

The following pages are an extract from The Methodist Church of New Zealand Minutes of the Annual Conference .

The extract contains the reports to Conference for the following three Methodist Children's homes:

- The Auckland Children's Home and Orphanage, Mt Albert and Epsom
- Masterton Methodist Children's Home
- South Island Orphanage and Children's Home

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patients and this is largely due to Mrs Lawrenson's fine leadership. Our staffing situation has been much better, although we are always pleased to be able to employ more registered nurses if they become available. During the year we have had up to 78 guests in residence although at the present time, the numbers have been reduced because of the further alterations which have been carried out.

(ii) **Alterations:** The shelter in the centre of the garden has been turned into a very fine changeroom and lunch-room for live-out staff; one ward of the hospital has been completely renovated and the cottage has been altered and refurnished to accommodate four married couples.

Approval from the Health Department for further alterations in order that men may be received as hospital patients has been given and tenders will be called shortly.

When these alterations are completed it will mean that over the past six years the Mission has spent \$125,000 in improvements at our Eventide Home and Hospital and the Government will have contributed almost \$61,000 of this amount by way of subsidy.

B—Wesley Manor:

We have had a full complement of 20 men throughout almost all of the year. Work has been greatly disrupted because of major alterations, which have involved a complete renovation and enlarging of the kitchen, relocation of toilet facilities downstairs, and additions to toilet facilities upstairs. This work has greatly added to the convenience and comfort of the Home.

C—Wesley Hall Students' Hostel:

Because of other commitments there seems to be little likelihood of further extension to this building for some time. This continues to be an uneconomic proposition, because of the few students who are able to be accommodated.

D—Kawarau Falls Holiday Camp:

More people than ever are using this Camp and as a consequence extra facilities are desperately needed. We hope shortly to be able to erect a new kitchen block and hall.

E—Glenwood Anglican-Methodist Old People's Home, Timaru:

The Timaru Board has satisfactorily managed the affairs of the Home ever since the opening with no calls at all on the parent bodies.

F—Dunedin Citizens' Day Nursery continues to serve about 20 children each day, many of whom come from broken homes or are children of unmarried mothers. We are at present negotiating with other churches concerning the extension of children's work here in Dunedin.

G—Goodwill Store:

The Board is greatly indebted to Miss C. Uren who has voluntarily managed the Goodwill Store since it opened in October, 1952, and who has recently retired. During that period numerous families have been helped and social service funds at the Mission have received many thousands of dollars through the store's operation.

4—OCTAGON BUILDING

Because of the economic situation we were unable to arrange a mortgage, as had been hoped, but arrangements have been made for a debenture issue which has been underwritten by Messrs Forsyth Barr & Co. This issue of \$500,000 was put on the market in July. Tenders closed on the 19th December, 1967 and the contract was

awarded to the Fletcher Construction Co. Ltd. for \$738,752. After allowing for the addition of fees, and possible escalation of costs through devaluation and any wage increases, the total cost is estimated to be \$850,000. Work began on the drilling contract on the 2nd April and it is hoped that the building will be completed early in 1970.

Almost the whole of the building, with the exception of part of a floor of the tower block, which is being used for the Mission offices, and the other part, which is being used by a group of dentists, and six shops, has been let to the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation for an initial term of 15 years with a right of renewal for a further 15 years.

QUESTION 52—C

1—Auckland District Care of Dependent Children Committee

The greatest satisfaction in the work undertaken by the Committee and staff is in the help extended to the children, parents and homes involved. Though many details cannot be revealed in a report, the following figures give some idea of the scope of the work:

Statistics:
Requests for care involved 77 families; assistance given outside residential care, 60 families; average number in Wesleydale 25.9; average number in foster homes 22.1; others (schools and hostels) 4.2; average number in care 52.2; number admitted during year 48; left our care 36.

Because our policy is, wherever possible, to keep families intact, more work is being done with families in their own homes. Besides families where the children are in care, contact in casework has also been kept with 36 other families.

Seven new foster homes have been found this year, all being very satisfactory. Through our link with the Central Mission we have been able to give much appreciated assistance with clothing, household goods and food.

