

The following pages are an extract from The Methodist Church of New Zealand Minutes of the Annual Conference .

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 Management:

The superintendent (Chairman), Superintendent of Home Missions, the Chairman of the District, Revs. A. J. Seamer, A. E. Waite, Dr. H. Ranston, E. W. Hames, Arthur Mitchell, H. J. Odell; Dr. E. G. Sayers (on leave), Mrs. T. Clark, Mrs. R. B. Verry, Miss E. M. Booth, Messrs. W. S. Mackay, F. Penn, J. Tyler, J. J. Parker, E. J. Hutson, and A. Williams, together with the Circuit Officials and Representatives, and Trustees of the Mission Properties.

B.—DUNEDIN METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION.

A verbal report by Rev. L. B. Neale was received and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That we express our deep thanks to God for the wise and sagacious leadership, vision, faith and devotion of the Superintendent and the loyalty of his staff, and congratulate them upon the fruitful work of the past year.

2. That Mr. Johnson be heartily thanked for his painstaking services in the midst of a difficult time.

QUESTION XLVII.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference with regard to the training of Deaconesses?

ANNUAL REPORT 1942.

During the year, there have been three trainees in residence, Misses Davidson, Wilson and Hilder. Lectures have been regularly given by Revs. Drake, Fowles, Williams and Hailwood, while Miss Tahiwī has continued lessons in Maori. We expect three other students next year, and Misses Davidson and Wilson will commence work under the Home Mission Board.

Most of the Deaconesses have sent in encouraging reports on their work. Almost all these have been amongst the Maori people. During recent weeks, Sister Edith has married and her connection with the work has now been severed.

The Committee has had a difficult year owing to staffing problems and the rising cost of living. We shall ask Conference to give a decision on the wisdom of continuing the work as at present. There are twenty-two College students in residence at present.

Owing to ill-health, Sister Ruth Fawcett resigned after a year of valuable work. The Committee has been fortunate in securing the help of Miss Purdie of Dunedin as Matron.

The following grants are recommended for next year:—Fire Insurance Fund, £125; Foreign Mission Fund, £25; Home Mission Fund, £100; Contingent Fund, £100.

J. H. ALLEN, Chairman.

A. N. SCOTTER, Secretary.

D. O. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Four Trainees will come into the Institution in March, Misses Hilder, Viney, Miller and Poole, the last named being an applicant for Foreign Mission and the others for Home Mission work.

Sister Olive Holland has accepted the position of sub-matron on the staff of the House, and the Committee believe that this appointment of a trained Deaconess will materially assist in solving some of the difficulties faced by the Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the report be received and adopted.

2. Financial Statement received and adopted.

3. That the attention of Circuits be drawn to the fact that the appointments of Deaconesses are made by the Conference and cannot be terminated except by Conference or by the Deaconess Committee of Conference.

4. That the relationship of Deaconesses to the Order in the event of their marriage be considered by the Deaconess Committee for report to Synods and to the Conference of 1944.

5. That on College Sunday the need for consecrated womanhood to serve the Church as Deaconesses be presented to our congregations.

6. That Conference expresses its appreciation of the splendid services of Sister Edith Beer to the Church.

7. **Committee for 1943:**—The Chairman of the District, Rev. J. H. Allen, the Connexional Secretary, Revs. E. Drake, R. Dudley, A. N. Scotter, D. O. Williams, E. E. Sage, N. P. Larsen; Mesdames G. Bowron, H. E. Lamb, A. A. Sandford, W. Dudley, E. Provost, E. Allen, G. Orchard, O. M. Allen, Sister Mabel Morley; Messrs. C. A. Newman, H. Chapman, J. E. Purchase, E. H. Andrews, M. Kershaw and W. C. Francis.

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

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

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1942.

The 29th Annual Report as printed in the Agenda was received and adopted. Admissions during the year numbered 43, and withdrawals, the net total now in residence being 70, 31 boys and 39 girls.

The Treasurer's Report, showing a satisfactory position, was also received and adopted.

The following Board of Management for 1943 was appointed:—

Mrs. W. R. Emerson and Mr. Wm. Astley, Life Members; Revs. E. T. Olds (Chairman), C. H. Laws, B.A., D.D., E. W. Hames, M.A., G. Frost, H. E. Bellhouse, Ministers of Epsom and Remuera Churches, Revs. W. Parker, F. E. Leadley (Treasurer), A. Everil Orr (Secretary); Mesdames A. H. White, T. Clark, A. Peak, A. L. Caughey, C. H. Burton, C. K. Wigglesworth; Misses A. Mason, E. Mason, E. Waddingham, Ida Buttle, C. E. Wagstaff, C. Veale, B. M. Brooke; Messrs. J. E. Astley, T. Clark, F. Penn, A. Williams, F. L. Rudd (On Leave), R. W. Gillon, J. S. Caughey (On Leave), A. L. Caughey (On Leave), J. H. Whitburn, J. Hargreaves, J. Tyler, R. T. Garlick (On Leave), G. W. Turley, D. E. Parton, W. H. Faulkner, C. K. Wigglesworth, and the Chairman and Secretary of the South Auckland District.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.

