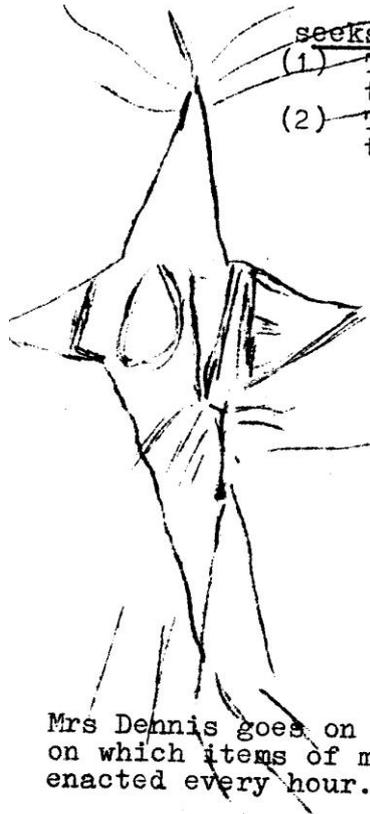


AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

WOMEN AT WORK



seeks

- (1) To unite Australian women in their allegiance to their Lord & Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- (2) To help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life & mission.

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"LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS"

"It has passed into history now, but I'm glad that I introduced it to the A.C.W. and suggested that they decorate a Christmas Tree for the Wonderland of Trees. There were 30 altogether; Wesley Hall looked lovely!"

These words and the symbol at the left are part of a letter received from our Queensland convenor, Mrs Jessie Dennis and arrived too late to go into our Dec. issue. But we think that it is well worth printing now ... it has not gone into History. The Love that came down in Human Form 2000 yrs ago, will go into Eternity.

Mrs Dennis goes on to say:- "In the hall a stage was erected on which items of music, singing, dancing and drama were enacted every hour."

And, better still:- "The pageantry of the arrival of Mary and Joseph and the donkey, the shepherds with their sheep, the Wise Men on camels, and the group of ethnic children in

national costumes, made a wonderful witness in the City Square" ...We bet they did! .. "there were two couples to take turns to show the Babe" .. " The Wise Men. (the ministers of the three Churches) were amused when they brought the traffic in Queen St. (our main street) to a halt!! Hundreds of people worked together making the Festival the success it was".

I will not comment any more on this, it speaks for itself. Thank you Queensland.ED.

THANKS TO THE STATES WHO RESPONDED SO TO OUR REQUEST FOR MONINATIONS TO THE SILVER JUBILÉE CELEBRATIONS OF F.L.C.

SORRY FOR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE MISSED OUT THIS IS NOW CLOSED: MARIE PRICE.

B I G C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

To Mrs Olwyn Jull who was honoured in the Queen's Birthday List, with an O.B.E. Amongst other duties taken on by this enegitic woman, she is the Australian Commonwealth President of the Mother's Union. Any of us fortune enough to hear her address " A Futube for our Children" will know she is more than deserving of the honour bestowed on her.

Any one who was not there in Sydney and could borrow a copy of Clwyn's thoughts on this vital subject would find it well worth her time to read.

"CHRISTIAN WOMEN WORKING TOGETHER CAN CHANGE THE WORLD"

This heading was chosen by the Victorian Unit "at the commencement of an ecumenical endeavour" as far back as 1941.

Since the beginning of time, God has used women to change the world for good, if we are open to Him and His plan. He made men and women the same only different, "it is not good for man to be alone" (Gen. 2) and from then on how many times in the Bible alone do we read of women helping man?

When we hear of wonderful women in our time, we can rejoice even more in the promise of Christ "I will be with you all days, even till the end of time". It is of one such woman's life that we wish to speak of here. This woman is Rev. Winifred Kiek, B.A. B.D.

Among other things she was a wife and mother. When her family was grown-up she studied for the ministry in the branch of the Church in which she had worked for years to help her husband. She was 43 yrs of age when she was ordained in 1927, into the Congregational Church. It would have taken courage in those days to take that step even with a husband's support. This woman not only worked in her own Church but in such organizations as National Council of Women, League of Women Voters; Women's Christian Temperance Union. As far back as 1953, during a visit to Ceylon, she dreamed of a way to bring Asian Women to Australia to study, so they could go back and use some of the skills and insights they learned in their own country.

