

Minute Book: Children's Home House Committee

April 1965 - April 1968.

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The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday April 14, those present being Mesdames Bell, Blight, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews [presiding] Melhuish, Newton & Scott.

Apologies were received from Miss Horrell and Mrs. Black.

Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Hodder thanked the members for the beautiful flowers taken to her in hospital by the President; and thanked Mrs. Melhuish for so competently acting as Secretary.

Mrs. Newton reported that the Street Day Appeal catering had gone off very well. As Mr. Beardsley had made a very generous donation of cake, it was not necessary to use all of the £5 given by the Board. It was resolved to hold over the remainder - £3.6.0 - in the Home's safe, for use on the same day next year.

An order has been placed for jugs and

basins, but they have not yet come to hand.
The china ordered has arrived.

Mrs. Hood has taken over the Kindy on one morning a week.

Matron's Report: we have 52 children, all in reasonably good health.

Staff: Miss Betty Looms has settled in well with staff and children. Mrs. Hood has taken over cleaning in the Middle Block and Mrs. Glenroy has taken over the laundry in place of Mrs. Penrose, who has a part-time position at St. Winifred's.

All Harvests, 25 in all, have been stored, used, or preserved, including almost a ton of tomatoes. The Deep Freeze is nearly full of cauliflowers, beans, carrots and corn.

Mr. Scott has taken the Middle Block family, Sister Rona and [redacted] for a trip to Arthur's Pass, leaving Friday afternoon and returning Saturday evening; also Miss Hore and her family, Miss Kerr and her family + Miss Roud's family, leaving only Miss Bay's family to have

their trip. This was in place of a picnic, financed by Masonic Charities.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott visited Ashburton twice first to attend services at Wakamui and Baring Sq. and receive their harvests, and again to receive gifts of jam from children of Baring Sq. Sunday School. At two of these services Mr. Scott was asked to speak to the children, and also took an evening Service at Sydenham. Mr. Scott and one of the boys helped on the day of the Street Appeal, and most of the staff manned collecting posts.

Staff and children enjoyed The Church picnic at Spencer Park in March.

Mr. Scott has spoken to the Heathcote Ladies' Fellowship on the Home, and Sister Rona to the Weedons Fellowship. Ballet recommenced this month.

Visits: 45 ladies from Shirley Evening Fellowship enjoyed seeing over the Home, and mending and marking clothing. Oxford ladies also visited, having lunch on the lawn before going on to Deaconess House.

Sister Rona was one of the Speakers at the Inter-Church School, speaking on the New Testament.

This has been a busy month but well worth while.

Slides: Staff are making new up to date slides of the work of the Home, suitable for taking out to Ladies' Groups. It is hoped to show these at the June meeting of the Ladies' House Committee.

Welfare visitors were pleased with the Home, but wanted to see all iron beds replaced by wooden ones, and still think the bedrooms should be carpeted.

X It was decided to recommend to the next meeting of the Board that all remaining iron beds be replaced by wooden ones, and furnished with rubber mattresses.

It was moved by Mrs. Corbett and seconded by Mrs. Melhuish that we retain our polished floors and warm mats, as being much more hygienic for younger children such as ours.

Mrs. Scott was authorised to obtain new bedspreads and curtains as needed.

Gifts were many and varied: Scrapbooks, comics, assorted clothing, groceries, fruit, honey, jam, eggs, tripe, pickled pork and mince, as well as home-grown produce. Total cash value was £74.16.10.

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

B. I. Hodder.
Hon Sec.

F. J. Matthews
12. 5. 65.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. May 12. Those present being Mesdames Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews, [presiding] Melhuish, Newton and Scott.

Cipologies were received from Miss Horrell and Mesdames Bell, Black and Blight.

Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Matron's report: All children are away on holiday but 60 have been in residence during the month, including 5 [redacted] children whose parents are unfit to look after them, and [redacted] 3 & 4, and [redacted] 2 and 4, whose father is an old boy of the Home. These four were temporary, on account of illness of their mothers.

[redacted] re. turned to their parents, also the [redacted] boys whose parents are re-united.

This leaves our family at 51 with 14 in foster homes.

[redacted] and [redacted] who were in foster homes and are now working, but remain in their foster homes, come in frequently and are both doing well.

Health: There were 6 more measles cases with a little ear trouble, but all cleared up before the holidays.

Holidays: Homes were offered freely in spite of 9 extra children to place during the last two weeks. Grateful thanks goes to many kind folk in our own and sister churches.

Several new groups of the Women's Fellowship have sponsored children for Outings Days and holiday weekends.

Alterations: Carpenters are making very slow work of our extra staff room, and it will probably be some weeks yet before Miss Lewis can shift into her new room.

Following a visit from one of our ladies' groups, we received a call from their minister, followed by an arranged visit by the Executive of a Charitable Organisation who suggested spending a large sum of money on improvements to the Home. Mr. Scott has

had discussions with them, which should result in several amenities being provided which will improve the working and comfort of our Home for both Staff and children.
Staff: All are well but weary after a busy term and most will be able to have a few days away. Mr. Scott is in Auckland and Sister Rona at Deaconess Convocation, and five staff are leaving for their homes.

During the next 3 months we have two Girl Guides doing 2 hours voluntary work per week for their Queen's Award, and a Varsity Student is coming to work voluntarily for the next two weeks.

Several letters from Miss Henry describing her travels have been enjoyed by all.

Mr. Scott has taken two services this month, and Sister Rona spoke during the morning service broadcast from

Durham St. Church on Mother's Day, on the angle of children who do not have a mother's care. She is also Transport Officer for Deaconesses arriving by air for the

Convocation.

Roasting tins are needed and some discussion took place on these, as Mrs. Scott said that one of stainless steel in use for only two years had become pitted — the manufacturers said because of salt baked in it. It was decided that Mr. Scott should make enquiries about heavy tin ones and get them as required.

x It was moved by Mrs. Corbett and seconded by Mrs. Garfath that a firescreen should be obtained to fit right over the fireplace in the Reception Room.

Gifts this month included 3 lots of Easter eggs, turkeys and ducks, fruit and jam, apples, books, toys and clothing which included scarves made by Mrs. Barker of the Blind Institute. Total cash value was £23.9.0.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction and a delightful afternoon tea was served by Mrs. Scott.

B. I. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews,
9-6-65.

The monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday June 9, those present being Miss Horrell and Mesdames Bell, Black, Bligh, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Melhuish, Newlon, and Scott. Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with readings and prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mrs. Scott said the firescreen was being made and would be ready soon.

A letter was received from the Board stating that it was resolved at their last meeting that

(a) the floor of the new bedroom for a staff member be treated with cork tiling or whatever was necessary and carpeted wall to wall.

(b) that not less than 3 staff bedrooms be carpeted annually until all are done (wall to wall)

They ask that our Committee set about implementing this.

They also agree that all old beds, 16 in

number, be replaced with wooden ones, and that rubber mattresses be obtained for all beds - 32 required.

This means that 48 wooden beds will be in stock, enough for 12 for each of the four families, nothing further to be done to centre block beds in the meantime, as the whole question of a receiving cube needs consideration.

A detailed report had been received from the Child Welfare Division making some rather outspoken comments on the state of the Home in comparison with others in Christchurch. The committee is to inspect the building, and take necessary action in the various matters which are our responsibility, or make further representation to the next Board meeting.

As a start, it was decided to obtain a supply of towelling bath mats for all bathrooms.

Matron's Report: Everyone is settled down after school holidays, and all but nine were offered hospitality in Queen's Birthday weekend.

The term began with 35 children, the following being returned to parents: 5 [redacted] children, on Doctor's recommendation, but not with our approval as the mother is still having daily treatment. Mr. Glen has this family in his care. Three [redacted] children; the 3 temporary children; the 4 [redacted] children, the father taking the 2 boys & the mother [redacted]. She has a flat in ChCh and hopes to obtain part-time work. [redacted] has been fostered to her holiday parents who have known the family for about 5 yrs.

Admissions: [redacted] whose parents are separated; a temporary family of 3 whose mother was having a 4th child, and 3 [redacted] children. [redacted] 10, [redacted] 9 and [redacted] 6, whose mother is in hospital for an operation for a few weeks. Present roll number 43.

The three [redacted] children have been put in Miss Bay's family as they seem to be fairly permanent. This matter has

been referred to Mr. Maurice McGregor, now attached to the Princess Margaret Psychiatric Clinic, to see what he can ascertain regarding the mother's health and the future of the children.

Health: All children and staff are well.

Alterations: The carpenters have now finished in the new staff room, and Mr. Scott is busy painting, ready for flooring and furniture to be installed.

The chaplain and secretary of the Board visited the staff and explained about the proposed improvements to staff rooms.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott spent a morning in town recently trying to locate necessary kitchen equipment. Stainless steel jugs in a large size were not procurable, but 3 large and 2 medium enamel ones were bought, also 3 deep aluminium basins. The spark guard will cost £2.10.0 which seems very reasonable in comparison with shop ones. Heavy based roasting dishes have been ordered to our requirements, of black steel metal with welded joints.

Visits: Wedons Ladies' Fellowship saw over the Home and brought a gift parcel of sweets for each family unit. Sister Rona spoke to this group some time ago.

Miss Val. Wamen who lived in during the holidays doing voluntary work was a great asset; very grateful for the opportunity her studentship gives her to obtain the education and position she hopes for.

Mr. Scott has taken two services this month.

Still needed one two dozen butter dishes and 1 doz jam dishes, a pair of kitchen scissors; blankets are needed, priced at Miller's for £7-6^{pr} the large single size.

Mrs. Scott was authorised to get 10 or 12 pairs as needed.

The hall carpet needs turning and lightening, and a new under felt; it was decided to do this as soon as possible.

Gifts this month included clothing books, toys and comics received many.

mainly, jigsaw puzzles, a bassinette, cot, dolls and clothes for the kindly room, and two dolls and wardrobe. Jam and eggs totalled £12-0-0.

Mrs. Scott then served a delightful afternoon tea, after which the committee split into two halves and were shown over the Home by Mr. and Mrs. Scott with special attention to items mentioned in the Welfare Division's report.

B. I. Hodder.

Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
14-7-65.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. July 14, those present being Mesdames Bell, Black, Blight, Corbett, Gurfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding), Melhuish, Newton and Scott and Miss Horrell.

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

The firescreen had arrived and looked very good. Samples of gayleu and Knightsbridge

carpets were shown for staff room floors, and it was decided to recommend the latter to the Board.

Twelve pairs of blankets had been obtained from Miller's, and they were of good size and better quality than those previously bought.

The purchase of a bed and dressing table for the new staff room was authorised.

The small washing machine has worn out and is not worth repairing, but a good reconditioned one can be obtained from Hay's. This was approved.

The new beds are now in use, but it was not possible to obtain a Government subsidy for them. Lockers now could do with revarnishing.

Mrs. Matthews reported on a visit paid to the Boys' Home in Stanmore Rd. and to the new Family Home in Fleetway conducted by the Welfare Division. The party led by Mr. Lyons included Board representatives, House Committee represent-

atives. Mr. Mrs. Scott and Sister Rona. Ideas for reorganisation of dormitory accommodation were especially interesting, but an older age group is catered for than at our Home.

As the Finance Committee of the Board is to meet on July 20, considerable discussion took place on various matters affecting the Home, and the Secretary was asked to write to the Board giving our recommendations as follows:

- 1) Knightsbridge carpet for staff rooms.
- 2) Bathrooms to be reorganised as necessary - Showers to have hot water connected or be removed.
- 3) A more satisfactory first aid area should be set aside.
- 4) A letter from Miss Jean Hay to the Board tells of lack of equipment and gives a list of necessary items for the Kindergarten. Miss Sandford looks after 15 preschool children of varying ages and needs equipment to keep them happily and constructively employed. Miss Hay has already provided a good deal of apparatus herself. It was

recommended that she be allowed to purchase what she thinks necessary.

- x 5) We consider it would be more satisfactory to provide only 3 family units and a receiving centre. This would enable rearrangement of rooms to give central storage area for all clothing under charge of one person.

In the Receiving Centre. as there is at present only one room giving dormitory accommodation, with others using one end of the dining room. it is necessary that the dining room should be divided in some way to separate the living area from the sleeping area.

- x Family rooms should be made more homelike, divided into eating and recreation areas. with formica tables and some cosy floor covering and seating.

- x This brings up the question of heating in the blocks, which is inadequate. Wiring should be examined throughout

and extra joints installed where necessary for heating and cleaning.

Matron's Report: Since last month permanent admissions have been 3 [redacted] children.

[redacted], whose father has gone to Australia, and 4 [redacted] children.

5, whose mother has left home. Also admitted were 2 [redacted] children, both of whose parents were ill, and 3 [redacted] children whose mother was in Hospital, but both these families plus the 3 [redacted] children have now returned home. [redacted] has returned from his foster home, as his foster parents felt he was unhappy and lonely. The Welfare Dept. have asked us to have

[redacted] again as they cannot find a foster home who can manage him.

Thus our family numbers 52. Two foster children have come to us through Lifeline

[redacted], 11 mths. and [redacted] 10 days. making 17 foster children. All are doing well.

Health All children are well, with only one case

of measles during the month.
Outings: With Heaton and Waimāiri schools coinciding with their half term holiday, most family mothers took their families to a Film Matinee, with a Fish and Chip Tea and Ice cream to follow. All much enjoyed.

Staff All are working well, and cooperating in ideas or pointing out defects in their "Flats" which could be improved. A good number are still attending the series of lectures arranged by the Social Service Council covering the care of all ages in Institutions and the effect this kind of life has on staff and inmates. Some of these have proved very worthwhile.

All staff are well except Miss Hore, who is to go into hospital at the end of the month, and Sister Rona.

