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Ladies' House Committee

Minute Book.

Methodist Children's Home & Orphanage
Harewood Rd
Papamui -

[REDACTED] goes to Mr. Sheet-bunsandel. A several of the
boys will be going to Y.M.C.A. & Boys' Brigade Camps

Conversation re [REDACTED] at Mr. Ferguson's.

Staff Mrs. Richards reported having had letter from Miss Spooner
who has been 37 yrs in Children's Home in Eastbourne - 32 or 33 yrs of
age. good Christian woman & good worker. has worked in Health
Campus. & is eager still to do children's work. Mrs. Richards to
write for further particulars & that her name be put on our
waiting list - as Miss Wardle will go into Kitchen after Miss Gamble.
Miss Barclay read a most interesting letter from the Master of
Strattonona (near Pleasant Point) re conditions of entrance
for candidates. There are two vacancies at present, wh.
our Com. thinks it would be most advisable for our girls
to take advantage of. Mrs. Drake to report position to
Mr. Drake -

Conformed

Feb 13th 1940 Shirley J. Pratt.

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Ladies' House Committee

The first monthly mtg of 1940 was held at the Home
Present Mrs. Davies Pratt (in the chair) Barrow - Seed -
Drake. Burley. Cook. Richards & the Sec. Mrs.
Drake came at a later stage.

Mtg opened with silent prayer - Mrs. Barrow
followed with earnest prayer for children & staff -
Minutes last mtg. Read & confirmed.

Staff. Miss Barclay reported that all members of the staff
had had the holidays as arranged - & Miss Wardle
one week (in advance). Miss Gamble (Kitchen) left on
Jan 31 - & Miss Wardle is very efficiently filling her
place. Miss W. H. Bes (Seamstress) began on Jan 12. The
Committee agreed that Miss Wardle's salary be £2 a week
& Miss W. H. Bes 35/- as from the time of taking up duty.
Mrs. Denning is employed as a temporary ass'tant -
pending word from Miss Barclay's friend in Australia.
Mrs. Richards reported that Miss Spooner is in Ch. Ch
but in a less arduous position - recuperating her
health - but hopes to do children's work later on.

Correspondence The Secretary was requested to write letters
of appreciation & thanks to Mr. Spil. who has resigned
from the Com. owing to pressure of other duties - to Mr.
Arblaster - who rendered valuable service during
recent months - & to each member of the staff - for the
fine help & co-operation they have given Miss Barclay
during a difficult period - Miss Horrell

Purchases. Miss Barclay reported need for more blankets for girls' side - sheets - towels & Table cloths - agreed that Mrs. Pratt & her mother purchase same.

Visiting home. Mrs. Pratt & Mrs. Burley to visit Home during Feb. Number of children in Home 43 (18 girls) their health is good - [REDACTED] back from Hospt. greatly improved [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] passed Graduation Exam. The former has gone to her grandmother & [REDACTED] is boarding

Report - Miss Barclay reported that [REDACTED] had left her position with Mrs. Sale & gone to other people. [REDACTED] is in the employ of Mrs. Fleming, Carlton Hill Rd. They go on holiday shortly during wh. time [REDACTED] will go other people [REDACTED] is anxious to go into office work at night School in preparation for same. This was not thought advisable & Mrs. Barclay says she is very slow. It was agreed if there is still a vacancy at Strattonona that she go there [REDACTED] is in the employ of Mr. Templeton - pastry cook at Lyndhurst - a bicycle has been purchased for her - wh. cost she is to repay. She is at the Home at present [REDACTED] pending arrangements with her father. She began work in Dec 21.

Two children admitted - orphan [REDACTED] & mother [REDACTED] 37rs. [REDACTED] nine demissions - All the children returned to Child Welfare Dept. [REDACTED] returned to father & [REDACTED] to his wife [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] had a position at Strie, but had to return on account of a rash - Considerable discussion about [REDACTED] behaviour - & a strict watch is being kept on her conduct at present. She is at Papuan Technical School.

Miss Barclay took 7 boys to Mrs. Rudd's home at Lyndhurst for part of the holidays - where great kindness was shown them. The boys went for three weeks to 7. In C.A. Camps & were all the better for the discipline exercised there.

Tweed & unbleached sheeting purchased for boys' trousers. Long list of Xmas gifts taken as read - & it was decided that children are not to be allowed expensive gifts from parents & friends - all such must take the form of clothing (regulation) or money given to the Matron. Recommendation to Board that additional lights outside Home - be installed -

confirmed

12.3.40 R. J. Pratt

Mar 12 - 1940

The ordinary monthly bldg of Ladies' Home Com. met at the Home at 2.15 p.m.

Present Mrs Dame Pratt (in the chair) Secy. Drake. Burley. Richards & the Secy. Apology from Mrs G. Brown.

Meeting opened with prayer. Minutes read & confirmed.

Correspondence from Miss Horrell & Mrs Arblaster.

Mrs Pratt & Mrs Burley reported after their visit of inspection that the concrete at doorway to Girls' Blocks is too slippery for safety & 3 doz new hairbrushes & combs are required for the children. Mrs Barclay to procure same. New curtains furnished by staff in Staff sitting room very much appreciated. Slippers will be needed for the children for the winter.

Report Miss Barclay reported 42 children in Home - no new admissions to be discharged - Maurice Haste & [redacted]

[redacted] is leaving Mrs. Fleming. To enter the employ of Mrs Fletcher on Mar 18th at 15/- per week this to be increased every six months, if she proves satisfactory. Payment received by [redacted] & that portion should be retained by her. was under discussion.

Mrs Barclay reported a letter & a wire from Mr. H. C. Leod - Secy. Strathcona Domestic Training Institution, Mr. Tinsley. saying there were vacancies available. Unfortunately, at this juncture - we felt we had no girl whom we could thoroughly recommend - & the Secy. was instructed to write expressing our deep appreciation of the offer made.

Mr Rawston - a medical student - had made an inspection. He found the children well nourished & of average in-

elligence. The "Some physical exercises were recommended for those who were round shouldered."

Miss Sanderlin had had two weeks holiday - in in Hopwood & Mrs Denning & Miss Alderley - acting position - Miss Hopwood had intimated to Miss Barclay - that she could not stay indefinitely without an increase in salary - Mrs Pratt & Sister Isabella see her re this matter.

An anonymous donor has presented a wireless set - to the value of £20. It is just installed in the dining room - with an attachment to each wing.

Miss Barclay reported that [redacted], in some respects is trying to be better - this still seeking to evade supervision by not keeping her dental appointments - & wandering into the township when supposed to be at Girls' brigade - Her influence upon the other girls is not good - This prompted long discussion & the matter was referred to the board bldg on Mar 13.

Mrs Albriston - wife of the President-General of Australia - had visited the Home on Mar 9th in company with Mrs Drake & Miss Barclay - & expressed herself as delighted with all the [redacted] valuable presents - Thanks giving gifts - cakes from [redacted] Ernest Adams & Co. fruit from Neworthy orchard. Central Flgs & many other gifts have been gratefully received.

Gifts

Approved as above
April 8th 1940 R. J. Pratt

Ap 8th Ladies' House Committee 24

The ordinary monthly mtg of the above com was held on Mon - Ap 8. at 2. 15 p.m.

Present Mrs danvers Pratt (in the chair) Brown - Drake - Cook

Richards & Sister Mabel. Apologies from Mrs danvers Barclay & Mrs. H. opened with prayer by Mrs. Pratt.

Minutes read & confirmed - Miss Barclay is to have a few days holiday from Ap. 12. Miss Hopwood to act in her absence with help from Miss Sykes & Miss Keen -

It was agreed that Mrs. Pratt & the Sec. see Miss Hopwood during the month - re the sub. in abro ships - The same two ladies to make the monthly inspection of The Home -

Report Miss Barclay reported that Mrs. Fletcher is very pleased with [REDACTED] who was given a good outfit of clothes - She gives her money to Miss Barclay who holds her bank book & has already banked 10/- for her - & is giving her 2/6 pocket money.

[REDACTED] is definitely trying to be a better girl - Two children have been admitted temporarily - as mother is in the Mental Hospital. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] an old boy of 17^½ yrs was at The Home for 17 days but has now obtained a position on a sheep station at Springfield. Three boys went to Boys' B.C. Camp at Easter & have greatly benefited - all the children

went a picnic to Victoria Park on Easter Mon. & witnessed the Centennial Procession on Ap. 6th

The Papamun Ladies' Guild had held its mtg at The Home. Three dozen hair brushes had been purchased from Bartings at 5/- each - The clippers have not yet been purchased - Stockings & woolen singlets are also needed for the children this winter - Four pairs of new blankets are also required for staff beds -

Mrs Keen would like two weeks' holiday during the May vacation

Many gifts in kind have been received including apples & two tablecloths from Mrs. Richards.

Letter read from W. St. George. Greendale. A position for Son Martin at a Mr. Geo. Pearce's. Toogal - However it was not thought desirable or suitable for Son

A new large light has been installed on the verandah at the Girls' Wing - Mrs. Firth kindly offers to upholster any sofa. Mr. Brown moved a Mr. Drake seconded a motion that a recommendation he made to the Board that Mrs. C. Thornton of Cashmere Hills be added to the House Com.

Confirmed

May 14th 1940 Barclay J. Pratt.

May 14th - 1940. Ladies' Home Committee

The monthly meeting of the above Com - was held at The Home at 2 p.m. - after silent prayer - Mr. Pratt led in earnest prayer for the children & those in authority -

Present: Mrs. James Pratt (in the chair) Baron - Leed - Drake - Richards - the secretary - Apology from Dr. Cock.

Motions last meeting read & confirmed -

Dr. Baron spoke of Dr. Shepherd's as being a good home for any of our girls. & Miss Barclay says Gladys Tormaine is still giving satisfaction at Dr. Heskins -

The Sec. reported Miss Kruse's resignation to take effect as from May 24. Sec. instructed to write thanking her for her services to the children & to wish her well in the future.

Miss Barclay reported that Miss Alderslade had left. Miss Kean was still on holiday - due back on May 17. In answer to an advertisement in the daily paper, a Miss Tallon had applied & seems a very likely girl - She has been ten years in a departmental store in Ch. Ch. & is 26 yrs of age - Her application was approved & she will begin work in a ^{May 28} fortnight in the boys' side -

Miss Barclay also reported that she was in correspondence with a Miss Henderson of Duxbury Hill - who has had some years of service as matron in a Bro. Home. but now desires a staff position rather than a matronship -

Miss Wardle wants his weeks' holiday in July.

Miss Barclay reported 48 children - 46 living in - 6 children have been admitted temporarily - [REDACTED] & [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have been written to by Miss Barclay.

On the whole the health of the children is good. though [REDACTED] is sick for a day or two - & [REDACTED] aged 12 yrs is being taken to Mt. patients' depart. at Hops. for urinary trouble. The blankets for staff beds have been purchased - & Slippers & stockings for the children -

[REDACTED] is definitely trying to be a better girl.

The Medical Student has visited the Home several times.

The girls have made 12 balaclavas for soldiers - & basket-work has been taught them by Miss Barclay's sister. During 3rd days while Miss Barclay had a little break. Miss Howard managed very well - Dr. Pratt & the Sec. interviewed her after the adj. relative ther taking the sub. matron's position. There had been a very feverous fit from Sister [REDACTED] (Sister Mildred) 168 far from 5 lbs honey & so hand serups.

Some parents are giving the Matron great trouble in the matter of leave granted to the children - & giving money in undemand ways - when such is not permitted.

Sec. reported that Miss Norrell will join the Home Com. & come as often as strict restrictions permit during the year - Mr. Horneiman has very kindly consented to come & help & assist in the sewing room - occasionally. He would be glad of other voluntary helpers -

The Clothing Com. (Miss Bayfield Sec) followed - following amounts gratefully rec'd - Ch. Ch. (E. Bell) £2.10.0. Weston £2.0.0. Edgeware Rd £2.14.0. Fulham St. £5.7.0. with apology from Dr. Stevens - Sydenham - who has collected £2.10.0 Total £15.1.0.

Confirmed June 11th 1940 R. J. Pratt

June 11th 1940. Ladies' Home Committee

The ordinary monthly mtg of the above Com. was held at the Home -

Present Mrs. Henderson Pratt (in the chair) Mrs. Brown. Miss Lock. Mrs. Burley & Miss Horrell - Mrs. Osie was also present.
Apologies rec. from Mrs. Drake. Mrs. Richards & the Sec.
Mtg. opened with prayer by Mrs. Brown - after which Mrs. Pratt welcomed Miss Horrell as member of Committee.
Sympathy expressed to Mrs. Brown & Sister Isabel on their recent accident.

Staff. Miss Henderson & Miss Tallon have taken up positions on the Girls' & Boys' Sides respectively - & are giving great satisfaction. Miss Ganderon will be junior to Miss Henderson as the latter has had great experience in children's work. Mrs. Pratt reported having visited Miss Hopwood - who will consent to be sub. matron provided that during Miss Barclay's annual leave - she have extra assistance on the boys' side. Miss Tallon asked for permission to take a child out on her free Sundays. Miss Barclay approved the kindly thought - but perhaps not quite wise - agreed that permission be not granted.

Report Miss Barclay reported 48 children in the Home - 46 living in 27 boys & 19 girls. Their health is good - [redacted] & [redacted] admitted. Saw Mr. Berry still in bed with bad leg. [redacted] behaviour very much improved - & [redacted] is well up for her to stay on. 12 children were away off the holidays. 20 boys are attending the C.C.C Club recently formed

which meets every Saturday after - at Rugby St & Papamuri alternately - Miss Barclay asked what arrangements could be made about visiting hours for boys attending the club - decided to leave the matter to Miss Barclay's judgment.

