

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

The Methodist Church of New Zealand

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Price: Fifty Cents
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3. ANGLICAN METHODIST FAMILY CARE CENTRE:

The work of the Family Care Centre continues to grow. It has now been in operation as a fully constituted Board for twelve months. During this time we have found that all types of problems have been dealt with, with the exception of residential aged care which is still administered separately by the two parent bodies.

We feel that the Centre has won the confidence of other statutory bodies, as well as a large portion of the general public, a fact borne out by the number of referrals dealt with.

We have seen a need in the city for some sort of Budget Advisory Service and are co-operating in a public meeting with other interested bodies. Our office may act as a liaison centre for the proposed scheme.

4. APPRECIATION:

The Board of Management of the Dunedin Central Mission places on record its sincere appreciation of the service given by the Rev. D. B. Gordon as Superintendent over a period of twelve years. During this period, and under his guidance many projects were initiated. Notable among these was the upgrading of the Eventide Home and the erection of the present Octagon Building which was opened in May 1970.

It was also due largely to his efforts that the Anglican Methodist Family Care Centre came into being, a work which has developed in the short space of twelve months into one of our most valuable fields of Social Service.

We wish the Rev. D. B. Gordon an enjoyable and profitable ministry as Superintendent of the Auckland Central Mission.

5. IN CONCLUSION:

We see the years that lie ahead as a challenge, especially in the field of aged care, but we are confident that with a loyal staff, and with God's help, we shall be equal to the task.

D. S. MULLAN, Superintendent.

S. J. WEST, Associate Minister.

F. W. WILSON, Administrative Officer.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1973 be: The Revs. D. S. Mullan (Chairman) and S. J. West; Messrs R. T. Connor, W. L. Coppin, A. R. Crossbie, A. L. Fleury, G. A. Henderson, A. L. Hunter, D. I. Jensen, R. H. King, E. B. Macleod, R. N. McLeod, W. H. Masters, B. D. Norton, G. F. Pascoe, C. A. R. Pitts, E. J. Swift, H. C. Vince, I. C. Wesley, Mrs W. H. Masters, Mr F. W. Wilson (Secretary).

QUESTION 42.—(c) Children's Homes.

AUCKLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOMES BOARD

REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1972

"Wesleydale": During the past year 35 children were admitted into care and 27 discharged. Requests for assistance during the year numbered 183 and 64 families outside residential care have received counselling or assistance in various ways. Temporary admissions numbered 15.

Staffing: Due to ill health Mr and Mrs Bowden resigned from the positions of Superintendent and Matron of Wesleydale at the commencement of this year. We have been unsuccessful over the past six months in obtaining suitable long term replacements, with the result that Mr and Mrs Bowden are again assisting in these two positions. There have been many changes in household staff, our Assistant Matron for the past eighteen months, Miss V. Chadfield, has now returned to her home in Glasgow. Mr L. Parker is still doing a grand job as our Social Worker, and he has been responsible for the excellent liaison we now have with the Social Welfare Department.

Property:

"WESLEYDALE": We are now in the stages of preparing our case to the Ministry of Works regarding the future use of this property which will be taken for roading within the next ten years.

"MANUREWA FAMILY HOME": At present we are in the process of awaiting tenders for the alterations to be made to this home. We are planning to be able to make use of this new project in the New Year.

LEASEHOLD SECTIONS: Valuations carried out on properties have resulted so far in the freeholding of six sections to a total value of \$32,750. This money has been deposited with the Prince Albert College Trust on call, at good rates of interest.

FINANCE: Careful shepherding of resources has enabled us to keep our operating loss at approximately the 1971 level of \$20,000, which has been covered by legacies and grants for which we are very grateful. Improved income from the investment of the proceeds of sale of leasehold sections should materially help to offset rising expenses in the future.

Future Development: We see a continued greater emphasis on "Family Care" and a closer working arrangement with the Auckland Central Mission will enable us to work more effectively toward this. Because of this, much consideration is needed in planning future buildings and the best use of existing premises.

M. C. COPELAND, Chairman.
R. N. BOWDEN, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board be as printed on page 6.

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1972.

Thirteen children were admitted during the past year; seven of these were applications by the Department of Social Welfare, a family of five came through one of our ministers, and a local 3-year-old was admitted to join his brother. There were 17 departures. Twenty-nine children were declined admittance due to lack of room.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in locating foster homes for children who need this type of care.

