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Minutes: Children's Home House Committee

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The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home, on wed. May 8, those present being Mrsdares Black, Bligh, Corbett, Garfield, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Newton & Scott.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Nelson & Miss Horrell.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Miss Gilmore was a passenger on the ill-fated "Wahine"; so no report about our child has been received as yet.

Nation's Report: Admissions are:

[REDACTED] whose mother has deserted them, and who are with us until their father can make suitable arrangements.

[REDACTED] is backward with unhappy family ties, & attends the special class at Waimairi on the recommendation of Mr. Rich & the Education Department. She is a very practical helpful little girl, but moody.

[REDACTED] has returned to her mother who is at the hospital for 2 months, but expects another operation in July.

Health: All good. [REDACTED] is the only one to cause concern, being subject to recurring infections. He is ready to start school, but the Dr. recom needs waiting.

Miss Harris is now better after several weeks of giddy turns.

Sixteen of our children, several of them slow learners, sat the Scripture examination.

Visits: The Bishopdale League of Mothers came to see over and have a talk on the Home. They brought gifts of food and clothing, and did mending.

The District Cuts so much enjoyed raking up leaves on Saturday last year that they are coming again this year.

A visit was paid to Ashburton with four of the

children, when 112 lbs. of jam were collected.

On Anzac Day all went to Prices Valley for a morning and afternoon tea; and a session of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Scott has taken three services.

Needed: The roller ironer has finally given up, and it was decided to recommend that if obtainable, another be purchased immediately.

Blankets are to be purchased, Miller's grey, 25 p.s.

One dozen each of cutlery have been bought as replacements.

Gifts: These included groceries, fruit, Easter eggs, jam, eggs, apples, used and new clothing, of value \$80.40.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction, and Mrs. Scott served a delightful after noon tea.

B. J. Hodder.

Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
12/6/68.

The usual monthly meeting was held at Barrington St. on Wed. June 12, those present being Miss Horrell and Mesdames Bell, Black, Blight, Corbett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (in the chair) Nelson, Overton & Scott. Apologies were received from Mesdames Newton & Watson.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The blankets have been ordered, but the ironer has not yet been replaced. Mrs. Scott will ask Mr. Harrow if anything has been done.

Nelson's Report: All are well & settled down at school.

[REDACTED] have started school, but two new pre-scholars keep the kindergarten numbers at 8.

All family units remain the same. Miss Kerr 10, Mrs.

Hoorn 9, Miss Horrell 9, and Miss Eade 8, with the reception centre up to 14 with two temporary pre-schoolers, [REDACTED], 3 yrs. and 18 months, mother having been admitted to hospital for an operation, & there are no relatives to care for them.

Other children: These number 14 at present. [REDACTED] 3 yrs. has returned to his parents. Placed in foster homes for temporary periods between hospitalization one

is undergoing operations and treatment for a eye tumour and [REDACTED] 7 yrs. an albino child with serious eye defect, rejected by his family and needing to attend Elmwood School Visual Aid class.

He is fostered by a family who have sons with sight and hearing defects, and is very happy.

Health: [REDACTED] ear infection did not clear up so Mr. Cannon placed him in Hospital & operated taking his adenoids out at the same time. [REDACTED] was better and ready to start school after Queen's Birthday but when out with his mother he cut his arm on a broken bottle and had to have 7 stitches in it, so delaying his schooling once again.

Our little 5-year old redhead has had to have glasses for a lazy eye, probably only for 2 years.

Staffs are all well, and everything is going nicely.

Holidays: All children had good holidays and about 3/4 of them have been asked back for August. We also found holidays for two other boys living at the Home.

There were power troubles on June 11, when a main had blown outside during the night; no hot water, no lights and very little power for everyone to get up and get breakfast; also a foot of water in the furnace room because the pump was off. The M.E.D. arrived early & fixed everything by 7.45 a.m.

During the final preparations for the opening of the remodelled Paparoa Church, the evening fellowship held their meeting at the Home.

Our Girls' Brigade girls assisted in the distribution of envelopes for the British and Foreign Bible Society appeal. Our Scouts took part in the Buy-a-Brick Appeal in spite of atrocious weather.

Visits We have had visits from the Taitau Evening Fellowship to see over the Home & do some mending. The Wainoni Cub Pack also visited the Home during their Mother's month bringing clothing, sweets and toys for children whose mothers cannot or do not look after them. The Lincoln Rd. Sunday School Classes Std. 4 to Std. 6 asked to be allowed to adopt two small children, and came to learn about the Home and meet the children. They have taken [redacted]

[redacted], and as it was [redacted] fifth birthday the week they came, one of the girls gave her a doll, and one mother and all the girls made it a set of clothes. [redacted] was overwhelmed: as her own mother's Christmas gift consisted of clothing.

The children were entertained by the Singing Cowboys with Rauch songs and rope tricks, much to their delight!

Mrs. Scott has been to a meeting with the Central Mission regarding the Boiler and Heating System, and has also had quotes on oil fuel. He has taken one service and exchanged two!

Mrs. Overton's report: The children ~~now~~ are settling down well and health is good except for some coughs.

The [redacted] children are showing some improvement in the bed wetting situation, and slight improvement at school. [redacted] has had a T.B. skin test. They were not away for Queen's Birthday weekend, but were taken for a picnic and a barbecue.

Mrs. Hawkins spent an evening at the Home, and Mr. Watson, of Dunedin Anglican Social Service Association also paid a visit.

Tetron shower curtains have been installed, and were inspected by the committee, and Mrs. Watson and Mrs. Overton have stuck contact plastic on the kitchen

shelves.

[redacted] attended the Brownies Church Parade. Needed for Papanui and are twelve stainless steel pie dishes.

Members decided to meet at Harwood Rd. for the rest of this year, the position to be reviewed next year.

June gifts for Papanui included sausages, three swans, icecream, wool, books, and eggs, of value \$22.95, and for Barnington St. this year's gifts amounted to \$81.51.

The meeting closed with the Benediction, and Mrs. Overton served a welcome afternoon tea and was thanked by the President.

B. J. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
10-7-68

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday July 10, those present being Madam Black, Bell Blight, Corbett, Garforth, Matthews (president), Newton & Scott & Miss Horrell, Madam Merton and William & Mrs. Overton.

An apology was received from Mrs. Hodder.

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

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

It was agreed to send letters of greetings to Mrs. Hodder & Miss Loomis, one of the family home Mothers, in Ward 3 at Public Hospital.

Mrs. Scott reported that both the blankets and the new pie dishes had come to hand.

Mrs. Corbett gave a brief report on the meeting of the Renovations Committee. The alterations and

improvements were to proceed in three stages
(1) the kitchen, where one stove had completely given out, was, as far as finance allowed to be brought into line with that envisaged in the overall final scheme,

(2) a temporary flat for the Matron master in the end block, and a reception centre completed in the middle block — temporary, in so far that a separate residence in the grounds was planned in the future when funds were available, the flat then being utilised as another family home.

and (3) the remainder of the scheme.

It was reported that the Central Mission had been given permission to locate their boiler for the Aged People's Home in the present boiler room, where there was space available. Also that before the new building project on our ground was begun, the section was to be fenced, and all bounded traffic was to use the Harwood Rd. entrance, so avoiding any possible accidents with the children.

Mrs Scott's report

With winter well on us, everyone has had to be kept inside, with much drying of school clothing & a big demand on gumboots & slippers.

[redacted] had returned to their parents & in their place we have [redacted]
11 & 8 years. [redacted]

[redacted] joining Miss Horne's family as their mother is partly paralysed & is needing hospital & other medical treatment. Miss Levens entered hospital on Sunday for surgery & Miss Harris has taken over her family to which [redacted] have been added. [redacted] has returned home for a brief period under Child Welfare supervision. It is hoped her brothers will be able to return home also in the August holidays. The Family units now are - Mrs [redacted]

and the Reception Centre 12. [redacted]

[redacted] has been able to return to her mother, so our Foster Family is 13.

Five of the children, all under 4, have received notice about hearing defects from the school doctor and have appointments at the ENT clinic

staff. Miss Joan Inwood of Rangiora has been taken on on a temporary basis during Miss Levens' absence. There has been more power trouble, with no lights & heat on another morning at breakfast time, but this has been remedied. Also there was more washing machine trouble, but the Tumbler washer was repaired in a couple of days & the small machine is now in good order again. The new Norge Automatic authorised by the alterations Committee has been duly installed in place of the old copper.

A Browne Becke has collected some cardigans from us and seven or buttons for their badge work. Mr Massey & the Mate from the Moppa Dan came one evening and showed slides of their trips to the Antarctic. Mr Summerville of J.C.s came to talk with Mr Scott on what kind of play equipment or help in this line we needed.

Miss Smith, our Kindy staff, kept out with the Breche for the Church Fellowship Annual Meeting. Sister Anna spoke at the Springston - Tai Tapu Fellowship Annual Meeting & Mr Scott has taken services at Wadens, New Brighton and Dunedin.

Mrs Overton's report

The children have had outings days on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of the month as usual, & were invited by the Mrs Horne Hay Primary Dept to an afternoon tea on Sat. June 22nd. On Monday [redacted]

[redacted] spent the latter part of the afternoon with Miss Henry at her home in Horne Hay and had tea there. The children have been taken out on five weekends. [redacted] enjoyed their birthday party on July 4th, to which they invited two

friends & received gifts from their holiday folk.

Health has been generally good, except for slight colds. School reports from the three in the Standard were encouraging. Mrs Overton visited 3 primer class rooms for a short time and saw the children at work. Miss Carter from Cashmere Church recently offered to come on Monday & Friday mornings to help with mending etc.

It was decided to ask the Board to secure some sort of filing cabinet for records, and also storage for clothing.

Gifts for the Papamai Home included food from several societies' parties, clothing, box of T.W. slippers from the Balaclava League of Mothers, 15 lbs of sausages, 2 cartons of Mutton flaps, birthday cake from 2 small girls, 3 small and 1 large case of apples of value of £13. 50.

Bannington St. received some new & some used clothing.

It was decided to hold no House Committee in August owing to a Board Meeting, & that should there be any urgent business it be dealt with by the lady members of the Board.

Next meeting September 11th.

After the benediction Mrs Scott provided a sumptuous afternoon tea.

Susbyat,
acting sec.

Chairwoman

J. F. Matthews
11/9/68.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday, Sept. 11, those present being Miss Hornell & Nedda Black, Bligh, Corbett, Grafton, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Nelson, Newton, Scott & Watson.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Bell & Mrs. Overton.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with a reading from Rita Snowden and prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed, and Mrs. Bligh was thanked for writing them in place of the Secretary.

The filing cabinet & clothes cupboard for Bannington St. were approved by the Board, but are not yet in place. The ironer has been returned and is usable again.

Letters were sent to Mrs. Bell who has gone overseas and who sent us a post card from Tahiti, and to Mrs. McAlister (Miss Betty Roud) who has a new wee son.

Miss Loomis & Mrs. Hodder acknowledged their messages of sympathy; Miss Loomis is boarding in St. Albans while having post-operative therapy.

Mrs. Miller Read wrote asking us to provide & serve afternoon tea for the House to House Appeal Committee on Sat. Oct 5. There is still £11.20 available for buying food, and Mrs. Newton offered to take charge, with help from other members.

Matron's Report: Good holidays were enjoyed by 46 children from the Home, 7 from the Family Home, and 5 spare children of working mothers. A number have been asked back for the Christmas holiday.

After the holidays the following children were able to leave the Home to return to a parent or grandmother [REDACTED] to their grandmother.

[REDACTED] to his father who has remarried, and [REDACTED] remained. To stay on with his holiday people as a foster child and attend a low stream class starting at the South Bridge School. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also returned to their parents for the holidays and to stay there under Child Welfare supervision.

The following children have been added to our family for long or short periods: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] mother a widow in very poor health; [REDACTED] is a special class pupil.

[REDACTED] mother a patient at Hanmer for 3 months, father an alcoholic. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for a month as mother is in bad health. She is a widow, and the children's ages range from 3 to 12 years: a 13-yr. old sister is having treatment at Hanmer. This case came through the Salvation Army. [REDACTED]

has also been readmitted, this time to the Home. We have cared for [REDACTED] in a foster home for about 18 months, then she returned to her mother & grand father, but they have not been able to manage. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also 3, proved too lively for grand parents; they have been placed with Miss Eade, as have the [REDACTED] making her unit ten; Miss Kerr has 10, Miss Harris 11 with 2 of the [REDACTED] boys, Miss Hore 10 and the Reception Centre 13 with the other 4 [REDACTED] children. Foster children remain at 13, and the Family Home 7, making a grand total of 74.

We regret the passing of Mrs. Rankine, formerly of Papanui and a very good friend to the children over a long period.

A Venturer Scout gave us a day's service for his Duke of Edinburgh award, and did a good job on our outside windows. Three Girl Guides also came for 2 hours as their good turn during the holidays.

[REDACTED] has been put on the surgical list to have her tonsils & adenoids removed & her hearing defect looked into. [REDACTED] eye defect is improving with his glasses and he does not have to report to the Clinic for another 12 months.

The Canterbury Savings Bank folk brought a film

to show to the children, which they quite enjoyed. Some members of the Junior Red Cross including one of our "old girls" of two years ago, came to visit the Home bringing toys & sweets they had made.

Sister Rona has spoken at the Papanui women's Fellowship and Mr. Scott has taken 7 services.

Staff are all well, and starting to sort and fit up summer clothing.

Bannington St. children have had good holidays and been well except for Tummy flu which has also affected Mrs. Overton. Suggestions for names for the Home include "Craiglea", "Tawariki" & "Kaianga".

Two chairs in the reception room and two vinyl office chairs are to be recovered and repaired, and new curtains bought for the Kindergarten room. As the Reception Room is not to be altered in the renovations, and is very much in the public eye, we recommend that something should be done about the carpet, which becomes increasingly decrepit and dangerous as time goes on.

Gifts include eggs & jam, clothes, dolls, toys, cricket sticks, grape fruit & lemons, F.V. slippers, a sewing machine and two pianos, one of which is usable, and from the Bnydwr J.C.s, football goal posts and a tractor for the play area. Cash value, £49.50.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction, and Mrs. Scott served an enjoyable afternoon tea.

B. J. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
9-10-68.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. Oct. 9, those present being Mrs. Davies Black, Blight, Corbett, Garfall, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Newton, Overton, Scott, and Miss Horrell.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Davies Bell, Nelson & Watson.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Mrs. Newton reported that all had gone well with the afternoon tea for counters on the afternoon of the House to House Appeal, Oct. 5, between 300 & 400 being catered for.

Matrios Report: The family remains much the same size since last month. [REDACTED] has returned to her mother, who is now staying with relatives, her health improving slowly. [REDACTED] aged 13 has been admitted through the Welfare Department and the Princess Margaret Hospital. He has been in the Home for two short terms previously.

With the exception of [REDACTED] all children are well and school work progressing satisfactorily.

[REDACTED] was admitted to Hospital on Sunday, and has had tonsils & adenoids removed & ear drums treated. Already [REDACTED], who had loss of hearing & speech difficulties is speaking much more clearly and is very well after her ordeal.

The St. Stephens Fellowship came on their annual visit and spent an industrious evening doing the first of the summer alterations and marking, & the St. David's Fellowship are finishing it.

Fifty children were invited to the Model Engineering Exhibition and had an enjoyable afternoon. 15 of the older children and staff attended the Hagley High School performance of "Pirates of Penzance" & were delighted with it. A number of the children

also went to the Papanui Church Concert recently, & 6 pre-schoolers were taken for an outing by the Bryndur Bible Class girls.

All children entered floral work in the Church Fair, and had a happy time spending some of their pocket money & some of the Staff's after school, & the older ones again in the evening. Some of the boys also helped to clear up afterwards.

The Coka Ladies' Fellowship visited the Home at the beginning of the month to see over, and bear about the work. They brought cakes for the children's lunches. Mr. Scott visited Darfield one evening to speak to the Fellowship there and show slides of the children. He also attended the Area meeting of the M.S.S.A. and has taken five services. Sister Rosa has preached at the Women's Service at St. John's, Addington, and is speaking on the Ordination of Deaconesses at Timaru today.

Summer fitting up is now finished and the next step will be packing for Christmas holidays.

The Health Department and Welfare representatives paid a visit on Oct. 3.

Mrs. Overton's Report: The Home has been running normally since last holidays.

Health has been good.

On Sept. 18 the Hagley High School invited us to their dress rehearsal, which was enjoyed by Mrs. Overton & their two children, with [REDACTED]

Mr. Lyons & Dr. Walker from the Welfare & Health Department came on Sept. 30 for their Annual Tour of inspection and seemed satisfied with everything.

Tips of games, vegetables & cake were received.

Mrs. Overton was authorised to buy a suitable mat for the kitchen.

Members saw the new material for the Kindergarten Room curtains and thought it very gay &

cheerful with its nursery pattern.

Discussion then took place on the morning tea to be held at the Barrington St. Home on Nov. 28 to mark the distribution of cheques from the Combined Appeals. It was decided to serve sandwiches and savouries, Mesdames Garfath, Nelson & Watson to cut sandwiches at the Home, and savouries to be bought, all expenses to be met by the Board. Further arrangements are to be made at our next meeting on Nov. 13. When Mrs. Blight will preside in Mrs. Matthews' absence.

Gifts for the month included eggs, jam cakes, sandwiches & savouries, and clothing including 8 new pairs of trousers, 8 jerseys & 16 cardigans, all from the Red Cross. Total cash value £39.80.

