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

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

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4.—BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS.

We have pleasure in presenting to Conference our Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Board of the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments for the year ended 31st December, 1941.

MASTERTON CHILDREN'S HOME.

During another year devoted service to the children in the Home has been rendered by the Masterton Committee, whose activities are reported on elsewhere, and the Board wishes to place on record its appreciation of the manner in which the Committee has always carried out its duties.

Miss Allan and her assistants have worked untiringly on behalf of the children in their care, and it is always pleasing to notice the number of "Old Boys" and "Old Girls" who come to the Home from distant places for the Annual Christmas party.

We would also record our continued appreciation of the services of Dr. Prior, who has acted as Honorary Medical Officer for many years.

It was with regret that the Board accepted the resignation of Mr. J. H. Handyside, who has left Masterton. The appointment of Mr. A. H. Daniell as successor to Mr. Handyside as Masterton Committee's representative on the Board is recommended to the Conference.

The following bequests and gifts for the purposes of the Home are gratefully acknowledged:—

	£	s.	d.
Bequest H. Hewitt Estate (further instalment)	19	0	6
J. Hessey Estate (further instalment)	61	8	10
J. C. M. Mallach Est. (further instalment) 19	3	1	
Sara Andrew Estate (further instalment) 175	0	0	
James Chism Estate (further instalment)	2	14	10
Gift—Mrs. Annie Seon	250	0	0
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	£527	7	3

These amounts have been credited to the Capital Account of the Home which now stands at £7,316/9/8.

RANGIATEA MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL.

During the year the Board has made grants to the School totalling £406. The School has maintained satisfactory progress, and it is hoped that, as a result of the excellent response to the Centennial Appeal, it may soon be possible to establish the School on a permanent basis.

Financial.

Net revenue for the year amounted to £1,245/3/2, an advance of £206/12/5.

After making grants to the Masterton Home Committee and the Rangiatea Maori Girls' School, there remained a balance of £455/5/5 which was transferred to Capital Account, which now stands at £42,140/3/6.

General.

The following recommendations are made to Conference:—

- (1) That the Rev. P. R. Paris be re-appointed Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.
- (2) That Mr. A. H. Daniell, of Masterton, be appointed a member of the Board.
- (3) That the personnel of the Masterton Committee for 1942 be in accordance with the nominations forwarded by the Committee.

On behalf of the Board,

PERCY PARIS, Chairman.

J. A. KELLOW, Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

5.—EMSLY TRUST BOARD, GREY INSTITUTE TRUST, AND KAI IWI MISSION ESTATE.

RESOLUTION.

That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.

6.—MARTIN BROTHERS—MEMORIAL REST HOME.

RESOLUTION.

That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.

7.—NORTH ISLAND REST HOUSE.

RESOLUTION.

That the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure be received and adopted.

8.—EVE TRUST.

RESOLUTION.

That the Financial Statement be received and adopted.

QUESTION XXXVIII.—What is the Report on Connexional Fire Insurance?

REPORT OF THE BOARD, 1941.

A perusal of the audited statements of accounts for the year ended 31st October will show the gratifying results the Board is able to report. The income from all sources has been £3,553. The Accumulated Fund still stands at £30,000. The Fire Loss Reserve Account amounts to £3,565. The Investment Contingency Reserve Account amounts to £1,288/13/7. A sum of £8,522/13/8 is invested on first mortgage security and £26,790 in Government Stock and local body debentures.

The Committee considers (b) to be necessary for the following reasons:—

- (1) Thorough equipment is essential in these days of skilled services in all education and health spheres. The Church must equally equip her workers for their high calling.
- (2) The workers themselves are keenly aware of their need of such trained equipment as a basis for their personal confidence, efficiency, and public responsibility.

5.—Training.

That all women workers employed by the Church should be required to enter Deaconess Institution for a period of training, except under special circumstances as decided by Conference.

That the normal period of training be two years.

The Committee feels this period of training in Deaconess House to be essential for adequate grounding in Christian faith and doctrine which they will be required to teach, and as a basis for their own spiritual experience, and also for general and particular preparation for their chosen life-work.

The practical aspect of this as urged by those on the fields should be a specialised training for the selected sphere after the first three months in residence.

6.—Location of Deaconess Institution.

