

The following pages contain an extract from The Methodist Church of New Zealand Reports and Resolutions of the Annual Conference

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

- The Auckland Central Mission
- Masterton Methodist Children's Home
- South Island Orphanage and Children's Home

THE METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND

YEAR BOOK

OF THE

CONFERENCE

HELD AT

HAMILTON

1978

For use in 1979



from the Connexion over a 2 or 3 year period.

Requests for instant help could expect an instant refusal!

2. The Committee will take into consideration previous overseas experience/study/travel and to what extent Connexional resources were made available. Those who have had financial in the past could not expect further assistance as a priority especially with such limited funds available and so many people eager to proceed overseas.
3. The Committee will consider the relevance of the proposed programme to the ongoing life of the Church.
4. The Committee will consider whether the applicant is in a position to undertake the proposed programme and whether the applicant will be able to make an effective contribution to the life of the New Zealand Church on his/her return.
5. The Committee will give advice as to the extent or the length of the proposed programme.
6. If an overseas Conference is being considered the Committee will endeavour to assess the objectives of that Conference in the light of Methodist needs.

By applying the above criteria the Committee will decide whether to support the application. If it does the Committee will make approaches to the various sources of Connexional funds. The Committee will also supply the names of secular funding agencies to the applicant and he/she will make their own approaches to these agencies.

VERA DOWIE      Convener  
GEOFF TUCKER

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Guidelines for the Co-ordination and Financial Support of all Overseas Travel and Study be approved.

QUESTION 41— (f) Church Union?

### CHURCH UNION COMMITTEE

See QUESTION 54

#### QUESTION 42—(a) What is the Report of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.? N.Z. METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1978

The major task for the M.S.S.A. during the year has been the planning of the Australian and New Zealand Missions and Social Services Conference.

This was held at the University of Canterbury 18-21 August. 120 representatives attended, 30 being from the Australian Missions and Inner City parishes.

Copies of the following papers presented may be obtained from the Convenor at a cost of 30¢ each.

Mr Mervyn Hancock "What is different about Christian Social Services?"

Rev. Keith Rowe "An agenda for field theologians"

Dr John Robson "A review of social work policies with

consideration of present trends and what the future calls for"

Rev. George Martin "Poverty and family planning in Australia"

Dr Kevin Clements "Unemployment - a symptom of a deeper crisis"

Miss Margaret Burnett "The Social Work role in situations of injustice in society"

Rev Michael Elliott "The Church's role in community work"

Rev Dr Geoff Scott "The Australian Royal Commission on Human Relations and its implications for the Church"

We believe that the new insights gained at this Conference will have considerable influence in the Community involvement and Social Welfare work of the Church in the future.

The next Conference will be held in Brisbane in August 1980.

#### Social Work Trainees

Miss Mary Caygill completes her course at Victoria University this year and she has been invited to apply for a position with the Christchurch Central Mission as a Medico-Social Worker under the Community Health Scheme.

Mr Murray Cree is now pursuing his course in the Social Work Department of Canterbury University.

It was agreed at the Annual Meeting that all Social Service and other Connexional Boards be invited to make grants to the Everil Orr Social Workers Training Fund next year.

#### Masterton Childrens Home

The M.S.S.A. Executive has been consulted by the Board of Homeleigh Childrens Home, Masterton, over the financial

difficulties it has encountered, and the declining need for the kind of accommodation it provides.

Representatives of the M.S.S.A. met the Board in Masterton and were impressed by the realistic approach of the Board members as they faced the possible closure of the Home. We were pleased to learn that while the general consensus was that the Home should close, members were convinced that new and more appropriate methods of Child Care should be investigated and if possible established.

The Annual Meeting of the N.Z.M.S.S.A. concurred with a resolution of the Homeleigh Board "That the Home not remain open in its present form beyond the end of 1978".

#### Arohanui Family Life Village, Havelock North

The Executive and the Annual Meeting of the M.S.S.A. has considered an application for approval of this project. The scheme is an imaginative one. It plans to provide, in a community, units for parents, retired couples, family homes, caravan park, church centre and play centre. Its aim is to encourage spiritual renewal and a living faith in God.