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

B. J. Hodder,
Hon. Sec.

Blight.

13.11.68

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday, Nov. 13, those present being Mesdames Black, Blight, Corlett, Garfath, Hodder, Nelson, Scott & Watson.

In the absence of Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Blight presided and opened the meeting with prayer.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Bell, Matthews, Newton, Overton & Miss Hornell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Matron's Report: The family has fluctuated considerably this month, the five [redacted] children returning to their mother, and [redacted] to her father who has remarried. Three [redacted] girls have also returned to their mother, whose health has improved.

Admissions are [redacted], 4, whose mother needs a holiday after an operation; (grandparents are caring for his twin sisters aged 6) [redacted]

[redacted] also 4, whose mother is in Hanner for 3 months; [redacted] of Ashburton, 4 & 2½ years, whose mother has deserted taking two other children but does not want these two; [redacted]

[redacted], 3, has also come to join her brothers & sister.

This brings the family to 50 again, with 7 in the Family Home & 12 in foster homes. All foster children are well, & all our children except for a few colds. [redacted] is a poor little boy, but as the Dr. can find nothing wrong with him except for a hernia operation to come, he may improve with care. He is an only child of a mother needing psychiatric treatment & may be emotionally disturbed.

Miss Harris has had some time off with gastritis, but is back on duty though not 100% well & still on a diet. All other staff are well & beginning to prepare for Christmas. Sister Rona has been at Conference & Deaconess Convocation.

Christmas holiday homes are coming in well, &

everyone should be placed very shortly.

[REDACTED] has improved so well since coming to us that he may be able to return home after Christmas.

[REDACTED] has had his tonsils removed & is well.

The Dunsandel Brownie Pack took 17 of our girls to their homes one Sunday afternoon as their Community Service Project, showing them over the farms, with pony rides & afternoon tea.

Most of the children were able to go away for Labour weekend, and the few who stayed home were entertained by the Magician's Society.

Mrs. Scott took 4 of the children to Ashburton on 3rd November to receive their gift of eggs, and all had a happy time. He has taken three services.

Twelve Primary Sunday School children enjoyed an end of year party last Saturday.

Family Home Report: On the 5th Nov. there was a visit without warning, from Mr. Wallace, of Palmerston North Anglican Social Service.

Children enjoyed a Magician's Show at Labour weekend, and Craig had a 7th birthday party on Labour Day.

Children also had a visit to Richells Farm, sponsored by the Hoon Hay Presbyterian Church, and had tractor & pony rides.

Miss D. Wilson of Somerfield Church is making the girls dolls' clothes for Christmas & also dressing a doll for Christine who hasn't one.

Cashmere Concert Party, St. Monk's Fellowship & Garden Club have all donated food. Gifts of four cabbages, lettuce & celery, and 20 dozen eggs per month from Mrs. Anderson have also been received.

[REDACTED] is still trouble some with petty thieving from school, and home.

All children are going away for Show weekend and Christmas holiday homes are coming to hand.

Mrs. Overton has used a spare piece of the carpet

to make a nice large Kitchen mat.

Members saw patterns of materials suitable for covering the chairs in the Reception Room.

Mrs. Scott was authorized to buy new curtain material for Miss Kerr's room.

After some discussion, it was decided that women staff members be given China as Christmas gifts and men gift vouchers. Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Newton to do the buying.

All members were invited to the morning tea at Barrington SV on Thursday, Nov. 28, for the Cheque distribution.

A letter of thanks from Mrs. Miller Head was received, especially mentioning Mrs. Newton's guidance in the afternoon tea arrangements on Oct. 8.

The nation, Master & staff extended good wishes for a blessed Christmas and inspiring New Year to our Committee, which reciprocated, after which the Benediction was pronounced, and Mrs. Scott served a party afternoon tea.

Gifts included 50 cases of carrots free for the digging, toys, clothing, eggs, cream from the Show, and Christmas offerings, of cash value \$87.00.

B. J. Hodder,
Hon. Sec.

J. Jo. Matthews
12-2-69.

The first meeting for the year 1969 was held at the Home on Wed. Feb. 12 those present being Miss Horrell and Mesdames Black, Blight, Corbett, Ginfatli, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Nelson, Newton, Overton, Scott and Watson.

An apology was received from Mrs. Bell who was absent through illness, and the Secretary was asked to send her a note of good cheer.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with a reading from the Friendship Book and prayer.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and confirmed. Letters of sympathy sent to Mrs. Alice Head, Mrs. Smith

Matron's Report: The Staff extended thanks for their Christmas gifts.

The family remains much the same in size as last year. The four [redacted] children, [redacted]

[redacted] have gone home to their father and a very pleasant stepmother; [redacted], a temporary addition, also returned home before Christmas. We have also had come and go [redacted] whose small sister had been scalded and required the mother with her at Burwood Hospital. She is now progressing satisfactorily. Also placed in a foster home for three weeks was [redacted], while her mother straightened out some difficulties, but all is well again and mother & daughter together. [redacted]

We have taken under our care [redacted], an only child of separated parents, aged 4½ yrs. He was previously in a foster home, but the foster parents have left Christchurch. [redacted], 17 months, has been placed in a foster home while her mother has treatment at a Day Clinic, her two older brothers being at Huntly.

Our families now stand as follows:

Miss Kett:

7

Miss Horrell:

8

Miss Eade

9

Miss Horrell

10

Reception Centre

13.

Family Home

7

Foster Home

15

Total 69

All are in good health, and have progressed at school. Our school population is rather more scattered this year - 2 at Papamuri High, 4 at Heathcote Intermediate, 1 at St Ch Ch Intermediate Special Class, 1 at Caselbrook Intermediate, 1 at Elmwood Visual Class, 1 at Waimairi Special Class, 2 at Waimairi School, and 11 pre-schoolers.

We were kept busy with end of year functions from mid-November onwards; 5 girls went to Girls' Brigade Camp at Skew weekend. Hay's Christmas Pageant was a highlight, especially as, owing to transport problems, the children had a picnic lunch of fish & chips & apples in the Park before returning home in several trips.

Class end-of-year outings, Sunday School & Bible Class parties, picnics & barbecues, Y.H.C.A. Cubs, Scouts & G.B. & Cadets breakups, and the Ballet Party all added to the Christmas festivities. The Captain and crew of S.S. Maori again entertained the children of all Christchurch Homes to a party and films, with gifts for all. This was held this year in our Papamoa Church Hall. The St. Matthews Brownie Pack invited our girls to share their Christmas Breakup, and each brought a small gift to make up a Toilet Bag for each of our girls.

Our Parents' evening was again a successful little social gathering with each family putting on items, finishing with carols for parents & children, followed by supper.

A visit from Taitapu Girl Guides who put on Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs was much enjoyed by the children, and the Wairakei Brownie Pack, whose Brownie is our laundry lady, entertained the children after our own Christmas Party with a delightful concert.

Everyone had a happy time at our Christmas Party, including Mr. & Mrs. Matthews, Mr. & Mrs. Woodfield & family, & Mr. & Mrs. McKeage, plus our Casual staff & their families. Mr. & Mrs. Harrow were unable to be present.

A visit from 6th form girls from Riccarton High School was enjoyed, and they were most interested.

The Waimairi School Carol & Christmas Service & our own Carol Service brought the year to a close with early bed for all on the Thursday evening, ready for a 6:45 am. start on the long trip to Invercargill with 15 children. Four others left for Nelson by bus & one for the West Coast.

During January two older boys went to Y.N.C.A. camp at Waimairi.

Everyone enjoyed good holidays and behaved well, but all were pleased to be back to Home & School.

Staff are all well after good holidays; Miss Drew has left, and Miss McPherson has come in her place. Miss Loomis is back with her family.

Scouts, Cubs, Music & Ballet have already started.

Mr. Scott took 5 services & Sister Rona two.

Report of Family Home: All children are well & had good holidays, but were glad to be home again.

On 23rd Nov. all went to see Hay's Procession & had a time in the Gardens, & Lee & Kim went to St. Marks Church Concert at night.

On Dec. 14 the St. Martin's Anglican Church Brownie Pack entertained our children, & gave them gifts.

On Dec. 5 Mrs. Hawkins visited the children after not seeing them for over three years, but this fortunately did not appear to have unsettled the children.

The Weedons Fellowship Group, to which Mrs. Overton used to belong, held their final meeting for the year at the Home on Nov. 28, and brought cooking 16 go in the Deep Freeze.

On Nov. 28 morning tea was held to distribute cheques from the Annual Appeal. About 50 attended & it was a most successful & enjoyable occasion. Thanks to those who prepared the morning tea.

On Nov. 26 Mr. Scott brought a double swing which the children enjoy.

The tallboy and filing cabinet are proving useful.

The Christmas party was held on Dec. 16, with Mr. & Mrs. Matthews, Mr. & Mrs. Woodfield & family, Mr. & Mrs. McKeage, Mr. & Mrs. Harrow and Miss Henry as guests.

Items needed: A clock was needed for the Kitchen and has already been bought.

Single sheets need replacing; Mrs. Scott was authorised to buy 9 dozen.

Barrington St. needs new pads for the Queenymop. Mr. Scott to be consulted.

One pyrex casserole has broken; Mrs. Overtan was advised to look for stainless steel ones in an appropriate size, and buy one or two as needed.

Mrs. Scott had had an advance notice of a course to be held by the University Extension Dept. in Catering for Institutions, including menus, food values, quantities etc. She would like to attend. And it was decided to recommend that the Board pay her expenses.

Gifts for the Quarter came from far and near & included flour, eggs, clothing, furniture, games, fruit and Christmas edibles, as well as very many Christmas gifts and donations. Cash value for Hakewood Rd. Home \$18.94 and for Barrington St. (6mo) £6.60.

The next meeting is to be at Barrington St. on March 12.

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

B. J. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

F. J. Matthews
12. 3-69.

The usual monthly meeting of the Children's Home House Committee was held at the Barrington Home on March 12th 1969.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with devotions.

Apologies were received from M^{rs} Hodder M^{rs} Newton, Mrs Black and Mrs Watson's correspondence. A "thankyou" card from Miss Sharon Scott was received.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was to be sent to Mrs. Hodder.

Mrs. Scott's report.

One little boy, [REDACTED] has been temporarily admitted and [REDACTED] who have been in the Home for 4 years, have been able to return to their mother and grandmother. [REDACTED], a 4-year old who has been 6 months in the Home, is now living with his father. So our Family is now 44, and Family & Foster [REDACTED] remain the same as last month.

Health generally good. There have been 2 cases of Tonsilits, 1 of Mumps, 1 Fractured arm and 1 very small boy. [REDACTED] needed a general anaesthetic to remove 4 teeth. Tony Hatchcock Special Class Intermediate School, and Steven McKay Cl 2. Wainui School, have been fitted with glasses. Seven older boys have had Tetanus Boosters, 14 5 to 6's Polio, Diphtheria & Tetanus Boosters and 8 older girls are to have Tetanus Boosters later in the month. All preventative care will then be up to date.

Two applications have come from young women wishing to work in The Home, one of whom has been placed on the waiting list.

M^r Scott & M^w Scott and four of the older children visited Ashburton on Sunday 9th and brought back Harvest Festival gifts from Methven where M^r Scott took the morning service) Allenton, Wakanui, Baring Bay (where Mr Scott took the evening service) and Rakaia.

Everyone enjoyed Papamai Church picnic at South Brighton.

Our Cubs enjoyed their day out meeting the Governor General! This year we have 3 Cubs, 6 scouts, very keen, 2 senior & 3 girls who are looking forward to having their new uniforms this year, 3 G.B. girls & 1 Tumors. Seven girls learn Ballet with Mrs Hatherley. There are 18 starters for the scripture exam.

M^r Scott has taken 3 services in addition to the Ashburton ones.

M^w T. Inwood, who relieved last year while Miss Lewis was away, has left to do her nursing training at the Linlith Hospital.

M^w Overton's report.

The health of all is good. [redacted] has joined Cubs and is looking forward to going with [redacted] to a Camp at Spencerville.

[redacted] who has recently also joined Brownies, enjoyed their day with other Brownies at the Blue Skies Camp, where they met the Governor General. [redacted] were first in the star-fish event at the Swimming Sports.

As four ladies from St. Marks offered to help look after a child, the Barrington family went to the church picnic at Quail Island and greatly enjoyed the day.

The Electrolux Representative took the Electrolux to clean & grease the motor, and this was done free of charge. Thanks were

expressed on behalf of the Board.

M^w Simpson, the new Child Welfare Officer for the [redacted] family, called to make herself known. Gifts of fruit jams and produce were received from St. Marks, St. John's, Templeton, Wellington & Springfield churches. Nearly 3¹/₂ of a top tier of wedding cake was received from a person in the locality.

M^w Scott is attending a university course for Matrons &c. in charge of Institutions.

The sheets authorised last meeting had been purchased. Authority was now given to purchase 6 doz. pillowcases, and new bath mats; also 4 smocks, 2 for cook and 2 for Kindergarten Staff. New carpet also was to be put under the desks in the office, where the feet were placed. M^w Overton was authorised to purchase say 3 dozen new cups to replace breakages and build a reserve.

Goods from many churches &c. were received by the Papamai Home including Rangiwhenua School House, the 5 Ashburton churches, Septon & Papamai. Many gifts were received in addition to the Harvest gifts.

The Papamai Home donations amounted in cash to £24.14 & those of Barrington St. to £25.20.

M^w Matthews pronounced the Benediction and M^w Overton served a much appreciated afternoon tea.

Chairwoman. F. J. Matthews
Date. 9-3-69.

The monthly meeting of the House Committee was held at the Home on April 9th 1969.

Mrs Matthews opened the meeting with prayer. Apologies were received from Messdames Hadder, Newton, Black, Nelson, Watson & Overton.

Mrs Scott reported that she had purchased all the goods authorised at previous meetings.

Mrs Matthews gave us a short report on the progress of the renovations & told us that all tenders were greatly in excess of the expected price.

Mrs Scott's Report.

The family has remained steady through the month. [REDACTED] contracted mumps but was soon well again.

Easter saw all the children & some of the staff away. Those staff remaining were able to relax and take part in various Easter services.

One B.C. boy enjoyed Camp at Waipara & accepted Christ as stillaviour. Two Scouts went to Camp and 4 girls to G.B. Camp.

Fifteen more Harvest came to hand and were much appreciated.

Sister Rena & Mrs Scott attended the Action's Conference in Wellington in March, and were very interested in meeting other women in social service work and assessing different aspects of the work.

The two new B.C members attended the first tea of the 1969 B.C year.

The Boys' High School Junior Rotary gave the children a very fine fish show in March. The Home Picnic proved a very enjoyable outing on the Waimak. river bed. Picnics, cakes, ice cream and fruit added to the day's enjoyment.

also a Hut building competition and a treasure hunt.

St Marks, Lowerfield came and did a splendid evenings work on the winter clothing.

Produce was provided for the G.H. Hall as little [REDACTED] who is with my wife, now goes to their school.

The Family Home children came over the last Sunday in March & were fitted out for the winter - Mr Scott has taken services at Ohaka & St. Brighton.

[REDACTED] one of the small foster children, has been returned to her mother, who hopes to be able to take the other two children later.

Mrs Overton's Report

All were away for Easter. All are well. [REDACTED] went to a Cub Camp weekend on March 14th. All children took part in the school sports on the 18th of March. M. Overton went to a cub display evening on March 15th.

A stainless steel dish was purchased from Bain's, it had no lid. It cost £3 instead of £6. Some more Harvest Festivals came in. There were ~1/2 dozen eggs & 2 lbs jam from Cashmere.

Gifts were received at the Home from several Fellowships and individual donors. Cricket bats, wickets etc. were received from one lady whose children had outgrown them.

Each value of priced goods for the Harwood Home was £72 and for Barrington St £8.50.

Mrs Matthews pronounced the Benediction, after which Mrs Scott served a delicious afternoon tea.

Signed:

J.J. Matthews
11-6-69.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday, June 11, those present being Miss Horrell & Mrs. Dame Bell, Black, Blight, Garforth, Hodder, Matthews (in the chair) Newton, Overton & Scott. Corbett.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Dame Bell & Mrs. Watson.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with readings and prayer.

Mrs. Blight was thanked for acting as secretary in the absence of Mrs. Hodder.

The minutes of the April meeting were read & confirmed.

As the Government had seen fit to grant a bigger subsidy, the lowest tender had been accepted for the alterations, which have been started in a small way.

Matron's Report:

All the children had good holidays, and some extra children were placed to give their mothers a treat for health reasons. All staff had some days' holidays as well. All children were taken for Queen's Birthday weekend, so the staff had a few days off in view of the disorganisation the workmen may bring.

Health All are well except for two children with tonsillitis.

Miss Harris is off work for a few days with joint pains.

Admissions: Four [redacted] children from Timaru whose father abducted them from the homes of relatives, where they have been living since their mother died eighteen months ago, and took them to Wellington. The Child Welfare Police stepped in and brought them to us. They are [redacted]

[redacted] They are in Miss Eade's family, making it up to 12.

In preparation for the builders, the fourth family in the west end, has been closed and redistributed among the other three families. Sister Rona has been freed from the immediate care of children, while retaining her post as Sub-Matron, with a view to her completing the two year Social Science Course on which she is engaged and so taking over part of the casework of the Home in the future.

Visits/Outings: Captain & Mrs. Williams of the Maori "came one afternoon to present the shield for Cricket which our boys won for a second time, also bringing ice cream & sweets for the children.