We have had a visit from two classes of Rugby St. Sunday School to see over the Home and meet children and mothers.

Sister Rona has spoken on the Home to Durham St. Women's Fellowship, and Mr. Scott spent Sunday 27th June in the Oxford Circuit but owing to weather conditions did not complete the evening at Oxford. He has also preached at Kaiapoi and Woolston.

Butter dishes and Kitchen scissors have been bought, as well as blankets, firescreen and roasting dishes.

The purchase of two dozen towelling bath mats was authorised, and also a Steam iron and heat controlled iron for use in the Laundry.

Mrs. Melhuish reported giving a talk on the Home to Revivale Girl Guides, with good results.

Gifts this month included apples, baked beans + spaghetti, peanut butter, groceries, sweets, clothing, rubber clips for pillows, books, crayons, wool, furniture etc. Cash value was £12-18-0.

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

J. J. Matthews

B. I. Hodder Hon. Sec.

11-8-65.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Aug. 11. Those present being Miss Horrell and Mesdames Bell, Black, Bligh, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Newton and Scott. An apology was received from Mrs. Melhuish.

Mrs. Matthews convened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Four staffrooms had been fitted with knights bridge carpet and look very well.

Mrs. Matthews took flowers to Miss Horc in Hospital, and a letter of thanks was received.

A card was sent to Mr. Horrell to congratulate him on his 99th birthday and a reply received from Miss Alice Horrell.

A letter of sympathy in her illness was sent to Sister Rona, and a reply received.

Large bathmats in corded cotton had

been bought for the children's bathrooms at 6/8 each, and smaller ones in towelling for the staff at 7/11 each.

A steam iron and a heat controlled iron have still to come from Hays Ltd.

Malron's Report:

Family numbers remain the same [redacted]

[redacted] of Miss Horc's family, have returned to their parents in Dunedin. [redacted]

[redacted] came for 10 days while their mother had a new baby, and we now have [redacted] until the holidays.

They are the youngest of 5 boys, whose father is blind and whose mother badly needs a holiday. Neighbours are caring for the school age children. This family came to us through the Kaiapoi Church. [redacted] who was in a foster home has now returned to his mother. This makes 16 in foster homes and 18 girls and 33 boys resident in the Home.

Health: There has been a continuous run of 'flu' showing in repeated spells of high temperature sore throats and infected ears, but we hope all are on the mend now.

We are pleased to report that our negotiations with the Welfare Dept. re [redacted] a state ward who has been in our care for 2 yrs. have been successful, and he has now been able to return to his parents, who have been helped by us to secure a State house and set up their home again. They are all so happy to be together again.

Visits: St. Stephen's Fellowship came and did an evening's sewing for us, and the Oxford Tree Baptist Sunday School Group entertained our children with songs, stories and music. Some of our older ones gave items in return. Mr. Harrow has been active over the past month inspecting the building thoroughly inside and out. Members of the Welfare Dept. from Wellington and Christ Church, members of our Board and House Committee also looked over the house on Wed. July 21, and the Welfare Committee was more favourable than the report indicated.

A very enjoyable evening was held on Tuesday Aug. 10 to entertain friends of

[redacted] and his fiancée at a kitchen evening. [redacted] is an old boy of the Home who has lived in the Papanui district since leaving school.

Staff: Sister Ronai's health is improving slowly; she contracted shingles after the hepatitis. Miss Hore has had her operation and is now out of hospital but not improving as fast as she would like. Our cleaning lady Mrs. Memin has had to leave owing to her son's illness. Mrs. Prentice has come to our aid until the holidays.

Purchases: Three more mattresses arrived, and arrangements have been made to turn the hall carpet.

Miss Hay has received money from the Board to buy Kindergarten equipment. Mrs. Read has been helping while Miss Sandford has been taking care of Miss Hore's family.

Some discussion took place on the provision of uniforms for the staff, but no decision was arrived at.

Papanui Rotary Club has decided to pro

vide a paddling pool for the children, and has also cut our boundary trees.

x It was decided to recommend to the Board that another live-in staff member be taken on, to help in the middle block with cleaning, looking after clothing, weekend washing etc., and to be trained in all branches of the work to act as reliever when necessary. To accommodate her, we ask that the ~~middle~~^{girls'} block washroom be changed into a bedroom as has been done with Miss Holmes' room. We ask for this to be done immediately.

Fifteen holiday homes are still wanted for children boys old and under.

Gifts this month included jam and eggs to the value of £11-2-0, as well as red material, toilet bags, used clothing and facecloths and soap.

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

B. I. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

Embley
8.9.65.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Sept. 8, those present being Mesdames Black, Blight (presiding) Hodder, Garfath, Melhuish, Newton and Scott.

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

The meeting was opened with silent prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters of sympathy had been written to Miss Holmes in Princess Margaret Hospital and to Mr. Scott in Burnwood Hospital.

A letter was received from Mrs. Miller Head asking us to provide and serve lunch for about 12 and afternoon tea for about 30 counters at St. Paul's, Cashel St. on House to House Appeal Day, Oct. 2. We decided to do this, details to be arranged later when Mrs. Matthews returns; we propose to buy cakes and savouries and make sandwiches and plain foods.

Natron's Report: Children have all returned and settled down well after the holidays, and a

number have been asked back for the Christmas vacation. Helpfulness and good manners have been commented upon.

Roll: Our family numbers 49 in the Home and 20 in foster homes, all of whom are well.

Staff: [redacted] returned to their parents at the beginning of the holidays. Our staff continues to be depleted by sickness, and we have difficulty in finding temporary or permanent staff members.

Sister Rona's health is improving and Mr. Scott has almost recovered from his operation. Miss Hore is improving slowly, but will be another month or six weeks before being fully restored to health. Miss Looms who entered hospital at the beginning of the holidays for a few days is still there, but we hope will be able to resume her duties in about a week. We are expecting to welcome Miss Maureen Frazer to the new position in the Middle Block commencing on Monday. She is a school friend of Miss Bay and Miss Sandford. We tried to fill Miss Looms' position for a month but the woman stayed only

3 days, so we are hoping to carry on meantime. Entertainment: Children and staff were again entertained by the Operatic Society to their annual production "The Mikado", which was enjoyed by all. We also had an invitation to the Gang Show, but as it was in the holidays we were unable to accept. However, most of the children were able to see the presentation and also visit the Industries Fair.

Miss Henny has returned to work after her trip overseas. She enjoyed her tour very much but is glad to be back in N.2. and to return to her job. Mrs. Rhodes has resumed the cleaning position, and we are very grateful to Mrs. Prentice for helping us out, which she is willing to do again should we need her.

Sister Rona has spoken to the Byndur fellowship about the Home, and shown slides, and is doing the same at Beckenham. We have four bookings for visits to the Home this month.

Mr. Scott has taken two services, but has had to cancel some until his leg is stronger.

There are two gifts of eggs coming up, of which Horrelville is again first.

Seven more rubber mattresses have come to hand during the holidays, completing Miss Road's and Miss Ken's bedrooms.

The two irons have come and are very useful.

The Board agreed to a live-in staff member for the middle block, and to converting a washroom to a bedroom, but this has not yet been started.

The Kindaganien room now has a Formica table and small stacking chairs - a gift - but the windy house is not yet finished.

Gifts this month included books, toys, sweets, clothing, feeders and facecloths, spongebags and handkerchiefs, three cases of grapefruit, and eggs valued at £4-10-0

Mrs. Blight was thanked for taking the chair, and pronounced the Benediction. Mrs. Scott served a delicious afternoon tea and was thanked for it.

B.I. Hodder Hon. Sec.

Emblight
13.10.65.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Oct. 13, those present being Miss Horrell, and Mesdames Black, Blight, Corbett, Hodder, Melhuish, Newton and Scott. In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Blight took the chair.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Garfath and Mrs. Matthews.

Mrs. Blight opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary was asked to write a letter of cheer to Mrs. Garfath, who has a broken arm.

A letter of thanks was received from Mrs. Millerhead thanking our members for preparing and serving lunch and afternoon tea to counters on the House to House Appeal day, Oct. 2. Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Melhuish and Mrs. Newton also helped count the money on that day. The sum of £4.700 had been received to date. The sum of £1.6.0 was spent from the £3.6.0 we had in hand

leaving a balance of £2-0-0.

Matron's report: Children still number 49, but there have been several changes during the month. [redacted] children have been able to return home as their parents are re-united. Three [redacted] children and two wee Maori children named [redacted] have come and gone. We now have [redacted] a difficult welfare case of 12 yrs. whose mother and stepfather cannot cope with her. Also 3 yr old twin girls, not toilet-trained, with an unmarried mother ^{who has} de facto husband with children of a previous marriage.

Health: All children are well, but staff health is still uncertain. Miss Hore is improving more rapidly now; Miss Loomis is still under medical care but able to work; our cook has been sick for two weeks, and has to have a week's holiday on doctor's orders.

All staff have done splendid service over the last 4 months while there has been so much sickness; staff have offered to forfeit their double days off. Miss Loomis, Miss Fraser and Miss Sandford have willingly accepted

re-direction to other work. Mrs. Rhodes has left, and is replaced by Mrs. Clancy. We hope to have everyone back in her own position by the end of the month.

Entertainment and Education: A number of staff have attended further lectures under the County Social Service Council, and also one by Dr. Robb, of Victoria University on "Some social problems in N.Z. Today" held as part of the Social Service Training Scheme at Templeton Farm. The staff and others interested also listened to a tape recording illustrated with slides on Remedial Children's Homes in England.

Children and staff enjoyed "Lolanthé" by the West Clch High School Drama Club, and a production by the Clch Ballet Society in the Civic Theatre. The cubs have had a hike, and the girls have been to visit Mrs. Kerallick and see her collection of 118 dolls.

Visits: During September St. David's Ladies came to do an evening's sewing which was much appreciated. The Woodend-Sefton-Waikuku Fellowship came to morning tea, a talk about

our work and an inspection of the Home. Papamui Fellowship had booked in for an evening's sewing but cancelled their effort. The cyfys concluded their evening "Nutrishin Fishin" with supper and a talk on the Home and its work, about 45 young people attending.

During this evening Sister Rona visited one of the other places of call to speak on Deacons' work. 35 members of Willowby Fellowship came for morning tea and a tour of the Family Units.

From the Social Service Training Scheme at Templeton we have been allocated two members, Capt. Jean Mathieson of The Grange Salvation Army Girls Home in Auckland, catering for 26 girls from 5 to 15 yrs. and Mr. Jack Drake of Levin Training School. These two folk come each Tuesday from 2 to 8 pm. and have been attached to a Family Unit to observe, assist and do a case study of a child in connection with their S. Service Course.

Mr. Scott was invited as speaker to the New's evening of Waimoni Home and Family

week, and has also taken two services.

Six more rubber mattresses have arrived.

Miss Jean Hay showed members the new equipment bought for the Kindergarten room, and described activities which could be carried on with it. Some activities such as painting and hammering are still not undertaken because we have only one supervisor for all children. Miss Hay was thanked for coming along to show us the room, and for taking such an active interest in our children.

After this, Rev. H. C. Matthews and Mr. Sellers, the Board's architect, brought along plans of the new children's family home to be built at Somerfield, and invited comments and suggestions. These were forthcoming fairly freely, and dealt with by Mr. Sellers, some being noted for future reference. All agreed that it was a good plan for its purpose, and should house a family of children very comfortably. It has yet to go before the Board, the Welfare Division, the Health Dept. and the Church

Building and loan fund.

Mrs. Scott then served a beautiful afternoon tea, and the business continued afterwards.

The purchase of $1\frac{1}{2}$ doz. anodised aluminium pie dishes was authorised, as they become available.

X It was decided to recommend to the Board that another electric polisher be bought, as the two now in use are not proving adequate to the amount of polishing required.

As our next regular meeting day comes at Conference time, it was decided to hold it on Tuesday, Nov. 30, this being the last meeting of the year.

Gifts included carpet samples from Redpath's, 10 doz bottles of Gregg's cordials, eggs, jam and marmalade. Total cash value £49.16.0.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

B. I. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
30th Nov. 1966.

The postponed monthly meeting was held at the Home on Tuesday, Nov. 30, those present being Mesdames Bell, Black, Bligh, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Kethuish, Newlon and Scott. An apology was received from Miss Horrell.

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

No pie dishes have yet come to hand, nor have the floor polishers.

Imitation crystal pudding dishes made of clear plastic have been bought to hold cold puddings sixteen in all.

All rubber mattresses have now been purchased, and Mr. Scott is to dispose of the old ones as he thinks fit.

The kitchen is to be painted in the holidays and the vegetable room to be refitted.

The new food trolleys are now in use and are proving very useful.

Correspondence: A letter of thanks is to go to the staff for the splendid way they have coped with the work during times of illness over the last few months.

Mrs. Garfath expressed her thanks for our letter of sympathy.

Morning tea is to be held at the home on Thursday, Dec. 2. When our share of the Combined Appeals money will be handed over to Mr. Woodfield, and representatives of the Presbyterian and Anglican Homes will receive theirs. Our Committee is to help serve tea to the members of the Combined Appeals Trust Board and others present. Some members will make sandwiches at 9.30 a.m. and Mrs. Newton will pour out the tea.

Matrons Report: Our family continues to show an increase. — [redacted] whose mother is ill; [redacted] whose Mother has been committed to Mental Hospital; [redacted] for a week while his mother has her seventh child; [redacted] for 3 weeks while his mother was in Princess Margaret Hospital; and [redacted] a very retarded 10 yr. old, whose Foster mother has returned to the Pacific Islands. Her own mother is married in

America and making plans to have the child. This brings our family to 54. During the month we also cared for the [redacted] while their mother produced a baby brother. They were delighted to be back with us.

