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South Island Methodist Children's Home
Ladies House Committee
Minute Book

April 1961 - March 1965

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. April 12, those present being Miss Hennell and Deirdre Mrs. Bill, Black, Bligh, Garfield, Hodder, Matthews, Pratt & Scott. Mrs. Bill was welcomed as a new member. Apologies were received from Ladies McNaish & Newton.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The buying committee reported that they had bought: linoleum for the boys' sitting room, small girls' sitting room, and two staff rooms, at a cost of £2.00; curtains for the office, sitting room & boys' & girls' sitting rooms, & curtains & bedspreads for the Garage boys' dormitory; two three-horn office chairs & three easy chairs for the office, and fireside chair for the reception room.

Motion was made to number members at 60, with general health good with the exception of a few score others.

The [redacted] were both re-elected and will probably掌管 their class.

children back. The [REDACTED] children [REDACTED] children are also expected to go.

[REDACTED] is still at the home, and may take up a new position. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] seems more settled. [REDACTED]

settled, but [REDACTED] is not too happy.

Three girls + three boys attended Easter camp; Miss Rand drove over to Leigh, and Mr. Scott was C.O.; Mr. Kripava.

Trips in school parties to Wellington. The Home picnic on 3rd March, paid for by Masonic Charities, was held at Wellington, with a cruise round the harbour, a ship's tour for the older ones and swings, games etc. for the little ones, an afternoon at the Wellington Cinema, then home to a special tea with biscuits.

The children + staff were all invited to "Carousal" + enjoyed the show.

Staff. Our staff are well, but in spite of fluctuations in all directions, there are still two vacancies. Miss Briggs was entertained at a children's swing before leaving.

Mrs. Scott + Mr. Kripava have painted the small boys' playroom. A friend has sent in a chesterfield suite + couch + a dining room suite, which have been put in the blocks and make the rooms much more home-like.

About 25 children are learning Scripture for the Sunday School exams under the tuition of Sister Rona, Miss Rand + Mrs. Scott.

The furnace has been fixed up after some mortals' work, and seems to be satisfactory.

The staff are very busy with getting winter clothes + holiday outfit ready.

Two matresses for staff rooms are to be obtained from a local factory, and Mrs. Scott was authorised to buy new table cloths.

In view of the staff shortage, the committee decided to arrange for church women to come and mend on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

There have been 32 Harvest Festivals now in, as well as used clothing, slippers, furniture, food, soap powder & flour, wheat, to the value of £51-12-6.

Total of gifts for the year amounted to £91-2-6 for food, £121-11-6 for clothing, £28 for wheat & £10 for furniture, £50-14-0 in all.

Afternoon tea was served and the Benediction pronounced.

B. S. Hodder

Rev. Sney.

J. J. Matthews
10/5/61.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. May 10, those present being Desdaunes Bell, Black, Blight, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews, Newton, Pratt, Scott & Miss Horrell. An apology was received from Mrs. Relphish. The minutes were read & confirmed.

Mation's Report: There are 60 children in the Home, and general health is good. All have been able to go away for the holidays.

[REDACTED] are to go to live with their mother, who has remarried [REDACTED] will also be returning to their home as soon as their mother is well enough.

[REDACTED] likes her new job at [REDACTED], and is to board with Mrs. Newton. [REDACTED] has gone to Auckland to work. [REDACTED] has left school & is looking for a job, and [REDACTED] wants to change his job. [REDACTED] wishes to come back to London and work with the Ministry of Works. The girls & boys who went

To Foster camp attended the after-camp rallies, & also a social at the church, & the girls a film evening.

Staff: All are well, but tired. Miss Kerr & Miss Drew start holidays for a short spell, & Miss Horrell has a friend to stay. Sister Rosa & Mr. Scott are both away in Auckland. Mrs. Dewey has been engaged for 6 hrs. a day, Monday to Friday, to do cleaning & pressing in the blocks & relieve the staff.

Miss Brigg's wedding was much enjoyed by the staff: the House Committee sewed a tea gown, and the Board is to be asked about a present for her.

Red paths have laid the lino in four rooms, and with new curtains and painting these rooms look much more homelike. They were inspected by the Committee.

Mending done by Guild women has been a great help.

Two new mattresses have been bought &

are very comfortable. A heater is needed for the staff room and a tall boy for one of the staff bedrooms; Miss Horrell & ~~Miss~~ Newton agreed to buy these.

Some floor rugs are still needed, & Mrs. Scott was authorised to get these, and three oven trays for the Aga stoves.

A bedding salesman has inspected the beds, and 12 to 18 beds need the frames and wires repaired or replaced while 12 need new wires. As the cost of new wooden beds is very little more than for repairs, we recommend to the Board that one dormitory in each block be replaced with new beds.

Gifts include clothing, cakes, tricycle, books & patterns, toys, aprons, wheat & apples. Cash value was £14-13-0, in addition to £3 donation from Papanui Buffaloes to buy hockey sticks.

The Benediction was pronounced & afternoon tea served.

P. I. Hodder, Hon. Sec. J. G. Matthews
14/6/61.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. June 14th. Those present being Madames Matthews (in chair) Bell, Blight, Garforth, Newton, Pratt, Corbett, McHugh and Scott.

Apologies were received from Madames Hadder and Black & Miss Howell.

The Committee stood in silence in respect to two former Matrons, Mrs. Hayes and Miss Barclay, who have passed to higher service since our last meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A heater for the Staff sitting room and a tallboy had been purchased.

A cup, saucer and plate were presented to Mrs. Briggs from the Board and Home Committee.

Matron's report. There are 57 children in the Home. The children are reasonably well for this time of the year although there are a number of heavy colds and odd cases of chickenpox.

[REDACTED] have returned to their mother who has remarried. The [REDACTED] boys will be in the Home until after the August

holidays. [REDACTED] has gone to live with Mr & Mrs Fuldaeth. [REDACTED] is working at Sandgate and Mr Bone is very pleased with him. [REDACTED] has a position with the Ministry of Works. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is working at the Court Biscuit & Sweet Warehouse and is temporarily living back at the Home.

[REDACTED] is to return to the ledger machine in 6 months, and is enjoying life at Mrs. Newton's. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is on 2 years Probation for car conversion and is living in a flat with his mother. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has a job Carpet & Linoleum laying at McKenzie & Willis. He is playing football & has practice 3 nights a week.

[REDACTED] is happily settled and doing well in her job. Beverley Ballantyne is still unsettled but still satisfied with her job at Simpson & Williams. [REDACTED] will possibly be shifting board.

The 4th Dornie girls & boys attended the Oriental Fancy Dress evening at the Church, and also a Shipwreck Social at Woolston. A number of 4th and 3rd Dornie children were allowed to stay with friends over the Queen's birthday weekend, and all other children had two days outings.

Staff. Miss Bennett from Shirley has come to

take Mrs Greenwood's place as she had to leave because of ill health. Miss Day is still with us. Miss Doreen Bailey, 18, has been taken on as Junior in the Boys Block in the meantime. Miss Buxley & Gregor from Milton will be available to join the staff the 2nd week in July. As she is 23, & has had experience as a Guide and Scout Leader, she will go to the Boys Block and Miss Bailey will take the Relievers position.

The Guilds and Fireside Groups have rallied to our help and kept the mending up to date.

Gifts include apples, clothing, jam, sweets, cabbages, potatoes, 10 Hockey sticks from the Peterborough Rotary Club, 4 jars peanut butter, 40 handkerchiefs, books, and small hand towels for the small children. Cash value of goods was £ 19.18.4. A very special gift of new nighties, panties and singlets was made by Lane, Walker and Rustin.

Suggestions for the Re-Union on Oct 4th were received from the staff, and endorsed by the Committee

1. Service to be held in Church or on lawn on Saturday afternoon for Old Boys and Girls and 3rd and 4th Dormies before tea at 6 p.m. Board members and their wives also to be invited.
2. Tea for 1st and 2nd Dormies in Music room at 5.30 p.m. with games, entertainment and fancy to be supervised by B.C or Church People.
3. Tea for Old Boys & Girls, 3rd & 4th Dormies, and Board members and their wives at 6 p.m., followed by Conversation and Dance in Church Hall later in evening. Conclude with supper.

The 4th Dormie girls' wash room and the Staff sitting room are being changed over. It was agreed to purchase a Conway heater for the new sitting room.

It was decided to recommend to the Board, (1) that Mr. Day be kept on as a part time worker and (2) that better beds be bought and tried out in one dormitory in each block.

The Benediction was pronounced and afternoon tea served.

Eve Night, acting secretary.

J. J. Matthews
12. 4. 61.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. July 12th, those present being Mesdames Matthews (in chair) Black, Garforth, Bell, Corbett, McMillan, Newton, Blight, Scott and Miss Horrell. Apologies were received from Mesdames Brett and Hadder.

The meeting was constituted with prayer. Staff - Miss McGregor started on the day of the meeting. Miss Bailey very good and quite willing to take the Believer's position. We are now fully staffed.

The new Couray heater arrived the day following the last meeting.

Matron's Report. 57 children in the Home, 32 boys and 25 girls. Reproval was made to some of the 4-children. The children had had one film evening; on the High School term holiday Mr. Scott took the children skating. In the Primary school holiday Sister Rena took 2nd formers to the pictures & Mr. Scott beer & Miss Rand took 3rd. formers to Porters Pass and Lake Lyndon to play in the snow. The Staff gave 1st. formers an afternoon Tea Party.

The Kanapei TCs took out the middle age group for a Sunday afternoon to Leithfield Beach & Sea.

Mr Scott, Mr Fraser & two of the senior boys have been cleaning off and repainting in several rooms. The new beds ^{have} arrived & are a great improvement. Correspondence - was received from Mesdames Hadder, J. J. Scott and S. Johnson.

There was further discussion on the Reunion and it was decided to print a brief outline of the programme on the invitations. (1) a short service 5.30 or 5.45. (2) tea (3) social and dance in the S. S. Hall at 7.45pm. Rev. Matthews, the Home Chaplain, to be asked to conduct the service. Jack Parr and Nigel have offered their services as N.C.s. It was also decided to add a word about suitable dress: wording left to Mr. Scott and Staff. Mr. McMillan had the premise of a magician. Mr. Scott asked for b.t.b. plates to match the cups and saucers used for visitors, also two gigs.

Some of the quart enamel jugs and the big basins needed replacing - it was unanimously decided by the Committee that 3 of each should be purchased in stainless steel, as a preliminary to eventually having all in stainless steel. The

other new ones meantime in enamel.
Gifts included pyjamas, girls' clothing,
4 patchwork quilts from Napier, 3 striped
cardigans for little girls, 1 boy's cardigan,
Scrap books, Swift Censuses & 5 tartan skirts
from Lester Merching team now
disbanded. Also 9 jars of jam valued at 13/6.

The matron was authorized to buy
material for new tablecloths from samples
submitted.

The Benediction was pronounced
and afternoon tea served.

F. Matthews
9-9-61.

The usual monthly meeting was held
at the Home on Wed. Aug. 9, those present
being Maudames Bell, Black, Blight, Hodder
Matthews, McLeish, Newton, Scott, & Miss
Hornell.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with
prayer. The minutes of the previous
meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was received from Mrs. Pratt,

tendering her resignation after 30 years of
service on the House Committee. It was
resolved to accept the resignation with
regret, and to place on record our apprecia-
tion of the help Mrs. Pratt has given
over the years, and to ask for her pres-
ence at the Reunion as a guest of honour.
Nation's report There are still 32 boys & 25
girls, and health is good except for colds.

All old boys & girls still under our care
are working well, [REDACTED]
being at the Home at present: [REDACTED] has
been invited to Hari Hari for a holiday
with his Uncle & Aunt, who will be com-
ing to Chi-Chi to live & will probably
take [REDACTED] to live with them. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has left school & is working in
Maudelle's office where she is doing well.
Staff Our staff are all working well
together, and are able to have an
extra hour a day free while children
are at school. All are well, and most
will be having a short holiday during
school vacation.

All girls' dormies, + all but one sitting room have been repainted: painting in boy's block is proceeding. Owing to bad ventilation, the lime in the boy's study has had to be taken up + some flooring replaced.

There has been difficulty, owing to import restrictions, in replacing enamel-ware in the sizes we need, but some has been bought.

One lot of table cloth material has been bought, as well as bedspreads + curtains.

The children have been entertained by the Rangiora Junior Red Cross, + each given a gift made by the girls; the Morris Drama Group with items + community singing; 4th dormie boys + girls by Mr + Mrs Corbett, with tea and television; 3rd dormie girls a Teens for Christ afternoon at Clifton Hill, + 4th dormies a Talent Quest Social. Papanui Rotary Club have commenced Film Evenings, and the recently instituted

Happy Hour, on Sunday afternoons, with a visiting Bible Class, is very popular.

Holiday homes are almost completely provided for.

The question of large basins + jugs was discussed by the Committee, and Mrs Scott was authorised to buy two large stainless steel pudding basins at £3 each, as well as 6 doz. stainless steel teaspoons + 4 doz. dessert spoons, and a reserve of bread + butter plates + cups + saucers. Still needed are two more large oven-dishes and 4 enamel jugs.

Further discussion on the Reunion took place: it was decided to hire glasses + fruit salad dishes: Mr Matthews is to be asked to take the service: a firm is to be obtained for the children after tea: Jack Farr will be M.C. for the Dance in the Sunday School Hall, + we try to get a dance band.

Useful gifts this month were many + varied, including wheat, potatoes, fruit, soap powder to the value of £47.0. The meeting closed with the Benediction. *Midnight* B. q. 61.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Sept. 13, those present being Miss Horrell & Nesdunes Bell, Black, Bligh, Corbett, Grafton, Hodder, McLeish, Newton & Scott, + a visitor, Mrs. Warrener. In the absence of Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Bligh was in the Chair.

An apology was received from Mrs. Matthews who had been in hospital.

Letters of acknowledgement were received from Mrs. Haynes' daughter, and from Miss Horrell thanking the committee for the gift of fruit + flowers sent during her illness. A letter of good wishes was received from Mrs. Pratt, and it was resolved to present her with a spray at Reunion.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Matron's Report. Numbers are now 53, the [redacted] boys having returned to their parents. All children look well after their long days.

All old boys + girls except [redacted]

are settling down well. Board is wanted for [redacted] preferably in a home with a family.

Staff are all well + happy; all except Sister Rosa hairy had a break during the holidays. Staff + some 3rd. + 4th dormie children attended the Preston Mission.

Mr. Scott + Mr. Fraser have been painting the corridors, small boy's dormie, + ironing room during the wet weather.

Ventilation holes have been bored in the concrete so we hope for an improvement in the flooring.

[redacted] Aunt + Uncle have taken him to live with them, and are willing to take [redacted] too, but as he is contented at the Home he is to remain there meanwhile.

The stainless steel pudding basins were found to be an unsatisfactory shape, so further inquiries are to be made. The stainless steel oven dishes are proving most satisfactory.

The children have been entertained by the Starline Entertainers & the Openair Campaigners; Cubs attended the Gang Show; the Kaiapoi Table Tennis Group came to play against our older children & staff. Bible Classes have taken over the Happy Hour on Sunday afternoon & it is proving enjoyable to all.

Our Order of St. Stephen girl from Wellington is to be living in at the Home next year; Mrs. Newton agreed to look for a new bed, mattress & chaiseuse or tallboy for her cubicle.

Papmuri Sunday School pupils are to own their own hymn books where possible, and the Sunday School has offered to pay 2/- towards the cost of each book bought by the Home. The Secretary was asked to thank them for the offer, and about two dozen books will be bought for our older children.

Arrangements for the Reunion are all in order, and replies to invi-

ations are coming in. Bible Class members are willing to look after the little ones, who will have tea in the Music Room at 5.30pm, a film in the Sunday School at 6, and a magician & other entertainment at 7.

It is hoped that cutlery ordered will be here for Reunion, and crockery is to be hired from Roddy's of Lower High St.

A record amount of gifts was received this month, amounting to £137.14.0 in cash value, including hay at £82.10.0 and a large quantity of Flytox valued at £42.0.0. Other gifts are of clothing, footrags, wheat, dolls clothes & toys, washing powder.

Mrs. Blight pronounced the Benediction and was thanked for acting as Chairwoman; a sumptuous afternoon tea was served.

B. J. Hodder F. J. Matthews.
Hon. Sec.

11-10-61

The usual monthly meeting of the House Committee was held at the Home on Wed. Oct. 11, those present being Presidents Bill Black, Bigby, Garforth, Hodder, Matthews, Rehuish, Newton & Scott.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Corlett & Miss Horrell.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Matthews, who was welcomed back after her illness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Matron's Report: Numbers have risen to 54, with the arrival from Waterfield of the [redacted] children. [redacted]

[redacted] who came to us on the recommendation of Rev. L. Gibson and the Nelson Welfare Officer. They are good children and are settling down well. [redacted] has had German measles since she came. Of old boys & girls. [redacted]

the Home: [redacted] turned up again, but have found jobs + board now: Mr. Scott is still trying to find houses for

[redacted] hoping they will take at least their older children with them.

Mrs. Scott has been able to contact the Traveller of Gibson + Paterson, and receive orders of teaspoons, dessert- + tablespoons, + cups, saucers, coupes + dinner plates of the heavy quality we used to get; two stainless steel pudding basins at 35/- ea. were also purchased.

Entertainments included seats for the West High School production of Gilbert and Sullivan, + an outing to Hororata for Std 1 to Form 2 pupils arranged by the Te Pirita Junior Red Cross. Saturday night games have finished for the year, and Happy Hour except for a special one on Oct. 29 by Somerfield.

