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Maintenance Receipts

Book No.	Receipt Nos.	From Printers.	Date Put in Use.	Date Completed
26	2501 - 2600	4.4.44	31.5.52.	26.5.53.
27	2601 - 2700.	"	1.6.53.	22.3.54.
28	2701 - 2800.	"	26.3.54	24.9.54.
29.	2801 - 2900.	6.10.54	1.10.55.	26.2.57.
30.	2901 - 3000.	"	2.2.57.	21.12.57.
31.	3001 - 3100.	"	23.12.57.	3.10.58.
32.	3101 - 3200.	7.1.58 SERIAL 3 OF 3	4.10.58.	3.6.59.
33.	3201 - 3300	" "	5.6.59.	29.10.59.
34.	3301 - 3400	" "	29.10.59.	15.2.60.
35	3401 3500	J 3679	15.2.60.	1.6.60.
36 →	3501 - 3600	"	1.6.60.	23.9.60.
37 →	3601 3700	"	23.9.60.	13.1.61.
38 →	3701 3800	✓	13.1.61.	6.6.61.
39 →	3801 3900.	✓	6.6.61.	2.9.61.
40.	3901 4000.	"	2.9.61.	20.1.62

Subscription Receipts

Book No.	Receipt Nos.	Date from Printers.	Date Put in Use	Date Completed
59	5801 - 5900.	12.12.52	2.1.53.	6.1.53. CHRISTMAS STKG
60	5901 6000	"	6.1.53.	15.1.53. "
61	6001 6100	"	6.1.53.	12.1.53. "
62	6101 6200.	"	13.1.53.	14.1.53. "
63	6201 6300	"	13.1.53.	14.12.53. "
64	6301 6400	"	13.1.53	19.1.53 "
65	6401 6500	"	19.1.53.	23.1.53. "
66	6501 6600	"	21.1.53.	22.1.53. "
67	6601 6700	"	22.1.53.	23.1.53. "
68	6701 6800	"	23.1.53	30.1.53 "
69	6801 6900	"	1.2.53.	5.2.53. "
70	6901 7000	"	4.2.53.	5.2.53 "
71	7001 7100	"	5.5.53	29.12.53. "
72	7101 7200	"	21.5.53.	14.6.53
73	7201 7300	"	14.6.53.	14.12.53
74	7301 7400	"	5.10.53.	17.12.53
75	7401 7500	"	3.11.53.	17.1.55. HOUSE TO H.
76	7501 7600	"	29.12.53.	14.1.54.
77	7601 7700	"	17.12.53.	11.3.54 X-mas STOCK
78	7701 7800	"	1.1.54.	5.1.54 "
79	7801 7900	"	4.1.54.	7.1.54 "
80	7901 8000	"	5.1.54	7.1.54 "
81	8001 8100	"	7.1.54.	14.1.54 "
82.	8101. 8200.		8.1.54.	12.1.54 "
83	8201 8300	22/12/53.	14.1.54	19.1.54 "
84.	8301 8400	"	16.1.54.	21.1.54 "
85	8401 8500	"	19.1.54.	25.1.54 "
86.	8501 8600	"	20.1.54.	26.1.54 "
87	8601 8700		26.1.54	19.2.54 "

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44	8701	8800		22.12.53.	26.1.54.	17.2.54. Xmas Stocks
89	8801	8900		"	1.2.54.	5.2.54. " "
90	8901	9000		"	1.2.54.	4.2.54. " "
91	9001	9100		"	4.2.54.	10.2.54. " "
92	9101	9200		"	5.2.54.	17.2.54. " "
93	9201	9300		"	19.2.54.	11.3.54. " "
94	9301	9400		"	11.3.54.	29.7.54 SUBS
95	9401	9500		"	3.8.54.	28.9.54 "
96	9501	9600		"	28.9.54.	3.3.55 "
97	9601	9700		"	4.10.54.	17.12.54 "
98	9701	9800		"	12.11.54.	17.1.55. STOCKING
99	9801	9900		"	20.12.54.	19.1.55. "
100	9901	10000		"	1.1.55.	5.1.55. "
101	10001	10100		"	1.1.55.	7.1.55 "
102	10101	10200		"	6.1.55.	10.1.55 "
103	10201	10300		"	10.1.55.	18.1.55. "
104	10301	10400		"	10.1.55.	12.1.55 "
105	10401	10500		"	13.1.55.	17.1.55 "
106	10501	10600		"	13.1.55.	14.1.55 "
107	10601	10700	6.10.54.	"	18.1.55.	21.1.55. "
108	10701	10800		"	19.1.55.	21.1.55. "
109	10801	10900		"	24.1.55.	25.1.55. "
110	10901	11000		"	21.1.55.	26.1.55. "
111	11001	11100		"	25.1.55.	28.1.55. "
112	11101	11200		"	1.2.55.	2.2.55 "
113	11201	11300		"	28.1.55.	5.1.56 "
114	11301	11400		"	1.2.55.	2.2.55. "
115	11401	11500		"	3.2.55.	4.2.55. "
116	11501	11600		"	3.2.55.	9.2.55 "
117	11601	11700		"	7.2.55.	9.2.55 "
118	11701	11800		"	4.3.55.	26.9.55.
119	11801	11900		"	16.3.55.	24.4.56 HOUSE TO HSE
120	11901	12000		"	2.6.55	15.11.55. SUBS.
121	12001	12100		"	19.11.55.	1.12.56. "
122	12101	12200		"	26.12.55	6.1.56. STOCKING
123	12201	12300		"	2.1.56.	3.1.56. "
124	12301	12400		"	16.11.55.	17.12.55. SUBS
125	12401	12500		"	1.1.56	6.1.56. STOCKING
126	12501	12600		"	6.1.56.	10.1.56. "
127	12601	12700	29.12.55 (B2506)	"	10.1.56	12.1.56. "
128	12701	12800		"	4.1.56	5.1.56. "
129	12801	12900		"	6.1.56.	12.1.56. "
130	12901	13000		"	12.1.56	13.1.56. "
131	13001	13100		"	16.1.56.	17.1.56. "
132	13101	13200		"	13.1.56.	19.1.56. "
133	13201	13300		"	18.1.56.	9.2.56. "
134	13301	13400		"	17.1.56.	19.1.56 "
135	13401	13500		"	19.1.56.	8.2.56. "
136	13501	13600		"	23.1.56.	24.1.56 "
137	13601	13700		"	24.1.56.	27.1.56. "
138	13701	13800		"	1.2.56.	1.2.56. "
139	13801	13900		"	1.2.56.	7.2.56. "
140	13901	14000		"	1.2.56.	6.2.56. "
141	14001	14100		"	7.2.56.	9.2.56. "
142	14101	14200		"	9.2.56	8.12.56.
143	14201	14300		"	1.3.56	15.8.56. SUBS
144	14301	14400		"	27.4.56	4.12.56 HOUSE TO HOUSE.
145	14401	14500		"	15.8.56	2.10.56 SUBS.
146	14501	14600		"	3.2.56	21.12.56
147	14601	14700		"	11.12.56.	16.11.57 HOUSE TO H.
148	14701	14800		"	21.12.56.	24.3.57. SUBS.
149	14801	14900		"	27.12.56.	7.1.57 STOCKING
150	14901	15000		"	1.1.57.	3.1.57 "

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Book No.	Receipt Nos.	From Printers.	In Use	Completed	
			DATE.		
151.	15001. 15100.	30/11/56. (B 46869)	1.1.57.	4.1.57.	X. STOCKING
152	15101 15200	"	3.1.57.	7.1.57.	"
153.	15201 15300	"	7.1.57.	6.1.57.	"
154	15301 15400	"	8.1.57.	11.1.57.	"
155	15401 15500.	"	9.1.57.	10.1.57.	"
156	15501 15600.	"	14.1.57.	15.1.57.	"
157	15601 15700	"	11.1.57.	15.1.57.	"
158	15701 15800	"	15.1.57.	17.1.57.	"
159	15801 15900	"	16.1.57.	23.1.57.	"
160.	15901 16000.	"	23 1 57.	29.1.57.	"
161.	16001. 16100	"	18.1.57.	23.1.57.	"
162	16101 16200.	"	20.1.57.	21.1.57.	"
163.	16201 16300	"	24.1.57.	29.1.57.	"
164.	16301 16400	"	1.2 57.	1.2.57.	"
165.	16401 16500	"	1.2 57.	8.2.57.	"
166.	16501 16600	"	1.2.57.	8.2.57.	"
167	16601 16700	"	4.2.57.	5.2 57.	"
168	16701 16800	"	8.2.57.	10.1.58.	"
169	16801 16900	"	29.3 57.	12.8.57. SUBS.	
170.	16901 17000	"	12.8.57.	11.12 57	✓✓
171	17001 17100	"	16 11.57.	10.4.58. HOUSE TO HOUSE COLS.	
172	17101 17200	"	10.12.57.	24.12.57 SUBS.	
173.	17201 17300	"	28.12.57.	~~25.1.58~~. SUBS.	
174.	17301 17400	"	27.12 57.	13.1.58. X STOCKING	
175	17401 17500	"	1 1 58.	2.1.58	" "
176.	17501 17600	"	1.1 58	7.1.58	" "
177	17601 17700	"	10 1.58.	14.1.58.	" "
178.	17701 17800	"	9.1.58	9.1.58.	" "
179	17801 17900	"	6.1.58	7.1.58	" "
180.	17901 18000	"	2.1.58.	16.1.58	" "
		SERIALS 30 of 3.			
181	18001 18100	7.1.58.	14.1.58	16.1.58	" "
182	18101. 18200	" "	14.1.58	17.1.58	" "
183	18201 18300	" "	17.1.58	28.1.58	" "

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Book No.	Receipt Nos.	From Printers	Put in use.	Completed	
		7.1.58			
184.	18301 To 18400.	Serial No. 20443	19.1.58.	21.1.58.	X Stocking
185	18401 18500.	"	22.1.58	24.1.58.	" "
186	18501. 18600	"	24.1.58.	28.1.58.	" "
187	18601 18700	"	28.1.58.	4.2.58.	" "
188	18701 18800	"	28.1.58.	1.2.58.	" "
189.	18801. 18900	"	1.2.58	3.2.58	" "
190	18901 - 19000	"	4.2.58.	13.2.58	" "
191	19001. 19100.	"	4.2.58.	5.2.58.	" "
192	19101 - 19200	"	5.2.58	7.2.58	" "
193.	19201. 19300	"	7.2.58.	29.12.58.	" "
194.	19301 19400	"	1.4.58	24.9.58	Subscriptions
195	19401 - 19500	"	24.9.58.	10.12.58	"
196.	19501 19600	"	10.12.58.	21.1.59.	"
197	19601 19700	"	29.12.58	6.1.59	X Stocking
198.	19701 19800	"	1.1.59.	21.1.59	" "
199.	19801 19900	"	30.12.58	8.1.59	" "
200.	19901 20000	"	1.1.59.	7.1.59	
201	20001 20100	"	21.1.59	29.4.59.	Subscriptions.
202	20101 20200	"	13.4.59	2.8.60	House to House Collections.
203	20201 20300	"	29.4.59.	25.8.59.	Subscriptions
204.	20301 20400	"	25.8.59.	7.12.59.	
205	20401 20500	Dig 66 20444	8.12.59.	24.12.59.	
206	20501 20600	"	24.12.59	5.4.60.	
207	20601 20700	"	5.4.60.	5.8.60.	
208	20701 20800	"	8.8.60.	9.12.60	
209	20801 20900	"	18.8.60.	1.10.61.	House To House Collections
210	20901 21000	"	7.12.60.	6.1.61.	
211	21001 21100	"	6.1.61.	24.4.61.	
212	21101 21200	"	24.4.61.	1.8.61.	
213	21201 21300	"	1.8.61.	5.12.61.	
214.	21301. 21400	"	6.12.61	12.1.62.	