The President, Convenor of the M.S.S.A. and Rev. Bruce Mackie representing the Central Districts Area Committee, were asked to meet the organising committee in Hastings to examine the scheme in detail.

#### Levies

Levies for each M.S.S.A. area were approved as follows:- Auckland \$490, Wellington \$350, Christchurch \$350, Dunedin \$280. A levy of \$600 was approved for the N.Z. Council of Christian Social Services.

#### Circuit Involvement in Social Services

The M.S.S.A. Committee studying Circuit involvement in Social Services will bring a report to Synods early in 1979.

The report will include a comprehensive survey of Circuits and parishes which are involved in Social Services. It will outline proposals for a partnership between the Central Missions and Social Service agencies and the circuits and will provide new insights on the themes which were presented to the Australian and New Zealand Missions and Social Services Conference.

#### Resolutions

1. That the Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Payments be adopted.
2. That the Rev. Wilf E. Falkingham be re-appointed as

- Official Representative and Convener of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.
3. That M.E. Lloyd be re-appointed Treasurer.

#### QUESTION 42—(b) Branches of the M.S.S.A.

##### AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

##### ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1978

#### AGED CARE:

Rest Homes and their failings have been a happy hunting-ground for many critics in Auckland during this past year and while some of the criticism is justified, much of it is unsubstantiated and reflects unfavourably on many good private rest homes and many of those run by church and charitable organisations.

Many of the problems arise through inadequate staffing and the failure of some people in charge to realise the necessity for residents to be helped to live an interesting life and not merely a passive existence.

We have always endeavoured to help people to live life as fully as they are able, at our various Homes and Hospitals. Our chaplains take regular services and provide pastoral care. Many interesting groups visit to entertain residents and patients, but more importantly, there is an extensive Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy programme where people are encouraged to help themselves. Our task in aged care is to make life worth living to the end.

In our Everil Orr Homes a new Physiotherapy block has been completed, Tyler House has been thoroughly renovated and a sprinkler system installed.

Our day care centre has functioned satisfactorily on one day a week. At present extensive renovations are taking place at St. Margaret's Church Hall adjoining the Home and when these are completed our day care programme will be greatly increased enabling a number of frail people from the community to avail themselves of our services.

The Franklin Eventide Home continues to serve the needs particularly of the frail aged in the Franklin County and Pukekohe town. The debt on the Home was reduced by a further \$22,000 this year, largely through local effort.

Kamo Home in Whangarei continues to provide an excellent standard of care and at present 12 flats are being built in the grounds.

During the past year the Tamahere Eventide Home at

Hamilton has continued to operate effectively and efficiently for the benefit of its 63 residents. Staffing has been stable while health and morale have been excellent. A new laundry has just been completed.

After many setbacks we were able to call tenders for O Rongo Home where we received a very favourable price and we trust will be able to complete the Home within the Government subsidy. The Lions' Clubs of the North Shore have raised more than \$80,000 towards the cost of furnishing.

Aldersgate Flats have now been a community for over a year. We believe the community spirit is making Aldersgate a fine model for retirement care.

Wesley Hospital - During the year a new 30 bed extension was added to Wesley Hospital.

In the Auckland M.S.S.A. area we now care for 277 people in residential beds, 61 in flats and 102 hospital patients.

#### SOCIAL CONCERNS:

Two houses purchased a few years ago for Lone Women are still fulfilling a need. Consideration is being given to the future use of facilities in the Open Circle as well as an extension of our Friday Forum programme.

#### CHILD CARE:

Our Board has been gratified with the high quality of work which is being carried out by our Child Care Division. We have three highly qualified and dedicated social workers whose work is mainly in the preventive field and who are supervised by the Assistant Director of Anglican Methodist Social Services.

This year we have concentrated on expanding our foster care programme which is becoming a model for other Child Care Agencies.

A number of children are cared for in our three family homes at Takapuna, Manurewa and in a new one recently opened at New Lynn.