The bed + dressing table procured for the cubicle are very satisfactory. The Secretary was asked to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. S. Christiansen of Hutchinson White's who has been very helpful.

Reunion: Arrangements for reunion were greatly appreciated: the dining room was

much more comfortable, and the service good. It was a little disappointing that there were fewer old boys & girls present but everything went well.

A recommendation from the Staff meeting was received: that there be no further reunion until 1964, which will be the Home's Golden Jubilee. It is hoped to make an outstanding event of this, and meanwhile all old boys & girls should be notified that that will be the next reunion.

X This was agreed to by the House Committee.

The Secretary was asked to write letters of appreciation to the Magician, to Mrs. Fairweather on behalf of Glenda; to the Papamii Bible Class; and to the Home Staff.

A letter was also to be sent to Mrs. Marsh expressing sympathy with her in the death of her daughter in law.

A request was received from Mrs. L. Read, a good friend of the Home, for

permission to hold a wedding reception for Miss Par. Read & Mr. Peter Utting at the Home on Jan. 6. This was agreed to by the Committee.

Gifts this month included 4 cases of grapefruit; salt, Russo & coffee from Ryd's Bros. & Kirk; potatoes; tea; soap samples; savories & sandwiches; toys & good clothing. Cash value was £16.10.6.

An excellent afternoon tea was served & the meeting closed with the Benediction.

B. J. Hodder

Hon. Sec.

F J Matthews
8/11/61.

The usual monthly meeting of the House Committee was held at the Home on Nov. 8th. The meeting opened with prayer. Those present were Messdames Black, Blight, Corbett, Gaffath, Matthews (in the chair), Moshush, Miss Harrell and Mrs. Scott. Apologies were received from Messdames Hodder, Newton and Bell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence. A letter of appreciation was received from Mr. Marsh.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. Hawke, for many years gardener at the Home.

Matriot's Report.

Numbers still stand at 54.

[REDACTED] had each been in Burwood Hospital. Sister Rosa and Mr. Scott have had a number of services and numerous talks to Groups in and around Christchurch, and as far away as Dunedin. Mr. Scott had had a request to speak at Duckworth and Turners.

[REDACTED] has been told she is to take [REDACTED] also [REDACTED] has found board. [REDACTED] will be starting work at the Farmers, and [REDACTED] at Boscombe.

and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] will probably return to their parents before or after the holidays. There is a possibility also that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] will also

do so. Foster homes have also been found for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both High Street children.

[REDACTED] are set to go, [REDACTED] to his Aunt with a job in Hayes Cabinet Factory and [REDACTED] to Mr. Keltelly at Waddington only unfortunately Doss has turned up again. [REDACTED] will go to Mr. Pike if she will still take her.

Reports of old boys and girls satisfactory.

The China ordered has arrived and is very satisfactory.

Several entertainments have been given to the children by various groups.

Mr. Scott was authorised to buy new curtains for one wreck room if necessary. It was agreed, with the Board's consent, to give a small gift to each member of the staff as last year.

Gifts received included 342 dozen eggs, 15 jars of jam, 26 lbs. sweetbix, clothing, 2 lots of boots, portable gramophone, foot rugs from Napier, clothing(2), book for dressmaking, bands, plates (divided to Deaconess House), scrap books, 4 cases of apples, 2 bundles of onions. Estimated value of gifts £ 45.16.6.

Next meeting on February 14th.

The meeting closed with the benediction.
Afternoon tea was then served.

T. J. Matthews

14/2/62.

The usual monthly meeting was held at
the Home on Wed. Feb. 14, those present
being Nesdunes Bell, Black, Blight, Corbett
Ganfatti, Hodder, Matthews, McLeish,
Newton, Scott, Miss Horrell, and a visitor,
Miss James from New Plymouth.
Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with
prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting
were read and confirmed.

Correspondence A letter of thanks for
Christmas gifts was received from
Miss Horrell, writing on behalf of the staff.

The Secretary was asked to write to
Mrs. T. Carr, expressing sympathy in
Mr. Carr's illness, and congratulations
upon their becoming grandparents,
and to Mrs. Gellen, who until recently

came each day to look after the kitchen.

Nation's report: There are 30 girls and 24
boys, all of whom are well & fit after the
holidays, and have put on weight.

[REDACTED] 3 & 5 yrs. are new
admissions.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] are in foster homes + are doing
well. [REDACTED] + [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have returned to their mothers.
[REDACTED] have returned to their father
who has remarried. The [REDACTED] are
going to Linwood Church, + the G.L.B. Scouts
& Cubs. Barry has joined Woolston B.C.
+ was graded Professional A at Aranui High
School.

Old Boys, Girls: [REDACTED] is boarding
with his Aunt at New Brighton + working
at Hay's Furniture Factory. [REDACTED]
is boarding with Mrs. James at Upper
Riccarton. [REDACTED] is under the
care of the Welfare Dept. and goes to
Papamui High School. [REDACTED] seems
much improved. Also [REDACTED]

who is working at Sullions' retail stores.

[REDACTED] have asked permission to take [REDACTED] out, which shows a good sense of responsibility.

[REDACTED] is settled with Dr. Mrs. F. Olds, + [REDACTED] with his aunt + uncle. [REDACTED] Spends much of her spare time with her married sisters.

Staff: Miss Kathleen Dryden, working under the order of St. Stephen, is living at the Home + helping in all branches of the work. With the number of children reduced, Mrs. Johnson + Mrs. Gellen part-time laundry + kitchen staff have not come back this year. Miss Drew has been made Senior in the Kitchen, + Miss Bailey has had her duties rearranged.

A new eggbeater, a mincer, + four vegetable knives have been added to the kitchen stock.

The children were entertained by various folk before Christmas, and

the staff had a supper party at Victoria Park Tea rooms to before the holidays.

The Papamui Rotary Club gave the children \$1 each for holiday pocket money. Several clubs who usually give Christmas parties have put the ~~cost~~ towards permanent playground equipment, which has made the oversight of the children much simpler for the Staff.

The Staff have discussed the idea of holding a Day Nursery to relieve a number of mothers who are compelled to work, but would like to keep their children with them. We have room for accommodate 12 children, and the staff would have sufficient time if their duties were reallocated. This would also bring in funds to offset the reduced income of the Home.

Another idea discussed was to close one of the blocks and run it as a cottage home under a senior staff member, for selected children who do not fit in so well to the larger type of home.

Another idea, which might be handled by the Central Mission, is a Housekeepers Scheme, whereby women who have free time could work daily from, say, 3 to 5 o'clock p.m., to prepare & cook an evening meal for fathers who are left alone with children to look after & who wish to keep the children with them.

Notice is to go out to all old boys & girls about the lack of a reunion this year, and the Golden Jubilee in 1964.

Binders are required in the girls' block & centre block: Mrs. Scott is to get quotations for mending and replacing as necessary.

Gifts have been received from all parts of the South Island & Napier, including good clothing, biscuits & sweets, fruit, wheel, two whole lambs, and a good used radio given by an old boy. The monetary value was £75.0. but the value in good will over such a wide area is ~~probably~~ priceless. G.J. Matthews
14.3.62.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Mar. 14, those present being Miss Howell, and residents Bell, Black, Blight, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews, McHugh, Newton & Scott. (Presiding)

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Warren Report. Numbers have risen to 51 with three more in foster homes. Four [redacted] children, aged 4, 6, 8, & 9 and two [redacted], 5 & 7 have been admitted, with foster homes for [redacted] 21 mths. + [redacted] 12 + 13.

Children in foster homes are well & happy, except [redacted] who has been sent back to us.

Old boys & girls have good reports except [redacted] who has slipped badly & is likely to be dismissed from his work.

Officers from the Lions Club & Deepfreeze paid a visit to put a plaque on the play ground equipment.

As the Church picnic was cancelled, the staff took the children to Waimairi Beach for the morning up to 1.30 p.m.

The "Home Treat" provided by Masonic Charities was held at Ashley Forge + was much enjoyed.

Mrs. + Mrs. Scott have taken some of the children to visit churches in South Canterbury and collect various Harvest Festival produce. Mrs. Scott + Sister Rona have preserved 400 jars of tomato pulp, apple pulp + rhubarb, + 30 jars of fruit, + nearly all the bean crocks are full.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] mother of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] has died recently, so

these children will have to be found permanent homes in the future.

Mrs. + Mrs. Scott have inspected the wholesale stores of I.G.A.-G.U.S. with a tentative view to becoming share-holders - this buying would include groceries, clothing + household linen + would simplify accounts. It is to be considered by the Executive of the

Board.

Outward Correspondence The Secretary was asked to write to the Guided Fellowship stating our need of navy blue gym socks which we expect to be short of in the near future.

The Board are to be asked for a grant toward [REDACTED] wedding sometime this year; anxious suggested being £5 towards the cake + £10 towards expenses of breakfast. She is to be married at Shirley, and the ladies there will probably arrange the breakfast but cannot be expected to pay for it as well.

[REDACTED] are also to be married some time this year. And as it is unusual for two home children to marry, it is suggested that the Board buy a wedding gift - amount approximately £5.

If the Conference Garden Party venue has not already been decided, the matron + staff would be happy to hold

it at the Home. Failing that, it was suggested that one be held early next year with invitations to Guilds to be present & help with stalls.

Gifts of 24 Harvest Festival have been received so far, as well as books, clothing, apples & oranges, jam & eggs. Cash value of the two last items was £23-16-6.

The meeting then closed with the Benediction, and afternoon tea was served.

B. J. Hodder
Hon Sec.

J. J. Matthews
11/4/62.

The usual monthly meeting was held on wed. Ap. 11 those present being Desdames Bell, Blight, Corbett Grafton, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Rehuish, Newton, Scott & Miss Horrell. An apology was received from Mrs. Black.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

It has been decided that the Conference Garden Party should be held at the Home.

[redacted] wedding is likely to be in May and [redacted] on June 9. There has been no meeting of the Executive as yet to consider the question of gifts.

Native report: Numbers have reached 57, but are now back to 53 - four little [redacted] boys were with us temporarily, as their parents had been evicted from their home; they obtained another in about a week however & took the boys back. [redacted]

[redacted] have gone back to their mother, who has been offered a home by the Children's own father - a widower, who has guaranteed their security for the future. [redacted] has been placed in a good foster home at Kaiapoi.

[REDACTED] Children are with us while their parents try to settle their differences, but it is hoped that the family will soon be together again.

[REDACTED] are all well & happy in their foster homes, and [REDACTED] has been doing very well at sports in his district.

[REDACTED] has been out of work but is now at Bulwer's Printers. [REDACTED] is not doing very well. [REDACTED] has been transferred to Frankland by his firm & is staying with the [REDACTED] boys.

Winter sports are starting & are very popular. G.L.B. Cadets gained the cup at the Annual Picnic & Sports, and held an Annual Church Parade at St. Paul's. Tapapuri Senior B.C. took a number of children, who do not have visitors, for a picnic one Saturday, which was much enjoyed.

During the month Dr. Scott has spoken to the Womans Institute at New Brighton, Sister Rona to St. David's Fire side Group,

who did an evening of mending, and Mrs. Scott to Kaiapoi, Waianae & Alfred, who also did mending.

A tray is needed to hold teapot & hot water jugs for afternoon tea. Mrs. Scott was authorised to buy this.

New towels will be needed by the end of the year.

In Apr. Mrs. Matthews agreed to persuade Sister Rona to attend the Deaconess Convocation full time & live in with the other deaconesses, this not to be taken as part of her holidays.

Gifts of jam, honey & apples came in in March amounting to £1.5.0, and gifts in April to the value of £1.14.6. One sum. sum. had been received.

It was decided to hold no meeting in May.

The Benediction was pronounced & the usual sumptuous afternoontea was served.

B. S. Roeder
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
13/5/62.

The Committee met at the Home on wed. June; those present being Presidents Bell, Bligh, Corbett, Garforth, Hodder, Matthews (in the chair), McHuish, Newton & Scott.

Apologies were received from Miss Horrell, Mrs. Black.

The President opened the meeting with Bible reading from 1 Cor. 13 & prayer, and spoke of the sudden death of Mrs. Marsh, a former President who had done very good work for the Home. Members stood in silence as a mark of sympathy. A letter had been sent to Mr. Marsh.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Board had agreed to our suggestions for helping with [redacted] wed. day, which is now expected to be in August, and for sending a gift to [redacted] who were married on June 5. A set of three aluminium saucepans had been sent at a cost of £5.12.6.

Mrs. Scott had bought the tray

needed for afternoon tea.

A letter of acknowledgement was received from Mrs. Jamison, Guild Federation Secretary, in answer to our appeal for uniforms for girls.

Mrs. Teller wrote in answer to our letter of appreciation.

The Secretary was asked to write to Miss Horrell, offering our sympathy in the death of her sister-in-law; to Mr. Scott, congratulating him on being accredited as a local Preacher; & to Mrs. Davis, who has had to leave our laundry because of a bad leg, thanking her for her very willing help while at the Home.

Nation's Report: Since April numbers of children have gone down to 44. The four children have left, [redacted] to live with his father, & [redacted] with their mother & step-father. [redacted]

The Wesley children have gone, [redacted] to live with her grandparents [redacted] [redacted] to an Aunt & Uncle at What-a-coo [redacted] to an Aunt & Uncle at Ross.

[REDACTED] has returned to her mother who has been granted a separation by the Court with custody of the children + possession of the home contents. The two little girls have been admitted to the Home. The mother is working to support them. Five children were brought to the Home by the police at 1.30 in one Sunday morning, aged from 18 months to 6½ years, their mother having left them + their father being a voluntary mental hospital patient. The two wee ones have been found foster homes, + it is hoped to place [REDACTED] aged 5, is crippled, but will not settle in a foster home. [REDACTED] has returned to her father.

All children in foster homes are doing well. [REDACTED] has returned to her home, as her mother is now in the Mental Hospital + reporting to her doctor once a month.

All the children went away for the school holidays except [REDACTED] who

is only happy at the Home. The staff also had a holiday + Sister Anna enjoyed the Deaconess Convocation.

[REDACTED] has been found another home + is getting on better, and [REDACTED] has been found new board. The [REDACTED] are doing well, and the [REDACTED] family not so well.

Saturday night Games + Sunday afternoons' Happy Hour are enjoyed by the children. A Concert by Mrs. Harmer's Concert Party, + a dancing display by Mrs. Patrick's pupils both proved popular. Some friends of Miss Bradford gave her and six children an afternoon at "Snowwhite and the Seven Dwarfs".

One of the Circle Society girls has donated a Rock + Rounder to the boys + a Rockabye + Jungle Gym. to the girls. A permanent badminton pool is also to be installed by the junior Chamber of Commerce. Easter novelties were received from Sydenham Sunday School + Sandringham from Mr. + Mrs. Adam.

Three boys + one girl attended Easter camp

Mrs Dryden went to night 22 children were invited away for Easter - Friday evening.

Staff Our staff are all working well. Miss Henry has had a bad cold affecting her ear & balance, & Miss Dryden a bad throat, both improving. Two laundry staff had to leave unexpectedly in the same week Mrs. Cannon to nurse her father & Mrs. Davies because of a clot in her leg. Mrs. Anlegg & Mrs. Stockhouse are doing good work in their place.

A Senior Girl Guide & a Senior J. I. B. girl have been doing voluntary work for the Home on Saturdays for their Queen's Badge award.

Mrs Scott attended the Social Service Conference in Wellington & brought back much valuable information.

It is hoped to train a reliever to assist in the Boys' Block, as Miss Dr. Gregor is leaving early soon to be married. A suitable person may be obtained from Auckland.

Papanui Guided visited the Home

in time & were shown over the building & had their questions answered.

Mrs Scott was congratulated on this excellent report of the past two months work.

All blinds have been put into good order at a cost of £32.19.6

Mrs. Scott was given authority to buy more aluminium pudding bowls: 1 dozen glass butter dishes: two extension cords for the Girls' Block for use on Sewing-machine heater: and at least six dozen each of teatowels, pillow-cases & towels. Mrs. Newton agreed to obtain two sets which are needed for the Smaller Children: the staff have painted some pictures by numbers, & Mr. Scott was authorised to obtain materials to frame them.

Gifts for May included a good ward robe, duchesse & cabinet, jam, bins, books, clothing, soap, apples, jigsaw puzzle, & three dozen pencils: cash value £16.14.0

For June, gifts were clothing, bags

books, aprons, and sacks of wheat
Cash value \$18.14.6.

The Benediction was pronounced after
Afternoon Tea was served.

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11/9/62.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. July 11, those present being Messamess Bell, Black, Bligh, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews, (presiding) Melhuish, Newton, Scott & Miss Horrell.

Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with
prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Two colts had been bought, as well as tea towels, pillowcases, six dozen towels, four dozen cups, pudding bowls, butter dishes and two extension cords. Still needed are jigs and enamel basins.

Letters of acknowledgement were received from Mr. Marsh, Miss Howell and

The Secretary was asked to send a card bearing our good wishes to Mr. Honell,

Who will be job next Sunday

Miss Howell moved that we express, in a letter to the Board, our dissatisfaction with the action of the police in bringing four children to our Home in the early hours of Sunday morning during tray. In fairness to our staff, it was felt that these children should have been taken to a Child Welfare Dept. receiving home if there were no relatives willing or able to keep them for the night.

Nation's Report: Our family size numbers 44.

are to leave to live with their mother & grandmother. [redacted]

[REDACTED] is to go to a foster home with Mr. Mrs. Calder at Homby. [REDACTED]

children are to come for about six months while their mother has treatment at the hospital.

[REDACTED] are both at home with their parents, and if [REDACTED] continues to improve, the other children may go home too.