Christmas Stocking Receipt Books.

Book No.	Receipt No.	Date Received	Put in Use	Completed
1	1 To 100	22.12.58.	5.1.59.	6.1.59.
2	101 · 200	"	7.1.59.	14.1.59.
3	201 300	"	7.1.59.	30.1.59.
4	301 400	"	12.1.59.	13.1.59.
5	401 500	"	14.1.59.	15.1.59.
6	501 600	"	15.1.59.	21.1.59.
7	601 700	"	19.1.59.	20.1.59.
8	701 800	"	21.1.59	22.1.59.
9	801 900	"	25.1.59.	27.1.59.
10	901 1000	"	22.1.59	28.1.59.
11	1001 1100.	"	27.1.59.	29.1.59.
12	1101 1200	"	28.1.59.	9.2.59.
13	1201 1300	"	2.2.59	3.2.59.
14	1301 1400	"	3.2.59	4.2.59.
15	1401 1500	"	3 2.59.	6.2.59.
16	1501 1600	"	29.12.59.	7.1.60.
17	1601 1700	"	9.2.59.	29.12.59.
18	1701 1800	"	30.12.59.	7.1.60.
19	1801 1900	"	1.1.60	5.1.60.
20	1901 2000	"	1.1 60.	6.1.60.
21	2001 2100.	"	7.1.60	14.1.60.
22	2101 2200	"	7.1 60.	15.1.60.
23	2201 2300	"	7.1.60.	13.1.60.
24.	2301 2400	" Serial D3679	13.1.60.	15.1.60.
25	2401 2500.	" Dec/59.	15.1.60.	21.1.60.
26	2501 2600.	"	13.1.60.	20.1.60.
27	2601 2700.	"	20.1.60.	25.1.60.
28	2701 2800	"	21.1.60.	26.1.60.
29	2801 2900	"	22.1.60.	28.1.60.
30	2901 3000	"	26.1.60.	27.1.60.
31	3001 3100	"	27.1.60.	5.2.60.
32.	3101 3200	"	28.1.60.	4.2.60.

Christmas Stocking Receipt Book.

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No 33.	3201	3300.	1.12.60.	2.12.60.
34	3301	3400.	1.12.60.	3.12.60.
35	3401	3500.	5.12.60.	28.12.60.
36	3501	3600	5.12.60.	10.12.60.
37	3601	3700	28.12.60.	2.1.61.
38	3701	3800	29.12.60.	3.1.61.
39	3801	3900.	3.1.61.	4.1.61.
40	3901	4000	5.1.61	6.1.61.
41	4001	4100	8.1.61.	10.1.61.
42	4101	4200	9.1.61.	10.1.61.
43	4201	4300.	11.1.61.	16.1.61.
44	4301	4400.	11.1.61.	13.1.61.
45	4401.	4500	27/12/60. 13.1.61. E-591.	17.1.61.
46.	4501.	4600	17.1.61.	18.1.61.
47	4601	4700	17.1.61.	19.1.61.
48.	4701	4800	19.1.61.	24.1.61.
49.	4801	4900.	20.1.61.	25.1.61.
50.	4901	5000	24.1.61	26.1.61.
51.	5001.	5100	25.1.61.	1.2.61.
52.	5101	5200	1.2.61.	7.2.61.
53.	5201.	5300.	1.2.61.	9.2.61.
54.	5301.	5400	6.2.61.	7.2.61.
55	5401.	5500.	4.2.61.	9.2.61.
56.	5501.	5600.	10.2.61	27.12.61
57	5601.	5700	28.12.61	4.1.62
58	5701.	5800.	2.1.62	5.1.62
59	5801	5900	28.12.61	3.1.62
60	5901.	6000	8.1.62	11.1.62
61.	6001.	6100	5.1.62	9.1.62
62	6101	6200.	9.1.62	13.1.62
63.	6201	6300	13.1.62	17.1.62
64.	6301.	6400.	16.1.62	18.1.62

House to House Collections
Receipt Books.

	Received in Use	Completed	Printer's Ref
Nos 1 to 100	Aug 1961	1.10.61.	11.1.63. E 3613.
101 - 200	"	14.1.63.	"
201 - 300	"		"
301 - 400	"		"
401 - 500	"		"

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A Meeting of the Committee was held at the Children's Home at 4 pm on Wednesday. February 13th 1952

Present: Mr F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr A.J. Maxwell, FCA (Hon. Treasurer) Miss L.M. Margerison Rev E. Porter Mr A.C.M. Lillie JP Mr J. Rhodes Mr A. Stoney JP & the Secretary.

The Meeting commenced by Members standing in silence to the memory of the late King George the VI after which the Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of Apology for absence were noted from Mrs. Marsden and Mr. Spencer.

The minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Secretary and approved.

Bills & Wages totalling £63.17.10 were approved and passed for payment.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted. £1707.18.0. having been received by the "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal, the Treasurers suggestion that about £1000 from Current accounts be invested in 3½% Treasury Stock 1977-80 was agreed to, also that £100 invested with the Preston Corporation and due for repayment should be reinvested in 3½% Treasury Stock.
Thanks were tendered to Mr. Maxwell for his services on the Missions behalf.

The Secretary's Report covering 5 weeks was noted.

Mr & Mrs Robinson's application for admittance of two

of their 3 children was not accepted in view of other accommodation being available.

The Preston Watch Committee's consideration of Flag Days coming up at its March Meeting, the Secretary was instructed to make application as usual. At the same time it was noted application had already been made for Districts in the County Police Area.

Mr & Mrs Clarke having left our employment it was noted and approved that the Secretary had engaged Mr & Mrs. Knight of the Harris Orphanage as Resident Handyman and Boy's Attendant.

The Secretary having reported that Mrs Carter had not been able to obtain accommodation for Frank at the house where she herself had rooms it was decided that the boy continue to live at the Home for the time being. In view of the boy having to start work earlier than he had been doing the Secretary to make suitable arrangements for his breakfast &c and report at the next Meeting.

Mr Ainsworth was being prepared to pay our price of £750 for the Laurel Street property it was decided to leave the matter as it stands.

It was noted Mr. Mersham had obtained a bench for the Boys' workroom and that he was getting in touch with Mr Duckworth again regarding tools

Messrs Cane & Sons offer to pay for an advert in the "Lancashire Evening Post" inviting Contributions to the Home was noted but in view of the recent "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal it was felt inadvisable that we should accept their offer which they proposed to do in tribute to the memory of the King. The Secretary to explain to the firm and at the same time to point out we should welcome a Donation instead.

The Vicar of St. James, Preston having agreed to allow the use of his School Room for the Concert offered by the Lostock Hall Band the Secretary was instructed to notify the Band Secretary accordingly, at the same time pointing out that we ourselves could not be responsible for selling tickets and the organising of the effort generally.

The Secretary having pointed out that it would be inadvisable to approach Horrockses or Hawkins regarding the gift of curtain material for the Children's Dormitories and Sick rooms, in view of both firms being Subscribers, it was agreed that the minute recording such approach made at the Meeting held on December 12th last should be rescinded and that the material be bought instead.

Three types of forms drafted by the Secretary giving fuller details now required by Home Office Regulations regarding Children's Records

were left in the hands of Mr. Maxwell who kindly undertook to have 100 of each duplicated.

Mr Lillie reported that he had been round the Home before the Meeting to make inspection as required by Home Office Regulations and that he had found everything satisfactory. In connection with the matter of central heating, which he had found to be excellent, the Secretary was asked to communicate with C. Seward & Co. as to whether they had on hand the Boiler ordered in April 1949 as a Stand-by. and to report at the next Meeting.

The Rev E Porter closed the Meeting with prayer.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages.	£205.9.6.	Petty Cash	£34.9.7.	Alston	£6.16.3
S Bailey & Co	6 3.0.	Carbonum Ltd	19.7.	J Carter	11.3.
E Cookson & Sons	10 1.10.	J Crook & Sons	17.7.4.	W Gardner	1.5.6
G Millington	2.9.6.	Eaves Ltd.	8.3.6.	T Harrison & Sons	2.12.1.
C Middlebrook & Sons	5.7.1.	T. Hopkinson	4.4.0.	T. Lee	8.19.10.
R Morrow & Sons.	5.1.0.	A Newson & Son	16.18.10	N.W. GAS BOARD	18.9.10
Preston Dairies.	29.16.5	Preston S Laundry	23.17.5.	PRESTON CO-OPERATIVE SOC'Y.	16.4.4.
T C Rumford & Sons	1.0.0	R S Simpson Ltd.	16.4.0.	D Stansfield	6.17.6
Turner Ltd	3.12.0	T.S. Watson	10.0.6.	G Williams	16.2
					£463.17.10.

Fred. C. Messham

A Meeting of the Committee was held at the Children's Home, on Wednesday, 12th March, 1952 at 4 p.m.

Present. Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mrs J.M Marsden J.P Mr J. Rhodes Mr A. Stonier J.P. and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Miss Margerison Rev E. Porter Mr Hy. Spencer Mr A.M. Lillie Mr Maxwell & Mr J.M Tomlinson.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Secretary and approved as a correct record.

Bills & Wages totalling £45 4s. 5.0. were approved and passed for payment & to which was subsequently added Owen Owen Ltd accounts for £11. 6. 4 in respect of Curtain material. Mr. Mersham read the Hon. Treasurers Statements which was adopted.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted Stewards expected the Central heating boiler to be despatched by the makers at an early date and that arrangements had been made for same to be delivered to us direct; that application for a Flag Day in Preston had been made as usual, also that Mr. Maxwell had kindly supplied 300 duplicated forms required as per Home Office Regulations.

The Emergency admittance of William Bradley on February 22nd at the request of the Children's Officer was approved, as was that of his brother Roy from the Brackholes Children's Home

who had been admitted a fortnight later to take the accommodation there, and again at the request of the Children's Officer.

Mr Toulmin's Report on the test of the Electrical wiring at the Home was noted and the Secretary was asked to convey the Committee's grateful thanks for the time and the trouble he had taken in going over the system so thoroughly, and for Mr Cookson's kindness in suggesting that he should do the work in his spare time, should it be found the fault does not warrant our getting an Electrical firm to put the matter right. As suggested by Mr Toulmin it was decided the two vacuum cleaner sockets with brass switches should be removed. Mr. Toulmin to submit a further report in due course.

The Secretary having reported that Frank Carter's time of starting work would not necessitate earlier rising by the staff the matter was left as it was.

In connection with the Children's Summer Holidays the Secretary was left to make enquiries on the same lines as last year.