At Takanini, in a house leased from the Housing Corporation, we have established a family care unit where a residential social worker gives in depth care for short term to families at risk.

#### THE OPEN CIRCLE:

The Open Circle Social Service Building has now been operational for over a year, and is finding increasing use

by the community in the centre of Auckland City.

#### ANGLICAN METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES:

This joint effort continues its community work in the city and suburbs. The financial share in this project for the Mission for 1977 was \$51,607.

A.M.S.S. has community workers based in Auckland City, West Auckland, North Shore, Mangere and the Manukau City Centre. They continue to be available to the Church and to the local community. Our research and resources unit is available to church and community groups as a source of information.

#### FINANCE:

The total operating costs of the Mission for the year ending 31 March 1978 were \$1,566,000. In our Aged Care field we made the largest loss in history with a total deficit in our Homes and Hospitals of \$97,000. After deducting depreciation our cash loss was \$37,000. This came about largely through an increased staff to care for residents who are frail and need increased attention. This deficit and grants to Anglican Methodist Social Services for our social work and other organisations including various Methodist Church groups were met by grants from the surplus of our office building amounting to \$114,193. We believe the extensions to Wesley Hospital and certain improvements to the Everil Orr Homes and the frail aged subsidy will make our aged care work more viable. In addition the Board has instituted budget control which it will carefully monitor.

We are continually grateful to the many people who remember us with gifts and legacies, and organisations which have made grants.

#### CONCLUSION:

A great number of people are part of our organisation and we are grateful to all. Board members willingly give of their skills and time. Many staff members in all departments, as well as volunteers, find a true vocation in their work. We want the Mission to be a place of caring concern where people, in the Name of Jesus Christ Our Lord, join others in giving service and love.

D.B. Gordon, Superintendent.

M.L. Dine, Assistant Superintendent.

I.R. Souster, Secretary.

H.T. Garlick, Treasurer.

of Director of the Centre. This was after lengthy negotiations with the State Services Commission and the Social Welfare Dept. where Philip had been working.

He comes to us with the practical experience in counselling, social work and community work. These the Management Committee sees as important skills required of its Director. The past few months while Philip has been settling into the position assessing the Centre, the city's needs, the resources the church has to offer, getting to know people involved with the Council of Christian Social Services, and the M.S.S.A. have confirmed our confidence in the appointment, and we look forward to many years of service to the community under Philip's guidance.

#### THANKS

Without the continued support of the Management Committee, volunteer workers, financial supporters, Community Trusts and Church members, this work would not continue. Thank you to all for the support you give.

- KEN FAY  
Chairman

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. That this Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Management Committee for 1978/79 will be:

Director:	Mr P.A.H. McConkey, Dip.Soc.Wk.
Social Worker:	Mrs J. James
Home Support Worker:	Miss B. Zurcher, R.N. R.M.
Chairman:	Mr K.M. Fay
Treasurer:	Mr M.O. Boniface, A.R.A.N.Z.
Secretary:	Mrs V.M. Osborne
Parish reps:	Mr J. Andrew Mr N. Bird Mr M. Hancock Mr D. Petersen
Synod Lay rep:	Mr B. Passey
Synod Ministerial rep:	Rev E. Trask
Congregational Church rep:	Mrs R. Gordon
Presbyterian rep:	Mrs A.W. Gillies
Corresponding rep:	Mr C.B. Radcliffe

## CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION INCORPORATED ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE

It is with a sense of gratitude that we acknowledge the privilege and responsibility the Church has given us as its agent in the Social Service work of the Church in the northern area of the South Island.

We express appreciation of the support received from Circuits, Womens Fellowships, Youth Groups and individual Methodists.

#### New Developments

Firstly, we report on new developments.

Erewhat This former therapeutic community for young adults has now changed its function. The Anglican and Methodist Missions have joined forces to use the premises for emergency accommodation for women and families facing housing problems. Erewhat is the only place where families under stress can be accommodated in Christchurch.

Goodwill Stores A new Goodwill Store has been opened in the city and the main city store has been enlarged by the incorporation of an adjoining shop.

