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Minutes of Meeting held on March 27th/1953
at Bible House, Sydney.

Present - 16 members

Mrs R. B. Lew presided.

The meeting was opened with a Scripture Reading, words of exhortation & Prayer. Apologies were received from Mesdames Gill Knight, McCallum, Know, Pearson & Miss McDiarmid.

Sympathy was expressed by the President for Mrs Know, who has experienced a nervous breakdown: we trust she will return to our meetings ere long. Mrs McCallum will be greatly missed from our General Council & from other Committees when she makes her new home at Goulburn Mrs Lew said.

Minutes of meeting of Feb. 27th/1953 were read by the Secretary, & Confirmed. Reports: (I.) Mrs A. Deans presented & read the report she had written of Mrs M. Watts Address dealing with the work of the New Settlers League - & given on Nov. 28th/1952. The Thanks of the members were conveyed to Mrs Deans.

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for her comprehensive record of that Address.

(II) - Report from Wybalena Appeals' Comm'te.

Mrs Millar, President of this Sub-Camp, said that the Anniversary Fete held at the Hostel Grounds, Burwood on March 24th was very successful & enjoyable.

The Mayor of Burwood, Mr Brown, opened the Fete. The Stalls were well stocked & the ladies responsible for them worked splendidly. The Western Suburbs Hostel Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs Palmer, carried out all the arrangements & service of the afternoon tea: food was daintily served, & the shade of the lovely old trees in Wybalena Grounds afforded space for the tea table & chairs.

The 'takings' for the Fete amounted to £128/4/4 & the expenses £25/2/8: The latter included hire of crockery, chairs, stalls, Canvas umbrellas & cartage.

Proceeds will be ear-marked for Hostel needs, such as (a) enclosure of Balcony to serve as an emergency bedroom: (b) painting of front fence & main gate.

March meeting - Continued:

Gifts from St John's Ambulance Committee
The bedroom, known as the "endowed
room" set aside ~~for~~ The St John's Amb/ce
special care is to receive attention.

Lady Plowman recently visited The Hostel,
& after inspecting the 2 bed room, she
itemised some additional furnishings
her Committee will make.

Also, a yearly donation will be maintain-
ed ~~so that~~ in recognition of this endow-
ed room.

Cadets may also be called upon
to attend to the grounds of Wybalena if
the management desire that to be done.

(Mrs Millar expressed Thanks to the
No 4 Corps St John's Amb/ce & Lady Plowman on
behalf of the Hostel Committee).

Mrs Millar advised the General Committee
of the Council that she had made it
known to the Appeals Committee that she
would be absent for six months.

Mrs R. B. Lew has kindly consented to
act as President or Organiser during that
period. Miss Roseby expressed the thanks
of the members to Mrs Millar, who has

worked so splendidly throughout the Hostels Project: All wished her "Bon Voyage".

III. Report from W.C.T.U. (Mrs A.E. Walker)

Mrs Walker said that the Grape Festival had been held in the Hall of the Chapter House. Many well-stocked stalls were in evidence, and the local-unions had made themselves responsible for the stalls.

\$116 resulted from the Sales.

Mrs William Arnott was the Guest Speaker.

IV. Re - National Council of Women:-

As Mrs Snow, our delegate is too unwell to attend meetings at present, nominations were asked for; with the result that Mrs Palmer & Mrs Hall will fill this vacancy.

V. World Council of Churches Fellowship:

Owing to the withdrawal of Mrs McCullum - our delegate to the Fellowship - the vacancy has been filled by Misses Roseby & Godson

VI. New Settlers League. A small committee of 3 ladies - Mrs Gill, Mrs Leach, Miss Leach will be asked to attend meetings, when convenient to them, & report back to the Council.

March Mtg Continued! -

-- A Resolution to this effect was moved by Mrs Henson & Seconded by Miss Godson.

2 Packages - { one of babies clothing &
 { one of Toilet baby powder
were brought as gifts for the N.S. League
[Mrs Hall kindly delivered them to the
Headquarters in Castlereagh St. (Salvation A.)

From Miss Roseby -

Correspondence - presented & discussed

(1) Tourist Sunday trains - liquor
bars operating.

Womens Xian Temp. Union: invite
our Council to co-operate with them
in expressing a strong protest - to
the Commissioner for Railways.

(2) Moral re-armament - "The Call
to the Nations" - Miss Roseby &

Mrs Walker spoke of this challenge
[time did not permit of discussion or
of any "follow-up" of challenge.

(3) Notice of Radio Session 9.30 p.m. Tues.
"A Message to the Nation" - Rev. A. Walker.

(4) Letter from Mrs McCallum - a
notification of her retirement on a/c of
removal from Sydney to Goulburn.

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(March Meeting) Continued :-

new business - "Life memberships" for women
(foundation ^{members}) who are no longer able to attend Mtgs.
Miss Roseby introduced this topic & Mrs Lew
invited discussion on the matter.

The names of four ladies were brought forward,
— of these, Miss Rebecca Swann & Mrs. Ryan
are in indifferent health & cannot journey
to the City: Mrs McCallum has removed
to Goulburn temporarily, perhaps for a year
and Miss McDiarmid has retired from
[^{women's} active ^{federation} Committee work] in her own Church
& therefore was not eligible for nomination
as a delegate to Inter-Ch. Council.

The General Committee of the I.C.C.
were unanimous in their desire to retain
these ladies as life members of the Council.
A Motion ^{to that effect} moved by Mrs A. Deans, & Sec'd
by Mrs A.E. Walker, was carried by the Mtg.
[Miss Roseby will notify the above mentioned
ladies of this Resolution.] See over page.

Mrs Morris, a member of the Society of Friends,
~~expressed~~ conveyed Greetings from
Miss R. Swann, to the Council.

Notice of Motion - Re Personal & Life Membership
fee for same to be 2/-. Discuss at April Mtg.

Meeting closed with Benediction. Sylvia G. Lew.

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Treasurers Report-
Finance:-

Rec'd 15/3 - per Mrs Deano,
being collection from November Meeting.

March Mtg.:- Collection from members
amounted to 9/3.

April Mtg. Collection 11/6 Sylvia J. Luss.

[Explanatory note re "Life Membership"]

Several people who have been members
from the "foundation" of the Council
were appointed as Life Members -
(Miss Rebecca Swann, Mrs T. Ryan
Mrs McCallum, Miss R. McDiarmid)

Motion:-

It was resolved "that the Council is at
liberty to appoint a life member,
with full voting power, at any
time."