The District Cub Packs have again come and gathered leaves as their Good Turn. Girls' Brigade members & juniors attended their divisional church Parade, & also took part in the concert held in the Civic Theatre during the week before the May holidays. We also helped out 'intermissions' on 3 nights. The Trefoil Guild & the Rangiora Fellowship visited us for a talk & to see over the Home, the Rangiora ladies bringing clothing & a donation for hockey sticks & the Guild doing an evening reading & alterations for us.

Mr. Haugan at the School for the Deaf invited Miss Smith into [redacted] to attend the school one morning recently, so that [redacted] could have further hearing tests, & Mr. Haugan showed Miss Smith the teaching methods used at the School for pre-school children. There is every possibility that [redacted] may be attending the school daily by next year. As this was an early appointment, Sister Rona took the other children for a picnic at Summer & all enjoyed themselves.

During the school holidays the Vocational Guidance Dept. arranged a course for Country High School 5th & 6th-formers on working conditions in different types of employment. About 30 girls came to the Home.

The Intermediate Sunday School held a very enjoyable social before the holidays to which 4 of our children went, also 7 of our older boys enjoyed a weekend stay at the High School Mountain hut, arranged by the Junior Rotary Club, a highlight of the outing being the train trip.

Mr. & Mrs. Scott & four children went to Ashburton

to receive their gifts of jam the Sunday before the holidays. Mrs. Scott has taken services at Leeston, Linwood, Wainoni & Beckenham, & Sister Rona at Ohoka.

Eighteen children entered for the Scripture Examination.

The four McKay children left in May as their father remarried.

Mrs. Scott is enjoying her course in food management. She was authorised to buy food charts from America for \$1 each for bottle babies as well as a cook-book from Australia giving recipes for larger numbers.

Mrs. Overton's Report: All are well except [redacted] who has had an operation for tonsils & adenoids, but should be back at school in a fortnight. During May [redacted] had two visits to the O.W.'s patients' Dept. at the Hospital for eye tests as well as a couple of visits to Mr. Gilmour, the optician who supplied her glasses. This has been of some help with her reading.

[redacted] sat for the Scripture Examination

Mrs. Everest, mother of the [redacted] children has been on holiday recently and took the children out twice, thus unsettling them a little.

On April 26, all went to the Tractor Engine Rally at Templeton, and, as Mrs. Overton's father was driving one of the engines, the children were able to have a short ride each which they enjoyed.

Mrs. Overton spoke to the Moonday League of Mothers and received a carton of very nice assorted jams. Other gifts of clothing & produce were received of cash value \$16.65.

Mrs. Overton was authorised to replace a badly burnt saucepan, and Mrs. Scott to buy ten stainless steel butter-dishes, if obtainable.

Gifts included fruit, jam, eggs, clothing, hockey sticks and a football, cash value being \$54.60.

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

J. Matthews 9/4/69.
B. J. Hodder, Hon. Sec.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. July 9, those present being Resdames Bell, Black, Bligh, Garfield, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Newton & Scott. Apologies were received from Resdames Corbett & Overton & Miss Howell.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Overton has replaced the burnt saucepan. Mrs. Scott has not yet found butter-dishes of a suitable size.

Nation's report: The builders had promised to come today but have not done so.

Children: [redacted] 7 & 6 yrs. have been admitted through the welfare Dept., as they have been deserted by the mother & the father is not suitable to care for them. There are five other children in the family.

All children are well, and School reports not bad on the whole. Nearly all remark on lack of concentration & effort always the result of disturbed backgrounds.

As all children had their mid-term holiday on Monday July 7, they went for a picnic to Stringer's Bridge, sw' of Amberley. Picnics for lunch and fish & chips for tea made welcome variety from ordinary meals.

Staff: We are sorry to say Goodbye to Miss Smith our Kindy staff as the Doctor has put her off work for 3 months, and she has decided to leave & later on look for a change of work. Miss Harris our reliever has also handed in her notice for the end of this month, and has obtained a position at the Fernwood Hostel for the Blind. Her health has not been the best for most of this year. We have replaced Miss Smith with Miss Karen Sefor, an Anglican girl and a Cubsleader, who has settled into Kindy and family

Receiving very well. She is a cheerful person and happy with the staff, knitting & needlework being other interests. We have also taken on Miss Neila Hill as Assistant in the Receiving Unit, to commence work when the builders have finished the floor in the West wing. At the end of September, in the last week of the school holidays.

Scouts again had the use of a corner in the backyard for their Bottle Drive, which was quite successful. They all took part in the Jubilee service in the Cathedral.

Our children all gained a pass in Scripture Examination. The Church Service being televised on June 29 has been a highlight of this term.

The Welfare Dept's. visit on Annual Inspection took place during the month, but there is no report to hand as yet.

Mr. Scott has taken a service at South Brighton.

We were all very shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. LeCouteur of Ashburton Parsonage. A number of the children, with Mrs. Scott, have enjoyed many chats & suppers in her company. Our prayers & sympathy go out to her husband & family.

Mrs. Overton's Report: Two officers of the Welfare Dept. came on annual inspection & give a good report.

Mr & Mrs. Overton attended a P.T.A. address on July 2 by Mrs. Price on disturbed children, and were pleased to note that American treatments do not appear to differ greatly from those in N.Z.

Children are well except for colds, and ~~had a trip~~ enjoyed the snow during the month.

[REDACTED] visited his children this month. Furnishings. Mrs. Scott was asked to look at the furnishings in the old flat with a view to furnishing the new one when finished. We do not want unnecessary waste. nor neither do we want to see

make-shifts.

The Secretary was asked to send a letter to Miss Lyndy Smith who is retiring as Kindy staff, and a goodwill message to Kay Rush who is to be married on Saturday, July 12.

Plans are being prepared for sealing the drive into Fairhaven, cutting out the circular drive to the Children's Home, and making a carport at the end of Fairhaven behind the Home. This should make things safe for our children when playing on the front of the Home.

Gifts included clothing, food items, jam, eggs, books, toys, a doll's pram & tricycle, & fruit. Cash value \$40.40.

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

B. J. Hodder.

Hon. Sec.

S. J. Matthews
7/3-7-69.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday, August 13, those present being Mesdames Black, Blight, Corbett, Grafton, Hodder, Matthews (in the Chair) Weston, Scott & Miss Horrell.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Bell, Nelson, Newton & Watson.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with a reading prayer. The minutes of last meeting were read & confirmed.

Sympathy was expressed with Mrs. Nelson, who is in St. George's Hospital, and Mrs. Matthews offered to visit her on our behalf & take flowers.

Matron's Report: [REDACTED] are now back with their mother. [REDACTED] aged 6, was with us for two weeks but has been re-united with his father, his mother having committed suicide. Our families stand as follows: Miss Kerr 10, Miss Eade 12, Miss Horrocks 10 & Miss Loomis 8. Our High School girl [REDACTED] has been taken over by the Welfare Dept., for a month in the meantime. She has run away several times & wagged school at others, so the Police Dept. refused to bring her back to us this time.

Alterations are coming along well, the builder saying the Reader & Matron's flat will be ready for occupation, as far as workmen are concerned, by the second week of the holidays. The various contractors are all ready to start on kitchen demolition the first Monday of the holidays, and Mr. Wragg says the stoves will be connected up, and the kitchen dining room usable when the children return.

The Home will be without power, water & toilet facilities for four days, so the staff are to go on paid holidays, in view of the extra cleaning that will be involved next term when the workmen have finished.

All staff have now recovered from the 'flu' at last. We are still working with one staff short, but Miss Sefton has agreed to take over the relieving and

Mrs. Brady is to look after the Kindy class during the holidays. An older woman is to start as reliever after the holidays as a live-in position, and Miss Sefton will again take over the Kindergarten. [REDACTED] danced in the Ballet Teachers Recital at the Civic Theatre, & three staff & six children enjoyed the evening.

Children are all well except [REDACTED]

Miss Loomis' two pre-schoolers who have had measles

Mr. Wren of the Psychological Service came to test our little deaf boy, and reports that Raymond just turned 4, has the ability & intelligence of a child of 5, and older in some tests, and he is of the opinion that he will not need to go to the School for the Deaf.

Dr. Harrison of the Health Dept. came to visit at the end of July and looked at the alterations & proposed renovations and was quite satisfied. She also saw the three [REDACTED] children and the Lancaster family.

[REDACTED] our 8 year old who goes to the Visual Savvy Class at Elmwood, collided with [REDACTED] & fractured his collarbone 3 weeks ago, but this has had no visible effect on his activity.

The Intermediate children enjoyed a Sunday School Social last Wednesday.

Children from 8 upwards & some staff enjoyed hearing the Little Singers of Toll 40 last Friday evening.

With warmer weather the children have been happy to be outside again, and a gift of rubber balls from an Auckland firm have had good use.

Sister Rona has been in touch with all foster parents, ascertaining requirements for next term, and also written a three-minute talk for a child from Wellington Church who are doing a service on "Mission".

Mrs. Scott's lectures have been completed, and Sister Ronal's finish at the end of October with exams. about the middle of November.

Mr. Scott has taken services at Beckenham Woodend, Kaiapoi & St. Stephens.

Mrs. Overton's Report: Children are well except for colds, a sore ear & throat for Stephen. [redacted] ears are the better for his tonsil adenoids operation.

Mrs. Overton interviewed the teachers of the four Hawkins children & Gail on July 14, and was much heartened by their opinions.

On Sunday afternoon, July 20, [redacted]

[redacted] were baptised by the Rev. Ken Coomer at the Chapel at Sunnyside Hospital. This was Mrs. Churcher's wish, and she provided after noon tea afterwards with the help of a friend & her sister who were also patients.

Mrs. & Mrs. Overton attended a panel discussion on Child Care in Foster Homes at the Child Welfare Office rooms on Aug. 4. On Aug. 6 Mrs. Overton attended the Somerfield School P.T.A. meeting when children's work was displayed, & saw some of the teachers.

It was [redacted] birthday last Friday, & all enjoyed her birthday tea.

Gifts of produce, toys, balls etc. were received valued at 70c.

Correspondence: A thank you note was received from Kaya David Kingsolver in reply to our good wishes.

A letter of appreciation is to go to Miss Harris, who has left our staff.

Replacements: Mrs. Scott has bought stainless steel butter dishes for 35c. each from A. J. White Ltd. and plans to replace glass jam dishes with stainless steel at 45c. each.

Combined Appeal: Mrs. Newton has been approached asking our help with meals on the 1st Saturday in October. We agreed to help, final arrangements to

be made at our next meeting.

There was then considerable discussion on the new flat. Mrs. Scott is to obtain curtains, but blinds are to be replaced with pull-over shades gradually throughout the home.

The carpet is good, but others will need replacing. The upstairs particularly will require a good deal of furnishing.

Meanwhile the floor of Miss Horne's sitting room is in a bad state, and something should be done to it when the workmen move out of the flat.

x It was moved by Mrs. Blight, seconded Mrs. Hodder that the Board be asked to set up a committee of say, two women & two men plus Mr & Mrs Scott to go into all the details, giving it power to act.

Gifts included clothing, toys, fruit, eggs and an incinerator, cash value being £23.00.

B. J. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
10 - 9 - 69.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday, Sept. 10, those present being Mrs. Davies Bell, Black, Blight, Corlett, Hodder, Saffatt, Matthews (in the chair) Newton, Overton, Scott and Miss Horrell.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Nelson & Mrs. Watson.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Arrangements were made for the afternoon tea for the Combined Appeal Collectors & Counters at Aldersgate on Saturday, Oct. 4, with Mrs. Newton in charge.

The Committee dealing with furnishings is to meet at 10.30 a.m. at the Home on Sept. 11.
Nation's Report: Families remain much the same [redacted] from the Receiving Home having returned to his mother.

All children had good holidays, and a number have been asked back for Christmas. About half the children already have Christmas holiday homes.

Workmen are still everywhere, but progress is being made, although the continued attendance of plumbers would be an advantage rather than for about 2 hours a week and that under pressure, which does not make for happy working relationships.

We are still without a kitchen. Any water or heat in the Middle Block, or any child's bathroom for Miss Hore's unit. However, the old bathroom of Miss Eade's unit is still usable and Mr & Mrs Scott share theirs with the staff. The new stove in the Receiving Home is causing trouble, but the one in the Scotts' flat is functioning well.

Staff Lack of staff still causes concern, with two still short. Miss Sefton has again stepped into Receiving, and Sharon Scott took the Kindergarten in the holidays and looked after Miss Hore's children two evenings a week.

All children are well and enjoying the fine weather out of doors.

Lynda Lancaster, 13, is to enter hospital on Sept 18 for a tonsil operation.

Visits The Belfast Fellowship visited during the second week of the school holidays, under difficulties. Mr. Scott spoke to them and showed slides of the children's activities. They brought handkerchiefs and aprons for the children.

Mr. Scott has spoken to the Pangiora Evening Fellowship, and has taken services at Fenton and a special service for couples married in the New Brighton Church. Mrs. Overton's Report: Children all enjoyed their holidays over

were also pleased to be home again. They have settled in well and are all in good health.

[redacted] were taken to visit their mother in Sunnyside Hospital again last month.

A new hairdresser for the boys has had to be found, and Mr. Blaikent at Hobson Bay has agreed to cut their hair for 30c. if they go before 8 a.m.

The two Girl Guides working here as part of their Queen's Award finished before the holidays. Another is to start from next week.

Gifts were knitted slippers, a used frock, and a little produce. Help has been received from the Homemakers' Group of Somerville Church.

Replacements New plastic clothes baskets are to be bought for the family units, and a new steam iron for the laundry.

The City Council Health Inspector has paid a visit.

Members of the Committee examined the work which is being done, and were appalled at the conditions under which the staff are having to work while the alterations are in progress.

Gifts included furniture, T.V. slippers, clothing, Christmas gifts and eggs, value \$36.25.

Mr. Scott prepared afternoon tea under considerable difficulty, and members expressed the thanks and appreciation to her & Mrs. Overton.

Next month's meeting is to be held at Barrington Street.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

B. J. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

F. J. Matthews
8-10-69.

The usual monthly meeting was held at Barrington St. on Wednesday, Oct. 8, those present being Madames Beiger, Black, Corbett, Garfate, Hodder, Matthews (in the chair) Nelson, Newton, Overton, Scott and Weston.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Bell & Miss Horrell.

Mrs. Nelson was welcomed back after her spell of illness.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Newton reported that the afternoon tea for the House to House Collection counters went off very successfully, and she still had £3 in hand.

Mrs. Matthews reported that the Furnishing Committee had recommended putting lino on the big floor in Miss Hore's unit; buying carpet for the Reception room and painting the ceiling and the hall; putting flooring on staff bedrooms where necessary, and lino on the laundry & storage room.

Mrs. Overton's report: The band is in normal routine and all are well.

Mrs. Overton attended Somerfield P.T.A. meeting on Sept. 17.

[REDACTED] commenced voluntary work as part of her Queen's Badge for Guides on Sept. 26.

[REDACTED] had a further eye check up on Oct. 3 & is 10/0 again in March. Her teacher reports her as much improved at school.

The Merton Ladies' Fellowship held their September meeting at Barrington St. and very kindly left cooking to be put in the freezer for future use.

Gifts of produce, clothing & magazines have been received.

Mrs. Scott's Report: The Home is still besieged by builders, painters, electricians, plumbers & drain layers, but much progress has been made, and it is hoped to have a dining room and kitchen, vegetable house and

cold store in use by Monday.

Family units remain the same, Miss Kerr 10, Miss Wade 12, Miss Hore 10, but two small girls have been added to the Receiving Unit. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and 18 months, while their mother had a baby boy. All children are well. [REDACTED] making good progress after her tonsil operation.

[REDACTED] contracted glandular fever and was in bed for two weeks and had weekly blood tests, but is well again now.

Staff are all well. Miss Marion Greswell from Quaker Downs, Blenheim, has joined the staff as reliever and is making satisfactory progress. We are still interviewing anyone interested as assistant in the Receiving Home, but with no luck so far.

Sister Rosa has visited all foster children in & around Christchurch and fitted them with summer clothes, also taking them to parents for a visiting day, some during a weekday, as this doesn't make such a tie-up on Saturday Outings Day. All are doing well.

[REDACTED] are having Speech Training this term at the Cranmer Square Centre to correct speech defects.

We had a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Peters of Holitika Organisers for J.Cs there, who are sponsoring 10 children for Christmas holidays. Two J.Cs are coming over to escort the children by plane, and Riccarton J.Cs are providing transport to the plane.

Half our children have been placed for Christmas holidays so far.

[REDACTED] attended a weekend training camp, and had a good time in spite of poor weather.

Two B.C. girls came one afternoon and entertained the 6 to 9 year olds with songs and stories with guitar accompaniment.

Mrs. Scott and Sister Rona attended the meeting in the Civic Theatre on the Plans for Church Union. Sister Rona had to miss one of her lectures for this meeting.

Sister Rona spoke to the Caslure Fellowship about the Home, while Mr & Mrs. Scott entertained the Willowby and Effelton Fellowships and C.W.I. members at the Home, showing them over and making afternoon tea. They also had a peep at Fairhaven before leaving by bus, thus ending a day touring the Methodist Social Services.

Our Std. 4 children and Forms 1 & 2 enjoyed a Sunday School tea last Sunday, afterwards attending the combined service for World Communion Sunday.

Sister Rona was one of a panel over the Radio for the Children's Homes Appeal, and acquitted herself very well.

Mrs. Scott has taken 5 services during the month. The faulty stove has been corrected.