It was noted with regret that Miss Hall, the Girls' Attendant, had to have an early operation at the Infirmary, and the Secretary was asked to express the Committee's sympathy and hopes for a speedy recovery.

Stewards having sent two simple types of Radiator Covers for the new House the Secretary was asked to arrange for the shelf type of cover for 3 radiators downstairs, and for the Bathroom radiator to have the type which would be screwed to the Radiator itself.

Authority was given for the Matron to buy 6 overcoats or raincoats for the middle boys, also 13½ yards of poltawave curtain material @ 5/11d per yard from Owen Owens as suggested.

The Mission workers' suggestion that members of the Mission and Sunday School should take part in the Non-Conformist procession being arranged for Tuesday. 2nd September in connection with the Town's Guild week was approved, as was the provision of a horse-drawn lorry for children under 7 years of age, and purchase of material for our own girls' dresses.

It was noted that the Band Concert being given on behalf of our funds by the Lostock Hall Memorial Band was fixed for Thursday, the 13th March at St James's Hall, Knowsley Street.

In connection with the Annual Report for year ended 30th September last for which the Guardian Press had submitted proofs & photographs it was decided we use those giving groups of the children but not the one of the new house. The blank cover of the Report to be utilised with Salient

points about the work.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c

Wages.	£204.17.2.	Petty Cash	£31.18.1.	Ashurst	£2.11.10.
E Cookson & Sons	10.4.6.	J Crook & Sons	18.6.0.	Cooper McDougall & Robertson	3.7.6.
W Gardner	1.5.6.	T Harrison & Sons	3.16.7	T Hopkinson	5.12.0.
A Newson & Son	15.13.0.	Thomas Lee	13.18.0	C Middlebrook & Sons	7.13.5
North W Gas Board	26.19.11.	Phoenix Assurance	1.19.6.	J H Platt	1.18.6
Preston Dairies	28.11.4.	Shirt & Underclothing Manufacturing Co.	2.6.0	Preston Slaundry	20.13.2.
R S Simpson Ltd	16.6.0.	Turners	2.0.0	A Nixon	5.0.0
T S Watson	9.7.0.				

£434.5.0.

Added subsequently as per Minute
Owen Owen Ltd £41.8.4.

Fred. C. Mersham
April 9/52

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home at 4 pm on Wednesday, April 9th 1952, when the following members were present:-

Mr F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr L. T. Maxwell. FCA (Hon. Treasurer), Mrs I.M. Marsden Rev Ed. Porter Mr A C M Lillie Mr J Rhodes Mr A Horner & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Before proceeding with the Agenda, Mr. Mersham, followed by the Rev Ed. Porter, Mrs. Marsden and Mr Lillie, paid tribute to the life and service of the Mission's late Chairman, William Arthur

Margerison, whose death had taken place on March 23rd.

Mr. Mersham stated that it would be 30 years in July next that Mr Margerison was appointed Chairman of the Mission on the death of his father, who was also Chairman for many years, and when he himself was appointed a member of the Committee.

Mr. Mersham said that having known the late Chairman all his life, they had grown up together and were together in Lune Street Sunday School, he had always the greatest respect for him. His presence would be greatly missed, and it was with gratitude that he was able to speak of one who had made it his life's work to further the happiness and well-being of the children whom he knew personally.

By his passing the Mission had suffered a great loss and he himself a life-long friend.

After reading a letter Mr Mersham had received from Mrs Margerison and eloquent and heartfelt tributes had been expressed by members mentioned, the Committee stood in silence.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mrs Margerison, Mr Garratt & Mr. Spencer.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved as a correct record.

Bills & Wages totalling £510.8.1 were approved and passed for payment to which was subsequently added the N. West Electricity Board's a/c for £9.2.6 and Post Office Telephones a/c £10.3.7.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted and at the same time thanks were rendered to Mr Maxwell for his valued service.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that we had been granted a Flag Day on June 21st jointly with the Lancaster Diocesan Rescue & Protection Society a Roman Catholic Society, that Mr Mewham and Mr. Maxwell with Mr Nixon and the Secretary had already met three of the Society's representatives to discuss preliminary arrangements, and that a further Meeting was to be held in due course. To meet the extra work involved paid assistance for a few weeks was authorised. It was also noted Mr Toulmin had not as yet been able to submit a further Report on our Electric wiring.

The Secretary's further Report regarding arrangements proposed by the Organisers of the Non Conformist Guild Procession was noted and decided that we carry on as suggested. Mr. Lillie kindly undertook to give £5 towards Meeting the Cost of dresses for Girls whose parents could not afford to buy them.

Sanction was given for the annual Sunday School outing, also for Cost of Tea when Mrs Spencer took her Women's Class for their outing to the Seaside.

The Painting & Decorating of the Childrens Home was left over until the July Meeting when a Sub-Committee would be appointed to go into the matter.

In connection with the Children's Summer Holiday it was agreed that those not eligible for the Scouts & Youth Camps should again have a week at the National Sunday School Union Holiday Home, St Annes on Sea.

Requirements, viz:- 6 Summer frocks for the older girls were approved.

It was noted Miss Hull, the Girls' Attendant, had had her operation and that she was progressing favourably & agreed that she be put on half pay for a period of 3 months, should she not resume duty before that time.

In response to a question asked by Mr Lillie regarding Thomas Henry Entwistle, a young man of 25, who had recently been sentenced to 3 years imprisonment, and in Court had been described as a Shepherd Street Mission boy, the Secretary informed members that Entwistle had been placed in our care through the offices of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children when 11 years of age and had run away from the Home when nearing it. During the time he was in the Home his behaviour was most unsatisfactory and unfortunately for Entwistle he had gone back to the environment from which it had been intended he should be saved.

The Agenda having been completed Mr. Maxwell brought up the matter of Chairmanship which, he stated, he had already discussed with Mr. Mersham. In his view, whilst he hoped Mr. Mersham would see his way to accept the position, it was desirable that no official appointment be made

until nearer the date of the Annual Meeting, and in the meantime members could talk the matter over between themselves.

Mr Maxwell also stated that it would be necessary to appoint a Property Trustee to take the place of the late Chairman, which office he felt should be filled by a younger person.

Mr Mersham, in replying, stated that having reached an age when he would like to take things easier, he wanted to be relieved of responsibility, and in his opinion a younger man should be appointed Chairman.

After members had expressed the hope that Mr. Mersham would accept the Chairmanship, he agreed to carry on as Vice-Chairman for the time being, the matter being kept over as suggested by Mr. Maxwell.

The Rev Ed. Porter closed the Meeting with prayer.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£224.16.2	Petty Cash	£29.14.1.	Alston	£14.6.3.
Ashurst.	1.11.5.	J Bailey & Co	6.3.0.	Clarkson Ltd	11.14.4.
Crook & Sons	21.16.10	W Gardner	1.5.6.	Eyres Ltd	7.0.7.
J. Harrison & Sons	4.0.11.	J. Hopkinson	2.16.0.	Thomas Lee	6.5.10.
C. Middlebrook & Son	21.9.10.	A Newsom & Son	20.13.2.	West Board	17.9.2.
J Margerison & Co.	5.11.4.	Preston Dairies	29.7.2	West Elec. Board	4.16.6.
Preston Laundry	30.13.7.	R Seed & Sons	1.17.3.	Seward & Co.	10.16.6.
R & J Simpson Ltd	18.13.0.	Turner Ltd	4.16.0.	T S Watson	12.13.6.
					£10.16.1.
Added subsequently	W West Electy Board		£9.2.6.		29.6.1
	Post Office Telephones		10.3.7.		£539.14.2

14. May. 1952

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home at 4 pm on Wednesday, 14th May, 1952.

Present :- (Mr FC Meisham (Chairman) Mr A.J. Maxwell. FCA (Hon. Treasurer) Miss L.M. Margerison Mr A.M. Lillie Mrs J.M. Marsden Mr J. Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Spencer & Mr. Horner.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting which were approved as a correct record.

Bills & Wages totalling £613.1.9. in which was included C. Seward & Co's account of £153.8.9. in respect of new Central Heating boiler obtained as a stand-by in the event of the one in use failing, (some having used since 1926) were approved and passed for payment.

The Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted.

The Treasurer informed the Meeting that he had received a further letter from Rawsthorn Ambler & Booth, Solicitors relative to the sale of the dwelling house numbered No 1. Goulding Avenue Leyland to the present tenant Mr John Eaves for £500, as valued by an independant Valuer, and having confirmed that we were agreeable, final payment was expected in due course.

Mr Maxwell also informed the Meeting that in connection with the Estate of the late Miss M.E. Davies, residue of which is to be equally divided between ourselves and the Blind Home, Fulwood, he had received a letter from E. Napthen & Co., Solicitors informing him that owing to the death of Mr A Barnes, Executor. which had taken place before Grant of Probate was taken out, that it would be necessary for Grant of Administration to be applied for and on the suggestion of the Blind Home he himself had agreed to deal with the matter.

It was noted that Mr. Nixon was going ahead with arrangements for the Joint Flag Day to be held in town on June 21st and to ensure what the Lancaster Diocesan Protection & Rescue Society were doing it was decided Mr Maxwell Mr Rhodes Mr Nixon & the Secretary meet their representatives at an early date, Wednesday evening. May 21st being suggested.

The Guild Procession arrangements to date were also noted.

Mr & Mrs Clarke's application for Holiday money in respect of the period of their service up to February last was agreed to.

Requirements: After inspection it was agreed that J Spencer Ltd point the boys' lavatory wall, the lower part of Herschell Street wall, fix cement coping on the boys' yard wall where necessary & attend to the chimney found to be leaning. Also that Weldings be asked to

tile the girls washplace wall & windowsill, renew the sink, and straighten up the pipes by replacement with lead piping., also renew one W.C. pedestal. Mr Lillie & Mr Messham to see what painting &c is necessary.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills &c.

Wages.	£205 14. 3.	Petty Cash	£28. 0. 3.	Alston	£6. 9 9.
S Bailey & Co	7. 0. 1.	E Cookson & Son	12. 3. 3.	J Crook & Sons	21. 9. 2.
W Gardner	1. 5. 6.	T Harrison & Sons	4. 2. 7.	P W Heyes	1. 12. 0
T Hopkinson	2. 12. 0	Thos Lee	6. 3. 3.	C Middlebrook	18. 4. 0.
A Newson & Son	17. 8. 3.	Preston & Turner	29. 11. 0.	Preston & Laundry	26. 4 3.
R S Simpson Ltd	19. 1. 0.	R Seed & Sons	1. 11. 6.	Turner Ltd	4. 18. 0.
T B Watson	9. 10. 0	L B Wilding	1. 10. 0.	Robt Beesley	7. 16. 0
N West Gas Board	21 4. 9.	C Seward & Co	153. 8. 9.	Ainsworth Renovation Co	1. 2. 6
" " " "	4. 19. 8.				
					£613. 1. 9.

Added as per Minute Mr & Mrs G. L. Clark. 8. 0 0

Fred. C. Messham

Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home at 4 pm on Wednesday June 11th 1952.