Miss Alderslade has left - & Miss Keane & Miss Ganderon have returned from their holidays. Mrs. Pratt interviewed Miss Childs who said that owing to a change in her plans - she would not now be seeking a position on the Staff. Letter was read from Miss Hope Ashwell ^{Escombe} asking inquiry about Staff appointment due to appeal in the Times - agreed that the Sec. reply to same.

Replies Miss Barclay said 36 could be accommodated if necessary but Mrs. Pratt thought we should not offer to take more than 20 at present - decided to offer to take 8 girls under 10 yrs & 2 from 10-12 yrs - 6 boys - 8 yrs or under - 2 from 9-10 - & 2 from 10-12 yrs. Many numerous gifts rec. during the month - including parcel of clothes from Rangiruru (School) case apples from Mr. Ford, tin honey from Miss Shepherd - 4 pairs stockings - Mrs. Firth & set of table croquet from Mr. & Mrs. Pratt.

Very glad to have Mrs. Osie with us again - she told of the arrangements being made for Annual Concert & Street Appeal - The concert is to be broadcast from 3 Y.A. from 8-9 p.m on Aug 5 - street appeal on Aug 21st

Mrs. Lock & Mrs. Burley to visit Home during the month. Mrs. Burley very kindly agreed to take the minutes in the absence of the Sec.

Confirmed July 9th 1940
Ruby J. Pratt

July 9th 1940. Methodist Orphanage Ladies' Home Com.

The ordinary monthly mtg was held at the Home.
Present - Madames Pratt (in the chair) Barron. Lead - Cocks-
Richards. Burley - Briske - Miss Horrell & the Sec.
Mtg opened with prayer led by Mrs. Pratt.

Minutes last mtg read & confirmed -

Secretary reported correspondence from Miss Eva White
Mandens - Te Awa-mata - re position on the Staff due
to paragraph in Meth. Times - A reply had been sent to
Miss White that there were no vacancies at present but
if she so desired her name could be put on the waiting
list - This Miss White desires to be done - There has
been no further word from Miss H. P. Ashwell (Gisborne)
who had also made enquiries - & to whom the Sec. had
written at length -

Mrs. Barclay reported the very serious illness of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] born [REDACTED] - He suffered a blow on the knee at football, had
been taken to hospital where latent T.B. trouble developed &
for some days he has been, & still is in a very critical
condition - Mrs. Barclay has been unceasing in her
visits to him - [REDACTED] welcomes her presence with him
All other members of the Staff have also been to see him
[REDACTED] has been in bed for three weeks with
troumal trouble, but is progressing - Ian Mr. Garry left
[REDACTED] in bed for a day or two to rest troublesome
ankle - 48 children in Home. 46 living in .

Mrs. Barclay & Miss Nopwood have been busy sorting up
& filling mattresses - They will last longer if covers could
be provided - Members of Com. promised to try & procure
same - In the event of refugee children coming
extra sheets, towels, rugs & blankets would be required.
For 12 beds - There would be sufficient crockery if meals
were taken in relays - In a communication from the
Prime Minister - Mr. Drake has been appointed our U.S.
Representative on the Ch. Ch. Com. dealing with the housing
of refugee children.

Owing to the C.P.C. Club meeting on Sat. after, Mrs. Barclay
has to make some other arrangements for their friends to
meet these boys at a different time. [REDACTED]

is providing a food girl in the Home - excellent reports
have come from the Technical School - of 22 children
attending there

Mrs. Barclay reported that word had come from St. Saviour's Orphanage
that the Farmers Co-Op in Timaru had a line of woolen
combinations - available at 4/- per pr. [REDACTED] had been 13/11/48
decided to order 6 dozen of various sizes as wool singlets
seem to be impracticable.

Mr. Sellick had been to Sew one day, her help very much appreciated
Gifts of stockings had been rec'd. from Mrs. Firth (12 in all) parcel
of clothes from Mrs. Seed - parcel of tops' wear from Mrs. Graham
Hooreville (per Miss Horrell) - a 2/- forwarded from the
Tutukaroa Ladies' Guild wh. was promptly spent in
singlets. Mrs. Barclay had kindly made up 8 prs
tights pants

Stocks of jam are getting low - so that a gift of same from Miss Sheet was very welcome - For the winter months it is necessary to buy 1 gallon milk daily.

The Ursuline Institute at Lowell had very kindly sent jam & in this instance pd \$1. freight - decided that all freight charges in future should be met by orphanage

The children had been to a Missionary Concert at Pops. Ch & on a recent Sat eve. Miss Hurdle (deg) brought a group of girls from the J. N. C. A. who entertained our children with plays etc. on June 25th. Every day's Tea Party was held (commemorating all the birthday) Mr. & Mrs. Pratt were present. Mr. Pratt distributing presents from reserve stocks. Very happy time spent by all -

Miss Barclay read a letter from [REDACTED] - saying that some [REDACTED] friends must be allowed to see his children (2) recently admitted -

Mr. Cook kindly bought specimen coverlet for bed room a cotton - procurable at miller at 3/4th each. decided to secure any that remain at that price - present covers in many cases being exceedingly shabby -

Mr. Cook & Mr. Burley visited Home last month - & found everything very nice & tidy - Pipe leaking under basin on boys' side - Water coming in badly on girls' side more hair brushes still needed.

Confirmed 13. 7. 1940

Ruby J. Pratt

1940

Aug 13th Ladies' House Committee

The ordinary monthly mtg Ladies' House Com. was held at the Home Present Mrs. Daniels Pratt (in the chair) Mrs. - Seed. Drake. Cooks - Burley Richards - Mrs. Howell & the Lee.

Mtg. opened with silent prayer - then Mrs. Pratt led our petitions for Staff & children.

Minutes read & confirmed - Rec'd. reported letter from Miss Wardle saying she had rec'd. an appointment on the staff of Mr. Beck / the St. Mt. Albert. Mrs. Pratt presented age for wreath procured on behalf of Ladies' Com. when Allan Blackham passed away.

Miss Barclay reported that [REDACTED] had fallen in the gymnasium at Pops - the night previous - as Dr. Richardson Wt. came at - Miss Wykes had very kindly taken him in in her car to the Dr's rooms. on Aug 13. when a favorable report was received. Some discussion took place re advisability of having a second available in case of emergency & to relieve anxiety on the part of the matron.

Re C.C.C. (Club) only a few keen boys will attend in future - under the personal supervision of Mr. Allan Burley.

The leakages round the wash basins & being attended to by Mr. Kershaw - also stools procured for dining room - to obviate the expense of so many broken chairs - forms for reservation rooms have also been provided.

Correspondence - Letter rec. from Miss Wardle - who has been doing the cooking - resigning her position - & wishing to be relieved on Aug 25. Miss Ganderlin is willing to undertake same at the increased salary - Miss Barclay reporting that she had done very

well recently in the kitchen. While Miss Wardle was on holiday Mr. Brett read a letter to Mr. Drake from the Rev. G. F. Stockwell & a Miss Trim - of Hawera - A Baptist girl of high Christian character who wants to take up Children's Work & asking if there were any vacancies in Mr. Staff - See. was instructed to write to Miss Trim re qualifications & our requirements & if satisfactory. See. Officers, to make the appointment - as junior assistant on the Girls' side - on three months trial at a commencing salary of 25/- a week -

The children will have a fortnight's vacation from Aug 16 during Wh. time - Some can find additional helps in the Home - Some others will be going to friends.

Satn. Miss Barclay reported 49 in Home. 47 living in - [REDACTED]
Report - [REDACTED] died on July 17 - having been most kindly tended in Ch. Ch. Hosps. Two new Connor boys admitted Aug 12. Bad colds had been prevalent & [REDACTED] was suffering from little rash - Rose Bay wood hall had to go to the Dr. on account of bald patch on head - Wh. may increase - but there will be ultimate recovery - [REDACTED] is suffering from dysentery but thought advisable for him to go away during the holidays & that he go to Hosps. for treatment as soon as possible. New shoes purchased for Maurice Hack - & 6 new overcoats needed for bigger boys - Miss Barclay to do her best to procure same.

[REDACTED] is going Satisfaction at Mrs. Hobart's - Shoes & nighties had been procured for her & 5 added to her Savings Fund ap - Future purchases for clothing - to be under direction of Staff member with [REDACTED]

10-465 Envelopes prepared & despatched for Combined Exchanges' Appeal - Mending of mattresses completed & some covers made - 6 dog coverlets had been procured from Killers at 3/- each Dr. Sellick had most kindly given another day's sewing - & two used mattresses - Some of the children had been taken to drama festival & Radiant Hall (S.S. Union meet) by members of Staff. Miss Barclay had had no week of her holiday & Miss Hopwood had done well in her absence - all members of Staff working very happily together -

On Aug 9. there had been an inspection by two Government officers from Wellington who will see Miss Barclay later. re the coming of children from England - It was thought if they are only to be in residence a short time - extra bedding could be loaned by interested friends. Miss Hobart's holiday to be arranged when convenient - to obtain more hotel china is required - Invitations to attend to same - Many various gifts rec'd. with grateful thanks - including from - Swedish tourists papers - magazines - butter - biscuits - scones - cakes - bananas - clothing - valises - bins - play ball - knitted jerseys - singlets - mattress covers etc -

Mr. Drake & the See - to visit Home, during summer month. See. to report to Board re additional medical Officer & Superannuation for Staff members -

Confirmed Sept 15th, 1940
Ruby J. Pratt.

Sept 10 / Ladies' Home Committee

The ordinary monthly meeting of the Ladies' Home Com-
was held at the Home

Present - Mrs. Dame as Pratt (in the chair) Brown - Franks - Cook - Burley
Richards - Miss Horrell & the Sec. Apology from Mrs. Scott.
Bible opened with prayer led by Mrs. Pratt. Minutes last mtg.
read & confirmed -

Letter rec. from Miss Trim - Hawera - saying she had accepted a position on the
Waiteti Health Camp Staff -

Staff: Miss Barley reported that Miss Ganderon is quite prepared to do
the cooking at a salary of 35/- a week - & that the Treo. had agreed
that 35/- be paid to Miss Henderson - Miss Sonning, of
whom Rev. Wesley Parker speaks most highly - as a girl of high
Christian character - was interviewed by Rev. Pratt & Mrs. Barley
& began duty on Sept 9 - as the junior assistant on the Girls'
side - at a commencing salary of 25/- a week for three months.
She has had experience both in tailoring & cooking at
the Grey north Hospital - Miss D. sees wishes to go for
10 days' holiday from Sept 17. ^{Mrs. Wardle left Aug 15. Mrs.} Miss
Mrs. Pratt & the Sec. reported on their visit of inspection to
the Home on Aug 29th when all was found to be in excellent
order - though the broken state of all the lin. & curtains in
the dormitories calls for immediate attention - matter to be
referred to the Board - The curtains in the dining room
also need replacing

Misses D. & M. reported 49 children in residence - two new
Report. Connor boys have settled in nicely - [REDACTED]

still giving satisfaction to Mrs. Hester - but she committed to pay her
money in during Miss Barclay's absence - this is now being recovered from
her pocket money at the rate of 1/- week - In future her fee after will be
on Saturday - [REDACTED] - a boy of 3 - had suffered an
epileptic fit - as the result of unwise diet - when at with friends

[REDACTED] returned to School after being in bed for 2 months -
One child in bed - with attacks of German measles - Dr. says
that [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] began School this term

[REDACTED] hurt her leg in a fall necessitating a stitching put in -
must rest in bed for one week -

Two children away all the holidays - 19 for part-time. In
appreciation of the kindness shown to [REDACTED] his
friends took [REDACTED] for one week's holiday - & [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] from this week.

Miss Shepherd (Raupura)

had [REDACTED] for holidays - she wrote expressing her appre-
ciation of the help he had been. [REDACTED] - was working on Sat-
mornings with Mr. Marshall - a chemist - on Bealey Ave.

34 children taken to Hills for a picnic during the holidays & on two
occasions to Elmwood Park to fly kites etc. Trips were taken to
Royal Musical Society's concert - Miss Gibson in charge. While Miss Bar-
clay took 2 girls to the winter show - on one occasion being entertained by
the management - Other staff members have taken some for bicycle
rides - drama club - entertainments etc. Miss Barley, Miss Hobson
& Miss Ganderon went to Boys' Brigade in S.J. & were very well received
with the same - Dr. Heale ^{App. per cura} kindly sent 10/- for cakes
for children's tea - in honour of Dorothy's birthday.

[REDACTED] whose mother, then in Wellington, had written to Miss Barclay, saying she was to leave the Home & go to friends of hers, is still with us - Miss Burnett of Child Welfare Depart. will permit no change for the present.

Children helped in securing pins or badges for Street Day appearance with some older folk - elder children manned 3 stations - 15 shifts. In view of Miss Sanderson being called to Nap. in Dec. decided to ask Rev. Drake to insert notices in B.C. Link & B.C. Times - asking young women to consider this form of Christian service - also holiday homes for children &c &c. [REDACTED]

for boys - agreed that no visitors inspect the Home on Sundays except under very exceptional circumstances -

Many varied gifts have been received with grateful thanks - six new overcoats purchased for bigger boys at Hays's & two new suits will be needed for the younger boys - towards which father has given £1 -

Mrs Richards & Miss Horrell appointed visiting committee for ensuring neatness & comfort.

Oct 8th 1940

Ruby J. Pratt

Oct 8-1940 Ladies' Home Committee Papamui Refugeage.

The ordinary monthly mtg of above Committee was held at the Home -

Present - Mmes Pratt (in the chair) Bourne, Drake, Coote, Richards, Miss Horrell & the Sec. with Mrs Thornton as a visitor.

Apologies rec. from Mrs Burley & Mrs Seed.

Mrs Pratt opened with prayer. minutes last mtg. read & confirmed -

Mrs Richards reported upon the visit of inspection by Miss Horrell & herself - found everything in very nice order - though additional hair brushes are needed.