Foster children now total 21, as we have just placed two children of a deaf mother, whose husband is in prison. These are two little boys. [redacted] 2½ + 4 yrs.

Mrs. Scott collected a 10-day old baby, [redacted] from Bethany a few weeks ago, child of an unmarried mother. The young couple are now married and settled in a home, with the wee boy.

All children are in excellent health, and staff are well and looking forward to the holidays.

It is hoped to settle two of our more permanent children in foster homes after the holidays.

[redacted] our major problem has now been committed to Mental Hospital and is highly delighted to be away from here, & able to help on the farm.

Entertainments and Visits: Some of our intermediate aged boys were entertained to a hike & a trip to Lyttellon by members of the Y.M.C.A. and their families. Children and staff enjoyed the annual Magicians' Show. Mr. & Mrs. Scott took 5 children to Ashburton on the last Sunday in October to receive their gift of eggs, having dinner with the Ashburton folk and morning tea with Miss Deward and Mr. Williams. Older children shared in the Bishopdale Firework Display. While younger ones had a bonfire and Guy Fawkes at the Home.

Amuri motors made their car park available for the children to watch Hay's Procession; this was much appreciated as the children had an unimpeded view. The Heaton Music and Phys. Ed. evenings, in which two girls took part, were much enjoyed.

Mr. Scott has taken 5 services. Holiday homes have come in well, and about 17 too many for the girls we have to place. Owing to the younger ages of

the children, we are arranging for some Staff or older person to travel with them to Invercargill and Blenheim.

Thanks were expressed to many kind folk who have remembered us in various ways throughout the year, and to the members of our Committee.

Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Newton were appointed to shop for Christmas presents for the staff.

Mrs. Scott was authorised to obtain more opal wear bread and butter plates, coupes, dinner plates and cups, to make up to a reserve of six dozen of each.

A wide range of gifts included seven cases of oranges from the crew of the "Tara-wera"; leftovers from Rangiora Church Centennial; books, toys, clothing; tins, cream and milk from the Show; small toys for Christmas stockings. Sweets, drinks, straws and paper hats & balloons; two good brown easy chairs; a patch work rug; a lamb from the C.F.M. and 90 dozen cracked eggs. Total cash value £13-15-0

Mrs. Matthews then pronounced the Benediction
Mrs. Scott served a very sumptuous
party afternoon tea, for which she was
thanked by members.

B. I. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
9. 2. 66.

The first meeting of the year was held at
the Home on Wednesday, Feb. 9., those
present being Miss Horwell, and Mesdames
Bell, Black, Blight, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews
(presiding) Melhuish, Newlon and Scott.

An apology was received from Mrs. Corbett.
Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with
prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Christmas shopping was successfully
done, and the staff were pleased with their
gifts.

Opalware dishes on order have not yet
arrived.

A new floor polisher and vacuum
cleaner have been purchased.

* There are still three staff bedrooms not car-
peted; a reminder of this is to go to the
Board meeting next Wednesday.

The kitchen has been painted and looks
much better; reorganisation of the veget-
able room still goes on, with a new potato
peeler being installed.

Correspondence: letters of sympathy were sent to Miss
Kerr on the occasion of her mother's death,
and to the niece of Miss Wykes, who used
to do the sewing at the Home, and continued
to take an interest after her retirement.
An acknowledgment was received from the niece,
Mrs. Keys.

Matron's Report: Thanks to many good folk, sixty
children have enjoyed good holidays.

Three [redacted] boys. [redacted]

[redacted] have returned to their father, who
wants to have a home for them. Four
[redacted] children have gone home to their
parents who are reunited. [redacted] whose

[redacted] have been in our care for 18 months has now
secured a separation from her husband, a

Social Security Benefit and a State house in Westport. and wants her family back, again. [redacted] returned home after the holidays as their mother is out of mental hospital. [redacted] our trouble. Some twelve year old has returned to her mother and stepfather.

This leaves 39 children from last year, plus [redacted] the younger children of a mother who has been in Australia whose husband has deserted her. She has brought her family of 4 back to New Zealand and is looking after the two High School girls while she works and gets a home together. In the middle block is [redacted] aged 12. son of a separated mother.

Of our foster children, 2 girls and 1 boy have returned to parents, and 2 Ramage children have been fostered, making 13 to date. Another of our foster babies is to be adopted shortly by her foster parents.

All children are well and have put on weight. [redacted] aged 7 had his

tonsils out during the holidays. Staff: All staff except Miss Leons have enjoyed holidays and come back well. Miss Leons spent all her holidays having an operation and subsequent treatment, and is now on a 2-3 wks. holiday before starting work.

Miss Sandford will not be leaving in May, and has agreed to taking the Reliever's position. Miss Frazer, our Trainee, is taking over the Kindy position, but is relieving while Miss Leons is away. Miss Leons will take over Miss Bay's family, as Miss Bay has left us to go to University. Miss Allen of Papanui is looking after the Kindy children from 9 to 2 each day for three weeks. We are now looking for a Trainee to help in the middle block.

Many gifts and donations came in over the Christmas period.

End of year functions were numerous & enjoyable. Waimain children had Folk Dancing, Sports, & a successful Brings Buy Sale. Scouts, Cubs, Brigades and Cadets all held happy functions.

Our Christmas Party was a great success. On Dec. 2 we entertained Social Services & Combined Appeals Board to morning tea, helped by House Committee members. Mr. Woodfield received the cheque on behalf of our Board. On the previous morning, Riverside Senior Guides came to polish, clean windows and furniture; their efforts were much appreciated.

On Sun. afternoon Dec. 5, the Langdon Hall Fellowship brought their wives and families to have afternoon tea on the lawn and explore the Home.

A number of Kindergarten Trainees from various kindergartens took nearly all our pre-schoolers to various break-ups, much to their delight.

x It was decided to remind the Board that nothing has yet been done about converting a wash room to a bedroom for the licensee in the middle block.

Street Appeal: This is to be on Friday March 11, and Mrs. Newton, Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Nelhuish agreed to look after the catering on that day.

x It was decided to ask the Board for a grant to wards food, and to ask the Women's Fellowships for donations of plain food, either as women's groups or as individuals.

Gifts: These included numerous Christmas parcels from as far away as Gonville and Bluff, and various cash gifts to be used specifically for Christmas purposes, amounting to £54-6-0.

Other gifts were a soccerball, football & two basket balls; toys, scrapbooks, clothing & books; food included jam, fruit, apple pie, ham, and eggs, to a value of £68-4-6.

We then inspected the kitchen, after which Mrs. Scott served a delightful afternoon tea. Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction.

B. I. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

F. J. Matthews
9-3-66.

The usual monthly meeting was held on Wed. Mar. 9 at the Home. Those present being Mesdames ^{Bell} Black Bligh, Corbett, Garforth, Hodder, Matthews (in the chair) Newton and Scott and Miss Horrell.

An apology was received from Mrs. Melhuish. Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Final arrangements were made for catering for the Street Appeal on Mar. 11, the sum of 15 being received from the Board, and a letter promising 16 doz. pieces from Women's Fellowships at Wainoni, Wootton, Cashmere Upper Riccarton, Shirley, Wairakei Rd. Linwood and Edgeware Rd.

The conversion of a washroom to a staff bedroom is held over meanwhile until the architect has made a plan for the whole home to be reorganized into four family homes.

A Kenwood mixer is to be purchased but will not be available until July.

Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Matthews are to choose suitable carpets for remaining

staff bedrooms. Reconstruction of the vegetable room is now finished.

Matron's Report: Already 23 children have been handled this year: [redacted] children, [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] whose father is in custody for assault and whose mother has nowhere to take them as their house has been sold; Miss Hore is caring for them. The Middle Block has taken four [redacted] children.

[redacted] their mother is in hospital and convalescing after an operation: 3 younger children are with us while [redacted] has an operation. Fostered temporarily are two children of [redacted]

[redacted] In the Middle Block also is [redacted] a special class child, as her grandmother who looks after her has injured her back, but is improving. Miss Hore also cared for [redacted], a 3 year old Samoan boy whose mother had deserted, until his father could make other arrangements for him.

We have temporarily cared for 3 [redacted] children while their mother had a break, and for the [redacted] children of Belfast while their

parents straightened out their circumstances.

[redacted] 3 yr. old twins, have returned to their mother [redacted] who has obtained a housekeeping position. Two of our foster children, [redacted] have also returned to their mother. Mr. Scott has been successful in arranging for [redacted] one of our small foster children to leave for America to join his mother and step father who were eagerly awaiting him. This has taken almost 12 months to achieve.

This brings our Home family to 52 & our foster children to 12.

Health All are well and many have joined in school swimming sports.

Staff All staff are working happily and in reasonable health. Two members have had a few days in bed with bronchitis, under Doctor's orders, but are now improved. Miss Joons has returned to duty in better health and able to cope with her new family very well. Miss Doreen Bunn of Jaldhurst has joined the staff as trainee and fits in well. She was an office

worker before coming to us.

Clubs etc. We have 3 boys at Scouts, 4 at Cubs, two joining the younger Y.M. group and 1 has joined St. Johns. Two girls one at Brigade and 4 at Cadets. Mrs. Fowler has started the Gym group again and Miss Fraser is holding an Art group for boys. Mr. Willmer has 4 music pupils.

Picnics, outings etc. The Church and Sunday School picnic to South Brighton was enjoyed by all our children and a number of our parents.

Our staff and children have again chosen to go for a day & a bit, in family units, to

Arthurs Pass instead of having a day picnic and the Middle Block had their trip at the end of February. Eight 4-5 year olds were taken for a drive and tea by some of the office staff of Kinsey & Co. The arranged trip was to Chawten's Bay, but as the day was wet, a shorter trip and tea at their homes was taken instead. Our Scouts attended the weekend camp for Founders Day, and the Cubs joined them for the Sunday afternoon service. Brigade girls had an enjoyable day to Diamond Harbour as part of their Ramblers Badge.

Sister Rona has spoken to the Sockburn Fellowship and Mr. and Mrs. Scott had a trip to Rakia and Alenton for harvests, taking four of the younger children. Mr. Scott has taken four services, and there has been an enquiry for a speaker to go to Oxford.

Six harvests have come to hand. Altogether the year has been full of interest with many comings and goings, and our family growing.

After a consultation with the head of the City Council Parks & Reserves Dept., the Rotary Club has made a start on the pool for the children.

Opal dinnerware is off the market owing to import restrictions, so Mrs. Scott is enquiring into other possible plastic or china more suitable for our purpose.

Three dozen glass butter dishes have been purchased but no jam dishes as yet.

Authority was given to buy two butcher's knives and a steel from John Burns Ltd, three aluminium bowls, and three pairs of double bed sheets.

The roller iron will not function for much longer and will need replacing.

Mrs. Corbett asked for three months leave of absence to visit Australia. It was decided to send her a small gift before she leaves on April 5.

Gifts this month included harvest festival produce, furniture and clothing, shoes & slippers, a variety of groceries, jars of fruit, jam, eggs, honey, of cash value £26.7.0.

The Home can still use socks for 2 to 6 yrs old, nappies, girls' bloomers & boys underpants.

Mrs. Scott served a beautiful afternoon tea and the meeting closed with the benediction.

B. I. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
13-4-66.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. April 13, those present being Miss Horrell and Mesdames Black, Blight, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Scott and Sister Rosa.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Corbett, Melhuish, and Newlon, and Bell.

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

The Secretary took a small gift to Mrs Corbett before her departure for Australia.

At this stage Mr. Matthews and Mr. Sellers arrived with the plans for reconstructing the Home into three family units and a Reception Centre. Mr. Sellers explained the alterations very fully and a good deal of discussion took place on various points.

As this took a good deal of time, Mrs. Scott served a beautiful afternoon tea, and business proceeded afterwards.

Matron's Report: Our family still remains at almost peak numbers. [redacted] has gone to Wellington with her mother

who has work there, but [redacted] is still ^{in our care} with us. She is a little Mongol child who has been placed with Mrs. Miles. [redacted] our Special Class 12 yr. old, has also returned home as her foster mother has improved in health. [redacted] has also returned to his father. [redacted] stayed for two weeks while her mother secured employment and somewhere for them to live. This is her second stay with us.

Admissions: We have admitted three [redacted] children while their mother had her fourth child; they are [redacted] almost 2, who came through our Riccarton Church. Of our two sick mothers, one is improving and should be able to have her children home next week; the other has been returned to hospital, leaving her four with us indefinitely.

Foster Children: [redacted] has been fostered to Mr. and Mrs. Dauber of Chch. as there seems little hope of this family being cared for by their mother who is still confined to hospital. This brings our foster children to 12 again.

and our Home family to 54. Two of our foster children were visited last Outings Day, Dean at Barr Hill and Robert at Geraldine. All are in good health and doing well.

All children and staff are in good health.

All permanent children have been in private homes for Easter, and some staff have been away.

Staff: Miss Bunn, who started work late in February decided against staying, leaving us short of staff again. We are advertising in other towns, and hope for more permanent results. Otherwise all are working well.

All Harvests are now to hand, 25 in all. A number of gifts of good clothing for boys as well as girls have been received, one of six jerseys for bigger boys being very welcome.

Outings etc. Leeston ladies were welcomed to see over the Home and learn of our work. They brought us clothing, jam & preserves. Children and staff have enjoyed two

musical shows, "Call me Madam" by the ChCh Operatic Society + a local production by Fidelity Theatre Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott visited Wanganui and Baring Square on two occasions in March, the 1st time to receive harvests from both places, and Mr. Scott was asked to take both services; and later in the month when Baring Square was visited to receive a gift of jam from Sunday School scholars and teachers. On each occasion four children went also. Mr. Scott also took services at Richmond and South Brighton.