Present (Mr F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mrs I.M. Marsden, Miss L.M. Margerison Mr A.C.M. Fillic, Mrs J. Rhodes. Mr. A Stowell the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology for absence were noted from Mr S.T. Maxwell, Mr. Hy. Spencer & the Rev E. Porter.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting which were approved as a correct record.

Bills & Wages totalling £129. 5. 11d. were approved and passed for payment.

Mr. Mersham read the Treasurer's Statement which was adopted.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted (a) That Inspector Vincent of the Home Office had called to see the children on the evening of June 10th when they were being entertained by the Preston Magic Circle; and that he had met Mr. Maxwell ~~them, and that he had met several Members of the Committee~~ at the same time. Having found it necessary to make a second visit to look through our Records, Mr. Mersham informed the Meeting that he, Mr. Fillic and Miss Margerison had also met the Inspector prior to todays Meeting, and that he had expressed satisfaction with what we are doing for the children.

(h) It was noted the arrangements for the Flag Day to be held in Preston on June 21st jointly with the Lancaster Diocesan Protection & Rescue Society were proceeding satisfactorily and that it had not been necessary to meet the Society's representatives as decided at the last Meeting.

E. Hopthen & Co. Solicitors having written to say that relative to Mr. Maxwell being appointed to act as Administrator of the late Miss M.E. Davis's Estate it would be necessary for the Trustees of the Mission to sign a formal Resolution to this effect, and such Resolution having been submitted by the Solicitors, this was accordingly signed by Trustees present. The Secretary to obtain signatures of absent members, record the Resolution in full in the Minute Book, and to return the documents to Hopthen & Co. when completed.

"It is Resolved that we Alfred Cuthbert Mellor Lillie of Dowry House, Bamber Bridge, near Preston, in the County of Lancaster, Architect & Surveyor; Stanley Thorburn Maxwell of Hafford House, Victoria Road, Fulwood, near Preston aforesaid Chartered Accountant; Frederick Charles Markham of "Lowther Lodge" Church Road, Lytham in the said County, Brass Founder; Harry Spencer of Penwortham Hall, Penwortham, near Preston aforesaid Master Builder; John William Taylor of "Englishmoor", Town Road, Ashton-on-Ribble within Preston aforesaid Timber Merchant, and John Maurice Tolmie of "Durton House", Durton Lane, Broughton

near, Preston aforesaid General Manager being the Trustees and Governing body of the Charity known as the Shepherd Street Mission and Children's Home, Preston aforesaid one of the Residuary Legatees and Divisees named in the Will of Mary Ellen Davis. deceased late of "The Grove" 4 Cromwell Avenue. Penwortham, near Preston aforesaid Spinster who died on the 26th day of February, 1952 at Manor House, 17 West Beach, Lytham St Annes, Lancashire Hereby appoint the said Stanley Thorburn Maxwell as nominee of the said Charity for the purpose of taking out Letters of Administration (with the Will annexed) of the estate of the said Mary Ellen Davis for the use and benefit of the said Shepherd Street Mission and Children's Home, and until further representation be granted we having received notice that the said Stanley Thorburn Maxwell is also the nominee of the Institute for Blind Welfare and School for the Partially Sighted the other residuary legatee and divisee named in the said Will. Dated this 11th day of June 1952"

Signed by A C M Lillie S. T. Maxwell
Fred C Mersham, Harry Spencer, J W Taylor
J.M. Toulmin,

As arranged at the last Meeting Mr. Mersham informed the Meeting that he and Mr. Lillie with Miss Margerison had gone round the Home and decided on what interior painting and decorating was required and it was left to the Secretary to get Wildings to submit their price. Exterior painting

to be left until next year.

Matrons requirements, viz:- Half a dozen suits and half a dozen blazers were approved.

Matters listed on the Agenda having been dealt with Mr. Mersham informed Members that he and Mr. Maxwell had again discussed the question of the composition of the Committee, and that after further persuasion he had agreed to carry on as Chairman, at the same time suggesting that Mr. Maxwell be appointed Vice-Chairman, and that Mr. H.W. Smethurst, A.C.A. son of the Mission's former Treasurer, be invited to take the place of Mr. Maxwell as Hon. Treasurer.

This suggestion was received with very great pleasure, and in thanking Mr. Mersham, on the hearty proposal of Miss Margerison, seconded by Mr. Horner, was unanimously approved.

Mr Mersham also stated that he and Mr. Maxwell felt that Mr J.M. Tomlin should be invited to accept the office of Property Trustee in place of the late Chairman. Proposed and seconded by Mr Rhodes and Mr. Lillie this suggestion was also approved unanimously.

Before pronouncing the Benediction the Secretary informed the Meeting that he had recently been appointed Hon. Secretary of the North West Group of the National Council of Associated

Children's Homes and in view of the next Meeting having been fixed for Wednesday, September 10th it was decided our own September Meeting be put back one week.

Bills & Wages.

Wages.	£226.6.7.	Petty Cash	£38.8.10	Alston	£5.12.0.
E Cookson & Sons	12.12.1.	J Crook & Sons	20.13.2.	W. Gardner	1.5.6.
Guardian Press	55 0.0.	T Harrison & Sons	5.0.6.	T. Hopkinson	58.0.
Thos. Lee	2.5.10.	C Middlebrook & Sons.	2.5.8.	A Newson & Son	18.13.0.
Preston Dairies Ltd	31.15.0.	Preston S Laundry	32.9.10.	Turner Ltd.	2.15.0.
T S. Watson	10.17.0	R S Sampson Ltd	17.16.6	Gaves Ltd.	3 9.0.
N West Gas Board	6 12.5				

£499.5.11.

Fred. C. Mersham

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home at 4 pm on Wednesday. July 9th 1952.

Present: Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mrs I M Marsden Miss L M Margerison Rev E Porter Mr J Rhodes. Mr A Horner & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr Maxwell Mr Lillie Mr Spencer Councillor J W Taylor Mr Garrass & Mr Southworth.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting which were approved as a correct record.

Bills & Wages totalling £39.12.6 were approved and passed for payment.

The Chairman read the financial Statement submitted by Mr. Maxwell and it was noted £234.12.6 had been received from the County Area Flag Day, and £256.1.8. ½ share from Preston. The Chairman also read Mr. Maxwell's accompanying letter expressing his appreciation of the confidence of the Trustees and Committee in appointing him Vice-Chairman and of his intention to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr Maxwell's suggestion that we accept offer of Renewal of £500 loan with Preston Corporation @ 4% for 12 years was agreed to.

In connection with Mr H Wadsworth's appointment as Hon. Treasurer, as required by the Bank the following formal Resolution was agreed to

"That the Banking Account be continued with the District Bank Ltd at their Fishergate Branch, Preston and that the Bank be and is empowered to honour cheques drawn on the said account by the Treasurer, and either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman & Mr James Rhodes." Specimen Signatures to be added.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Mr J.M. Doulman had agreed to accept the office of Property Trustee.

A.B. Wilding & Sons' Estimate of £349.0.0. for Interior Decorating of the Home was accepted on the understanding that the work is done early.

Arrangements so far made regarding the Mission's participation in the Guild Procession on Tuesday. September 2nd next were noted and agreed that the children be provided with Tea Buns & Oranges afterwards.

The Secretary's further Report regarding Frank Carter was noted, and it was left to him to see Frank's mother as to whether she could arrange to accept responsibility for him.

Mr & Mrs Pilkington's request that Lilian Gaffney be allowed to live with them was agreed to on the understanding that we shall be responsible for Clothing Lilian, the provision of spending money, and banking the balance of her wages after such expenses had been met, plus payment of Board & Lodging.

It was noted arrangements had been completed for all the children to go away on holiday and agreed that the younger ones should have 5/- spending money each and the older ones 10/-.

Requirements viz:- Sandals for the whole family and 10 pairs of shoes were approved.

The St Helens Children's Officer's enquiry regarding accommodation for two children was noted but in view of our having only room for one child it was decided we inform him we had not the accommodation.

The Prince Press having asked for anticipated number of Christmas Stockings for this year it was decided we order 1500 also that in place of the usual Father Christmas we have a photograph of one or two children. Before ordering, however, it was felt in view of the price having been increased to £35. 12. 6 per thousand, enquiries should be made as to where the Blind Home obtained their Stockings, and what the price was to them. Mr. Porter to be asked to order fruit for the Christmas Breakfast distribution as usual.

It was noted that the Mayor & Mayoress were visiting the various Childrens Homes in Preston with the Children's Committee and that they were coming to us during the morning of Tuesday, July 15th. In consequence it was therefore decided that the Chairman and other members of the Committee should be at hand.

The Secretary's having reported on his conversation with Dr Williams regarding the Doctor having erroneously submitted an account to the Children's Officer for services not covered by National Insurance in respect of all our children was noted, and as already

suggested by Mr. Maxwell it was agreed that Mr. Maxwell should see the Doctor as to how the National Insurance Scheme was working. At the same time it was felt the Doctor's Annual Honorarium should be increased to £ Twenty-Five Guineas as recommended by Mr. Maxwell.

The next Meeting to be on Wednesday, August 13th. and none in September.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills & Wages.

Wages.	£208. 8. 4.	Petty Cash	£45. 8. 0.	Alston	£4. 9. 2.
E Cookson Sons	10. 8. 11.	J Crook Sons	15. 18. 6.	W Gardner	1. 5. 6.
Fleetwood Corpn	7. 15. 3.	T Harrison Sons	3. 18. 5.	T Hopkinson	2. 14. 0.
Merigolds Ltd	4. 10. 0.	A Newson Son	19. 6. 0.	N. WEST GAS BOARD	6. 16. 3.
Preston Darries	28. 19. 6.	Preston S Laundry	22. 9. 6.	R Seed Sons	2. 1. 1.
R.S. Simpson Ltd.	16. 2. 0.	R Slinger Son	6. 1. 8.	Turner Ltd	2. 12. 6.
Thomas Lee	3. 2. 0.	Thos Mears & Co.	1. 14. 4.	Preston Coal Co.	5. 13. 8.
Frenchwood Secondary School	1. 0. 4.	Mr Woodworth (St. SAVIOUR'S SCOUTS)	10. 0. 0.	T S Watson	8. 17. 3

£439. 12. 6.

Fred. C. Mossham
Aug 13/52

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 13th August, 1952 at 4 p.m.

Present:- Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr. H.W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mr. A.C.M. Ellis, Mr. A. Stoner Mrs. J.M. Marsden Mr. J. Maxwell, Rev. E. Porter, Mr. J. Rhodes Mr. H. Spencer & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence of Mr. Garratt & Miss Margerison were noted.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting which were approved as a correct record.

Bills & Wages amounting to £+87. 1. 2 were approved and passed for payment.

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman warmly welcomed Mr. Southworth, present for the first time as Hon. Treasurer. In expressing his welcome Mr. Mersham paid tribute to the memory of Mr. Southworth's father, the late Hugh Southworth, who had, in the same capacity, done a great work on behalf of the Mission.

After expressing thanks Mr. Southworth presented his financial Statement which was adopted.

The Chairman then read the ~~Committee~~ Secretary's Report arising from which it was noted :-

(a) That 3 children had left the Home. Frank Carter to return to the care of his mother, Lilian Gaffney to be boarded out and Susan Walton to return to the Civic Hostel, Fulwood.

