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THE AIM of the Society is the advancement of the Christian Religion in the sphere of marriage and family life.

MEMBERSHIP is open to all those who have been baptised in the name of the Holy Trinity and declare their support for the Aim and Objects of the Society.

THE OBJECTS

1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding.
2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
3. To maintain a world wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
4. To promote conditions in Society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

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February, 1981.

My dear friends,

It is with sadness that I record that Lady Cutler has relinquished her patronage of the Mothers' Union. We have valued her support and interest in our work, which was always underlined by her own example in upholding the importance of the family unit.

As a token of our appreciation a small petit point picture, most beautifully worked by Mrs. Margaret Hilliard was presented to Lady Cutler when she graciously received Mrs. Hilliard and myself at Government House on December 16th.

You will be pleased to know that Lady Rowland, the wife of our new Governor, His Excellency, Air Marshall Sir James Rowland, has graciously bestowed her patronage upon the Mothers' Union and we look forward to a long and happy association.

Your Executive Committee met together on February 6th for a Commissioning Service conducted at St. Thomas' Enfield, by the Rev. Graham Harrison, and on that occasion I made two points for the work in 1981 - Prayer and Outreach. We have planned several Diocesan Outreach Meetings as your Newsletter records, but these can only succeed in their aim if every member undergirds them with prayer.

The Mothers' Union was founded on prayer - the central of our five objects states "To maintain a world wide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service". Prayer must be central in all that we plan and do, yet in our busyness it is often cut short. So in the words of the Apostle Paul I urge you to "continue steadfastly in prayer, be watchful in it with thanksgiving. (Col. 4:3)

Yours sincerely,

Lorna Oates.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

It is my privilege to present the 85th Annual Report of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Sydney.

The Triennial elections this year saw a great number of changes and we welcome new Vice-Presidents, Deaconess Mary Andrews, Margaret Hilliard, Molly Gilchrist, Edna Edgar, Dorothy Bremner and our Senior Vice-President, Rae Mortley, who begins a second term of office.

At the Council meeting in October presentations were made to retiring office bearers. Joyce Hayman completed nine years as Convenor for Social Responsibilities and also handled Publicity for some time. Under her wise and zealous care this department grew to be a very vocal force and we shall always be grateful to Joyce for the tremendous amount of time and effort she gave on our behalf. Mary Horsley who has held many positions and given untiring service over many years retired as Vice-President. In recognition of her valuable work to Mothers' Union in this diocese she has been made a Life Vice-President and we shall continue to look forward to her for wise counsel in the years ahead.

As wives and mothers we are committed to our families and their needs; for this reason we accepted with regret resignations from two new Heads of Departments during the year. Vera Dykes, Convenor for Social Responsibilities found herself deeply involved with her husband's work in the Missions to Seamen, and felt unable to give the necessary time to such an important department. We are still seeking the right person to undertake such vital work, and ask for your prayer support in this matter. Similarly Carol Collis, for family reasons resigned as Head of Hospital Visiting and has been replaced by Jan Berkley. We welcome Jan to this position and extend our sincere thanks to the other ladies for the work carried out while on the Executive Committee.

Margaret Cox was welcomed back to Executive as Head of Overseas and Outreach.

The Australian Commonwealth Council met in Melbourne in October and I was privileged to attend as a Delegate from this diocese with Rae Mortley, Rosemary Davies and Janet Harrison. Lorna Oates and Joyce Bragg attended as Commonwealth representatives. We are delighted to welcome as our new Commonwealth President Margot Sanders, formerly Editor of Mia Mia. Our new Diocesan President Lorna Oates was re-elected to the position of Senior Vice-President of the Commonwealth and Joyce Bragg was elected as Commonwealth Convenor of Social Responsibilities. Sincere congratulations are extended to both these members from our diocese.

To Joyce Allen, who resigned from National Council of Women we offer our sincere thanks for her many years of devoted service as our Delegate. We thank her for her most able reporting to the Mothers' Union Council on many matters of vital concern to our members and wish her well in retirement. A welcome is extended to our new representative on National Council of Women, Ann Coventry.

The Annual Report this year does not contain a letter from our Patron as Lady Cutler has resigned her patronage because her husband's term of office has been completed. Our grateful thanks to Margaret Hilliard must be recorded, for the beautiful piece of petit point she so ably worked as a gift to Lady Cutler from the Mothers' Union in this diocese.