About half the children have been tentatively placed for the May holidays.

Some opal ware dinner sets were seen at Smith's City Market, but did not contain enough items that would be of use to us. Mrs. Scott has written to Crown Lynn.

Carpet for three staff bedrooms was bought at Smith's City Market.

Mrs. Scott was authorised to buy 40 yds. of single sheet. Blankets will be required before long.

A report on the Street Day Appeal was received from Mrs. Newton. There was some money over which will be kept for a future similar occasion.

Two Zephyr heaters were bought for family units.

Gifts included eggs, jam, preserves, honey, groceries, clothing, books and games, toys, apples and pears: total cash value $\pounds 12-3$

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction

B.I. Hedder.
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews.
11/5/66.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. May 11. Those present being Mesdames Bell, Black, Bligh, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews [in the chair] Newton, Miss Horrell and Sister Rona. Apologies were received from Mrs. Corbett and Mrs. Melhuish and Mrs. Scott.

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

Sister Rona referred to the plans inspected at last month's meeting, and considered that some of the rooms planned as double bed rooms were not big enough for that purpose. The Committee inspected the Centie Black rooms and agreed with Sister Rona.

Carpet has not yet been laid in three staff rooms.

The two Zephyr heaters bought last month were authorised by the Committee, and a third one is to be bought for the other family home needing one.

The swimming pool built by the Rotary Club was opened by Mr. Kevin Ekroyd in the presence of Board & Rotary members.

As it was a pleasant nor-west morning several children swam in the pool and were photographed for newspapers and television. Morning tea was served to visitors by the Home staff. Sister Rona was complimented on the behaviour of the children. The Board is to put up a fence, and gate with lock.

The sum of £5-6-0 left over from the Street Day Appeal is to be kept in the Home safe for the next similar occasion.

A very interesting letter was received from Mrs. Corbett in Queensland.

Matron's report: The family are all well and on holiday. Numbers are still high, but some children may be able to return home in the near future.

Admissions:

9, 4 + 2 yrs., and [redacted] fostered, 14 with. While their mother has an operation and treatment; [redacted] 3½ and 19 months, while their mother obtained a live-in position where she could have the children; [redacted] 2 yr. old son of

an old girl of the Home while she had her second son. All these children have now returned home. More permanent one [redacted] 5, 4 + 2½, whose parents are separated, mother working to get a home together.

The [redacted] children have returned to their mother under the oversight of the Riccarton Church. Our family now totals 50, + foster children 11.

Staff: All staff are well, and hope to have a few days off after fitting their families with winter clothing + packing for the holidays. Miss Frazer has left, and Miss Bunn has not yet been replaced, leaving us two staff short.

Visitors: Married Afternoon Fellowship spent a happy afternoon seeing over the Home, with a talk by Sister Rona, and a cup of tea to follow. Mother Zee, Sister Madeline and Sister Mary Claude of the Community of the Sacred Name came one afternoon to see over the Home, ask questions about the work and arrange

for 6 sisters and two Fijian assistants to come for a week each to work with us in view of their assignment to set up a Home in Fiji for Indian and Fijian children some time next year.

Sheets have been bought. also jam dishes.

Mrs. Scott has been in touch with Gibson, Patterson who say another shipment of opalware is due soon.

The Crown Crystal Co. may enlarge the scope of their opalware production in the future.

The Committee authorised the purchase of a strong doormat of a good size for the front door.

Gifts included aprons, facecloths, handkerchiefs, socks and pants, mugs, gloves, Easter eggs, and fruit. total cash value £3-2-6

Mrs. Matthews then pronounced the Benediction and Sister Rona served a very welcome afternoon tea.

B. J. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

J. Matthews
8-6-66.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. June 8, those present being Mesdames Black, Blight, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Melhuish, Newlon and Scott. Apologies were received from Mesdames Bell and Corbett and Miss Horrell.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

Members had heard with regret of the death of Mr. F. G. Horrell at the great age of almost 100 years, and a letter had been sent to Miss Horrell, who replied.

Another letter had been sent to [redacted]

[redacted] who as [redacted] was an old girl of the home. Her husband had died in a motor accident, leaving her with a baby son.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The three staff bedrooms were now carpeted and were examined by Committee members. The new doormat is on order from Auckland as it has to be specially made.

An opalware dinnerware has arrived except the coupes.

Nation's Report: All are well after enjoyable holidays, for which we are grateful to many kind friends.

Our family numbers 145 so far this term, the following having returned to their parents: [redacted]

Children: [redacted] whose mother has obtained a country position with a house: also [redacted] children

Admissions are [redacted] as the house keeper was going into hospital and not returning after an operation: and 4 [redacted] boys aged 5 to 11, two of them retarded, while their mother is in hospital. All have settled well.

Foster children remain at ten, as [redacted]

[redacted] has returned home.

Staff: we have welcomed to our staff Miss Beryl Eade as assistant in the middle block and extra reliever. She is proving most successful. She is an Open Brethren girl.

Also Miss Barbara Ward for the Kindergarten, a Salvation Army girl; also Mrs. Beauvais for the laundry in place of Mrs. Gilroy, who felt she needed more time at home.

Visits: St. Mark's Somerset ladies paid a visit to see over the Home and hear about the work. But had visited Relma hostel before us and unfortunately were about an hour late. They hope to come again in the summer.

A meeting has been held at Wesley Lodge with representatives of the Lodge - Hospital. Relma hostel and the Home. on the question of a central laundry, at this stage discussions of quantities of laundry and times required.

Mr. Scott has taken services at Beckenham Belfast, Masham and Woodend.

A bicycle inspector at Heathon School had been in touch with the Lions about renovating the Home children's bicycles. They provided the parts, and 12 cycles were repaired by Mr. Clark of Papanui.

Gifts during the month consisted of dolls' bedding, aprons, handkerchiefs, clothing,

footwear, toys + 2 kindergarten records,
comics and scrap books, Easter eggs, jam
and fruit. Cash value £16.5.0.

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

B. I. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

M. J. Matthews
13-7-66

The usual monthly meeting was held at the
Home on Wed. July 13, those present being
Miss Horrell and Mesdames Bell, Bligh,
Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (in the chair)
Melhuish, Newton and Scott.

Apologies were received from Mesdames
Black and Corbett.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with
prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were
read and confirmed.

Marion's Report: Present number of children is
54, and foster children have risen from
10 to 17 during the month.

These children have returned to parents
4 [redacted] boys, whose mother is well again;
3 [redacted] children, whose parents are
reunited and have returned to their old
home.

Admissions are: 3 [redacted] children
under Child Welfare, while the family are
helped to straighten up their home: 5
[redacted] children, brought from Oamaru by
Mr. Cochrane; Their mother having desert-
ed

and their father being ill. The following children have also been re-admitted owing to ill health of mothers: [redacted] children, aged 10, 9, 7 & 5; [redacted] and 3 [redacted] children, whose mother is destitute with nowhere to live with the children. To cap the month, [redacted] arrived from Westport with triplets of 22 months. [redacted] and [redacted]

These three, with [redacted] 13 months, have gone to foster homes, as has [redacted] aged 7, who has been with us for 4 years. [redacted] who was to have returned to her mother last month, has been left in her foster home.

Families now number: Miss Kerr, 8. Miss Roud, 11, Miss Hore 9, Miss Loomis 9. Reception Centre 17.

Staff: Miss Ward has left; Miss Lorna Pritchard has been helping out for a fortnight until Miss Ransome from Auckland comes next Monday; Mrs. Beauvais, laundry staff, has left on

account of health; and Mrs. King of Papamui has taken her place.

Health: All children and staff reasonably well. Some cases of "tummy upset" and one of Chicken pox.

Sister Rona spoke to the Islington N.W.F. in June, showing slides of the Home; she also attended the 5th form evening at Linwood High School. All being delighted to hear of [redacted] progress and the fact that his form master thinks he may pass School Certificate.

As all our children had mid term holiday on July 11, they had a trip to Porters Pass, with fun on the snow and on the ice at Lake Lyndon, and pies for lunch.

Mr. Scott has taken services at Beckenham, Linwood and Addington, and Sister Rona spoke on the Churches' work among children, our aspect of this work, at Wesley Church beginning of Youth Week.

The following were authorised to be

bought by Mrs Scott; a frying basket to be made to fit our large Sauce pans; three candlewick bedspreads for the room at the head of the stairs. Also stainless steel piedishes to fit into our food trolleys.

The influx of babies has left us with a shortage of napkins, winter frocks and night gowns for ages 1-2yrs and up to 3yrs.

Gifts this month include toys & books clothing, apples, oranges, eggs, meat and groceries, cash value £17.11.8.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction and Mrs. Scott served a very welcome afternoon tea and was thanked by members.

B. I. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

F. J. Matthews
10.8.66

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Aug. 10, those present being Mesdames Black, Bligh, Bell, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding), Melhuish, Newton and Scott. An apology was received from Miss Horrell.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A card of appreciation was received from [redacted]

Baby clothes have been received in answer to our appeal.

The frying basket is on order.

Piedishes have come to hand but have had to be returned as the size is not right.

Matron's report: Numbers remain about the same for this month, both in the Home and in foster homes.

Demissions: The three [redacted] children have returned to their family who received them with open arms. [redacted] also returned home.

Admissions:

3 of the 5 children of [redacted] whose wife has been away since Christmas; an aunt is looking after 2 1/2 yr. old twins one of whom is a blue baby but has just had an operation to correct the trouble.

Health: Most children are well. with a few cases of tummy upsets and five with chicken pox. Staff are all well.

Holidays: All children are provided with holiday homes. Mr. Fraser has had his holidays.

Staff: All are working well. Family mothers have been chatting to teachers about their children and receiving some good reports.

Special: We are having medical reports on [redacted] S. for suspected hearing defect. and [redacted] one of the backward children, who has developed anti-social problems both at home and at school.

Visits: Aldred B.C. 25 in all, came to visit the Home for a talk and tea with the families as part of their Youth Week pro-

gramme. They brought cakes and savories with them. Four senior Red Cross members from Papanui School have been coming after school on Wednesdays for an hour to play with the smaller children as part of their service.

Mr. Scott has had 3 services this month and Sister Rona has spoken to Sunday School Teachers on "Discipline".

New mint blue bedspreads have been bought for Miss Kerr's bedrooms, with curtains to tone. Tango spreads have been bought for the dining room beds, pink spreads and curtains to tone for the room at the head of the stairs.

Opal coupés have come to hand. but our mixer is not yet here.

x Members inspected the sewing room carpet which is in a dangerous state of wear. Mrs. Blight moved and Mrs. Holder seconded that we recommend the purchase of a 12x9 carpet square or broadloom. The step-ladder in use is both heavy and very much worn. so we recommend

that a light metal one be bought.

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

Sifts This month included useful clothing toys, books, games, porridge meal, jam & eggs, cash value £6.4.0.

Mrs. Melhuish was given a cosmetic bag with our good wishes, as she leaves for a Lifeline Conference in Australia on Aug. 17.

Mrs. Scott served a much appreciated afternoon tea.

The meeting closed with the Benediction

B.I. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
15-9-66.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Sept. 14, those present being Mesdames Bell, Black, Bligh, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Melhuish, Sister Rona and Miss Horrell.

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 letter of sympathy had been sent to Miss Horrell on the death of her sister, and she had replied.

A letter had been received from Mrs. Miller. Read asking that our members serve lunch and afternoon tea to counters for the House to House Appeal on Sat. Oct. 1 at St. Paul's Schoolroom. There would be from 6 to 8 for lunch and about 30 for afternoon tea. Mesdames Matthews, Garfath, Bell, Melhuish, Black, Newton & possibly Mrs. Corbett offered to go, and provide buttered food while Mrs. Matthews would buy cakes for afternoon tea. Numbers would be reimbursed

from the money outstanding from the Street Appeal.

A very handy carpet square was procured for the sewing-room. Members inspected this, and authorised the purchase of curtains to tone with it.

A very large step ladder had also been bought.

Pie dishes in the correct size for our trolleys had come to hand.

Marion's report: Except for 2, all children had good holidays and behaved well.

Demissions: Six [redacted] children returned to their parents, and three [redacted] girls returned to their mother who has a house keeping position where she can have the children. [redacted] one of our

[redacted] School boys, also returned to his mother.

Admissions: 4 [redacted] girls, [redacted] while their mother is in the Home with a 5th child. This is a broken home & help was needed. Also [redacted] who have a baby

Sister. A lifetime case has given us [redacted] (6) while his mother has treatment at Sunnyside.

Two families of two each have been admitted while their mother is in maternity hospital.

We now have 56 children, & 17 in foster homes.

Health: Everyone is well. Miss Looms has been in hospital over the holiday period. But is back at work again.

Staff: All are working well. Miss Eade had Miss Looms' family for a few days. Most of the staff had a few days' holiday.

Special reports are still awaited for [redacted]

Visits: St. Stephen's & Clarence Rd. fellowships came to see over the Home and do an evening's mending.

Three of our younger girls danced in ballet exams.

Services: Mr. Scott took services at Sefton, at which he was given 11 doz. eggs, also a service at Linwood & one at Belfast.

There was a good response to our call for naps and toddler's clothing.

Some members inspected the dining room and made suggestions for making

the sleeping area more private. This is to be a temporary measure pending the major alterations, and will be discussed at our next meeting.

Mrs. Matthews reported from the Board meeting that the proposed alterations were to cost about £60,000. Members thought this a very considerable expense, and resolved that Mrs. Matthews & Mrs. Hodder should write to the Board asking them to take a further look at the renovations suggested, in the light of the cost.

Gifts for the month included food, sweets, clothing material, fruit, eggs & jam, and a large quantity of baked beans and spaghetti in small tins. Total cash value was £6-10-0.