Mrs Pratt reported the purchase of 40 odd yds of curtaining for dining room - at a cost of 2/3 a yd. at Miller's

Report - Miss Barclay reported that 1/2 children were on the roll -

[REDACTED] still here - 3 boys admitted. [REDACTED] (6/2)

[REDACTED] (6/2) & [REDACTED] (5/2) - Health of all

children good - Two small girls - who had just begun school are not to return till Jan. 1941 - due to overcrowding.

Miss Barclay had accompanied [REDACTED] on a shopping expedition & bought coat, hat & frock. Her wages are 17/6 a week - less 3/9 Social Security.

The children had sent a box of daffodils to Mrs Hayes - who is ill in Lewisham Hospital.

The staff had taken children for various outings - & they had also been present at the screening of Pinocchio - at the invitation of the manager.

Staff

This Wk has had 9 days' holiday & Miss Hopwood
the balance of hers - Miss Barclay leaves on the 9th for one
week of holiday - On Sept 30. Mr. Kershaw drove Miss
Gander & Miss Barclay to Horrelville - the occasion being
their annual gift day to the Home - 156 doz eggs were received
also 23 lbs butter - & cake enough for 2 teas. Further gifts of
eggs had come in from Woodend & Sefton - & many were
being preserved.

The girls provided the entertainment for Band of Hope at
Rugby St. on Oct 4.

On Oct 6 - 13 children from England - with their escort Miss
Pope - were accommodated at the Home from Sun. morn to
Mon. noon. When they went on to Sandringham - all went to
church with our children - & were taken for a drive to the
Summit Rd. in Sun. after - ages ranging from 6-15 yrs.
They all greatly appreciated the H.S. talks & plentiful
supply of fresh milk. [redacted]

aged 13 yrs - a boy dist. from England - is with us at
present - & would be attending the Technical School. ~~postponed~~.
Two cases of misbehaviour among the children reported
by Miss Barclay - boy of 9 had misappropriated a
mountain pen - father to be acquainted. & restitution
made from his pocket money.

[redacted] 13 yrs. 5 months. [redacted] [redacted] is
proving very impudent to members of the staff & some-
times very terrifying to little ones - on account of lack
of balance - though Miss Barclay finds her a good

worker - amenable to the discipline she enforces. During
Miss Barclay's absence it was thought desirable that she
should go to her father's home in S. Hawkriggton -
Letter rec. from Rev. W. S. Withers. Home in memory of Grandy
asking if a girl could come to their assistance - as his
wife has two very small children. See. instructed to
reply - that no girl could be released from School - but if it
would be any help - Mrs Adams could be available in
the holidays - her fare promised by Mr. Withers) - & triple
pocket money - to be the financial obligations -

Confirmed
Nov 12th 1940

P. J. Pratt.

Nov 12 - 1940 Ladies' Home Committee. Methodist Orphanage
Papamuri.

The ordinary monthly mtg of the Committee was held at the Home.

Present Messdames Pratt (in the chair) Brown. Secd. Brake. Cook. Thomas.
Burley - Miss Horrell & the Sec. Apology from Mrs Richards.

It's opened with prayers & minutes last mtg read & confirmed.

Correspondence Miss Barclay reported having had three letters of enquiry following
the "Link" Paragraph - suggesting Orphanage work to girls as a
special sphere of Christian service - Letters were received from Miss
Peggy Blackie - 34 Tanera Crescent. Brooklyw. Wellington. Miss Ruth Hilder
C/- Mr. J. Hilder & Sons - Strathanga. Kington - Miss Jean Morris
P.O. Box 238 C.I. Wellington - The Committee was most favourably
impressed with the spirit & qualifications contained in three
letters from Miss Jean Morris. That Miss Barclay was asked to write
to her again - suggesting that her name be put on waiting list.

Report Miss Barclay reported 48 children in the Home - the two [redacted]
boys having been returned to their father - A permanent home has
been found for [redacted] one of the greatest children from England.

[redacted] went to her home at New Zealand during the last
of Miss Barclay's holiday. She is still proving very difficult -
it is thought perhaps Templeron might be a more suitable
place for her - The fountain pen reported at last mtg was repaired at
a cost of 6/- wh. is being repaid out of the boys' pocket money.

Miss King is doing well on the Girls' Side - [redacted]

[redacted] were back at the home on the occasion of the
recent S.S. Anniversary Service. The children repeated the
item - at a concert at Addington on Nov 6 - and an Entertainment

is being arranged for Dec. 27 in Durham St. When the children will
provide the varied programme. Two magicians (?) had been to
the Home giving entertainment to our children - Ten small children
had gone with Miss Barclay to a Cradle Roll Party - given by W.C.T.U.
while some others went to Leeston with Miss Barclay & Mr. Brake.
where gifts of 39 jars of jam & 12 dozen eggs were received - Livercarrill
B.C. girls had sent a parcel of clothing - many dozens of pieces were
given by Mr. Stevenson - Three boys went camping over the Labour
Weekend - while the rest of the children & Staff - spent a happy day
on the Monday at Elmwood Park - A photograph of the children
has been taken for the Xmas Supplement of the Health Times.

The dental assistant. Ch. Ch Hospital suggests that all young children
beginning school should be enrolled at the dental clinic there at a
special rate of 2/6 - A School medical examination had
taken place - report very favorable - though your would probably
benefit by attending a Health Camp during the holidays. Miss
Barclay to make suitable inquiries towards this end.

Girl Guide uniforms no longer being used - it was suggested might
be sold to another troop

There has been a serious leak in the boiler in the furnace room. The
wooden flooring of the dormitories in the Girls' Block has begun.

Miss Barclay reported that Mrs Adams - who wishes later on to be a Matron
nurse - Should, if possible, be enrolled for training at Strathcona - agreed.

Miss Martin - 16 in Dec. wishes to do dress designing - She will shortly
begin work in Ruth's dress making room under Miss Wilson -

New curtains are required for Staff sitting room on Boys' side
Request for tennis courts not agreed to - our children using them
themselves. 3 nights for girls - 3 nights for boys -

Suggested that additional tennis rackets & cricket bat be procured with Xmas cheer fit money. Not many homes here as yet been offered for Xmas holidays.

Mr. Thornton & Mrs. Cook the visiting committee for evening work. Mr. Cook was unfortunately unable to make a life member of the board. ~~had Committee Monday - Dec 10. at 8 p.m.~~

Confirmed Dec 10th 1940
Ruby J. Pratt.

Ladies' House Committee Santa Island
Methodist Orphanage - Papamoa

Dec 10 1940 The ordinary monthly mtg of the above Committee was held at the Home -

Present Mrs. James Pratt (in the chair) Brown - Seed - Drake - Thornton - Richards - Burley - Miss Horrell & Mr. Lee. With an apology from Mr. Cook.

Meeting opened with silent, a bell - audible properly by Mr. Pratt minutes last mtg read & confirmed.

Mr. Thornton reported that Mr. & Mrs. Cook had been unable to pay their unofficial visit during the month.

Mrs. Barclay reported having rung the head master of the Vaimairi School - & he had agreed that all the young children should be attended to in the Dental Clinic of the School.

Two boys - [redacted] - [redacted] - have gone for four weeks to the Health Camps at Raukura - They are not ill but have T.B. histories. The cost will be 2/- each.

Re. Unif & Guide Uniforms. Miss Barclay - had made inquiries about the sale of same - Headquarters, or an advertisement in journal, will probably effect a sale shortly - meantime the belts are requested at a purchase price of 1/2 each.

The Secretary read a letter from Miss Henderson, resigning her position as senior assistant on the Girls' side - the same to take effect from Dec 31 - Sec. requested to convey our regards to Miss Henderson - & it was decided to advertise in the Ch. Ch. Dunedin & Wellington papers - for an experienced assistant.

Report - Mr. Nathan reported 48 children in Home. health mostly good - The 3 children had been in bed - a m boy Lester Lacombe - had had to go to Hospital with a boil in the ear - after which serious complications ensued - He had made a good recovery & at school again on Dec 10. Miss Wykes again very kindly, encouraging patient back & forth to Hospital in her car. [redacted] child suffering from bronchitis - much stronger - Desmond Hooper had German measles. [redacted] is to go to special classes at Normal School next year.

[redacted] (8 1/2 yrs) may go later. He has wandering habits.

All children now have cold shower in the mornings.

The children have had many outings of late. Older girls helping with plays at Papamoa - Management of theatre - gave children opportunity to see Tom Brown's School days. A.S.C.B. appealed for transport for Tan e - Some children went to the Show - remainder went to Gordon with Miss Ganderlin & Miss Barclay. Mr. Dyer & Mrs. of Ottawa had been to the Home for tea - & addressed the children. [redacted]

[redacted] had passed Scripture exam. for Girls' Brigade. On Nov 30 - Automobile race. Picnic at Waitakere when Senior boys won relay race & held Silver cup.

Six of the senior girls - together with two assistants had been
to Musical Society's concert.

The King's Messengers - a Junior Missionary Corp. at Addington
had entertained Orphanage children - very happy evening.

Mrs Barclay reported having been to the Ottawa Ladies' Guild
to speak on the work of the Home.

She had also written again to Stratton - Pleasant Pt., from
whom a favorable reply had been rec'd. Mrs Adams'
admission provided satisfactory testimonials were supplied.
New curtains had been made & hung in dining room &
in staff dining room.

A beautiful gift of 11 doz + 4 pds of locknit bloomers - in varying sizes
had been rec'd. from Messrs Lane, Walker & Rudkin.

Several members of the Committee went upstairs to see the
wooden floors laid in the dormitories on the Girls' side - most
satisfactory.

Confirmed Feb 11th 1941

By Rev. Dr. Buckley of Brant.

Ladies' Home Committee - South Island
Methodist Orphanage

Ap-8- The ordinary monthly meeting of the above Committee was held at the Home.

Present - Mrs. Burley (in the chair) Mrs. Pratt. Mr. Cook. Mrs. Price - Mrs. Richards - Miss Horrell - the Secretary.

Apostrophe received from Mr. Pratt - who was out of town.

Meeting opened with silent - & audible prayer by Mr. Burley. The minutes of the former meeting kindly taken by Mr. Richards were read by her - & confirmed.

Mr. Cook gave a report of the visit paid to the Home during the month - by Mr. Thornton & herself. They found every thing very satisfactory except the boys' towels - suggestions made for drying face cloths - & more hair brushes needed. Miss Barclay to procure the same. The demonstration of the ironing machine from Hug's not very satisfactory - nothing further done in the matter.

Mrs. Adams returned from her position on Ap-8- & will proceed to Strathcona almost immediately.

Miss Wykes busy with her outfit at present -

Report - Miss Barclay reported 57 children in the Home - On the whole the health of the children was good -

Five children admitted - 2 boys & 3 girls.

3³/₄ yrs

11 yrs

9¹/₂ yrs

12¹/₂ yrs

11¹/₂ yrs

Slight crack of collar bone - no permanent injury
clearance from ringworm - several children attended Dental Clinic - & 5 small children likely to be in care for some time - but on dental register -

Miss Hills took 6 small girls to a birthday party - & Miss Horrell & Miss Barclay took several others to Aberley Park.

Patterns from Strathcona sent for Miss's at first - & a party finished player which Miss Barclay was able to purchase for 15/- for her (green) material for uniforms unprocureable in C. C. but obtained in Timaru. Mr. Tiershaw says the money for this girl's outfit will be procurable from the Fletcher trust -

Miss Barclay has been three days again at Burwood Home - & improvement noted - a note of encouragement is given in that [redacted] say they wd like to work in a children's home.

Miss Ganderdon & Miss Hills left at the end of March. Several replies to advertisement for the latter position - wch. will be filled by Miss Allen from Rangiora - very highly recommended by Rev'd & Mr. Ryan - Mr. Cooper has begun in the kitchen - & Mrs. Oliver - & Miss Evelyn from Ashburton were other applicants of whom Miss Barclay thinks highly. Miss Allen will begin work just after Easter - & Miss Hills will return to assist during the Easter days - Dr. Taylor major has been down on a visit - went to church with children & came back for dinner - He may possibly before his camp - Several welcome Harvest Festival gifts received.

Discussion took place re assistance with sewing - agreed to bring the matter before Girls' Easter Camps or various Guilds - Clothing com. meets next month - & ordinary com. will meet at 4 p.m. prior to that mtg -

Miss Horrell brought forward the matter of more free time for Miss Barclay & other members of the staff - Under present arrangements it seemed as if this could only be obtained by the appointment of a 'relieving assistant' -

Confirmed May 13 1941

R. J. Pratt.

May 11. 1941 Methodist Orphanage - Paspauui -
Ladies' House Committee

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above committee was held at the Home.

President Mrs Pratt (in the chair), ^{Brodames} Drake-Locke - Thowlin - Barclay
Mrs Horrell & the Secretary

After opening for prayer by Mr. Pratt. Last minutes read & confirmed -

Moving Report - Miss Barclay reported having had a letter from Louis Martin in which he said she was trying the project. Miss Barclay reported that Mrs Cooper (Kitchen) had left after very brief stay - Miss Tallon has taken on the duty for the present - that Miss Allen is doing very nicely. There are 57 children on the roll. 54 in the Home - Mrs Adams entered Strathcona on Apr 18 - Miss Barclay accompanied her & stayed for tea - forming a very high opinion of Miss Bedford the matron - & of the happy atmosphere of the Home. Miss Bedford has since written saying that she seems to be settling down well & that she accompanies the other girls to church. Miss Hynes went to a lot of trouble to make her uniforms & outfit as nice as possible. [REDACTED] has bought a bicycle out of her savings & all her clothes since last M.
Several children have been given to Dental Corps - three children to Kops - for eye tests - all now wearing glasses. Seventeen children on holiday at present - for longer or shorter periods. Three boys went to S. C. Easter Camps at Amherstburg. Several older children have been to socials - Health generally good - though three

children have had mumps - though not ill - Mrs Bellissey kindly came over after the service with the sewing - Miss Hooper has resigned - & wishes to be released shortly - as she is taking a position at Paradise College. Miss Allen began duty on the Girls' side on Apr 15. & Mrs Oliver began duty on the boys' side on May 6th. A Government inspection, Mr. Bennett & Mrs. Burnett took place on May 7. & were at the Home for 2 hrs expressing pleasure at the layout of the building - & the well balanced meals - owing to her brothers having left to go to the front - Miss Wakely is needed on the farm for the duration of the war. In answer to an advertisement in the Press - Miss Waddell & Miss Lillian Saunders - an ex school teacher - have applied - Miss Barclay to interview them & make the best selection - & ask the other to go on the waiting list.