Court appearances of children are also watched and followed up.

Buildings:

During the year a total sum of \$8730 has been spent on new equipment, re-decorating and major repairs at Wesleydale, and the property is now in excellent condition. Main items involved were installation of gas cooking facilities, alterations to meet fire regulations, re-painting, inside and out, new beds and bedding.

The Committee has made a re-assessment of our whole work, with relation to our buildings and policy and at present has builders working on sketch plans to enable a decision to be made as to the feasibility and practicability of alteration to the Wesleydale property to provide on one side a family unit and on the other a receiving home; also the use of the staff house, as is, or with additions, as a family home.

2—Masterton Children's Home

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The resources of Homeleigh continue to be used to the full and it is distressing to have to turn down applications to take complete families of children because of lack of accommodation.

Homeleigh is full with 30 children in our care, 21 of these being aged 10 years and under. Twelve children were admitted during the year, a boy aged 5 who has been in a number of foster homes, a family of 5 children back to us for the second time after a very upsetting period which has left its mark on them.

Of the children who have left us during the year, 4 were Tokolau Island children who went on to boarding school, 3 children were returned to their mother in Masterton at the suggestion of the Child Welfare Division who arranged their two admissions over the past four years.

Last year we reported the completion of renovations to the kitchen, dining room and certain toilet facilities. It is hoped that during the coming year the upgrading of other necessary improvements will be completed, and an application has gone forward to the Child Welfare Division for a subsidy.

The Committee acknowledges with appreciation the grant of \$400 from the J. R. McKenzie Trust Board, the grant of \$1000 from the Robert Gibson Trust and school stationery and library grant from the Masterton Trust Lands Trust.

The application for a grant from the Connexional Budget for 1968/69 was \$3650 (1967/68 \$3500) after budgeting for a deficit of \$1660. This application was severely cut by \$1000 on what appears to be a serious misunderstanding of the facts. The Management Committee considers that a member of the Conference Committee should be charged with the responsibility of acquainting himself with the facts and presenting the case of this Home to avoid the situation recurring.

3—South Island Methodist Children's Home

We are able to report a further year of development and progress in all aspects of child-care work, for which we give praise to God. The following statistics reveal the continuing services provided by the two Homes on behalf of our Church:

Number of children in the Papanui Home at 30/6/67:	46
Number of children in Foster Homes as at 30/6/67:	15
Number of Admissions in year ending 30/6/68:	66
Number of Demissions in year ending 30/6/68:	60
Number of children in Papanui Home at 30/6/68:	45
Number of children in Foster Homes at 30/6/68:	15
Number of children in Barrington Street Family Home, 30/6/68:	7

Of the 67 children in our care at the moment:

- 41 are from broken homes;
- 10 are from Mothers having psychiatric treatment;
- 10 are from Parents whose children have been removed by the Child Welfare Department;
- 4 are from families where the Mothers have died;
- 2 were referred to the Home by the Psychological Services.

Of the 60 Demissions:

- 15 had been long-term children—in the Home for over 2 years, some for over 4 years.
- 1 had been adopted by the Foster Parents.

Case Work:

Eighty-five children, from 32 families, have been kept with their families through the counselling help that has been given. This

reveals the large amount of successful case work being done by the Master, Mr J. E. Scott.

Family Home:

The new Home in Barrington Street is already proving its worth under the leadership of Mr and Mrs E. J. Overton. The children placed in this Home are those likely to be long-term admissions and thus able to benefit fully from being in a Home where conditions are more like that of a normal family. The children here are already showing how much this can mean in the influencing and building of character. The Board places on record its indebtedness to Mrs Overton for her devoted work, assisted by her husband and one other part-time worker.

Papanui Home:

This Home continues to provide the kind of care for which there is still great need as revealed by the above statistics.

Early in the year Sister Rona was able to attend the Australasian Child Care Conference at Melbourne, this proving a worthwhile experience. The Board has since accepted the invitation to become a member of the Australasian Child Care Association.

