

Minutes of Meeting of N.S.W. Women's
Inter Church Council held in Bible House
Friday 25th May 1962.

The President, Mrs Lew, was in the chair and opened with prayer and a devotional period.

Apologies were received from Mrs Deane, Mrs Colonel Hutchinson, Mesdames Dixon Wilson, Knight and Deaconess Andrews. A telegram conveying greetings was received from Mesdames Davis, Jytherleigh Weyer and Farr who were attending a conference in Adelaide.

The minutes of the last ordinary meeting were read by Mrs Pearson and adopted on the motion of Mrs Thode seconded by Mrs Hensman.

Mrs Hilley asked for a motion for the payment of the following accounts :-
£5 petty cash for the Secretary, £3.15.0 for printing of notices for the Rally, 10/6 affiliation fee to the W.C.T.U.

Mrs Pearson suggested that in recognition of her long service to the Council it would be the wish of the Council that

Mrs Walker should be elected a life member. This suggestion was received with unanimous approval. Mrs Walker thanked the Council for the honour.

Mrs Miller announced plans for festive functions for Wyalena and members were reminded of the Rally on June 29th.

The Annual Meeting was then held.

Gaynor J. Deeco
27/7/62

New South Wales Women's Inter-Church Council

REPORT ON THE AFTER DELHI CONVENTION. 27th April, 1962.

The "After New Delhi" Convention held in the Congregational Church Burwood proved to be the Highlight of the year. Morning Tea was delightfully and tastefully arranged by Mrs. Farr and her church ladies, prior to the morning gathering. Mrs. Lew presided over the gatherings and opened with a hymn, after which the Rev. D. Taylor led us in the Devotions and gave an exposition on John 17, the prayer of our Lord. The inspiration of these devotions will long remain.

The singing of the Methodist Ladies Choir throughout the sessions of the day contributed to the enjoyment and blessing.

"We must Speak" was the title of Bishop R.C. Kerle's address. His sincerity and thought provoking message were challenging. Word pictures of incidents as they had happened during the World Council of Churches Conference at New Delhi, were painted, and the Christian's duty and privilege to Witness was outlined. "We must speak the things we know by experience and by conviction. The Church exists for the World, not just to gain strength for itself. We must speak because we hold the Gospel in trust. The challenge to witness on the local level, in our guilds and in our homes was emphasised. Dr. J. Benjamin led in a time of discussion which was helpful.

The lunch break was a happy time of fellowship. The ladies from the Burwood Church again being the hostesses

Dr. Cumming Thom in the afternoon session spoke on service, and the great needs of a hungry world. Country after country was mentioned and the many refugees seeking food and shelter, the speaker made an eloquent appeal for a compassionate and practical understanding of the needs of these people. Glimpses of the World Council at N. Delhi were also shown with touches of humour which were appreciated.

The pronouncing of the benediction brought to a conclusion a memorable day of good fellowship and blessing.

Edna Baker.
Hon. Secretary.