Rehua Dining Hall The Rehua Old Boys are building a dining hall for the Meeting House. This project which will include a modern kitchen, dressing rooms for Maori cultural parties and ablution facilities, will in fact be a completion of the Meeting House which was opened in 1960.

Maori Reservation The Central Mission Board have taken action through the Maori Land Court to have the land on which the Meeting House and Dining Hall stand gazetted as a Maori Reservation. The Trustees will be representatives of the Ngai-tahu people, the Rehua Old Boys and the Central Mission Board.

Wesley House Extensions The new wing at Wesley House, Picton, has now been completed and was dedicated by the President of the Conference, the Rev. J.A. Penman, on Saturday 9 September. This 18 bed wing brings our total accommodation to 40.

Child Care Work to be Amalgamated For the past 43 years the child care work of the Methodist Church has been administered by the South Island Methodist Childrens Home Board.

Decisions have now been reached by this Board and the Central Mission Board for the child care work of the Church to be amalgamated with the Mission.

When the agreement has been approved by the legal advisor it will be submitted to the President for approval.

Domiciliary Care The Mission has applied for funding from the Government's Community Health fund to employ 2 Medico-Social workers to work in the community mainly in the interests of aged people. They will not only relate to the 600 on the Mission's register for aged care, with the cooperation of suburban churches they will run workshops and training courses to motivate and train lay people to become involved in caring for aged people in their own neighbourhood.

Future use of Woolston Methodist Property As a result of negotiations with the South East Christchurch Union Parish the Mission Board has agreed to purchase the former Woolston Methodist Church, Hall and Bible Class rooms.

It is intended to transfer the Goodwill Bulk Store to the Woolston Site and provide there a further retail outlet for the Goodwill operations. It is planned also to move into the re-conditioning and recycling field and to employ retired tradesmen and some handicapped people who could not compete in a normal factory situation.

It is also envisaged that in cooperation with the Union Parish a community development worker may be employed to serve the area with his base at the Woolston property.

Residential Club The Residential Club project has been reported for a number of years now. It was first approved as a pilot scheme by the Government in 1972.

Delays in approval and escalating costs have caused the abandonment of two sketch plans. A new sketch plan has recently been approved architecturally by the Department of Health. If there are no undue delays work should commence early next year. If delays occur again the scheme may have to be abandoned because of the financial margin between subsidy and the estimated cost.

#### South Haven

This family Home for the handicapped situated in the former St Marks Parsonage, Barrington Street, has demonstrated the value of this form of service.

The Social Affairs Committee of the Mission is convinced however, that more suitable premises should be sought.

#### Life Line

On 28 March this year the Life Line Counsellor said in response to a call "This is Life Line, may we help you". There was nothing unusual about the response. What was significant

was that this caller brought the total of calls since Life Line started in 1964 to 50,000.

This year 7,700 calls for help have been received. This is an increase of 696 on last year and the largest number of calls in any of the 14 years of Life Line's service.

#### Aged Care

Miss Ina Macadam of Wesley Lodge and Hospital, completed 21 years of service this year. She has indicated her intention to retire next year.

At Fairhaven an attractive sitting-out area facing Harewood Road has been enclosed with metal windows and doors. The former Matron's House is now being converted at a cost of \$12,300 to provide accommodation for 3 aged people.

During the year our medico-social worker, Mrs Eleanor McGlinn organised a Seminar for Aged Care Staff. We express thanks for the cooperation and participation of the Anglican and Presbyterian staffs. Music Therapy, which was a subject of the Seminar, was ably led by Mrs Springer, matron of Green Gables, Nelson. It is encouraging to witness the Music Therapy sessions now established at Wesley and Fairhaven as a result.

We acknowledge with gratitude the services of Dr Stewart C. Peddie who has served as medical advisor from the inception of the Mission's aged care work. Dr Peddie died suddenly on 25 April.

#### Creative Leisure Centre

Creative Leisure, now in its third year, provides teaching in a great variety of crafts. The aim is to provide opportunity for people to use their leisure time creatively to prevent or relieve boredom and loneliness.