Staff: Miss Horne has not been well again, but is better; Miss McGregor has been ill with tonsillitis but is better. All the staff have had colds.

Visits have been made by Kaiapoi and Durham St. Fire side Groups.

[REDACTED] is back with us as Bas-Cards would not keep her on any longer; her mental condition has deteriorated. She is now going to the Sheltered Workshops will be studied by their doctors & then found a suitable position, perhaps a Lane Walker Rudkins.

Films have been commenced by the Papanui Rotary Club, once a month till October. 25 children & staff were invited to see "When Knights were Bold" & enjoyed it immensely. 20 boys & girls of 9 to 14 were given a flight over Cl. Cl. by N.A.C. pilots; they were greatly excited as it was a new experience for all of them.

Mrs. Scott was authorised to obtain a new staff member, if possible the girl from Auckland mentioned last month. If she is not available, the position is to be advertised.

Mrs. Scott is to look round for two large enamel bowls, two large pie-

dishes, and two pairs of double bed sheets.

Following on washing machine trouble during the school holidays, the large machine has been repaired, and a replacement obtained for the smaller one at the low cost of £8-10-0 from Begg's. This was a machine which had come back on their hands.

The Combined Orphanages Street Appeal is on Aug. 10. Mrs. Newton was appointed to the arrangements committee, with the help of Mrs. Bell & Mrs. Relhuish on the appeal day.

Gifts included jam, wheat, clothing, books, biscuits, & a sewing machine, the total cash value being £53-3-0

B. J. Hodder

J. J. Matthews

Hon. Sec.

8/8/62.

Report of Ladies' House Committee
Aug. 1962

There have been three meetings this quarter, all well attended. We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. March our past president.

A gift was sent to [redacted]
[redacted] for their wedding in

June. [redacted] was very grateful for the Board's assistance with her wedding breakfast, invited me to be present to represent the Board & L.H.C. Unfortunately the influenza prevented that.

It has been gratifying to see the playground equipment donated to the Home, especially as our children are now mostly of a younger age group. Interest in the Home has also been fostered by the National Staff, by inviting women's Guilds & Tie side Groups to hold their meetings at the Home & see the surroundings at first hand; this should also stand us in good

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stead in the future as the pattern of our Home life changes.

We are looking forward to the Jubilee in 1964, and would welcome suggestions for suitable celebrations, probably marking the opening of a new era in our work for the young.

B. J. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

Annual Report - Feb.
1962

Ladies' House Committee.

There have been nine meetings held during the year, with Mrs. Matthew as Chairwoman. Mrs. Blight has kindly acted as Chairwoman or Secretary in the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Matthew & Mrs. Hodder.

Three new members have been added, Mrs. Davies Bell, Corbett & McHugh, and Mrs. Pratt has retired after 30 years of very useful work for the Committee. She was thanked & presented with flowers at the Reunion.

A good deal of refurnishing has been done during the year, as well as replacements of crockery and cutlery, floorcoverings & soft furnishings, and the Home looks a good deal more homelike than it did.

During temporary staff shortages last year, Church Guilds and

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Fireside Groups did good work in helping with mending & darning. We were sad to hear of the deaths of two past-matrons, Mrs. Hayes & Miss Barclay, and of Mr. Hawke, who for many years was gardener & a good friend to the Home.

The Reunion showed some innovations and improvements: a fine service led by Rev. H. C. Matthews, a separate tea and entertainment for the younger children, and the use of Paramai S. School for the Dance & evening entertainment. It was later resolved to hold no further Reunion until 1964, which will be the Home's Golden Jubilee.

We appreciate the fine and selfless service of the Master, Matron, Mrs. Nation and Staff, & are grateful for the opportunity given us to help them in their work.

B. J. Hodder: Hon. Sec.

Report of Ladies' House Committee
May, 1962.

There have been two meetings of the House Committee this quarter.

There has been quite extensive visiting done by Mr. & Mrs. Scott's sister Rona, with sometimes small groups of children, as well as visits to the Home by church groups of women. These usually combine dining & mending with a business meeting, and it is very gratifying to see the widen ing of interest which results. Gifts continue to come from quite far afield.

We look forward to the Conference Garden Party at the Home.

Two weddings of old boys & girls are imminent, & the Board's interest in them will be appreciated.

B. J. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

Report of Ladies' House Committee
November, 1962.

There have been three meetings of the Committee this quarter, with routine reports and discussions, mainly on preparations for the Conference Garden Party, and for the Jubilee to be held in 1964.

It is pleasing to know that after the extensive work put in by Mr. & Mrs. Scott & the staff, about 300 interested people inspected the Home & passed very favourable comments on it.

A wedding gift was bought for Miss McGregor, who left in October. With the Board's permission, the Committee will purchase suitable Christmas gifts for staff members, as has been done in previous years.

B. J. Hodder

Hon. Sec.

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An all-over carpet was purchased
for the office before Conference.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Aug. 8th, those present being Miss Henell & Nednames Bell, Black, Bligh, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (in the chair), Nelhursh, Newton & Scott.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

A chatty letter was received from Mrs. T. Carr in answer to one we sent her some time ago.

Matron's Report: There are now 21 girls & 25 boys in the Home. The [redacted] children have left, as arranged.

The [redacted] children. [redacted]

I [redacted] are with us while their mother is at Hamner, but this will not be for very long. We also have [redacted]

[redacted]. 7, 12 & 3, whose parents have separated. These two families are lovely children, but the little ones are unhappy away from their parents.

We now have 5 boys & 5 girls in foster homes [redacted] will be going home to his parents this week, as his mother continues to improve. [redacted] is doing well with us & at the Sheltered Workshop, but no home is in view for her as yet.

There have been 3 cases of 'flu & 8 of tummy 'flu' as well as numerous colds but otherwise health is good.

All staff are well. And Miss Noreen Mc Connell a Presbyterian girl of 21 has come as Reliever; she seems to fit in very well, & plays the piano & sings, which goes down well with the children. Miss Mc Gregor is leaving on Oct. 6 to be married on Oct. 30. Miss Margaret Baikie whose home is Waimale, will arrive from Fouldland on Oct. 7 to replace her. She is a trained R.N.C.W. nurse.

Wainoni Guild sent in nearly 40 beautiful rug made from carpet pieces, as a token of their visit.

All necessary kitchen wares have been purchased & equipment is now good.

It is hoped to start next term a "mini" Home Group under Miss Pond, with Miss Inden as teacher. They will use the dormie with a cubicle, & it is hoped to include the Turners, Broadmores & the Hudsons or Glems; also the Tait's in due course. They will use the music room as a play & dining room & Miss Pond will run a kindergarten time which will include the other preschoolers. The group is to comprise 8 children from 3 to 8 yrs. They will not rise so early in the morning, & will probably have lunch at school.

Mrs. Scott was given authority to obtain two clothes baskets.

Gifts included the rings mentioned as well as plates & saucers from Nester Clothing, top, Russo jam, & cash value £8.00

Members were asked for ideas for celebrating the stone Jubilee in 1964.

B. J. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Sept. 12, those present being Madames Bell, Black, Bright, Farfirth, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) McHugh, Newton, Scott, and Miss Horrell. An apology was received from Mrs. Corbett.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

A letter was received from Mr. Crahan in answer to ours last month about the entry of the Duffield Clubmen to the Home. The Board had discussed the question but decided to take no direct action. Mrs. Scott reported that meanwhile an unexcited apology had been received from the Sergeant of Police.

A wedding gift is to be sent to Miss McGregor who leaves next month.

Madames Newton, Bell, & McHugh attended very acceptably on the day of the General Orphanage Inst. After Matthews' Report: Children at present number 26 boys & 21 girls in the Home, with 6 girls

and three boys in foster homes.

The Family Home Group is in operation under Miss Roud + doing very happily. This is still experimental, but results are good so far.

New additions are [REDACTED] St. Brighton Methodist children, whose mother is in the nursing home expecting a baby, a very delayed birth. They will only be with us a short time. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] came to us after the holidays one of 9 children, 5 of whom are under Welfare Care - she has been sent to Mr. + Mrs. Woodley of Upper Tantau who have been waiting for over a year for a foster child above 8 yrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is back as his mother could not cope with him. [REDACTED]

the two part-island children who were fostered out to give the parents a chance to get together again were returned to their parents last Saturday, and it seemed a very happy re-union.

Spring-cleaning is well underway

and a number of minor repairs were attended to during the holidays.

[REDACTED] who have been with us five or six years have been able to return to their mother + step-father in Te Atorea. to live on a dairy farm [REDACTED] took his luggages with him.

Mr. Marrett, a milk vendor, came in the evening + offered to show the children films; it was a delightful evening of comedy, cartoon + educational country items, and is to be repeated in the near future.

A visit from the Naslam ladies to do some mending was much appreciated, as it coincided with the fitting of the girls' summer dresses, and they marked initials and did up the hems. They also brought their yearly gift: new cardigans for the girls' block, a truly lovely gift. Staff: all staff enjoyed their radios. New staff is still needed, as those on leave will not stay, and Miss Baikie will not now be available.

Two clothes baskets have been bought; as well as double bed sheets, and a carpet square for the music room - and buffer slabboard now the family Home room - which was inspected and admired by the Committee.

Gifts this month included clothing, tea, books, fruit, wheat, and a bicycle which has gone to Carol Thompson at Upper Reutene. Total cash value was £34-3-0.

An adjournment was made after noon tea in company with the ladies from Wilbury Church who were visiting the Home, including [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] now married, who was at the home for a number of years.

Afterwards, the Golden Jubilee in 1964 was discussed. As the Golden Jubilee of Wainami School takes place within the same week, it was felt that the two functions might be partly amalgamated, as the Home children have always

formed an important part of Wainami School. Some members feel that this would mean that the Home Jubilee would be swamped by that of Wainami; their committee is to meet again on Oct. 9, and it is expected that they will tell us of their plans for plates and special celebrations, enabling us to set a suitable time which will not clash with theirs.

The meeting closed with the Benediction
B. J. Hodder F. J. Matthews
Hon. Sec. 10-10-62

The monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Oct. 10, those present being Nosdames Bell, Black, Blight, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) McRhuish, Scott & Miss Howell.

An apology was received from Mrs. Newton. Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

A cup, saucer & plate was purchased as a wedding gift for Miss McGregor.

by Mrs. Matthews
The reception room had been painted and looked very attractive. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Scott.

Some discussion took place on the Jubilee, and it was decided that, as Wai-mai seemed most likely to hold theirs on the weekend of April 20, we should settle on the following weekend; visitors from ournd, Ch. Cl. should then be able to arrange their holidays to include both weekends. The Secretary was asked to let the Board's Executive know of this recommendation.

Matron's Report: Our family continues to decrease

and increase. The three [redacted] have returned to their parents and the three [redacted] children have taken their place in the Family Home. Five [redacted] children have come in from Oamaru, ages from 3 to 10. 3 girls & 2 boys. Grandparents are looking after the youngest. This brings our numbers 18 45. [redacted]

[redacted] have returned to their mother, who has a new baby sister for them. [redacted] aged 11, has been fostered out to Mr. & Mrs. Trigwell of Papanui. This makes 10 foster children. All doing well except [redacted] who is very troublesome.

[redacted] are still at the Home, making the total number of children under our care 57. Irene is claiming a Social Security Benefit until she is found work suitable for her. She is still at the Sheltered Workshop & practising typing. She is to go to Tauranga for Christmas. Many other homes are also forthcoming for Christmas holidays.

There have been a number of cases of gastric 'flu' but all are well again. The children are in their summer clothes & look very well.

Staff Two new members seem to be shaping well
- Miss Bales, a Salvation Army girl aged
 $19\frac{1}{2}$, a former Nurse Aid, has taken Miss
McGregor's place in the Boys' Block, and
Miss Morton, $18\frac{1}{2}$, has commenced duties in
the Girls' Block + relieving. She was
formerly on the staff of Karitane.

Entertainment: Mr. Marrett has been trying to
show films, + chooses to come on a Friday
night, so that the children can have a
longer entertainment! All the Primary chil-
dren have had a day trip to a farm, +
the Standards at Waimairi - a visit to the
Ballet 'Peter + the Wolf'. Games finished for
this year last Saturday, with the usual
Ice cream + Cream Cake supper.

Sixty women from the Sockburn League of
Mothers visited the Home, each bringing an
article of clothing or gift for the children.
It was good to receive 30 new frocks for
the girls + summer trousers + underwear
for the boys; also some jerseys + polo shirts.

Spring Cleaning + painting are going
according to plan.

A replacement sideboard for the Boys' Block
Sitting room is to be obtained at a cost of
£2.10.0.

The office floor carpet square was in-
spected by members, and found to be very
worn; it was recommended that a new
floor covering be obtained, probably 12 ft.
broadloom.

Gifts for the month included 183 doz. eggs
from Horowhenua - Woodend + Section, furniture,
sandwiches + cakes, lemons + bananas, potatoes,
clothing + sweets, + cash value £43.0.0

The meeting closed with the Benediction
and a delicious afternoon tea was served.
R. J. Hodder. G. J. Matthews

Hon. Sec

14/11/62.

The monthly meeting was held at the home on Wed. Nov. 14, these present being Miss Horrell and Mrs. Dames Bill. Black. Blight. Corbett. Garfath. Hodder. Matthews (presiding) McHugh. Newton & Scott.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Matron's Report: Since last report we have taken [redacted] + 4¹/₂ yrs old, and fostered out [redacted]

who is only 18 mths. These are temporary children from Masterton whose father has had a slily to Cl. Chend is building a home here, which should be ready by Christ'mas. We have also fostered out [redacted]

[redacted] both under 3. whose mother left them a year ago, whose father is a heavy drinker. They have been placed on a farm near Templeton. [redacted]

[redacted] are back for a month as their mother has been ordered a holiday by the Doctor. The two small ones have been fostered out.

The three [redacted] children have returned home, where all seems well. This makes 48 in the Home + 16 foster children.

Health has been good on the whole, except for chicken pox. [redacted] cut his leg on a broken jar, + had to have six stitches.

[redacted] is back in Hospital for a further operation on one of his legs; he has had the stitches out + is now in plaster.

Visitors. Members of the Halswell Fireside Group came on Tuesday, Oct 23, through a handkerchief for each of the children. The following day Ashburton Rugby St. Fireside Groups were entertained over the luncheon. They were conducted over the home + had lunch on the lawn.

On Thursday at the Conference Garden Party, which had to be held in Parawai High School hall on account of wet weather, approximately 300 interested folk came to see throughout the Home, with Staff + House Committee members to show them round. Comments were very favorable, the dormies + playroom arrangement being

favourable commendation as against the
Maltaud layout.

[REDACTED] brought her four children
back last Saturday to see us have
lunch, all looking happy & healthy.

[REDACTED] have come together
again, have rented a house & are
starting a garden, ready to have the
children home after the holidays.

The two little [REDACTED] have

[REDACTED] be able to return to
their mother, who has been granted
a deserted wives' pension.

All children except those with doctors
off were away for Labour Day weekend
and all the girls & help the boys for Stew
weekend. The staff were thus called
to have a much break before the end
of year rush.

'Entertainment': The children were entertained
at the Civic Theatre by the Magician's Soc.
etc., & had a wonderful afternoon of
Magic & Music. The final film viewing
by the Papermaking Club was held

in October, followed by supper. Our grateful
thanks go to these men for this enter-
tainment every winter.

The walks & supper were held at
Burnham Camp on Gaywicks night, &
our own fireworks display on the follow-
ing night.

G.I.B. Girls & Cadets attended their
Garden Party afternoon on Oct. 27. This
had to be held in St. Paul's Church Hall
owing to bad weather. On Oct. 28, Mr. &

[REDACTED] + four other club-
men went to Ashburton & collected the
eggs, attending the morning service &
having lunch. Mr. & Mrs. Scott invited
Mr. & Mrs. Lucas Atkinson, who are
interested in giving a home to an
elderly one & paying her for keep round
the home stead. [REDACTED] is staying

there for a week to see if she fits in; it
is a good Christian home. Thequidier
living conditions would be good for

[REDACTED] went to Scouting Camp
on Labour weekend.

Nearly all the Beaumont children took part in the P.T.A.'s musical evening in the Heaton St. Hall, & some of the Heaton St. children in the Phys. Ed. evening of Gymnastics, Folk Dancing & Comedy.

Mrs. Scott expressed very sincere thanks on behalf of herself & the Staff for ever ready help & assistance given by House Committee members & wished all a happy Christmas season. The Secretary was asked to write a letter of appreciation to the Staff, and also one to Miss Kathleen Dryden who has been very helpful in the Home during her year of service under the Order of St. Stephen. Mrs. Newton & Mrs. Matthews were appointed to obtain suitable Christmas gifts for Staff members.

New carpet in Staff Drawing Room to cover the whole office floor had been laid before the Xmas Party, & looks very well. Mrs. Matthews had looked round for second-hand

chairs or couches to replace the worn out ones in the Boys' Block sitting room, but found nothing suitable. It was decided to look again after the holidays.

Gifts included wool and clothing; jam & fruit pulp; 11 bags of potatoes; donations of £1., & of 12/- from a stall held by three little girls; cakes & sandwiches from Mrs. Deasler, who celebrated her hundredth birthday; 10 grapefruits and quite a dozen eggs. Total cash value was £28-16-0. The Secretary was asked to write to Mrs. Clark, former Home host, who is knitting jerseys for the children in her spare time.

If the morning tea for the Combined Chaplains Appeal is held at our Home, as is hoped, members of this Committee are to help in the serving.

The next meeting is to be held on Feb. 13. Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction and the usual beautiful afternoon tea was served.

