

Minutes of meeting held in Board Room,  
Bible House on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

The President, Mrs Stoly, was in the chair and twenty five members present.

The President opened the meeting by reading from the 53<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Isaiah and then led the meeting in prayer.

Apologies were received from Dr Cooper, Miss Armstrong, Mesdames Houry, Greenhalgh, Barratt, Cugley, Pearson, Blane and Hensman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed.

Business arising from minutes:

Mrs Stoly reported on the meeting of the Methodist Women's Federation which she attended as representative of the Council.

Mrs Sparlick reported that she had booked the Social Hall at 140 Elizabeth Street for July 14<sup>th</sup> for our party for elderly migrants. It was decided that the programme would be arranged at the next meeting.

Letters were received from Lady Woodward's secretary and from Mr E.D. Darby in reply to letters from the secretary as instructed at the last meeting.

Mrs Millar reported that the fête had been very successful. The accounts are not complete but it appears that the net proceeds would be about £212.

Mrs Norman Cocks then gave a short talk on her recent visit to Nauru.

Nauru is a tiny island only about 12 miles in circumference and though more than a million tons of phosphate are exported annually the island retains its quiet and primitive charm.

It is a multi-racial community of about 3000 Nauruans, 1000 Gilbert & Solomon Islanders, 800 Chinese and 300 Europeans.

The Nauruan Protestant church is firmly established, fully independent and self-supporting. The Gospel was first brought to the island in 1887 by a Gilbertese pastor, later the London Missionary Society took over the work but now the church is wholly independent.

The women's work is well organised and capably carried on; this year for the first time the women took part in the Women's World Day of Prayer.

The European community on Nauru is to be commended for the help given to the Nauruans. The women who come mostly from Australia

in New Zealand are doing much to help by taking classes in art, cookery, etc.

The small Catholic community works in close harmony with the Protestants.

Mrs Cocks was warmly thanked <sup>by Miss Allen</sup> for a most interesting and informative address.

Continuing the business of the meeting the adoption of the Treasurer's report showing a credit balance of £5.6.3 was moved by Miss McDiarmid seconded by Miss Allen.

For the hostel Mrs Knight reported that there were 21 girls in residence and the matron and assistant matron were working very amicably together. The new piano was appreciated by the girls who had written to express their pleasure. The new vacuum cleaner was very satisfactory; our thanks are due to Mrs Dean for obtaining this at such a reasonable price.

Mrs Dean made an appeal for new members for the Western Suburbs auxiliary; this auxiliary hopes to pay the whole cost of the piano in time.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the benediction.

B. J. D., President. 18.4.58.

N.S.W. WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL  
Financial Statement to 28th March, 1958.

<u>RECEIPTS.</u>	£	s.	d.	<u>EXPENDITURE.</u>	£	s.	d.
By Credit Balance 28th February, 1958,	3	4	3	To Affiliation Fee Women's Christian Temperance Union	10	6	6
" <u>Affiliation Fees 1957/58:</u>							
N.S.W. Congregational Women's Fellowship	1	1	.				
Methodist Women's Federation	1	1	.				
" Associate Membership Fee-Mrs. Pearson	5	.	.				
" Donation-Mrs. Hensman	5	6	.	" Credit Balance, as per Pass Book	5	6	3
	£5	16	9		£5	16	9