At 3 p.m. Miss Cugill & Mrs Parker attended - on behalf of the Clothing Com. (an M.L.) - Miss Cugill gave a report of last year's tally - & amounts brought in - so far - for this year. East Belfast has contributed £ 2. 15. 0 - Lyndhurst £ 2. 2. Addington £ 5. 10. 6. Summer 14/6. Elgarware Rd £ 1. 11. 6. Birkenhead £ 3. 1. 6 - Total £ 10. 4. 6 (Addington's amount going to the Circuit account - not included here)

A further discussion took place concerning Staffing & Salaries - Miss Horrell is very kindly staying at the Home for a few days -

Received June 10 - 1941

R. J. Pratt

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June 10

Ladies' Home Committee - Meth. Orphanage - Report -

Present

The ordinary monthly bill of the above home. Held at The Home.
Madame Brett (in the chair) Drake. Cook. Shornton - Richards
Burley - Miss Horrell & the Secretary.

Miss Barclay reported that Miss Hopwood left on May 22nd
Mrs Kier & Miss Wilcox (new) are now on The Boys' Side. Miss King &
Miss Allen on the girls. Miss Allen shaping well - but needing more training
Re The two applicants interviewed last month - Miss Waddell - withdrew on
account insufficient salary - & Miss Saunders could not come immediately.

She has however come into residence (June 9) for a month as a re-
licensing assistant - during which time - Miss Barclay hopes to be able to
give a little time to the training of the other assistants. Miss Barclay
is of the opinion that Miss Dykes should be appointed Matron,
being suitable in every way.

During May Miss Horrell "lived in" for about a week. &
furnished a very valuable report - with special reference to
the difficulties of staffing - Miss Horrell was heartily thanked & thanked
for the great service she rendered - & her report. In her judgment
training (staff) should have Theory - practical experience & recognised
qualifications -

Report - Miss Barclay's report - 52 children living in. 18 girls. 34 boys.
On June 7. [REDACTED] discharged - all in 10 months in the Home.
Both are now quite healthy & well. [REDACTED] was delicate with last
winter. In all - 8 children succumbed to influenza;
there have been a few colds - frost-bitten fingers etc. but in
the whole the children are well, though one small boy
seems to have a serious bowel trouble.

[REDACTED] had been a little discontented in her position at 403
Theodis - but after a talk with Miss Barclay had settled down again. She
is to have 22/6 per week in July. Miss Barclay thinks she would do well
among small children in an Institution.

The children have had various things - which entails additional work
for the staff & some anxiety. Miss Barclay has had one "Emergency"
Evacuation drill -

Miss Wilcox began duty May 24.

Miss Kean has had two weeks holiday. [REDACTED]
very helpful during Miss Kean's absence & did the washing today.

Miss Horrell took Miss Barclay to see Mrs Martin at Burwood. She
writes frequently & is endeavouring to be a better girl. Letter from
[REDACTED]

at Strathcona - where she is very happy -

China plates from Lytton - purchased at 10/- doz. 12 doz. of cutlery
also Slippers (seconds) from Carlton Slipper Co. at 4/- per pair -
(royal blue) - Some help is being given in the sewing - by
B. Class volunteers - more sheets. stockings. & grey

shirting - needed -

The upa store needs attention & will be overhauled shortly.
This is needed yearly - new saucepan for same ordered -

Holidays are due for Miss Tallow. Miss King & Miss
Wykes - Possibly Miss Saunders could be retained while
these members of staff are on holiday -

Convened Friday 7th 1941
R. F. Smart

July 8-1941

Ladies' House Committee. Methyl Diphosphate.

Papannu

The ordinary monthly mtg of the Com. was held at the Home.
Present Mrs. James Pratt (in the chair) - Drake - Burley - Richards - Thornton ^{report} Lee - Com. glad tree Mr. Lee among us again.
Apology received from Mr. Cock - Mr. Spie & Miss Norrell.
Minutes last mtg. read & confirmed.

Miss Barclay reported that the relieving assistant, Miss Saunders is very good with the children & housework. But her eyes prevent her doing much in the sewing room. Miss Saunders is mostly on the Girls' side at present - allowing Miss King to be in the Living Room while Miss H. is on holiday - for two weeks.

will be 18 next birthday - & may (?) want to do other kind of work.
Happy letters rec. from [redacted] (Strathcona) & [redacted]

[redacted] will get overhauled - pending arrival of man from Wellington.

Mr. Pratt reported on a Special com. held on July 7. to consider salaries of assistants etc. Minutes of this mtg - appended - consideration was given to a suggested scheme for cadets. Miss Barclay speaks highly of Miss King - as a promising worker - it was intimated to her - that if there are any classes at Beaconsfield or W.E.A. or Technical - which would help her in the management of children - time shall be given to her to attend the same - & any fees incurred will be paid by the board.

It was agreed that, in order that members of the Com. might get to know the members of the staff - two or three of them join us at afternoon tea on Committee days -

Several members commented on the happy birthday party held recently - Children all looked well - their behaviour was most pleasing - this general air of happiness was most marked.

Miss Barclay reported 56 children in the Home - one boy [redacted]
[redacted] 1½ yrs age admitted July 5. The health of the children was good - though two more had succumbed to slight attacks of mumps. The children had been taken 3 times to Dental Hosp. & satisfaction shown that their teeth were improving owing to wise diet.

There have been various outings - Life Saving every Sat. morn. & Hockey & football for the boys every Sat. after. The bigger girls are proving helpful & very interested in knitting woolen gloves.

A Miss Horanbury - an active worker at Durban St-S. School has made application to join the staff. She has no home. Miss Barclay seems impressed with her. Mr. Pratt will see her. It is possible she may be given a position or be put on a waiting list - Miss Tallow - at present doing kitchen work is due for holiday - & is to be married - & wishes for extended leave until her husband goes overseas. It was thought undesirable that Miss Tallow - if she so desires - make a further application then - to which favourable consideration would be given. Miss Barclay has purchased sheeting - 80 in total.

Gifts - Two bags - sweet turnips from Hillin - apples from Mr. Goldsbury - Lovers - 2 cords wood - Selwyn Plantation Board.

Miss Barclay is to furnish cost of Mrs Adams Strathcona oil pit - & any other necessary expenses for her - or other girls - who are beneficiaries under the Fletcher Trust - Mr. Kershaw says these will be willingly paid

Confirmed Aug 11, 1941

R. J. Pratt

South Island

Aug 12, 1941 - Ladies' Home Committee Methodist Orphanage

The ordinary monthly mtg of the above committee was held at the Home

Present Mrs James Pratt (in the chair) Drake - Cock - Burley
Thornton - Miss Horrell & the Sec. Apology from Mr Kirkards
silent. Then an able prayer offered by Mr Pratt.

Minutes last mtg read & confirmed - Miss Horrington
has given up all thought of joining the staff & Miss Hope
Ashwell - to whom Miss Barclay had written cannot come
bcz. of illness in her family -

Miss Barclay's Report. Miss Barclay reported that Miss King was
back from holiday & the Miss Saunders are on the girls'
side - with Mr Oliver & Miss Wilson in the boys'. Miss Allen
is in the kitchen taking Miss Teller's (Mrs Kirkard's) place
61 children in residence. Mr Adams has
asked to go to the Coast in Oct. for a week's holiday. Mr Herschaw
says travelling expenses will be available from the trust (Hethers)

[redacted] writes cheerfully & Miss Barclay has been to see
her at Fairwood. Mrs Findlay - the matron - thinks she is a
weak character & a fit of no rods. Three [redacted] children
returned to their mother (who has married again) after
being in the Home 7½ months - The husband Mr Williamson
is in camp - From two families 8 children have been
admitted - Two [redacted] children (temporary) are very
backward - 44 children admitted for longer or shorter periods
in two years - One or two more children have succumbed
to mumps -

[redacted] is a member of a rep. football team
is attending psychology class at Deaconess Home on
Tuesday mornings - Miss Barclay has written to Mr Henderson re Ulti-
mating to the staff & awaits her reply. A Miss Wilson (not nurse)
229 Brougham St. has had an interview with Miss Barclay
decided improvement on the boys' side. All the new
children need a lot of fitting out with clothing. Six new
coats are needed for boys & girls & at least 12 jerseys - pajamas
as well as shirts -
Floor coverings - Sewing room carpet - utility room at - suggest office
carpet go to living room & hall up to office - and linoleum
in dining room to be painted

Rev & Mrs Warren looked over Home prior to Radio appeal -
11,990 programmes packed here - Miss Barclay attended
a display by Gov. Food Dept - dietary very similar to that
obtaining in the Home - Four Technical girls went with
Miss Allen & Miss King to Miss Teller's wedding & waited at
the breakfast - Children sang recently at the band of 16 per
Maryry Nelson still at Marlowe Takehouse - belongs to the Blue
Cross (animal husbandry) Several children taken to
Dental Dept - at Hospital - Mr. Sellick & Miss Wells
have helped with the sewing -
Visiting committee for this month - W. Pratt & Dr. Cock -
[redacted] confirmed Sept 9th 1941
By Dr. Pratt

South Island Methodist Orphanage
Ladies' House Committee-

Sept 9, 1941

Present - The ordinary monthly mtg of the above Committee was held at the Home. Madam Es Bratt (in the chair) Burley, Cock, Richards, Opie & the Sec. with apologies from W^r Frater, Mrs Thornton & Miss Horrell. W^r Kershaw - Treas. to the board that the Corr. & consideration was given to the floor covering in the Vestibule - A cabinet preparation was finally decided upon - Then we went to view one of the two cubicles - recently decided up - to accomodate for a few days any old boy or girl - who might be in town - These are arranged as from a dormitory - on the boys & girls' sides respectively. W^r Kershaw assured the Corr. that the furnishings for the same will be donated by generous donors - W^r Bratt & the Sec. were authorised to buy requisite furniture - bedding etc. After after-tea - when we met Mrs Denry (casual helper) Miss Allen Miss Slivice - recently appointed on boys' side - the minutes of last mtg. were read & confirmed -

Report - Miss Barclay's report stated to be on the roll - 57 living in - [redacted] left Aug 12. He was here nearly 6 mths. Father very grateful. Two cousins here for 2 weeks during school vacation -

[redacted] writes regularly & cheerfully. Letters rec. from W^r Bedford (see Strathmore) & Mr Bedford - Marion said they would be willing to take any other girl from our Home to be trained at Strathmore

[redacted] report quite satisfactory - & while there is room for improvement - she is the life of the place & very happy; In company with another girl - she is to have Portnight's holiday on the coast - in Oct.

A flute has been presented to the Home - & Miss Barclay would like some of the girls to be taught music - decided to leave the matter in Miss Barclay's hands - to make best possible arrangements - teacher (lady) to come to the Home / a [redacted] brings her money regularly & usually stays for tea - nineteen children away for the holidays - On the whole health of the children has been good - though there have been odd cases of mumps - two boys in bed at present - It was agreed that more butter per week be given to the children Miss Allen very good in the kitchen - She is careful of food with the children no milk has needed to be bought this year - & there are still plenty of fresh parsnips in the garden - The Marketing Board has made a gift of 17 cases of apples - The Lichfield Shirt factory has made 100 grey shirts - at 3/7^½ each - cash - Six coats have been purchased for boys - & two for girls - These as can be arranged - W^r Oliver left for Hamilton Diocesan School on Sept 8. & Miss Slivice from Lytton - began duty on that date. at \$5/- for 1st 3 months - 30/- afterwards If she desires opportunity will be given her to attend Psychology class at Seacans House - W^r Denry relieved while Miss Barclay was home for 2 or 3 days - & has given additional days - Miss Hopwood visited the Home during the holidays. Miss Barclay has had correspondence with Miss Henderson - Committee would welcome her return to the staff - Staff holidays are coming due - Children's concert to be held next month - Various outings arranged for children during the holidays & Miss King & Miss Allen have taken some children to their relatives Results of Scripture Exam - in Junior - Intermediate & Senior grades given - Letter rec. from Miss Hope Ashwell reporting that owing to her mother's illness - she could not join our staff.

At the wish of the Staff rising bell now 6 a.m.

Mrs. Cook gave the report of her visit with Mrs. Pratt to the Home during the month - (Mrs. Opie & Mrs. Richards will take this month.) Everything found in good order. Window sills in bathroom need painting. Some new coir mats - for outside doors required -

Conferred October 14th 1941

R. F. Pratt.

South Island Methodist Orphanage
Ladies' House Committee -

Oct. 1941.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above Committee was held at the Home

Present. Mmes. Pratt (in the chair) Burley, Cook, Drake, Opie, Thornton Richards & Miss Horrell an apology from the Sec. so Mrs. Richards was asked to take the minutes.

The meeting opened with prayer then the minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed. Mrs. Sluice is doing well & is attending lectures at Deaconess House with Miss King. Mrs. Opie reported that the two visitors for the month found everything in good order in the House but perhaps a little more oversight over the boys' bathrooms might be managed. Pleased to see the keen interest taken in the sewing room to have all the girls fitted with fresh light frocks by Anniversary Sunday.

Report. Miss Barclay reported 62 children in the Home. 37 boys 25 girls all in good health.