Many of our members participated in the Mothers' Union World Tour, attending the Passion Play at Oberammergau. During the tour, members were able to visit with Link branches, thus strengthening their relationships and forging closer ties of loving concern.

The Wave of Prayer said daily in the office has proved a source of joy as we have had opportunity of sharing with members from New Zealand and United Kingdom. An especially happy occasion was the visit of Jumoke Bako from our Link diocese of Lagos, who shared prayer time with us.

During this year we hosted the Provincial Council meeting and welcomed delegates from the other N.S.W.

dioceses, with the exception of Riverina. It was a profitable time for all concerned and from our discussions came a resolution to hold, within the next couple of years a Provincial Live-in Conference open to all members.

This year saw an overwhelming response to our Day Conference at Mowll Village - over 700 women attending to hear Dr. Clair Isbister. The Holiday Conference later in the year proved very popular also. It is hoped that such functions may become regular features in our programming as we seek to reach out to the women in our community.

A new venture, in the form of an evening meeting for both husbands and wives was held at Eastwood and very well received. The new Director of Anglican Marriage and Family Counselling Centre, Rev. Michael Corbett-Jones and his wife Christine spoke on Marriage Relationships. The success of this meeting encouraged the Executive Committee to plan further evening programmes for the coming years.

It was my privilege in December to attend a luncheon at Bowral, with Olive Beverley, when a presentation of a golden posy was made to Lady Hoskins in recognition of her membership in Mothers' Union for over 60 years; truly a great record.

During this year, while without a Convenor for Social Responsibilities the members of Executive Committee have been alert to the many social issues and acted on your behalf. Submissions have been sent to the appropriate government authorities on Rape Reform, Privacy Bill, Lotto and Pinball parlours. Members have also attended the Women for the Family in Society Conference, seminar on The Child in Conflict and United Nations Disarmament Conference.

This year the Justice Department opened a new court at Cobham and we are very grateful to the ladies at St. Stephen's Penrith for undertaking the full responsibility of maintaining the Tea and Sympathy service.

With the change in the name of H.M.S. Counselling to "Careforce" the Children's Court worker's job has an altered emphasis. This work that members support so well, is now spread over a much wider field as several social

workers now move out to the various decentralized centres, established to meet changing needs. The needs are still the same and are often much more demanding than in the past - it is only the name that has changed.

We were delighted to welcome Mrs. Olwyn Jull, our Commonwealth President to Sydney in May, and thanks to the members at Thornleigh a delightful evening was arranged, so that many members had an opportunity to hear Mrs. Jull speak.

As I complete my first year in this position my thanks go to the members of the Executive for their loving help and encouragement and especially to Lorna Oates for her wise counsel and generous support. To Iris Langshaw my assistant and Minute Secretary, without whose help I would never have accomplished so much, a sincere thank-you.

I would like to thank the many hostesses for their generous help in the office throughout the year and especially to our Office Secretary, Flora Rowe; thank you all.

As we go forward into the new year let us be daily reminded of Mary Sumner's personal prayer:

"All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live."

Gillian Garforth,
Diocesan Secretary.

SPEAKERS DEPARTMENT

In May 1980 a most successful Speaker's Course was held. Three new ladies have been added to our Speakers list. We are holding another course at St. John's Sutherland fortnightly from 7th April 1981, at which ladies from Wollongong will attend as well as local ladies.

This year's programme is again a very stimulating one and very interesting, the title being "Having gifts let us use them".

We are very fortunate having Mrs. Doris Haberfield compiling our programme.

Don't forget that very good tapes are available at the office for a small fee.

June Graham,
Head of Speakers Department.

MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION DEPARTMENT

It was most encouraging to see over 700 women at our Day Conference last May, and again in November as many men and women gathered at an evening meeting, both of these meetings being on aspects of marriage. It is important that we take all opportunities to promote the Purpose, Aim and Objects, that the Mothers' Union not become just another meeting, but one that gives Christian guidance through the 1980's.

Early in 1980 an Ideas Day gave new thought to many of the 33 branches represented. Sharing of ideas is always helpful in adding variety to branch meetings and making them more meaningful.

This year branches are encouraged to have a "Mothers' Union is People like You" open day and invite ladies to hear of the Mothers' Union and meet members as a way of getting to know others in our parish and neighbourhood.