At the special Board Meeting on Wednesday Oct. 15, Mrs. Matthews was asked to bring up the question of the lighting in rooms not being altered, such as the office, staff room, Reception room, and living rooms in the family units.

The next meeting will be chaired by Mrs. Blight in the absence of Mrs. Matthews.

Gifts included eggs, clothing, footwear, cricket and soccer balls, tennis racquet & soft ball bat, sweets & cakes, pictures & cosmetic gift sets. Cash value \$62.00.

Mrs. Matthews then pronounced the Benediction and Mrs. Overton very kindly served afternoon tea.

B. J. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

Confirmed: E. Blight.
12.11.89.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday, Nov. 12, those present being Mesdames Black, Blight, Corbett, Garfette, Hodder, Newton & Scott and Miss Horrell. In the absence of Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Blight presided.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Bell, Matthews, Nelson, Overton & Watson.

Mrs. Blight opened the meeting with readings from "The Hands of Jesus" by Sangster & a prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Mrs. Overton's report: On Oct. 10 there was a fire brigade inspection. Mr. & Mrs. McKeage planted out the plots in front of the Home on Oct. 15.

Miss Henry scalded her arm but is now recovered. On Oct. 18 the [REDACTED] children visited their mother. On Oct. 22 the hot water system leaked, and it was found that both cylinders had rusted through, a very poor cleaning after two years use.

On Nov. 4 Mrs. Overton spoke at the Sydenham Fellowship, and on Nov. 5 the scouts at St. Marks' celebrated Guy Fawkes Day.

[REDACTED] has been upset, probably at the idea of his father remarrying, and ran away.

[REDACTED] was not happy at Brownies but has now joined the Guides.

The [REDACTED] children have measles.

Mrs. Scott's report: Numbers have fluctuated somewhat. Two small [REDACTED] children, [REDACTED] admitted for a month while their mother took a holiday to avoid a breakdown. [REDACTED] are in Miss Loomis' family for a month. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have a baby brother & have returned home. [REDACTED] has an arm on the jingle gym. She has managed very well with dressing etc. and is now better.

Visits: St. Stephens and St. John's Bryanston saw over the

Alterations. St. David's were addressed by Mr. Scott & also had a look at Fairhaven.

A Girl Guide came to do a day's service and took care of Miss Horrell's family very creditably.

The Girls' Brigade and Juniors attended a District Service at St. James' Park.

Scouts joined in the Trek to Blue Skies and were sponsored by the Staff.

All children went away for Labour weekend, and all but 11 for Show weekend.

A magician show was filmed at the Home for Television.

The newly-formed Red Cross Young Set took our six children who do not have visitors; they had an enjoyable picnic at the Gardens.

Four or five of the 7 to 9 group still need Christmas homes.

On the 3rd Sunday in October a party of Woodland St. Bible Class exchanged with Aldred B.C., and visited the Home bringing a gift of £25.

Cubs had an outing to the Training Camp.

Mr. Scott has taken 7 services & Sister Rona one. The combined Buffalo Lodges wish to entertain all Children's Homes in Christchurch at a big party on the 1st Saturday in December, but Mr. Scott has refused for our children, partly because it is their Outings Day & partly because big parties do not have a good effect on the children.

X We recommend the purchase of three sets of moveable plastic bins for flour, sugar & porridge meal, on trolleys as used at Fairhaven. These cost £8.40 a set.

For the poultry we authorise the purchase of square plastic containers with lids, and for the cook three cotton smocks.

X Mrs. Matthews & Mrs. Newton were appointed a buying Committee for Staff Christmas presents.

The secretary was asked to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Ray Anderson in Princess Margaret Hospital with a heart attack.

Gifts included a good buffet, for Miss Kerr's living room, aprons & a skirt, preserved peaches & eggs. Total value £15.50

Mrs. Scott then served a delicious savoury afternoon tea to mark our last meeting for the year, and Mrs. Blight pronounced the Benediction.

B. J. Hodder.

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Confirmed:

F. J. Matthews.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. February 11, those present being Miss Horrell and Mesdames Black, Blight, Corbett, Garforth, Hodder, Matthews (in the chair) Overton and Scott. Apologies were received and sustained from Mesdame Nelson, Newton & Watson.

As it was the first meeting of the year, Mrs. Matthews welcomed members back, and opened the meeting with a reading and prayer.

X A letter was received from Mrs. Bell tendering her resignation from the Committee as she finds it difficult to attend meetings owing to pressure of other work. The apology was received with regret, and the Secretary was asked to write expressing our thanks for the willing help given by Mrs. Bell while on the Committee.

Mrs. Blight was thanked for acting as chairman at our November meeting.

The minutes of that meeting were read & confirmed.

Mrs. Matthews reported that extra money had been spent on Christmas gifts for the staff in recognition

of the difficulties they had been working under during 1969. Most gifts took the form of tokens. Special gifts were bought for Miss Hore, who has been with us for ten years, and Sister Ronal, for twenty-one years.

Mrs. Matthews reported that the District Council was desirous of spending the sum of \$50 on something useful for the Home. Mrs. Bligh moved and Mrs. Cox bett seconded that a desk be bought for the new office.

Mrs. Overton's report: Mrs. Overton expressed appreciation for her Christmas gift. Children had good holidays and were in good health. All have moved up a class. The three [redacted] children missed Hay's Procession in November as they had measles. Others enjoyed it, and [redacted] was pleased with the Cubs Sports Day on Nov. 29.

There were Sunday School and School Breakup activities in December, and the Child Welfare Dept. again left a gift for each of the [redacted] children.

The Home's own Christmas Party was held on Dec. 14, guests being Mr. & Mrs. Matthews, Mr. & Mrs. Woodfield and family, Mr. & Mrs. McKeage, Mr. & Mrs. Harrow, Miss Henry, Miss Fay McLean and Miss Anne France. Afterwards the children were pleased to receive their presents.

In Dec. 9 [redacted] visited the Doctor with complications after measles, and had to take medicine for most of the holidays. The children were also taken to New Brighton on the 10th to buy gifts for their holiday people. [redacted] came to see his children on the 17th, and spent the evening at the Home.

Patrons' report: Approximately 60 children went on holiday, including a number of needy children from homes where there was sickness, destitution or the need for a mother to have a rest from her family.

Waimairi & Te Aroha St. School Class Breakup parties, plus Special Classes to which we send 3 children, Sunday School classes, and Cubs, Scouts & Brigades all kept cooks busy baking cakes. Taitapu Girl Guides brought a Christmas Tableau, and sweets, biscuits &

used clothing; the captain & crew of the Maori entertained staff & children on board, with harbour trips by tug, lunch & icecreams for the children & a 3-course dinner for staff, all much appreciated. Mr. Baker an icecream vendor brought a free icecream for each child & staff member. The New Brighton Lions Club arranged a Family Outing for the children, with each family sponsoring a family of ours, and speed-boat rides for all. Two Intermediate Class weekends, one to Arthur's Pass and to Governor's Bay were greatly enjoyed by the two children concerned, and three children in Waimairi School Choir were taken to the Harmonic Socy. Carol Concert by the choir leader.

Our own Christmas Party was enjoyed by children, staff & visitors, everyone receiving gifts. Staff, Sister Ronald & Mrs. Scott very much appreciated their gifts from the Board. At this time a number of children were farewelled who were returning to their homes; the [redacted] children, [redacted] have been with us for five years, and whose mother is now better in health; three temporary children,

[redacted] with mother who had been in hospital, returned home for Christmas; [redacted] our albino boy with defective sight has gone to Horowhenua School in Auckland; as his father has been transferred to Normandale Military Camp; [redacted] has remained at her holiday home in Ashburton, as a foster child, to attend Ashburton High School; her foster parents will bring her to Christchurch to see her brothers.

Staff had supper at the Island Tearoom to close the year.

[redacted] 15, who has been in a foster home in Geraldine for yrs. has returned for a year to attend Papamoa High School. It is hoped to find a suitable home for him before beginning work, but he will stay here until

He is a very immature boy.

We have admitted [redacted], 2^t, under the Welfare Dept., whose parents are not permitted to care for him.

He is a plump jolly little boy, & quite at home here.

Sister Rona passed her examination and will soon begin this year's lectures. There is a good amount of practical casework in this year's syllabus, which should suit her well.

Miss Cresswell, assistant in the Receiving Home, passed two units of her School Certificate by correspondence & has begun Geography this year.

Painters, Plumbers, Carpenters & Electricians are still with us, with intermittent visits from Carpet & flooring people and Fire Alarm Specialists(?)

Staff. Staff are all well, and getting their children into school, covering books & starting with homework.

The Kitchen is working satisfactorily, although the sump at the back door is still giving trouble. The Reception Centre bathdrain blocked, necessitating holes being knocked in the ceiling of the small Kitchenette.

Sister Rona spoke to the Woodend Fellowship before Christmas, & took a service over the holidays. Mr. Scott has taken 6 services over this period.

Storage Bins: Three bins with trolley were bought for 87.90 a set, for flour, sugar, porridge meal. Some used square plastic containers at 10c each, are being tried out, but will do for very bulky things.

Curtain material, 8½ yds. is to be bought for the room in the Matron's flat which is now finished.

A new terylene shower curtain is to be bought for the Reception Centre.

X Four new 3 ft. rubber mattresses are required, which will bring all beds up to standard.

New curtains are all up except in the new office.

Bedspread in Sister Rona's room is to be redyed & curtains bought to match. The Secretary is to write to Sister Rona asking her to choose the bedspread

colour & curtains.

Gifts for Barrington St. amounted to £10.85, and for Harwood Rd. £48.25, in fruit, raw & bottled, & a roller iron. There were numerous Christmas parcels of handkerchiefs, aprons, dolls & cot, soap & face-cloths, games & puzzles & sweets, and a most welcome gift of a record player for the Kindergarten room.

Mrs. Scott reported that of the usual monetary gifts from Christchurch firms, not one was forthcoming this year. Concern was expressed at this, and it was suggested that she try tactfully to find out the reason.

Members then saw over the Kindergarten room & kitchen premises, after which Mrs. Scott served a very welcome afternoon tea.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction.

B. J. Hodder,
Hon. Sec.

J. G. Matthews
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The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday, March 11, those present being Mesdames Bligh, Corbett, Garforth, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Overton, Scott and Miss Horrell.

Apologies were received from Mesdames Black, Nelson, Newton and Watson.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Correspondence: A letter of sympathy was sent to Mrs. Watson on the unexpected death of her husband, and a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Bell on her resignation. A letter to Sister Rona expressed congratulations to her on passing her examination, and asked her to have her bedstead dyed and obtain curtains to tone. She replied saying she would buy the curtain when her present ones gave out.

The mattresses ordered arrived immediately, and the District Council's gift of a desk was accompanied by two chairs to tone in with the new office decor. This was inspected later by the ladies and much admired.

No information has been forthcoming on the lack of usual monetary gifts from firms at Christmas time.

Miss Horrell had nothing special to report from the February Board meeting.

Matron's Report: There are 38 children at present: two new members being [redacted] whose mother has had a breakdown. They are 4 & 9 years, bright and happy little girls who will be here till the end of term. Several have colds, and Miss Kerr has flu; otherwise everyone is well and in good spirits.

A good number are preparing for Sunday School exams under Sister Rona's guidance.

So far we have had 15 Harvest contributions,

which are helping to stock our storeroom.

Outings: Children all enjoyed the Church Picnic at Journey's End; another Hato girl has spent a weekend at Arthur's Pass as part of school geography sessions; two cubs went to a weekend training camp and had a hectic time; Scouts and Cubs also attended Founder's Day Service.

Three children have had hearing and vision tests, all proved O.K.

The City Council Health Officer and the Fire Brigade have made inspections, but results are not yet known.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott took 4 children to Ashburton on Sunday to collect bountiful harvests from Wakani Atterton, Methven and Bannock Square, Mr. Scott taking the morning service at Bannock Square. He has also taken three other services.

The Staff have begun winter fitting up as the days are drawing in.

[redacted] left for Australia until his foster parents near the end of February.

Mrs. Overton's Report: All children are in good health. The [redacted] children have had three visits from their Sister Christine on holiday from Invercargill.

On February 14, [redacted] enjoyed the day at the Guides and Brownies swimming sports, and all the family enjoyed St. Mark's picnic at Coopers Creek on February 21.

Mr. Overton had tea with the men of North Beach Men's Fellowship and spoke about the Home on Sunday, March 8.

On February 24 a new glass for the vegetable crisper was delivered to replace the original one which was broken.

On March 3 Christine was taken to the Doctor after a fall from the Jungle Gym at school. She had an X-ray at Public Hospital but there were no broken other arm.

bones, and she was quite all night by next day.
Four Harvest Festivals have been sent in as well
as other produce & clothing.

Preserves kept on shelves indoors are causing
them to sag, so authority was given to strengthen
them or to put up some shelves in the garage.

Mrs. Scott was given authority to procure a strong
saucepans to replace one which has worn out
after many years of good service, and to buy
two dozen each of tea knives, dinner knives and
teaspoons as replacements.

We have had extra help in the Home, welcome
at this time of year, from a girl from Burnside
High School, and from two Ranger Guides who come
every Saturday morning.

Members inspected the new storeroom and con-
sidered that the bottles should be supported by a
bracing to prevent damage in case of earthquake.
They also thought that six strong lights all going
on at once created too much heat and atmosphere
for preserves, and that a fan might help.

Gifts of clothing, books and toys, fruit, milk, eggs,
groceries and produce were received, of cash value
\$196 for Harewood Rd. & \$35.54 for Barrington St.

Our next meeting is to be at Barrington St.
Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction, and Mrs.
Scott served a delicious afternoon tea.

B. J. Hodder
Hon. Sec.

Y. J. Matthews
8-4-70.

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, April 8
at Barrington St., those present being Miss Horrell &
Mesdames Black, Bligh, ^{Garfall} Hodder, Matthews (presiding)
Nelson, Newton, Overton & Scott.

Apologies for absence were received from Mesdames
Corbett and Watson, and for lateness from Mrs.
Garfall.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read
and confirmed.

Nothing has yet been done about the shelves
or lighting in the storeroom.

More chairs are necessary in the new office,
and chairs for Mrs. Scott's lounge are to be pur-
chased by the Furnishing Committee.

Mrs. Scott's report: The family remains the same, with
38 at Paparua, 12 at Barrington St., and 11 in foster
homes, a total of 56 children between 2 years
and 14 years.

All children & staff are in good health and
school progress is satisfactory.

Miss Marian Cresswell, who has been Assistant
in the Reception Centre, has left to work at the
Hospital, and Miss Carol Wilkinson has come
in her place.

Two Rangers from this District come each
Saturday morning to do 2 hours voluntary
work as their offering to Community Service.
This will be for six months. We also have a
19-year-old doing one evening-a week voluntary
service for her Duke of Edinburgh award. She
comes each Wednesday to help in the Reception
Centre. We also have a new girl from the
Burnside Special Class this term who comes each
Wednesday from 8.30 am. to 3.30 p.m. and works
well, preparing lunches or peeling fruit.

Another seven harvests came to hand, making 22 in all, and these have built up stocks of jam, relish, preserves, sauces and vegetables, as well as packed goods.

Our own picnic held on March 14 was enjoyed by all in spite of poor weather which became a downpour by mid afternoon. The picnic was held at Stringers Bridge, with a bonfire, and a Scavenger Hunt up the river.

The Monday following was the Queen's visit, & the children went in gumboots & raincoats to see the royal visitors, finishing the weekend with fish & chips and icecream, and their views of Royalty!

A very enjoyable visit was paid by the Yemula - Geraldine and some Finance Fellowship ladies, to see over our Home & bear about our work, followed by Afternoon tea at Fairhaven.

On Saturday March 21, a party was held for [REDACTED] the last of our orphans, who was 21 on that day. He received a travelling bag from the children & staff.

Junior Girls' Brigade members attended Annual Church Parade at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, but owing to wet weather the march from Latimer Square had to be cancelled. We provided transport for some of the Papamung girls.

Mr. Scott & Sister Rosa attended a Conference on Child Care arranged by the Anglican Social Service. This was held at Church House and had morning and afternoon sessions at which a number of interesting and potent facts and needs of the work were openly put forward & discussed.

Easter saw all our children able to go to parents' or share the fellowship of Christian homes and a number of our staff were also able to go home and share Easter in their local churches.

or with friends. Four of our girls spent Easter at Brigade Camp and one of our boys attended Easter Camp at Leigh.

Mr. Scott spoke to the Summer Fellowship on "The New Developments in Children's Work" giving attention to the new laws in connection with the care of children and solo parents. A number of the children and staff were the guests of the Operatic Society at their current production "Sound of Music" which was greatly enjoyed.

The large saucepan needed has not yet been obtained, but the cutlery has been ordered.

Mrs. Overton's report: Children are all in good health, though [REDACTED] has had a slight cold. They all enjoyed the few days away at Easter.

The children joined the main Home picnic at Stringers Bridge & had a happy day. They also saw the Royal party on their way to Cashmere High School. [REDACTED] visited their mother again at Sunnyside Hospital.

On Sunday March 22 members of St. Mark's Church took part in a Dramatic Service telling the Easter message, Mr. Overton taking the part of Pilate.

On March 23 Mrs & Mrs. Overton attended the Conference on Child Care, though Mrs. Overton was able to attend only the morning session.

Three of the children are sitting the Scripture Examination at the end of the month.

On April 7 four ladies from St. Mark's Fellowship helped with mending and marking up.

The steam iron was so badly damaged that it could not be mended, and it was pressed by Mrs. Bligh, seconded by Mrs. Hodder, that a new heavier steam iron be bought by Mrs. Overton.

