

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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(being a precis of Reports to Synods on Central Missions, Children's Homes, Branches of M.S.S.A.)

CENTRAL MISSIONS

Auckland Central Mission:

The Central Building Sinking Fund has sent a further contribution of £16,000 (\$32,000), and all expenses have been met, including interest to the debenture holders.

Wesley Hospital and the Occupational Therapy Unit are now free of debt, but there is a debt of £10,000 (\$20,000) on account of purchase of adjacent properties.

Allendale Road. Sister Margaret Frampton is now Matron-in-Chief. There is an increasing frailty among the elderly, which requires new planning for residential Homes. A new Chapel was recently opened.

Five acres have been purchased at Pukekohe for an elderly persons' residence. There has been outreach to the youth of the city through the Downtown Club.

The Inter-Church Counselling Centre and Samaritan-Lifeline indicate that general guidance, psychological and emotional, marriage and family are the chief categories in which they deal.

The changing pattern of Church life and camping demand re-development of the Camp premises.

Court work among boys and girls, as well as Prison work, receives attention.

A steady stream of Samoans continue to settle in the country. On account of unemployment, the flood of Fijians has been stemmed.

Total Legacies amount to £59,320 (\$118,640). The Mission endeavours to establish a seven-day-a-week programme.

Extensions in Airedale Street for parking, Goodwill work, accommodation for aged and youth, and possibly Maori offices, are under consideration, and plans for accommodation for a further 84 people are being considered by the Government.

The visit of the Rev. Erwin Vogt, O.B.E., was an inspiration to us all.

Wesley Church (Wellington Central) Social Services Trust Board:
At Wesleyhaven plans are being made for development. Increasing age and frailty of residents demand greater nursing facilities. Staff quarters are limited at Epworth House and extension is necessary.

The economic situation has increased the number of people seeking assistance.

Manawatu Methodist Social Service Centre:

Counselling and Seminars have demanded most of our time.

Christchurch Central Mission:

There has been an increase in the number of calls for personal help through Lifeline.

Holiday accommodation for the aged has been established at Wesley House, Picton. A property has been purchased adjacent to Wesley House for £4500 (\$9000).

A two-storey building adjacent to Wesley Hospital has been purchased for \$36,000, and a Government subsidy of \$52,000 approved. This will accommodate a further 14 beds.

A 36-bed Home is to be erected at Papanui. A Government subsidy of \$86,400 has been approved.

A new wing costing \$40,000 was opened at the Rehua Maori Hostel. Accommodation now 65.

Legacies total £7469 (\$14,938).

There has been an outreach through Coffee Clubs to the teenager, and another Goodwill Store has been opened.

Dunedin Central Mission:

There has been the launching of an Inter-City Bible Class to cater for Presbyterians, Methodists and Anglicans.

Conference is asked to withdraw our Chaplain from Seacliff Hospital.

Counselling is a feature of the Mission life, and in conjunction with St Paul's Cathedral and First Presbyterian Church, an Emergency Advice Service is to be established.

Nomenclature. The Mission now reverts to its old name of Dunedin Methodist Central Mission.

A Board of Management has been constituted.

At the Company Bay Eventide Home there has been an extension of Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy, where there is a visiting Physiotherapist and two Occupational Therapists. We have been encouraged by effective rehabilitation. There have been alterations costing £32,000 (\$64,000).

We are making provision at Company Bay for men who need Hospital attention.

At Kawarau Falls Holiday Camp a new electrical reticulation system has been completed. Further extensions are envisaged. The Camp is well sought after by people from all over New Zealand.

The Dunedin Citizens' Day Nursery, now working at Wesley Church, Hillside Road, has proved satisfactory.

The renewed Trinity Church was opened in December last, and there are increased congregations, particularly in the evening.

A new lease is being arranged with the Amalgamated Theatres for the Octagon Theatre.

New Building at the Octagon Site. We are hoping to announce definite progress regarding the new building at Conference time. Satisfactory arrangements regarding loan finance have been made, and it is hoped to secure one major tenant.

Children's Homes:

Auckland: The Committee has continued supervision of children in Wesleydale and foster homes, and the Social Worker has also given assistance in other needy homes. At the time of this report there were 49 children in direct care, and with those assisted at home a total of 75. The Committee's experience establishes the importance of Wesleydale as well as foster homes, particularly in keeping together families needing shorter-term care. Investigations continue re establishing a separate family home on the Mt Roskill property. There is an excellent spirit in the Home, under the leadership of Mrs Smith as Matron, with part-time assistance from her husband. The work of Miss J. Boniface, Social Worker, is highly regarded by the Committee, staff and the Child Welfare Department. Mr Percy Dellow has retired as Secretary-Treasurer after 21 years' devoted service to this work.

Masterton: The Home, which aims to keep larger families intact, has accepted children as far afield as Taranaki, Auckland and Nelson.

The Home is run as a family.

One child has completed a Diploma in Horticulture.

There are 16 boys and 9 girls in the Home.

This year we have accommodated some State Wards.

Renovations have improved the building.

The Home is multi-racial and interdenominational.

South Island Children's Home. There has been an increase in the demand for our services.

Of the 46 children in the Home, 25 have come from broken homes; 12 have mothers under psychiatric care; 7 (one family) were removed from their home by Child Welfare; 1 was a Psychological Services referral; 1 was orphaned, the mother having died.

We depend on foster homes for certain types of children.

Case work among families has meant the maintaining of the family life.

The Board is grateful to Sister Rona Collins and to Mr and Mrs Scott for their devoted work.