[redacted] & her friend spent the first night of their holiday at the home [redacted] is happy & well & has gained a

good report of her years work.

The [redacted] boys have gone south & a letter of thanks from their father to the Matron & Staff for their care has been received.

Four children, 3 boys & one girl at the [redacted]

[redacted] Mrs Denny has helped 2 days also Mrs Kirk when there was sickness.

The children enjoy butter for breakfast now.

[redacted] has had hospital treatment for his eyes. [redacted] had to miss a few days school with a sprained foot.

Coats for 4 girls have been purchased. Sandals are needed for most of the boys. Ian who leaves at the end of the year is to have a new suit.

Mrs Birch from Marton is to come on the Staff & Miss Shearer to aimale would like to live in for a few days to form a better idea of the work.

A long list of gifts was read including an organ from Miss Ballantyne to whom we are most grateful.

Mrs Pratt was appointed to go with Miss Barclay to buy curtains & covers for matrons room Staff rooms & dens also a tallboy. The furniture bought for the two new rooms costing

\$20 for the girls & \$22 for the boys is something special & should give a warm welcome to any visiting boy or girl & let them know we are still interested in them.

Convened 11/11/41

W.H. Pratt

South Island Methodist Orphanage.

Ladies' Home Committee

Nov 11th The ordinary monthly meeting was held at the Home. Present Mesdames Pratt (in the chair) Bratton-Richards Spil & Mrs Horrell & the Rev. Apology from Mr Barclay.

Mrs Barclay reported that Miss Birch had arrived from Masterton that morn - & later the Com. had the pleasure of meeting here & were allowed afternoon tea - Miss Shearer of Waimate would like to live in for some weeks. Clem Harris' eyes are better but he is subject to bilious attacks - The Shropshire antlered by last night had been purchased by Mrs Pratt & Mrs Barclay. The first of a beautiful organ had been presented by Miss Ballantyne of New Brighton -

There have been admissions this month 62 in the 41-59 living in - [redacted] suggested that Mrs Fletcher had been kind enough to make her a frock [redacted] (12) had had 2 epileptic attacks - Mrs Gaudron had been with Mrs Barclay to visit Iris who is doing some artistic painting - No changes on the Staff - Mrs Denny had given 2 days a week earlier & recently gave one at gratis. Mrs Adams & her friend (Strathmore) had spent 2 nights at the Home. Children now attending Sunday School service.

from the Hall. Fletcher trust. bicycle purchased for
author for [REDACTED] - Wh. another girl uses protein - Their
music lessons will begin next year. Mrs Barclay & Mrs Allen
reported on the big stones. The two were at present being hardly large
enough - the agent who had been up to see them suggested one larger
one to be installed - compensation being allowed for one smaller one &
suggested to Street's anthracite coal be burned in them for best
results. The larger size is in use at the School for the Deaf - it is
hoped that Mr. Kershaw - Mrs. Barclay - Mr. Pratt & Mrs. Allen
will inspect the same - Our Committee recommends to the Board
that such an exchange be made. Fifty six children were
taken to the Industries' fair. tramway kindly giving special
car. Several small children went to W.C.T.U. Birthday Party. A
class's entertainment party - gave a display to our own & Pres.
children - Several children had taken part in anniversary &
Bank of Hope competitions.

Hornville Eggtrive provided 18 2 1/2 doz eggs & some butter
Lester. 11 doz = 74 eggs & 46 jars jam - It is hoped
that rhubarb be planted in orange & garden next year - The garden
has supplied silver beet - parsnips & potatoes - Hornville brought this
72. Eggs have been sent in from Lauriston - Willerby - Wakefield
Woodend - Loftus - Children always have fresh eggs once a week &
4 41 yds already preserved - It is suggested that an Ad. in
The Meth Times (Times Appeal) might bring good response in form
& toys clothes wh. are urgently needed -

Mrs Barclay thinks the training at Stratton would be good for
[REDACTED] though she is a difficult girl. Mrs

Parker & S. Butterland - experts - are giving valuable advice
- think the problems b/w Jr. [REDACTED] - May be racial.
S. Butterland suggests that they be given a certain amount of
responsibility -

Confirmed 9. 12. 41
Ruby J. Pratt

Meeting Ladies House Committee held Dec. 9. 1941.

Present:- Mrs. Dames Pratt (in chair) Drake, Clegg, Grie,
Thornton, Richards, Burley, Mrs. Harrell.
Apology. from Sister Mabel.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.
Letter read from Sister Mabel who owing to ill health
wishes to resign her position as Secretary and member
of the Committee. Resolved to grant her leave of
absence for three months. The acting Sec. to write
to his effect & to convey the sympathy of the Committee
members. — Mrs. O'Harrell appointed
acting secretary for three months.

The Nutrition Report: - 64 children on roll - 38 boys & 26 girls
living in. Two admissions: - [REDACTED]
aged 4 years - [REDACTED] aged 4.
Health of children generally good: - Two mild
cases German measles. [REDACTED] is lame

tonsils out - bed available in April.

[REDACTED] is in hospital under observation -

he has had skin trouble - [REDACTED] broke his arm -

[REDACTED] Father is reported missing in Egypt.
Mrs Bedford - Matron Strathcona - visited the home & met [REDACTED], word has since come to say [REDACTED] is accepted for training. This means rapid preparation of her clothes, for this, Mrs Barclay to get help if available. The children have enjoyed various outings especially the A.A picnic where the boys won the relay race cup again. During holidays it is not considered necessary to show visitors the whole building - The matron to use her discretion in this matter.

At the close of the meeting the donors of the new rooms were entertained at afternoon tea when Rev Drake - in the absence of the chairman - thanked them for their generous gifts. The rooms were then officially opened. Mrs Hight opening the one in the Boys' Block and Mrs W. Dunlop opening the one in the Girls' Block.

Cop. by Ruby J Pratt
date 10/3/42

Meeting Ladies Committee March 10 - 1942.

Present: - mesdames Pratt (chair) Drake, Cockepie, Richards & Miss Harrell, apology from [REDACTED] The meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of Dec. meeting read & confirmed (no meeting held in Jan or Feb.)

Miss Harrell consented to continue as acting Sec. Correspondence: - Letter from Sister Mabel Shanks committee for suggesting leave of absence but asks for her resignation to be accepted. Sec. instructed to write and accept it - she committee will welcome Sister Mabel at any meeting she feels well enough to attend.

Decided to recommend the following

Salaries: - Miss Wykes £2. Miss Hight 35/- & Miss Allam £2. These to take effect on April 1.

[REDACTED] Father was a prisoner of war and has since been liberated. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] discharged from hospital no trouble detected. No bed available in April for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to have tonsils removed. Matron reported: - 70 children on roll 39 boys & 26 girls living in. Nine children have left [REDACTED]

Several letters expressing gratitude have been received from these parents. Fifteen children have been admitted - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is acting head prefect at Technical. She relieved on the staff during vacation & was most helpful her influence is excellent.

[REDACTED] is still a problem. [REDACTED] will be 18 in April and still lacks of learning the art of cooking for cake kitchen, the question of board is one of concern to her. [REDACTED] have had good reports from "Stratheona" - they each have a bicycle purchased with trust money. [REDACTED] broke his wrist -

[REDACTED] broke one arm above the elbow the other at the wrist & one thumb slightly dislocated. Several children are learning music:- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] gained food marks in Public Service examination. Nine boys attended Boys Brigade & Y.M.C.A. Camps - good reports. Twenty three children were away for all or part

of the holidays all had good reports except [REDACTED] who was a disappointment. - Thanks to all kind friends Xmas passed off very happily. Two wardens have been appointed for the home. Their instructions re black-out and supplies are being carried out.

Staff:- Miss Shrike has left. Miss Burch has left to enter Deaconess House. Miss Trotter commenced duties Jan 12. Miss Southern Jan. 31. Miss Bear is on holiday and for several months now there will be one of the staff on holiday. Miss Denney gives valuable help when required. Miss Arrows has asked for her salary to be raised. Her work is most satisfactory. Miss King took charge in the absence of the Matron & Sub-Matron her work is splendid.

The new aga cooker has been installed. Many gifts - fruit, vegetables jam etc. have been received.

Confirmed:-

Date:- 14.4.42

Ruby F. Pratt

Meeting Ladies Committee April 14. 1942.

Present:- Madames Pratt (chair) Drake, Cock, Richards, Thornton, Apie, Allan, Sister Mabel & Sec.

The meeting opened with prayer. Minutes read & confirmed
Mrs Pratt welcomed Mrs Allan & Sister Mabel and
expressed sympathy with Mrs Cock in her recent bereavement.
Correspondence:- Letter received from Mrs Clark saying she could
not consider a permanent position on the staff
for health reasons. - Sec. to acknowledge letter.
The board has agreed to the recommended rises
in salaries.

Inquiries to be made with regard to

1. Office floor covering.

2. Surface of leather chairs in reception room.

If extra help is required the matron to see if Mrs
Denny is free to come. Permission granted for
purchase of slippers. Pillow cotton already purchased.

Matron reported:- 67 children on roll 38 boys 26 girls

living in. [REDACTED] is 18 and now manages

her own money etc. She will still come to the home
for tea or Saturday nights. During Easter she was
proud to be the first of the children to occupy a
cubicle. [REDACTED] is still at the home.

Admissions - 4.

[REDACTED] are in temporary
care we good girls & give no trouble. The three [REDACTED]

children have gone home, also [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the child welfare will keep
an eye on these children. Four boys attended B.C.
Camp at Amberley. Four girls & Miss King attended
B.C. Camp at Papanui T.C. The children had a picnic
to the Gardens on Easter Monday also one on Easter
Saturday at Amberley Park - this was the Band of
Hope picnic & sports - Papanui won the cup.
Injuries sustained by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have now mended. [REDACTED] hurt

her arm at camp & had to go to hospital three times.
Staff. Mrs Shaw has returned from holiday. Miss Wyles
is on holiday. Miss King has had two week of her
holidays and is going on to the boy side. Miss
Allan has had 1 week and some extra days.
Miss Beekingsall has relieved for two weeks.
Miss Lott leaves during this week. Mrs Denny
has been over to help again she has been a true
friend to the home.

The office floor need re-covering - the lino from
upstairs could possibly be used. The children
require slippers.

Visitors for the month:- Madames Pratt & Drake
Before the close of the meeting Mrs Pratt & Mrs Drake
referred to the long & valuable service rendered
by Sister Mabel as first matron of the Orphanage
and later as Secretary of the Ladies Committee.

Mrs Pratt asked Sister Mabel to accept a copy of "Amiel's Journal" translated by Mrs Humphrey Ward.

Confirmed:-

May 12th 1942

Ruby J. Pratt

Meeting Ladies House Committee

May 12 - 1942.

Present:- Mmes Pratt (chair) Drake, Cock, Thornton,
Opie, Allan + Secretary.

The meeting opened with prayer. Minutes read + confirmed.
The two visitors for the month (Mrs Pratt + Mrs Drake)
reported having found every thing in good order.
It was decided that Sister Mabel be asked to write
to Mrs Birch.

Permission granted for the purchase of more clothing
if necessary.

Admission reported :- 68 on roll - 39 boys + 25 girls living in.
Three admissions [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
have returned to their foster parents. The health
of the children is good. The wardens were satisfied
with the trial Black out. Arrangements for
Sugar ration Books are completed - the food controller
worked out the sugar allowance. Groups of children

have had several outings with the school - gardens
museum + factories. Thirteen attended Bond of
Hope Jubilee Parade at Husk church. Several
attended the Anzac Parade at Papamoa. Six girls
and Miss Sonhow attended the musical Society's
concert by invitation. There have been trips to
the Dental Department. Many gifts have been received.

Sister Mabel commenced duties April 23. She is giving
every satisfaction and appears to be interested.

Mrs Battle asked about a vacancy on the staff.
Her husband is overseas and she is anxious to do useful work.
Miss King to take charge on the boys' side.

Visitors for the month Mrs Cock + Mrs Thornton.
Miss Caygill (Sec. Clothing Committee) handed over the following amounts.

Cashmere £2. Surbiton St £3. Edgware Rd £2.8.4.
The following amounts to come later:- Addington £5.14.6.
East Belfast £3. Also promises from Woolston + Sydenham.

Confirmed

June 9th 1942 (R.J. Pratt)

Meeting held June 9. 1942.

Present:- Mmes Pratt (chair) Drake, Cock, Thornton,
Richards, the secretary. Apologies from Mmes Allan
+ Opie.

The meeting opened with prayer. Minutes read + confirmed.
The President reported that Sister Mabel had written

to Miss Birch.

There was no inspection of the home Mrs Thornton & Mrs Cock to inspect during this month.

The following resolution which was proposed by Mrs Cock and seconded by Mrs Drake was carried. "That this committee strongly disapproves of girls under the age of 21 years living in rooms without some supervision."

The Sec. was instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to Miss Porthill & Nurse Maude Assn. Staff to get in touch with Miss Robertson to see how soon she could begin duties.

Mrs Buttle to be offered a permanent position. Mrs Vining is in the kitchen, Miss King & Miss Allen have leave of absence. Miss Southern leaves at the end of this month. Mrs Denny has been relieving odd days.

metronidazole reported - 41 children on roll. 64 ~~boys~~ living in. 40 boys 27 girls.

[REDACTED] has gone home. [REDACTED] has commenced school. She could not have her tonsils removed owing to a temperature due possibly to diphtheria injections. [REDACTED] has been in hospital to have a boil opened. Several members of the staff and a number of the children have had very bad colds.

By invitation of the State Picture management the children saw "Dumbo". The girls were entertained at the Y.W.C.A. [REDACTED]

has been ill and was cared for by Dr Orchard and the nurse maude nursing assn. Dr Orchard found a young man in her room and he ~~had~~ reported the fact to the matron asking that the information be passed on to the Committee. Four [REDACTED] children have been admitted [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Their clothing was poor and required much mending and washing.

