on improvements to the hostel, and to Mr. Knight for his supervision and carrying out of alterations at a minimum cost. We wish to thank many donors for their gifts of furniture and equipment.

#### Wybalena Hostel Appeal Committee

This committee has worked strenuously throughout the year under the leadership of Mrs. N. Millar, with Mrs. Wyper secretary, and Mrs. Payten treasurer.

Four new auxiliaries have been formed during the year at Gordon, Mosman, Goulburn and Burwood. In all we now have seven, including those previously formed at Narrabeen, Dee Why and Southern Tablelands. All of these are actively assisting the Appeal Committee, and deep appreciation is expressed for their work.

A number of successful functions were organised by this committee. These include an American tea by which £19 was raised. A Barnyard Frolic realised £30. Two Jumble Sales held at Bourke Street Congregational Church contributed £40. A Jungle Ball held in conjunction with St. John's Ambulance Brigade was a great success. The hostel's share of the proceeds was £100.

In October members took part in the "Rose Day Appeal" for United Charities, conducting a stall in Martin Place, and selling buttons.

An inspection afternoon at the hostel realised £23, with the sale of cakes and goods.

A cheque for £10 was received from the "Grand Assembly Order of the Rainbow for Girls."

We are grateful for the publicity we have received from broadcasting stations. This was given over 2GB in the Notice Board session at 11.30 a.m., in Meg McSpeerin's session over 2CH, and in the Business Girls' Session at 10.30 a.m. from 2FC.

Representatives from all denominations and auxiliaries took part in the fete which was held on March 15, 1952, when "Wybalena" Hostel was declared open by Miss Elizabeth Northcott in the presence of about 700 people. During the afternoon Lady Plowman, President of No. 4 Corps Auxiliary of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, pinned a badge on the door of one of the bedrooms, which will in future be called the St. Joan Ambulance Room. The amount raised by the fete was £420.