As well as the craft classes there are courses in human relationships. These provide opportunities for people to deal with their hang-ups and personality weaknesses, to build on their strengths, and to grow in self awareness and the ability to relate in meaningful ways to others.

The Rev. Lew Bowen has served as interim Director this year and we thank him for his leadership.

Last year the enrolments averaged 90. For the first term this year 325 people enrolled.

There is now urgent need for the appointment of a full-time Director. The Board is investigating the possibility of making such an appointment later this year.

## B SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

### ANNUAL REPORT 1978

#### Brief History

April 1914	First House opened to care for 12 children
1934	Present site in Harewood Road bought
November 1934	Present buildings opened
1965	Present buildings extensively renovated and divided into family units
August 1967	Barrington Street Family Home opened
August 1978	New Day Care Centre opened

#### Numbers of Children in Care

In "family units" at Harewood Road	..	48
In Barrington Street Cottage Home	..	8
In foster care	.. ..	23
In the Day Care Centre	.. ..	13
TOTAL		92

(Note: These figures are taken from the monthly reports for the period August 1977 to July 1978. Peak monthly numbers are 51 + 8 + 31 + 17 = 107).

#### Movement of Residents

During the year 80 other children have come under the care of the Board for limited periods. These children have been placed in one of the "family units", or in a foster home. This makes the number of children contacts 187, involving approximately 400 people.

#### Preventive Work

Sister Rona Collins, Social Worker, has been counselling and supporting 20 families in which 50 children are at risk. The trend today is towards suicide - parents who are not able to cope with their children. The presenting problem is a request for help for a child with behaviour problems. It soon becomes apparent that parents cannot cope with their own emotional tensions.

#### Administration

Two members left the Board during the year, Mrs. Barbara Surtees and the Reverend Bob Widdup. Their resignations were received with regret and with great appreciation of their work.

Negotiations towards close association of child care work and other social services have now reached a stage where an Agreement for amalgamation of the Children's Home and the Christchurch Central Mission has been accepted by the Boards and Trustees and by the North Canterbury Synod and has been referred to the President's Legal Advisor in readiness for Presidential approval.

Throughout the discussions this Board's primary concerns have been the quality of child care and its maintenance or improvement; and the confidence of staff in their work. In the Agreement the Home's work will be administered by a Child Care Committee under the Central Mission's Board of Management, and assets will be safeguarded for supporting social work amongst children and young people, in present and developing patterns.

#### Staff

At this stage we record with pride and pleasure the skilled and willing work of the staff in the Homes, and note once again the favourable comments of visiting departmental officers upon the quality of care provided both in residential homes and in preventive work.

Advantage is taken of training courses where possible. In particular we note the successful "Seminar on Child Care in the Late 1970's and 1980's", led on 24-25 May by Mr. Keith Hayes, Dip.Soc.Sc., of Auckland. This was attended by 40 - 50 Board and staff members from our own and other child care agencies.

#### New Developments

This month has seen the opening of the new Day Care Centre, a pleasant building, well designed for day care needs, with excellent provision for supervision, openness to the sun, and wind protection. It will provide for a roll of 24, and this number already includes several pre-school children referred to us because of their own or their parent's special needs. There is a heavy demand for such centres at present, and the roll could easily be filled several times over. However, should the need decrease, this building could easily be converted, with minimum alterations, into two self-contained flats.

Plans are under consideration for a strong but attractive, re-locatable room to be used as a Recreation Room for older children - a place for games, especially in wet weather, and a place where pent-up energies can be released.

#### Costs

Again, in the year ended 31 March 1978, the operating costs of our Homes exceeded income, this year by \$22,783.04. This deficit could only be met by drawing on capital funds intended for developmental work - a process which can not continue for long! The fact that our costs per child are amongst the lowest for residential homes reflects in part the devoted attitude of staff members, whose work loads and rates of payment are currently being reviewed by the Board. Representations by the N.Z. Council of Christian Social Services, coupled with departmental/church surveys of some residential homes, have provided a basis on which the Government has greatly increased the capitation subsidies as from 1 April - an action very warmly appreciated by this Board. There are no denominational restrictions in accepting children; the child's need is the criterion for admission into care. The Government's use of public funds to support church institutions

recognizes that the work is undertaken for the community at large.