Janet Harrison
Head of Membership Promotion Department

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

At the last Tri-ennial election, Mrs. Joyce Hayman's term of office as Head of this department expired, and we do congratulate her, and give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the amount and the quality of the work that

she achieved. It was her imagination and foresight that set the great work "Tea and Sympathy" in the Children's Courts in motion. This work continues to be greatly blessed, and we owe a great debt of thanks to all those ladies - about 150 - who faithfully carry on. This work has been divided up into sections, under the care of different ladies, each looking after one Court, as follows:

Mrs. Cox - Maintenance Court, Mrs. Eaton - Yasmar
Mrs. Munn - Albion Street, Mrs. Turner - Minda.

Wollongong Deanery look after the work at Wollongong. Another Court has been added, Cobham, at Werrington, which ladies from the Penrith parish look after.

Mrs. Vera Dykes took over the responsibility of the department after Mrs. Hayman, but was compelled to withdraw owing to her responsibilities with her husband's work, the Missions to Seamen, and with her own family. We were grateful to her for her help and fellowship while she was with us.

We continue to be affiliated with the National Council of Women and receive resource material etc. from the Festival of Light.

We wrote to the A.N.Z. Bank protesting at the advertisements encouraging belief in Astrology as a directing force in life.

As usual we were delighted with the amount of money and the large gifts of food and toys sent to the office for the families of prisoners. We are also grateful to the Rectors who assisted in this by encouraging appeals to be made to the whole parish, not just our own members.

Mrs. Joyce Bragg has been appointed Commonwealth Head of this Department and we wish her every blessing in this work.

This Department has been greatly blessed over the many years of its existence and we do ask that God will give us

wisdom, enthusiasm and a right judgment in all things during this coming year.

Rae Mortley

MIA - MIA

Our magazine continues to provide us with interest, inspiration and enjoyment. A new Editor has now been appointed, Mrs. Diane Paton of Brisbane, and we express our gratitude to Mrs. M. Sanders for all her work during the past years. Mrs. Sanders has now become Commonwealth President.

We do urge our members to continue to subscribe to the magazine - we must not become careless about this as subscribers are so important.

There are very few, if any, other magazines which have continued to be published for so long after their commencement as has Mia Mia. It was first published in 1915. We now order 1000 copies each edition.

Rae Mortley
Mia Mia Organiser

DEPARTMENT OF DEANERIES

I am always very aware of how much the management of this Department depends on the support of my Area Heads and members of Executive Council. This support and advice has been particularly valuable during the period of Triennial elections.

The elections have brought about several changes of office bearers. To those who have completed their terms of office, thank you for your devoted service and to those newly installed, I trust that you will find much blessing in the office for which you have accepted responsibility. Mrs. Dorothy Bremner has retired as Area Head after rendering valuable assistance to the Deaneries in her area. Mrs. Margaret Hilliard has taken up office as an Area Head. With Mrs. Melba Loftus, Mrs. F. Rowe and Mrs. Margaret

Andries who have fulfilled their responsibilities untiringly, I feel we have a very good team.

Parramatta and Hawkesbury Deaneries remain the only ones without Deanery Presidents. Hawkesbury is presently sharing in Deanery functions with Prospect Deanery and I have acted as Deanery President for Parramatta.

Mrs. Loftus kindly made her home available for our Deanery Presidents' Quiet Day and Conference and attended to the catering. Thank you, Melba. A time of prayer and devotions prepared us for a training session for newly-elected Deanery Presidents and a refresher course for others. Mrs. Dora Peterson, a Deanery President from South Africa who was visiting her daughter, was able to join us for the meeting. She brought greetings from her members and told us something of the problems she faces in her work. We were rather sad to say farewell to Mrs. May Buckingham from Lithgow as she was preparing to leave with her husband who is now serving with B.C.A. in Karratha, North-West Australia. Both May and Dora would value our prayer support.

As is customary in each tri-ennial period we conducted a training day for branch officers. I am grateful to those who helped conduct the programme.

Branches continue to plan their programmes very thoughtfully, using the official programme or speakers on issues which show a concern for upholding our stated Objects, for outreach to the parish and community and for individual development in our Christian faith.

It was very encouraging to see such enthusiastic support from all the Deaneries for our Diocesan functions, particularly the Picnic Conference. I would urge all members to make every effort to attend Diocesan functions as well as your Deanery days. Branch officers should be diligent in informing their members, promptly and in detail, of planned events, in encouraging their support and publicising them in their parishes.