(b) That the Preston Children's Committee, accompanied by the Mayoress had duly made their proposed visit on July 15th, and that members of the Committee had been present to conduct them round the Home.

(c) That Wildings had commenced the work of interior decoration of the Home. Completed rooms being inspected afterwards. Authority given for dormitory lockers to be painted also window frames on the new house where paint had peeled off.

(d) That arrangements for the Sunday Schools participation in the Guild procession on September 2nd. were well in hand.

In connection with the Annual Meeting to be held at the Town Hall in November on a date convenient to the Mayor it was decided to invite as Speakers the Rev P A Schofield Vicar of Penwortham & the Rev G A Maland, Minister of Ashton Methodist Church. Failing the former the Rev C N Oatridge Vicar of Broughton to be invited.

Mr Maxwell reported that he had not been

able to contact Dr. Williams regarding the general medical oversight of the children but that he would do so on the Doctor's return from holiday later in the month.

Matrons requirements viz:- Half a dozen pairs of flannels & a dozen yards of material for short curtains were approved. A letter to be sent to the Preston Slipper Co. ~~The Rev E Porter closed~~ thanking them for their generous gift of 38 pairs of sandals.

The Rev E. Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£209.13.3.	Petty Cash	£26.19.3.	Alston	£13.2.2
Ashurst	6.17.4.	Carbonum Ltd.	1.12.10.	E Cookson & Son	9.14.0
J Crook & Sons	19.0.7.	W Gardner	2.11.0.	Gaves Ltd	3.9.0.
Exors R Grezson	4.0.6.	T. Hopkinson	2.14.0.	T Harrison & Sons	2.8.11
Fenchwood Primary School	1.3.6.	W Kolner Ltd	14.0	Provincial Newspapers Ltd	11.8
C Middlebrook & Sons	18.15.2.	National S S Union	21.15.0	A Newson & Son	19.18.0
Preston Coal Co	6.4.8	Preston Corporation	13.0.0.	Preston Dairies	27.3.10
Preston L Laundry	22.17.2.	R Simpson Ltd	15.3.0.	Turner Ltd	3.0.0.
T S Watson	8.6.0	H C Weaver	2.12.0	Owen Owen	2.3.2
J Coupe & Sons.	3.3.0.	L Bailey & Co.	10.4.0.	North West Gas Board.	8.4.2

£487.1.2

Fred C. Mersham
Oct 22/54

Minutes of the Trustees & Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home at 3/30pm on Wednesday, October 22. 1952.

Present Mr F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southworth, A.C.A (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs J.M. Marsden Miss L.M. Margerison Rev E. Porter Mr A.C.M. Lillie Mr J. Rhodes Mr A.J. Maxwell Mr A. Homer & the Secretary. ~~Officer~~

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Spencer & Councillor Taylor.

Before dealing with Matters of business the Chairman spoke of deep loss the Mission had sustained by the death of James George Garratt which had taken place on October 2nd. In paying tribute to his life and service, especially in regard to his association with the Mission the Chairman stated that as a member of the Committee James Garratt had done a good work, much of which had been behind the scenes and known only to a few. He was a man for whom he had great respect and in town had been held in the highest esteem. He was sorry that he had gone and his presence would be greatly missed. Apes tributes had also been paid by Mr. Maxwell as a personal friend, by Mr Porter and Mr Lillie members stood in silence.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the last Meeting which were approved.

Bills & Wages amounting to £1569. 17. 8 in which were included £319. 0 0 in respect of interior decorating of

the Home by S.B. Welding & Sons and £206 ~~paid to the same firm~~ for attention to the Mission roof, and £56 (to J Spencer & Son) for pointing and general repairs at the Home, having been already paid to enable the Treasurer to complete his Financial Statement for the year, were noted & approved.

The Committee's Report ~~prepared~~ for the Annual Meeting prepared by the Secretary and read by the Chairman was accepted subject to three slight amendments.

The Treasurer presented a draft account of his Financial Statement, which he proposed to submit to the Chairman in full for his final approval, as soon as same had been typed.

In reporting upon salient items Mr. Southworth stated that on the General Account expenditure was in excess of receipts by £212. Exceptional repairs and maintenance costs had amounted to £991. Interest from Investments was £950 and £2746 had been received by Legacies.

Mr. Maxwell drew attention to the fact that when early in the year we had a substantial balance in hand on General Account, due mainly to the "Lancashire Evening Post" fund & £1048 was transferred to Endowment Account, it was not anticipated that there would be the heavy expenditure since incurred on repairs, with the result that £821 had been overdrawn. To liquidate this it was agreed that £669.10-0 should be returned to General Account thereby reducing the Bank Overdraft by that amount.

To simplify accountings, as well as avoiding Overdraft Charges, Mr. Maxwell's suggestion that a separate Banking Account should be opened for Legacies was also agreed to.

Very hearty thanks to the Treasurer and Mr. Maxwell were expressed for preparation of the Accounts and for all their work on behalf of the Mission.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Pauline Stanley and Jean Hibbert had left School in July and had been found employment upon the holidays.

In connection with the Mission's participation in the Guild Procession of the Free Churches on September 2nd when through inexcusable delay and bad timing the children had to stand 3 hours in Albatross Street the decision of Mr Mersham and the Secretary to bring them out of the procession on arriving at Manchester Road on account of being wet was unanimously approved.

The Secretary's Report on Robt. Mercer absenting himself from the Home on 3 occasions and of failing to attend school was noted and in view of the Head Master of the School having dealt with the boy no further action was felt necessary.

The Boarding out of Lilian Caffrey with Mr & Mrs. Pilkington not having turned out

satisfactorily it was ~~felt~~ agreed Lilian should continue to live at the Home. At the same time it was felt that instead of boarding out adolescents we should ourselves continue to keep them in our own care, and the intention to buy No. 119 adjoining the Home as soon as it became available, where such could be accommodated, was again stressed.

Arrangements for the 76th Annual Meeting to be held at the Town Hall at 3pm on Thursday, November 6th were noted and approved.

Mr. Maxwell reported upon his interview with Dr Williams, and although the Doctor had ~~been~~ at first ~~reluctant~~ been reluctant to accept an increased Honorarium, in view of services not covered by the National Health Insurance, he had agreed to our making this Twenty five Guineas

Matron's requirements viz Half a dozen pairs of boy's flannels and a dozen yards of curtain material were approved as was also ~~that~~ Mr Spencer's suggestion that certain doors of various rooms should be marked to show their use. Mr Missham to deal with the matter.

Mr Rhodes drew attention to the drabness of the Sewing Room Window Curtain and it was agreed that same be replaced.

The Education Dept. having suggested that

1000 poor children should again be provided for on Christmas morning the Secretary was asked to arrange accordingly.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction after which members inspected the Decorations recently completed.

Bills & Wages &c. (2 months)

Wages.	£426.18.1.	Petty Cash	£54.9.3.	Alston	£9.1.0
E Cookson & Sons	21.8.3.	J Crook & Sons	19.19.2.	W Gardner	2.11.0.
Garrats Sol Flowerdew	12.12.3	Gover Ltd.	3.6.2	Exors R Gregson	15.8.11.
Guardian Press	3.15.0.	A Harrison Ltd	1.8.0.	T Harrison & Sons	9.14.8
T. Hop Amson	5.8.0.	C Middlebrook & Sons	5.0.10	A Newson & Son	45.18.0
North W Gas Board	24.0.2	Parker Bros	3.19.2.	R Plumb & Co	12.12.6
Preston Coal Co	10.7.3	Preston Corpn (Water)	7.3.7.	Preston Dunes	56.18.4.
Preston S Laundry	62.2.8	C Seward & Co	5.17.10.	R S Simpson Ltd	36.11.0.
Turner Ltd	6.4.0.	T Spencer & Son	56.16.4.	T S Watson	12.19.1.
S B Wilding & Sons	609.5.0.	T Mears Ltd.	1.17.0.	Dr A L Williams	26.5.0
Guild Expenses (Home Sundries)	3.16.2.	Guild Procession	18.15.7.	W & N Parkinson	3.13.5

£1596.2.8.

S. T. Maxwell.
12/11/52.

Summary of 76th Annual Meeting held at the Town Hall on Thursday, November 6th 1952. at 3 o'clock.

The Rev N. C. Oxbridge offered prayer.

The Mayor (Mr John J Ward JP) presided.

The Chairman (Mr F.C. Mersham) read the Commissioners Report and Mr. H.W Southworth a.c.a (Hon. Treasurer) presented the financial Statement subject to audit.

It was then proposed by the Rev. N.C. Oxbridge, M.A., Vicar of Broughton, "That the Report, together with the financial Statement be (subject to final audit) adopted, printed and circulated under the direction of the Commissioners" also "That the existing Commissioners and other Hon. Officials with Mr. F.C. Mersham as Chairman & Mr A.J. Maxwell, F.C.A Vice-Chairman, be re-elected en-bloc, and to which be added Mr. H.W Southworth a.c.a as Hon. Treasurer".
This was seconded by the Rev. D.H. Dale, B.A., B.D Minister of Penworthum Congregational Church.

A Vote of Thanks to the Mayor for presiding, to the Mayoress, and the Speakers was proposed by Mr. A.J. Maxwell and seconded by Dr A Longford Williams.

The Rev. D.H. Dale pronounced the Benediction.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home at 4 pm on Wednesday, November 12th 1952.

Present. Mr. S. T. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr W. H. Southworth, (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs I M Marsden Miss L M Margerison Rev E Porter Mr A Horner Mr J Rhodes & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence of Mr Mersham, Mr Lillie Mr Spencer & Councillor Taylor were noted.

Bills & Wages totalling £458.10.5 were approved and passed for payment. to which was subsequently added £4.6.0 Gas Account.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the Financial Statement which was adopted.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was decided that he should write Miss Kay Taylor and Mrs. Fleuriot thanking them for the fireworks, cakes sweets & balloons, &c again provided for the children for November 5th. also that letters of Thanks should be sent to the Mayor and Mayoress and the Speakers for their services on the occasion of the Mission's 76th Annual Meeting on November 6th. It was also noted that Inspr. Vincent of the Home Office was delighted with the decorations recently carried out.

In connection with Christmas arrangements it was agreed that Mr. Maxwell should attend the Penwortham Congregational Toy Service on December 7th; that Mr Lillie be asked if he could go to the Leyland Congregational Toy Service

on December 14th and Mr Spencer be asked if he could attend Elsworth Memorial Church on December 21st. Mr Porter also understood to be present at Elsworth.

The Secretary's Report on the Leach of "Le Mont" Moss Lane, Hundred End having offered a small plot of land as a gift was noted, and it was decided Mr Lillie & Mr Spencer be asked if they could see the land and report back. Our Solicitors to be consulted afterwards.

It was agreed that the Christmas provision for 1000 poor children should again be Cakes 1 meat pie and an apple for each child in addition to the usual toy. Mr Maxwell undertook to see Mr A Marsden as to the possibility of Powell's providing Biscuits The Mayor & Mayoress to be invited as usual.

Appreciation and thanks were expressed for the kindness of Mr. Marsham and Mr. Rhodes both of whom had ~~arranged~~ ordered a goose each for the Home Children's Christmas dinner.

