

minutes of meeting held in the Board
Room, Bible House on Friday 31st October.

The President, Mrs. Jones, was in the chair, twenty eight members present.

The President opened the meeting by reading from the third chapter of the Gospel according to St. John and then led the meeting in prayer.

Apologies were received from Miss Armstrong, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Allen.

Mrs. Lawrenson, a new representative from the Baptist Women's Federation, was welcomed by the President, who also referred to our pleasure in having Mrs. Knight with us again after her recent illness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mrs. Carpenter and signed as correct.

The memorial minute for Mrs A. Deans, which was prepared by Mrs. Miller, was then read:

"The N. S. W. Women's Inter-Church Council would place on record their sense of loss and their appreciation of Mrs Annie Beatrice Deans, widow of Rev. Absalom Deans, who passed to higher service on 22nd July 1958.

With her husband she served the Congregational Church in every state of the Commonwealth, where her friendliness and open hearted,

hospitality won her friends everywhere.

In Queensland Mrs Deans started the Women's Inter-Church Council in Brisbane and Southport.

When coming to live in retirement in Sydney she again represented the Congregational Church on the Council and became President in 1950 which was the year in which "Wagbalena" Hostel was opened.

We thank God for her life and example and feel that after a full and happy life "the trumpets have sounded for her on the other side".

Reports were then given on the various functions held since the last ordinary meeting. Community Day was a very pleasant and interesting occasion. The three speakers, all very different, were all good; unfortunately the attendance was disappointingly small, largely owing to the number of other functions on the same day.

On Button Day heavy rain made the work of the helpers very unpleasant and reduced sales. About £32 was taken on the actual day, an excellent result under the circumstances.

Miss Tricketts' recital was well attended and enjoyable, and the cosmetics afternoon

arranged by the Western Suburbs Auxiliary was entertaining.

On the same afternoon as the latter function, October 23rd, the Lady Mayores, Mrs Jensen, was entertained to afternoon tea at the Hostel and seemed to be very favourably impressed with all she saw.

Correspondence

The secretary reported that she had received a letter from the President of the Victorian Women's Inter-Church Council, Mrs Colonel Saunders, and a copy of the programme of their Community Day. Mrs Saunders expects to be in Sydney early in December, and an invitation had been sent to her to meet the President and Secretary of the N. S. W. Council if a time can be arranged.

A letter was received from Rev. David Torvell, secretary of the ^{Australian Council of the} World Council of Churches Commission for Inter-Church Aid, saying that the Commission would be happy to supply a speaker for our November meeting. Probably Dr. Cunningham Thom and Rev. David Torvell would both come and tell us something of the work of Inter-Church Aid.

The secretary was instructed to write to Bishop Hilliard to express the Council's sympathy for the loss sustained by the whole Christian community in the death of Archbishop Mowell.

The secretary was also to write to Mrs Fergusson to express our sympathy for the loss, in an accident, of her husband, and for the injuries she herself sustained in the same accident. Miss Eastaway offered to take flowers to Mrs Fergusson.

Mrs Millar suggested that the secretary should also write to Mrs McGillivray 59 Caroline Street, Gosford, who, it is understood, was instrumental in establishing an Inter Church group in that district.

It was also suggested that the Epping Inter Church group should be specially invited to join with the Council at the meeting to be held at Wybalena on February 27th 1959.

Reports:

Miss McDiarmid moved the adoption of the Treasurer's report showing a credit balance of £549.1.11 Carried.

Miss McDiarmid moved and Mrs Briggs

seconded a motion that we have notepaper printed for the Council and that the balance of the paper, showing a picture of the Hostel, be reserved for correspondence about the Hostel. Mrs Millar moved that 500 envelopes be also obtained, and undertook to see if they could be obtained at a reduction.

Mrs Knight reported that 19 girls were in residence at the Hostel. A new refrigerator had been obtained from Hallstrom's at a very satisfactory price; a new mix master had also been purchased.

Mrs Stolz reported that the Women's World Day of Prayer had had a very successful year. February 13, 1959 is the date of the World Day of Prayer next year.

A N. S. W. group has written its own copy of a short youth programme which it is hoped will be used in school assemblies.

Mrs Carpenter reported that though Inter-Church Aid in Australia had raised \$13000 the amount is still \$9000 below the quota they were asked to raise. Plans for the Christmas Bowl appeal are well advanced.

Mrs Pearson reported on the Eight Annual

meeting of the Good Neighbour Council, which marked the end of a busy year in which considerable progress was made. The Annual Report was tabled, and arrangements for the Citizenship Committee Convocation in Canberra in January were mentioned.

It was suggested that the Inter Church Council should perhaps be represented on the committee arranging the visit of Billy Graham next year. Mrs Garlick undertook to obtain the address of the organisers of this committee, the secretary was then to write to ask if a representative would be desired. Miss Eastaway, Mrs Garlick, Mrs Hall all expressed willingness to serve if desired.

Considerable discussion took place as to whether the Council could take any action on the growing use of poker machine. Proposed by Mrs Briggs, seconded Miss Eastaway, that members should try to obtain information and give consideration to the question of what action could be taken. Matter to be discussed next month.

As there was no further business the meeting closed with the benediction. 9/1/58 Mrs

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

Financial Statement to 31st October, 1958.

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	<u>£ s. d.</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	<u>£ s. d.</u>
By Credit Balance 29th August,	5 5 8	To cost of Circulars for Community Day- The Suburban Herald Printery	2 2 9
" Affiliation Fee for 1958/59 The Churches of Christ Women's Fellowship	1 1 .		
" Balance of Collection for expenses of Community Day	18 .	" Credit Balance, as per Pass Book,	5 1 11
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