That the question of the location of the training school for Deaconess students be held over until the Board of Studies of Trinity College shall have considered and reported upon the practicability of merging the two courses of study.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report as amended be received and adopted.
2. That the question of "Women and Ordained Ministry" be referred to a special Commission, to report to next Synods and Conference, such Commission to comprise the President, the Secretary, Revs. E. W. Hames, M.A., Dr. C. H. Laws, Dr. H. Ranston, F. Copeland, B. M. Chrystall, Messrs. F. Penn, W. E. Burley, B.A., W. S. Mackay, Miss Rishworth, Mrs. E. M. Lewis, Miss E. M. Pearce, Mrs. W. Walker, Miss L. Hendra, Miss Waddington, Miss J. Winstone. Corresponding Members: Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, E. D. Patchett, W. A. Burley, M.A., Miss Hodder, Sister Annie Tocker, Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Messrs. N. R. Seddon, C. E. Taylor, H. de R. Flesher, J. H. Oldham, J. E. Purchase, M.A.. The Commission has power to add to its numbers. Convener: the Secretary of Conference.
3. That the thanks of Conference be tendered to the Wellington Deaconess Investigation Committee for their work.

V.—CONFERENCE PEACE COUNCIL.

(See under Question XXXV.)

QUESTION XLVIII.—What are the Resolutions of Conference respecting Connexional Orphanages?

A.—THE AUCKLAND CHILDREN'S HOME AND ORPHANAGE, MT. ALBERT AND EPSOM.

The REPORT FOR 1941 was printed in the Synod Agenda. The number of children is reduced from 64 to 53 (admissions, 4; removals, 15), there being 23 boys at Wesley, 21 girls and 9 little boys at Epsom.

Treasurers' Report.

Notwithstanding the monetary strain due to war conditions, it is pleasing to know that interest in the financial side of our Orphanage work continues. At the beginning of the year, the United Orphanages' Street Day contributed to our funds the sum of £507/10/- as the Methodist per capita proportion. We are also glad to record that the income from Circuits shows an increase of nearly £100 for the year.

As a serious offset to these increases, however, the income from bequests is only £733, as against £1,840 the previous year. The need of constantly urging our people to make provision for the work of our Orphanages when drafting their Wills, means the advocating of a long term policy, but in the end it becomes a very valuable source of income for our Christian service among the orphaned and neglected children of the Province.

We are happy to report that as the result of the year's operations we have been able to transfer from Revenue the sum of £1,343/11/5 to Capital Account, which, together with the £733/1/10 received from bequests, increases that account by £2,076/13/3. The Orphanages' Capital now amounts to £38,557/7/1.

FRANK E. LEADLEY,
WM. ASTLEY,

Treasurers.

20th October, 1941.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.
2. **Board for 1942:** Mrs. W. R. Emerson and Mr. William Astley (Life Members), Rev. E. T. Olds (Chairman), Revs. F. Copeland, C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., E. W. Hames, M.A., T. A. Joughin, G. Frost, H. A. Sharp, W. Walker, B.M. Chrystall, B.A., F. E. Leadley (Treasurer), A. Everil Orr (Secretary), Mesdames T. A. Joughin, A. H. White, T. Clark, A. Peak, A. L. Caughey and C. H. Burton; Misses A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, Ida Buttle, C. Wagstaff, C. Veale and B. M. Brooke; Messrs. J. E. Astley, T. Clark, A. Trenwith, F. Penn, A. Williams, F. L. Rudd, R. W. Gillon, J. S. Caughey, J. H. Whitburn, J. Hargreaves, J. Tyler, R. T. Garlick and G. W. Turley, and the Chairman and Secretary of the South Auckland District.
3. That Conference express appreciation of the work of the staff and honorary helpers.

B.—MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.

The REPORT FOR 1941 was printed in the Synod Agenda. The number of children decreased from 35 to 29. The Committee gratefully acknowledged a generous gift of £250 by Mrs. A. Seon, and added the same to the Capital Fund.

RESOLUTION.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

2. **Board for 1942:** Messrs. A. H. Daniell, F. E. Wells, W. H. Judd, J. H. Handyside, W. R. Nicol, Dr. N. H. Prior, G. F. Whitlock, J. H. Conly, J. A. Wellington, Rev. H. S. Kings, Miss Burton, Mesdames J. Cocker, J. Elliott, F. C. Daniell, and H. S. Kings. Officers:—Chairman, Mr. F. E. Wells; Secretary-Manager, Mr. W. R. Nicol; Chaplain, Rev. H. S. Kings; Honorary Physician, Dr. N. H. Prior.