The Board has had to look very carefully at its financial resources this year, especially in view of the national recession, before proceeding with necessary renovations and alterations needed to upgrade the Home. Because of the cost of these for the whole Home, and the need to provide better accommodation for the Master and Matron, it has been decided to proceed with this work as finance becomes available. The most necessary renovations are those for the central Receiving Centre, and particularly the Home Kitchen. The Board has sought expert advice from the Government Department of Health through their Dietitian in regard to the renewals, reorganisation and additions required to bring the kitchen to the required standard. The Board is hoping to be in a position to proceed with this work by the end of this year, or early in 1969. Necessary work and repairs to the Home continue to be effected as required.

Co-operation:

Co-operation with the Central Mission in their social service work is being given wherever possible. The Board has granted use of part of its land for the erection of the Home for the Aged on a leasehold basis, together with land for a new Parsonage and, in principle, for proposed Flats for the Aged. Adequate land will be reserved for the present and future needs of the Board's child-care work. In addition, permission has been granted for the installation in the Home boiler room of an additional oil-fed boiler to provide heating for the Home for the Aged.

Financial Support:

Without the support given this work by grants from the Combined Children's Homes Appeals Trust Board, the McKenzie, A. H. Fletcher and Sutherland Self Help Trusts, the Board would be hard pressed to continue its work. The amount received from the Connexional Budget is by no means sufficient, and is much less than we could have expected had the direct appeal continued to our South Island Circuits. The growing demand of this work calls for greater support by the whole Church of all the child-care work throughout New Zealand.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Reports and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

2. (a) That Conference authorises the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission to negotiate with the Christchurch P.S.S.A. with a view to the establishment of a joint trust to administer a combined Churches Home for the Aging at Greymouth.

(b) That the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission be authorised to negotiate with the Christchurch P.S.S.A. to establish a joint Presbyterian-Methodist Home for the ageing at Nelson to be administered by a combined Trust representing both Churches.

3. That the Boards of Management for the City Missions for 1969 be:

AUCKLAND

The Superintendent of the Central Mission (Chairman), General Superintendent of Home Missions, Chairman of District, Dr D. O. Williams, Revs. E. D. Grounds, R. Thornley, M.A., Wesley Parker, E.D., M.A., B.D., A. R. Penn, Mesdames I. Sweetapple, A. Pratt, M. Spurge, M. King, E. Mills, W. M. Dudley and Misses E. Booth, P. Davies and O. Furley, Messrs F. M. Souster, G. Tootill, J.P., W. H. Patterson, B.A., F. Rose, R. S. P. Simpson, A.R.A.N.Z., A. N. West, J. Grindrod, R. T. Garlick, LL.B., E. A. Astley, W. Donnelly, M.B.E., G. Peak, LL.B., C. W. Firth, M.Sc., J. Trenwith, G. Pratt, A. E. Hayman, J.P., K. Clark, W. Wood, R. A. Barfoote, A.R.A.N.Z., H. Kendrick, C. W. Wigglesworth, J. S. Caughey and A. H. Winstone, LL.B.

CHRISTCHURCH

The Chairman of the District, Superintendent of Central Mission (Chairman); Revs. R. G. Bell, W. T. Blight, A. R. Bowden, H. G. Brown, H. K. Brown, W. S. Dawson, J. D. Grocott, W. R. Laws, Dr M. A. McDowell, K. Toomer; Messrs R. Anderson, S. Batty, K. Brough, T. J. Chamberlain, A. A. Dingwall, R. Flesher, P. W. Gurney, N. G. Hillary, A. B. Hurnard, N. Jones, E. Livingstone, M. E. Lloyd, R. Mitchell, Dr S. C. Peddie, V. Plant, A. G. Rigby, S. Prothero, F. R. Silby, E. Smith, N. Smith, A. Southey, H. Spargo, H. G. Stewart, W. Strange, R. Thomas; Mesdames R. Anderson, R. G. Bell, W. T. Blight, H. G. Brown, A. A. Dingwall, M. Hooper, C. Jones, J. Leask, H. G. Stewart, I. Tregear; Misses E. V. Bond, A. M. Edwards, J. Hills, K. Jackson, M. Kirk, I. Macadam, A. M. Page, O. G. Searle, together with one representative from each Circuit.