It is always a pleasure to attend special functions in

Katoomba, Wollongong and the Berrima-Campbelltown Deanery. Their representatives are to be commended for their diligence in travelling to Council meetings. Mrs. Garforth and I attended the Bowral Christmas luncheon where I had the pleasure and privilege of presenting Lady Hoskins with a posy in recognition of her sixty years membership of Mothers' Union.

Our Mothers' Union can only make a significant contribution to the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life and in the promotion of conditions in society favourable to stable family life by the continuing prayer of all our members and by supporting your branch officers, your Deanery Presidents and Diocesan representatives in the plans made to further our Aim and Objects. Let us all seek God's guidance to go forward in faith.

Olive Beverley
Head of Deaneries

YOUNG MEMBERS DEPARTMENT

We were very happy during the year to welcome a new group, the Coogee Women's Fellowship, and congratulate them on the recent admission of twelve of their members into the Mothers' Union. The group has functioned for some years under the Leadership of Chris Sultanie and we wish them every blessing for the future as they seek to reach out to women around them.

It has been a most enjoyable task being able to speak and share with some groups this year. There is great variety in meetings and programs. Padstow uses a delightful idea of caring when each member prays secretly for another for a year, and sends birthday and anniversary greetings, and finally at the Christmas meeting, they reveal who each special friend was. What a wonderful idea to combat loneliness, so much a problem in our society today.

At the Y.M.D. Conference in Melbourne in October, we welcomed a new Commonwealth leader, Mrs. Gwen Bruce from Bendigo diocese, and assure her of our love and prayers

as she takes up this position. The Conference was a time of wonderful unity and fellowship, and of growing closer with the Mothers' Union.

On November 1st we held our first evening conference for husbands and wives, called "Perfecting your Partnership". Michael and Christine Corbett-Jones were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all who were able to attend, and we hope to repeat the conference in another location next year as requested.

Finally, may I thank you all for your support and encouragement, and may the Lord continue to guide us as we seek to reach out for Him.

Rosemary Davies
Head of Young Members Department

OVERSEAS AND OUTREACH

This Department was without a Head for this year and as a consequence this report will be brief. Whilst at first I was reluctant to take on this position, (as I would much rather see a younger person, with the energy and imagination of a younger member, taking over as Head of Overseas and Outreach) I will carry out this task to the best of my ability, with God's help.

The world-wide Mothers' Union has always captured my imagination and is a source of wonderment and joy to me to know that women just like us, maybe different in colour and culture, but mothers just as we are, pray for us in their branches and homes. I was privileged some years ago, to join in the mid-day prayers in Mary Sumner House in London and hear prayers being offered for members in Australia. This made me realise how sincere we must be in praying for each other in the Wave of Prayer. We do not always know the needs of a specific branch or member, but we know that God knows every persons need and will meet these needs according to His will, if we are faithful in our prayers for each other.

To enable us to learn more about our members overseas, I commend to you all the new Mothers' Union publication, "Partners in Prayer" on sale in the Mothers' Union office. I would like to see every branch with a copy of this book, to further our knowledge of our sister members overseas.

I will be willing to speak at branches about the work of the Overseas Department and look forward to a happy and fruitful year in serving the Lord and doing His will.

Margaret Cox
Head of Overseas and Outreach Department

PRAYER DEPARTMENT

The work of the Prayer Department has continued throughout the year with many encouragements. An increasing interest has been evident in the Bible Study Notes and also in the Intercessory Prayer Circle.

Intercessory Prayer Circle: Mrs. Kath Hoare who is in charge of this section of the Department reports a good year. During the year she visited eight branches, which resulted in six new Friends of IPC and many new members with a much greater enthusiasm for the work at branch level. Some \$34 has been paid into H.Q. for portage, and while there has been a loss by death during the year of some eighteen members, we have been able to welcome nineteen new members and six Friends. This is very encouraging. Letters, Prayer Leaflets, etc. have gone out regularly, and many letters of appreciation been received. In addition a telephone link has been maintained with many of the Friends. Thanks are due to those who have assisted in seeing that programmes have run smoothly. Invitations to speak on IPC at branches is always welcomed.