Requirements viz 36 pairs of underpants were approved.

Before closing
The Rev E Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction Mr Maxwell raised the question of appointment of someone to take the place of the late F.G. Garratt as a Member of the Committee. On the proposal of Rev E Porter seconded by Mr Hoones it was unanimously agreed that his son Mr G J Garratt should be invited.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages.	£206.9.9.	Petty Cash	£29.10.5.	Alston	£12.13.0.
E Cookson & Son	10.17.5.	J Crook & Sons	12.11.7.	W. Gardner	1.5.6.
T Harrison & Sons	4.8.11.	W Kilner Ltd	4.3.8.	C Middlebrook & Sons	24.3.9.
H W Naylor Ltd	2.0.7.	A Newson & Son	28.10.3.	Preston Dairies	32.4.0
Preston & Laundry	23.8.5.	R S Simpson Ltd	16.18.0	T Hopkinson	5.8.0.
R Seed & Sons	9.9.6.	Turners	2.12.0.	J Spencer & Son	6.6.6.
T S. Watson	4.2.0	Graves Ltd	6.19.8	Provincial Newspapers (Guardian Nets)	2.17.6.
Lingards	16.9.	North West Gas Board	9.1.7.	Parker Bros.	1.11.6.
					£458.10.5
Subsequently added					4.6.0
North Western Gas Board (Gas)					£462.16.5.

Fred. C. Mersham
Dec 10/52

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home at 4 pm on Wednesday. Dec 10/52.

Present :-

Mr F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs J M Marsden Miss J M Margerison Mr S. T. Maxwell. Mr J Rhodes. Mr A Horner. Mr C J Garratt and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apology for absence of Mr. Spencer was noted.

Before proceeding the Chairman welcomed Mr Garratt present for the first time as a member of the Committee.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the financial statement which was adopted, and in connection with which it was noted we had received on account £1800 from the Estate of the late Miss M.E. Davies
The Treasurer also informed the Meeting that in due course we should receive a legacy of £100 from the estate of Mr F.G. Garratt and around £3000 by the will of Mrs. M.A. Knowles. deceased.

The Treasurer read a letter he had received from the Penwortham Property Owners' Association, enclosing a cheque for £15.15.0. as a donation to the work. This, it was decided should be sent to the "Lancashire Evening Post" fund. from P.O.A. (per H.F.H) as suggested.

Bills & Wages amounting to £506.11.0 were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report Mr Maxwell reported on his attendance at a Concert and Dancing Display given by Miss Sandham's pupils & Mr Southworth reported on his visit to the Acregate Lane Labour Club on the occasion of the Club's Annual Concert on our behalf. It was also noted Mr. Maxwell had attended Penwortham Congregational Sunday School Toy Services on December 7th.

Mr Spencer
Mr Lillis reported on his inspection of a plot of land at Hundred End which Mrs Leach, of "Le Mount" Moss Lane, Hundred End wished to

give to the Mission, but as same would be useless to us, and as it would cost anything up to £200 to clear away remains of demolished property and accumulated growth, to say nothing of legal charges, it was decided we should not accept same. The Secretary to thank Mrs. Leach and explain reason for refusal.

In connection with the poor children's Christmas Treat it was noted the Mayor Mayoress would attend as usual, also that Mr Maxwell had arranged that Powell's would give biscuits

It was also noted that the "Lancashire Evening Post" had made its annual appeal on December 4th.

In connection with John Dobson's Christmas present of 10/- each to 7 Old Age Pensioners it was decided this be doubled so as to give each £1. The question of amount to be brought up again next year.

The Citizens' Advice Bureau letter on the setting up of a Local Information Service to record Organisations Engagements, Functions, Meetings &c was not felt to be of any use to us and same was left on the table.

Requirements viz. One dozen girls jumpers. a dozen boys shirts and 50 wooden Collecting Boxes were approved. also repairs to Children's Roundabout.

It was noted Mr & Mrs Knight had been asked to attend for interview in connection with Children's Work with the Nottingham County Council, also that a Home Office female trainee had been allocated to us for 4 weeks as from January 2/53. In the event of Mr & Mrs Knight being appointed by the Nottingham County Council it was agreed that furniture be obtained for their successors if necessary.

Mr Lillie agreed to attend the Annual Service at St James's Sunday School, Preston at 2.15 pm on December 28th.

The Chairman read Mr. Nixon's Report after which the Secretary pronounced the Benediction.

Bills & Wages.

Wages	£216.10.11	Petty Cash	£35.1.0.	Alston	£5.14.9.
J Crook & Son Ltd.	19.1.2.	E Cookson Sons	11.4.3	Bees Ltd	3.15.6.
D Gardner	1.5.6	Gaves Ltd	1.16.11.	T Harrison Sons	4.10.3.
J Margerison Co Ltd.	6.6.2	James E Post	2.11.8.	T Hopkinson	2.14.0
C Middlebrook Sons	20.10.9.	G Moss Sons	3.10.0	A Newson Son	21.7.0
R Oldham Ltd	3.12.6	Preston Coal Co	8.4.7.	N West Gas Board	24.3.4
Preston Dairies	28.18.7	R S Simpson	19.12.0.	Preston Slaundry	19.16.4
Spencer Pickering	31.0.0	T S Watson	7.3.10.	S B Wilding Sons	8.0.0

£506.11.0.

Fred C Mitchell
Jan 14/53

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home on Wednesday, January 14th 1953.

Present Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mrs I.M Marsden Miss L.M. Margerison, Rev E Porter Mr. A.J. Maxwell, Mr. H Spencer Mr. J Rhodes Mr. A Horner, Mr G.J Garratt & the Secretary.

The Secretary, offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr Lillie and Mr Southworth.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Bills & Wages totalling £556.4.0 were approved and passed for payment.

In the absence of the Treasurer Mr Maxwell presented the financial Statement which was adopted. Having received £165.17.6 in respect of various Legacies on the recommendation of Mr. Maxwell Mr Spencer proposed and Miss Margerison seconded that approximately £200 be invested in British Electricity Stock 1976-79 @ 3½%. This proposal being approved unanimously.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that although the Editor of the "Lancashire Evening Post" had closed the Subscription List on Monday, January 12th when the total was £1585, in view of further contributions having been received he had decided to publish a further list at a later date. The Letter of acknowledgement

prepared by the Treasurer was approved for signature by himself and the Chairman, as was also that to the Presidents and Members of the Fulwood Club for their contribution of £60.

The Emergency admission of James and David Alfred Drake was approved.

Mr Garratt undertook to attend the Sunday School Prize Distribution provisionally fixed for Saturday. February 21st. and authority was given to the Secretary to buy any prizes required over and above those he had on hand.

Requirements viz:- Two staff dining chairs, 32 bedside mats of reasonable size for dormitories, 1 dozen staff towels, material for bags for children's hair brushes and combs, and uniform for 6 Cubs and 4 Scouts were approved.

The engagement of Mr. & Mrs E. Sadworth as Resident Handyman & Boys' Attendant in place of Mr & Mrs Knights who had taken up similar work in a Local Authority Home was noted. In view of Miss Robertson, Home Office Trainee with us from January 2nd to 31st having undertaken the Boys' Attendant's duties during the time we were without help, and her satisfactory service generally, it was agreed we send her £5.0.0 after she had left as gratuity in appreciation.

One member raised the question of a Television ~~set~~ for the children. After due discussion Mr Spencer proposed and Mr Garratt seconded that we hire a set from Miss Taylor of H W Taylor Ltd. for a month or 6 weeks, so that the Committee could decide whether same would be suitable. Five members voted in favour and 3 against.

As arranged at the 1952 January Meeting the Secretary brought to the Committee's notice that 15/- per week had been paid to the Mission throughout the year in respect of board &c of his son, ~~who~~ a Student at Manchester University. In accepting the Secretary's proposal that this arrangement might be continued, appreciation of his son's helpful interest both inside and outside the Home was expressed by various members.

It was noted that Davies & Crane the Mission's Hon. Auditors, had recently completed the audit of Accounts for year ended 30th September, 1952. and decided a letter of thanks be sent from the Committee.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

		Bills &c.			
Wages	£20.4.7.11.	Petty Cash	£35.2.10	Alston	£7.4.0.
E Cookson & Sons	12.1.11.	J Crook & Sons	18.11.11.	Gores Ltd	4.10.7
John Dobson Charity	7.0.0.	Garrett Flowerdew	17.6.	T. Harrison & Sons	22.18.6.
J S Higson	1.15.0	T Hopkinson	5.12.0	A Mesham & Son	4.4.6.
C Middlebrook & Sons	14.4.5	A Newson & Son	21.0.8.	N. WEST ELECTY BOARD	16.19.0.
Preston Coal Co.	13.1.10.	Co operative Socty	14.15.7.	" " GAS BOARD	26.0.7.
Preston Dairies	31.3.7.	Preston S. Laundry.	22.1.4.	Provincial Newspapers.	7.9.6
R Seed & Sons	2.6.9.	R S Simpson Ltd	23.19.0	" "	1.15.0
Turner Ltd	4.12.0.	T S Watson	9.0.9.	SHIRT & UNDERCLOTHING MANUFACTURING Co.	7.1.8.
F W Woolworth & Co.	3.15.0.	S Bailey & Co	3.10.6	Rediffusion Ltd	9.0.0.
					£556.8.0

Fred. C. Messham

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, February 11th 1953 at 4 p.m.
Present:-
Mr. F C Mersham (Chairman) Rev E Porter Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mr Hy Spencer Mr J Rhodes Mr A Horner & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of Apology for absence were noted from Mrs. Marsden Miss Margerison & Mr. Maxwell.

The Secretary read the Minutes which were adopted

Bills & Wages totalling £547.3.2 were approved and passed for payment.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his Financial Statement which was adopted and in connection with which it was noted that £1634.15.0 received by the "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal was standing at the end of January 1953 in the Mission No 2 a/c and that steps were being taken to transfer this amount into the General Fund Account.

The Treasurer also stated that £2200 British Electricity 3½% Stock had been bought as agreed at the last Meeting at a cost of £1973.10.6. which was duly approved as was also Davies & Crane's request that in future Investments should have the Committee's confirmation recorded in the Minutes.

Arising from the Secretary's Report the Chairman informed the Meeting that in consequence of information the Secretary had passed on to him after the January Meeting regarding Mrs. Marsden having stated there was money available for the purchase of a Television for the children the matter had been gone into and he had been informed the money referred to was in the nature of a Legacy which would come to us in due course and which it was intended should be added to the Missions Funds in the usual way.

The Chairman also stated that he had seen Miss Taylor as arranged at the last Meeting and she had advised us to wait until March 1st when makers would bring out new sets. At the same time Miss Taylor could offer a Bush or Ferguson and she had already had 3 plugs and aerial fixed.

On discussion it was generally agreed that there was no reason why a Bush or Ferguson Set should not be supplied when, after due trial, the Secretary should decide whether the programmes are suitable for children.

The Chairman undertook to see Miss Taylor again and at the same time to enquire whether a Projection Set would be free from tax.

Also arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that to date Mr Nixon had collected £525 in the Christmas Stockings. and as already referred to by the Hon. Treasurer, that the Lancashire Evening "Post" fund had closed on January 30th having reached £1634. 15. 0.