Confirmed 14/7/1942

Phyllis F. Pratt

Meeting held July 14. 1942.

Present:- Mrs Pratt (chair) Mrs Cock, Mrs Drake, Mrs Thornton, Mrs Epie, Mrs Barrell, + Secretary Apologies:- Mrs Richards, Mrs Allen.

The meeting opened with prayer

Minutes of last meeting read + confirmed:

The President welcomed Miss Barrell on the Committee.

Correspondence:- Secretary instructed to write to Miss Allen suggesting she try relieving duties for a month or six weeks before attempting to return to kitchen duties.

Visiting Ladies - Mrs Cock + Mrs Thornton - reported having found every thing in good order and very clean. Mrs Richards + Mrs Harrell to inspect this month.

The chairs in the reception room have been dressed with knotting. The office floor is not recovered yet.

matron reported:- by children 63 living in 38 boys 25 girls.
One boy admitted [REDACTED] 9 years.
Some have left the home [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] many of
the staff & children have had bad colds.
Two cases of ringworm now have their clearance.
There is one suspect which is being treated as a
definite case. [REDACTED] has returned
from hospital. [REDACTED] has had her
tonsils removed. The ration books have now
been obtained these will have to be produced
in the usual way for clothes house hold linen
etc. [REDACTED] passed a Home
nursing examination. Miss King & Miss Viney are
now attending a Home nursing class. Miss Viney
and five boys attend a class for resuscitation.
24 of the children sang in the junior choir from 3 to 4
on July 5th. Some of the girls were entertained by
the Y.W.C.A. 56 children were guests of the management
of the Theatre Royal to see "From the Manger to the
Cross." Mrs Pratt & Mrs Richard each
came & helped with mending. Miss Harrell helped
when we were short staffed. Several visitors
have been shown over the Home.

Staff. Miss Robertson is relieving on the girl's side and
is proving an efficient worker. Miss King has
returned to duty. Miss Denny occasionally comes

on Saturday afternoons & gives her services free.
[REDACTED] has left Mrs Fletcher's and is living
with her sister in rooms in Bealby Street.

Conformed Aug 11th 1944.
Ruth J. Pratt.

Meeting held August 11. 1942.

Present:- Mrs Pratt (Chair) Mrs Thornton, Mrs Allan & Sec.

Apologies:- Mrs Richards, Mrs Cock, Mrs Barrell, Mrs Epie.
The meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

Mrs Pratt was asked to discuss with Mr Drake
the effect of future staffing if this work be
declared "essential". Miss King - a trainee -
wishes to be appealed for. Arrangements have
been made for the purchase of 1 day serviettes
6 day tea towels, 3 day pillow slips coupons were
removed from the books for these. A request
has been sent in for sheeting on the Collective System.

The following salaries to be recommended:-
Miss Saunders 35/- Miss Robertson 30/-

The matron asked to communicate with Mrs Beckingale
re temporary position on Staff.

Visiting ladies:- Mrs Storrell reported having found
everything in good order especially the sanitary,
draws, lockers, broomcupboards etc. The
flowers in the vases were beautiful.

number
nation reported:- The roll remains at 63. [REDACTED] is well after having her tonsils out. Four children of one family have had ring worm & now have their clearance. Colds are still prevalent. One or two cases of mild chicken pox. [REDACTED] is attending special class at normal school [REDACTED] holds certificates for resuscitation. [REDACTED] travelled to Ch. Ch alone and stayed at the home for her holidays. She has improved & has lost some of her irresponsible ways. She is a grateful girl. Mrs Drake came and helped with the sewing. Four ladies from Addington have also helped with sewing. Mrs Williams (Rubby St Parsonage) has taken stocking away to darn.

Staff:- Miss Sean has had two weeks holiday. Miss Wykes is away now. Miss Wilcock leaves next week to go to a position at St Saviour's Girls' Home. Miss Allen hopes to be well enough to return in October.

Confirmed
Sept 8th 1942 M. J. Pratt.

Meeting held September 8. 1942.
Present Mrs Pratt (Chair) Mrs Drake - Mrs Barrell
Mrs Thornton - Mrs Allan - Mrs Epie + Secretary.
Apologies:- Mrs Richards - Mrs Cook.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.
After a further discussion as to the advisability of
declaring this work "essential" it was decided to
ask the board to consider the question. The
recommended salaries have been agreed to.
Mrs Beckinsale is unable to take a position
on the staff. Mrs Hopwood is returning
in response to a request from the nation. In
reference to the wish of the Child Welfare
Department six beds are being set aside for
children (casuals) whose mothers are ill
and fathers are on War Service. Mrs Buttell
& Miss Sing have had notices to report to the
authorities re "essential" service.

Visitors:- Mrs Epie & Mrs Allan. General appearance
good - speaking well for Miss Barclay & her
staff. The flowers were beautiful.

The nation reported:- 43 on roll. 69 living in. 44 boys
& 25 girls. Six boys have been admitted:-
[REDACTED] 6 yrs. [REDACTED] 4½ yrs.
[REDACTED] 8 yrs + 4½ yrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 12 yrs + 8 yrs. Two boys were in during the

holidays while their mother was ill. Fifteen children were away for the holidays & others were out for a few days. Those who stayed at home had a happy time making & flying kites and going for walks.

[REDACTED] was working at the Josephine Kitchen when she took measles and had to be home for ten days. Three more boys have gained certificates for reactivation. Among other gifts just has been sent from Friendsdale Ladies Guild. Several Donors have sent potatoes. Ladies from Durham St Guild & Wainoni Guild have been to help with the sewing.

Staff:- Mrs Wypes has returned from holidays. Mrs Buttell & Mrs King have been called to report to the authorities for essential service. As they wish to appeal Mrs Drake is accompanying them. Mrs Wilcox finished duties on August 18. Mrs Hopwood is returning to help for a time.

Confirmed
October 13th 1942

Ruby J. Pratt,

Meeting held Oct 13. 1942.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Present:- Mrs Pratt (Chair) ~~Mrs Drake~~, Mrs Barrell
Mrs Opie Secretary.

Apologies:- Mrs Allan, Mrs Drake, Mrs Thornton
Mrs Richards, Mrs Cock.

Minutes of last meeting read & approved.

The members of the board have decided not to do anything in the way of declaring this work "essential". It was decided that Mrs Hopwood would be payed £2. A circular letter has been sent to the Ladies Guilds of the various city circuits asking for help with the sewing and mending. In response to this request the queds are already making the necessary arrangements.

Visitors:- Mrs Pratt & Mrs Barrell reported having found everything very clean & in good order.

Visitors for next month:- Mrs Thornton & Mrs Cock.

Staff:- Mrs Wypes is still in Hospital. Mrs Buttell helps for 4 hrs a day. Mrs Hood comes 3 days a week to work in the sewing room. She charges 10/- a day (8 hrs). Mrs Allan returned to duty Oct 2nd. but has again not been well. The Dr ordered her to rest for 48 hr. If Mrs Allan is to have more sick leave it will be necessary for her to produce a Dr certificate before returning.

to her duties again. Mrs Denny has helped again.

The Matron reported:- Roll 74. 45 boys & 25 girls living in. One admission [redacted] aged 8 years. The health of children has been good generally. Four girls have had German measles. Two boys gave some anxiety but Dr Crocker assured us they would be all right after rest etc. The children are busy preparing items for Anniversary Sunday & concert. Band & slope has commenced and the children hope to enter for the competitions. Twenty ladies from Preston held a meeting here & afterwards saw over the home. Mr Walker (President of Conference) visited the home with Board members & he spoke to the children.

[redacted] to learn music if she wishes. Mr Martin comes Sundays afternoons to give the children instruction in musical appreciation.

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For 10th 1942.

Meeting held Nov. 10. 1942.

The meeting opened with prayer.

Present:- Mrs Pratt (in the chair) Mrs Thornton
Mrs Cock, Mrs Drake, Mrs Clegg, Mrs Allan & Sec.

Apologies:- Mrs Barrell & Mrs Richards.

Minutes of last meeting read & confirmed.

There was no inspection of the home hence ^{no} report.

Staff:- Miss Allan, owing to ill health asked for shorter hours of duty. Moved by Mrs Pratt & seconded by Mrs Allan: - "That Mrs Allan be asked to return to her usual hours as it is impossible to arrange for extra concessions." The Matron was asked to convey this resolution to Mrs Allan. Miss Wypes is out of hospital and is staying with her sister. Mrs Hood is still coming but wishes to be free soon to go to her regular customers. Miss Viney wishes to be free in December. Unfortunately a copy of the conditions pertaining to Mrs Viney's appointment on the staff was not sent to the Ladies House Committee. It is now found that these conditions have not been carried out in regard to her attendance at classes nor to her salary. The President undertook to see the General Secretary re the adjustment of salary. To avoid any misunderstanding in future it was moved

by Mrs Allan & seconded by Mrs Drake
& carried "that a copy of correspondence
relating to staff appointments be sent to
the Ladies House Committee."

It was decided to allow Miss Ellis to live
in for a month & during that time to
help ~~the~~ the children. Permission granted
for purchase of blankets & linen if
procurable.

Matron's report:- Roll number same as last month.
we have had an epidemic of measles 31 cases.
One of the boys had a temperature 105.6. Three
of the children had two kinds of measles one
following the other. The staff members were
very good to the children giving them every
care.

[REDACTED] who has been going
to Hospital Outpatients with eye trouble is now
better.

[REDACTED] has been taken to out-
patients in the small ambulance. His foot
has given trouble. Mrs Ellis from Temaru
came to see about a position on the Staff.
She has had infantile paralysis and has a
pension - She would like to work for
her keep. She has been in an office &
was anxious to do something in this work.
Mrs Allan asked for a whole day off and

has had two Tuesdays when Mrs Denny has
come over to take the kitchen [REDACTED] ^{miss Green} had some
days off but those balance the free days she
had already given. The sewing done by the
Guild ladies has been a real help. Mrs King
& 11 more boys have passed a resuscitation exam
[REDACTED] is learning music at her
own expense - Mr Willmer - her teacher - is
pleased with her progress. Mrs Martin
has given the children several singing lessons
since he brought his own choir. Paparua
Band of Hope the Temperance shield. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] gained good marks.
Unfortunately anniversary day was deferred
because of measles.

[REDACTED] came to Amherst
and had nests at the home. Horrellville,
Pangiora, Waipuke, Woodend, Sefton, Palmerley,
Ashburton & Willowley have sent in eggs.

3,446 are preserved for winter use.

Requirements:- Blankets Linen etc.

Correspondence:- Letters read from Matron & Secretary
of Strathcona re: mothers & their progress
confirmed.

Dec 8th 1942

D. J. Pratt.

Minutes of meeting of Ladies House Committee held at the Orphanage on Sunday 8th Dec. 1942. Present, Madames Opie, Barrell, Richards, Cock, Thornton Pratt and the Matron.

Apologies: Mrs. Drake and Mrs. Allard and Mrs. Horrell. The meeting was opened with prayer.

Mrs. Horrell tendered her resignation as secretary of the committee for health reasons. On the motion of Mrs. Barrell seconded by Mrs. Cock it was resolved that the resignation be accepted with regret and that a letter of sympathy and appreciation of her work be forwarded.

It was resolved to nominate Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. E. J. Dale for appointment as members of the house committee.

Letters were received from Durham Street & Sydenham Guilds expressing willingness to help with the sewing. The visiting committee reported everything in good order.

Staff matters were reported on by the Matron, who also reported to gifts of vegetables from the Women's Land Army. She reported 48 children in the Home and 2 at Strathcona. Six had been admitted. The health was good.

A suggestion was made to the effect that a very desirable addition would be a holiday house at the seaside or in the country.

It was resolved to communicate with country minister regarding holiday homes for the children.

The board was recommended to make a donation for acknowledgement of transport services to and from the hospital, to the St John Ambulance Association.

Read and confirmed.

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Date: — March 9th 1943 Chairman
R. J. Pratt.

118 Knowles Street,
St. Albans,
CHRISTCHURCH. N.I.

21st September, 1942.

GUILD ROSTER

By Information
Miss Horrell
Dear Mrs. —

You will be aware that in our Children's Home and charge at Vapourant 12 children are now under the care of the Matron and Matroning for this number of children we have recently overhauled our residential staff so that there are now 12 staff members.

Will you kindly bring these names before this Board or to your circuit representative body of the name of the Matron and Matroning for whom we have in mind the following:—

1. Mrs. E. J. Dale (Vapourant 33-34) 2. An older girl in a private home.

3. Mrs. C. G. Smith (Vapourant 33-34) 4. An older girl in a private home.

5. Mrs. M. A. Horrell (Vapourant 33-34) 6. An older girl in a private home.

Committee
Dec. 1942.
Mr. Thornton
Mrs. Horrell.

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Date: - March 9th 1943 Chairman
R.J. Pratt

118 Knowles Street,
St. Albans,
CHRISTCHURCH, N.I.

21st September, 1942.

GUILD ROSTER

Dear Mrs. —

You will be aware that in our Children's Home and
Orphanage at Papanui 70 children are in the care of our Church.
Mending and darning for this big family has become an acute problem
and seriously overtaxes our resident staff in these days of
labour shortage.

Will you kindly bring this matter before the Guild or
Guilds in your circuit and solicit the help of the women of the
Church? They will doubtless be anxious to share in meeting the
need and in rendering this bit of service for the children of God's
Kingdom.