The Lone Members: Under the keen guidance and enthusiastic interest of Mrs. Grace Robson this part of our work has also met with considerable success, although we would be glad to know of others who would like to be joined with us in this fellowship of the Mothers' Union. We believe the effectiveness of the Lone Members' Branch could be greatly

increased if branches aware of members moving into areas where no Mothers' Union branch exists would contact us and help us to establish new Links. We held two special functions for Lone Members during the year, one at the home of Mrs. Robson which proved to be a very happy gathering; and an end-of-year gathering when members were invited to join with St. James' King Street, Sydney, for their Christmas meeting and lunch. This was a tremendous success, and thanks are due to the St. James' branch for including Lone Members in this tremendous occasion.

Bible Study Notes: As already reported, there has been an ever increasing demand from branches and individual members for these, and it was decided by Executive towards the end of the year, that these Studies should be included in book form. This has been done and is in the hands of the printer under the title of "Water from Many Wells". We understand copies will be available for sale by March-April this year. We would commend these to all members as a very worthwhile book of devotional studies; simply expressed, Scripturally based, and dealing with normal, every-day problems in a practical and challenging way. The Studies, Questions and Comments have been produced by Dorothy Hulme-Moir, and will be available, through the Literature Department at a reasonable price. Please support this outreach by the Prayer Department by your interest and your prayers.

Dorothy Hulme-Moir
Head of Prayer Department

PUBLICITY DEPARTMENT

1980 was a busy, challenging, and, we trust, profitable year for the Mothers' Union in our diocese. Some of the activities arose out of our conviction that during the year we should pursue two main emphases: (1) consideration of family relationships (2) outreach to the community. Highlights in this regard were: - The Picnic Conference at Mowll Village on May 30, when Dr. Clair Isbister spoke on "The Give and Take of Marriage and its Effect on Children". It was a wonderful day with more than 700 in attendance, nearly all Mothers' Union members, from all parts of the diocese. - An open evening meeting at St. Philip's,

Eastwood, on Saturday November 1, when Michael and Christine Corbett-Jones opened up and explored the topic "Perfecting your Partnership". It was our first attempt at such a meeting and the response was very pleasing.

It is our intention to pursue these emphases further in 1981, giving particular attention to making provision for husbands and other members of the family to share in our activities.

Other special occasions were as follows:

- The Diocesan Festival on March 25 in St. Andrew's Cathedral (attended by over 500)
- An Ideas Day (another first) on March 12
- A 2½ Day Live-in Conference at "Cilbulla" (September 23-25) when we were delighted to have Mrs. Mary Fewchuk to lead our Bible studies.

We have planned a new means of communication to come into operation at the beginning of 1981. This will take the form of a new-look new-style NEWSLETTER to be received by all members three times during the year. In this way members will be regularly "in touch" and receive personal information about Mothers' Union matters. We trust that this will lead to a deepening of interest and a fuller and more meaningful participation and involvement in our activities.

"For Thy mercy and Thy grace,
Faithful through another year
Hear our song of thankfulness,
Father and Redeemer, hear".

Doris Haberfield
Head of Publicity Department

LINKS

The purpose of a link is to establish real fellowship between the branch at home and the branch overseas. A link can widen our interests and provide many vital subjects for prayer.

Last year, while we were in the U.K. I had the opportunity of visiting Mary Sumner House and meeting with the Link Secretary, Mr. Barry Hoad. It was most interesting seeing at first hand how links are established and thus becoming partners in prayer.

In my first report, I would like to encourage branches to maintain their present links, and, if possible, establish new ones - each branch may have up to three links. Please feel free to contact me at any time regarding your present link or establishing a new one.

Lesley Dangerfield
Links Secretary

HOSPITAL VISITING

This important missionary work has continued faithfully over the last year even though there has been no permanent Department Head. The work of many dedicated women who go into the hospitals each week is a real inspiration to me as I begin my work as Head of Hospital Visiting.

Already, I have had conversations with some of you who tell of the enthusiasm and faithfulness with which this project is approached. In these days when so many of us feel limited in scope for outreach, hospital visiting is one of the few opportunities which remain. Our aim in visiting the new mothers in hospital is to sow a seed, a seed which we hope will germinate in the mother turning to Christ and bear fruit in the life of the child being brought up to know and love Christ.

To those of you who have been participating in this work I say, "Well done", and encourage you to keep it up.

My apologies to those of you who have felt the absence of someone at the helm in this Department. Carole Collis had to resign after a few short months in the job and I ask for your indulgence as I learn the ropes. I assure you of my utmost help and promise to support you all in my prayers.

Janet Berkley,
Head of Hospital Visiting Dept.