This was not long after the war years and she must have felt the opposition she was likely to meet: not only in Asia, but, in her own adopted country, Australia. She saw her prayers answered in 1964, when the Winifred Kiek Scholarship was founded.

This grand lady "Grandma" to those delegates who were privileged to know her at the 3rd Asian Christian Women's conference in Tokyo (1966) died in May 1975 at the age of 91 yrs. The Lord was good in allowing her to see some of her lif's work completed.

HER WORK GOES ON

This year we of the Working Committee sent Christmas cards to all the previous W.K. Scholars. One such person was Miss Kalpane Airan, who studied at Sydney Uni. in 1973. Some of you would know her personally. She replied with an account of her work in India and I will share this with you now, and if space does not permit, continue next month:-

Hello Friends! A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU

As we enter 1980 our minds go back to 1970, when our "Academy" started as "Nursery" with three children on the first day. Since then God's grace and our help every year has proved to be an encouraging year. We all are 418 students and 17 members of the staff in the school: thirty children and thirty mothers in the Project; sixty-one children from the Project study in the school; two staff members for the Project and six helpers. This increasing number under the roof of the Academy is proudly busy working hard to bring about the society-oriented educational prosperity in the lives of young and old in the Academy.

Our new Project building which houses the school. inaugurated in 1978, provides ample space for the expansion activities. The school children are blossoming by learning the extra-curricular activities like music, art, and craft in their Talent Clubs. They are proving their worth by winning prizes in the Inter-School Competitions held in dramatics, dances, elocution, art and athletics.

(to be continued)

MARY AU WRITES TO US FROM NEWZEALAND ..On 24/ 12

"Last week, my friend Jennifer, brought me to see Mr. Peter Rutherford, the supervisor of the Social Community Course of Wellington Polytech. The Wellington Anglican Chinese Mission Church and Centre has decided to sponsor me to take the course. In this course I will study Human Relations, Growth and Sharing, Communications and Listening Skills. After lectures, we are asked to have experience in some social centres. Therefore, I have to do field-work in the Chinese Centre too. I hope I can use the things that I learn here to serve my church and community in HONG KONG.

Also on behalf of Rev. Jane Hwang, we express our warm regards to all of you. God Bless"

FROM LAUNCESTON JANEASTHER WRITES (SEC TAS. UNIT)

The President of A.C.W. Tasmanian Unit, Mrs Capt. Green returned from Sydney full of enthusiasm. She challenged us to see that we do fulfil our aims, to make A.C.W. better known and to encourage and train our women to take part in the decision making of the Church.

"Ladies were invited to attend an afternoon of fellowship on Nov. 26th at St. John's Parish Centre Captain Green opened the gathering and taught one of the theme songs "Come as a Child". She then gave a brief report on several of the guest speakers from America at the National Meeting.

(What a wonderful idea Launceston, perhaps some others would like to follow your lead) ED.

EXTRACTS from THIRD WORLD NEWS (Jan1980)

MUSICAL MINISTRIES

A breakthrough for women in the Russian Orthodox Church has come with the decision to allow female students to train as directors of Church Music.

Twenty-five women from the Soviet Union have just started a three year course at the Church's new School of Music in Leningrad, attached to the theological seminary there. Says seminary rector Archbishop Kirill of Vyborg: "This is the first time in all our history that our Church has trained women for a ministry in the Church. (One World)

The Women's World Day of Prayer 1980 will be held on 7th Mar. Check your local paper for the time and place of your local church service. In Hobart it is 10.30 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Harrington St.

QUATERLY BULLETIN of A.C.W.C. (Asian Church Womens Conference) has a subscription of \$2 American, which is slightly higher in Australian. So, it has been decided t to charge \$ 2.50 as the currenct fluctuated from day, to day this should allow for postage. All orders and money to be sent to Sec. Tine Dobber. Thank you.

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Items and articles must reach us by 28th of each month at the latest or will have to be held over till next issue of Women at Work. ED.

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