The Matron and Staff would be grateful if our city Guilds
could undertake to help by sending two or three workers to the
Home on one or two days each week in the allocated month. The
most convenient days for the Orphanage itself are Tuesday, Wednesday
or Friday, either morning or afternoon. The following suggestions
are offered:-

OCTOBER:	Fitzgerald Avenue	MAY:	Riccarton
NOVEMBER:	Durham Street	JUNE:	Sydenham
DECEMBER & JANUARY:	Open	JULY:	Papanui
FEBRUARY:	Woolston	AUGUST:	St. Albans
MARCH:	Cambridge Terrace	SEPTEMBER:	Addington
APRIL:	Linwood		

Copies of this letter have been sent to Mesdames Allen,
Dudley, Sage, Larsen, Taylor, Whitfield, Hinton, Richards, Williams,
Dennis, Hailwood and Liversedge. Will you kindly ask your Guild
representatives to make their arrangements with the Matron, Miss
Barclay (Telephone 23-918). Two or more Guilds in a circuit may
arrange to share in this service.

Yours sincerely,

R.J. Pratt

President Ladies' House Committee.

Minutes of the meeting of the Ladies' House Committee held at the Orphanage on Tues March 9th 1943
Present Mrs Barrell, Drake, Opie, Thornton, Pratt and the Matron.

Apologies Mrs Cook, Allen, Richards.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Letters were received from Mrs Simpson and Mrs Dole. Both ladies regret that it is not possible to present them to join this committee.

Miss Lyth had been appointed sub-matron and commenced duty on Feb 1st and is proving very suitable.

Mrs Allen had commenced duty after being on holiday for 5 weeks & 5 days. Matron had part of her holiday during January. The older girls were very helpful in the Kitchen during Mrs Allen's absence.

There had been many gifts of fruit which had been made into jam. Some of the country friends have had sugar supplied so that they can make supplies of jam as usual.

The children had each received one shilling from the Rotary Club.

[REDACTED] got her matric and is continuing studies at the Drama Technical School.

There are now 15 children attending Secondary Schools.

Miss Martin of Sydenham had given several days work at the Home and had helped with the jam making.

A gift of hair brushes from Benting Bros was much appreciated.

Mrs Hodder be asked to come on this committee. Visits [REDACTED]

Mrs Barrell & Opie. Health of the children good.

Confirmed April 13th 1943. R.J. Pratt.

Minutes of the meeting of the Ladies' House Committee held at the Orphanage on Tues April 13th 1943.

Present: Mrsdames Pratt, Opie, Allen, Barrell, Cook, Hodder & Drake.

Mrs Pratt presided and Mrs Allen offered Prayer.

The President cordially welcomed Mrs Hodder as a new member.

Decided to continue the meetings on the 2nd Tuesday as being the most suitable. A letter was read from Miss King in reply to one sent by the President expressing the sympathy of the committee in the death of her brother on active service. The monthly visitors reported all in good order with the exception of the plaster in the Kitchen & Scutry and recommend the board to have it removed. Miss Barclay stated that Miss Lyth the sub-matron is proving a great help to her. Miss Barclay recommended that consideration of a relieving staff member. The committee It was decided to advertise in the Methodist Lines.

The chairs are still staining and it was ascertained that they could be recovered with real leather for 12/- a chair.

Mrs Barrell proposed & Mrs Opie seconded it that it be done.

It was regretted that the younger children lost several weeks of schooling through the Infantile P. epidemic and isolation through scarlet fever but the staff entertained them and they found amusement for themselves in various ways. Report from Strathcona. [REDACTED] failed to pass her exams but is giving satisfaction in her work.

Matron had received from Mrs Doak, who employs [REDACTED] a very disappointing report concerning her work and behaviour.

Miss Barclay reported that the Bruce Woollen Boy had given 12 jerseys, 8 singlets and 21 pieces of small wear all slightly damaged.

Five girls and eight boys going to the Easter Camps.

[REDACTED] is doing well at the Main Technical School and is learning the violin.

Six other children are learning music and getting on well.

Mrs Pratt & Mr Bock will see about getting a Colonial couch for the Central Staff room.

A laundress has been engaged to come two days a week during while Miss Kean is on holiday.

Mrs Allen and Pratt to do the visiting for next month.

Read and confirmed
May 11th 1943. R. J. Pratt.

May 11th
1943

Padre's Home Committee

The ordinary monthly meeting was held at the Home on the above date. Present:- Messieurs Pratt (in the chair) Grote, Barrell, Hodder, Taylor & Drake. Apologies from: Messieurs Leslie Allen & Thoroton. The President opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of previous mtg. read and approved.

Attention was drawn to the absence of reference in the minutes that a letter had been sent to the Bruce Woollen Corp. acknowledging their generous gift.

Miss Barclay set our minds at ease by saying she had sent two chairs:- These all been recovered with leather that is guaranteed not to "stick".

The couch purchased is highly approved, and will add to the comfort of the staff.

Vacancy:- No one has yet been found to take the place of Miss Robertson who has been "called up" by the War Cover Board.

In view of the fact that the vacancy caused by Miss Robertson's departure may not be filled by the time she is due to leave Mr Barrell moved that Cock be wounded

that the Open Power Board be approached to direct the release of some one to take the place Salaries:- It was thought that the difficulty of obtaining suitable help for the Home might be owing to the large salaries being offered in other forms of employment.

Our Draft moved that Barrell seconded that a review of the salaries be conducted Clothing was dealt with, Miss Baugill, treasurer fund. Sent an apology for absence through indisposition. She stated that she had in hand £13. 16. 0 Received from Edgeware Rd £3. 2. 9 per. Mrs Dyer, and from Addington per Mr Gainsford £5. 0. 0 making a total of £21. 18. 9

Miss Barclay was asked to interview Shirley Gibson who is at present assisting in the Fresh Air Home re: coming on to the York Side of the Home.

Report Miss Barclay reported eighty children in the care of the Home & living in during the month two boys admitted [redacted] ages 3 and 5

Health:- [redacted] is back in the Home after 12 weeks in Hospital [redacted] is suffering from has been discharged from the Army [redacted] classed in Grade 3

[redacted] is suffering from trench mouth, to obtain from a wise & useful talk to the children which if heeded, should be of great benefit. Miss May has returned from her holidays. Miss Bevan is now on her. Appeal made for clothing in the U.T. received a satisfactory response; suggested that further appeal be made. Rev. Williams, an old boy of the Home who is now married in the Air Force, returned the clothes in which he left. Twelve blankets were purchased from Gillars at 18/- shillings each. Gifts include a gramophone from Mr & Mrs Sealy, Addington, and a Radio from Mr. Jamison, Wellington also a parcel from Mr Taylor, Marlborough Road. Our le. Taylor (wife of the Chaplain to the Home, who succeeds the Rev. J. Richards) made her first appearance at the Committee. We welcome her and feel assured that Mr and Mrs. Taylor will be an acquisition to the Home.

Camps. Eight boys attended the Easter B. C. Camp held at Amberly. Two made the great decision. Five girls attended the Camp held at New Brighton. The five decided to take Christ as their Leader & Lord.

Visitors: Mr Stoddart & Mr Drake were appointed visitors for the next month.

We regret to record the death of Mr Seed one of the oldest and most highly esteemed members of the House Committee. Mr Seed was much interested in all the children. There was not anything concerning the welfare of any that was not asked to be considered.

Mr Seed was also a member of the Grounds Committee where his advice was always sought & valued.

A motion of sympathy was passed with the relatives - Motion Standing.

Mr Barclay moved that Mr Pratt seconded that a letter of sympathy be sent to the relatives - This was carried.

Spouse R. J. Pratt.

Date 8/6/43

Juneth Ladies' House Committee
1943.

The ordinary monthly meeting of the above Committee was held at the Home.

Present - Mrs Edmams - Pratt (in the Chair) Cook, Thornton, Barrell, Grie, Stoddart, Taylor & Drake
Apologies for absence from Mr Allen.

The President opened the meeting with prayer.
Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Mrs Barclay reported 80 children living in 29 girls and 51 boys. Two children admitted Name [REDACTED] ages 8 and 4 years.

Health of Children on the whole good with the exception of 3 with chicken pox one with ringworm, and several boys receiving dental treatment.

Mrs Robertson remains until Shirley School comes in time. Mrs Simmonds commenced duties 21st May. Mrs Collier takes charge of Girls side. Miss Simmonds, B.S.

Mrs King will act as relief and assist and The Chair Person complains that the washing machine is too small to cope with the larger washing through the increase in the number of children and that the drying and airing of space is not sufficient in the Winter time when the clothes take so much longer to dry.

ver Marsh

Mr. Barclay suggested writing to Mr. Sullivan (Minister of Supply) re: claiming wool, also a further supply of blankets.

Gifts. Six cases of Sam received abt 4 pairs of woolen mittens, suitable for the very young children

Cord. P. J. Pratt

Ms. House Committee held July 22, 1943

date

The ordinary monthly mtg held at the House on a date
being unavoidable postponed from due date, July 13th.

Present.— Mrs. Pratt (in the chair) Cook, Barrell,
Allen, Hodder & Drake

Apologetics recd. from Mr. Thornton & Mr. Taylor

The minutes of last mtg read & confirmed

A letter received from Mrs. Barrell stating that she hoped soon to be able to take up some of her duties but Tuesday was not a convenient day as there was no bus running so it was decided to try first Friday in month instead of second Tuesday

The matter of a new washing machine was brought before the Board, and placed in the hands of Mr. Plankaw, property steward.

Mr. Pratt proposed Mr. Drake seconded that Mr. [unclear] (whom Mr. Thornton had approached) become a member of the House Committee on the mouth of Aug. Overdams Barrell and Allen.

Business.— The question of staff hours and salaries was long discussed, but no satisfactory arrangement was arrived at. The matter to be further considered.

Mrs. Robertson who was called up by the Canadian Power Board, relinquished her duties at the House June 29th. Mrs. Gibson who took her place on the Quibbs side is giving satisfaction.

Mrs. Barrell reported 96 children on the roll, 48 boys & 28 girls.

Health.— 8 cases of chicken pox, 1 whooping cough, 2 diphtheria, 2 whooping cough.

4. Some girls

Rev. G. Taylor (chaplain of the House) has started a sum in the numerator for the senior girls, and Francis [unclear] some of the boys & girls for their scripture examination.

The Minister of Supply notified Mr. Barclay that wool for claiming would be released.

Blankets have been secured from the Bruce woolen Corp. 24/- each.

Gifts. A further generous response has been made to

the appeal in the M. I. for clothing which
Miss Waters and Miss Stevenson have
converted into suitable garments for the
children.

[REDACTED] has returned
to Strathcona. Miss Reavis has taken up
duties after her holidays.

Frances
Sibb
Mrs Sallie Senior made a gift of some fine
gramophone records to the Home which are
much appreciated

Signed. R. J. Pratt
Date 6/8/43

Edi Home Committee 1943

The ordinary monthly mtg. of the Edi H. C.
was held at the Home on Aug 6th.

Presents - Mrs. Frances Pratt (in the chair) Miss Barrell,
Vice-Chair, Mr. Marsh, Mrs. Herrell & Mr. Drake
Apologies for absence - Mr. G. J. Thornton
The President opened with prayer and
expressed pleasure at seeing Mrs. Herrell
amongst us and wished for her a complete
recovery to health.

The President was pleased to welcome Mr.
Marsh as a new member of the H. C.

Minutes of previous mtg read & confirmed.

The first Friday was decided upon as a
suitable day to hold the mtgs.

The matter of staff hours & salaries was further
discussed & an increase & adjustment of salaries
was agreed upon. Mr. Pratt & Miss Barclay to con-
fer with Staff.

On my last due for her first term holidays decided
that she be granted two extra days for travelling

Miss Barclay reported 4 children 4½, boy,
2½, girl & 2 dormitories. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] just returned from The
Ovalde Camp at the Twelth Field to enter
the Home in 1914. He was then 3 yrs. old.
Health. Most of the children have got rid of their
cold. The argare. [REDACTED] her shopping outfit.
Miss Allin unfortunately cut her hand badly
which required several stitches at Hospital

Visitors for the month reported all was
well with the exception of some ^{bad} patching up
of plaster in kitchen, bathroom, and end
of boys dormitory

Signed. R. J. Pratt
Date Sept 3rd 1943

~~Sept 3rd~~
1943

Sch. House Committee Meth. Home

The ordinary monthly mtg. of the above was held at the Home on Friday, Sep. 2nd.

Present: Mesdames Pratt (in the chair) Alice C. Taylor, Addie Thompson, Martha Cook, Mrs Horrell & Mr Drake.

The mtg. was opened with prayer.

Apology for absence from Mr Barrell.

Minutes of last mtg. read & confirmed.

Business That of hours & salaries of staff dealt with. The Mesdames M. Pratt stated that they had interviewed the staff & considered that for all concerned, the most satisfactory arrangement had been arrived at. Members of the staff who remained on night duty to have three hours off in the afternoon. Miss Cookes, (sewage) when the am laundry to have alternate fund up from 11 o'clock on Saty. after. Other members of the staff to have a weekend once a month from 1-3 P.M. Only those worked in the strong rooms & accordingly were those worked in the other Home.

Presby. 45

Anglican 43.

Meth. 69.

Marion reported 75 children living in 48 boys, 27 girls. Thru children admitted from Sept 1st to 11, 9 + 4

Students - 23 children on holiday. The others had daily enjoyable outings.

Appd. Children helped splendidly with this effort and did well in their scripture examinations. Health of children good. A club has been formed in the church for girls between the ages of 12 + 16. Henry Jones, an old boy of the Home recently returned from the Middle East has paid two visits to the Home. Children sang at B. & H.

Sanctuary who has been discharged from

the Army on a pension on account of poor health has assisted the Home by making

of Miss Barclay,

Miss Barclay expressed concern regarding some of the older boys & girls who have are not in the care of the Home and for whom the Home holds no legal responsibility, but who may be in danger of drifting from the worthless things of life to the less worthwhile.

Miss Barclay wondered if the Committee could suggest anything that might arrest this trend. Members of home sympathetic & desirous of and helping in any scheme put before them.

Mr Allen moved that a house party be held at the Exchange on Nov. 19th to which the elder boys & girls be invited and which might lead to the inauguration of some scheme.