LITERATURE

The distribution of Christian literature is an important part of Mothers' Union work. We have a wide range available, covering many aspects of Christian experience, but centering mostly on prayer and families. This year we have been able to obtain copies of Dr. Clair Isbister's books "Birth of a Family" and "Should I call the Doctor".

The sale of a varied range of Scripture greeting cards allows us to make enough profit to print other literature, in particular the cards used by the visitors in the Maternity Hospitals.

Many thanks are due to all those who take literature to branches to sell and so help in forwarding God's work through the Mothers' Union.

Mary Coyne
Head of Literature Department

THE EXTENSION FUND

In 1937, the Council of the Mothers' Union started a fund - The Extension Fund, hoping one day to buy rooms of our own. In 1946 this was incorporated with the Jubilee Fund.

Later, it was decided to abandon the project of buying our own rooms and some of the interest was to be used for office expenses.

The invested amount has now risen to \$24510, for which we thank our Heavenly Father. When necessary we draw an amount towards our office expenses and re-invest the remainder, to combat inflation.

The foresight of those who set up this fund is greatly appreciated by us now.

Rae Mortley

THE MOTHERS' UNION EXTENSION FUND

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SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

To balance		\$ 952. 04
Bank Interest	\$46.19	
Return of Capital	1350.00	
M.U. General Fund	2600.00	
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Banked in error	83.92	
Interest from Investments	<u>2128.99</u>	<u>6209. 10</u>
Less withdrawals & Bank charges		
<u>Investments</u>		
June 25th, Metro. Water & Sewerage	\$4500.00	
July 25th, Electricity		
Commission	1000.00	
<u>M.U. General Fund</u>		
(Banked in error)	83.92	
<u>Bank charges</u>		
January	3.60	
August	<u>3.60</u>	
31.12.80 Bal. at Bank		<u>5591. 12</u>
		<u>1570. 02</u>
<u>Investments as at 31.12.80</u>		
Total investment	\$ 24510.00	

Please note \$5500 was invested after June 30th and as payments are made every six months, we have not yet received any interest from them.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Philippians 2:4 - Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

How important for us, as members of Mothers' Union, to show Christ's love through us to others - demonstrated in a practical way by our giving to Prisoners' families, H.M.S. Counselling - Careforce, Northern Outreach and Overseas. How encouraging have been the freewill excess donations from members this year. Our thanks to the Walter and Eliza Hall Trust for their continued grant of \$250 to assist us in our Counselling commitment.

Despite inflationary rises in costs there has been no change in our membership fee this year. Subscriptions are necessary to maintain the Mothers' Union in this diocese as well as to meet our regular commitments to A.C.C., H.M.S. Counselling - Careforce, Overseas and Northern Outreach funds. Thank you to all branch Treasurers for their co-operation in sending annual dues and Mia Mia subscriptions so promptly.

The Literature Department is to be congratulated on a very successful financial result as well as achieving its main purpose of Christian outreach.

We have been able this year to finance the purchase of 1,000 very attractive teatowels incorporating the Mothers' Union Australian banner design - these are selling well.

Our grateful thanks to our Honorary Auditor, Mr. Cousens for all his work, thanks also to the Executive, office helpers, and especially Mrs. Rowe for all the practical help, prayer support, love and fellowship during the year.

Aileen Davis
Hon. Diocesan Treasurer

SPEAKERS LIST 1981

Mrs. B. H. Anstey	164a Beecroft Rd., Cheltenham. 2119	86-3066
Mrs. J. Berkley	4 Verona Range, Como. 2226	528-9352
Mrs. O. Beverley	6 Lennox St., Old Toongabbie. 2146	631-9043
Mrs. R. Bragg	10/315 Burns Bay Rd., Lane Cove. 2066	428-5576
Mrs. A.M. Bryson	3 Clanville Rd., Roseville. 2069	46-2017
Mrs. R. Cale	26 Mi Mi St., Oatley West. 2223	57-4316
Mrs. L. Coyne	40 Oakleigh Ave., Thornleigh. 2120	84-2763
Mrs. J. Davies	17 Tunks St., Northbridge. 2063	95-5794
Mrs. E. Eaton	54 Third Ave., Campsie. 2194	78-6515
Mrs. S. Edgar	10/3 Holborn Ave., Dee Why. 2099	982-8067
Mrs. W. Ellis	37 Lawn Ave., Campsie. 2194	789-1687
Mrs. F. Garforth	83 Belmore St., Fairfield. 2165	724-4013
Mrs. M. Farley	166 Woorana Ave., Elanora Heights. 2101	913-3016
Mrs. J. Follett	29 Warraba Rd., Como. 2226	528-9060
Mrs. S.W. Giltrap	132 Archer St., Roseville. 2069	41-6231
Mrs. P.M. Graham	17 Grace Ave., Beecroft. 2119	84-3484
Mrs. D. Haberfield	42 Bulli Rd., Toongabbie. 2146	631-8437