B.—MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME.

The Report for 1942 was printed in the Synod Agenda. The number of children decreased from 29 to 25, but satisfactory work had been accomplished notwithstanding sickness of members of the staff and the difficult circumstances occasioned by the earthquake.

The following nominations for the 1943 Committee are submitted:—Mesdames J. Cocker, J. Elliott, F. C. Daniel, Misses Burton, L. Cocker, and R. Elliott; Rev. G. H. Goodman, Dr. Prior, Messrs. D. A. Barnet, A. H. Daniell, J. H. Conly, T. H. Crosbie, W. H. Judd, W. R. Nicol, F. E. Wells, G. F. Whitlock, and W. H. J. Watson.

Officers.

Chairman, Mr. F. E. Wells; Secretary-Manager, Mr. W. R. Nicol; Physician, Dr. N. H. Prior; Chaplain, Rev. G. H. Goodman; Assistant Secretary, Mr. W. H. J. Watson.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be adopted.

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

The Report for 1942 was printed in the Synod Agenda. In spite of difficulties in securing an adequate staff a successful year was reported, 70 children being in residence. Appreciation was expressed of the services of the staff and outside helpers, especially the sterling service by the General Secretary, Rev. E. Drake.

The following Committee is nominated for next year:—Mesdames Bowron and Seed, with Sister Mabel Morley (life member); Revs. M. A. Rugby Pratt, W. Grigg, A. N. Scotter, C. R. Taylor, J. H. Allen, E. E. Sage, Raymond Dudley, D. O. Williams, and N. P. Larsen; Messrs. M. Kershaw, F. A. Sheat, W. S. Worner, H. Holland, H. deR. Flesher, J. E. Purchase, W. H. Marshall, H. J. S. Harrington, and W. G. Wright; Mesdames Pratt, W. Cock, M. Opie, F. C. Thornton, J. Allen, C. W. Barrell, with Miss Horrell. General Secretary: Rev. E. Drake; Treasurer: Mr. M. Kershaw.

RESOLUTION.

That the Report and Financial Statement be adopted.

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

“METHODIST TIMES” AND LITERATURE COMMITTEE. REPORT FOR 1942.

In spite of difficulties regarding paper supplies and also shortage of labour our printers have continued to serve the Committee with much acceptance. The paper continues to enjoy the warm appreciation of the Church, and its circulation continues slowly to increase. The Rev. H. E. Bellhouse, as Editor, holds the confidence of the Connexion, and the Rev. G. R. Harris maintains his high standard of service as Associate Editor. Both are cordially nominated for reappointment. To our circuit agents the Committee of Management tenders cordial thanks for their continued co-operation. The Committee has done all that was possible to give effect to the resolutions of last Conference.

The position of the funds is shown in the financial statements. In view of the continued uncertainty in relation to all publishing matters the Committee asks for a grant of £150 from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund and for £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.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Report, Revenue Account and Balance-sheet be received, adopted and printed in the Minutes.
2. That Conference records its appreciation of the valuable editorial services 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.

QUESTION L.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference concerning Military and Naval Affairs?

With the permission of the National Security Department the Chaplaincy Report was printed in the Agenda.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. That the Annual Report of the Senior Chaplain be received and adopted. That a letter of appreciation be sent to each Chaplain.
2. That the Statement of Receipts and Payments of the War Services and Chaplaincy Fund, as submitted, be received and adopted.
3. That, as from 1st April, 1943, the personal subscriptions to the Supernumerary Fund of Chaplains serving in New Zealand be borne by such Chaplains themselves.
4. That, arising out of war disabilities sustained by Rev. R. Day while serving as a Chaplain, his case be regarded as a special case and that his personal subscriptions to the Supernumerary Fund for the current year be borne by the War Services and Chaplaincy Fund.
5. That the recommendation of the North Canterbury Synod relating to the Furniture Allowance, payable to Chaplains, be not sustained.
6. That the appointment of a Naval Chaplain, as raised by the Auckland Synod, be again referred to the Senior Chaplains of the Churches concerned.
7. That the question of Christian ministrations to prisoners-of-war in New Zealand, as raised by the Wellington Synod, be referred to the Chaplaincy Advisory Committee of the Central Command.