The Benediction was pronounced, and Sister Rona Sewed a very welcome afternoon tea.

B. I. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
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The usual monthly meeting was held on Wed. Oct. 12 at the Home. Those present being Miss Horrell and Mesdames Black, Blight, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Melhuish, Newton and Scott.

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

Curtains to tone with the new sewing room carpet have been made by Miss Henry, and look very well.

There are at present only three beds in use in the dining room, so it was decided to make no recommendation to the Board at present, until further consideration has been given to the major alterations.

A letter was sent to the Board suggesting that they reconsider the whole question of the proposed alterations, and a special meeting is to be held on Wed. Oct. 19 for that purpose.

A letter of thanks was received from Mrs. Miller. Read for the help of our members in

Catering for the House to House Appeal counters on Oct. 1.

Matron's Report: The following children have gone back to parents during the month: [redacted]

[redacted] Camamu, whose parents have settled their differences; [redacted]

[redacted] whose mother has obtained a house; [redacted]

and [redacted] both maternally cases, with no relatives to care for the children; [redacted] to his mother who has obtained a house-keeping position; [redacted]

whose mother is home from hospital; and [redacted]

month whose mother has secured a house for them. This brought our family down to 36 (the lowest since the start of the Family Unit System) with 15 in foster homes.

Admissions: We are caring for the 3 [redacted] girls again, also their little brother in a foster home, as their mother has left them again; also four children of [redacted] a life

line case; we helped them about five years ago, and they have made out till now, but the husband, a Samoan, is not stable, and it is completely broken up this time; these children are [redacted] aged from 3 to 8 years. This brings our family to 16 in foster homes and 43 in the Home.

Health: Everyone is very well.

Work: Spring cleaning is well ahead, and fitting of summer clothing also well up to date.

Our three girls passed their ballet exams. Mr. Willmer has made a good recovery, and hopes to be back to take up music lessons at the beginning of 1967.

Visits: We have entertained 28 from the Mairehau mothers' Club.

St. Mark's, Somerfield, came to do 2 hours mending and sewing, which was much appreciated.

Sister Rona spoke at a meeting of St. Albans Salvation Army Home League, and Mr. Scott took services at Islington, Shirley and the Welsh Society. He and Mr. Falkingham have also had a meeting towards better

coöperation in working with lifeline cases:
this followed a recommendation by the Board.

Purchases: The mixer has arrived and is proving its worth.

The carpet in the reception room is very worn and will soon need replacing.

The oldest vacuum cleaner is out of order and would cost £10 in repairs. We therefore recommend that a new one be purchased.

It was decided to ask for authority to buy Christmas presents for the staff as in previous years.

Gifts consisted of cash donations of £12-7-6, as well as eggs, clothing, books, toys, jam and fruit, value £43-2-0.

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

B. J. Hodder,
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
9-11-66.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the House on Wed. Nov. 9, those present being Mesdames Black, Blight, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (in the chair), Melhuish, Newton, Scott, and Miss Horrell.

An apology was received from Mrs. Bell. Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A new Tellus vacuum cleaner had been purchased from Cotter's, who gave us 10% discount.

A special Board meeting was held to discuss our letter of last month about alterations to the House.

Correspondence: The Presbyterian Social Service Assn. has invited two representatives of our Committee to morning tea on Dec. 1 when Cheques from the Appeal will be distributed.

Nation's Report: Numbers are up again with the admission of six [redacted] children,
[redacted]

[redacted] whose mother is having a breakdown and has left her husband.

A sister is caring for her, and the father has been to see the children. There is no reason for a breakup except the wife's health, so our minister has been asked to see the wife and encourage her to seek medical help. Also admitted temporarily are three [redacted] girls. [redacted]

[redacted] while their mother is in Hospital. This brings our numbers to 52. Our triplets have gone home, leaving 13 in foster homes. [redacted] our retarded 10yr. old is to join her mother in America within the next 2 or 3 weeks.

Health: All children and staff are well. Miss Looms is still receiving medical attention as is Miss Hore.

Holidays: Staff have begun packing for the Christmas holidays. We still require holiday homes for boys between 4 + 10 years, about 7 all told.

Our swimming pool is ready to

open as soon as the weather is suitable. Visits: 20 children have been invited to see over the Leander at Lyttelton and will be entertained to afternoon tea by the crew.

Scargill Junior Red Cross are coming to visit on Saturday afternoon to present us with a picture for one of the children's rooms. 20 children are being entertained to a games evening and supper by the Bryndur Cub Pack on Thursday evening. The Vintage Car Club put on a Fireworks Display and gave each child a bag of fireworks.

Intermediate and Waimairi children took part in the schools' music Festival at the Civic Theatre, and all our Waimairi children played or sang at the Waimairi Music Evening. All children and staff were entertained to a Farm Outing by the Leeston J.C.s and had a pleasant afternoon. Papamoi Buffalo Lodge entertained children and staff to a picnic morning tea and boat rides on the river Cam. The Magicians

also entertained children and staff with magic and music at the Civic Theatre on Houdini Day.

Dunsandel Women's Fellowship also visited the Home on Monday afternoon and were interested to see over and talk about our needs. They had been to the Mission before coming to us.

Our older boys are coping with 6 lawn jobs for elderly folk or those on holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott took 4 of the children to Ashburton, and received their gift of eggs, Mr. Scott taking the children's address. Mr. Scott has taken two services, one the Sunday School Anniversary at Islington.

As this is our last meeting for the year, Mrs. Scott expressed gratitude for God's guidance and care during a busy year, thanks to all good friends who had assisted in many ways, and to our Committee, and wished us a happy Christmas from

children and staff.

Blankets are needed for staff rooms; it was resolved that six pairs be bought by Mrs. Scott and Sister Rona.

Gifts for the month include clothing, toilet bags, a Chesterfield, Christmas gifts, boudoirs, a cricket bat and tennis racket, eggs, jam and apples. Cash value was £22.4.0.

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

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

B. I. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

F. J. Matthews
1-2-67.

The first meeting of the year was held at the Home on Wed. Feb. 1, those present being Mesdames Black, Bell, Corbett, Gonfath, Hodder, Matthews (in the chair) Melhuish, Newton, Scott, and Miss Horrell.

An apology was received from Mrs. Blight. Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Blankets have been bought for staff rooms. Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Matthews shopped for Christmas gifts for the staff, mostly linen. Specially remembered were Miss Kerr who has been ten years at the Home, and Miss Roud, who is to be married in the near future.

Matron's report: All children had good holidays and look well. Altogether 60 children were placed in holiday homes, and thanks are due to all the good folk who so kindly offered hospitality.

The following children have returned to parents or to mothers: six [redacted] children,

three [redacted] girls [redacted] two [redacted] boys, and [redacted] who has returned to his father in England. [redacted] was returned to his parents from a foster home. At the end of November, [redacted] weeks, our retarded 10-yr. old, joined her mother and stepfather in America. [redacted], a little boy of 5 yrs. who has been in a foster home since 13 months old, has now been adopted by his foster parents, much to everyone's delight. [redacted] who sat School Certificate and passed in English and Art, has now started work and found board with a Methodist family in Wainoni. [redacted] our other High School boy is working at Blackwell Motors and lives with his father. [redacted] who has spent the past three years with the same family for Christmas holidays at Limerick, has now been fostered by them. [redacted] has also been fostered by her holiday home. [redacted] in a foster home for 18 months, has returned to her mother, as has [redacted]

Admissions are [redacted] and to foster homes [redacted] 13 months old son of an unmarried mother, and a 19-month old son of a father whose wife has deserted him but who is looking after two illegitimate children. This brings our foster family to 14.

Staff: Staff have all had good holidays. It is difficult to find replacements for Miss Roud and Miss Sandford; the one taken on in Miss Sandford's place is not staying, and we have had to advertise again. Taking Miss Eade's place in the Middle Block is Miss Robyn Andersen of Summer. Miss Eade is doing well with Miss Roud's family. Our laundry lady also left and so far has not been replaced. Our cook is to leave at Easter.

The Christmas party and concert went off well, and thanks go to the people who sent donations for the tea and gifts. Thanks also to the Board and House Committee for their Christmas gifts.

The children were entertained on several occasions before Christmas; a visit for 20 children to the Leander; all children and

staff to Ashton's Circus; Scargill Junior Red Cross & Kendal Junior Red Cross came to bring gifts and play with the children; Bryndwr Cubs entertained boys and girls 7-11 to a social evening and Melvin Cubs came to play games with the boys, with a puppet show provided and gifts for all the boys; Rangiora Cubs brought homemade jig-saws for the smaller children. All children saw King's Procession. Mr & Mrs. Scott and Sister Rona attended the morning tea arranged by the P.S.S.A. for the distribution of cheques for the Combined Homes Appeal. Wigram Girl Guides came with gifts. A number of staff attended Waimairi School Christmas Service and enjoyed sharing the Pageant and Carols.

Mr & Mrs. Scott took 16 children on holiday on Dec. 17, leaving at 6.45 a.m. and arriving in Invercargill at 7.45 p.m.; a good trip and the children enjoyed it much better than a long train journey. They were brought back on Jan. 27 arriving at 8.30 p.m.

Sister Rona has taken two services over the holiday period and Mr. Scott eight.

The combined street appeal is to be on Friday March 10, and Mrs. Newton has been asked to take charge of the catering. Mesdames Bell, Black, Corbett and Melhuish agreed to help, and donations of food - scones, milkloaves, sandwiches or fillings, and savouries are to be asked for from the Women's Fellowship.

X This Committee recommends to the Board that replacements of furniture and floorcoverings be proceeded with in the family home units to bring them nearer the standard required by the Welfare Division. Suggestions are:

- ① New formica top tables, probably two to each unit, with a tubular steel seat for 4 small children, and 6 chairs, all seating to have padded seats & backs.
- ② In rooms where no structural alterations are to be made, wooden floors to be covered with linoleum, with a carpet square.
- ③ Armchairs and couches to be overhauled and either recovered or replaced.

Kitchen tables were examined by the

Committee, who decided they should be renewed if possible; if not, replaced.

The purchase of six dozen new tea towels from Hillo's was authorised.

Gifts included clothing, toys, Christmas parcels, eggs, apples and rhubarb; cash value £6-0-0.

As Mrs. Matthews will be absent on holiday on our next meeting day, it was decided to ask Mrs. Blight to take the chair.

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

B. I. Holder.
Hon. Sec.

B. Blight
8/3/67.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. March 8, those present being Miss Horrell and Mesdames Bell, Blight, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, McChuish, Newton and Scott.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Black and Matthews. In Mrs. Matthews' absence, Mrs. Blight presided, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Board meeting held on Feb. 15 received our recommendations, as follows:

(a) Re formica top tables and new chairs & seats: The House Committee to confer with representatives of the Child Welfare Division, and Mr. B. Thomson of Durham St. with Mr. Harrow.

(b) floors to be left as present.

(c) re chairs and couches: an estimate to be obtained for renovation or replacement and submitted to the Finance Committee.

(d) kitchen tables to be renovated.

Mahon's Report: All children have settled down

well after the holidays, and except for [redacted] there are no complaints from school. Admissions have been [redacted] 3½, and her brother [redacted] 10 months, who is in a foster home. Their mother is unmarried, but is making plans to marry the baby's father: [redacted] 5.4, & 3 yrs. whose mother has deserted them, taking the baby with her: also admitted to the Reception Centre is [redacted] 11 yrs., on the advice of the Psychological Dept. He is backward at reading, and at a small country school has played the "big boy" over all the others. He is finding he has met his match here, and the others do not find him clever at all; [redacted] from Ashburton, while their mother was in hospital, and [redacted] while mother had a much needed holiday on Doctor's orders, have come and gone, making our family at present 37 in the Home and 15 in foster homes. [redacted] have returned to their father.

one of our foster children is to be adopted by the foster-parents.

Health: Except for two children with tonsillitis and one with a series of nosebleeds and a bad cold, all are very well & eating well.

Staff: We have a good laundry lady, Mrs. Weaver of Papanui. Our kindy staff Miss Rame. Some. decided to take a Fine Arts Course at Varsity and left at the end of February. Miss Andersen has been placed in charge of kindy, and we are doing without an extra in the meantime, as we will be placing 8 children in the new Family Home when it opens. We hope to have a suitable cook by next week. We also have Miss Harris, who has had some nursing training, as Reliever, and she is working well. Several of the staff have had the 'flu' type germ which is going about, but are managing to keep going.

Picnics: Since our last meeting we have enjoyed the Papanui Church Picnic held at South Brighton Domain in glorious weather. The following Saturday we held our own

picnic at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Lee of Price's Valley, travelling there in a Midland Bus, and enjoying farm life, swimming in the creek, horseback rides, and games with puppies, kittens and lambs. All voted it a very good picnic, and two of our boys have been invited back for the May holidays.

Last Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Scott took two girls and two boys to Rakaia and Alton for Harvest Festival services, Mr. Scott preaching at both services, and they also collected the Harvest produce of the Waimore Union Church, and saw two of our foster children in the Ashburton area. Harvest produce has also been received from Newshland Methodist-Anglican Church. [redacted] entered hospital yesterday for a small operation on the arm he cut during the holidays, and is quite enjoying a bit of limelight.

Sister Rona is taking Lenten Midweek Services at Papanui on Tuesday mornings and Mr. Scott has taken three services.

Mrs. Corbett brought some glazed chintz table mats to show us, but we decided to wait until the formica tables were bought before making mats. She had made two sets each of six mats and a runner from $1\frac{1}{2}$ yds of chintz, lined with sheeting.

Gifts included apples, plums, pears, eggs and groceries, amounting to a value of £36.4.4.

Mrs. Blight pronounced the Benediction and Mrs. Scott served a sumptuous afternoon tea and was thanked by the members.