While an effort on cigar stores came with Mr Sheregan from Wellington & gave some helpful hints on management. The visitors appointed for August reported finding all satisfactory.

Visitors for Sept. Mr Thornton & Mr Horrell

London

October 1st p.m.
of 1943

Oct 1st.
1943

Ladies Home Committee.

The ordinary monthly mtg of the above was held at the Home.

Present - Mrs James Craft (in chair) Miss Hodder, Thornton, Marsh, Mrs Horrell, Mrs Aholocis, Mr Allin & Mr Cook.

Minutes of last mtg. read & confirmed

President opened with prayer

All present felt under a cloud by the loss the Home has sustained by the death of one of its most highly esteemed helpers.

We refer to the passing of Mr. Fershaw. It is not for us to speak of his excellent character beyond saying that the staff & children had no better friend & they will feel sorely bereft for some time. Letter to be sent to Mr. Fershaw The President moved a resolution of sympathy with Mr. Fershaw, members standing ^{not} Health. of children good. [redacted] operated on for tonsilitis. Has to wait until April, next. [redacted] have gone back to their Father.

Different children sang at church concert, secured first place

The ladies of inspection for the month presented a very good report. Kitchen & Pantry greatly improved by painting. Visitors performed Mrs James Hodder & Taylor.

Slotting & a varied gift received from many friends

The coming party was discussed. Mr. Cook generously offered to take the responsibility of the programme.

Concert
date 7.11.43

Nov. 5th Ladies House Committee
1943.

The monthly mtg. of the ladies House Committee was held at the Home on Friday, Nov. 5th.

Present: Mrs. Davies Pratt (in the chair)
Miss Taylor, Hodder Marsh, Thornton, Barrell
Brake & Mrs. Horrell

The President opened the mtg. with prayer
apologising for absence from Oct. 26th
Minutes of previous mtg. read & confirmed
Business: No applications had been received
in response to ads. which appeared in the
Ch. Ch. "Press" and "Sun Star" for a
Laundress. This is causing the matron
& committee some concern as Miss Klein
(the present laundress) is due to leave after
18½ years splendid service.

It was moved & seconded that further ads.
be placed in the leading Daily Papers
of the chief Towns in N. Y.

A good report of inspection was presented
by the visitors for the month, Mrs. Davies
Taylor & Hodder.

Parties further discussed final arrangements
made for Nov. 19th.

Administrative
Adm. two girls.

matron 95 children in the Home 46 Boys, 29 girls
report Health of children on the whole, good.

[REDACTED] fell & hurt her arm
Thirteen of the girls have joined the 4th Brigade
Standard V1 boys on Parent's day attended
with Mr. Barclay a display of work at
Technical School.

[REDACTED] who works at "Strathcona"
returned to Ch. Ch. with [REDACTED]
She is now under the Child welfare care,
and is employed in the Convalescent Home
Castlemere Hill

Bouf. B. J. Pratt
date 3/12/43.

Ladies House Committee Dec. 3rd 1943

The ordinary monthly mtg. of the Ch. Home Com.
was held at the Home on the above date.

Present: Mrs. Davies Pratt (in the chair) Hodder Grie
Marsh Thornton, Barrell Brake & Mrs. Horrell
Apologies: Mrs. Davies Allen, Gocket Taylor.
The President opened with prayer.

The party arranged for the ex. girl boys of
the Home was held on Nov. 19th & was very much
enjoyed by all even the performers themselves.
The thanks of the Com. are due to Mr. Marsh

Minutes of previous
mtg. read & confirmed

excellent

who was responsible for the programme provided by the crippled children association. Miss Reay has now left the Home, and her place in the Laundry is difficult to fill. Advertisements were placed in the local and all leading newspapers of the town with but without response.

[REDACTED] + [REDACTED] Two big strong girls are being retained (with the Headmaster's permission) from school to help in the Laundry on Washday each. Miss Palmer has given, upon two occasions good voluntary help with the ironing.

It was decided that Miss Reay's devoted service be placed on record. Miss Reay served the home for a long term 1 ½ years and her place will be difficult to fill but it was not only what she did but what she ~~was~~ that made her of such a value to the Home.

Report. Mrs. Barclay reported 47 children living + 44 boys, + 36 girls. Two admissions.

Glenis Crutch age 4. John 2 $\frac{3}{4}$.
Health: of children on the whole good with the exception of [REDACTED] who has whooping cough and [REDACTED] who was hit on the head with a cricket ball which caused slight concussion. [REDACTED] his removal to Hospital. The boy is doing well.

Outing. The Club girls went for a picnic to Corsair Bay. Fifty five members of the "Band of Hope" accompanied by some of the Staff went for a twilight hike to Cashmere Hills.

On Sat. Mr. D. Sullivan & Miss Burnett had a Inspector's visit to the Home, prior to a conference of Social workers when the care of the child shall receive due prominence.

[REDACTED] a boy attending Teruna School is causing concern owing to tendencies to dishonesty, evidently through mental weakness.

The [REDACTED] children have had extra attention regarding cleanliness & are now able to take their place with other children.

Conf'd. 4.2.44

Date. Ruby J Pratt

The following minute was omitted from the report of the previous Dec 3rd 1943

"It was decided to let the Board know that it would be a great help if the Cribbage gift Sunday in the Churches was held on the last Sunday in Nov so as to enable the gifts to arrive in time for an earlier party than Christmas Day.

Ladies Home Committee

The first mtg. of 8/1/44 was held at the Home on 7/6/44.

The President opened the mtg. with prayer.
Present: Mrs. Adams Pratt (in the chair) Taylor,
Opie, Mrs. & Mr. Querec, Thompson, Barrell,
Lock, Drake, Miss Norrell, Miss Barclay

W^t Pratt welcomed a new
member, Mr. Querec who goes from the
S. band & will be useful to the home if
not laid hold of by the Human Power Board

Reports:- There is no annual inspection report for
January as no visitors are appromised for
that month. Mrs. Adams Pratt + ~~Miss~~
~~Allen~~
Spurred for Dept.

Matrons:- Miss Barrell reported 74 children in
the Home. 44 boys, 30 Girls. Health of
children good. Five of the elder boys
travelled to Hebron by Service car
to help with the harvest & fruit picking.
The people of the District were kindly
interested in the boys who enjoyed their
time off to the full. Those remaining
at home had quite a happy time.

Handful meals on the lawn, spending
as much time as possible out of doors

They had a Xmas party. Mr. Dale of Parsons
acted as Father Christmas, driving up in a
decorated motor car.

As the Home was not so full, some of the staff
took part of their holidays. The returning
staff is working well.

[REDACTED] a problem boy, who has been
mentioned before, is feared to be suffering from
some mental weakness. His case is being
considered. [REDACTED] another boy who
is not up to average mentality for his age
is recommended to attend the South
Intermediate School.

We all very much regret the
sudden death of Miss Jessie Palmer,
who took much pleasure in giving voluntary
service to the Home as Miss Barclay
put it in her report. "We shall miss her
help & bright friendliness."

Sympathy was expressed with
Mr. Opie who had recently received news
of the death of a near relative in England.

[REDACTED] + [REDACTED]
who are of school leaving age, are to be
employed in the laundry
[REDACTED] to take up house & garden
work + [REDACTED]

Reference was made to [REDACTED] bright career at the Pasadena College. Not only did she do well as a scholar but had the distinction of gaining the Gold medal for being the most helpful girl in the school, thus bringing honour to the Home.

[REDACTED] now holds a position with Glanville Mr. Dale, Chemist & druggist. His sympathies are expressed with us [REDACTED] a member of the Home, who had recently received news of the death of a near relative in Ceylon.

Coufd. R. J. Pratt
Date 3.2.44.

Meeting of Ladies' Home Committee - March 3.44

Present: Madames Allen, Barrell, Cock, Hodder, Marsh, Opie, Pratt (presiding) Quee, Taylor, Thornton, and Misses Barclay and Horrell.

An apology was received from Mrs. Drake.

The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Pratt, and the minutes were read and confirmed.

Visiting Committee: Mrs. Allen unable to come early, so Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Opie reported everything as very satisfactory. Madames Quee & Taylor to visit next month.

Missions Report: [REDACTED] is showing some improvement. [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] are doing satisfactory work in the laundry, and Mrs. Denny is helping with the ironing. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are to go to Technical classes, as paying pupils at 15/- per yr. each. The girls' winter feltts need reblocking, and this was recommended to be attended to.

The Beadle sewing machine used by the staff for patching etc. is worn out. It was resolved to run an appeal in the Nethl. Times for another.

Five girls have joined the Church choir, and have already assisted with a special item for Harvest Festival Sunday.

[REDACTED] suffers from a weak ankle, which is likely to be a drawback to her if she takes up nursing. If necessary she should have treatment.

from the bone specialist Dr. Ch. Ch. Hospitalé.

[REDACTED] has been suffering from a month's infection, but is well again.

[REDACTED] has been for three weeks in hospital with an abscess in the nose.

There have been several visitors during the month.

[REDACTED] attends night classes at Technical College.

[REDACTED] has not been well, and would

like to leave her employment & come to the City. It was recommended that she finish out her two years' contract.

The laundry which is being released for the Home is of poor quality.

A list of gifts was read, including a large number of Bakelite dishes from Wilkins.

After some discussion, it was decided that meetings continue to be held at the Home & that the Committee endeavour to make further contact with both staff & children.

It was decided that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr. McBride and the rest of the staff of Papamai Technical College for their interest in our children.

The Committee also wished to tender their thanks to the staff for their loyal service.

The next meeting will be held on March 31.

Confirmed H. J. Pratt
3/3/44

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE.

REPORT OF LADIES' HOUSE COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 8th 1943.

The Committee has met each month at the Home. Two members have inspected the premises and on each occasion have found everything in satisfactory order. The kitchen and pantry have been much improved by a coat of paint.

For November 19th a party was arranged for boys and girls who have passed through the Home. Only six were able to attend but many many other old boys and girls wrote expressing the hope that such a function might be made an annual event. A happy evening was spent. The Crippled Girls' Club provided a good programme and the Ladies' Committee provided supper.

After a devoted service of 13½ years Miss Kean has left the Home. So far it has not been possible to fill her place. As a temporary measure a woman has been engaged for three days each week to do the washing.

Valuable assistance has resulted from paragraphs in the "Methodist Times" and readers have responded with gifts of clothing, cutlery and china. There is need for further gifts. People gladly respond when they are told of the needs which should more often be made public.

On the suggestion of the Matron the Committee recommends that in future Christmas Gift Sunday be held in the Churches in November. Gifts would then arrive in time to hold the party before Christmas Day when some of the children are away and when ladies of the Committee find it difficult to be away from their own family circle. In recent years gifts from some Churches for Christmas have not reached the Home until well on in January. By planning and foresight a better result could be secured.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE

PAPANUI, CHRISTCHURCH.

To the Secretary and Members of the Ladies' Guild

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CHRISTCHURCH.

Dear Friends,

The Ladies' House Committee of our Home at practical assistance given by members of a number of the Guilds in and around the city by periodically visiting the Home to help with the mending of the children's clothes. The spirit in which this help has been rendered has enhanced its value and closer acquaintance with the work of the Home deepened the interest of many Guild members in the service our Church is rendering in this Christlike sphere of action.

Our Committee wants to widen the range of interest still further and is asking if your Guild will be willing to co-operate with others in holding a combined Guild sale and Garden Party in the Orphanage grounds on some Saturday early in the Spring.

Amongst our many objectives is the procuring of curtains and extras to brighten and make more home-like a number of the rooms. With such ends in view your Guild could possibly arrange for one of its meetings to be an Orphanage Gift Day when any saleable article could be brought.

Will you kindly consider the matter and report the decision of your Guild as early as possible to our Secretary, whose address appears at foot hereof.

On behalf of the Ladies' House Committee,

Ruby J. Pratt President
Theima Queree Secretary

152 Weston Road,
St. Albans,
CHRISTCHURCH. N.I.

5th April, 1944

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE, PAPANUI.

REPORT OF LADIES' HOUSE COMMITTEE.

15th March 1944.

Two meetings of the Committee have been held since the New Year. Mrs Queree has been welcomed as a new member. The Visiting Committee has recorded its pleasure at the cleanliness and good order of the Home. With very few exceptions the health of the children has been very good. [REDACTED] ankle may need attention.

The Principal and staff of the Papanui Technical School take a keen interest in our children and show genuine concern for their individual welfare. The Committee requests that a suitable letter of appreciation be sent to the Principal from the Board.

The Committee would be glad to hear of anyone who can supply a steel trunk for the secure storing of woollen goods. Another much-needed piece of equipment is a sewing machine for the use of the staff for patching. The one hitherto in use is worn beyond repair. Perhaps an appeal in the columns of the "Methodist Times" ^{would} evoke a response from some of our people who possess ~~and~~ be willing to pass on these articles for the welfare of the Home.

It is the intention of the Committee to entertain the members of the Home staff at afternoon tea at its next meeting in order to make more intimate contact and thus get to know them better.

The Home has lost a very useful and willing voluntary helper by the sudden death of Miss F. Palmer.

Of the children special mention may be made of the following:-

1. [REDACTED] seems unsettled in her present position and is anxious to come to the city. The Committee feels that it is in her best interests that she should remain under the care of Strathcona for the full period.
2. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have left school and are helping in the Home laundry. Arrangements have been made for them to continue afternoon classes in cooking and dressmaking at the Papanui Technical School
3. [REDACTED] was recommended for a bursary but to her and our disappointment it was unfortunately not awarded.
4. The progress of some of the boys and girls in their school work is very commendable and gratifying. [REDACTED] won distinction in her studies and was also awarded the gold medal for being the most helpful girl in the Technical School.

The Committee wishes to pay tribute to the excellent work of the Matron, Sub-matron and staff members.