S. D. Hodder
Sec.

F. J. Matthews
13/2/63.

The monthly meeting of the ladies' House Committee was held at the Home on Wed. 13th Feb. Those present being Rosdames Bell, Black, Garforth, Hodder, Matthews (president), McPherson, Newton, Scott & Miss Horrell. Apologies were received from Rosdames Bligh & Corlett.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Newton & Mrs. Matthews had bought Christmas gifts of towels and handkerchiefs for staff members, who thanked the committee.

Nation's Report: This incorporates many changes but the staff are co-operating well & cheerfully. Admissions included

5½ & 6½, whose mother had left them for the third time, the father placing the 3 younger boys with relatives; [redacted] for the holidays until his mother could make suitable arrangements; [redacted]

[redacted] children of an unmarried mother

brought to us by [redacted]. The baby has since been adopted, and [redacted] would be better adopted too; the 4 [redacted] children while their mother had another stay in the Mental Hospital. All these children, as well as [redacted] + two [redacted] children were found holiday homes with Church folk in various parts of the South Island. [redacted]

[redacted] is staying at the Home while Mr. & Mrs. West are on holiday. [redacted] had appendicitis while on holiday at the Holdaways at Upper Hutt. [redacted] had a holiday at Tauranga with Dr. & Mrs. Geoff Chandler, who paid her air fare.

The following children have all returned to parents: four Walkers, three Rushes, five [redacted], four [redacted] two [redacted]

To foster homes:

[redacted] have commenced work.

Our roll now stands at 26, with [redacted] as boarders & 12 in foster homes.

These are divided into four Family Home groups; Miss Hore with 8 children from 3-11 yrs. 4 boys & 5 girls, and Miss Rona with 7 smaller children from 5-7 yrs.

Both in the Girls' Block; Miss Kerr with 8 children from 3-12 yrs. 3 girls & 5 boys in the Boys' Block. Four rooms of which are being used to store extra furniture and one for a Visitors' Room.

Sister Rona has three bigger boys in the Middle Block, as well as overseeing the laundry.

Staff: There is now less washing so laundry staff has been cut down to Mrs Quig who comes in three mornings a week. Miss Morton left in Dec. on account of ill health.

Miss Shirley Hugemuth, the only teacheress trainee, is to live at the Home this year and help in the Papanui Circuit.

Entertainments: School trips & country districts were enjoyed by most of the children as was Hau's procession.

The Kaiapoi Rotary Club also took 30 children to the Clarkville Show, with tea to follow. School Breakup parties were attended, & our own Christmas Tea for children & staff was most enjoyable.

Visitors: Over the holiday period many visitors from other parts of N.Z. have been shown over the Home. Before Christmas 60 young people from Banks St. Timaru & Woolston B.C. who guests there were, came to visit the Home; & the Sydenham B.C. came one Sun. afternoon to play with the children & have tea with them. The Fendalton Junior Red Cross spent one Sat. afternoon, and our children & some staff spent the day at Diamond Hbr. as guests of the Overseas Servicemen's League.

A pleasant function was held on the lawn one morning before Christmas when members of the Combined Appeal Committee were entertained to morning tea, prepared by the staff with the House Committee helping to serve.

A new settee and sideboard were

procured at a cost of £9.10.0 to help furnish the Family Homes. This was passed for payment, and also the purchase of four large picnics for transporting the family meals, when these are obtainable.

The Secretary was asked to write to the Board above the Jubilee; that the date be the weekend of April 25, 1963, and that a Jubilee Committee be set up, including both men & women, & including some of the staff and old Caprigirls living near C.R.C. Sister Rona as Recietrар could suggest suitable names, and also send out interim notices to old children, as well as inserting a notice in the Methodist Times.

Mrs. Scott is to write a letter on behalf of the Home to the Combined Guild Rally in March, stating any things required and the amount given in the past.

Members inspected the Family Home arrangements were very pleased with them

Gifts for the past three months included Christmas gifts and clothing from wide-spread parts of the South Island, as well as food stuffs, jam, eggs, wheat, tricycles & toys, two valises, prams and a pushchair & dolls pram. Total cash value was £60.

The Benediction was pronounced and Mrs. Scott served a lovely afternoon tea.
B. J. Hodder, G. J. Matthews
Hon. Sec. 13/3/63.

The monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. March 13. Those present being Miss Horrell and Madames Bell, Black, Bligh, Corlett, Garforth, Hodder, Matthews (in the chair) Newton & Scott. An apology was received from Mrs. Rehuish. Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting in the proper.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Matron's report: We have eight more children in our care: [redacted] aged 10 months & 2 yrs, for about 2 months while their mother has 'treatment' for a mental breakdown.

The other six are all of one family, named [REDACTED] whose mother is also a mental patient.

They have been settled as a family group in the Boys' Block, under Miss Bailey's care as mother.

[REDACTED] is also back while her mother has further treat men.

Mr. Scott brought [REDACTED] back from Nelson as he did not settle down there though his work was satisfactory. He is to work with an engineering firm at Woodton & live with his mother. [REDACTED] has begun work at the Dixie factory, and [REDACTED] has been found new board in the Somerfield area. numbers now stand at 35.

Mr. Scott spent 10 days between here & Nelson, doing deputation work in the Nelson Rototeka & Blenheim areas, visiting prospective foster & adoptive homes & foster children, and bringing back [REDACTED] to return to his parents. He also bought back a quantity of furniture, furnishings, materials, drama & household hardware, bicycles, garden workshop tools, a radio, a heater & an electric jug.

Health:

Children are in good health & well settled down at school, maini children took part in the swimming sports. And [REDACTED] in the Heaton St. Swimming Sports.

Visitors: we have entertained Linwood Guild, & Linwood Fireside Group, the latter doing an evening's meeting. Papamii Fireside Group indoor Bowling has a meeting at the Home.

Entertainments: Children + staff took part in the Sunday School picnic, saw the Queen, some as part of the Choir at Lancaster Park, visited Bullens Circus as guests of the Lions Club, all these outings being greatly enjoyed.

Staff: all are working happily with their family groups, but with Miss Bailey acting as mother, it will be necessary to have a parttime worker to help with the pre-schoolers & some kitchen or cleaning work.

Mrs. Scott was given authority to buy a sideboard at £3-10-0, some floorings (which will be a gift) four lunch cases & a dozen dinner dishes.

The Sublease was then discussed. As 1964 is a leap year, the 2nd day will fall on

Saturday, which as a close holiday would not be suitable for holding a banquet or other such celebration. On this account it was decided to write again to the Board suggesting the weekend of April 11 instead of 13 as the Jubilee date. This will still be only a week before the Maumere celebrations should visitors wish to arrange holidays to include both.

As Registrar, Sister Rona wishes to advertise on the radio, free at certain times we understand; in the N.Z. Women's Weekly, also free; and in the daily press of the four main centres at a price!

Gifts include 22 Harvests to date, for which we are very grateful, fruit & vegetables, cakes, clothes, Christmas gifts, books, eggs, wheat, & jam, total cash value being £84-18-0

The Benediction was pronounced & Mrs Scott served a bountiful afternoon tea.

B. S. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

J. F. Matthews
10/4/63

The usual monthly meeting was held at the home on Wed. April 10, those present being Desmond Blight, Corbett, Grafton, Hodder, Matthews (presiding), McHugh, Newton & Scott. Apologies were received from Desmond Bell & Black & Miss Horrell.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

The Jubilee was discussed, and the Secretary was asked to ~~ring~~ executive officers and have the date, April 11, 1964 ratified before the Day Board meeting as Sister Rona already has several applications in.

Nation's Report: Numbers continue to increase admissions including [redacted]

[redacted] for 3 months for health reasons; [redacted] aged 13 mths is for permanent fostering, but so far there are no offers. [redacted], 42, has been admitted with his sister's wife his mother recovers hospital for mental treatment.

[REDACTED] returned to her mother
+ stepfather when Joanne [REDACTED]
Callister aged 3 has also returned to his
mother. Our roll stands at 38, 22 boys
+ 16 girls.

Health. Children are well except for
tummy sickness among all the small
ones + 3, 4 of the staff. + Miss Baes
has been off for a few days with gall-
bladder inflammation.

Staff. All are working well, but looking
forward to the May holidays. Most
of the winter outfitting is done. Miss
Phyllis Schlinker, an Australian girl
from the Brisbane Methodist Connection
on a working holiday in N.Z., is with
us for two months. She is doing mid-
clock cleaning from 7 to 9, then taking
underarten from 9 to 3 for all pre-
schoolers except the two babies.

She helps with dinners at teatime
+ cares for Miss Baes' family on
Sundays. She is a wonderful help +
does extra duties as a matter of course.

Our staff have been attending a series of
lectures arranged by the Welfare Dept.
on various aspects of Children's work.

There have been no visitors this month
but Mr. Scott was present to meetfield
Wadie's Guild. The Sister Rona have
taken a number of services.

Mr. Scott was authorised to buy
carving knives as they are needed.

Gifts include 6 more harvests, as well
as ten Raupitata salmon, pears, jam,
clothing, a boy's cycle, piano, sewing
machine + vacuum cleaner, toys & books.
Total cash value £3-19-0.

The Benediction was pronounced + Mrs. +
Scott served a delicious afternoon tea.

P. J. Hodder

J. J. Matthews.

Han. Sec.

8/5/63.

The monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. May 8, those present being Miss Horree, Mrs. Domes Bell, Black, Bligh, Corlett, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Relphish, Newton & Scott. The meeting was opened with prayer. An apology was received from Mrs. Garside, and it was moved that a letter be sent assuring her of our sympathy & prayers, during her husband's illness.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Nation's Report: We have at present 39 children, with 11 in foster homes.

[REDACTED] has left for her adoptive home at Daro, and seems to be settling in well. [REDACTED] Doctor considers that she has received all the shock treatment that is good for her, and should take the children home gradually and learn to cope with them. [REDACTED]

were sent home first and [REDACTED] a fortnight later. [REDACTED] is in a temporary foster-home until his mother, who has disappeared, is found.

On the advice of the Doctor, we have

taken in [REDACTED] 2-8 yrs. This should be only temporary, but we are not very sure. They are in Miss Kerr's family.

[REDACTED] has not settled well in her foster home, due perhaps to her father's unsettling influence, and has returned to us. Foster homes are staying for [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] where they are going for the holidays, with the opportunity of staying on if satisfactory.

A number of old boys & girls have changed their board, but all seem to be doing well at their work. [REDACTED] visited us while in Ch. Ch. for his mother's funeral; he is back in Blenheim as a linocutayer & is learning copper-plateing, and seems to be doing well.

All staff are working well, and have their children ready for the holidays and set up with winter clothes.

All children are well except for a few colds. Miss Horree is not too well and will be taking a North Island holiday in May. Holidays

have been arranged for all children.
Sep' the last week for [REDACTED]

The children have been entertained at a display by the Fire Brigade, and are now all wanting to be firemen. Mrs. Patrick's pupils give an enjoyable display of dancing and acting. A number of children were taken out for the Easter vacation; [REDACTED] went to camp at Waipara & [REDACTED] to Kaiapoi, all enjoying camp life. The staff have been to two more welfare lectures, which complete this set. Mr & Mrs Scott were invited to the evening in the Cathedral to hear the West Indian Social Worker, Father Teacher, Mr. Braithwaite, & also to supper afterwards. Reports from Waimini School are very good. Parents were also invited to a short & well arranged home service.

Mr. Scott attended an enquiry into the Children's Home's affairs arranged by the P.S.S.A., & out of this has come a new Committee & management.

Asburton was visited for Sam Sunday, our children were as well. Parauhi Guild met at the Home for their annual meeting, and Indoor Bowlers met every Wednesday night.

The Children's Home's Commission and our Board met at the Home on Saturday April 27 for an all-day meeting, which was very successful. All appreciated the "excellent" dinner, morning tea & afternoon tea served by the staff.

All staff viewed a slide show to see the C.W.C. away, the commissioners agreed that this was a wise plan.

Sister Rona has spoken at the P.W.H.O. and also at the C.Y.O.M. meeting held at the Home on the night of April 27.

Senior B.C. boys have done a good job in cutting and taking out some of the trees, as a contractor's price would have been £50.

Mr. Scott attended the N.S.S.A. Conference in Wellington.

The purchase of two dozen each of

dinner and dessert knives was passed for payment, and the fitting of another rubber mat by bedpads was authorised; this is to replace one by the kitchen sink which is in a dangerous condition.

Jubilee The Board having ratified Ap. 11.1964 as the date, notices have been sent out to all old girls & boys & staff.

Advertisements are to be in the main N.Z. news-papers next Saturday, asking those who have not been notified to get in touch; similarly, in the National Times.

The National Broadcasting Corporation was approached, and do advertise school anniversaries free of charge but can not do it for us.

The Women's Weekly are sending a reporter to collect material and photographs for an article.

Sister Rona has given the names of old boys & girls living near who might be interested in going on the Jubilee

Committee, and it was suggested that at least three actively interested ^{made} Board members be included.

Mrs. Rehuidi was congratulated on gaining a Women's Institute Good Service Badge for ten years' work.

There was then some discussion on the meeting of the Board & Commission on April 27, at which the President & Secretary of our Committee were present.

Gifts this month included Easter eggs and box-cross buns, apples, clothing, jam books, wheat; the total value was £158-0-0, this including £125 for the piano, bicycles, machine & vacuum cleaner received last month.

The Benediction was pronounced, and a beautiful afternoon tea was served.

R. J. Hodder,

Hon. Sec.

G. J. Matthews,
12/3/63.

The monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. June 12. those present being Mesdames Bell, Blight, Hodder, Matthews (presiding), Melhuish, Newton, Scott & Miss Horrell.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Black & Redpath.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Hodder reported from the Board meeting that the Jubilee Committee was to consist of Revs. Cochrane & Matthews, Messrs McKee & Hankin, Sister Rona as Convenant Mr & Mrs. Scott. The names of Mesdames Matthews Melhuish & Newton were added from our Committee.

A rubber mat has been fitted in the kitchen by Redpath's, but another one is also needed in the near future. Mrs. Scott was given power to obtain this.

A carving knife has been bought for us but another one is still needed. the same or in a larger size. This was authorized.

There is almost no reserve of blankets for the children's beds, so Mrs. Scott is to make enquiries from Kaiapoi, Timaru & Hay's, or any other likely sources, and obtain up to 20 pairs.

Some China is also becoming rather short, and Mrs. Scott feels that the heavy institution type will hardly be suitable when the move is made to family homes.

Sister Rona had seen some very attractive & durable frosted glass crockery at Rangiatea Hotel, New Plymouth, and the Secretary was asked to write to Sister Evelyn Harriett and find out further details about this.

Nation's report: After good holiday, reports, [redacted] and [redacted] have gone to foster homes, and inquiries are in train for [redacted] [redacted] is much better. Her three children have returned to her meanwhile.

Two families [redacted] & in each, have been admitted, one mother being in the mental hospital & the other having disappeared.

[REDACTED] 2½ yrs. & 10 yrs. who
mother is also in the Mental Hospital,
have been fostered out, as have two
girls while their mother is
having her varicose veins treated.
The boy is remaining in the Home.
Totals are 43 + [REDACTED] in the Home, & 13
in foster homes.

Our own children have all been well.
but the first [REDACTED] family came from
Hunt'sbury with impetigo & a measles
germ. The impetigo has almost cleared
up, but there have been two cases of
measles. The second [REDACTED] family have
been kept at Hunt'sbury until they
recovered from their spots.

All children enjoyed their holiday &
there have been no adverse reports. In fact
two holiday mothers wrote to say that
the children had painted such glowing
accounts of life at the Home that their
families would like to live there too.

All staff except Miss Bailes enjoyed a
short holiday.

Together we have 17 children belonging to
Football clubs. Y.H.C.A., Scouts, S.4.B. &
Cadets, & all enjoy the outside fellowship.

The Y.H.C.A. put on a display night to
which Mr. Scott went, four boys took part.
Mr. Scott & Miss Rose also acted as parents
at the Eaton St. Gravy-up evenings.

Mr. Scott attended a welfare lecture on
the School Leaving Age, Truancy & Compul-
sory leaving, & has also taken two services.

During the holidays there was a visit
from Board members of the Nelson Parks
Children's Homes, with a view to studying
our present set-up as they are thinking
of making changes. There was also a visit
from the Minister of Health, as part of the
members of our Board, viewing the Home
as a future Geriatric Hospital. His re-
actions were most favourable.

[REDACTED] is to be married on
Saturday June 15 at Shirley Church.

The Women's Weekly are to send inter-
viewers to the Home in November, for an
article in a January issue.

Mrs. Bligh & Mrs. Melhuish were both congratulated on becoming proud mothers of baby girls.

Monetary value of gifts this month was only 10/- for Mrs. Ch. Jackson, but other useful gifts of sweets, books and clothing had been received.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benciction and Mrs. Scott served a very attractive afternoon tea.

B. J. Hodder

Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews

10/7/63

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. July 10, those present being Miss Horrell, and Messamers Bell, Black, Bligh, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Melhuish, Newton & Scott.

Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with a reading and prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. An ottoman rubber mat has been ordered for the Kitchen, and another caning knife, at 12/- will be bought soon.

A letter of acknowledgement was received from Mrs. Garfath.

A notice was received from Sister Ronald that a meeting of the Jubilee Committee will be held on Sat. July 20 at 10 am.

Meeting's Report: Mr. Hay, Head of the Welfare Division in Wellington, paid an unexpected visit to the Home.

Numbers of children have increased to 51, as we have [redacted]

[redacted] for a short stay while their mother has a break; also [redacted] while his mother has an operation; the two [redacted] children and [redacted] are also back.