Nevertheless, there are many church members who see this service as a Christian response to the needs of some children, and who gladly give us practical, moral and financial help. Publicity leaflets describing the activities of the Home have been distributed to South Island Circuits, to legal firms, to individuals, business houses and charitable trusts, inviting donations and bequests to support the general work, and particularly seeking help in erecting the new Day Care Centre and Recreation Room.

We gratefully acknowledge generous donations from many individuals and church groups, from the combined Christchurch Children's Homes Appeal Trust Board and the -

J.R. McKenzie Trust  
Todd Foundation  
Christchurch North Lions Club  
Hyman Marks Trust  
Canterbury Masonic Trust

W.A. Chambers, Chairman  
N.P. Alcorn, Secretary

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That this Report be received.

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#### (a) REPORT ON THE 1977-78 CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

As usual, the account was held open after the close of the financial year to receive late payments from Circuits and from the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand on behalf of Union Parishes. The date at which late payments ceased was 8th August.

#### PAYMENTS to Divisions and Funds

All "Guaranteed" were paid in full. The "Non-Guaranteed" were paid 95.52% of allocations.

Comparative figures with previous years are:

	<u>Guaranteed</u>	<u>Non-Guaranteed</u>	<u>Percentage paid to</u>
	\$	\$	<u>Non-Guaranteed</u>
			%
1977-8	201,627	334,448	95.52
1976-7	171,407	284,953	98.62
1975-6	163,966	255,355	95.28
1974-5	123,526	280,590	98.11
1973-4	117,392	258,809	99.00

Receipts from Circuit and Union Parishes (including District Expenses):-

	<u>Allocations</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	\$	\$	%
1977-8	573,708	555,584	96.84
1976-7	473,472	465,918	98.40
1975-6	443,095	429,342	96.90
1974-5	422,857	412,064	97.45
1973-4	392,726	382,988	97.52

#### RESULTS

(a)

	<u>Fully Paid</u>		<u>Not Fully Paid</u>	
	<u>Circuits</u>	<u>Union Parishes</u>	<u>Circuits</u>	<u>Union Parishes</u>
1976-7	81	56	24	19
1976-7	86	51	17	18
1975-6	88	45	20	19
1974-5	91	39	22	24
1973-4	97	40	22	13

(b) Percentage of Budget Allocation reached:

	<u>Circuits</u>	<u>Union Parishes</u>
	%	%
1977-8	97.52	94.02
1976-7	98.70	93.36
1975-6	96.27	88.88
1974-5	97.37	84.46
1973-4	98.16	90.35

2. That the Rev. Wilf E. Falkingham be re-appointed as Official Representative and Convener of the N.Z.M.S.S.A.

3. That Mr. M.E. Lloyd be re-appointed Treasurer.

QUESTION 42—(b) Branches of the M.S.S.A.

## AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.

2. That the Rev. Mervyn L. Dine be appointed for a further term of four years as Assistant Superintendent of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission.

3. That the Board of Management of the Auckland Methodist Central Mission for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 10.

## MANAWATU METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That this report be received.

2. That the Management Committee for 1978/79 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

## WESLEY SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST BOARD

### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.

2. That the Wesley Social Services Board members for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

## MASTERTON CHILDREN'S HOME

### ADDITIONAL REPORT

#### REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE for the year ended 30 June 1978

The major concern of the Committee this year has been our future financial viability. So serious is our situation that consideration is being given to closing Homeleigh. The effects of continuing inflation and low level of occupancy are causing considerable concern. Whilst the increase in Government capitation rates and maintenance subsidies give some breathing space, the future remains in doubt. A major contributing factor in the present situation is the declining occupancy rate, which this year has ranged from 13 to 27, averaging out at 18, whilst our capacity of 29 remains.