As Mrs. Matthews will be absent in Australia for our next meeting, Mrs. Bligh was asked to

president the meeting. Mrs. Overton will also be leaving for Australia on May 12.

Gifts for the month consisted of clothing and produce. Cash value \$17.34 for Barrington St. and \$72.33 for Hanwood Rd..

Mrs. Matthews then pronounced the Benediction and Mrs. Overton served a welcome afternoon tea.

B. J. Hodder.
Hon. Sec.

F. J. Matthews
10-6-40.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday, June 10, those present being Resumes Black, Blight, Corlett, Garfath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Newton, Overton, Scott and Miss Horrell.

Apologies were received from Resumes Nelson Watson. Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with a reading and prayer. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Since our last meeting a 1/2 gallon saucepan has been bought, and a new steam iron for Barrington St.

Furniture had been bought for Mrs. Scott's lounge, and a table and chairs for the dining room.

A dozen aluminum pie-plates were also bought. Correspondence: Letters of thanks were received from Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Overton for their bon voyage gifts before going to Australia.

The Secretary was asked to write to Sister Eleanor Dobbig, who is in Burwood Hospital for surgery. Mrs. Scott's Report: A number of changes have taken place in the past two months, but all the family are well.

Admitted are [redacted] aged 12 years and in Form 2, whose mother has had a breakdown: [redacted]

[redacted] aged 5, the child of a broken home, passed on to us by the Anglican Social Service; he has been in 13 hours, but is settling in well in Miss Horre's care; [redacted]

[redacted] aged 9, 7 & 6 years under the Maori Affairs Dept., and Lifeline, a broken home with a very mixed background. These children are in the Receiving Unit at present, while the Maori Affairs Dept. are trying to get the mother to set up home with a State House, as they think she should help herself and get work.

We have also had [redacted] whose mother was having treatment at Hammer, but they have been able to return home, as also have [redacted]

[redacted] whose mother is now in good health. This makes our units Miss Kerr 10, Miss Grade 12, Miss Horre 7 and the receiving unit 11, total 40.

Foster Children: These now number 5 girls and 5 boys, all doing nicely. [REDACTED] the 2-year old child of an unmarried mother has been placed in a foster home. He could be for adoption and would be welcomed by these foster parents who already have a 4-year old foster boy from us. [REDACTED]

The very retarded boy who has been in a foster home at Southbridge has now returned to us, as he is almost 16, & no one is very sure if he will be able to work. He is now attending the Vocational Class at Burnside High School to assess his possibilities for work and is happy there.

[REDACTED] is still with us, not behaving very well

as far as school is concerned.

Staff: There are continuing problems here; Miss Wilkinson did not stay, feeling this was not the position she wanted. A Maori girl was engaged to live in as a domestic, but she stayed only 2 days. Then a married woman came for 4 full days a week, but this only lasted for a fortnight as she developed a liver complaint.

Mrs. Hall, our laundry staff, left at the end of the term, and Mrs. Shaw has taken her place. Mrs. Lever, who has been in the sewing room since Miss Henry left, has had to leave us, and Mrs. Solomon has taken her place. Our cook has obtained a position with a Bible Training Institute for the end of next month, so a replacement will be needed.

Miss Hore had an extra 10 days' holiday and spent three weeks in Hong Kong. All staff & children had good holidays, and most children were able to spend Queen's Birthday week end with parents or friends.

All uniformed groups have taken part in local and divisional Church Parades. Cubs have taken part in swimming sports and 3 gained their swimming badges. The annual cricket match arranged by Captain Williams of the "Maori" was again played between St. Joseph's boys and ours, and this year the girls of Nazareth House and our girls played a soft ball match. These events took place on our playing fields, the visitors winning both games.

Miss Kline, a Kairau nurse, has taken over the Kindy children.

We had a visit from Dr. J. Lewis, President of Conference.

District Cubs have again helped to gather up leaves on 3 Saturday mornings as their Good Turn.

All children in the Home who sat Scripture Exam. have passed, although some were granted special slow learners passes.

The Kindy children all paid a visit to the dentist & we were complimented on the state of their teeth.

St. Joseph's Guide Patrol came to play with the children one Sunday afternoon as their Good Turn.

We have had visits from 36 girls in the Vocational Guidance Holiday Group to learn of work in the Home; from 50 children of the Shirley Sunday School, and groups from St. David's and Papamoa Sunday Schools to learn of the Mission of the Church, which was part of their studies this year. We also had a visit from a Kindergarten Trainee learning about work with pre-school disturbed children.

Sister Bona attended the Cubs and Scouts Parents' evening and also the Ballet Parents' afternoon. She spent a week in the May holidays at Deaconess Convocation.

Mr. Scott has taken 6 services.

Mrs. Overton's report: The Home is running along the lines of normal routine. We were sorry to lose the services of Miss Henry before the May holidays and trust she will enjoy her new position in the City. Mrs. Doel has taken her place and seems to be fitting in well. We are also grateful to Sister Bona for taking charge on my day off as there was no applicant who could do the full 25 hours a week.

Health: Christine had a very mild dose of measles just before the holidays but was able to go away free of spots; [REDACTED] developed it while she was away. The rest of the children have been well except [REDACTED] who had a day home from school with upset stomach. On the 27th [REDACTED] was taken to the Town dentist to have his teeth X-rayed as the School Dental Nurse

thought two of his front teeth were missing. However, the Fesuer showed they were there, and nothing else needed to be done.

On the 29th [REDACTED] went to the Outpatients' Dept. for another eye test. This did not prove very satisfactory so she is to have another at the end of this month.

[REDACTED] sat the Scripture Exam on the 26th. On the 28th the President of Conference, Dr. J. Lewis, paid us a visit and had minuted together with Mr. Matthews & Mr. Woodfield.

On April 11 a new Hoover iron was bought.

On June 1 we accepted an invitation to a concert in the Repertory Theatre, held to raise money for the Save the Children Fund. Children from around C.I.C. provided the programme, mainly of ballet & tap dancing. Most of our children really enjoyed it, and the costumes and scenery were most colourful.

We have received gifts of produce & clothing for which we are most grateful.

Two dozen sheets and three dozen towels have been bought from Deaconess House.

Gifts for two months included clothing, records, a rocking horse, fruit, jam & preserves, cash value for Farwood Rd. £72.07 and for Barnington St. £2.50.

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

B. J. Hoelder,
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
8-7-40.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the House on Wednesday, July 8, those present being Miss Horneel and Messdames Black, Bligh, Corbett, Garforth, Hoelder, Matthews (presiding) Newton and Scott.

Apologies were received from Messdames Nelson, Overton and Watson.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Reference was made to the sudden death of Miss Betty Hooms, with appreciation of her devotion and steadfast work over the past five years in spite of ill health. A letter was sent from our Committee to her relatives, and acknowledged, and the Board also sent expressions of sympathy.

An answer by telephone was received from a relative of Sister Eleanor Dobry, who is still far from well.

The Secretary was asked to write a letter of cheer to Rev. Owen Woodfield in Princess Margaret Hospital.

Matron's Report: Additions to our family have been [REDACTED] 11 years, while his mother is under treatment from a doctor; [REDACTED], 4x3, children of an unmarried mother who is working to support them; [REDACTED] for the third time, as their mother took an overdose, and the Child Welfare have committed the family in the meantime; also [REDACTED] 15 and 2, through the welfare while their mother has treatment at Ferguson Clinic. All these families are from homes whose father has deserted. We also had [REDACTED] while their mother had an operation; they have now returned home, and the [REDACTED] children have returned to their mother who has obtained a house, through the Maori Affairs Dept., are not happy about this

Family numbers are now Reception Centre 11, Miss Kerr 10, Miss Eade 12, Miss Hore 11, plus two big boys. Total 46.

Staff: Staffing position is very poor at present. Miss Looms' death has left us without a family mother replacement but Miss Gegan from Rangimini is to commence work next Monday, though it will be a while before she can settle in to this position, though she has had experience with young people.

Miss Connolly from Ashburton has come as a live-in domestic doing cleaning and lunches and some bathting of children. The children like her and she seems to cope quite well.

We had replaced our Cook with a married woman living out, but she has since decided not to take the position so we must look again.

Health: The laundry still needs some help. The staff are all well again, Miss Flint the Kindy staff having been off for a week with flu, and several others afflicted but managed to cope. Two cases of tonsilitis, two of bronchitis and two of German Measles among the children are all well or on the mend.

[REDACTED] has been in Hospital having an Adenoids & ear operation but is now back at school with much improved hearing. [REDACTED] Tomal has had to have spectacles for school work. This makes 4 children wearing glasses.

Visits: We have had Child Welfare and Health Department on their annual visits, both groups seeming favourably impressed with progress in the Home, menu and school reports. Child Welfare were also checking the 20 children under their care in our Home.

Linwood Evening Fellowship came to do a night's marking up and Ashburton Fellowship visited one morning during a tour of Methodist & City Homes. A group from Taitehan High School came on a fact-finding trip & enjoyed learning of our work.

Our GLB girls had a happy evening at their fancy

Dress representing all nations, and two of our staff shopped at the Sales Table. Our Cubs shared with other Cubs in providing & serving Afternoon Tea at "Fairhaven", and all attended the Unformed Group Church Parade.

[REDACTED] and Mrs. Scott's grand daughter [REDACTED] both with 99 marks, were runners-up in the Junior B grade of the Sunday School Scripture examination.

Miss Flint and Miss Connolly consented to man the Creche for the Annual Meeting of Papamuri Fellowship while Mrs. Scott looked after Kindergarten.

Mr. Fraser is on annual holiday. Mr. Scott has preached on two occasions.

Mrs. Overton's Report: All are well except for the odd cough & cold. [REDACTED] had another Eye Test on June 26, but does not need new glasses and is to be tested again in February 1971.

Mrs. James of Riccarton kindly gave [REDACTED] a birthday tea on Saturday which happened to be Outings Day when they normally go there.

[REDACTED] gained Gold Medal in the Junior A Class of the Scripture Examination with 99 marks.

[REDACTED] also did well with 83 & 78 marks. Now [REDACTED] is 10 she will be going to Guides with [REDACTED].

Gifts of produce have been received.

The Board has authorised Mr. Scott to obtain a toaster of a suitable size for the middle block.

No heating has yet been put on the store room shelves, but over heating is being looked into.

Staff wages are also being investigated, as well as the question of the Home's van.

Five new S.H.B. uniforms are nearly finished and nine junior are still to be done.

Gifts for the month include sweets, jam, sauce & relish, eggs, clothing, toys and books, of cash value

826.75.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction and Mrs. Scott served a welcome afternoontea.

B. G. Hodder,
Hon. Sec.

S. J. Matthews
12-8-70.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday August 12, those present being Resdames Black, Bligh, Garfater, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Nelson Newton, Overton, Scott and Watson. An apology was received from Miss Horrell who has been ill; the Secretary was asked to write her a letter of cheer.

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

A letter of acknowledgement was received from Rev. C. W. Woodfield who has made a good recovery.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

An ultimate 4-piece pop-up toaster was bought for the Reception Unit.

Mrs. Scott's Report: Families remain much the same as last month; everyone seems in good health and looking forward to the holidays.

We have admitted [REDACTED] brother to [REDACTED] as he was unhappy in his foster home. He is quite happy with us. [REDACTED] who has been in our care for 4 years has now gone home to live with her mother and stepfather, and we hope this will work out well for all of them.

Staff: Miss McTubish of Radgiora has become our Cook, & is proving excellent if the position does not prove too tiring for her. Miss Gegan found the noise too much for her, so we are looking again for a

Family Worker for the Receiving Home. The laundry is doing well with only a minimum of help, and Sister Rona is still assisting at the Family Home.

The health of staff & children is good. We have had two cases of flu among older children, and 5 cases of German measles among the small ones. [REDACTED], who had adenoids out and an ear infection cleared up, will still have to have an operation on one ear to combat deafness, and is on the waiting list.

Intermediate schools have been holding class interviews, and Cascrock held a Father & Son evening attended by Mr. Scott.

The children and staff enjoyed an evening's entertainment from a Piano Accordion and Harmonica Group, with Community Singing for all. The older boys were again the guests of the High School Rotary Club at their mountain hut, enjoying mountain climbing and snow fights.

Mr. Scott has taken four services.

Holiday homes have come to hand very well thanks to ministers who put our request over from the pulpit, and all children are now placed.

Staff have commenced Spring Cleaning but would have preferred to see the workmen begin the new alterations.

Family Home Report: Children have kept well apart from the odd sickly complaint, and Mrs. Doel has returned to work after a fortnight's absence with flu.

The children all had German Measles, vacancé at school without suffering any after effects.

[REDACTED] is enjoying Guides with Lee now that she is 10.

[REDACTED] visited their mother at Sunnyside during July.

On July 10 the Welfare Division made their

Annual inspection, and the Health Department made theirs on July 30. The only fault they found was that perhaps there should be a wash basin in the kitchen. However, they left a "wash your hands" card to be put above the sink.

During Education week Mrs. Overton visited the different class-rooms and saw the children at work.

Mr. & Mrs. McKeage came on July 21 and planted shrubs all along the front of the Home in place of the annuals planted in previous years.

[REDACTED] had her 11th birthday party on Sat. Aug 8. Mr Hawkins arrived off the boat in the morning & took his children out for the day and also part of Sunday. He also went with them to a Guide Evening on Saturday.

The family Home's electric jug has been leaking and authority was given to buy a new one; also a feather duster.

For Harwood Rd. Home a wide low drapery for double bunks was authorized, also the purchase of some new curtains for some units as they become necessary.

Members inspected the new chairs in the Nations lounge, and a picture given to the dining room was admitted. The Scotts were asked to obtain two new lamp-shades for their lounge.

Tall bags would be a welcome gift to the children.

Gifts included eggs, meat, clothing, a record player & records, books, and money for a fish & chip lunch for all. Cash value was \$5.10 for Bannington St. &

\$49.20 for Harwood Rd. Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Bannington St. Scott served a delectable afternoon tea for which she was thanked. The next meeting is to be at Bannington St.

J. J. Matthews 9-9-70.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Bannington St. Home on Wed. Sept. 9, those present being Mrs. Davies, Black, Blight, Garforth, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Metson, Newton, Overton, Scott and Watson.

Apologies were received from Miss Horrell & Mrs. Corbett. Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters of acknowledgement were received from Miss Horrell, who is still not well, and from Mrs. Corbett, who had received a letter of sympathy from us on the death of her sister.

Matron's Report: All are in good health after happy holidays.

[REDACTED] aged 8 had a blockage of the windpipe while on holiday and had to be rushed into hospital but recovered rapidly after a minor operation and returned to his holiday family for a week.

Admissions: We have admitted [REDACTED] 8 year old son

of Mr. McAllister, whose stepmother does not seem to want him; [REDACTED], 3 and 4 years, children of [REDACTED] whose wife has left them. This makes the units Miss Kerr 10, Miss Eade 11, Miss Rose 11 with 6 pre-schools, and Receiving Home 11, plus the two High School Boys.

[REDACTED] were sent home before the holidays as their mothers were in better health again.

All staff had holidays except Miss Connelly who did a large part of the Middle Block spring cleaning. Everyone is up to date with the fitting of summer clothing, and St. John's ladies did hems and marking up for us. We still need a family mother in the Receiving Unit, and Bannington St. Home still needs an All Day Reliever.

Many gifts of clothing and books have come to hand over the holidays, and gifts of lemons and grapefruit from the Tauranga and Hastings Lions Clubs have been much appreciated.

A group of children from St. Brighton Sunday School gave the children a delightful concert, and a Ginger bread man each. The Shireley Fellowship visited us before the holidays to see over the Home, and brought a toilet-bag each for the children, as we were needing these. The Ch Ch North Lions' Club members came to present some photos of Aeroplanes, and the Antarctic. Mr. Scott attended the farewell to Mr. Shirlaw of Heaton Intermediate, and has taken two services.

It is good to hear that the tender is being let for the next part of the alterations, these having been approved by the appropriate Government Department.

Mrs. Overton's Report: All children are well and had good holidays.

[redacted] was told on Saturday that she could be a bridesmaid at a friend's wedding next May if she wished. Needless to say she was thrilled.

A new electric jug was purchased at a reasonable price.

There have been some gifts of produce.

Requirements authorised for Harewood Rd. Home are beersucker tablecloths, four to each unit as obtainable, and up to 6 dozen good quality tea towels.

It was moved by Mrs. Bligh, seconded by Mrs. Newton that we have one meeting only at Barrington St. next year, the question to be reconsidered after that. Gifts included meat, fruit, eggs, clothing, furniture, toilet bags, a cap, dolls' sets, photographs, and a concrete tank suitable for a paddling pool or sandpit, total cash value £71.62.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction and Mrs. Overton made a very welcome Afternoon Tea.

B. J. Horler
Hon. Sec

F. J. Matthews
14. 10. 70.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the home on Oct. 14, those present being Miss Horler and Resdances Black, Bligh, Corlett, Gavath, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Overton, and Scott.

Apologies were received from Resdances Nelson, Newton and Witsen.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer, and welcomed Miss Horrell back after her illness.

A letter was sent to Mrs. Newton expressing our sympathy in the death of her sister, and a card of acknowledgement was received.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mrs. Matthews reported on the Executive meeting of the Board, which dealt mainly with staff wages and with advertising for a new Pastor & Merton.

Good news was a grant of \$1000 from the Sutherland Self Help Trust.