Health: There have been 8 cases of measles and 1 of mumps, and tummy upsets have been prevalent again. [redacted] has been advised to have glasses.

Staff: Miss Schucker has now moved onto a new home for old people at Nae-nae. Miss Tessett, an Anglican girl, has come in her place, & is managing the cleaning and kinderergarten work well. A piano has been moved into the "Kiddy" room so that she may play for their games.

Seventeen children in foster homes are all doing well & growing fast.

We have been entertained by the Operatic Society, all the "Music Man", and by the Buffalo Lodge, Papamoa, who provided a morning at the Pictures and a trip to the Airport to see over a Viscount & a friend ship.

Mrs. Corlett from Ashburton brought her Bible Class girls for a look over the Home.

Before Miss Sellinger left, the kindly children were taken for a trip to Peters Pass to play in the snow. The children had an outing to Stranglers Bridge, Amblerley.

Samples of blankets from Kaiapoi and Bruce were examined. It was decided that Mrs. Scott should also get some from Onehunga, and that she and Mrs. Matthews should make the final decision.

Mrs. Scott had made enquiries about foster glassware from Gibson & Patterson, who said it would have to be imported under licence. A letter was received

from Sister Evelyn Marrett giving prices, and the firm in Wellington from which R.ugated had obtained supplies.

Mrs. Scott was asked to write to this firm to see if they could supply us.

Gifts this month included much useful clothing, a rocking horse, jam, and ten tins of biscuits from Mackintosh's Colac. Cash value was £6-13-6.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction and Mrs. Scott served a delicious afternoon tea.

B. J. Hodder.

Hon. Sec.

F. J. Matthews

13/8/63.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Tuesday, Aug. 13, those present being Resdames Bell, Blight, Garforth, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Melhuish, Newton, Scott & Miss Honell. Apologies were received from Resdames Black and Corlett.

Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Jubilee The Jubilee Committee had met and made tentative arrangements; a general get-together to be held on the Saturday afternoon, a banquet for old boys & girls, with a buffet tea for their husbands or wives, and a dance at night.

The House Committee however recommends that the banquet be for old boys & girls and their wives or husbands.

For the Sunday morning service at Papanui former chaplains of the Home are to be invited; A Jubilee service to be held at the Home in the afternoon, to which interested Church folk may be invited, with afternoon tea to follow.

It was suggested that the House Committee cater for the two afternoon functions, and obtain estimates from catering firms for the banquet & dance.

An overall charge to old boys & girls for the weekend was suggested, say £1-10-0.

Habours. The following children have returned to Report: their homes:

[REDACTED] who have a new baby brother: Miss Bailey's family. Six

[REDACTED] children have returned to their parents who have set up home again as [REDACTED] has improved in health. They have been assisted with some household china & hardware, a load of wood, & vegetables.

Numbers now stand at 38, plus Irene at the Home & 14 in Foster Homes.

All family groups are working well; Miss Bailey has been given [REDACTED] children from the Riddell Block to make up her family; this leaves only [REDACTED] aged 2 in the middle block besides the teenagers.

Holiday homes have been arranged for nearly all children.

There has been only one more case of measles. Otherwise health is good. Pre-school children have been having dental check-ups.

Mr. Scott attended two lectures by Mr. Bowman [REDACTED] attended Papanui P.T.A. Concert. Miss Kerr the Waiwairi P.I.A. School Committee. Also two mornings preparing books etc. for the new library at Waiwairi School. Sister Rona has spoken at St. David's Missionary meeting & at St. John's Bapptist Sunday School, & Mr. Scott at

Waddington, Wainoni Guild meetings. Mr. & Mrs. Scott are to speak & show slides to the North Brighton Evening Guild & the Burwood Combined Evening Guild. Mr. Scott & Sister Rona have also had a number of services.

Several of the children have purchased 1st Day Health Stamp Covers. Their main stds. 3 & 4 have attended Drama presentations of Oliver Twist, Alice in Wonderland, & the Water Babies, by the Southern Players.

Blankets. Mrs. Scott had not to date heard from the Onehunga factory, but as the need was becoming urgent, she was authorised to buy what blankets were needed.

Crockery word was received from the Wellington firm that opal glassware could be obtained at any time in two dozen lots. It was decided to purchase four dozen settings and put them into use now.

The laundry is to be repainted, as well as Sister Rona's toilet & bathroom; her room is to be repapered, and a new bedspread & curtains bought; the old ones to be used elsewhere in the house.

Good wishes were extended to Mrs. Bright who is leaving for a two month trip to Melbourne.

Gifts: As the Rotary Club has had some trouble in obtaining the service of a projectionist, they have sent a donation of £20, which has been spent on the hire of a Television set for six months.

Other gifts include books, comics, puzzles, aprons, clothing of various kinds, records and a quantity of crockery from Delicas. Total cash value is £9.10.0.

Combined Appeal Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Rehuia & Mrs. Newton were thanked for representing us so capably on the day of the collection. Methodist collectors had been out in good numbers.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the benediction and Mrs. Scott served a delicious afternoon tea.

S. J. Hodder,
Hon. Sec

J. F. Matthews
11/9/63.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Sept. 11. Those present being Miss Horrell and Resdames Black, Corbett, Grafton Hodder, Matthews, McHugh, Newton & Scott. Apologies were received from Resdames Bell & Bligh.

Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

A letter was received from Mrs. Bligh during us for the gift & good will on her departure for Melbourne. The Secretary was asked to answer it.

Matron's Report: There are 43 children in residence & 15 in foster homes. All are well & enjoyed their holidays.

Still away as Papanui & Glenopers on Sept. 16.

The following children returned to their parents:

[REDACTED]
parents have re-united & live at Otira.

[REDACTED] who have been here nearly 3 years.

New children are

[REDACTED] 1½ to 4 yrs. whose mother has a new baby. [REDACTED] 1½ yrs. while her mother is in Maternity Hospital. Also,

[REDACTED] months to 10 yrs. & [REDACTED] 5 + 7 yrs.

3 other mothers being in Mental Hospital.

[REDACTED] has been fostered out; [REDACTED] 2+4 yrs. whose mother has deserted them, are in Miss Read's family. & Miss Bailey has the others. [REDACTED]

Miss Jessett has the 3 Rogers children & Sister Rona has Sherral.

St. of Miss Horre & Miss Kerr have had a week's holiday. Miss Bailes who did not take a holiday in May had two weeks this time at Salvation Army Training Camp, & has been advised that she has been selected for Officer training for 1964, subject to passing her written papers. Miss Read, Sister Rona & Mr. Scott attended Synod.

The children are being fitted out with summer clothing. & 8 Masham ladies,

helped with pens & marking up. They were interested in hearing about our family groups.

Miss Hagemuth & Sister Anna attended the Communion Service at the N.W.T.C. & Guild Fellowship Rally. Mr. Scott attended a meeting arranged between our Board members & the Welfare Dept. There were invitations to the rehearsal of the Gau Show & also a musical show at the Civic Theatre.

The new China from Teeswater Hanwood Ltd. of Wellington has arrived, with the exception of the dinner plates. The sum of £30.8.0 was passed for payment, plus about £12 for the dinner plates.

The grey & blue checked blankets are very good. The payment of £2.19. for 20 pairs being authorized.

Estimated future expenses include all new curtains & bedspreads, & a new floor covering for the sewing room.

Centenary Estimates for the Banquet & dance hall

come to hand from the Rotarian, Universal Cane Caterers, Country Kitchen, a further possibility being a Mr. Woodham of Gillian Av. It was decided that inquiries be made about a cake for the Jubilee.

Our next meeting is to be on Oct. 16. Gifts included Todder's Cottins from Taunton, a knitted bedcover, clothing books, gramophone & records, apples, eggs, a sewing machine, jam, some fancy dresses, & four cartons of biscuits from Fulsbrooks. Cash value was £2.16.6.

The Benediction was pronounced & Mrs. Scott served a welcome afternoon tea.

B. D. Hodder

for Sec.

J. Matthews

16 - 10 - 63.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Oct. 16, those present being Nesdunes Bell, Cobett, Garkath, Hodder, Matthews, McInish, Newton, Scott & Miss Hotell. Mrs. Matthews presided & opened the meeting with prayer.

Apologetics were received from Nesdunes Black & Blight.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The new, oval ware dinner plates have arrived. Six butter dishes & six jam dishes have been bought, and candlewick material by the yard for bedspreads, with patterned material to tone for curtains. These were passed for payment.

Jubilee: After consideration the Committee recommended to the Jubilee Committee the tender of Mr. A. C. Woodham, of 39 Mackenzie Av., for catering for the banquet at 10/- a head, & for the supper to follow. The House Committee should make sandwiches for the Sat. & Sun. Afternoon Tea, and cakes should be

baked.

Nation's Report: Roll number is now 41, 13 girls & 27 boys and Irene. Since the holidays [REDACTED] have returned home, also [REDACTED] all maternit[ies] cases. [REDACTED] has moved to the [REDACTED] household, where his brother [REDACTED] lives, seems happy there. Admitted are [REDACTED] whose mother is in Neutral Hospital; also [REDACTED] [REDACTED] a Methodist Emily from the Nth Island whose mother has left them.

Taster children are all well and all except two have been fitted with summer clothing.

Miss Tessett & Miss Bailes are ill, and Miss Pond, Miss Ungemuth & Miss Tessett have all had tummy flu, as had five of the small children.

Sister Rona has spoken about the Home to the Springfield South Guild, & the Wesley, East Bell, Guild, & Mr. Scott to the Homelake Guild on their Egg afternoon

He also spoke at the Businessmen's luncheon
[redacted] who played football for Ch. Ch Club. attended the end-of-season Dinner & Picture Party.

Three wolf cubs took part in our all-day outing & hike over the Briddle

[redacted] has now gone into the Scouts. Five children took part in the School Music Festival, which was enjoyed by all staff & students.

Three children took part in the Children's Homes Appeal. Our G.L.B. Girls attended a function at the Winter Garden Hall, which a Queen's Award was presented, and G.L.B. & Cadets attended Durisational Church Parade at Durham St.

Further purchases authorised are a set of blinds for the reception room. And curtains & bedspread for the Nations room. Soon needed will be curtains & tablecloths for the dining room.

Gifts for the month included eggs, books & scrapbooks, albums from the Shell Co., Tennis balls & football, and

racquets which are to be restrung; two wardrobes & a China cabinet; wood from Mr. Vicars; cakes, jam, sweets, pies, two tins of apricot pulp; seventeen aprons, a jersey, a blazer, shoes & clothing, a doll & col., and a complete new baby's outfit. Total cash value was £43-2-6.

Mrs Scott served a delicious afternoon tea, and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

B. J. Hodder,
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
13. 11. 63.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the home on Wed. Nov. 13, those present being Tindomes, Bell, Black, Blain, Corbett, Farfatti, Hodder, Matthews (presiding), McHugh, Newton and Scott. An apology was received from Miss Torrell.

Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters: The Secretary was asked to write to Miss Shirley Mugemuth, who, as deaconess, has been living at the home this year, thanking her for her helpful cooperation during this period.

Our Chaplain, Rev. H. C. Matthews, who has been appointed Chairman of the District, is also to receive a letter congratulating him on this well-deserved honour.

Harrowfoot: Our children now number 44; the [REDACTED] have left. And new arrivals are [REDACTED] whose parents are repatriated [REDACTED] whose parents are both under treatment at Harmer, [REDACTED] whose father has deserted and whose mother is in hospital, with the baby being cared for by friends. Also three [REDACTED] whose husband died some time ago, and who needs a holiday for health reasons.

All children and foster children are well. Staff are all working well and in good

health; with so many children coming & going there has been a lot of extra work.

All curtains & bedspreads have been purchased & made, and are nearly all in place, and look well. Sister Bond's room has its new wallpaper.

Spring cleaning is almost finished, and all rooms clean & shining. A visit from the Welfare & Health Dept. was received last week with comments on our room & building; also on the fact that, while many children, particularly in the Special classes at Wainini had had impetigo, we had had no cases at all.

Sixty-four boys were taken on an all-day hike by their School teachers, & the children were entertained by church magicians. Our cadets took part in the annual present them of the Cup, which was won by the Papamia Company.

Mrs. Scott with four of the children visited Rimberton to collect eggs. A number of the children took part in Wainini P.T.A. musical evening held in Heston St. Leic.

and all the C. School children joined the party held for them. Miss Hor. Sister Linda & Mrs. Scott attended the S.L.B. bridge party their & his day evening when farewell was also said to Miss Magamuth. Mr. Scott has spoken to Adgrave Rd. Congregational meeting, & also took two services.

Since Miss Magamuth i.e., Miss Tessett has been receiving Miss Reed on Sundays, with the Niddle Block managing the weekends.

Miss Magamuth was surprised at a surprise from her little staff, who gave her a collection of fifteen gifts towards her "dear", and wished her a very happy time in her vacation of service.

The Xmas Council with their Inter-faith Committee and Good Wishes for a very blessed Christmas.

The purchase of six dozen glasses was approved. A new washing machine is to be asked for at the next Board

meeting.

Sabbath: Mr. Woodham is to cater for the Sabbath and a cake is to be sold. Both Ministers and wives are to accompany. At 9 a.m. & 10 a.m. to the Chapel, those under 16 years of age to have tea at the Stone. The Presidents Conference is to come to the celebrations.

Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Newton undertook to buy Christmas presents for the staff as is usual.

Gifts included robes & other articles, bottled fruit, chocolates, cap. Collins tap and books. At each which 14.0.0.

Mr. Elsdon was welcomed back after her holiday in Melbourne, and told us in some of the interesting things she had seen and done.

Our next meeting is to be in February. The Benediction was pronounced and a delicious afternoon tea was served.

S. J. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

G. J. Matthews
12/2/64.

The monthly meeting of the Committee was held at the Home on Wed. Feb. 12, those present being Miss Horrell and Mrs. Edmunds Bill, Black, Blifd; Garfath Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Helstonish, Newton & Scott.

An apology was received from Mrs. Cobett, whose husband is very ill in hospital.

Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence: A letter of thanks for our Christmas present + good wishes was received from Miss Shirley Hugenholtz.

The secretary was asked to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Cobett, and also one to Miss Bailes expressing our appreciation of her work while at the Home.

Matron's Report: Children number 16 girls + 25 boys, with 5 girls + 11 boys in foster homes, making 57 in all. The year commenced with 20 girls + 27 boys, since when [redacted] have returned to their mother + [redacted] has returned home, his sister & brothers to return one each month if their mothers can manage.

At the end of 1963, [redacted]

[redacted] returned to their mothers. [redacted] went to his foster home with Mr. + Mrs. Taylor of Hatchetoe. The [redacted] boys also returned to their mother [redacted] were admitted. Since the mid-year admissions have been [redacted] 3 + 4 yrs., [redacted]

[redacted] 9 mos. + 21 mos., who need a foster home.

After three rounds of chickenpox before the holidays, some children still caught it while on holiday. All are in good health now.

Staff: The year began with three staff short, but now there is a new laundry worker, and Miss Luttrell Watson of Ashton-on-Ribble as kindly Reliever + Miss Margaret Bay of Bleakheim to be Reliever from March 1. This year, Miss Watson is acting as Reliever, + Mrs. Tattons, wife of the assistant vicar at Newgate, who is a trained Kindergarten teacher, is taking kindly + doing cleaning + relief in the end-of-term library.

Families have been arranged; Miss Horrell has 10, with [redacted] 5-6, being new; Miss Rose has 3, with [redacted]. Miss Bailey has 8 with [redacted] + Miss Kerr has 9, with two [redacted], 3 or 15, [redacted], 10, [redacted] + [redacted] 3.

The staff and children were away during all or part of the holidays. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were at the Home for part of their holiday, + several little ones were coming + going.

Breakup Party: A variety of parties were enjoyed by children + staff, as well as numerous outings + treats. After all children had left, the staff held a happy supper party at the new Summer Tea Rooms at Scarborough, when a presentation was made to Miss Bailes, who has left to enter Officers' Training College in Wellington.

Purchases: A new washing machine has been bought. Mr. Scott has used the old motor to make an electric potato peeler, + has also installed sinks in the inside boot room for Miss Bailey + Miss Hore, + vehicles to facilitate the washing up for these families.

Dental Treatment: The Hospital Dental Dept. can no longer find time to treat our children, so they have been enrolled with Mr. Robins in the New Theatre Building.

Visitors: Many visitors came from various parts of NZ. Mr. Lyons of the Child Welfare Dept. paid a visit to check on the report of the unusual visit of the Health Dept. that our beds +

mattresses were outdated + should be replaced. It was pointed out that the Board had bought modern wooden beds, + were willing to replace further if these proved satisfactory, but as our future movements were uncertain nothing further had been done in the meantime.

New material is being purchased for tables, cloths. Two [REDACTED] dormies will need new bedspreads + curtains for the Spring. The new candlewick bedspreads are much admired.

Grateful thanks go to many people for donations towards Christmas cheer, to S. Schools, churches who sent gifts, many folk who have sent food supplies; especially the Lions Club who have made the T.V. a permanent part of the Home.

[REDACTED] Several visited during the holidays: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were in. Sister Rose visited Dennis + [REDACTED] in Auckland.

[REDACTED] were at Papamoa luncheon to have their twin boys + older son [REDACTED] baptised.

Mrs. Scott was thanked for this very comprehensive report.

It was passed as a recommendation to the Board that 16 more new beds + mattresses be bought: with candlewick bedspreads + patterned

curtains, as well as new curtains for the dining-room.

The staff sitting room carpet is to be moved round to distribute the wear, and a mat bought for the area in front of the settee.

Twelve more vegetable dishes in anodised aluminium one to be bought.