Mrs. G. Harrison	53 Coronation Pde., Enfield. 2136	642-3171
Mrs. J. Hilliard	Malton Rd., Beecroft. 2119	84-3861
Mrs. K. Hoare	60 Karingal Cres., Frenchs Forest. 2086	452-1770
Mrs. B. Horn	99 Richmond Rd., Kingswood. 2750	STD 047 21-0453
Mrs. D. Hulme-Moir	15 Acacia St., Collaroy Plateau. 2098	982-5709
Lady Knight (Gwen)	21 Hazelbank Rd., Wollstonecraft. 2065	95-1564
Mrs. M. Loftus	120 Dutton St., Yagoona. 2199	709-7939
Mrs. D. McLaurin	13 Armstrong St., Cammeray. 2062	439-1832
Mrs. E. Mortley	33 Wheeler Parade, Dee Why. 2099	98-5824
Mrs. C.R. Oates	269 Loftus Ave., Loftus. 2232	521-3324
Mrs. W. Rowe	15 First Ave., Five Dock. 2046	713-9038
Mrs. R. Wheeler	48 Badgery St., Homebush. 2140	764-4172

Blue Mountains Deanery

Mrs. C.N. Steele	371 Gt. Western Hwy., Bullaburra. 2784	STD 047 591-1233
Mrs. Pitt-Owen	6 Page Ave., Wentworth Falls. 2782	STD 047 57-2324

Wollongong Deanery

Mrs. M. Hennessy	15 Pioneer St., Belambi. 2518	
Mrs. C. Mow	17 Lucinda St., Wollongong. 2500	
Mrs. K.H. Short	Bishopslodge, 20 Reserve St., West Wollongong. 2500	STD 042 29-6927

TAPE LIBRARY

We have good quality tapes suitable for meetings or for personal use and are adding to them regularly.

These can be hired for 50c per month, either to the individual or the Branch.

Ask to see them when you are in the office, or send for a list.

MIDDAY PRAYERS

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jêsus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, our heavenly Father, we ask you to bless the work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world, and especially in each diocese for which we pray today. * Bless our members in their lives and in their homes, that they being strengthened in love to you and to each other, may serve you faithfully to your glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Blessed Saviour, who at this hour did hang upon the cross, stretching forth your loving arms, grant that all mankind may look unto you and be saved; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O Saviour of the world, who by your cross and precious blood have redeemed us; save us and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

THE MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who gave marriage to be a source of blessing to mankind, we thank you for the joys of family life. Pour our upon us your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love and serve you. Bless all who are married and every parent and child. May we know your presence and peace in our homes; fill them with your love and use them for your glory. Bless the members of the Mothers' Union throughout the world; unite us in prayer and worship, in love and service, that, strengthened by your grace, we may seek to do your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

O God, our Father, be with us in our homes through this and every day. Help us when we are tired, to control our tempers and to take thought for others. Make us loving and patient, forgiving others as we hope to be forgiven; that in our homes your law may reign; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE HANDICAPPED

O God, Father of the helpless, we pray for the handicapped people and all who suffer any kind of disability. Give them courage to face each day and the comfort of the knowledge that you love and care for them. Open our eyes and touch our hearts that we may be sensitive to their needs and do all that we can to help them. Amen.

THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF SYDNEY

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1980.