The alterations to cubicles last year having proved so successful, arrangements are in train to convert the rest of the accommodation in a similar manner. Government subsidy will be available on this work.

The children in Homeleigh continue to be very well cared for by our Manager and Matron, Mr and Mrs Jolly. Miss Jillian Pearce of Christchurch completed a year's service under the order of St Stephen at the end of 1971 and her contribution was much appreciated.

We record appreciation on the following grants and legacies:—
 Robert Gibson Trust \$1700, Methodist Fire Insurance Fund \$667, J. R. McKenzie Trust \$600, Masterton Trust Lands Trust \$150, Masterton Lions Club \$50, Wairarapa Bowling Centre \$300, Methodist Women's Fellowships (Deep Freeze) \$222, Estate I. A. Kirkpatrick (Plimmerton property) Estate E. M. Leadbetter \$319, Estate E. A. Churchill \$3200.

D. H. SPRINGER, Chairman.
 J. F. CODY, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Management Committee for 1973 be as printed on page 6.
3. That Conference places on record its sincere appreciation of the devoted service for 11 years of Mr and Mrs A. Jolly as Manager and Matron.

SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1972

The work of Child Care has continued to be exercised in all aspects. The following statistics give some idea of the involvement:

Number of Children in the Papanui Home at 31/7/72	41
Number of Children in Foster Homes	15
Number of Admissions during the year	115
Number of Demissions during the year	105
Number of Children in Barrington Street Unit	7
Family Home

It is significant that admissions have been more than double those of last year (53), the main reason for this being the increase in Short-term Care, for the demissions have also doubled from last year (57).

Social Work: Sister Rona Collins has helped 26 families during the year, involving 74 children. In addition help has been given and counselling to some Old Boys and Old Girls of the Papanui Home. Assistance given has included housing and accommodation, employment, placement of children, Prison visiting, legal work, financial and medical assistance, and work in co-operation with the Psychiatric clinic.

Alterations and Renewals have been completed at the Papanui Home, the total cost of these being \$90,000, for which we received in return Government subsidy of \$29,700.

Because our capital resources have therefore been run to a very low point some urgent maintenance has had to be postponed.

The Board: During the year we have lost two members of the Board who have given long and valued service. Mr A. A. Harrow, Convener of the Buildings Committee for a number of years, has

moved to the North Island. Mrs B. I. Hodder, Secretary of the Women's House Committee for many years, has died. Their contributions will be greatly missed.

Financial Assistance has been given by several Trusts together with a great number of individuals, for which the Board expresses its gratitude. In particular we thank the McKenzie Trust, \$807, and the Robert Clark Trust, \$200, for their help, and those who have helped through legacies.

W. A. CHAMBERS, Chairman.
 O. T. WOODFIELD, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS

1. The the Report and Financial Statements be received and adopted.
2. That the Board for 1973 be as printed on page 6.

QUESTION 43.—What are the Resolutions of the Conference in regard to:—

- (a) The Connexional Office of the Methodist Church of New Zealand?

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE

REPORT TO CONFERENCE, 1972

FINANCIAL POSITION

The Board has been facing continuous difficulties in financing the work undertaken by the Connexional Office.

During the year the Board incurred a deficit on its Income and Expenditure Account of \$2277 and the accumulated deficit on the Appropriation Account is now \$2338. This position has arisen because of the substantial rise in costs during the last two years. The Board has in effect two sources of income only:—

- (i) The "Appropriations" made on some (but not all) of the Funds managed at the Connexional Office and
- (ii) A Grant from the Connexional Budget.

The major item of cost is, of course, salaries and wages and Superannuation provisions.

Since the flow of work into the Connexional Office is largely outside the control of the Board and shows no diminution — rather the reverse is the case — there is little or no scope for reduction in this element of cost.

The Board has perforce to seek Conference authority to increase the 1972/73 Appropriations which were fixed by the 1971 Conference (see Resolution 2 Minutes page 267) and a suitable recommendation is appended.

It is thus hoped to retrieve some part of the accumulated deficit during 1972/73.

Records of time maintained at the Connexional Office indicate that 55% or less of the time worked by the staff and the Executive Officers is specifically related to Fund Management whilst 45% or more relates to matter of a general Connexional and personal nature.

The Budget allocation received meets approximately 12½% of the cost incurred. It is clear that the Appropriations to the four major Funds—i.e. Supernumerary and Allied Funds; General Purposes Trust Board; Fire Insurance Fund and Loan Fund are bearing a disproportionate share of the costs if these were allocated on a