Tulips Considerable discussion on the Tulipetree took place & plans were made. Mr. Beardsley has agreed to provide the cake or cakes as necessary.

Catering for the banquet &舞会 to be in the hands of Mr. Woodham.

For the Saturday afternoon Garden Party provision is to be made for 50 guests; 80 sandwiches are to be bought, and sandwiches made on Sat. morning by Committee & staff. Mrs.

Bright & Mrs. Hodder to work out the quantity of bread, butter & filling, the cost to be met by the Board. Two tins of biscuits and some black cake are to be held in case of emergencies, as numbers are so indefinite. Mrs. Newton is to be in charge of tea arrangements, for which a large multi-

pots will be obtained from Croftalls. The necessary crockery hired.

It was decided to recommend to the Board that four ladies from each church - Papamui, Brundur, St. David's, & St. Albans - be asked to help pour out & serve tea & turn up afterwards.

The Saturday tea at the Home for Children under 15 will be arranged by Miss Scott, and hopefully some outside Hilfe class help will be obtained to serve it & supervise entertainment.

Numerous cash gifts were received during the Dec. Trm. period, as well as toilet bags, clothing, toys, books & comics, socks & shoes, 22 swimsuits, a pedal car, two firm carcasses, & the T.V. set from the Lions Club. Total cash value of gift stuff & new clothing £20.00

B. J. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
11. 3. 64.

The monthly meeting was held at the dormitory Wednesday, March 11, those present being Mrs. Dardanes Bell, Black, Bloddy; Garfield, Hodder, Matthews (presiding), Newton & Scott. Resolutions of apology were received from Nedrauer Corbett & McNeish.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Sixteen beds of width 2' 6" have been obtained for McNeish & Willis at a discount of 25%, price \$95; Rubber mattresses from Shellcup, where possible soft & mediums.

No regular place dishes are yet available.

The carpet in the staff sitting room has been turned, but no mat woven yet.

Linens worn curtains & table cloths will be made before the Jubilee.

McMahon's report: Roll number is 40:

[REDACTED] have been taken care of by their grandmother. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have returned to their mother. No news

Admitted for one month even [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] whose mother is in mental
treatment; [REDACTED] whose father
is dead, & whose mother had a gall's premature
[REDACTED] which lived only 3 days.
All children & staff are well.

Staff: Miss Bay arrived on Feb 29, & is proving
her worth, as is Miss Watson with the laundry
children, numbering 8. Unfortunately Miss
Bailey, one of our laundry mothers, leaves at
the end of the term. & our laundry lady
at the end of the month. Mrs. Takens will
fill at the end of February, very kindly
printed some kindly pictures for the walls.

Hanover: 13 have been received this week & 4
last week. Unfortunately the story has
gone round that we do not want汉诺威
& more have therefore gone to other places.
Hanover has the record. Some friends
have kindly offered quiet rooms.

Visitor Duties: The guest speaker from the
Women's Auxiliary took pleasure of the Jubilee
article & the soap, were very good. The
annual visit of the Board was also
appreciated.

The Operatic Society invited the home to the "Tutti Pacific", which they thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Scott visited RaRai, took much interest in the 1st, attending services & collecting harvests, and returned, Aterton & Giberton on Mar. 8, taking & cherishing on each occasion. Sister Anna has spoken to the Rangiora ladies & the Duckworth-Turner Mission Fellowship, Mr. Scott to the Lucy St. Denis Fellowship, as well as the Kiwi services.

Jubilee: The Board decided that 4 members of House Committee would be invited to the Banquet. There have been 110 replies to date.

Church ladies have agreed to help on Saturday, & Mr. Woodburn will provide a mixture of plain & fancy cakes for 3/- do.; we will order 6 do.

Six multipots will cost 3/- for 2 days and cups & saucers 2/- do., we shall need 30 do.

Mrs. Beardsley will give the jubilee cake.

And we will have 100s. this biscuits & a carton of black cars for emergencies.

Mrs. Scott will order 14 curlovers, 6 lb. butter & 10 qts. of milk.

80 young people will be provided for on the Saturday after.

Six varieties of sandwiches will be eaten on Saturday morning.

This included summer uniforms, bon clothing, fruit & groceries of various kinds, books, wheat, honey, as well as the usual festive produce. Total value £35. 15. 0

In the afternoon tea was served & the meeting closed with the singing of

B. E. Hender.

F. J. Matthews

8. 4. 64.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Apr. 8, those present being Miss Horrell, and Nunsdams Bell, Bligh; Grafton Hodder, Matthews, McTuish, Newton & Scott.

Apologies were received from Nunsdams Black & Corbett.

Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Matron's Report: Numbers have been up to 45, now stand at 46. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have returned home, their mother being much better, also the 2 [REDACTED] children.

Admissions are

[REDACTED] who were evicted from the flat in which they were living with their mother, the father being in mental hospital;

[REDACTED] whose parents have separated; & [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], all under 14½ yrs. whose mother is an alcoholic & father at Deep Care.

All children are in good health; three cases of flu & 6 of impetigo in the new children have cleared up.

Harvest: Nine more barrels have come in hand, as well as several private harvested gifts. Easter eggs were given to all children in full number. The Rev. Mr. Horby, Orange Lodge, was also given clothing, 25 pieces worth, as part of their service for the year.

Outing & Entertainment: Children & staff saw the procession depicting 100 years of life & work of the Talwell School & District owing to the generosity of the Midland Bus Co.

A picnic to Ashley Gorge was much enjoyed, and a rally by the Vintage Car Club whose members took two children each in their cars to Brooklands & then arranged rides in speed boats for them. The children who were at home for a day visited the camp & had a picnic to Wainairi Beach & Lake Ford. On the Tuesday there was an afternoon picnic & games at the Wainairi River, with refreshments for all.

Suff. Miss Bay & Miss Wells are doing well, Mrs. Penrose & Mrs. Lowe are still ill, but well on the mend & cleaning up respectively.

Visits Springfield South Guild came over visit
to the Home, bringing a pretty square
rug + a dozen new feeders, also cream
cakes for the children's tea.

Sister Ronal took one of the winter camp
visitors & Mr. Scott preached at Fairhope
& Belfast.

Purchases 16 new beds are in place & Mrs.
Henry has made new bedspreads for them.
We hope next year to have enough to
complete the new look. Minimum
dishes + small enamel pieces are un-
obtainable, so it is hoped to replace
the pieces of stainless steel dishes.

The committee suggested looking at the
dishes obtainable in the same opware
as our dinner-ware.

The price for turning the afternoon
carpet was £2.

Jubilee. The rest of the meeting was spent
in discussing final arrangements for the
Jubilee.

Latest numbers are about £50 for the
Banquet + dance, with £50 expected in

the early party and go w/ the children's
tea, for which 16 dor. cakes have been ordered
& 12 dor. soft drinks in small bottles.

25 dor. medium size soft' drinks are
ordered for the Banquet + 5 dor. for the
dance.

Mrs. Garfath + Mrs. Delheid offered to
serve afternoon tea to the Bandsmen.

Gifts for the month included 4 sets of
straightened made + painted by St. Paul's
Cubs, fruit, groceries, jam, soap, toys +
books. Clothing + meat. A cash value
£28-13-9.

Mrs. Scott served a lovely afternoon tea
& Mrs. Matthews pronounced the benediction.

B. J. Hodder

Hon. Sec.

F. J. Matthews

13. 5. 64.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. 13th. Guests present being Mesdames Matthews (in Chair), Newton, Black, Gutfath, Blight & Scott.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Bell, Hadder, Corbett, McEwin & Miss Howell.

Mrs Watson was asked to write a letter of greeting to Mrs Hadder in her indisposition. Mrs Matthews constituted the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Matrons report.

With everyone away on holiday, staff as well as children, our Home is rather quiet, but applications do not cease. The numbers in the Home are up to 55, but with several children returning to their parents will be down to 48 again. All children had holiday homes. Miss Kathleen Sandford of Blenheim, a kindergarten teacher in our Blenheim S.S. has agreed to start the new term as kindie-Reliever, Miss Watson moving up to

Reliever & Miss Bay as family mother in Miss Bailey's place. The house will be practically full at the beginning of the new term: Miss Horne, Miss Kerr and Miss Reid will each have 10, Miss Bay 8, and there are 10 in the middle block. There are applications for 2 more small children from Richmond, and a possibility of a Welfare case of 2 or 3. All foster children are doing well, with the exception of Anna Kinner. There was a long discussion on [redacted] case, but nothing constructive came out of it. We were sorry to hear that Miss Drew had lost her sister suddenly & a letter of sympathy was sent.

Five of the new mattresses arrived just on Jubilee time, and four have arrived since. Eighteen new aluminium pie dishes have been secured.

Visits. Mr & Mrs Scott visited Ashburton and brought home the gifts of p.m. The Staff and pre-Scholars accepted the invitation of the Waimari Jubilee Committee to attend their sports afternoon. Mr Scott attended the meeting of the newly formed Canterbury Branch of the N.Z. Association of Social Workers, & has also taken 4 services. The

Oxford Terrace Baptist Sunday School and their Teachers visited our children one Sunday afternoon, singing and telling them stories. Our children also gave items.

Miss Una Collier of the Anglican All Saints' Home in Palmerston North and also the Matron of the Huntly Children's Home visited the Home to enquire into our system and study our Home and its set-ups.

Miss Jan Holden was doing her 'Day of Service' for her Queen's Guide award. She had done 2 hours a week for the past 3 months at Windsor House.

Thanks.

Thanks were received from Sister Rona and the Jubilee Organising Committee for the House Committee's help at the Jubilee.

Mrs. Matthews was thanked by the ladies for her capable leadership in their part of the Jubilee Celebrations.

Mrs. Scott was most sincerely thanked for the very excellent reports she submits to the House Committee each month.

Purchases. The purchase was authorised

of
2 dz. Staff towels.
6 dz. Children's towels.
1 box of Roller Jewelling.
6 dz. Sheets.
6 dz. Teatowels
3 dz. Teaspoons.

Gifts for the month included £5 from 2 Heaton St. Intermediate Girls who organised a stall (this gift was divided up to provide an outing for each family group), 6 bags of wheat, sweets, meat from two butchers, Miss Orr's bicycle, Jellies, 44 lbs. mustard powder, 13 lbs. cocoa, buns, pears, apples, Christmas gifts from Geraldine Church & S. S., 4 jars of fruit, and clothing. The cash value was £28. 4. 0.

Mrs. Scott dispensed a very enjoyable afternoon tea, after which Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction,
pp. B. T. Hodder.

Hon. Sec.

BarB.

J. J. Matthews

10-6-64.

REPORT TO HOUSE COMMITTEE

10th JUNE 1964.

Everyone is settled in again, after holidays, and there have been quite a few changes in two families. The [redacted] and also wee [redacted] who was in a foster home, have returned to their parents, the parents having been together for 5 months, and having obtained a house in Christchurch. While we are not altogether happy about this family, there is nothing we can do, and because of wee [redacted] the Welfare Dept. will be able to keep an eye on them while they are in Christchurch. [redacted] did not arrive as their Mother was able to obtain a house near the Grandmother, who was willing to look after the children after School enabling the mother to keep a full time position. [redacted] of Southbridge went home after the holidays, as their Father had promised to mend his ways, and these parents were going to have another try.

Admissions. [REDACTED] whose Mother is an Australian, and is now working to save enough to travel back to Australia, these children are 4 and 2 years.

Families. Miss. Kerr and Miss. Roud's families stay as previously reported, with 9 and 10 respectively. Miss. Bay has taken over Miss. Bailey's Home, keeping the 3 [redacted] boys and adding the 3 [redacted] girls, also a little Maori boy who we had for a fortnight but who left this morning to live with his Grandmother. Miss. Hore has taken the 3 [redacted] boys, previously in Miss. Bailey's family, which together with [redacted] makes her family 7, with none older than 8 years. The Middle block is now 10, the 3 small [redacted] Boys having returned to their parents, and the two [redacted] boys come in, so our youngest is 5. This makes our roll at present # 42, 28 of whom are under 8 years.

Foster Children. All are doing well, although two of the older boys are at the difficult stage, but their Foster Parents are still willing to go on trying. There are 12 Foster children. [REDACTED] Board is holding out, but she is looking for another position, as the Ovaltine cannot keep her any longer.

Holidays. All children and Staff enjoyed their holidays, although we had two 'Wetbedders' sent back halfway through, but were able to place them elsewhere.

Health. Everyone is well.

Staff. Miss. Drew was unable to come back after the death of her sister, and we have now engaged Miss. Norma Parr, aged 23 as Cook. She has not done any cooking before, but was willing to learn if we would teach her. As the only other applicants were in their 60's, we thought this was a better proposition. I only regret the extra work that has fallen on Sister Rena while I was away, but we do not regret our decision as Miss. Parr is learning well.

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Miss. Kathleen Sandford, who has come to look after Plycentre and as extra helper, is proving her worth, and even Miss. Day said after assisting for a few days, that she felt she was sufficient. She is also good in the Middle block and satisfactory as a helper.

Visitors. The highlight of this term was the visit of the Lady Ferguson, and the children all wrote to tell me how she talked to them, and was interested in their doings. The staff also were delighted with her friendliness, and the interest she took in the home. We did two guides quizze the mornings, working a day each for their Queen's Guide award, and had no trouble in keeping them occupied. We appreciated their help very much. The Upper Fiction ladies joined a half-hour visit to the home last evening, in the course of a Social Services' evening, going on to the Mission after leaving here.

Outings. The children and staff were taken for a drive through the Tunnel and round the Summit Road on Sunday afternoon by the Combined Rovers and Rangers, and afterwards entertained at afternoon tea in their Den at Dennis Bush. This outing was enjoyed by all.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the home on June 10th the present being Madames Matthews (in chair) Black, Garside, McEwin, Bell, Corlett, Bright and Scott. Mrs. Matthews constituted the meeting with prayer.

Apologies were received from Madames Hodder & McLaren & Miss Harrell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

It was agreed to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Quere, a former House Committee Secretary on the death of her sister Miss E. Gray.

Matron's Report.

Pasted on opposite page. Mr. Scott also reported that [REDACTED] now has a position at Trapay. All the new rubber mattresses have now arrived.

Gifts included tennis racquets, cricket bats and lackey sticks (some new & some old); 74 jars of jam: meat rolls from Shirley butcher; socks and scarves from Mrs. Reynolds: sweets: clothing &c. from Mission. The cash value was £10.8.0.

Mrs. Scott was authorised to buy 1 doz. better dishes together with the purchases authorised last month. It was also agreed to buy a new wire mattress & rubber one for Sister Anna's bed.

For some months this year Miss Jean Bay has been taking rhythm with the small children on Tuesday morning.

As the business had only taken a short time Mrs. Scott gave us a very interesting account of "Orana", the missions Children's home in Melbourne, and "The Babies Home", which she visited on her recent trip to Melbourne.

Mrs. Scott was thanked and Mrs. Matthews pronounced the benediction, after which a delicious afternoon tea was served.

pp. B. J. Hodder

Secretary
Sub:

H. J. Matthews

8/7/64.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the home on Wed. July 8. Those present were Mrs. Horneil & residence fell, Black, Bright, Grafton, Hodder, Matthew, providing, Brewster & Scott.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mrs. Bright was thanked for taking minutes for smooth.

A letter was received from Mrs. Quere in answer to ours of last month.

Matron's Report: Family numbers have risen again with the addition of six [redacted] children from Oira, whose mother has left them while father is in jail. There are 3 boys & 3 girls from 8 mos. to 10 yrs. and they have been thoroughly neglected. The baby has gone to a foster home, and Miss Horne has the others, making her family too large.

[redacted] are with us for but while their mother has an ear operation. Miss Bay is looking after them, making a total of 47, with 12 foster children.

Health: 15 children & 8 staff have had flu, but otherwise health is very good.

Staff: All are working well together. Mrs. Holmes, our cleaning lady, left on the end of the month, & Mrs. Thompson from Hammonds has taken her place. She is quick & efficient.

School: School reports are coming to hand. And our Family Mothers are to consult with teachers on the progress of their children; passing on any relevant facts to Mr. Scott for the records.

Elaine Johnson has an excellent report, with a 1st in Typing, 3rd in Science, 7th in Home life, 14th in English & Commercial Practice and 18th in Maths, in a class of 16 to 33 pupils.

Purchases: we have obtained tea room and table spoons, kitchen spoons, butter dishes, sheet towels, pillow cases & tea towels, also a new Spring and mattress for Sister Ronalda.

Visits: Sister Rona has taken a study on Deacons work at the request of Clarence Ad. Ladies & spoken on the issue at the Salvation Army Citadel and the Linwood Salvation Army. Mrs. Scott has spoken to the Sydenham Peckham ladies & shown them over the Home. Mr. Scott has taken two services. Girl Guides helped with the children

one Sunday afternoon as their Good Turn, & Jane Walker Buckin used our girls as models for coats, having us come on the samples.

With the term half over, staff are beginning to fit the children with holiday clothes, while Mrs. Scott arranges holidays.

Still needed are 1 large carving knife and two smaller ones.

The question of a Deep Freeze unit for the Home was discussed, and a recommendation is to be sent to the Board Liaison. We purchased. We have many gifts of perishable goods, meat & vegetables, which could be used to much greater advantage if we had a deep freeze in addition to the Coco Room which at present is our only means in keeping food.

The Secretary was asked to write to Miss Jean Hay, who has been helping with our Kindergarten children, and in addition has given them music books and a soft foot rug.

Several of our members were invited by the good offices of Mrs. Hartwell to

visit the Burwood Girls Training Centre
one evening, and it is hoped to arrange
another daytime visit.