3. That Conference express appreciation of the work of the staff.

C.—SOUTH ISLAND ORPHANAGE AND CHILDREN'S HOME.

For the Annual Report see Synod Agenda. The number of children is 61 (admissions 30, removals 17).

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report and Financial Statement be received and adopted.

2. That the Conference empower the Orphanage Board to arrange, after consultation with the Foreign and Home Mission Boards and the Youth Department, for the Rev. E. Drake to make deputational visits to all circuits and home mission stations in the South Island.

3. That the Conference record appreciation of the services of the Rev. E. Drake as Orphanage General Secretary.

4. **Board for 1942:** Mesdames Bowron and Seed (life members); Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. Grigg, E. Drake, A. N. Scotter, J. Richards, C. R. Taylor, J. H. Allen, E. Sage, Raymond Dudley, with the Superintendents of St. Albans and Sydenham Circuits; Messrs. M. Kershaw, F. A. Sheat, W. S. Worner, H. Holland, H. de R. Flesher, J. E. Purchase, W. H. Marshall, S. Harrington, and W. G. Wright; Mesdames R. Pratt, W. Cock, M. Opie, F. C. Thornton, and Sister Mabel Morley. General Secretary, Rev. E. Drake; Treasurer, Mr. M. Kershaw.

QUESTION XLIX.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference respecting Connexional Literature?

“METHODIST TIMES” AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

REPORT FOR 1941.

The Committee reports with pleasure an increase in the number of subscribers for the fourth year in succession. Tributes to the high standard of the “Times” are frequently paid by our own people, by our exchanges, and also by ministers and laymen of other Churches.

The Editor, Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, continues to enjoy the confidence of the whole Church, and his work is beyond praise. During the year Mr. Bellhouse transferred his home from Christchurch to Auckland, but such transfer happily involves no interruption to his continuance in the Editorial chair.

The Rev. John Dennis who served so faithfully as Associate Editor until March last, is now resident in Christchurch and is associated with the Committee, which tenders him its thanks for his journalistic services. The Rev. G. R. Harris, who succeeded Mr. Dennis, maintains a high standard of service.

The Committee heartily nominates Mr. Bellhouse for re-appointment, and, with his approval, nominates the Rev. G. R. Harris as his Associate.

The printing contract with Messrs. Kerslake & Billens ran out during the year. The contractors, despite difficulties created by rationing, and war conditions generally, have served us with complete satisfaction. The contract has been extended for five years at the rate ruling on 30th April, 1941, with the proviso for revision in the event of any major increase or any substantial reduction in paper costs.

Mr. H. Holland, C.B.E., is now completing twenty years in the office of lay treasurer of the fund, and to him thanks are due for loyal and devoted service.

The paper continues to serve every department of the life and service of the Church. Throughout this year it has continued to give generous space, without charge, to the appeal for the Centennial Thanksgiving Fund.

The financial statements for the year ended 31st October show the position of the Fund, which has been stabilised by Connexional grants and by the growing subscription list. This year it asks for a grant of £150 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and a grant of £100 from the Contingent Fund, in addition to the standing provision of one-half of the honoraria for the editors and their contingent expenses.

The Committee nominated for the next Connexional year is as follows:—Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt (ex officio), E. Drake, J. H. Allen, J. Dennis, Mr. H. Holland, C.B.E. (lay treasurer), Messrs. W. A. Bascand, E. H. Andrews, and W. G. Wright.

On behalf of the Committee,

M. A. RUGBY PRATT, Secretary.

Christchurch,

6th November, 1941.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted, and printed in the Minutes.

2. That Conference record its appreciation of the valuable editorial service rendered by the Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, and that he be re-appointed.

3. That the Rev. G. R. Harris be heartily thanked for his services as Associate Editor and that he be re-appointed.

4. That grants be approved of £150 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and £100 in addition to the standing grant of one-half of the honoraria for the Editors and their contingent expenses.

5. That while expressing appreciation of the work of the Editor, the Management Committee be asked to investigate ways and means of improving the paper, especially in regard to format, arrangement and subject matter, and that it report to next Conference.