No progress has yet been made on alterations, as all tenders were too high to meet the Government subsidy, so a further application has been made to make the lower tender to be accepted.

Mrs. Newton's Report: There have been several changes this month.

[redacted] have gone home as their mother has returned. In their place we have taken [redacted] through the Welfare Dept. These children have been neglected as their mother died when [redacted] was a baby, and their father has not managed very well, so they have been running wild & suffering from malnutrition. [redacted] at 6 is only the size of a 3-year-old. On a temporary basis we have [redacted] and [redacted], 3x4 years, and [redacted] 11x13 years, in

both cases because of serious illness in the family and no relatives to care for the children. These are all in the Receiving Unit, but under the care of Sister Rona & the Scotts. There are no spare beds.

Demissions: As Mr. Weber & Mrs. Skilling have obtained their divorce, enabling them to get married, [REDACTED] both in Miss Kerr's family, have been able to return to their parents, and all seem happy with the arrangement. We trust all will be well.

Staffing: Miss Susan Hopwood from Rataia has come as Family Mother in the Receiving Unit, and we trust her stay will be a long one. Our COOK however has found the going too tiring, and will leave as soon as a replacement can be found. She is however considering the position of Family Home Reliever on a Wednesday.

Sister Rona sits her final exams. on two Tuesdays in November and has asked to be relieved of her duties on the two preceding Mondays. This has been granted. She has finished lectures but has one more Case Study morning to complete. We wish her every success after a year of very sustained work on her course.

Children are all well except for the odd tummy upset or cold, and looking forward to going into summer clothes and to Labour Weekend holiday.
Foster Children: These are all doing well, but we have brought [REDACTED] into the Home to be with Johnny as his foster parents were finding him a handful now that they have a younger child. So far we as he tends to run away, and it is a very long time since we had a wanderer. However so far he has not been lost altogether.

We are already under way with Christmashol- idays, and have about 12 boys and 1 girl waiting places, plus a waiting list who hopefully want little girls.

Mrs. Scott has taken 4 services and attended two School functions and Sister Rona one school evening

Functions: Cubs and scouts have had hikes, both foot and cycle. Heaton pupils have taken part in concerts, and Kenial Guides have come to do a good turn for Community Service week.

Our Parents' Evening held this month proved a happy occasion for all, the children all taking part, and quite a lot of extra work on items being put in by staff and also by Mrs. Hatherley & Diane who train our baller girls. Sister Rona as usual acted as pianist, and trained the Arrowhead Squad.

Mrs. Newton's report: All are well except [REDACTED] who had to have penicillin for a sore throat but is on the mend.

[REDACTED] was sick twice during the month. [REDACTED] enjoyed a Guide and Brownie Camp Fire held indoors at Heaton Hall. They were also to have had a Brownie Tea but the weather was unsuitable.

Children have been fitted with summer clothes, and some Spring Cleaning has been done and curtains washed. Several of the younger ladies of St. Hilda's Fellowship came on Sept 29 and washed the 40 old lampshades, plus the Kitchen, bathroom laundry and back porch walls, while older members helped with mending & mending of clothes. Mrs. Lovett did the ceilings.

Gifts have included 2 dozes cat. I pram, a few books & some produce.

It was decided to increase the number of towels to be purchased to ten dozen to supply both Homes.

Homes to Home Appeal: This was held on Oct 3, and a small Mrs. Newton was in charge of afternoon arrangements for counters, assisted by Mrs. Black and Mrs. Garforth & her daughter. The Secretary was asked to thank Mrs. Newton for her very fine work on these occasions.

Mrs Overton brought up the question of music lessons for the Family Home Children, and it was decided to approach St. Marks Fellowship with a view to finding someone who might keep with this as an avenue of Christian service. If it was found that any of the children would benefit from piano lessons, the Board is to be approached about paying for them.

Gifts for the month included eggs, jam, fruit, cakes, meat, books and clothing. Cash value of \$72.59 for Harwood Rd. & 60c for Barrington St.

Mrs Matthews pronounced the Benediction, and all enjoyed a hearty afternoon tea.

B. J. Hodder,
Hon. Sec.

F. J. Matthews
11-11-40.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday Nov. 11, those present being Mrs Honella Mendenhall Beach, Blight, Corbett, Grafton, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Newton and Scott.

Apologies were received from Mendenhall Nelson, Overton & Watson.

Mrs. Matthews' opening reading was on the subject of "Patience", followed by prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

In reply to our letter to St. Marks Fellowship we heard that Mr. N. Smith of Halowell would be willing to take [redacted] piano lessons free on trial till the end of the year. After that, she would charge \$10 for 10 lessons for both girls; she thought [redacted] would be good, but there were some clouds about [redacted].

Mrs. Matthews reported from Executive meeting that six applications had been received for the position of Master & Matron, of which two had been interviewed and a choice made, to be ratified at the Board meeting on November 18.

Sister Rona has finished her examination & found one paper much more satisfactory than the other.

Mrs. (Overton's Report): Children are all well and have no adverse report from school. All were going away for Shaw weekend, and all but one went away for Labour weekend.

[redacted] one being tried out on music. To see if it is worth while to teach them next year.

Dr. Walker from the Health Dept visited the Home, walked through the back door and the children's toilet and said "This will do me!" so we conclude that the Home is in satisfactory order from a health point of view. He also enquired about

the [redacted] They have been out with their mother once this month.

Mr. Mitchell, Head of Child Welfare in Wellington, paid a visit while in Christchurch and seemed favourably impressed with the Home, and took some photos.

Two American Deaconesses were also shown over the Home while with Sister Rona, and were very much interested.

[redacted] joined [redacted] on the Tram to Blue Skies, arriving at 12.15 and 4.15. They all enjoyed the day, though complaining of tired feet. [redacted] came 8th.

Mrs. Scott's Report: All children are well except [redacted] who has an ear infection, which is clearing up quite well. [redacted] who fell off the Jungle Gym and sustained a compound fracture of a forearm is also doing well and should have his plaster off in another 2 weeks.

All children have been asked away for Show weekend which will give the staff time to start with Christmas packing. Already the calendar is far filling up with pre-Christmas engagements and breakups.

Admissions: Since last month we have welcomed [redacted] [redacted], who were temporarily in a Foster Home. They are children of a retarded mother, herself a child of a Cottage Home, and a father who has been convicted of assault, and has now deserted them. They are 4½ x 3 years, and are in Miss Ker's unit.

Dismissions: The two [redacted] children and two [redacted] boys have been able to return to their parents, who were all very grateful for our help. [redacted] a child under the Welfare Dept. and in care of a Foster Mother who was planning to marry, has been with us for six months, and has now returned to his Foster

Mother. She is now married & they plan to [redacted] The Receiving Unit cared for three [redacted] children for a short period while the mother had a much-needed break under Doctor's orders. These parents were happy to have their children again, the mother was much better, and both grateful for our care.

Family Units at present are: Miss Ker's, 10, Miss Rades, 11, Miss Hore's 10, Receiving Unit 12, and 2 big boys, making a total of 45.

The Department has recommended that [redacted] attend Burnside Experience Class for a time next year, and that we apply for his admission to the Sheltered Workshops. [redacted] is still under discussion and attending P.M. Psychiatric Clinic, also Dr. Dobson's clinic, or Christchurch Hospital, and has had talks with Vocational Guidance Office.

Mr Cropp has made a good start on dividing the large room in the West Wing, and the electrician has also done some work there. The City Council Inspector came to ask what form of heating the building has, as the Architect omitted to record this on the second set of plans.

Mr. Mitchell of Child Welfare, Wellington, came to look at the first set of alterations in readiness to implement the paying of the subsidy. He also looked at the Home as a whole, and seemed favourably impressed.

Two American Deaconesses who were visiting Christchurch saw over the Home and had a meal here, and were interested in our work, as we were in theirs.

Staffing: Miss McIntosh left us & Miss Lynda Dalgell has come in her place. Miss Armstrong has joined us as Cleaner and Assistant in the Receiving Unit. Miss Hopwood is leaving but is doubtful if she will stay. Miss Hill who has been our Reliever for the past year,

left over the weekend to take a Child Evangelism Course in Australia. Mrs. Potter is carrying on her work till school breaks up, and Miss Thomas of Auckland will begin work in February.

Entertainments: The children enjoyed a concert by St. Albans Girls' Brigade, "The Frog Prince," the Magician's Show, and a visit from some Brownies to do a good turn.

Camps: One Brigade girl attended a Section Leader's Camp at Labour Weekend, and two cubs and 4 Brigade girls are attending Camp this weekend.

The Ballet girls are practising for a recital in the Civic Theatre on Dec 7, and we are busy making costumes.

Mr. Scott has taken 3 services.

We have had numerous visitors during Conference, and enjoyed having Sister Shirley & Sister Betty to stay with us. We have also shown a number of people over the Home in connection with applications for a new Master & Matron.

A Reliever for Barrington St. for Mrs. Overton's whole day off has been obtained.

The Board is to be asked to finance the buying of staff Christmas presents as in previous years.

A farewell function for Mr. & Mrs. Scott is to be held in Papanui Church lounge by the Board and House Committee on Wed. Dec. 9, at 2pm.

Mrs. Matthews closed the meeting with the Benediction, and Mrs. Scott served a festive afternoon tea for our last meeting of the year and our last with her as Matron.

Gifts included eggs, jam, fruit, linen & towels, and clothing, cash value £28.60.

B. J. Hodder, Hon Sec.

J. J. Matthews
10-2-71.

The first meeting of the House Committee for 1971 was held at the Home on Wednesday, Feb 10, those present being Resdames Black, Blyth, Bostwick, Corbett, Garforth, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Newton & Mrs. Horrell.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with a reading on the subject "Keep me, Lord", followed by prayer.

Cycloques were received from Resdames Nelson, Overton & Watson.

Mr. Overton is ill and Miss Flint, who had resigned as Kindergarten Staff to take up a position at Wellington, has been helping at Barrington St.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters of cheer had been sent to Miss Horrell & Mrs. Garforth in Hospital, and thanks had been expressed.

Mrs. Scott sent a letter thanking us for her farewell gift. The afternoon function held in Papanui Church lounge by the Board & House Committee to bid farewell to Mr. & Mrs. Scott was a very enjoyable one.

The Secretary was asked to send a letter of congratulation to Sister Rose on passing her examinations.

Bruce Collins and the Turnbull family had stayed for short periods at the home and left thanks & donations.

Matron's Report: Mrs. Bostwick was welcomed by the president and gave us her first report.

[REDACTED] has had blood tests for suspected glandular fever.

[REDACTED] fell off the monkey bar and had his arm x-rayed for a suspected crack.

Miss Thomas has begun as Reliever & is very trustworthy.

Miss Ann Corbett has come as Kindergarten staff in place of Miss Flint.

Mrs. Shaw will be giving up the laundry work as she has arthritis.

Families now stand, as 11 for Miss Horrell, 10 for Miss Eade, 7 for Miss Kerr, 15 in Reception Centre, and Kevin Johnson.

Admissions have been [REDACTED] 11 years, through the Child Welfare Division. She will attend special class at Wainui School. [REDACTED] children.

[REDACTED] were very poorly looked after. Four children are on the waiting list. The younger has been found a foster home.

With help from holiday homes and other benefactors all children & some staff were able to attend the Moscow Circus.

Mrs. Bostwick was authorised to buy various goods & replacements: useful recipes from Otago Home Science School \$5, passed by Mrs Blight. Seconded Mrs. Newton.

Measuring cups & spoons; a Vapono strip to hang in the kitchen for killing flies; one dozen food covers; Sabco dishwashers; new flour sifter & other kitchen utensils.

Recommendations to Board: The question of excess heat in the Storage room was brought up at the May Board meeting last year, and something was done then, but this is still a problem.

Some of the old furniture still in use has been attacked by boer, and is not really suitable for putting in the renovated rooms.

The medical room, which is really only a walk-through vestibule is by no means suitable for the purpose, and we feel there should be somewhere better available.

Since some of our furnishing Committee has moved to Ashburton, Mrs. Bostwick may be able to arrange to re-arrange the furnishings of altered rooms as these come into use, with the help of the House Committee.

Needed are kitchen scales of a suitable size and an ironing board for the laundry. We recommend their purchase.

Morley House had 14 pillowcases surplus, which we have bought for our house for £4.50.

Letter to Papamii Herald: The Herald of this week included two topical items about our children but named Mrs. Margaret Howard as Matron. The Secretary asked to write a letter explaining the position to them.

Gifts for the month since our last meeting included fruit, jam, eggs, books, toys, Christmas gifts, circus tickets & clothing; cash value \$27.45.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction, after which members inspected the Kitchen, Sewingroom, Staff room, Medical room & the newly divided room.

Mrs. Bostwick then served a very welcome Afternoon tea.

B. J. Hodder,
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
10-3-71.

The usual monthly meeting was held at Hanwood Rd. on Wednesday, March 10, those present being Resdames Black, Bligh, Bostwick, Corbett, Garforth, Hodder, Matthews (interv hair) Newton & Miss Horrell. Mrs. Bostwick very kindly offered the use of her own lounge for the meeting.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with reading and prayer.

Apologies were taken as received from Resdames Nelson, Reed and Watson, and the secretary was asked to write a letter to each, welcoming Mrs. Reed, and expressing the hope that we should see them all at our meeting.

A letter was received from Mrs. Overton thanking us for our Christmas token and for our help and cooperation during the three years she was at Barnington St. The Secretary wrote a note expressing our sympathy in Mrs. Overton's illness and our thanks to Mrs. Overton.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Articles purchased were flour sifter, food covers, bedcovers, two white & one gold, and a large set of wall scales.

From the recent board meeting Mrs. Matthews reported that the overheating in the storeroom was to be further investigated. Men from the Detention Centre were to be sent out to do painting jobs at the Home, free.

Matron's Report: Health of Children:

[REDACTED] has had tonsilitis, and [REDACTED] anaemia. [REDACTED] had to have new glasses, and [REDACTED] has been fitted with glasses. The Doctor is to come and give advice on chilblains, and on storing of clothes by one of our temporary children.

Admissions: [REDACTED] Almost 5 years, a short term placement while his mother tries to find a home in Nelson.

[REDACTED] 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ yrs, [REDACTED] 7 yrs and [REDACTED] 8 yrs. for about 2 weeks while [REDACTED] has major surgery. These children are to be admitted on Sunday evening.

Admissions:

[REDACTED] were returned to their mother. Their father was arrested for drunk driving and placed in Sunnyside, and as the family home has been condemned, [REDACTED] took the children to temporary accommodation.

Families are now as follows: Miss Hopwood, Miss Horrell and Miss Kerr, 10 each, Miss Wade 11, plus [REDACTED]. He has begun work at the Sheltered Workshop and seems happy.

[REDACTED] from the Burnside Experience Class comes to the Home each Wednesday & is proving a willing helper.

[REDACTED] three 17 year olds from Villa Maria Convent came to offer their assistance on a Saturday morning. From 10-12 they did ironing and washed 4 girls' hair, and played a few games before they went. They asked to come again, and Matron will find tasks for them.

[REDACTED] attended a weekend Scout Camp 18-21 February, and 8 cubs visited them for a Founder's Day service on the Sunday.

[REDACTED] are having ballet lessons. The recipe cards arrived and are in use. The store-room is being reorganised, clothing is being sorted & re-arranged, and many older garments being discarded. Kindergarten cupboards have been cleaned and rubbish removed.

Staff: Miss Linda Dalzell left on Monday, she did her best but was not an adequate cook. Sister Rose & Mrs. Bostwick will manage until March 15 when Miss Mcintosh is expected for an interview & arrange a suitable time-table. Mrs. Anderson is our new laundry assistant.

Holidays: Cytosheen sheets are now available to lighten holiday organisation and enable information to be collated more usefully. At present homes are being found for the Easter holiday.

Education: To assist the children with their reading and to

promote some enthusiasm for books Mrs. Bostwick has obtained an initial 20-book selection from the Canterbury Library. Miss Hopwood & Miss Hore were agreeable to their book cases being pruned, and are trying to interest their children with stories and supervised reading.

Mrs. & Mrs. Bostwick interviewed all teachers at Waimain School who are concerned with children from the Home. They were all most interested to know more of the children and very willing to cooperate. Their comments on the whole, however, indicate a lack of motivation in that two in most of the children. To awaken some desire for learning is one aim of the book scheme.

Mrs. Smith brought her Std 1 class to look at the Home, which made [redacted] very proud. This was part of their Civics study on the area, and all children wrote a thank you letter.

Miss Menzies and Miss Freeman came to afternoon tea and discussed the problems of children in their classes. Miss Freeman suggested that [redacted] and [redacted] be examined by the Psychological Service. Mrs. Clements from this Service called and explained the tests and her findings and asked for background details of these two boys. The three [redacted] children have been moved from the Reception Unit to Miss Kerr's family in order to lessen their hostility (Mother not visiting) and reduce the tension between [redacted] and [redacted]. Although [redacted] is a borderline case, Mrs. Clements is recommending that he be placed in the Special Class at Waimain as he is so pitifully far behind the others in his class and will benefit from the smaller size of class - 9. It is hoped that [redacted] behaviour will improve if [redacted] is removed from his environment. To further assist this, the family staff are to keep for a week a detailed record of his behaviour in order to trace what precipitates his outbursts. To further assist some children with their personal relationships, it is proposed to try a mutual aid

programme for lonely children and older folk at Fairhaven. A walk to the Post Office afternoon tea a chat will we hope, form the basis for some deeper contact with a few of the more able residents, & some children who are in particular need of affection. Ladies' Groups Bedsocks, mittens, T.V. Slippers, and Peggy Square Quilts would be suitable items for those wishing to make a useful article.