For the children's Summer holidays it was agreed that the 5 oldest girls join the Campaigners Camp at Highwycombe on August 8th for a week and that arrangements be made for the remaining 24 children to have the same week with two attendants in charge at Mrs. Leveris Boarding House Knots End at terms offered.

In connection with the annual Flag Day application Mr Preston it was agreed that we ask for May 16th. and noted application had already been made for Districts out of town.

Matron's requirements, viz: 3 dozen pairs of boys stockings and 6 girls coats were approved. As Charles Wickstead & Co's price of £15 10-0 for a new wood platform and fittings for the Children's Roundabout was considered to be high Mr Mersham undertook to see Tolkkill Hon, Edward Street.

The Sunday School Party Prize Distribution having been fixed for February 21st Mr Farrar arranged to attend with Mrs. Farrar.

The Rev E Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages. (January 1953).

Wages.	£227.19.0	Petty Cash	£50.18.10	Robt G Bell	£11.8.7.
Alston	12.18.5	H Blackley	7.9.0.	E Cookson & Son	12.9.3.
J Crook & Sons.	21.15.5.	T Harrison & Sons	4.3.9.	T. Hopkinson	1.6.0.
W Kilner Ltd.	5.13.6	Geo Millington	19.6.	T Mears Ltd	11.19.3
Marks & Spencer	2.10.0.	C Middlebrook & Sons	4.12.3	H W Naylor Ltd	4.7.7.
A Newson & Son	23.3.9.	Preston Coal Co	3.12.3.	Preston Dairies Ltd	32.15.2.
R S Simpson Ltd	23.13.0	Scott The Leather Shop	4.17.6.	Preston S Laundry	30.17.1.
North West Gas Board	32.12.4.	S B Wilding & Son	1.16.0	Turner Ltd	4.0.0
T S Watson	9.5.9.				

Total. £547.3.2.

Fred C. Mersham

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11th 1953.

Present. Mr F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth FCA (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs Marsden Miss Margerison Mr Lillie Mr Maxwell Mr Rhodes Mr Horner Mr Garratt and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of Apology for absence were noted from Mr Spencer & Councillor J W Taylor.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Secretary & approved as a correct record.

Arising from the Minutes it was noted:-
(a) That arrangements for the Childrens Summer holiday had been completed as suggested at the last Meeting
(b) That we had applied for a Flag Day in Preston for May 16th.

(c) and that Mr & Mrs Garratt & Mr & Mrs Porter had attended the Sunday School Party on February 21st.

Bills & Wages totalling £612.1.10 were approved and passed for payment.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statements which was adopted. and in connection with which it was noted the "Lancashire Evening Post" fund of £163.1.15.0 had been transferred to General Account, also that to the end of February £253.0.8d. had been received by the Christmas Stockings.

In connection with the proposed purchase of a Television the Chairman stated he had seen Miss Taylor as suggested at the last Meeting ~~and~~ with regard to a projection model and with separate screen such could be obtained Tax free.

The Chairman also stated that with Mr Maxwell & Mr Southworth he had seen a Projection demonstration at Murdoch's, and as this was felt to be the type of model desirable a further demonstration had been arranged for at the Home at the conclusion of the Meeting.

Recommending consideration of purchase of this type of set which would cost £165 Mr Maxwell suggested that regarding such as a Capital Asset same would be paid for out of Capital account. As the same

time Mr. Maxwell stated he had already received £5 from a Client towards cost.

Repairements viz. Permission was given for walls & ceilings of bedrooms landing and stairs of Superintendents house to be papered. Two tenders to be asked for. Replacement of carpet in office was also agreed to. Price of a new one to be obtained for the next Meeting.

James Carter, our apprentice bricklayer, now receiving an average wage of £4. 15. 0 per week, Charges for Board & Lodging to be increased to £1. per week.

The National Council of Associated Children's Homes having recommended that Voluntary Organisations in membership increase Maintenance Charges of Local Authority children in their care to £5. 0. 0 per week in respect of children under 5 and £3. 10. 0 per week for children aged 5 years and over in view of increasing cost it was decided that we support such resolution.

The letter from the Social Workers Pension Fund relative to election of Employers' Representatives on Committee of Management was noted and filed on the table.

Permission for Polish Scouts to use the Mission Hall on Saturday afternoons

was not felt to be desirable and declined accordingly.

After the Secretary had pronounced the Benediction, with the exception of Mrs Margerison, who had earlier asked to leave, members then attended the Television Demonstration.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£198.0.8.	Petty Cash	£39.11.6	Alston	£2.4.9
S Bailey & Co	3.18.4.	E Cookson & Son	11.14.4	Atkinson	6.10.0
J Crook & Sons	18.13.9	T Harrison & Sons	4.10.10	Guardian Press	1.6.0
J Margerison & Co	6.15.6.	H D Naylor Ltd	21.1.3.	A Newson & Son	21.18.9
North West Gas Board	32.6.9	Phoenix Assurance	1.19.6	Preston Coal Co	9.12.3
Preston Dairies	30.16.9	Preston Laundry	22.3.6	R Seed & Son	2.15.6
C Seward & Co	4.3.1.	R S Simpson Ltd	21.15.0	Trum Press	61.16.6
I Spencer & Son	48.1.3	T S Watson	7.18.8	Gover Ltd	7.19.9
S Willan	16.0	Mr Nixon	5.1.8	Turners	2.0.0
Todkill & Son	18.10.0				

£612.1.10

Fred. C. Mersham

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Members of the Committee who were present at the Television demonstration recorded in the previous Minutes and held at Messrs Moore & Smalley's Office 9, Chapel Street, Preston at 2.30 pm on Tuesday, March 17th 1953.

Present. Mr F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr S T Maxwell (Vice-Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer)

Mrs. D. M. Marsden, Mr J Rhodes Mr A Horner & the Secretary.

The Chairman apologised for absence of Mr Lillie owing to illness and for Mr. Farrar who had another appointment.

To avoid delay by waiting until the next monthly Meeting of the Commissn the Chairman stated that he felt it desirable members should meet as soon as possible and Mr. Maxwell had therefore kindly arranged for the Meeting to be held at his Office.

After due discussion of the demonstration it was decided that a Projection Model was unsuitable. Mardochi to be informed accordingly and at the same time to be thanked for the demonstration.

On discussion of other issues involved it was the general feeling of the Meeting that having regard to the high cost of a television, and of the possible reaction on the part of certain sections of the public, although to us it was quite legitimate to treat the purchase as capital expenditure as had been suggested, it was questionable whether we were wise in doing so.

At the same time it was suggested we could invite subscriptions for such purpose and one member stated he would be willing to donate £10.

It was therefore agreed to leave the matter for further discussion by the full Commissn at its next Meeting.

Fred C Marsden

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home at 4 pm on Wednesday, April 15th 1953.

Present Mr F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs I M Marsden Mr S T Maxwell Mr A C M Lillie Rev E Porter Mr J Rhodes Mr J M Toulmin & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mrs Margerison Mr. Spencer T McTarratt.

Minutes of the Meetings held on March 11th and 17th were approved as a correct record.

Bills & Wages totalling £490.5.11 were approved and passed for payment, and to which was subsequently added £18.10.0 in respect of a carpet from T Fowler. Bamber Bridge.

The Treasurer presented his Financial Statement which was adopted and in connection with which it was noted he had received £2759.19.9. by the Will of the late Mrs M A Knowles and £5 from a Client of his firm towards cost of a Television.

Having received a further legacy of £1200 which would appear in his Statement for April, the Treasurer stated he had about £3400 available for investment and after discussion it was agreed that this be invested in 3½% 1977-80 Treasury Stock.

as the suggestion of the Solicitors of the late Mrs M A Knowles, who had willed her entire Estate to us, the Treasurer informed the Meeting that it had been proposed consideration might be given to the provision of headstone for her grave in Preston Cemetery and the upkeep of same. This suggestion being considered fitting the matter was left to the Treasurer and Secretary to go into and to report at the next Meeting

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that we had been granted a Flag Day in town on June 27th jointly with the Preston Corps of St John Ambulance Brigade, and decided a letter of thanks be sent to the Chief Constable in acknowledgment.

It was also noted that the proposed increase in Maintenance charges in respect of Local Authority children placed in the care of Voluntary Homes was still under consideration and that the Secretary had informed the Local Children's Officer that any charges would be retrospective to April 1st.

In connection with the proposed purchase of a Television Set the Chairman read a letter he had received from Mr G J Garratt on behalf of the Executors of his late father's Estate indicating that it was felt it would be very much in accord with his wishes if the Legacy was used for this purpose, which suggestion was accepted with much pleasure and the Secretary was asked to write Mr Garratt accordingly, and at

the same time to tender sincere thanks.
The demonstration of an "Ultra" Table Model held immediately before the Meeting being considered satisfactory it was agreed that such be bought. The Secretary to arrange for a rolly of suitable heights to ensure all the children could see the screen comfortably.

The Emergency admittance of Charles Miller was approved as was Mrs Cousins' application for admittance of her children Carol and Allan.

Decorating of Bedrooms. WC Landing Stairs and Hall in Superintendent's quarters:-
Wildings having quoted £54.0.0 and Spencers £63.15.0. the former was accepted.
Office carpet: Fowlers having a choice of second-hand carpets at £17.10.0 and £18.10.0 Mr Lillie was asked to arrange to buy one.

Requirements:-
The Matron's request that consideration be given to the purchase of an Electric Washer was left to the Secretary to get prices for the next Meeting. Suitable makes suggested Ada Servis & Parnell.

The Secretary's suggestion that the railings in front of his quarters should be painted was left to Mr Lillie to report at the next Meeting, and at the same time how to prepare a Specification for all outside painting.

The Rev E Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills Wages &c

Wages	£198.7.11.	Petty Cash	£32.11.2.	Alston	£4.4.2
J Bailey & Co	3.18.4.	Blackley	25.9.0.	E Cookson & Sons	11.19.7.
R Gregson & Co.	5.17.7.	J Crook & Sons	11.13.11.	T Hannah & Sons	4.5.0.
C Middlebrook & Sons	2.9.7.	A Newsom & Son	19.11.9.	N.W. Electricity Board	28.4.2
Preston Coal Co	7.10.2.	Preston Dairies	3.4.7.3.	" Gas Board	21.4.6
Preston Corpn (Water)	7.8.0.	Preston Laundry	17.7.3.	R Simpkin	£22.0.0.
Irvine Press	7.10.0	Turner	2.2.0	P.O. Telephones	12.6.1.
T S Watson	9.4.6.				

£490.5.11.

added subsequently
J Fowler 14.10.0.

£508.15.11

from Capital accounts
H Jones & Co (Radio) Ltd
Television £86.14.6.

Jno. E. Markham

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home at 4 pm on Wednesday. May 13th 1953

Present: Mr J E Markham (Chairman) Mrs J M Marsden Mr. Atherton Mr. A M Lillie Mr J Maxwell Mr J Rhodes Rev E Porter & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology for absence were noted from Miss Margerison Mr. Garrad Mr Spencer & Mr Southworth.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were approved as a correct record.