DUNEDIN

The Superintendent of the Mission (Chairman), the Associate Minister, Mrs W. H. Masters, Messrs R. T. Connor, W. L. Coppin, A. R. Crosbie, A. L. Fleury, D. A. Hogan, A. L. Hunter, D. I. Jensen, R. H. King, E. B. Macleod, W. H. Masters, G. F. Pascoe, F. W. Pitcher, C. A. R. Pitts, V. J. Tie, H. C. Vince, F. W. Wilson.

3 (a) That the Committee for the Care of Dependent Children for Auckland be:—

The Chairman of the Auckland District (Chairman) Rev. A. Everil Orr (Deputy Chairman), the Chairman of the Northland District, the Chairman of the Waikato-Bay of Plenty District, Revs.

E. R. Hornblow, H. Moore (Chaplains), A. R. Penn, Mrs L. O. Smith (Matron), Miss J. L. Boniface (Social Worker), Mrs J. Divers (Secretary, Treasurer), Mesdames J. S. Caughey, D. Ziesler, Sister Anne Wilson, Dr Gordon Parker, Messrs A. L. Caughey, G. C. Riddell, H. L. Clark.

(b) That the Board of the Masterton Children's Home be: Mr C. E. Archer (Chairman), Revs. Russell Marshall, F. S. Rigg, Dr O. F. Prior, Messrs J. F. Cody (Secretary-Treasurer), W. H. Saunders, D. Crichton, A. D. Griggs, D. Springer, G. Forrest and R. Hodder, Mesdames A. D. Griggs, D. Crichton and R. Hodder.

(c) That the Board of the South Island Children's Home be: The Revs. H. C. Matthews (Chairman), A. A. Grundy, H. G. Brown, O. L. Christian, W. E. Falkingham, H. L. Fiebig, J. D. Grocott, W. R. Laws, R. W. Widdup and O. T. Woodfield (Secretary); Messrs R. Anderson, L. R. Beardsley, H. de R. Flesher, H. J. S. Harrington, A. A. Harrow, C. R. Hasseldine, E. Hawke, W. D. M. Jamieson, L. J. McKeage, C. M. R. Manhire, C. L. Palmer, J. E. Scott and D. Smith; Mesdames A. Black, B. I. Hodder, H. C. Matthews, I. G. Newton and Miss D. Horrell.

4. That the Committee of the Manawatu Social Services Association be:— Chairman, Rev. P. A. Stead, B.A.; Vice-Chairman, Rev. L. J. Gibson; Director, Mr I. G. Baber; Social Worker, Mrs Ann Olsen, B.Sc.; Treasurer, Mr M. O. Boniface, A.R.A.N.Z.; Consultant, Mr M. W. Hancock, M.A., Dip.Soc.Sc., Family Counsellor; Medical Social Worker, Miss Bertha Zurcher.

Trinity, Palmerston North, Mrs W. Mardon; St Paul's, Palmerston North, Mrs N. Lobb; St Mark's, Feilding, Mr S. White; Dannevirke, Mrs E. Skinner; Woodville, Mr J. Harding; Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe, Mr R. A. Currie; Sanson-Rongotea-Taikorea, Mrs R. Smith; Foxton, Mr N. Smith; Apiti, Mrs W. H. Simpson; Emmanuel Congregational Church, P.N., Mr J. Hanna; Associated Churches of Christ, P.N., Mrs R. Taylor.

5. South Island Children's Home:— That this Conference places on record its appreciation of the loyal and devoted service of Mr F. A. Sheat over a period of 47 years as a member of the Board.

QUESTION 53.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to (a) the Order of the Deaconesses? (b) The training of Deaconesses?

Deaconess Board

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1—THE WORK OF DEACONESS HOUSE

(Law Book Page 120, Para. 506 (2))

The Board reports that its threefold commission has been carried out with encouraging results throughout this year. The threefold work has been as follows:

(a) Training for the Deaconess Order:

Miss Ruth Tattersall was transferred to Trinity College, Auckland, this being the first step in the complete training transfer, and