B. J. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
12. 4. 67.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. April 12, those present being Mesdames Bell, Black, Blight, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Newton and Scott.

An apology was received from Miss Horrell.

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

The formica tables are in use and were examined by members. They are light, and are inclined to part company, causing some breakages of dishes, but the children will soon become accustomed to them. There are 12 chairs to match for each unit, but no long seats have been bought.

Mrs. Scott has been advised to ask Anderson and Smith of Disraeli St. for a price for renovating easy chairs and couches.

The kitchen tables have been renovated not entirely satisfactorily, but will do temporarily.

Mrs. Newton reported on the catering for the Street Appeal, and she and her helpers

were thanked. Four tea towels and 1/2 dozen tea spoons were bought for the occasion and will be used again when necessary.

Matron's Report: The three [redacted] children have returned to their parents. Admissions have been: [redacted] special class

[redacted] 5 to 10 yrs.

while their mother is having psychiatric treatment at Princess Margaret Clinic [redacted]

[redacted] while their mother is on Hammer; these children are aged 3 1/2 to 12 yrs, and there is a 13 yr. old at home, and two babies fostered:

[redacted] 8 & 13 yrs. whose mother is dead: [redacted] is fostered in a teenage foster home and has settled well.

Our family now numbers 43 with 16 in foster homes. All foster home children are doing well. [redacted] has returned to his father.

Health: Children are all well, only a few having had the "tummy" germ. [redacted] arm is out of plaster and doing well.

Staff All are well. Though Miss Harris has a

sore arm through falling downstairs. We have at last found a cook, Miss Heather Baird, who has a flat in Sails St.

Visits: Mr. & Mrs. Scott, again visited the Ashburton Area, taking part in the Kethven and Baring Square services; four older children accompanied them, and a fair supply of harvest produce was brought back. There have been 23 harvests this year, 3 down on last year, but the season is a poor one and our pantry shelves and vegetable house are not very well stocked.

Mr. Vorrgr, in charge of Methodist Social Services in Adelaide was able to pay a short visit to the Home on March 16.

Two groups, from Kaiapoi and Durham St. fellowships, spent an interesting time seeing and hearing about our Home and brought us sweets, biscuits and clothing.

The staff had a small supper party with interesting slides, to farewell Mrs. Fowler, who has been cook for 2 1/2 yrs. We hope she is now happily settled in Gore.

Scouts and Cubs took part in the Rally to meet the Chief Scout, and our Cadets shared in the Divisional Church Parade as did our Life Boy. A number of staff attended the Easter Service at Waimānui School. All children except temporary ones and Graeme, who was just out of hospital, enjoyed being invited away for Easter.

[redacted] is no longer in our care; the Child Welfare have taken charge of her, but are faring no better than we did.

Mr. Scott has taken three services.

Smocks are to be bought for our new cook.

In view of the shortage of fruit & vegetables, Mrs. Matthews will ask at the District Council for fruit for preserving, and meanwhile Mrs. Scott was advised to buy some.

Holiday homes for children 5-12 yrs are still wanted for next month.

Mrs. Scott was authorised to look

into the purchase of a large steamer for puddings, and also to have a demonstration of a carpet shampooer.

Gifts this month included home products, jam, eggs, wheat, fruit, and groceries. The cash value was £89.18-3.

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

B. S. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

G. J. Matthews
10. 5. 67.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. May 10. Those present being Mesdames Bell, Blight, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Melhuish and Scott, and Miss Horrell. Mrs. Matthews welcomed also Mrs. Overton who is to be the new Family Home Mother at Barrington St.

Apologies were received from Mrs Black + Mrs. Newton. A letter of sympathy is to be sent to Mrs. Newton who has lost her leg.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Four pairs of football boots had been sent in, and a large quantity of apples and tomatoes and 40lb. of peaches in response to an article in the Papamoi "Herald" sent in by Mr. Matthews.

A good quantity of coal hangers has also been sent in, and will probably be covered by interested women's groups.

A steamer has not yet been procured and will probably need to be made. No carpet shampooer of the right size has yet been available for trial.

Matron's report: All children are away on holiday, and all but two of the staff are having a week's holiday.

Our family numbers remain the same, none of the sick mothers having improved sufficiently to have their children back.

All children are well, two with 'flu' being well enough to go on holiday. Staff have been worse affected with 'flu' type colds, but we hope the holiday break may help.

██████████, one of the foster babies has returned to his mother, and ██████████ has stayed in his Easter holiday home as a foster child.

Another visit has been paid to Ashburton with four of the younger children, when gifts of jam were received from the Sunday School pupils.

Plumbers are repairing the water pipe from the main supply tank which has been

leaking for sometime, rather a slow and difficult job.

On Wed. evening, April 12. Mr. & Mrs. Scott and Sister Rona met with Board members at the Home to discuss the alterations to the Building in preparation for Mr. Sellars to draw suitable plans to incorporate necessary requirements for better living & working conditions for children and Staff.

A visit from Tai lāpu girl guides, after the Rally to welcome Lady Baden Powell. was enjoyed by the children. They were interested in seeing over the Home. brought jigsaws, puzzles, scrap books and toys they had made, one for each child, played games with the children, and then had picnic lunch on the lawn before going to the Airport to farewell their visitor.

The Cubs of the District have come on two Saturdays to rake and stack leaves, as their part in the District Good Turn Day.

Sister Rona spoke on the Home to Linwood

S.A. ladies, and Mister Scott has taken three Services.

Mr. Scott and [redacted] are making clothes racks, and Miss Henry and Miss Andersen will do up the Boys' clothing after the holidays.

X Anderson and Smith of Disraeli St. came and looked over all the suites and arm-chairs, and found 10 chairs and 7 suites worth remodelling, at a cost of £7 per chair and £40 per suite. We resolved to recommend to the Board that this be proceeded with.

Two staff mattresses will need replacing at a later date, as one member has her own mattress and one has a kapoc one. Otherwise there are 9 rubber mattresses and wooden beds per family.

Miss Hore needs new bedspread and curtains. This was authorised for purchase.

Gifts included fruit, clothing, toys, books, jam, cabbages, cakes, handkerchiefs & paintings. Cash value £34.8.0.

St. Hoddler
Hon Sec
Mrs. Scott served a delicious tea, and the Benediction was pronounced. J. Matthews
14. 6. 67.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. June 14, those present being Miss Horrell and Mesdames Bell, Black, Blight, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding), Melhuish, Newton and Scott.

Mrs. Matthews opened proceedings with a reading and prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Matthews reported that our request to have suites and chairs recovered by Anderson and Smith had been approved by the Board; Mrs. Newton was asked to choose coverings that would go with the tables and chairs already bought for the Family Homes.

Miss Hove's bedspread and curtains have not been renewed yet as she has been ill with influenza.

The steamer has been ordered but has not yet been sent out.

Nation's report: All family homes are full except Miss Leons', with ten children each, and the middle block is overflowing with 14 boys,

and more applications coming in almost daily. Seven children of the [redacted] family have been admitted through the welfare Dept, and will be here for at least three months. [redacted]

[redacted] are in the middle block, and Miss Kerr has [redacted] and [redacted], while the parents have the two youngest.

Three [redacted] children have been admitted [redacted], 8 & 9 yrs. who have been with us twice previously, and [redacted] 5, as their mother has been admitted to Mental Hospital permanently, but is allowed home for weekends and to see the children.

We also have for a week or ten days the four children from one of our foster homes while the mother is in hospital. This is one of our foster homes who have adopted two of these children and hope to adopt the other two when one or other of the parents can be traced to sign the papers.

During the month we have also cared for [redacted] whose mother has been a short term patient in Sunnyside.

[redacted] sister, has also returned to her mother, it is hoped for good. This six [redacted] children were also able to return home after the holidays. This makes the family units as follows: Miss Kerr 10, Miss Tade 10, Miss Howe 10, Miss Leoms 7, and Middle Block 14.

We have fostered [redacted] 15 mth old child of a deserted wife, while the mother works to earn some money, we hope to set up home again; this child could possibly be for adoption as the mother is very young, though fond of the child. Another of our foster babies whom the foster parents have had since 10 days old, has been able to be adopted by them. This brings children in foster homes to 7 girls and 8 boys.

Health: All children are well and school reports reasonably good. One small boy has had an infected knee but is better now. Five more staff have had influenza, including Mr. Scott.

District Cuts still arrive in troops

each Saturday to clear up the leaves. This has been a worthwhile effort, and the boys seem to have enjoyed their service.

All children had good holidays, as did most of the staff, and our thanks are due to all the good folk who opened their homes.

We have had a visit from the Child Welfare and Health Depts. Miss Greenwood and Mr. Wilson, and Dr. Harrison being the visitors. They seemed reasonably satisfied with the Home, and seemed happy with our improvements. Forty ladies from Ashburton Fellowship had morning tea and saw over the Home.

Sister Rona has spoken on the Home to the Opawa Fellowship, and to St. John's Church Bryndwr at their Home Mission Service. Mr. Scott has taken two services.

The purchase of six dozen pillow cases was authorised.

Gifts for the month included books, clothing, lost property from Linwood & Waimain schools, offcuts of material, handkerchiefs, coat-hangers, biscuits, pavlova cakes, jam

and eggs, of cash value £19-8-0 (\$38-80).

Mrs. Matthews reported that the Barnington Home was not likely to open until August.

She pronounced the Benediction, and Mrs. Scott served a delightful afternoon tea.

B. I. Hodder,
Hon. Sec.

B. Blight
12.7.67.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. July 12 those present being Mesdames Black, Blight, Garfath, Hodder, Melhuish, Newton, Scott, and Miss Horrell. In the absence of Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Blight took the chair, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Matthews. The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Matthews, who is going into Hospital shortly.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The pillowcases have been bought.

and the steamer has arrived and is very satisfactory. Miss Hore's bedspread and curtains have been made in shades of cream, orange and brown, and look most attractive.

Needed one tablecloth for the new formica tables, in all 16 for the four family homes. It was moved by Mrs. Newton and seconded by Mrs. Black that Mrs. Scott buy these as suitable ones became available.

Matron's Report: The family has diminished a little this month, but there are still many comings and goings.

The following have returned to their parents: [redacted]

[redacted] the four fosterchildren we were minding, and [redacted] whose mother is much better now and hopes to have the other three boys home soon.

Admitted have been [redacted]

[redacted] children of an old

boy of the Home whose mother has deserted them; [redacted] and [redacted] as the father has left and the mother has to work; they are $3\frac{1}{2}$, $2\frac{1}{2}$, and 5 months. [redacted] is in a foster home, and Miss Hore has the boys. Miss Kerr has the Cross children, and in the Middle Block is [redacted] $5\frac{1}{2}$, whose parents are obtaining a divorce. [redacted] back again, making 45 in the Home and 16 in foster homes.

Health: All children are well, and thriving and doing well at school, with the exception of [redacted]

Visits: we have had a visit from Rev. Mr. Johnson of the Presbyterian Social Service, who was going on deputational work to northern parts of the South Island. As he says many of the groups he speaks to have as many Methodists as Presbyterians, he came to look over our Home, so that he could speak on our behalf as well.

A group of St. Mark's ladies spent an evening mending and sewing up cardigans, which

was much appreciated.

As all our children had a mid-term holiday on Friday July 7, two family mothers with older children took them skating, and the rest went for a picnic to St. George's Bridge. Someone had conveniently had a party just before, bringing us savouries, sandwiches, ham and chicken pieces, and Ernest Adams brought some iced buns, so we were able to have a really party picnic, with fish & chips & soft drinks for tea from the money left over from last February's picnic.

Mr. Scott has taken services at Kaiapoi, Taitepa, and St. Brighton.

Gifts included jerseys, hats, slippers, rugs, baby clothes, handkerchiefs, toys, coal, ham, jam, eggs and jam, total value \$15. Also mentioned was a loan of 40 Yearling huns from Mr. Anderson.

Mrs. Scott served a beautiful afternoon tea after the Benediction was pronounced. Members looked at coverings for chairs & couches, leaving final choice till later.

B. J. Holder Hon Sec.

J. J. Matthews 9-8-67.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Aug. 9, those present being Mesdames Black, Blight, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews and Scott.

Mrs Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

Apologies were received from Miss Horrell and Mesdames Bell, Melhuish, Newton.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter had been sent to Mr. Matthews wishing him well on his going into hospital for surgery, and Mrs. Matthews reported that he was progressing favourably.

Letters of sympathy are to be sent to Mrs. Bell and Miss Horrell, both absent through sickness.

A letter was received from Mrs. Miller read enlisting our aid in catering for counters for the House to House Appeal on October 7. The secretary replied with a tentative acceptance, which was affirmed at this meeting, details to be arranged at our next meeting.

Matron's report: with one or two small changes, our numbers remain much the same. All family units remain the same, with some changes in the Middle Block. The other three [redacted] boys were able to return home, and in their place we received three [redacted] boys, who with their three sisters were with us about four years ago. Their mother has been receiving treatment, and was to go to Hammer, but she refused to go, and demanded the children back again. The boys were disappointed as their holidays on a farm had been planned, but the mother would not accept the advice of the Health Dept or the Mental Hospital, much less ours, so the children returned to her. We also have two [redacted] children from Australia [redacted] while their mother works and makes up her mind when she is returning to Australia.

This makes our family 44, with 16 in foster homes.

Health: while we have had some cases of flu,

most have now recovered, and we have fared better than most.

Holidays: we require only one holiday home, but could use two teenage ones for a girl & boy who have been living with their father for sometime.

High School entries for [redacted] and [redacted] at Papamui, Linwood and Riccarton respectively, have all been accepted. We expect these three boys to be living with their parents next year.