We are considering a number of ways of extending our traditional role of caring for families, but as these mostly

involve relatively short term placements we see the occupancy rate continuing to fluctuate. Some future possibilities involve more specialised care, and therefore require additional more highly qualified staff. Some savings are made when numbers are low, but because salaries account for almost 50% of our present costs such savings are not significant. Government assistance with salaries, as outlined in the Report on Child Care Services will provide for the future viability of the present systems and could provide for exciting developments in wide areas of short term care.

Discussions continue with the Department of Social Welfare, the N.Z. Methodist Social Services Assn. and N.Z. Council of Christian Social Services with view to resolving our immediate problems in the near future. All depend on financial viability. Regardless of the financial situation, we question the relevance of large institutions and the type of care which we offer for the 1980s. Our work seems to be limited by the constraints imposed by our buildings and organisational structure. We continue to keep this under constant review.

During this time of uncertainty we are grateful for the support of our Manager and Matron (Mr. & Mrs. Bert Jackways), Assistant Matron (Mrs. Grace Cook), and all other staff members. There have been very few staff changes this year, and this has added greatly to the stability and general well-being of the children. A feature of this year has been the participation of all staff members in various forms of training, and we thank them for the time and effort involved.

The Management Committee received with very much regret the resignation of Mrs. H.N. Prior after 7 years of service. Otherwise the Management Committee has remained unchanged during the past 12 months.

We wish to acknowledge contributions made in various ways by many people. Thanks go to those who host children for week-ends and school holidays. Some of these are continuing relationships going back over a number of years, and we are grateful for this interest. Thanks also to service clubs, sporting organisations and the many other groups and associations for the many gifts of produce etc., and cash.

Appreciation is recorded of the following grants and bequests:

Estate Ethel D. Leyland (1st distribution)	1500
Estate Lily E. Sinclair	4008
Estate H.C. Broughton (Final distribution)	153
Estate J.C.M. Malloch	250
Robert Gibson Methodist Trust	3600
J.R. McKenzie Trust	800
Masterton Licensing Trust	200
Masterton Trust Lands Trust	200
Wairarapa Bowling Club	600

D.A. Pratt, Chairman  
B.D. Smith, Secretary.

## 2. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

At its August Meeting, the Management Committee of the Masterton Methodist Children's Home unanimously passed the following resolution:

"We give thanks to God for the service to children which has been offered through Homeleigh since 1921. But with great regret we have decided that Homeleigh will not remain open in its present form beyond the end of 1978." This difficult decision was reached on two main grounds;

- (a) the worsening financial situation,
  - (b) a growing realisation that the type of care we are currently providing is no longer in line with current trends, or relevant to future needs.
- Satisfactory alternative arrangements have been made for the children at present in our care, and the Committee will continue to explore more relevant ways of Child Care work. The future uses of the building will also be considered.

D. D. A. Pratt, Chairperson.

## RESOLUTIONS

- 1.1. That the report as printed herein be received.
- 2.2. That Conference endorse the decision of the Management Committee to close Homeleigh in its present form at the end of 1978 and encourages it to pursue its policy on more relevant methods of child care.

- 3.3. That the Management Committee for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

## CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION

## RESOLUTIONS

- 1.1. That the report be received.
- 2.2. That with respect to the reduction of the number of courses in Christchurch for Maori Trade Trainees necessitating the closure of two Maori Hostels, Conference expresses its concern that there was not adequate consultation between those who were in partnership in the Trade Training Scheme, viz. the Maori Affairs Department, the Technical Institute and the Churches.
- 3.3. That the Board of the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

## AGREEMENT TO AMALGAMATE THE WORK OF THE SOUTH ISLAND METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME BOARD WITH THE CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