Combined Appeal Mrs. Newton will help again
with writing to collectors, with the
help of Mrs. Bell & Mrs. McHugh, and
it was decided to ask the Board for
£1 towards provisions, on that day, as it
was felt that our ladies should not
have to provide refreshments, as well as
serve them.

Meeting: There is an invitation from the
African Social Service Council inviting
our Disposal Committee members to a
meeting in the National Hall Room on
Tues. July 21 at 8 pm. ^{There} discussions on
the Care of Children in Jones, and
addresses on this subject! Several of
our members hope to go.

Gifts this month include used clothing
notepaper often from Miss Helen, magazine
Appleby, & a rocking horse each
value approx £12.50

Mrs. Scott showed a bell out for return

tea served by herself, and was thanked by
the ladies.

The afternoon closed with the benediction.
F. A. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

F. J. Matthews
12/8/64.

The usual monthly meeting was held at
the Home on Wed. Aug 12, those present
being Resdames Bell, Blight, Corbett, Garforth
Hodder, Matthews (presiding) McHugh,
Newton, Scott.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Blacker
Miss Horrell.

Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with
prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

The Secretary was asked to write to the
Chairman of Burwood Girls' Training Centre
regarding the misunderstanding over our
visit arranged for July 27. As Mrs. Mc
Hugh was not back from her holiday, our
members did not go to the Centre, but
heard later that they had been expected
and arrangements made for their visit.

The Centre is to hold its annual Concert on September 5.

Our recommendation for a Deep Freeze unit for the Home was considered by the Executive, & further enquiries are to be made.

Nothing had been heard of our application for \$1 for provisions on Combined Appeals Day. Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Bell & Mrs. Melhuish were thanked for the good day's work they had put in, by providing meals for collectors committee.

Mrs. Nathans reported on the meeting held by the Anglican Social Service Assn. to discuss modern methods of Child Care. She formed the impression that work done by the staff of our home was well up to date and well organised.

[REDACTED] had made a good impression when speaking of psychological testing of children.

A letter was received from Miss Jean Hay in answer to ours of last month. Nation's Report The month began with 47 Children in residence and 12 in foster

homes, but numbers have continued to increase.

At the request of the Welfare Dept. this man, who was looking after him, we have taken in [REDACTED], brother of [REDACTED] whose mother is suffering from mental illness; also two [REDACTED] children from Nelson, whose parents are separated.

11. Also for a fortnight we had [REDACTED] children while their mother was in hospital. As all our family homes were full, extra children have been accommodated in the Middle Block, with the lighting, rooms a bedroom, etc. it is hoped this will not continue for too long.

Foster children now number 18; new ones include [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 7mths. & 2yrs, [REDACTED] 1 + 2 yrs. and a [REDACTED] 8 months old. Came to us through the Lifeline Service from the Division. The parents expect to marry & set up home eventually.

[REDACTED] 5 + 3 yrs. have returned to their mother.

There are still 12 children in the Kindergarten class; Miss Sandford & Miss Henry do a very good job here. & Miss Lay also comes on Tuesday mornings.

Health: All children are well, but some still have bad tummies.

Holidays: All children are now back for the holidays, and there are busy days & evenings.

Entertainment: A Sunday School Fellowship, a Concert Party & a Saturday morning Film Party arranged by Papanui Buffalo Lodge have all been enjoyed by the children.

Combined Appeal: Mr. Scott & two of the boys were on the platform from Sam. & a number on the staff collected. Miss Reid, Miss Kerr & Miss Bay travelled to Lyttleton on the Thursday to collect there.

Mrs. Scott has spoken on the platform to the Luminous Ladies' Fellowship, & also taken 4 services.

Our staff also took part in the evening arranged by the Anglican Social Services

Meeting about American Social Service work among children & parents, & taking part in group discussion.

Mrs. Scott took the children & some of the staff to Pater's Pass on Outing Day for some fun in the sun.

Staff: Most of the staff are planning for a few days away during the holidays. Mrs. Thompson has gone to the Nth. Island to look after her mother, so we have engaged another cleaning lady from Harris Bros. for after the holidays. Meanwhile Mrs. Markham of Papanui Church, is filling in & doing a good job.

Carping & Kitchen knives needed have been bought.

Gifts this month included clothing & bedding, toys, books, 33 large aprons, bowls, jam, recipitates, and a large number of damaged eggs from Dr. Anderson of Papanui. Cash value approx £1-19-0.

Mrs. Scott served a beautiful afternoon tea, & the meeting closed with the Benediction.

B. J. Hodder

Rev. See.

J. F. Matthews

9th Sept. 1964.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on wed. Sept. 1). Those present being Trustees Bell, Black, Bligh, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) McHugh, Newton & Scott. Apologies were received from Miss Horrell and Mrs. Newton.

Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with prayer, and afterwards thanked members for flowers & good wishes sent her in St. George's Hospital.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The purchase of a deep freeze unit is being considered by a committee of the Board.

Nation's Report: We have 46 children in residence & 19 in foster homes.

Holidays: 57 children went on holiday, + 9 returned to their homes before the holidays. + 3 have gone home since.

Staff: Except Miss Watson, all staff had at least a few days away, + most have enjoyed a week's break.

Admissions: These include [REDACTED] 10, 7 + 5 yrs. who have been in Chelmondeley Home

for 2 yrs. their mother being in mental hospital, and [REDACTED] for a few weeks, as their mother is in hospital with pleurisy.

[REDACTED] has returned home, with hopes of the other three returning after Christmas if possible. [REDACTED] children + [REDACTED] returned home before the holidays, as both mothers were well again after operations. [REDACTED] children returned to their mother after the holidays, as she was free to live in the adjoining flat to her parents, who own the house, + her husband was ordered by the magistrate to pay maintenance.

Family Units: The middle block has only 7 children just now, no pre-schoolers, giving staff a chance to catch up on spring-cleaning.

Health: All are well, though there were several cases of measles in the holidays. + 4 of whooping-cough. Unfortunately Miss Watson also has measles.

Mrs. Rhodes of Harris Crescent has commenced as cleaning lady, + is proving satisfactory.

Foster Homes: [REDACTED]. B. has gone to Nettlebed folk, at Ashburton.

Sister Rona has taken one service & Mr. Scott 4 during the month.

Gifts Eggs from Honeville will be forthcoming after Sept. 17. Books, toys & clothing have been received.

Summer clothing is being fitted up, & several Fellowship groups have offered assistance.

Mrs. Melhuish reported a concert to be given at Burwood Training Centre by the League of Mothers at 7:15 on Sept. 28.

Larger glass butter dishes are now available.

Recommended purchases are curtains for the reception room; 1 d or. foam clip pillows; curtains for Miss Roud's room; and a tray for teapots, to replace one worn out.

Gifts included 35 do. cracked eggs, valued at 4.7.6.

A lovely afternoon tea was served, & the meeting closed with the Benediction.

B. J. Hodder.

Hon. Secy.

J. Matthews
14/10/64

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Oct. 14, those present being Miss Horrell & Mrs. Madames Black, Blight, Corlett, Gaufaille, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Newton & Scott.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Madames Bell & McNaught. Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with prayer. As Mrs. Bell is to leave soon for a holiday trip to Australia, it was decided to purchase a small gift for her.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Six of our members served lunch at St. Paul's Presbyterian Hall on Oct. 3 to those visiting the house-to-house collection for Combined Children's Homes. This was much appreciated & the appeal was expected to yield 4000.

Matron's Report: Numbers now stand at 49, coming to us because of mothers in hospital have been Carol [REDACTED] .5. 3. 7. 14. mths:

[REDACTED]
us as the father had turned them out, & the mother had nowhere to go. However, the Grand-

parents had a session with their son, then took in the daughter in law + children. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has come back to us after 2 yrs. in Invercargill as his foster mother is ill.

[REDACTED] have responded to tasks + advice, + have settled down at home with the three little girls + attend Papamoa Church. The [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] have all returned home [REDACTED] has been able to go back to Mrs Anst.

Foster Children: [REDACTED] have been taken back by their mother under Child Welfare Supervision; [REDACTED] has been placed in a foster home at Seadown + seems happy there. All other foster children are doing well, the number being 18.

Eggs have been received from Horrellville Fellowship, Woodend Fellowship, + Willoughby. Health is good again; all cases of whooping cough have cleared up well; there are no more measles cases except [REDACTED]

brought it with him. There have been three mild cases of mumps, including Miss Sandford.

The change over to summer clothing is nearly complete; next will be holiday arrangements, holiday clothes, + packing.

Springcleaning is going ahead well. Members admired the new curtains + pelmets in the reception room, and 'Koala' curtains + yellow bedspreads for Miss Roads room.

Items of Interest: Many of the children took part in the competitions in connection with the Papamoa Church Flower Show, a number winning prizes for floral work and sweets, also a win in the vegetable section, vegetables being grown by Mr. Fraser. Two of the three Heaton St. children gained places in the Hurdles races, + were running in the relay teams.

Entertainments: The children were invited to the Rosemary Hewstone Musical Show, the Operatic Society's presentation of "Clytieanthemum", + were taken for a trip to a farm, + given Ice Cream. Afternoon Tea by the Weston Ellesmere T.C.s.

Visits: St. Stephen's Ladies' Fellowship again visited us + put up the bunting of summer flags.

Mr. Mitchell of Edgware Rd. Sunday School brought his class to see over the Home & meet some of the children, in the course of a series of visits studying the Social Service work of the Church.

There was also a visit from Mr. Burton, Vice President of Conference, to look at the position of the Home & future developments. He was astounded to know that, with a resident family of 34 from the beginning of the year, we have since handed 86 more children, with resident numbers varying between 42 & 62. Foster home numbers appear to stay from 16 - 18. He would like a detailed account of what is likely to happen to the children we have, with regard to their immediate future.

Mrs Hatherly of Bundoora Church has started Ballet classes for our girls, between 6 & 7.30 on Monday evenings. The girls are very thrilled, we are very grateful.

Sister Rona has spoken to the North Beach Fellowship on Deaconess work, & to the Sydney German Salvation Army Home League on the Home.

Mr. Scott has spoken to Greendale

Danfield Women's Fellowship, at Greendale, on the work of the Home & future developments, has also taken up services. Mr. & Mrs. Scott had a trip to Seadown to see Robert Carson in his foster home with Mr. & Mrs. Wakelyn, & visited another foster home on the way. Mr. & Mrs. Thomas of Ashburton.

Mr. & Mrs. Scott & Sister Rona were guests of the P. S. S. A. to morning coffee to hear Dr. McNab of the Cairn Hill Institute in Melbourne, who besides being a Presbyterian minister is a trained Psycho-therapist & Psychiatrist. He combines his clinic with his Parish Church & covers 3000 appointments a year.

Sister Rona spoke extremely well at the Women's Fellowship Convention.

As Mrs. Matthews will be absent from our next meeting, Mrs. Bligh was asked to preside.

The Board is to be asked for £2 for Secretary's expenses.

Gifts were many & varied, including a tin of pennies from the crew of the

"Hembury", totalling £18-0-5. There were clothes, shoes, toys, pies, eggs, marmalade, manure & scrap books, total value £48-15-0

The Benediction was pronounced, & Mrs. Scott served a sumptuous afternoon tea.

B. J. Hodder

Hon. Sec.

Mrs Blight
11/11/84.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Nov. 11. those present being Nesdunes Black, Blight (presiding) Corbett, Garforth, Hodder, Nelluish, Newton, Scott.

Apologies were received from Nesdunes Bell & Matthews, and Miss Horrell.

Mrs. Blight convened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A sick square had been sent to Mrs. Bell and a letter of appreciation received from her.

Matron's Report: Our family now totals 66, 31 boys & 19 girls in the Home, and 12 boys & 4 girls in foster homes.

[REDACTED] a backward 4 year old

has been able to return to his parents, and our [REDACTED] 4 months old, has also returned to his mother & father.

Two foster children have returned to us, [REDACTED] aged 2, & [REDACTED]

Holiday homes are coming in nicely, but quite a number are still required.

Eggs have been received from Woodhead, Ashtonton & Leedon, and Mr. Anderson still supplies approximately 16 doz. per week.

Health: A few tummy upsets, and 5 more cases of mumps.

All blankets have now been washed, and winter clothing washed or cleaned & stored away. All curtains, bedspreads, & cushion covers have been washed.

Ballet class is going well & provides entertainment for staff as well as girls. Visits Springton ladies visited last month, did some mending and sewing. Sister Rona visited the Woolston ladies to speak about the Home. She has taken one service and Mr. Scott four.

Entertainments: Some of our children who do not have visitors had a trip to Rotherham.

Rakaia, and all children & staff, also parents, were entertained by the Magicians to a show in the Civic Theatre.

Staff Miss Wilson was farewelled at a staff supper party at the end of October & presented with a small gift.

Sister Rona attended Conference and was pleased to be put on the Institutions Committee.

As no replacement is yet available for Miss Wilson, Miss Sandford has kindly offered to relieve until Christmas, and we have had temporary help with Kindergarten. Mrs. Mathews is once again helping, and Mrs. Berry, a friend of our laundry & cleaning ladies, commences to work with them on Monday next until Christmas. We hope to have more permanent staff in the New Year.

All children took part in the Papamai Sunday School Anniversary & enjoyed it.

As this is our last meeting for the year.

Mrs. Scott thanked Committee members for their interest and help, and wished all a happy Christmas and joyous New Year in

our Pastor's service. She was congratulated on the excellent reports always ready typed for our meetings, and wished a happy Christmas in turn.

The question of Christmas presents for the staff was then discussed, and it was proposed by Mrs. Black & seconded by Mrs. Melhuish that Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Mathews do the buying, or, failing her, Mrs. Garforth. Mrs. Scott would prepare a list.

Gifts this month included clothing & toys, lemons and grapefruit, carrots, eggs, toffee apples & sweets, and a gallon of cream from the Show. Cash value £17.11.0

Mrs. Scott served a festive party afternoon tea and was thanked by members.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

B. J. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

G. J. Matthews
10 2 65.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Feb. 10, those present being Mrs. James Bell, Black, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Melhuish, Newton and Scott. Apologies were received from Miss Horrell and Mrs. Blight.

Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The annual street appeal is to be held on Friday, March 12, with Mrs. Newton helping with meals for collectors, assisted by Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Melhuish. It was decided to ask the Board for a grant of £5 to be paid directly to Mrs. Newton who will disburse it as she thinks necessary.

A letter is to be sent to the District Council asking for donations of cash or food for the street day, and mentioning that this is an annual effort.

Mrs. Tom Carr, a former President of this Committee, sent good wishes to all members. Matron's Report: The year began with very large numbers, some having to be turned away;

Present numbers are 18 girls and 29 boys, and 12 boys and 4 girls in foster homes. The following have returned to their parents:

[REDACTED] to their father after 6 years with us; [REDACTED] to their parents; [REDACTED] to their mother at Ashburton, who has obtained a State house and a deserted wife's pension. [REDACTED] to their mother who is returning to Australia; [REDACTED] to her mother and [REDACTED] holiday parents at Lagnhor rang to ask if they could foster him permanently so that he need not come back from his holiday.

Newly admitted are [REDACTED] and her brother of 15 mths. who is fostered. Total 48, with 15 fostered.

Holidays: Most of the children had good holidays. [REDACTED] came back early, also [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], 2½, who developed measles. Also in during the holidays were four temporary children while their mother remained, and two babies, one 7 mths and one 10 mths.

The children are all settled in our school

Again, 2 boys & 3 girls at Heaton, 19 boys & 12 girls at Wainman, + 4 girls & 8 boys at Kirby.

Staffing: All family mothers have returned to their families after good holidays, as have Madeline Block, Staff. Miss Bateman, a fine type of girl belonging to the Open Brethren Church, has joined as Reliever. A new Cook arrives next Friday to take over from Miss Parr, who is being married on 20th February.

If we are to continue under the present system indefinitely, it seems necessary to consider alterations in Rooms and Storage Space. This may be discussed at the Board meeting when the question of a new Family Home will come up.

Gifts: Many Churches & Sunday Schools sent in good Christmas parcels, and several new donations towards Christmas gifts and party were received as well as the regular ones. Staff members thanked the Committee and Board for their Christmas gifts.

Entertainments & Outings: Several children took part in the Heaton Musical and Gymnastic evenings, and all Cadets, G.L.B. Scouts &

Cubs enjoyed end-of-year parties. On 6th Dec. the New Brighton Lions' Club sponsored our children two to a family for lunch and afternoon tea, with games and a treasure hunt, each child receiving a gift. Glenmore Girl Guides and Merivale Cubs came to play games on the lawn with our girls and boys, giving each one a gift they had made or bought. The Primary Party on Dec. 12, a visit from Father Christmas and Ch Ch Lions' Club, and a swim for the older ones brought us almost to the holidays. We are grateful to the many kind people who helped place 60 children on holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott were present at the Holly Rd. Anglican Cottage Home on 10th Dec. when the proceeds of the Children's Homes Appeal were shared out. They also took part in the farewell to Mr. & Mrs. Cochran.

Older children: [redacted] is doing well in his foster home, is a keen member of Boys' Brigade and worked part time during the holidays. [redacted] is happy in his foster home now apprenticed to the Carpentry trade and paying his own way.

[REDACTED] is still boarding in Papamui. 10-3-65
and working in the N.Z. Railway workshops
[REDACTED] working at Feron's Fish Market
and boarding at the Home meanwhile.

[REDACTED] found herself an office position
and returned home.