We have, as usual, had difficulty in replacing our cook. Miss Baird, who has had to return to her home in Wellington where her 16-yr. old sister is seriously ill. We have taken on a Mrs. Withington, a part Indian lady, who can cook very nicely, but is having difficulty in sorting out the right quantities for the families, also in using the Aga stoves, as she has been used to all-electric kitchens. Most of the applicants were much too senior for this position.

We were entertained to a film showing one Saturday morning, much to the children's delight. This was arranged and shown by the husband of an old girl of the Home.

The Finance and Buildings Committees met at the Home recently to have a further look at the Architect's plan for the alterations, and several more suitable arrangements were approved for the Architect's perusal.

Half the suites and chairs are in the upholsterer's hands, and will be finished next week, when the other half will be collected. We have been given a further large suite which has been placed in the dining-room, Miss Eade being given the smaller one, which is a better fit for her small sitting-room, and the extra chairs give her more accommodation for 10 growing children.

We arranged a social evening last Friday for the older children, in honour of [redacted] 21st birthday, as he has been very good to the Home, helping with

transport and repairs on various occasions and as his parents have never had anything to do with him over the 5 yrs. he was in the Home or since he started work and the Amr he boards with has been in Hospital. A good time was had by all. Although it had been kept as a surprise and [redacted] was most embarrassed. The children and staff all made a small donation and gave him a toilet holdall.

Mr. Scott has taken services at Belfast & South Brighton, and Sister Rona a talk and slides on the Home at Rugby St. Sunday School.

Washable Table clothes have been bought all at sale price.

New lounge curtains have been bought for Mrs. Scott's flat, and were inspected by members.

The Pushomatic cleaner has arrived in time for the spring cleaning, and is proving good. Three new squeegee mops have also been bought.

A special holiday home is needed for a boy of 7 who needs special attention from childless folk or those with an older family, as he is maladjusted to his own or younger age-groups.

A surplus bean-slicer is to go to the Barrington St. Home.

Gifts included clothing, coat hangers & socks, a Chesterfield suite, magazines, & eggs and jam. cash value £23.10.

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

B. I. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

F. J. Matthews
13-9-67.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Sept. 13. Those present being Nesdames Black, Blight, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Melhuish & Scott. Apologies were received from Miss Horrell and Nesdames Bell and Newton, & Corbett. Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with a reading and prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters of thanks were received from Mrs Bell, Miss Horrell and Mr. Matthews.

Arrangements were made for providing afternoon tea for comers on Oct. 7, Nesdames Black, Garfath & Melhuish offering to go, with Mrs. Newton if possible.

Some of our members spent a day at the Barrington St. Home, before the opening, in unpacking and arranging kitchen ware, making beds and putting linen away. Six new tablecloths which were not large enough for Barrington St. tables were passed on to the main Home, as was an extra double rubber mattress.

Marion's report: With the opening of Barrington St. Home we have transferred the following children all of whom have been in our care for over 4 years:

[redacted] 11 & 9 yrs.

[redacted] 7 & 6 yrs. In

their place we have admitted [redacted]

[redacted] 11, 8, & 4 yrs., and [redacted]

[redacted] 4 yrs., mutual separation in each

case, with the father having the children.

[redacted] & 2 1/2 yrs. are

back again, as their mother has been re-

admitted to Mental Hospital. Miss Hore has

the 3 [redacted] children, and Miss Eade

has [redacted], as well as [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted]

her family up to 8, Miss Hore now having

10. with Miss Kerr & Miss Leorns having 10 &

7 respectively. The two [redacted] children are

in the Middle Block, making 9 there. This

makes 44 in the Home, 16 in foster homes &

6 in the Family Home, a total of 66. All

are well.

The heaviest part of the spring cleaning

has been covered, and with the return of

the newly renovated chairs and suites. staff and chitchin have been inspired to rearrange their rooms, making them look really homelike. The cost of coverings was below the quotation and includes two extra chairs, a squab and Sister Rona's small fire side chair.

Everyone has had a good holiday, & a number of our newer children have been asked back for Christmas.

We have received visits from St. Stephens Fellowship who came one evening to mark up and hem summer frocks, and Clarence St. Fellowship who came one evening to do mending, marking and sewing up knitted cardigans, & to hear about the Somerfield House. The chitchin enjoyed a visit from the Orange Queen of California, who brought them each a bottle of Orange Squash. Signed their autograph books and had her photo taken with them.

Our staff were all very pleased to take part in the opening of the new House.

but were not at all envious as most people who spoke to them expected them to be.

Mr. Scott has taken services at Papamui North Brighton and Clarence St.

The builders have started alterations to close and protect rear doors from the sou' west wind.

Mr. Em Smith has retired, and as it was felt that he had been a tremendous help to the Home over many years and was remembered by many past boys, the Secretary was asked to write to the Board Secretary suggesting that a letter of appreciation be sent to him, and one also to Miss E. Cran, who has kept in touch with many of our children over the years.

It was agreed that the Papamui Intermediate Sunday School should have a loan of our organ while the church alterations are going on.

Gifts included eggs, apples, clothing, dolls, toys, jam and groceries, of cash value \$19.62.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benedic-

tion, and Mrs. Scott served a delicious afternoon tea.

B. I. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

Emblyt
11/10/67.

The usual monthly meeting was held on Oct. 11 at the Home, those present being Miss Horrell, and Mesdames Bell, Black, Blight, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Melhuish, Newton and Scott.

In the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Matthews, who sent an apology, Mrs. Blight presided, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Matron's report: This month the family in the Middle Block has grown, but Family Units remain the same. Admitted were [redacted] two of a family of 5 children, whose mother attempted to commit suicide. They are $4\frac{1}{2}$ and $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Another child of 8 yrs. is expected to be admitted shortly. The Welfare Dept. is handling this case, an almost hopeless one. This makes our family 48.

Health. All are well, and everything going smoothly for this time of year. There were some cases of chicken pox among the 5-yr. olds, but all showed only mild symptoms, and the warm weather allowed them to play outside in the sun rather than stay in bed.

Staff All staff are well, and busy preparing summer clothes and thinking about Christmas holidays and packing. Mrs. Withington found the cook's position too difficult, and left, but Miss Drew our cook of four years ago has come back to us, and everyone is happy; while her health is good, she will be content to stay for quite a while. However with the opening of the Northlands Shopping Centre our cleaning lady, Mrs. Clancy, is unfortunately leaving us to become a Sales lady. She has been a splendid worker and popular with the staff.

This has been a quiet month, with everyone settled down. Staff busy, and children able to play outside.

Visits: we had a visit from Miss Margaret Williams of the Children's Home in the Indian Mission, who spoke to the children and showed coloured slides. Our children had a very enjoyable afternoon and gave some of their pocket money for the children there. All our older children enjoyed the pantomime "Puss in Boots" put on by the Papamui Bible Classes, assisted by others, in aid of Go go New Guinea, one of their Mission projects.

Fellowships from Aituton. Nethven & Rakia came to morning tea and to see over the Home, and members of Woodston Fellowship also spent an afternoon, bringing cakes and fruit for the children.

Our children all took part in the Children's section of Papamui Church Flower Show and Fair. A number winning prizes, and Mr. Frazer's vegetables and Sister Ronal's Tomato Relish also won placings.

Bryndur Fellowship spent an evening marking and putting up hems, everyone having a happy evening.

Horrelville was again first, with 90 doz. eggs.

Mr. Scott took a morning service at Leeston.

x As we receive no family benefit for children of mental hospital patients, it was decided to ask Mr. Scott to include in his report to the Board a remit for discussion and sending on to Conference, that this matter be considered by the Social Security Dept.

Gifts this month included sandwiches, sweets, jam, bottled fruit, eggs, cakes, clothing and facecloths, of cash value \$42.50.

The serving of afternoon tea on Oct. 7 to counters for the House to House Appeal was very satisfactory.

Needed in the kitchen are large jugs for milk, custard or cocoa. Stainless steel ones can be obtained at differing prices, but Mrs. Scott was authorised to obtain 1 doz. 2 pts.

and 1/2 doz. 3 pls. at the best price consistent with good quality.

As our next meeting falls during Conference, it was decided to postpone it until Nov. 29.

Mrs. Blight pronounced the Benediction and was thanked for chairing the meeting, and Mrs. Scott served a welcome afternoon tea and was thanked also.

B. J. Hedder.
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
29-11-64.

The postponed monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Nov. 29. Those present being Mesdames Blight, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (in the chair) Nelson, Scott, Watson and Miss Horrell.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Bell, Black and Newton.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer, after which a welcome was extended to Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Watson from St. Marks Church, Somerfield.

Feeling reference was made to the passing of Mrs. Kethuish since our last meeting. She took such an active interest in our meetings and in the Home as a whole that she will be sadly missed amongst us.

A letter of sympathy was sent to her family, and a spray of flowers to the funeral from the Board and our Committee.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter of thanks for our help on Oct 7. was received from Mrs. Fuller. Read.

The cheques from the Combined Appeal are to be handed out at a morning tea at the Anglican Church House on Nov 30, when two of our members are invited to be present. Mrs Hodder and Mrs Corbett will represent us.

Mrs. Scott had obtained the stainless steel jugs needed from Gibson and Patterson, and they are very satisfactory. Nation's report. Children are very busy preparing for end-of-year functions, and staff are beginning to pack for the holidays.

[redacted] and 3 yrs, whose mother has deserted for a second time, have been admitted. [redacted] 22 mths, has been fostered making our family all told 73.

Health All children and staff are well. Miss [redacted] has been accepted for Kindergarten Training College, and will leave at the end of the year. She is quiet, but can cope with any situation and is popular with staff and children.

The secretary was asked to write her a letter of appreciation.

She is to be replaced by Miss Lynley Smith of Bunnham, another Christian girl who has been running the kindergarten S.S. there of 40 small children.

We received a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Pomeroy of Reefton who brought Mr. & Mrs. Grace to meet the Chaplain and Secretary, and see over the Home. They are interested in working with children in the near future.

Some girls from Bugdun S.S. came one Sunday afternoon to play with 14 of our small children.

A group from St. David's Fellowship spent an evening helping alter and mark holiday clothes, for which we were very grateful.

The Central Mission planted some of the back land with potatoes, but unfortunately worked with tractors and machinery on a Sunday, which set a bad example to our children.

The children enjoyed being entertained by the Magicians.

G. L. B. girls spent an evening making sweets for their stall at Northlands and some children attended a rehearsal of the Gang Show. All our Waimairi children except two took part in their Music Evening, and the "Pirates of Penzance" by the Operatic Society was enjoyed by all.

Mr. & Mrs. Scott took 4 children to Ashburton to collect eggs, but as it was a stormy day, & just after a holiday weekend, the number of eggs was smaller than usual. Willowby and Sefton also sent eggs.

Our end-of-year Parents' Evening was held last Wednesday, with families, Kindergarten & individual items of entertainment, ending with some slides of the children's activities.

Scouts and Cubs took part in the sale of bootlaces, & intermediate children of the S.S. enjoyed their Barbecue. Our swimming pool is open, and all enjoy it when the weather is suitable.

We have received a good number of holiday offers, many from round Ch. Ch. but still need 7 or 8 boys' holidays, from 6 to 13 yrs. For the first time our Holiday letter has brought little response, most offers being from old friends or those who asked before the letter went out.

Mr. Scott took six Services during the Conference period.

The Committee was thanked for their coöperation and interest, and received Christmas wishes from children & staff.

Mrs. Aldous has replaced Mrs. Clancy as cleaning lady.

Mr. Lyons of the Welfare Dept. visited Barrington St. and was very pleased with it.

X The local minister will act as chaplain but will need to be officially appointed.

It was decided that Mrs. Overton become a House Committee member, and that we meet once in three months at Barrington St., starting with the March meeting, Mrs. Overton to be asked for a monthly report.

new towels are needed for our staff, so Mrs. Scott was authorised to obtain 1 pr. of large towels and 1 pr. of medium size for each staff member.

Gifts for the past month included eggs, books, clothing, toys, lamb and two cartons of bread rolls, cash value \$51.50.

x Considerable discussion then took place on the Mission's proposal to set up a communal laundry with commercial equipment in our Home, to serve us, the Old People's Home, Rehua Hostel, Wesley Lodge + Hospital, + perhaps Deaconess House. We were unanimously opposed to this, and the Secretary was asked to write to the Board immediately, stating our views, for urgent consideration.

Our objections are:

- (a) traffic would be considerably increased with danger to small children.
- (b) noise would create a nuisance in a home of this kind.
- (c) dirty and contaminated linen

would be coming in continually.

(d) the laundry would be run under different staffing conditions and awards from our Home, which would create difficulties.

(e) toilet and cloak-room facilities would have to be considerably increased. At present the middle block has only one toilet and 1 wash basin to serve 11 children, sometimes more, and Sister Rena's bathroom has to be used for them.

Mrs. Blight suggested that some women should be on the committee for discussing the laundry.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction, and Mrs. Scott sewed afternoon tea.

B. J. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

F. J. Matthews
14-2-68.

The opening meeting for the year was held at the Home on Wed. February 14. Those present being Mesdames Bell, Black, Blight, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Nelsen & Scott.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Newton & Miss Herrell.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

No official chaplain is appointed to the Barrington St. Home, as it is regarded as just a family home, and the minister of the local church has it in pastoral care.

Mrs. Corbett and Mrs. Hodder attended the cheque distribution in ^{Nov. 30} December, as well as Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Scott, and were interested to see the Anglican Church House.

No action is being taken at present on the Communal Laundry. When on holiday Mr. & Mrs. Matthews saw over a communal laundry at the Peacehaven Home, managed for the Presbyterian Church by two sisters

and seemingly very successful.