The Secretary was asked to write a letter for the Country Rally at Kaiapoi on March 29 giving the above information and enclosing a Holiday Homes Circular.

Visits: [redacted] spent Sunday in the Ashburton area, receiving generous hospitality and an abundance of produce.

Alterations: After a long wait the painters arrived and began work in the Kindergarten staff bedroom. They will then do Miss Hore's room and the children's bedrooms before moving down stairs.

X Mrs. Bligh suggested, supported by Mrs. Hodder, that we try to get some younger members to join the Committee, but Mrs. Matthews said the Board did not wish the Committee to be enlarged further.

Gifts: Gifts included eggs, jam, milk, fruit, and Hawke's festival produce, of cash value \$94.20.

Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction and Mrs. Bostwick served afternoon tea. She was thanked by the members for her hospitality.

B. J. Hodder,
Hon. Sec.

J. J. Matthews
14. 4. 71.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday April 14, those present being Miss Horrell and Messdames Black, Bligh, Bowwick, Cobett, Granfallen, Hodder, Matthews (presiding) Merton, Reed and Watson.

An apology was received from Mrs. Newton.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with reading and prayer, and welcomed Mrs. Reed to her first meeting with us.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Our letter written to be read over at the Kaiapoi Rally was not heard there by those members who went, so Mrs. Merton took a copy to the next District Council meeting.

x Mrs. Bligh proposed, seconded by Mrs Cobett, that a letter be sent to the Board suggesting we ask two younger members to join our Committee.

Mrs. Bestwick's report: Health [redacted] was taken to the Doctor for bed wetting & nervous tension; [redacted] still soils his pants when upset; [redacted] has had a mental break down, and [redacted] suffered severe allergy after a bee sting in his foot.

Admissions:

Mouldey House, and [redacted] whose mother has deserted them.

Dismissions: [redacted] family returned home after 3 weeks, and [redacted] returned to their family at Easter. Five Hitchcock children return home on April 23, and [redacted] goes to a foster home in May.

Families are now Miss Hopwood 13, Miss Kerr 10, Miss Horre 10, Miss Eade 11.

Ballet One by one the children have withdrawn at ballet lessons and as such cultural pursuits are best for those able to co-operate and put in some effort, they will no longer attend.

Staff: Miss McIntosh returned as cook on March 20, Sister Rona having filled in the gap between.

x As Miss Thomas our teacher is older than the other

staff of comparable status, and is also extremely capable, the Master is recommending that her salary be increased.

x Our Committee is in favour of this.

Holidays: All children were placed for Easter. [redacted] returned on Saturday x [redacted], otherwise all were successful.

Education: Mr. Bestwick attended a 5-week course in New Mills, and also acquired his projectionists license. Sister Rona & Mr. Mrs. Bestwick attended a lecture by Prof. John Spencer on the gaps in the social service agencies.

Visits: Twenty children attended a luncheon party in the ship "Taranaki".

Papanui Youth Fellowship have taken a group of boys & girls for a beach outing on two Sundays.

Caselbrook Intermediate Red Cross Group provided entertainment & gave each child an Easter egg in a decorated holder.

Furniture: Given by Miss Huff was distributed round the home. Some was given to the Kerrs so that the children could return home.

Picnic: This was at Lee's Farm, Prices Valley, with animals to ride and a splendid afternoon tea.

Census: The forms were all completed for our large household. Willowby Sunday School had lunch and a look round the Home on Sunday April 4.

Mr. Bestwick & Mr. Woodfield are attending the N.Z.M.S.A Conference.

Retrations: Curtains and track for the upstairs bedrooms in Miss Horre's block - 38 yds of fadeless material and double metal tracks - have been quoted by Chinniside's at \$102, a considerable reduction on the usual retail price. It was decided to recommend this purchase to the Board.

At Home: This has been suggested as an opportunity for all our church people to see the finished retrations, probably in the latter part of this year, we may ask the

Women's Fellowship to do the catering. It was decided to discuss this at our next meeting.

Nothing has yet been done about the medical room. Mrs. Bostwick offered to consult the Foreman Carpenter about this before the Board meeting next week.

Mrs. Reed's report: The children were naturally upset at the leaving, but have accepted the [redacted] quite well. Attended the Doctor for a black eye. The Clinchers have been to see their mother, through unavoidable circumstances [redacted] has become very unsettled at school and it is proposed to take her to Psychological Service. [redacted] has joined the Cubs.

Mrs. Reed attended a Guide evening with [redacted]

[redacted] have had to discontinue piano lessons as there is now no piano at the Home. It was proposed that the Secretary ring Circuit Ministers asking for an appeal to be made for a piano as gift or loan, and also advertise in the St. Cuth Obs (Observer) News and a North Ch Ch paper.

Mrs. Reed was authorised to obtain a stereo boom. There is no lock on the medicine cupboard, so this should be seen into for safety's sake.

As our May meeting comes in school holidays it was decided not to meet again until June 9.

Gifts included a rotary ironer for Barnington St and a wide variety of clothing, top and foodstuffs for both Homes, largely from Harvest Festivals. Cash value was £95.4d for Harwood Rd, and £55.3d for Barnington St.

Mrs. Bostwick said that very little fruit was coming in probably because of the poor season. It was proposed by Mrs. Blight, seconded Mrs. Hodder, that fruit be obtained from markets when our supply ran out.

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

B S Hodder
Hon Sec.

F J Matthews
9-6-41

The monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. June 9 those present being Miss Herrell and Mrs. Mrs. Black, Blight, Corbett, Bostwick, Garforth, Hodder (Matthews in the chair), Nelson, Newton, Reed and Watson.

Mrs. Matthews opened the meeting with reading & prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Mrs. Matthews reported from the recent Board meeting.

We are authorised to add a younger member to our Committee this year & another next year.

We decided to ask [redacted] an old girl of the Home living in Japan, and, failing her, to enquire for someone from Upper Riccallon. This was proposed by Mrs. Blight and seconded by Mrs. Garforth.

Provision of curtains & tracks for new rooms is to proceed as these are finished.

Miss Thomas is to receive an increase in pay & Miss Hopwood is to continue as at present, all to be reviewed every six months as some changes abouts are to be made in staff.

An offer of a piano for Barnington St, from a Mrs. Kimber who was moving house, and this is now in the Home at a cost of £2.88 for freight.

[redacted] have restarted their lessons, and Mrs. Smiley will come to the Home during the winter months.

No major change has been made in the Medical Room, but when repairing is done it is to be reorganised and perhaps a curtain or screen put up.

Marron's Report: Jaeth [redacted] has had blood tests, [redacted] broke his glasses, hurt his knee, and has an infection on his face. [redacted] has eye trouble; [redacted] is to have surgery in 2-3 months for an un-

undescended testicle, and Darryl Grenfell is 16 having tonsils out on June 15.

Admissions: Lisa Helmung 2½ years, to join the rest of her family, Deborah & Michaela Jure 3½ & 2½ years, Leslie, 10, Michael 8, and Stephen Walker 6. Andrew Steere 2½ years, whose mother has taken his brother to Green Lane Hospital.

Demissions: David & Wayne Kerr returned home, Ricki McAllister, 6 years, and Valerie Kennedy 5 years, both to foster homes.

Staff: Miss Thomas has taken over the "Receiving Unit", and Miss Hopwood the position of Reliever. Miss McIntosh is feeling the cooking too much of a strain, and would like to be replaced. Miss Hopwood will undertake this position when we find a suitable reliever.

Holidays: All children were placed for May and Queen's Birthday holidays.

Education: Mr & Mrs Bolwick visited Mr. Simmonds the new Headmaster at Wainain School, spoke to teachers and viewed the Special Class. Some of our children may benefit from a spell in the Social Ad just now class.

Visits: Classes from the school went to the Gemini exhibition. Graham Paris stayed for a few days during the holidays.

Equipment: A new Tellus was purchased to replace one with a burnt out motor.

Fod: A good deal of work & consultation with Mr. Broad has taken place this month about finding most economical supplies for meat, groceries etc. It is felt that a better deal may be obtained if all homes deal from one wholesale merchant.

Alterations: Paint colors have been chosen for the remaining rooms. Sewing of curtains has been held up by the machine motor burning out. Staff carpets have been laid.

Heating: When all staff bedrooms are painted & curtained,

base heaters are installed to banish damp.

Staff saw a film shown by the Maori Foundation called "The Turq is Raw". Staff meetings are held once a fortnight.

The storeroom temperature 70° F.

Two more meal trolleys, one to be obtained when possible.

Men from the Detention Centre welded play-ground equipment.

Members were shown a type of plastic mat

to take the place of slatted mats in showers.

Mrs. Reed's report: The Hawkins children went to their mother in the holidays, Wayne returning rather unsettled.

Kim was a bridesmaid in the holidays, very thrilling for her.

Christine has new glasses, and seems better at school.

Gifts included Mrs Kimball's piano, two guitars, clothing & other goods, valued at \$6.10.

Gifts for Harewood Rd. included a washing machine for the Kerr family, apples, a pig, clothing, cleaning agents and food stuffs from the Sanitarium Co. of cash value \$28.91.

The July meeting is to be held at Harewood Rd. Mrs. Matthews pronounced the Benediction and Mrs. Bolwick served a delicious afternoon tea.

B. G. Hodder,
Hon Secy.

S. J. Matthews
14-7-41

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wed. July 14, those present being residents Mrs K. Bligh, Bestwick, Corlett, Garforth, Hodder, Matthews [presiding] Reed & Thomson, & Miss Horrell.

An apology was received from Mrs. Newton.

Mrs. Matthews opened proceedings with a reading from Rita Sneeden, and prayer. She then welcomed Mrs. Thomson as a newcomer to our ranks.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Matron's Report

Health [REDACTED] operation is over, curtailed more care than was at first thought; [REDACTED] has had tonsilitis, & [REDACTED] had to have a stitch in his mouth.

Admissions

[REDACTED] stayed for a week, and two children were admitted to foster homes.

[REDACTED] returned home to their mother, & [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] to their father. [REDACTED] are with their mother.

This gives us 49 in care, a reduction in numbers consisting of 8 for Miss Thomas, 7 for Miss Horrell, 11 for Miss Eade, 10 for Miss Kerr, & 13 in foster homes.

Staff: Miss S. Hepwood has taken over duties as Cook. As Miss

McIntosh was advised by her Doctor not to continue.

Miss C. Fraser has taken over as Reliever.

Visits: Pre-school children were taken to lunch at Papamui High School. St Paul's Brownie Pack did baking competitions in our kitchen, leaving us the buns. St John's Cadets visited us & gave the children a bag of sweets each and a gift. On the mid-term holiday, family mothers arranged their own outings and transport.

Education: Mrs. Clements from the Psychological Services discussed emotional problems of children.

Mr. Bestwick spoke on the work of the Home at the local Rotary Club. A reporter from the Star interviewed

us for material for an article on Unwanted Children, and a Teachers' College student was gathering material for a paper on a similar subject.

[REDACTED] is to attend Timaru G. H. S. as a boarder next year, where she will be near to her family connections.

[REDACTED], who is the oldest child in our pre-school group and the only boy, is attending Papamui Kindergarten daily with pleasing results.

Mr. and Mrs. Bestwick and Sister Rona attended the Anglican Social Services Conference on Child Care, with representatives of other homes and Child Welfare Officers. Mr. Bestwick conducted a session on religious training for children in care.

Later on in the meeting Mr. Bestwick gave news of some highlights of the Conference, especially dealing with religious training for those in care, and the subject of finding suitable foster homes for those needing them.

Equipment: Family units have been fitted with minimum utensils to foster interest in the clean & scrub, and enable preparation of food. Some interesting results have already been forthcoming.

Food: Meat is now bought wholesale with resulting savings, which can be used to obtain variety and cut costs. Five-week menus have been worked out, with ice cream once a week, and pies for birthday meals.

Habitations: Staff bedrooms & some furniture have been painted & curtains put up. Children's bedrooms in two blocks have been curtained with existing curtains, and the curtaining of ground floor rooms is proceeding slowly.

Two existing carpets have been made into squares for Miss Kerr & Miss Horrell.

Mr. Bestwick is painting bunks in matching colours.

There were 30 light fittings lacking but by dint of some hard work by the Master and Matron in changing round the dearer fittings into more suitable rooms and putting cheaper plastic ones into smaller rooms, there is now adequate all-over coverage.

Mrs. Reed's report: [redacted] was taking no interest in her piano lessons. So [redacted] is taking her place with good results. [redacted] is also good.

All children except [redacted] passed the Sunday School Scripture examination.

Mid-term school reports showed a lack of concentration all round, but [redacted] is doing much better than she was.

A windowpane was accidentally broken in a girl's bedroom, and a fire extinguisher has to be brought for the kitchen, as the existing one belongs to John Oenton. Mrs. Reed will arrange this with Mr. Hasseldine.

Mrs. Boatwick has bought a large heavy-based frying pan for Harewood Road.

Gifts included food and clothing from various sources, of cash value £17.40 for Harewood Rd. and £1 for Burrington St.

Mrs. Matthews led the Benediction, and Mrs. Boatwick served a very pleasant afternoon tea which showed the prowess of our new cook.

Next month's meeting is to be at Harewood Rd. & September's at Burrington St.

B. J. Hodder
Hon Sec.

Sue Blight
11/8/71.

The monthly meeting was held at Harewood Road on Wednesday, August 11, those present being Resdames Black, Blight, Corbett, Boatwick, Garforth, Hodder, Newton Reed and Miss Herrell.

Apologies were received from Resdames Matthews, Retson, Thomson & Watson.

In the absence of Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Blight presided, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Mrs. Newton reported from an executive meeting of the Board held on Monday Aug. 9 that they wished us to ask Mrs. Suttee of Upper Riccaron to join our Committee. She was approached by telephone and agreed to join, the Secretary to write her a letter of welcome.

As school holidays occur just before our September meeting, and probably little business will have arisen, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Burrington Street on October 13.

Matron's Report: [redacted] are having treatment with drips and for enuresis; [redacted] is suffering from tonsillitis and eczema, [redacted] and [redacted] with earache, and [redacted] and [redacted] went to a pediatric clinic for a check up.

Admissions: [redacted] (4 yrs. and 3 yrs), [redacted], [redacted], [redacted], [redacted] (3½ yrs x 2½ yrs) and [redacted] (5 yrs). There are [redacted] (9 yrs. x 8 yrs), the mothers of all these children needing respite.

Numbers now stand at 10 in foster homes, with 12 for Miss Thomas, 7 for Miss Herrell, 11 for Miss Eade, and 10 for Miss Kerr, making a total of 50 in care.

There were 13 further applications for admission this week.

Next term it is hoped to rearrange duties to better utilise the staff. A part-time person will be engaged to run the kindergarten for 20 hrs. weekly. A full-time person will become a General Assistant doing

Laundry and ironing in the mornings, and helping in the kitchen in the afternoon, with 1½ hours on two evenings in a family unit.

The Reception Unit's assistant will now help in the kitchen and will work those hours in the evening to create a more responsible position.

The laundry part-time staff will assist with mending, or we will enlist voluntary aid when the sewing part-time staff leaves to have a baby. Visits: 16 children attended a Civic Orchestra Pops Concert, and two families were taken on two Saturdays to see snow at Powers Pass.

Education: Slides & a tape were used for staff and each family to implement 'Six Instruction Education for the Young Family' by Heslop Hancock and promote discussion & use of the book.

Equipment: An electric 'jig' was bought for Miss Sade's unit, and a 'covered bucket' for Miss Thomas.

Food: There is now a 5-week cycle of menus with families cooking their own tea at weekends. We now deal with Ratnays who stock a wider range of groceries & hardware, and also buy direct from Edmonds, General Foods & Cadbury's.

Health Camp: Mrs Clements has recommended that [redacted] attend Glenelg Health Camp & she is awaiting a placement. Mr. & Mrs. Boltwick visited Glenelg to observe their methods and found some useful ideas particularly in the laundry.

Washing: Following a further breakdown of the Automatic Washer its use is to be limited to laundry staff, Sister Rona & Matron. Other staff will use the laundry unit nearest to their room.

Holiday: Still required are homes for a girl of 8 and boys of 6, 11, & 12.

Mrs. Reed's report: General health is good, except for [redacted] who is being treated with medicine & ointment for a suspected vaginal infection, and [redacted] who fell

off her bike and grazed her knee.

Mr. Boltwick showed the children the film strip on sex education, and it was discussed with the older girls the same evening by the matron.

Mr. Hawkins visited the children for his birthday. He took them out on Saturday to Brighton and bought [redacted] a pair of boots, and on Sunday to their half-sisters home at Linwood.

A replacement fire extinguisher has been bought and installed in the kitchen.

The children are all to go away for the August holidays, though Wayne has not a place as yet. There were various gifts of clothing including 16 ponchos for the girls, but no monetary value was placed on these.

Mrs. Blight was thanked for acting as chairwoman, after which the Benediction was pronounced, and Mrs. Boltwick served a very popular afternoon tea.

. . . Blight
13.10.71

B. J. Hodder
Hon Sec.

The October meeting was held on Wed. 13th at Barnington S. those present being Resdames Black, Blight, Corbett, Garfath, Newton, and Miss Horrell.

Apologies were received from Resdames Holden, Matthews, Nelson, Thomson and Watson. In the absence of Mrs Matthews, Mrs. Blight was asked to take the Chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

It was moved that Mrs. Newton send a card to Mrs Holden. Some misunderstanding had arisen about the appointment of Mrs. Sevete to the Committee. She is to begin at the beginning of next year, and will also go on the Board.