RECEIPTS:

Balance at Bank and on Hand
31st December, 1979 12,270

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

General Funds 5,255
Members Fees to A.C.C. 894
6,149

OTHERS:

Members' Special Project 169
Badges, Forks, Spoons etc. 707
Teatowels 1,380
Court Morning Teas 1,903
Mowll Village Conference 357
Gilbulla Conference 1,906
Gilbulla Offertory 116
Festival, Annual Meeting,
Deaneries & Conferences 1,121
Intercessory Prayer Circle 63
Mia Mia 2,248
Programmes, Tapes, Bible Studies 277
Young Members Dept. 26
Special Purposes 565
A.C.C. Meeting 460
Bank Interest 472
11,770

Literature Department 4,296

TRUST FUNDS:

H.M.S. Careforce - Counselling 1,675
Walter & Eliza Trust 250
1,925
Overseas Fund 922
Northern Outreach 657
Fellowship of the Least Coin 89
Prisoners' Families Fund 477
4,070
38,555

LESS PAYMENTS (As per Statement attached) 25,747

Balance at Bank and in Hand 31st December, 1980
representing Accumulated Funds and Trust Funds
(as per Schedule attached) \$12,808

THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF SYDNEY

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1980

OFFICE EXPENSES:

General Expenses	10	
Insurance	218	
Postage	283	
Printing & Stationery	940	
Rent, Cleaning, Electricity	1,607	
Repairs & Maintenance	68	
Honorariums	1,880	
President's & Secretary's Expenses	219	
Telephone	<u>286</u>	
		5,511

OTHER EXPENSES:

A.C.C. Subscriptions	880	
Members' Special Project	100	
Badges, Forks, Spoons etc.	907	
Teatowels	2,000	
Court Morning Teas	856	
Mowll Village Conference Day	110	
Mowll Village Donation	50	
Gilbulia Conference	1,810	
Gilbulia Building Fund	120	
Festivals, Annual Meeting, Conferences, Seminars	210	
Intercessory Prayer Circle	142	
Mia Mia	2,143	
Subscriptions	33	
Young Members Dept.	70	
Special Purposes	68	
Presentations	106	
Bank Charge	2	
A.C.C. Meeting	<u>1,113</u>	
		10,720
<u>Literature Department</u>		2,957
<u>Refund to Extension Fund</u>		2,600

TRUST FUNDS:

H.M.S. Careforce - Counselling	1,560	
- Special Donation	<u>250</u>	
		1,810
Overseas Fund	1,220	
Northern Outreach	414	
Fellowship of the Least coin	90	
Prisoners' Families Fund	<u>425</u>	
		3,959
		<u>\$25,747</u>

THE MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF SYDNEY

31ST DECEMBER, 1980.

SCHEDULE OF ACCUMULATED FUNDS & TRUST FUNDS

ACCUMULATED FUNDS:

General Fund	5,962	
Special Purposes	1,166	
Literature Department	<u>3,190</u>	
		10,318

TRUST FUNDS:

H.M.S. Careforce - Counselling	1,314	
Overseas Fund	609	
Northern Outreach	503	
Fellowship of the Least Coin	5	
Prisoners' Families Fund	<u>59</u>	
		<u>2,490</u>
		<u>\$12,808</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT TO MEMBERS

We have examined and tested the records of the MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF SYDNEY relative to the foregoing Statements of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December, 1980, and according to the information given to us and explanations received certify them to be in accordance therewith.

LEAN, CAMERON & CO.,
Chartered Accountants,
Registered Under the
Public Accountants
Registration Act, 1945,
as amended

THE MOTHERS UNION - EXTENSION FUND

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(INCORPORATING JUBILEE FUND)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1980

<u>CASH AT BANK</u> - 31st December 1979			952
<u>ADD: RECEIPTS</u>			
Interest			
- Bank	46		
- Debentures	<u>2,129</u>	2,175	
Redemption Debentures		1,350	
The Mothers Union General Fund		<u>2,600</u>	<u>6,125</u>
			7,077
<u>LESS: PAYMENTS</u>			
Bank Charges		7	
Debentures		<u>5,500</u>	<u>5,507</u>
<u>CASH AT BANK</u> - 31st December 1980			<u>\$1,570</u>

THE MOTHERS UNION - LUCY DANGAR MEMORIAL FUND

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1980

<u>CASH AT BANK</u> - 31st December 1979			71
<u>ADD: RECEIPTS</u>			
Interest Received			
- Commonwealth Treasury Bonds	36		
- Bank	<u>24</u>	<u>60</u>	
			131
<u>LESS: PAYMENT</u>			
Donation - Lisgar			<u>20</u>
<u>BALANCE AT BANK</u> 31st December 1980			<u>\$111</u>

We have examined the records of the Mothers Union - Extension Fund and the Mothers Union - Lucy Dangar Memorial Fund for the year ended 31st December 1980 and certify the above Statements to be in accordance therewith.

LEAN, CAMERON & CO.
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