The following are needed in the Home. And
Mrs. Scott was authorised to obtain them:
A roasting tin, large enamel jug & large basin.
A strong butcher's knife. 2 dozen small knives.
and 3 dozen teaspoons; 1 dozen dish mops
and 1 dozen dishwashing brushes; 2 dozen
small hair brushes for girls and 1 dozen
for boys; 3 dozen bread & butter plates. 1
dozen opalware cups and 4 dozen glasses.

Gifts included Christmas parcels, clothing,
toys and books, food and cash donations from
all over the South Island; furniture worth
£21 and other goods brought the cash total
£39.5.0, besides an anonymous cash
donation of £60 to be spent on special needs
of older children.

Mrs. Scott served a delicious afternoon tea
and the Benediction was pronounced.

B. G. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

G. J. Matthews, 10th March, 1965.

The monthly meeting was held at the Home
on Wednesday 10th March. Those present being
Mesdames Bell, Black, Corbett, Garfath
Matthews (President), Melhuish Newton, Scott and
Miss Horrell.

Motions: Mrs. Hodder opened the meeting with prayer.
Apologies: Mrs. Hodder (in hospital), Mrs Blight.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were read
and confirmed.

Reports: Mrs Matthews had visited Mrs Hodder
in hospital and took flowers.

Mrs Newton had received £5.0.0 from the Board
towards food for collectors and counters of the
Orphanage Appeal Day. She was also pleased
to tell us Mr Beardsley offered gifts of cake
for the Appeal Day and same to be delivered

Business arising: A request for stainless steel
jugs was discussed. It was decided we agree
three (3) jugs be purchased and the matter of three
further jugs be looked into later. Basins
required are available in plastic. A knife
(butchers) was made available to us by the
local butcher. Cutlery (Henry Berry) has
arrived.

There were no girls hair-brushes but have some for the boys. Mops and brushes have been purchased. Plates are ordered. Glasses are got as required.

Correspondence: In: The Christchurch Childrens Home Combined Appeal Trust Board (Inc.) Annual Report for the year ended 29th Feb, 1965 and Balance Sheet.

Out: Mrs Hodder, Mr Beardsley (Hawks) and the Butcher (Hawks)

Matron's Report:

[REDACTED] from Dunedin, whose Mother, an epileptic, has become very much worse and is unable to care for her family, have been welcomed into our family. These children are 3 and 4 years and have gone to Miss Horis family, making 10 in all; as she has also taken [REDACTED]

3 year old brother, who was in his father's care. Miss Roud now has added to her family, [REDACTED] 9 and 7 years, whose mother has gone to Australia. This is a Welfare Case, and they have the two older children. The parents were separated and the father has a second

family now. Our temporary family of [REDACTED] children, 7 years to 18 months, have come and gone, much to our relief, nice as these children were, broken nights don't go down very well. This makes our family numbers 52 with 15 still in Foster Homes.

Staff: Miss Bateman did not make the grade as a Reliever, finding it too much, and left without giving notice, leaving us again one short at a very busy time. Miss Sandford has again stepped into the breach and Mrs Berry, our cleaning lady again took over Kindy. However, she secured the Office position she has been seeking since she first came to us, and we have now taken on Mrs. Hood of Paparua a lady who was on our books as a prospective Foster Mother, and she is looking after the "Kindy" children, in the meantime, and we hope will take over the cleaning, at least temporarily, when Miss Betty Loomes of Ricton arrives next week, to try out the Reliever's position. As Miss Bdy recommended her, we think she may be a more permanent staff, and she has

taken the position until May.

Harvests: These are coming in slowly
Mrs Fowler our new cook has arrived

Outings: Two Cub Outings for our 3 Cubs a Scout
week-end for 3 Scouts. of 4th Scout has been added
to our number. GLB and Cadets have recomman-
ced 3 GLB girls and 6 Cadets being our quota.
One of our Heaton Boys has had a trip to Wellington.
Mrs Fowler has started a Gym class for older
girls. Waimairi & Heaton Swimming sports have
been attended by Staff.

Sister Rona has spoken to the Shirley Ladies
Mr. Scott with Mrs Scott visited Rakaia and
Allenton. Mr. Scott has had 6 Services this month.
Mrs Scott answered Mrs Corbett's question on why
Mr. Scott needed to take 6 services, that that
was one part of his work he really enjoyed.

Gifts were received from Whitcombe &
Sons - Broken toys - a few could be fixed and
used as Birthday presents. Two collections
of books and toys, 2 of clothing, vegetables,
2 cases peaches - furniture, side-board and
chair, dining-table, 3 chairs (Miss Robinson),
400 dog. bottles orange donation from Ballans,

29.05

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15.50
56.24
58.47

M. Stephens, Clarence Rd, Wainoni, Rakaia, Allenton
Tai Tapu, Woodons, Rangi Ruru have brought Harvest
donations. 114 jars jam, 4½ dozen eggs, 15 pkts jelly
144 grits jars fruit, 1½ pkts Weet-Bix, 4 tins Condens-
ed milk, 12 lb honey, 6 lb Butter, 2 bottles Sauce
2 jars tomato relish, 2 lb Cornflour and 2 lb whole-meal
Making a total of £22.3.9.

Congratulations were extended to Mrs Scott. She
has a new grandson (Alan Michael) Australia.
She hopes to see them here in June.

Next Meeting is called for the 14th April.

Mrs Matthews closed the meeting by pronouncing
the Benediction.

A beautiful afternoon tea was served by
Mrs Scott. Recipes requested by members were
produced and members copied them out. We
should hold a competition and the proceeds be
donated to the home.

per E. J. McHugh.
for the Secretary.

J. J. Matthews
14/4/65.

Board of Managers,
Papamui Methodist Children's Home.

Dear Mrs Hooper,

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO
EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR THE
WONDERFUL CONTRIBUTION YOU HAVE SO KINDLY
DONATED TO MY FORTHCOMMING MARRIAGE. I CANNOT
FIND ENOUGH WORDS TO EXPRESS HOW GRATEFUL I
AM & I'M SURE IT WILL MAKE OUR ~~DEODORANT DAY~~
FOR BOTH MY FIANCEE & MYSELF A VERY HAPPY
A MEMORABLE OCCASION, ALSO ONCE AGAIN ALLOW
ME TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR WHAT YOU
HAVE DONE & HOW YOU HAVE CARED FOR ME
IN THE PAST YEARS DURING MY PRESENCE AT
THE CHILDREN'S HOME, THANKING YOU ONCE AGAIN.

Yours sincerely

Rev. G. T. Woodfield '15
Vernon Peace NW, 5

4 Balaclava St. Riccarton 4
ca. 28 Condesine Rd. Papamui 5
118 Khoukou St. St. Albans
Hawea Street, Rangiora R.N.D.
20, Halswell St. Woolston 2
91, 76 Hallton St. Papamui 5
Kew 18 Chapel St. Papamui 5
St. 25 Beaconsfield. Spreader
Bettongia Road. Blenheim 5
50 Murray Rd. St. Albans
Rd. 242 Western Rd. Selwyn

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River Road
John Riley

Bored of babies,
I run Matildas Home

Please Mrs Hooper.

This winter to

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This winter to

Owen T Woodfield 15
Rev. H. A. Geddes Vernon Peace NW, 5
Dairy 4446 Mrs. A. Black, 4 Balgay St. Riccarton 4 1
47 45 Mrs. B. Hodder, 229 Condee Av. Papamui 5
56 235 Mrs. R. J. Pratt, 118 Knowles St. St. Albans,
110 inst. Miss D. Horrell, Hotelville, Rangiora R. N. D.
75745 Mrs. H. H. Newton, 46 Sheldon St. Woodton 2
56 147 Mrs. W. T. Blight, 76 Hallon St. Papamui 5
49 732 Mrs. H. C. Matthews 18 Chapel St. Papamui 5
36 651 Mrs. R. Gafford, 25 Beaneaud Av. Spreydon 2
846 Mrs. N. C. Corlett, 197 Wairakei Rd. Bynum 5
56 246 Mrs. R. G. Bell, 50 Murray Pl. St. Albans 1
558472 Mrs. Beehuisch, 242 Weston Rd. St. Albans 5

Petty Cash: Flowers for Mr. Matthews 10/- Recd. £2

Telegram - Heather * . 3/3 1-2-10

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REPORT TO HOUSE COMMITTEE

July 1961.

I would report of children in the home, all in good health, and all, at the present time, on holiday, thanks to many kindly people, not only Methodists, who open their homes to our children.

We have had no enquiries for admission to the home.

With the Board's permission, Mrs Eva and Maurice Smither will return to their mother, who has remarried, after the holidays. Kevin, Clifford and Ivan Ager, will also be returning to their home, within the next few weeks, depending on the Doctor's report on their mother's return to health on 16th this month.

Older children have been working hard at their studies.

The girls and boys who went to Easter camp attended the after camp rallies, and also a social at the church, and the girls a film evening.

Staff. Mr and Mrs. Bailey, is a little tired. Miss.Neff and Miss. Drew start holidays to-morrow for a short while, Miss.McGregor has a friend to stay; Sister Rona and Mr.Scott are presumably enjoying their stay in Auckland. The staffing position is still the same. We have engaged Mrs.Davies to clean and press in the boys' block, over day and two evenings in the girl's block, thus relieving staff of these jobs and enabling them to have their day-time hours off. Mrs.Davies works 6 hours a day, Monday to Friday, and is proving worthwhile.

Miss.Briggs' wedding was much en joyed by the Staff and the House Committee telegram was most appropriate.

Furniture have finished repainting the lining in the four rooms, and Miss.Briggs new oil flasks and painting these rooms are looking terribly homely, and with the addition of some new rugs will look even very comfortable.

Now this furniture is finished, the mission is twice as roomy and twice as attractive.

We hope to get the exterior whitewashed and the windows cleaned ready for another year's living. Our thanks are due in great measure to all the kind friends who have come to our rescue and kept our fingers up to date. This has been of great help to us.

REPORT TO HOUSE COMMITTEE

JULY 1961.

All children are now in good health again, except for a few colds. Our numbers stand at 57, 32 Boys and 25 Girls.

Older Children.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

will be going out to board again soon, although we feel he needs another job before then, as we are sure he is not earning enough to pay his way. Mrs. McInnes has asked us to find other board for [REDACTED] as Mrs. McInnes has not been keeping good health recently. All our other children in Christchurch seem to be doing quite well.

Entertainment The children have had one film evening, and on the High School term holiday, these children were taken to Skating by Mr. Scott. On the Primary School holiday, Sister Rona took 2nd Dormies to the Pictures, Mr. Scott. Miss. Roud and myself, took 3rd Dormies to Porters Pass and Lake Lyndon to play in the snow, and the Staff gave 1st Dormies an afternoon TeaParty, also using this opportunity to fit up Holiday clothes. Kaiapoi J.C. took out the Middle age Group for a Sunday afternoon to Leithfield Beach and Tea.

At last we are fully staffed; Miss.McGregor arrived last evening to take up duties in the Boys Block, and Miss.Bailey has taken over the Relievers duties and shifted over to the Girls Block. Sister Rona and I have been working out an altered list of Duty times in an endeavour to give our Staff a little extra time off during the day, and also to rearrange Mrs.Davies' duties to include Middle Block cleaning, and Miss.Emmett will finish her duties at the end of this week. She has been a help while we were short-staffed.

The Staff are very satisfied with the Floor Rugs we purchased, as they were able to find just what we had in mind and the rooms are looking very homely. Mr. Fraser, Mr.Scott and two of the Senior boys have been cleaning off and repainting in several rooms and the results of their labours are evident. The new beds arrived and are a great improvement, and as Mr.Scott and team had painted both Dormies before they were set up, all looks very well.

REPORT TO HOUSE COMMITTEE

13th OCTOBER 1961.

REPORT TO HOUSE COMMITTEE.

AUGUST 9th, 1961.

Our numbers still stand at 57, 32 boys and 25 girls. Health is good, except for a number of seasonable colds.

Older children. All old boys and girls still under our care are working well, [REDACTED] with us in the meantime. [REDACTED] to his Uncle and Aunt at Marin for a holiday before they come to Christchurch to live, and as his job has no future possibilities we have suggested he goes; as this will probably mean a home for him. [REDACTED] has left School and is working in Wardell's office, and liking it very much; also doing quite well. We are keeping her here in the meantime.

Staff. Our Staff are all working well together, and we have been able to arrange an extra hour a day free time for them while the children are at school. They are all well, and most of them will be having a short holiday during the School vacation.

Replacements. Everyone is delighted with our new look. All girls' Dormies and all but one Sittingroom has been painted. The Painting in Boy's block is proceeding with the wet weather. Unfortunately, owing to bad ventilation, the lino in the Boys' Study has had to be taken up, and we are now waiting for the Carpenters to arrive. We have found great difficulty, owing to import restrictions, in replacing Enamelware in the size we require, but we have done the best we can, and our Kitchen-ware is looking much better, and certainly more hygienic. We have purchased one lot of Tablecloth material and Bedspreads & Curtains.

Entertainment. The children have been entertained by the Rangituru Junior Red Cross, and each given a gift, which the Girls had made. The Morris Drama Group also came to entertain the children with items and Community singing. Our 4th Dormie Boys and Girls were delighted to be entertained to Tea and Television by Mr. & Mrs. Corbett. Our 3rd Dormie Girls attended a Teens for Christ afternoon at the Organ Room, Clifton Hill one Sunday, and the 4th Dormies the Talent Quest Social. The Paraparaumal Rotary Club have commenced our Film evenings, and our recently innovated Sunday afternoon 'Happy Hour', has received enthusiastic support from the B.C. We have asked to take it, and some of them have accepted our invitation to Tea afterwards.

We only need one more home for Holidays, so that all our children will have a change, and our Staff a needed break. We look forward to seeing some sunshine soon, but even the wet weather has its joys for the children, when on Sunday morning they woke up to discover about 2 dozen ducks swimming in our backyard. We find, in spite of wet weather, we now have no serious leaks.

This month our numbers have risen to 57 with the arrival from Wakefield of the 4 [REDACTED] children, [REDACTED] These children came to us on the recommendation of Rev. L. Gibson and the Nelson Welfare Officer. They are good children, seem to have settled in quite well, and have not proved any trouble.

All the children are well, [REDACTED] only having had German measles since she arrived.

Of the old Boys and Girls, [REDACTED] are still with us, [REDACTED] turned up again, but found jobs and are out boarding now. We haven't had any complaints from or about the others. We are still trying to get [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to go into houses and have at least the older members of their family with them.

We were very satisfied with Re-Union this year; a little disappointed at the smaller numbers, but everything seemed to go well, and we have had many compliments on the Tea and the arrangements. The only complaint was from 3rd Dormie that they were sent to bed too early.

We were able to contact the traveller of Gibson & Paterson, and received our orders of Teaspoons, Dessert, and Tablespoons, Cups, Saucers, Coupes and Dinner plates, of the heavy quality we have had back in the past. We also received two Stainless Steel Pudding Basins at [REDACTED] / each, from these people.

We have had seats for the West High School production of Gilbert & Sullivan, and an Outing to Hororata for St. 1 to Form 2 pupils arranged by the Te Perita Junior Red Cross. Saturday night Games have finished for the year, also Happy Hour except for a Special one on 29th October by Somerfield.

We are glad to know that our Sick people are well on the road to [REDACTED] good health again and have been pleased to see them among us again.

The bed and Dressing table arrived for the cubicle and this is a great improvement; however we have not put the bed in until Maria moves out.

REPORT TO HOUSE COMMITTEE

8th NOVEMBER 1961.

Our numbers still stand at 57, and except for a few cases of 'Tummy Flu' everyone is well. [REDACTED] had a week in hospital with a poisoned hand, and [REDACTED] had a fortnight in Burwood with a chopped finger. This proved a holiday, as it had healed before they sent him to Burwood.

Holiday arrangements are going well, and there are only 10 children to place; however things can slip up to upset plans; but we have had a wonderful response from our Church people outside the North Canterbury area.

Sister Rona and Mr. Scott have had a number of Services and numerous talks to Groups in and around Christchurch and as far away as Dunedin. A new request was for Mr. Scott to speak in the Lunchhour [REDACTED] to-day at Duckworth & Turner's.

We have been entertained by the Magician's Society at the Civic Theatre, the Burham Camp Authorities with Firworks and Supper at the Camp, a Film evening by Mr. Reynish, one of our 'fathers' and a final Film Night for the year, by the Papanui Rotary Club.

Our older children took part in the Children's Homes Appeal, and 4 Boys and One girl took part in the Heaton Street School Concerts.

Mr. Scott is still trying to obtain a house or flat for [REDACTED] has been informed she has to find Board for her daughter, as when [REDACTED] intimated she would like to live with her Aunt Ruth, and her Aunt and Uncle were considering this quite favourably, [REDACTED] refused to let [REDACTED] go there, so we have refused to keep her here. [REDACTED] has the choice of two places for Board to-day.

[REDACTED] will be starting work in the Farmer's Office on 13th November, and Mr. Trebilco is looking for board for her in the Somerfield area. The Farmers have agreed to allow her to have holidays at Christmas. [REDACTED] will be starting work at Bascands in the Bookbinding section when School breaks up, but is also having 3 weeks holiday over Christmas. We are still looking for board for her, and have asked Mr. Grocott to see what he can do as she knows the people in his area.

The following children will probably return to their parents before or after the holidays. [REDACTED]

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at Waddington; only unfortunately Dad has turned up again. Both these ladies have prepared rooms, by making alterations to their homes to take these two lads; and what we have seen and heard of Dad doesn't make us happy about spoiling the boy's prospects.

Old Boys and Girls.

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At the conclusion of this last report for the year, may I wish all members of the House Committee, a Very Happy Christmas Season, and my the thanks of all the Staff for their help during the year, in improving the Home and making working conditions more pleasant.