

Minutes of meeting held in Board Room,  
Bible House at 11 a.m. on 29 November 1957.

The President, Mrs Stoly, was in the chair and 31 members present.

The President read the 103rd Psalm and led the meeting in prayer.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Barratt, Allen, Millar, Paterson, Hensman & Knight.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed on the motion of Mrs Hall seconded by Miss Allen.

Business arising from these minutes :-

- ① On the motion of Mrs Manfield it was decided to offer to help in the reception of Asian students and to seek affiliation with the Coordinating Committee for Overseas Students. The Secretary was to be responsible for arrangements until we found out what this would entail; it was decided that we would not be able to undertake this new work until February.
- 2) A protest against the undue emphasis on sex and crime in the press, which had been circulated to women's organisations of our various churches, was read. It was signed at the close of the meeting by a representative of each church. The secretary

was instructed to send this to the Press to a number of women's organisations and to members of both Federal and State Parliaments.

Correspondence a letter was received from Miss Rouby thanking the Council for its expression of sympathy in her bereavement. A letter was received from the Prison Reform Council apologising for its neglect to send notices of meetings. The correspondence was received on the motion of Major Coleman seconded by Miss Armstrong.

The adoption of the financial statement showing a credit balance of £3.4.3 was moved by Miss McDiarmid seconded by Mrs Lowry.

For the Hostel Committee Mrs Lewis reported on the visit of Mrs Woodward to the Hostel: Mrs Payten reported a gift of £25 for the Hostel from The Fellowship Trust Mrs Pearson, as representative on the Good Neighbour Council, asked if the Council would arrange a party for elderly migrants. It was agreed that we should be glad to do so but not until after the end of March.

¶ Mrs Stolz reported that the Women's World Day of Prayer would be held on the day

The Queen Mother would be arriving.  
Services might, on that account, have to be held earlier than usual.

An invitation was received for the Council to send a representative to a luncheon to be given for Lady Baden Powell, the chief guide. Mrs Palmer expressed willingness to attend this function. There was also an invitation to send representatives to the meeting of the Call committees. Mrs Millar and Mrs Payten undertook to represent the Council at this conference.

Major Coleman then told the meeting something of her recent visit to England to attend a conference to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Home League. The Home League has as its emblem the house on the Bible and membership is open to all women, not only to professing Christians. The theme of the conference was "The Family in a changing world" and its purpose is to ensure that in every land families may have Christ in the home. The four foundations of the home are worship, education, fellowship and service.

Figures were given to show the tragic growth of juvenile delinquency, e.g. more than one third of the persons charged with breaking and

entering were under 14 years of age, while the average age of the prisoners at Dartmoor gaol has dropped in recent years from 45 to 25 years. The broken home is regarded as the chief cause of delinquency. To counteract this influence a training home has been started at Plymoueth to which women, whose children have been found to be neglected, are sentenced for some months, and where they are trained in cooking and home making.

Major Coleman was warmly thanked for her very interesting and informative address. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the benediction.

R. Stolz President. 28.1.58.

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

Financial Statement to 29th November, 1957.

£ s. d.

✓ Credit Balance 25th  
October

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No receipts or expenditure since last meeting.

Credit Balance, as per  
Pass Book,

£3 4 3