

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

ANNUAL REPORT, 1949-1950

IN presenting the Report of the Women's Inter-Church Council for the year ending August 25th, 1950, we wish to express the sincere appreciation of the generous help and encouragement received from many interested friends, and from the Women's Organisations of the affiliated Church groups.

This splendid support, together with God's guidance, has enabled the Council to be faithful to the responsibilities entrusted to it.

The monthly meetings of the Council have been held at the Bible House, Bathurst Street, Sydney.

The Annual Rally took place at St. Stephen's Church, Sydney, on September 16th, 1949.

The Annual Meeting for the year 1949-1950 was held on August 26th, 1949, and was presided over by Mrs. R. Stolz, of the Lutheran Church.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Mrs. N. Millar, B.A. (Presbyterian Church.)
 Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Stolz, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Brasnett, Mrs. Watts.
 Correspondence Secretary: Miss G. A. Roseby, B.A.
 Treasurer: Mrs. I. M. Bond.
 Secretary: Mrs. R. E. Chapman.

REPRESENTATIVES TO AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS

National Council of Women: Mesdames Snow, Butler.
 World Day of Prayer: Mesdames McCallum, Stolz, Hall, Misses Roseby and Godson.
 Prison Reform Council: Mesdames Band and Stolz.
 Band of Hope Union: Mrs. Gill.
 Women's Christian Temperance Union: Mrs. I. Bond.
 United Nations Association: Miss G. A. Roseby.

HOSTEL COMMITTEE

Convener: Mrs. P. D. McCallum.
 Members: Mesdames Stolz, Watts, Ryan, Chapman, Millar, Knight, Hall, Brasnett, Bond, Misses Roseby and R. McDiarmid.

(NOTE: In July, 1950, Mrs. McCallum, because of ill-health, retired from Office and Mrs. N. Millar was duly elected to fill the vacancy thus caused).

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure -- August 26, 1949 to August 25, 1950.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
Cash on hand	£3 15 1	Our annual Dues to National Council of Women, United Nations Association, Women's Christian Temperance Union, Prison Reform Council and Band of Hope	£3 14 6
Dues received from Churches - Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregationalist, Church of Christ, Society of Friends, Baptists and Lutherans	7 7 0	Bible Society	2 1 0
Socials	3 16 0	Printing	8 5 9
Collections at meetings	10 19 6	United Nations Appeal for Children	2 2 0
		Minute and Corresponding Secretaries, Postage, etc.	1 18 0
		Small amounts	2 0 1
		Balance - cash on hand	5 16 3
	£25 17 7		£25 17 7

25th August, 1950.

(Mrs.) I. M. BOND, Treasurer.

ANNUAL RALLY

On September 16th, 1949, the 13th Annual Rally was held in St. Stephen's Church, City.

A large and enthusiastic audience assembled to rejoice in the fellowship of a United Service, and to honor the guest speaker from Overseas, in the person of Mrs. Menzies, M.A., wife of the Rev. R. Menzies, visiting Minister to the Presbyterian Churches of N.S.W.

INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS

From time to time, the Council has invited Speakers who are conversant with the work of Organisations of world-wide interests, to address their Meetings. These occasions have been much enjoyed and appreciated by all.

On October 28th, 1949, Mrs. Muscio, MA., O.B.E., gave an Address bearing on the work of the United Nations Association.

On another occasion, Rev. J. Garrett, M.A., B.D., Australian Secretary of the World Council of Churches, addressed the Council, and outlined a Policy of Evangelism that is hoped to be followed out by an elected Commission.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Five members of the Women's Inter-Church Council, form a part of the Executive of the N.S.W. Committee. Friday, February 24th, 1950, was observed as the Annual World Day of Prayer.

EPPING BRANCH OF WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL

Mrs. McCallum is to be congratulated upon her initial planning for the formation of this District Branch.

The ladies, under the presidency of Mrs. Day, have been both co-operative and staunch in their efforts to further the work of the Council. Recently, a group of members of the Council attended a Conference conducted at Epping: a happy, profitable time was enjoyed by all.

The Hostel Fund has been augmented through various Social efforts arranged by those ladies.

HOSTEL PROJECT

The General Committee and the Hostel Committee invited Mrs. Margaret Watts to accept nomination as "Organiser" for the "Wybalena" Hostel Project.

On her return from Tasmania, Mrs. Watts accepted that Post. A hearty welcome was extended to her as she resumed membership with the Council in July, 1950.

Previous planning soon came into action and on July 28th, a special Wybalena Hostel Appeal was launched at Bible House, in the presence of Miss Elizabeth Northcott, daughter of the Governor of N.S.W., and a splendid, representative gathering of citizens. Generous gifts were donated to the Hostel Building Fund, amounting to £639. The total amount in hand at the end of July, 1950, stands at £2,829.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

On August 9th, 1950, at a meeting held at the Conference Hall of the Rural Bank, Sydney, a Citizens' Appeal Committee was formed.

This will function in conjunction with the Wybalena Hostel Committee, and through Social and Public efforts raise money for the £20,000 Building objective.

Mrs. C Alison is the Secretary of the Appeals Committee, and will co-operate with Mrs. N. Millar and Mrs. M. Watts in organising small Auxiliaries to carry out these plans.

OBITUARY

It is with a feeling of loss and deep regret that we record the passing of one of our Presbyterian members, in the person of Mrs. Moorhead, of Lindfield. To her sorrowing relatives we sent a letter of sympathy.

PERSONAL

Through illness, Mrs. O. Snow and Mrs. R. Greenhalgh have been absent from Meetings for some months. The Council is pleased to hear that both ladies are on the road to recovery. We look forward to their return to active membership.

THANKS

To the British and Foreign Bible Society, we extend our hearty thanks for the use of the Board Room at Bible House, for the several Meetings held there during the year; the courtesy of the Office Staff is fully appreciated.

To Mr. J. A. Dey, LL.B., we wish to convey our sincere thanks for his readiness, at all times, in assisting us with our difficult problems that require legal advice or ruling.

Mr. J. Stone, continues gratuitously to audit our Accounts; for this service the Council extends its appreciation and thanks.

To Mrs. Watts, as Organiser of the "Wybalena" Project, and to the members of the "Citizens' Appeal Committee", we desire to convey a special vote of thanks for their splendid co-operation and goodwill: we wish them every success.

RETIRING PRESIDENT

Throughout the year, Mrs. Millar has presided at all of the Council Meetings, except one. She has given liberally of her time and talent to the needs of the Organisation.

For the months of July and August, in accepting the post of Hostel Convenor, she has filled a dual role. Into the latter work she has thrown herself wholeheartedly. At the various Public Meetings, she has very convincingly placed before the assembled audiences, all matters relevant to the Council's work.

We here record our grateful thanks for Mrs. Millar's intense enthusiasm and splendid leadership during her term as President of the General Council.

MARY M. CHAPMAN, Hon. Secretary.
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