

Minutes of meeting held on September 25<sup>th</sup> 1953.

In the absence of Mrs R. B. Lew, Mrs A. Deans presided over the meeting, and opened with a Chapter of Scripture from St. John's Gospel Chapter 12. and a following Prayer: the theme of a brief address was "Shedding Light."

Present - 24 members

Apologies - Mrs Lew, Miss McDiarmid  
Mrs W. Deane. Mrs Leach (illness).

Guest Speaker, Miss Needham - Recruitment Officer for World Council of Churches addressed the meeting. This lady who has recently come from England, told of her various spheres of work overseas when employed by the British Red Cross Agencies & the United Nations, through the World Council of Churches. Concentration Camps at Belsen and others in Italy occupied her interests for the years since World War II, when 75,000,000 people were in need of homes & rehabilitation or immigration, together with all problems connected therewith. Australian sponsors of the World C. of Churches have enlisted Miss N. who now has an office in Trapher House, Sydney.

Meeting - Sept. 25th. Continued.

A Vote of Thanks <sup>to the Speaker</sup> was proposed by Mrs Deane, supported by Mrs Pearson & Miss Rosely.

Minutes of Meeting held on Aug 28th, were read by the Secretary & Confirmed by the Mtg.

Rose Day :-

Mrs Hall issued boxes of Rose Day Bages to various members.

Mrs R. Hurditch expressed willingness to prepare light lunch & tea to button-sellers working in The area around Pitt St., Congl Church. Mrs Day from the Epping Branch, with Mrs Knight & Mrs Pearson agreed to take charge of the Miscellaneous Stall at Ashfield:

Mesdames Deane, Chapman, Palmer took part in the selling of buttons in Ashfield area. A successful day was achieved

Reports :- Verbal accounts were given from

- (1) Mrs Palmer - delegate to National Council of Women. Speakers at the September Mtg. being Mrs Crawford Vaughan & Miss Arnott a "Kurroo Club" voluntary worker.
- (2) Wybalena Hostel :- report showed that a Sewing Machine had been bought; also house linen.

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### Change of date for October Meeting

As the Social Hall at The Bille House was available only on Thursday 29th, the usual monthly meeting was advanced to this date. Programmes have been planned for the morning meeting - Community Day.

(Mrs A. Deans has kindly attended to the round leaflets for distribution) The Secretary will inform the members (not present at the Sept. meeting) of the meeting - at 1.30 pm. The usual monthly Speaker planned - Mrs Norman Coates  
Subject "Power".

Soloists - Miss Winifred Gardiner  
Mrs Marjorie Prowse.

Accompanist - Miss Bentley.

12.30 Basket lunch .... Tea provided.

Finance: - Collection of £1/13/- from members at meeting - given to Mrs Day to buy materials for Asfield Stall.

Correspondence (Miss Roseby) reported that Epping I.C. Branch had sent a donation of £4/7/6 to Wybalena Fund: also 10/- from Hurlstone Park Congl Ch. for same fund.  
Meeting closed with Benediction / Sylvia G. Lew.

October 29th/1953. Community Day.

Thursday, Oct. 29th was observed as "Community Day" when a splendid attendance of members and their friends met at 11 a.m. at the Bible House, Sydney.

Mrs. R. B. Lew presided over the meeting and was supported by Miss E. A. Roseby & Mrs. Deans. Mrs. Norman Cocks, wife of the Australasian Secretary of the London Missionary Society, was the Guest Speaker. She took for her theme of the Address - Power - such as that given at Pentecost.

A few of the points stressed were; -

--- the coming or meeting together on Christian issues ~~engenders~~ engenders fellowship and "Power".

(2) --- faulty connections between God & Man prevent the "flow of power".

(3) --- lack of use of God-given-power becomes a sin of omission.

(4) --- a cluttered life can block the channels of the God-given-power.

5. Through Courage, determination, Sincerity and Purpose God-given-power can achieve greatness  
e.g. Columbus' motto: Sail on! Sail on! which meant Victory

An excellent programme of music  
and songs was provided by  
Mrs Florence Bentley  
Miss Winifred Gardiner  
Miss Marjorie Pearce and  
Mrs R. B. Lewis.

October 29th

Votes of Thanks were extended,  
on behalf of the Council, to all  
who contributed to the great  
success & pleasure of the  
Morning's function.

Floral Sprays were presented  
to the ladies; and an invitation  
was given to all present to  
remain for a Social Hour  
when Cups of tea & a basket  
lunch were available.

A Closing Hymn & the Benediction  
brought the meeting to a close.

Community Day Programme.

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