Correspondence. A letter of thanks for her Christmas gift was received from Mrs. Overton, and a letter of apology for absence from Mrs. Newton, per medium of Mrs. Black.

Matron's Report. All children had happy holidays only two small boys coming home too soon.

Our family is not as large as before Christmas, which fortunately leaves staff more time to prepare vegetables for deep freezing. So far handled have been 160 lbs. beans, 40 lbs. cauliflower, 30 doz. eggs for deep freeze, and preserved 35 qts tomatoes, 37 of plums and 47 of rhubarb.

The following children left by the end of the holidays; Fran Paganui, [redacted] to his father who is re-marrying; [redacted] to their father, who has a housekeeper; [redacted] to their mother, who is well now and has a position and a house; [redacted] who is commencing High School, to his father; [redacted] and [redacted] to their mother who is returning to Australia; [redacted] and

to their mother, with their father keeping an eye on them; [redacted]
to their mother; [redacted]
who remained in his holiday home in Invercargill as a foster child, his older brother being already fostered in this area.
From Barrington St: [redacted] and [redacted] whose parents came together again.

From foster homes. [redacted] whose mother has obtained a house-keeping position; the [redacted] a temporary arrangement for two short terms while the mother was in hospital, and [redacted] returned to her mother.
Admitted: to Papamui. Three [redacted] children [redacted] as their mother is a long term patient in Hospital with T.B. of kidneys; she has already been in for 8 months. + the children have been in the Huntbury Home.

to Barrington St: 3 [redacted] children [redacted] nearly 5. whose mother is a mental patient and

father deserted. These children have been in Chalmers Home for the past two years & have come to us through the Child Welfare who have made them State Wards.

to the Reception Centre: [redacted] whose mother is a mental patient; [redacted] and [redacted] brothers of [redacted] who are in Miss Ken's family. There are 3 smaller at home.

We have a total of 58 children from 18 mths to 15 years.

Health of both children and staff is excellent, but there have been a few with tummy flu.
Holidays Everyone enjoyed good holidays, and many have been asked back either for May or next Christmas.

Alterations: After being without a bench and usable sink for all the holidays, we now have a sterilizing sink. but the back of the bench is not finished, and the baskets are the wrong size. Plumbers & electricians both query the sense of putting in a sterilizing sink when the water in our hot taps is hot enough.

Christmas gatherings etc. Displays, concerts, breakup parties of the following groups were attended by children and family mothers or staff available:

St John Ambulance, Scouts and Cubs, G.L.B. and Cadets, Karan concert, Waimairi Folk Dancing, Kindergarten S.S., also Waimairi Christmas Service, Scout Christmas Service & B.C. Tea to welcome this year's B.C. members.

The following groups arranged Christmas visits with tableaux and gifts or parties:

Captain and crew of S.S. Maori with harbour trips; St. Nicholas Cubs & Scouts, & Tailapu Girl Guides; Lions Club, carols & soft drinks; Mr. Whippy with icecreams for everyone.

Our own Christmas Tea held on Friday, 15th December, was a happy occasion with goodies & gifts for everyone. Final function for the year was a Carol Service held on Monday evening, 18th Dec.

The Staff thanks the Board & House Committee for Christmas gifts.

Mr. & Mrs Scott and Sister Rona attended the morning tea arranged by the Anglican Social Service for the presentation of cheques

from the Children's Homes Appeal.

Due to the mid-week school breakup it was impossible to have a Staff Evening Out for Christmas, but they had a Supper party and saw some slides one evening.

Mr. Scott took 7 services over the holiday period.

Many Christmas presents and monetary gifts for Christmas cheer were received from various places. As there were five families, of 20 children, who had no gifts from parents or relatives, family mothers were given cash to shop for these children.

Family Home: Mrs Overton reports that all children are well after good holidays. [redacted] had an attack of tonsillitis while on holiday but recovered well.

[redacted] almost 12 [redacted] 10 returned to their parents, and the new family being only 4, 6 & 7, makes the children in this family all under 8. The 3 [redacted] children have no wild and have no table manners or idea of obedience. [redacted] received gifts of frocks & cardigans while on holiday,

School reports were good, with especially good remarks about attitudes to work.

At this stage Sister Rona gave a short talk on her recent trip to Australia and children's homes which she had visited.

Each state has a group of homes in one block, but this does not seem satisfactory, as the move is towards scattered homes more like our Barmington St. one. The use of foster homes is not extensive, and the child welfare work not so effective as it is here.

House Committees do work similar to ours. Each state holds a fair or something similar to raise money for its homes.

The Street Appeal is to be held on March 8; Mrs. Newlon will be assisted at Trinity Church Schoolroom by Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Garfath in the morning & Mrs. Black & Mrs. Nelson in the afternoon.

Towels for staff have not yet been bought, but some have been found still in stock.

A large strainer is needed \$16 for a stainless steel one, and the large mixer

howl can be recoated.

For Barmington St. one needed:

Two yellow 1 pint jugs.

Two pairs of salad servers.

Foil pie plates if they can be obtained.

1 dozen plain serviettes.

2 lenylene shower curtains.

Mrs. Overton was authorised to buy these.

It was decided to ask the Board to buy new carpet for the Reception Room and have the chairs renovated.

Mrs. Matthews reported that a social hour had been held after church at Papanui in December to honour the home staff.

Gifts included jam, eggs & fruit of value \$26.25, as well as clothing, toys, books, a trike, dolls' clothes, and Christmas gifts in money & in kind too numerous to mention, showing a wide & gratifying interest in the work of our Home.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction & Mrs. Scott served a much appreciated afternoon tea.

B. J. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
13.3.68.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Bannington St. Home on Wed. Mar. 13, those present being Miss Horvell and Mesdames Bligh, Corbett, Black, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Nelson, Newton, Overton and Scott, Watson.

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

Mrs. Newton reported that the Homes Appeal had gone satisfactorily in spite of a poor weather. Mrs. Corbett and Mrs. Nelson had been unable to go. The Secretary was asked to write to Mr. Beardsley and Mrs. Miller Head thanking them for their donations of food. Fellowships are to be asked for help next year.

Report from Board meeting: A small committee from our Board and the Central Mission met with a Government official to discuss the laundry project, and this will be reported back to a Special Board meeting on Mar. 20, together with a report from the Finance Committee on the subject of the proposed alterations to the Home.

The question of re-carpeting the Reception Room was left in abeyance meanwhile, but new line is to be laid in the Kindergarten room.

Miss Henry has left the Harewood Rd. home after 10 yrs. very good work in the sewing room, and is now helping at the Bannington St. home. It was decided to give her a gift token from Hay's Ltd. for £10.

Nation's Report: The following children have been

welcomed:

whose mother is dead and whose father has not been able to manage employing house keepers. An elder sister is living with an aunt: [redacted] and [redacted] whose father has deserted, and [redacted] has taken a position to enable her to complete her training to take up District Nursing by the time the children are all at school; also on a temporary basis [redacted] 13, whose father deserted when she was a baby, and whose mother is a partial invalid, now going into hospital for an operation and treatment. [redacted] is at Intermediate School; [redacted] 12, whose mother has been ordered away for health.

reasons: [redacted] has been under Psychological Services, but is not too bad.

Miss Kerr has taken the [redacted] children making her family 10, Miss Leons has [redacted] making 8, Miss Hore 9, Miss Eades 8 but with more coming up. The Receiving Home has the [redacted] making

9.

All seem to be doing well at school and several bigger boys are keen cricketers, playing for school teams. It was a highlight to be able to play against St. Joseph's boys for a shield donated by the Captain and crew of S.S. Maori, especially as our team won by a small margin. The shield will hang in our hall when it is engraved.

Health: We have had 4 cases of measles & 3 of tonsillitis this month. [redacted]

[redacted] one attending Speech Clinic.

Mr. & Mrs. Scott took 4 elder children to Ashburton last Sunday for Harvest Festival. Mr. Scott took morning service at Rakaiia, & then harvests were collected from Allenton, Tethven & Wakamui, with evening service

at Baring Square, packing in their gifts afterwards. The weekly total of 18 harvests was a record, and ^{they} were stored and preserved by Mrs. Scott. Sister Rona and staff.

Mr. Scott and one of the boys assisted with the Combined Homes' Appeal, and Mr. Scott was out on Monday collecting suburban boxes.

All enjoyed the Church Picnic to Spencer Park in February on a beautiful day.

One of our Scouts attended the camp for Founders weekend, and the cubs went to the afternoon service. Two girls took part in a Ballet Recital in the Civic Theatre, their costumes being made at the Home.

Visits: The Board was entertained at the Annual meeting. Also Mr. Goodall of the Anglican Social Services, inspecting our Home set-up; Sister Rona spoke to the Redcliffs Evening Fellowship and the Summer Fellowship, and Mr. Scott has taken 4 services.

Highlight of the month was the occasion of the wedding of one of our old girls, [redacted] in the Papanui Church, with the reception at the Home. Sister Rona helped

organize this. and many Papamut folk who knew [redacted] assisted with donations of food and help. Mr. Scott gave away the bride.

Our potato masher has been returned looking like new, and the cost only \$1.75.

Mrs. Overton's report: Harvest produce was received from St. John's, St. Mark's, and Templeton-Isington.

Two children had gained awards at the school swimming sports.

[redacted] had a bad bruise on his cheek which needed an X-ray.

All children had enjoyed an outing to Motunavara after church one Sunday.

Mrs. Barr had left and her place was taken by Miss Henry.

An interdenominational Younglives Group at Redcliffs had helped with jam and bottling, and made jerseys.

Mrs. Overton had spoken to a Women's Fellowship together with Sister Rona.

An egg-slicer is to be bought, and linings for cupboards are to be chosen by Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Overton & Mrs. Watson.

Gifts for the month were very numerous and

\$199.44
valued, consisting of clothing, foodstuffs, furniture, fruit, jam, eggs, tinned and bottled goods.

Mrs. Overton served afternoon tea and was thanked for her hospitality, as were the members who had provided transport.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

B. J. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

F. J. Matthews
10-4-68

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

Apologies were received from Mesdames Nelson, Newton & Watson.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer. Letters of thanks were sent to Mrs. Millerhead and Mr. Beardsley for food provided on the day of the Street Appeal.

Letters of thanks were received from Miss Henry, for her gift from the Board & House Committee, and from The Homes Appeal Trust Board's annual

meeting for our supplying & sewing of refreshments on the day of the House to House Appeal.

Matron's report: Our family remains much the same over the past month. Three [redacted] children [redacted] were with us for 2 weeks while their mother had a new baby. They were very nice children. [redacted] has been able to return home.

Health: Several cases of "tummy flu" and still one or two of tonsillitis, but no more measles, and everyone well at present. Miss Harris has not been well, but is improving now. All other staff are well.

Groups: This year we have many more children able to join up with community activities: Scouts 3, Cubs 4, Cadets 7, Girls' Brigade 6, Y.M.I. and Ballet 8.

Instead of Mrs. Hatherley coming here to teach all the girls Ballet for a short while each year, she has offered to take girls who show any interest or talent into her regular classes free of charge, thus making it possible for them to receive continuous training, a very generous offer. The 6 GLB girls are taking part in their Easter camp, & are very thrilled to be going, one girl refusing to go to her parents for Easter.

Staff: We were sorry to lose Miss Henry to the Family Home, & miss her quiet ways after so many years with us. Mrs. Weaver has taken her place on a 6 1/2 hourly basis, and everything is working out very well. Mrs. Smith who has taken over the laundry from Mrs. Weaver is managing very well & likes the work. Miss Leams still has no word of when she is to enter Hospital.

Foster Homes: One of our foster boys [redacted] has been able to return to his mother: she secured a suitable housekeeping position this year, also looking after two children & has saved enough money to pay up her commitments, & the welfare Dept. have agreed to [redacted] returning to her. He is a fine little boy. All other foster children are doing well.

Everyone enjoyed our picnic held at the Ashley River on March 10. Swimming, nature walks & games were happy features of the day, in which the Family Home joined. As there were sufficient gifts in hand to pay for food etc. the Staff also enjoyed a day of no work. Children in the Intermediate Sunday School spent a happy evening recently in Social Activities & supper. Cadets &

G.L.B. attended Divisional Church Parades.

The Family Home came over one evening and were fitted up with winter clothing.

Twenty members of Shirley Fellowship came to see over the Home & do mending.

Miss Gilmore of the Government Planning Dept. met with the Board's Executive and discussed recommendations regarding kitchen alterations & replacements.

Sister Rona spoke at the Women's Fellowship Country Rally. Mr. Scott has taken 3 services.

Sister Rona's talk has been much praised by women who heard her at the Country Rally. Family Home: Everything has been going well, though the [redacted] children are still stubborn & lazy but improving slowly.

Some cases of peaches were bought & bottled.

A report from the special Board meeting last month stated that the proposal for a combined laundry within our Home is not to be proceeded with, as it is far too expensive.

Also beyond our means is the proposed scheme of alterations to our Home drawn up by Mr. Sellers, but a modified scheme of

very essential repairs & replacements is to be proceeded with. A committee has been appointed to enquire into these essentials and is to include one member of the House Committee.

X Mrs. Corbett was appointed to this task.

X Discussion then took place among members as to means of improving the situation in the reception centre in the middle block, possibly by using the cottage recently bought by the Board on land adjacent to the Home. Though not in very good order, it could perhaps serve as a home for the Disabled Nation. Temporarily; or as a hostel for post boys who have nowhere else to go when out of work or unable to get suitable board. These boys do not really fit in with the age groups within the Home itself; & it would make a kindergarten centre, thus freeing the room already in use for this purpose.

Gifts included jam, eggs, foodstuffs, fruit & good clothing to the value of £139.03.

Our next meeting will be at the Home on Thurs. The Benediction brought the meeting to a close.

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