

Monthly meeting held on 26th November
at Bible House.

Mrs Greenhalgh presided, taking a reading
from Isaiah 10, and led in prayer for Mrs
Chapman in her recent bereavement.

The funeral of Mrs Chapman's husband had
taken place a few days earlier, and was
attended by the president and two other
members of the Council. Miss Roseby had
kindly provided floral tributes from her
own garden.

Mrs Palmer moved that a letter be sent to
Mrs Chapman, expressing the sympathy of
members in her loss. Seconded and carried.

A welcome was extended to Mrs C. Deans,
who had been absent for several months.

There were 18 members present.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Knight, Eldon,
Morris, Miller, Jolly and Miss Godson.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and
confirmed.

Treasurer's Report, given by Miss McDiarmid,
showed a credit balance of £5.10.8.

Correspondence: From the Dept of the Interior:
2 dozen copies of the 'Good Neighbour' were

December meeting (old)

sent. in response to a request from the Council.
An invitation was received from the C.W.A.
for representatives to attend the afternoon tea
in the Bible House arranged for migrants
after the naturalisation ceremony in the Town
Hall. Mrs Peyton accepted this invitation.
A request was received for hospitality for Indian
students living in hostels, for Christmas and
the holiday week-end.

Reports: New Settlers' League: Mrs Pearson

attended the meeting held on 9th December and
gave a written report. There was much discussion
re citizenship Convention to be held in Canberra 1955.

National Council of Women: Mrs Palmer attended
the final meeting the year at which an address
was given by a Dutch lady who was passing
through Australia.

Mrs Palmer also reported that the Western
Suburbs auxiliary had raised its quota £50.

World Day of Prayer: Mrs Snow reported that the
prepared programmes had been parcelled for
despatch to country centres.

The Ball to the Nations: Miss McDiarmid gave a
report on a special meeting which she and Mrs
Adams had attended on behalf of the Council.

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November meeting (ctd)

Guest Speaker: Mrs Metcalfe.

At this stage, the guest speaker, Mrs J. Metcalfe, president of the National Council of Women, arrived, and was welcomed by the president.

In responding, Mrs Metcalfe referred to the challenge of "the ball", also the question of reducing the age for barmaids, N.C.W. has already discussed this matter, as well as the ~~other~~ over-emphasis on sex in the press.

In her address Mrs Metcalfe gave a comprehensive survey of the origin and growth of N.C.W. commenced in 1896 with 7 organisations it now included 84 women's societies in N.S.W. with world wide affiliations, among 43 nations. Standing committees on special subjects were appointed, with representatives on I.N.O.

In N.S.W. it has always worked for improved conditions of life for women and childrens e.g.:-

In 1908 it established a school for mothers & babies, the beginnings of the present Baby Health Centre. The nationality of married women was made a matter of choice, not compulsion.

The Housekeeping Emergency Service was inaugurated. This later became part of Department of Labor & Industry. The Nutrition Bureau was established directly as a result of N.C.W.'s action.

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The Registration of Nursing Homes was requested by N.C.
The appointment of women to Hospital Boards.

(In S.A. there are no women on Hospital Boards.)

Recently a survey was made of aged People's Welfare. Clubs have been encouraged.

Family Welfare Bureau has helped to solve many personal problems.

The Children's Film and Television Council has been formed to watch the impact of TV on children.

N.C.W. have asked for the right to nominate a panel of women to this board

At the recent conference of A.N.C.W. held in Adelaide the following topics were covered in discussion:-

The need for better provision for widows with young children under school age, the present allowance insufficient deduction in sales tax on household appliances.

" " death duties in case of widows or children under 21.

Pre-natal education at hospital.

Special facilities for mentally-retarded children.

^{So far} Mrs. Pearson moved that a protest be sent to the chief secretary on the proposal to reduce the age of barmaids carried.

Mrs. Pearson moved that a protest be made on the publication in the press of sordid details of court cases. Carried. Collection 13/6.

Confirmed M. Greenhalgh. 25.2.55

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

Financial Statement to 26th November, 1954.

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>s.</u>	<u>d.</u>
By Credit Balance 29th Oct.	6	17	5	To Affiliation Fee and Sub- scription 1 Delegate			
" Collection " "	14	3		1954/55 National Council of Women of N.S.W.	2	12	.
" Affiliation Fee 1954/55 Church of Christ Women's Conference	1	1	.	" Affiliation Fee Women's Christian Temperance Union		10	.
				" Credit Balance, as per Pass Book,	5	10	8
	<u>£8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>		<u>£8</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>

M. Greenhalgh. 26.11.54