1. That as from 1 February 1979 the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission takes over the function and responsibilities of the South Island Methodist Children's Home and the South Island Methodist Orphanage Investment Board.
2. That all property and investments of the South Island Methodist Children's Home Board and the South Island Methodist Orphanage Investment Board be vested in the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission Incorporated and become the responsibility of the Central Mission Board of Management, the income therefrom to be applied in future by the Mission towards Child Care work, in particular:-
  - (a) The maintenance and support of:
    - i. The South Island Methodist Children's Home
    - ii. The Day Care Centre
    - iii. The Barrington Street Home
    - iv. Foster care of children
    - v. Child Care in whatever form it may take in the future.
  - (b) Counselling with families and children.
  - (c) Support of families under stress.
  - (d) Child Care Committee contribution to administration.
  - (e) Such other work as shall from time to time be determined by the Conference.
3. That the present work of the Children's Home Board be administered by a Committee of the Central Mission Board of Management, to be known as the Child Care Committee.
4. That the Child Care Committee be composed of not more than twenty persons, the Chairman to be the Superintendent of the Central Mission or his nominee.
5. That the Child Care Committee be responsible for:
  - (a) All Child Care work within the present geographical boundaries of the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission.
  - (b) Formulating and initiating Child Care policy including the recommendation of new buildings.
  - (c) Overseeing all current Child Care expenditure within the approved annual budget.
  - (d) Assisting in the preparation of the annual budget for approval by the Board of Management.
  - (e) Recommending the appointment of all staff to the Board of Management, which appointments would be formally made by the Board of Management, with particular reference to retirement housing and pension needs.

the Board of Management.

(f) Appointing all sub-committees as may from time to time be deemed desirable, either from its own members or from co-opted members.

6. That all accounts and investments of the Children's Home Board and Trust be incorporated in the accounts of the Central Mission and that the oversight of these accounts be the responsibility of the Central Mission Executive Committee which would receive annual accounts and in addition at least quarterly financial statements which would be sent to the Child Care Committee for its information.

7. That the Children's Home operational accounts pay an annual administrative charge for the employment of executive staff and accounting, to be determined by the Board of Management on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

8. That no development, sale or lease of any land or building held by the South Island Children's Home Board prior to amalgamation with the Central Mission, shall be undertaken by the Board of Management of the Mission without prior consultation with the Child Care Committee.

9. That the area of land delineated on the Site Plan, drawn by Davie, Lovell, Smith and Partners, dated October 1978, number 6676, and shown in green thereon be reserved for the use of the Children's Home.

#### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the Agreement to amalgamate the work of the South Island Methodist Children's Home Board with the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission, pars. 1-9 inclusive, which Agreement was referred to the President and was approved by the two Boards on the 31st day of October 1978, be approved by the Conference and printed as a report to Conference accordingly.
2. That Conference congratulates the Board of the South Island Children's Home and the Christchurch Methodist Central Mission in reaching a satisfactory agreement for the amalgamation of the two Boards.

#### DUNEDIN REGIONAL MISSION

##### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Board of the Dunedin Regional Mission for 1979 be as printed in the Year Book on page 11.

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QUESTION 43—What are the Resolutions of the Conference in regard to—  
(a) The Administration Division of the Methodist Church of New Zealand?

#### BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

##### RESOLUTION

1. That the reports A. - T. be received.

##### ANNUAL CONFERENCES

##### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Board of Administration continues its review on the method for the conduct of the business of Conference and report to Synods and Conference 1979.

#### D. STANDARD PARSONAGES AND CONFERENCE QUESTION 25

##### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference Question 25 be discontinued.
3. That Conference:-
  - (a) encourages the flexibility in the interpretation of the standard requirements for a parsonage as set out in the report, and
  - (b) supports the Board of Administration in its efforts to secure agreement on standard requirements for parsonages in Union/Cooperating Parishes and Cooperative ventures.
4. That District Property Advisory Committees annually review all parsonages and be encouraged to initiate action with a view to providing appropriate and adequate parsonages for all ministers.

#### E. SUPERNUMERARY FUND

##### RESOLUTIONS

1. That the payment of furniture grants to superannuating ministers shall cease as from 1 February 1980.
2. That the death benefit paid to the widow of a minister who dies in the active work be increased from \$4,000 to \$10,000.
3. That the Board of Administration consults with the Committee on Ministry on the principle of compulsory membership of the Supernumerary Fund for all members, with particular reference to retirement housing and pension needs.

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