* It was suggested that on subsequent occasions members of the House Committee who have worked for the children for some years should have first refusal when there is a vacancy on the Board.

Matrons report Fourteen children had had various degrees of ill health, mostly minor, or had had their health checked.

There had been 34 admissions, mostly because of ill-health of the mother, desertion or other family troubles. Of these a large number had been sent home after fostered within a fairly short space of time.

The families now stand at Foster homes 13, Miss Thomas ~~10~~ 11, Miss Horrell 10, Miss Wade 11, Miss Kerr 9, making the total in the Home 41.

Staff Mrs. Toni Reid is a very able Kindergarten assistant working 20 hours per week.

Miss Maida Carson is a general assistant in Kitchen and Laundry.

Miss Anita Melrose has full board and assists in Miss Horrell's family.

Miss Kerr has tendered her resignation for personal reasons from October 31. She has been on the staff for 16 years. We would like to make a presentation to her at the Home Concert to be held on 26th October.

Miss Thomas is to become Family Mother in place of Miss Kerr, with the movement of some children from the

reception unit and Miss Kerr's family. The 5 Kerr children will then be together after 4½ yrs. The reception unit vacancy is being advertised.

Visits: 40 Riverside S.S. children spent Sunday afternoon, with songs and sweets; an over 25 group took 12 children over the Bridle Path. 5 smaller children went to the local Cinema matinee; 25 children and staff attended the Gang Show; there were many entries for the Church Fair, with a cup for Sally Whittle after 9 years.

Cambridge Terrace Women's Fellowship held a meeting and discussion, Avondale League of Mothers, evening discussion, and D. John's Fellowship, sewing and discussion of work and needs.

Education. Child Welfare conducted their annual inspection of the Home. They offered some suggestions about the bed-rooms which we endorsed. Mrs Boswick was on the panel at the Cotswold School P.T.A. meeting.

Mr Boswick and Miss Thomas went to Linwood Adjustment Class with discussion with the teacher, Mr. Cox, and the psychologist, Mrs. Nurse, about David Lily who is now attending this class in an attempt to modify his behaviour.

[REDACTED] has been going to the Child Health Clinic for play therapy, helped by sedatives.

[REDACTED] needs help with his problems.

In 1972 it is hoped to use Bishopdale and Waitakere Schools as well as Waimau for the children's benefit.

Corporal punishment was the subject of a recent staff meeting.

General: Beaters of both mixers and the shaft of the large mixer have been repaired.

Mrs. Boswick would like in 1972 to speak to as many church groups as possible on the work of the Home and its needs, neither of which seems to be fully appreciated. Could we then enlist their aid with the following:

Cleaning of the family units once a week

Making of birthday cakes: perhaps several ladies could share this task.

Donations: to purchase drawers for wardrobes.

writing desks.

steals for bed rooms.

mats for bed rooms.

pin-up board for bed rooms.

prints for family units

We could perhaps attack a suitably inscribed plaque to each gift, and when we have a list of contributions people will know what their donations will buy.

Good curtains are up in Miss Kerr's family unit & Miss Tade's orange curtain are nearing completion.

The Staff room was painted during the holidays also the sewing room, passage & laundry. The medical cupboard is now situated in the staff wash room, & the staff lockers are in the passage.

Families are now encouraged to take children out of the Home on visiting day, weekend stays are accepted when offered to broaden the children's horizon.

Bedrooms: would it be possible to have the floors sanded & Halls three coats of polyurethane applied. This process has been inspected at Glen Elg, where it is still very satisfactory after a good time of wear & maintenance. The Kindergarten could also benefit by being done. The lowest quotation obtainable is \$427.00.

Family Home Report: General health has been good, apart from Lee who now wears glasses for close work.

Summer wardrobes have been sorted out ready for the warmer weather.

Mr & Mrs. Reed have been attending a very interesting course at the W.E.A. for foster parents.

The children all enjoyed the August holiday and will be away for Labour Weekend. [redacted] are going to a Guide Camp then. [redacted] because a Guide at a Parents Evening attended by Mrs. Reed.

The children all attended a dress rehearsal of

the Gang Show, and Mrs. James, who takes Wayne & Kim out, invited all the children to the play "Peter Pan" performed by a church drama group.

Miss Christine Chamberlain of 32B visited the Home in connection with the Children's Home Appeal; Miss Fleming, of one of the suburban newspapers, also visited with the object of publicising the appeal.

Meetings: It was decided to hold the next meeting on Nov. 10 at Harwood Rd., and to make the following meeting in February the annual meeting. The question is to be raised at each meeting as to the time of the following meeting. Mrs. Black offered an apology for the February meeting.

Gifts: Gifts for the previous two months included quilts, clothing, dolls, biscuits, other eatables, eggs and jam of a total value \$44.95

For Barrington St. were two rabbits and a quart of ice cream, value 35c

Mrs. Blight closed the meeting and Mrs. Reed served a welcome afternoon tea.

Mrs. Newton is to serve afternoon tea to helpers at the House to Home Appeal for the Childrens Homes on Saturday, Oct. 16, helped by Mrs. Black. This is an excellent service performed annually by Mrs. Newton.

- Elsie Blight
10.11.41

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday, Nov. 10, those present being Mesdames Black, Bligh, Bostwick, Corbett, Garfath, Metson, Newton, Thomson and Watson.

Apologies were received from Miss Horrell, and Mesdames Hodder, Matthews & Reed.

In the absence of Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Hodder, Mrs. Bligh kindly took the chair and Mrs. Garfath the minutes.

Mrs. Bligh opened the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

As Miss Horrell was on a trip to Australia, a small gift had been sent to her, to which she suitably replied.

Miss Kerr had been presented with an electric iron from the Board and House Committee before she left on October 31.

A letter to the Board had been received and passed on to the Executive.

A suggestion to the Board that no Staff Christmas gifts be bought this year was accepted.

Matron's Report: Mrs. Bostwick reported six cases of ill-health of varying degrees.

Six admissions were pending, and three short-term admissions had been ended.

Miss Hore had 10 in her family, Miss Eade 11, Miss Thomas 10, and Miss Sharp 6, with 12 in fosterhomes, making 49 in care.

Staff: Mrs. T. Reid has pneumonia, and help has been received from Mesdames Grey, League & Reid from Papamuri Church, to whom we are most grateful.

Miss B. Kerr was given gifts from the staff, children & Board when she left at the end of October with our best wishes.

Miss N. Thomas is settled in as Family Mother and the chickens she took with her are appreciating the

stability and privacy.

Miss Glenda Sharp commenced on Nov. 6 as Family Mother in the Reception Unit. She is 22 years old, has a B.A. in Sociology, and is to study Psychology at Canterbury next year.

Visits: All children were placed for Labour Day & Show week ends.

A concert was held on Oct. 29, and one by the Magicians.

The Y.M.C.A. held a cushion-in.

For Guy Fawkes night there was a youth group bonfire, with crackers, and supper to follow.

Nine boys took part in a Scouting Trek, covering 12 miles.

Education: Staff meeting - in service training programme suggested following discussion by Mrs. Nurse on Behaviour Problems.

General: Boys are to have their haircut by a professional barber every 6 weeks, at 20 cents each.

Purchase of 6 steamer bowls, 12 lunch boxes, a rolling pin and a knife.

A discussion was held about floors; as the poly-methylene treatment was unable to be given. Companies' products & future treatment were discussed. A wire brush for the polisher was suggested to take wax off the floors.

Curtains for Miss Eade, Miss Thomas and one reception room were completed.

Suggestions were asked for about pocket money, which is inadequate at present.

A donation had been spent on ten sheepskin mats for Miss Hore's family unit.

The wholesale butcher serving the Home had gone out of business very suddenly, so the C.P.M. was now being substituted. Specials are obtained weekly.

Family Home Report: Mrs. Reed reported children's health as good.

A health inspector & a fire board inspector were both satisfied with conditions at the home.

Seven pupils of Hagley High School spent the afternoon at the Home discussing various aspects of the work.

The children were all placed for Labour weekend, [REDACTED] attending a Guide Camp.

All went to the firewatches & bonfire night at Harewood Road.

The children all spent Shows weekend at home, and seemed to have a better time than they expected. All are placed for Christmas holidays, the [REDACTED] children with their father. Mrs. Ward, the children's mother & her daughter took the children out for an afternoon. Mrs. Churcher sees her children once a month, and they go over to [REDACTED] with Mrs. Royle.

[REDACTED] All walked the twelve miles to Kaiapoi in the Scout & Cub Trek.

Two chairs in the sitting-room need recovering, but Mrs. Reed will do this with a remnant of material.

The Home is grateful for gifts of jam etc.

Cheque Distribution: The Combined Appeals Trust Board is to distribute the cheques on Dec. 1 at Harewood Rd.

Gifts: Included a birthday cake & a T.V., also clothing and several lots of Christmas gifts.

The next meeting is to be held on the 2nd Wed. in February.

Mrs. Bostwick served a very welcome afternoon tea and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

B. J. Hodder,
Hon Sec.

J. J. Matthews
9/2/42.

The monthly and annual meeting was held at Harewood Road on Wed. Feb. 5, those present being Miss Horrell and Mesdames Blight, Cobett, Grafton, Hodder, Matthews, Newton, Reed, Suttees and Thomson.

Apologies were received from Mrs. Black, Absent on holiday, and from Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. Watson, both of whom had acquired new granddaughters, and were helping out.

Mrs. Matthews welcomed Mrs. Suttees as a new member, and wished her a profitable time on the Committee. She then opened with a New Year message and prayer.

A good deal of discussion took place on pocket money, and while members feel that the children should have some money of their own to spend as they wished, it was not workable at present for more to be made available. Mrs. Blight moved Mrs. Newton seconded that nothing be left, as they are at present owing to the economic position, until Mrs. Bostwick had made further enquiries.

Floors had had wax removed and were treated with a new combination of polish, cleaner & water which worked satisfactorily.

The Combined Appeals affair was a record to date, and the function held at our Home was very successful. The staff did the cooking and serving, and members paid their thanks to them.

Matrons Report: Some children had mumps last year, and the staff had badly infected throats. Other children had various upsets, but holidays went off well.

There were various admissions & dismissions, mostly of short-term stayers, but six others of terms of 2 years and upwards were returned to their families, with [REDACTED] going to Sir Alexander's High School, and [REDACTED] to a foster home in Hokitika.

Families: Miss Horrell has 12, Miss Eade 9, Miss Thomas 11, and

Miss Sharp 12, with 9 in foster homes and 7 in the Family Home, making 60 in care altogether. Staff all resumed their duties. Mrs. Salonen had a daughter in December. Misses Jade & Thomas toured Australia. Miss Hore took Alison Kennedy on holiday with her. Mrs. Fra Read of Papamui is to come as a voluntary helper three mornings a week to free Miss Thomas from routine duties to devote more time to pre-school children in her family. Miss Armstrong turned 21 and received a record voucher from the staff. Dinner, carols & gifts were shared by the staff in December, and made a pleasant end to the year.

Holidays 50 children were successfully placed for six weeks.

Visits Hagley & Cashmere High School did community service. Four attended Intermediate Sunday School Camp. Children attended a magic circle concert at Fairhaven.

Members of a Kiwanis Club cleaned the front of the grounds.

Appeal funds were distributed at morning tea.

Two seventh formers came daily to look after the Kindergarten, filling a very real need.

Children attended a Sinbad the Sailor Pantomime at Summer, and a day trip to the "Haci".

Staff & children combined in a cricket match when the pool was opened.

Miss Thomas & Mrs. Bostwick attended a meeting at Linwood Avenue School which [REDACTED] attended.

Two Australian Welfare Workers came to view the home, and a Massey University Education lecturer to play.

General: A deep freeze was installed in the store room, the pantry being shelved by Mr. Bostwick and perishable food transferred. Gifts were re-sited in the store room from the basement. More shelving is now

required to utilise space.

Curtain material is on hand for the remainder of down stairs rooms.

The lawn seat outfit for Tonya & the Rundalls, and St. Johns Bryndwr ladies took clothing to work.

Art & craft materials were purchased & given for more creative use of the children's spare time. More can still be used, and fellowships are to be asked for suitable wallpaper, materials etc.

The boys' hair was cut & girls' fringes.

A large quantity of used clothing books & toys was noted.

Two girls are offering 12 months service for their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

The reception room furniture was painted red.

Plastic dishes & jugs are needed for the kitchen. Donations are being received for bedroom furniture, the next major task.

Family Home Report: Health in the home has been good, except for [REDACTED] who contracted a virus during the last week at school, necessitating a visit from the Doctor.

On Nov. 26 a woman backed her car into the back of the van. All the children were in it, but suffered only shock, apart from [REDACTED] who had a bump on his head.

[REDACTED] family who attend Sr. Mary's gave all the children \$1 each for [REDACTED] shopping.

[REDACTED] are enjoying Intermediate, and [REDACTED] is continuing music lessons.

Last Sunday the children were taken for a walk over the Little Path and back to Heathcote by train. And they hope to go to a dairy farm this weekend.

We are grateful for gifts of food & goods. Coming Rally. The women's fellowships are to meet on March 15 at Rangiora, and Mrs. Bostwick offered to send

cyclostyled sheets to district fellowships with a list of things we need, such as wallpaper etc for art work, tablemats, cushions, clothes for dressing-up, bodices for skirts, plain blouses, etc eggs.

Lights Gifts included groceries & fruit, two Bibles, money-boxes, a birthday cake, kitset prams & trucks, dolls, and prints, of cash value £35.40.

For Bannington Street were two rabbits, jam & fruit, clothing and ice cream, of cash value £7.50

Annual Meeting. An annual report was given by the Secretary, and officers were elected as follows:

President: Mrs Blight

Vice Pres: Mrs Matthews.

Secretary: Mrs Hodder.

Mrs Matthews was thanked for her work as president, and will attend meetings when possible.

Mrs. Bostwick served a welcome after noon tea, and the meeting closed with the Benediction.

The next meeting will be on March 8.

B. J. Hodder.

Hon. Sec.

Subs Blight
8/3/72.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Home on Wednesday, March 8, three present being Resdares Black. Blight (in the Chair) Bostwick, Corbett, Garforth, Hodder, Newton, Reed, Thompson & Mrs Horrell.

Apologies were received from Resdares Matthews and Nelson.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Nation's Report A few varied health upsets were reported.

Two children had been admitted and returned home after two weeks when their mother came home from hospital.

Four others went home, and Linda Lancaster went back to her foster home after trying to keep house for her father.

Numbers now are Miss Horre: 9, Miss Jade: 11, Miss Thomas: 11, and Miss Sharp: 10, in foster homes 9, in Barrington St. Home 7, making 57 in all.

Education: Mr. Bostwick is away at Kaitere for four weeks.

Family visitors have been to Waimairi School to talk to teachers.

Leslie Walker, a problem, has been to the Child Health Clinic.

Mrs. Bostwick spoke to the Papamui women's fellowship.

[REDACTED] are having 3 afternoons a week at Papamui Kindergarten

Miss Thomas visited Mrs. Nurse to discuss problems.

Visits: The staff of the "Maori" arranged a sports afternoon with Nazareth House.

The Papamui Church Picnic was held at South Brighton.

Forty children had been given tickets for "Disney on Parade".

[redacted] had attended Scouting Camp.

The Home were entertained lavishly at Price's Valley by Mr & Mrs Lee.

The Open Air Campaigners held a fancy Dress Party at which our children made a good showing.

The kickups made a visit to Miss Horé's family.

Mrs & Mrs. Bostwick had visited Kingslea. General. Mrs. Bostwick bought a water trough, rope ladder, clay & crayons for the Kindergarten, and the Young Christian Workers are to help making a play area.

The family of Miss Sharp were taken to Durham Street Church & Sunday School in anticipation of making this a separate family unit, and dieridip schools next term.

James from the Central Mission has been doing odd jobs.

Ann from Training College has been relieving Miss Sharp while she attends lectures.

Two girls work on Saturday mornings for their Duke of Edinburgh award, and Suzanne comes from Burnside on Wednesday.

St. John's, Bryndwr, has again given help in mending clothes.

Mrs. Nurse is to hold a Behaviour workshop on March 16.

Our children are attending the Y.M.C.A. at a flat rate of \$20 for all.

Pocket Money: Casnewydd High donated \$38.66 from a Trifiti Day for children's pocket money.

Linwood High School sent toys & clothing.

Mrs. Bostwick is to ask for gifts of garden and woodwork tools, to be painted in different colours & used by the children.

Family Home Report: Heather has been good except for two minor incidents. Mrs. Doe has been off work for two weeks while recovering from minor surgery.

Mrs Reed attended a "meet the teacher" evening at Somerfield School, but could not attend all Intermediate school.

Guided Cubs attended their respective swimming spots. [redacted] was enrolled as a cub.

Generous donations of fruit & goods were received. Visitors came from Riddleton Grange to examine our building.

Desks for children's homework are needed at Harwood Road, and table mats in sets of up to twelve for the family homes.

Gifts of jam, fruit, eggs, milk & honey were received to a value of \$30.00 and for Barrington Street, \$15.00.

The next meeting will be held on April 12, when it is expected to evaluate harvest festival gifts, but no meeting will be held in May.

The Benediction was repeated to close the meeting, and all joined in a welcome afternoon tea served by Mrs. Bostwick.

B. J. Hodder.

Hon. Sec.

Signature

12/4/72.