Our new Family Unit Home is to be opened in August, and will take care of 8 to 10 children.

Investigations are being made in order that the present Home may be altered and renewed.

The Children's Homes are one of the only organisations of our Church to have suffered through the advent of the Connexional Budget, and we have had to draw heavily on capital resources.

A. EVERILL ORR, Official Representative.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the condensed Report of the City Missions, Children's Homes, Branches of the M.S.S.A., be received and adopted.

2. That the following financial statements be received and adopted:—

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Children's Homes — Auckland, Masterton, South Island.

3. That Conference expresses its gratification that the work of the Manawatu Methodist Social Service Centre has developed to the stage of requiring the appointment of a Social Service Assistant, and that it expresses its continued confidence in the Director and the work of the Centre.

4. That Conference records its appreciation of the services that continue to be rendered by Mr and Mrs J. E. Scott and Sister Rona Collins at the South Island Children's Home.—North Canterbury.

5. That Conference records its deep appreciation of the faithful and genial service rendered to the cause of the dependent children by Mr P. Dellow as he concludes 21 years as Secretary-Treasurer.—Auckland and Waikato-Bay of Plenty.

6. That the Boards of Management for the City Missions for 1968 be:—

AUCKLAND:

Superintendent of Central Mission (Chairman), Rev. J. S. Olds, General Superintendent of Home Missions, Chairman of District, Dr D. O. Williams, Rev. L. R. M. Gilmore, B.A., Rev. R. Thornley, M.A., Rev. Wesley Parker, E.D., M.A., B.D., A. R. Penn, Mesdames I. Sweetapple, A. Pratt, M. Spurge, M. King, E. Mills, W. M. Dudley, and Misses E. Booth and O. Furley, Messrs F. M. Souster, G. Tootill, J.P., W. H. Patterson, B.A., F. Rose, R. S. P. Simpson, A.R.A.N.Z., A. N. West, J. Grindrod, R. T. Garlick, LL.B., E. A. Astley, W. Donnelly, M.B.E., G. Peake, LL.B., C. W. Firth, M.Sc., J. Trenwith, G. Pratt, A. E. Hayman, J.P., K. Clark, W. Wood, R. A. Barfoote, A.R.A.N.Z., H. Kendrick, C. W. Wigglesworth, J. S. Caughey and A. H. Winston, LL.B.

CHRISTCHURCH:

The Chairman of the District, Superintendent of Central Mission (Chairman), Revs. H. G. Brown, R. G. Bell, W. T. Blight, A. R. Bowden, W. S. Dawson, W. R. Laws, H. C. Matthews, N. Smith, P. Barker, K. Toomer, M. A. McDowell, Messrs R. Anderson, L. J. Butler, T. J. Chamberlain, A. A. Dingwall, Dr T. Enticott, P. W. Gurney, N. G. Hillary, A. B. Hurnard, W. T. Lill, E. Livingstone, R. Mitchell, Dr S. C. Peddie, G. S. Salter, H. R. Spargo, A. Southey, R. Thomas, M. E. Lloyd, Mesdames R. Anderson, R. G. Bell, W. T. Blight, W. S. Dawson, M. Leask, L. Lewis, H. G. Stewart, Miss M. E. Edwards, M.W.F. Ex. Rep., Mrs H. G. Brown, Church of Christ Representative.

DUNEDIN:

That the Board for 1968 be the Superintendent of the Central Mission (Chairman), Rev. J. H. Roberts, Mrs W. H. Masters, Messrs R. T. Connor, W. L. Coppin, A. R. Crosbie, A. H. D. Cushen, A. M. Dawson, A. L. Fleury, D. A. Hogan, A. L. Hunter, D. I. Jensen, R. H. King, E. B. Macleod, W. H. Masters, G. F. Pascoe, F. W. Pitcher, C. A. R. Pitts, I. A. Skene, V. J. Tie, H. C. Vince, F. W. Wilson.

7. (a) That the Committee for the Care of Dependent Children for Auckland be: Chairman of the District (Chairman), Revs A. E. Orr (deputy-chairman), Chairmen of Northland and Waikato-Bay of Plenty Districts, E. R. Hornblow (chaplain), H. Moore, E. W. Hames, A. R. Penn (Secretary-Treasurer), Mrs J. S. Caughey, Mrs D. Ziesler, Miss J. E. Boniface (Social Worker), Messrs G. C. Riddell, P. Dellow, A. L. Caughey, H. L. Clark and Sister Anne Wilson.

(b) That the Board of the Masterton Children's Home be: Mr C. E. Archer (Chairman), Revs C. Russell Marshall, F. S. Rigg, Dr D. F. Prior, Mesdames A. D. Griggs and D. Crichton, Messrs J. F. Cody, D. H. Springer, D. Crichton and W. H. Saunders (Secretary).

(c) That the Board of the South Island Children's Home be: The Revs. H. C. Matthews, P. S. Barker, H. G. Brown, O. L. Christian, W. E. Falkingham, H. L. Fiebig, J. D. Grocott, W. R. Laws, R. W. Widdup and O. T. Woodfield (Secretary), Messrs L. R. Beardsley, H. de R. Flesher, E. Hawke, H. J. S. Harrington, A. A. Harrow, W. D. M. Jamieson, L. J. McKeague, C. M. R. Manhire, C. L. Palmer, J. E. Scott, F. A. Sheat, R. Anderson, Mesdames A. Black, B. Hodder, H. C. Matthews, L. G. Newton and Miss D. Horrell.