Bills & Wages totalling £506. 9. 6 were approved and passed for payment

In the absence of the Treasurer Mr. Maxwell presented the Financial Statement which was adopted. and in connection with which it was noted that £3399. 19. 6 had been invested in 3½% Treasury Stock as decided at the last Meeting. also that £86. 14. 6 had been paid from Endowment Account in respect of Television Fee. It was also noted the Treasurer had received legacies of £1200. 0. 0. by the will of the late Mrs. Annie Parkin and £87. 13. 2 from Mrs A M. Hopkins deceased.

Mr Southworth having obtained prices for Headstone & Kerb and upkeep of grave of Margaret Alice Knowles as arranged at the last Meeting it was decided W L Cookson's price of £25 for Yorkshire Stone be accepted to which would be charged £2. 10. 0 Cemetery Fee, and that £20. 0. 0 be paid Preston Corporation to keep the grave in good condition for 30 years. Miss Knowles' name only to appear on the Headstone.

The Chairman read the Secretary's Report which was accepted.

Mr Lillis informed the Meeting he would be able to prepare specification for outside painting by the following day and it was agreed Spencers Wildings Mallotts be asked to submit tenders to The Chairman.

The Chairman Secretary & Matron having gone into types and prices of Electric Washers the Chairman's suggestion that a Parnall Washer costing approximately £73.0.0. with heating attachment be obtained was agreed to.

It was also agreed to accept Walmsley's price of £5.10.0 for a table of suitable heights for the Television to which shock absorbing castors already obtained by the Chairman be added. Mr Garnett having consented it was agreed that the following inscription be attached to the Television :-

Presented by Exors in memory
of Francis George Garnett.

The Sunday School outing to Heysham Head, Cost of Tea for Members of Mrs. Spencer's Class, and Children's participation in Educational outings being arranged at School were approved.

The Home Office Training Courses & Refresher Courses for Residential Staff in Children's Homes were noted but as none of the Staff was eligible the matter was left on the table.

The Secretary having raised the question of Non-residential staff being considered for an extra weeks annual holiday it was agreed that this be granted or pay in lieu thereof.

The Secretary having to attend a Meeting of the National Council of Associated Children's Homes on Wednesday, June 10th it was decided the next Meeting be on Wednesday. June 24th.

At the close of the Meeting the Chairman paid tribute to the memory of Mr T Kittson whose death had recently taken place. Having for a number of years served on the Committee Mr. Kittson had done a great deal for the Mission and he would be greatly missed.

The Rev E Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills Wages &c.

Wages	£196.17.4	Petty Cash	£31.1.2.	Alston	£10.18.9.
E Cookson Hon	12.7.5.	J Crook Hons	22.0.0.	Electric Facilities Ltd	2.2.0.
T Gove Ltd	5.4.4.	Guardian Press	57.2.6	Harrison Hons	4.8.11.
C Middlebrook Hons	17.11.8.	A Newson Hon	19.10.8	N. West Gas Board	21.1.10.
Preston Coal Co	7.9.2	Preston Dairies	33.14.4.	Preston S Laundry	23.15.0
R S Simpson Ltd	19.8.0	R Slinger Hon	2.10.0	Turner Ltd	2.6.0
E B Wilding Hon	7.12.4.	T E Watson	9.8.3.		

£506.9.8.

Fred E. Mossham
June 24/53

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, June 24th 1953 at 4 p.m.

Present:- Mr F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth A.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) Mr C J Garratt, Mr A Horner Mr A C M Lillie, Mr J M Toulmin Miss L M Margerison & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of Apology for absence were noted from Mrs Marsden, Mr Maxwell Mr Rhodes

The Minutes of previous Meeting were approved as a correct record.

Bills & Wages totalling £515 17.10 were approved and passed for payment.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his Financial Statement which was adopted.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Carol & Allan Cousins, admitted temporarily, had been returned to the care of their mother, and approval was given of Emergency admission of Robert and Margaret Roscoe on May 22nd. Also arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that the children had viewed the Coronation on the Television on June 2nd, and that 8 of them had formed part of the party of 40 children entertained at the Dock on H.M. Submarine "AMPHION" the following day.

Flag Days. Form of Statement required by Police Regulations was completed in respect of the effort made in certain Districts of the County Police Area on May 16th in connection with which £154.6.8 had been received and after allowing for £4.17.6 expenses the balance had been credited to the General Funds of the Mission. The Secretary to express the appreciation of the Committee to the Pilkington family for their record collection of £51.6.9. made in Bamber Bridge. For the Preston Joint effort being made on June 27th it was noted that arrangements were well in hand, despite the fact that little cooperation had been possible with the Preston Corps of the St John Ambulance Brigade.

The Chairman reported that he had received the following tenders for outside painting C W Mallott Ltd £119.0.0 I Spencer & Son Ltd £188.0.0 S B Wilding & Sons Ltd £127.0.0 and his action in accepting the lowest price was confirmed.

It was noted that arrangements had been made for Members of Preston Children's Committee to visit us on July 1st when making their annual visitation of Homes in the District

Requirements viz 2 dozen boys' pullovers and 4 dozen pairs of sandals were approved.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benedictions.

Bills & Wages, &c.

Wages	£216.7.7.	Petty Cash	£32.18.3.	Alston	£7.18.0.
John H Briggs	15.16.3	E Cookson & Sons	13.3.3	W L Cookson Ltd	27.10.0
J Crook & Sons Ltd	15.6.6.	Frenchwood Primary School	3.7.6.	Fryer & Hancock	7.0.0.
C Middlebrook Sons	25.15.3	T Harrison & Sons	4.15.0.	A Newson & Son	21.15.0
N West Gas Board	5.15.4.	Preston Dairies	30.4.1.5	Preston Laundry	23.4.7.
R Seed & Sons	3.5.0.	R S Simpson Ltd	21.11.0.	Walmsleys	5.10.0
T S Watson	9.17.6	Turner Ltd	2.6.0	S Building	4.6.1.
Preston Coal Co	4.18.4.	Frenchwood Senior School	1.4.0	S Bailey & Co	3.18.4.
A Mersham & Son	15.0.	Fleetwood Corp'n	7.10.0		
					£515.17.10

Previously paid
Electric Facilities (Burnley) Ltd. £72.3.9 Parnall Elec Washer.
Corporation of Preston £20.0.0 upkeep of grave of Margaret Alice Knowles.

Fred. C. Mersham.
July 8/53

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home at 4 pm on Wednesday, July 8th 1953.

Present. Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth, ACA (Hon. Treasurer) Mr C J Garratt Mr A C M Lillie Mrs I M. Marsden, Mr S. T. Maxwell Mr J Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology for absence was noted from Mr. Spencer.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were approved as a

correct record.

Bills & Wages totalling £719.4. were approved and passed for payment.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted and in connection with which it was noted that the following items had been paid out of Capital account:-

Walmsley's	£5 10.0	for Table for Television
W.L Cookson	27.10.0	for bench & Headstone for Mrs M.A ~~Martin~~ Knowles' grave.
Preston Corporation	20.0.0	for upkeep of Mrs Knowles grave for 20 years.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Mrs Hall, the Girls' Attendant, had gone off ill and the Secretary was authorised to obtain temporary help.

The Preston Flag Day held on June 27th having realised £92.1.10 with very limited help from the St John Ambulance Brigade was considered a very satisfactory result.

In connection with the Secretary's Report it was also noted that the Preston Children's Committee, accompanied by the Mayoress and Town Clerk had duly visited the Home on July 1st; that the Vice-Chairman, Mrs Marsden and Mr Spencer were present to welcome them and that they had been favourably impressed by what they saw.

For the Children's holiday at Knotsend it was agreed that the juniors should have 7/6 each spending money and the older ones 12/6 each. Railway fares to be paid for two working girls who would be unable to meet the full expense of attending the Youth Camp at High Wycombe.

Mr Drake's application for return of his 2 boys was approved, as was Mrs Decker's request for temporary admission of a boy of 6½ should the necessity arise.

The next Meeting to be on Wednesday 16th September. The Chairman to deal with any matter requiring attention in the meantime and where necessary bills be paid.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills &c.

Wages	£202.6.5	Petty Cash	£36.10.7.	Alston	£9.14.3
G&W Collins	16.7.1.	S Bailey & Co	4.3.4.	E Cookson & Sons	12.13.4.
Gover Ltd.	4.0.0	Guardian Press	15.0	T Harrison & Sons	4.1.0.
J Margerison & Co.	3.18.2.	C Middlebrook & Sons	37.18.4.	H W Naylor	5.6.1.
A Newson & Son	18.18.7.	N West Elec Board	9.2.1.	N West Gas Board	9.8.4.
Preston Coal Co	4.16.3.	Preston Dames	30.7.3	Preston Laundry	25.18.9.
R Seed & Sons	1.15.6.	R S Simpson Ltd	21.14.0.	Turner Ltd	2.6.0
T S Watson	9.9.0				

Total £471.9.4.

Fred C Mersham

Sep 16/53

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 16 September 1953 at 4 pm.

Present:- Mr F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mr A. Horner, Mrs I.M. Marsden, Mr L.T. Maxwell, Rev E. Porter Mr J. Rhodes & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Garratt, Miss Margerison & Mr. Spencer.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

Bills & Wages totalling £935.8.6 to which was subsequently added £6.7.11. were approved and passed for payment.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his Financial Statement which was adopted. At the same time the Treasurer pointed out that after payment of accounts for July and August there would be a Bank Overdraft, and his suggestion that for the time being we should be prepared to pay interest on such rather than realise investments was agreed to.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted and approved that James Carter had gone into lodgings and that Lilian Gaffney had taken up domestic service. Also that the Preston Slipper Co. had again made us a present of 41 pairs of sandals for which the Secretary was asked to

tender grateful thanks.

The Secretary made a statement on the difficulty he and the Matron were experiencing by the unsatisfactory behaviour of 4 working girls namely Pauline Stanley, Lilian Gaffney and Louisa and Jean Hibbert and of Pauline Stanley in particular who had made a complaint to the Police alleging cruelty by the Secretary which the Chairman read in a Statement received from the Chief Constable. In expressing approval of the Secretary's action in dealing with the incident referred to it was decided that Pauline should be handed over to the care of her father forthwith, and as Lilian Gaffney had taken up domestic service that she should be given her Bank Book. In regard to Louisa & Jean Hibbert it was noted that the Secretary had been advised by the Home Office to apply for a variation of the Court Order relieving him of the legal responsibility of Louisa & Jean also of their brother William and sister Mary, and his intention to proceed accordingly was also approved.

It was noted that Miss Hall the Girls' Attendant was very seriously ill and decided she should receive full wages for September, half pay for October, and to review the situation in November.

The Mission's 77th Annual Meeting to be arranged for late October or early November on a date convenient to the Mayor & Mayoress.

The Rev T.W. Earis, Fulwood Methodist Church and the Rev T.C. Batten of St Oswald's Preston to be invited as speakers.

The Annual Meeting of Committee and Trustees to be on Wednesday, October 21st at 3.15 pm.

The Honorarium for Dr Williams being due it was decided that this be twenty-five guineas as last year.

The Secretary having reported that the National Council of Associated Children's Homes had not as yet been able to negotiate an agreement with the Home Office regarding charges for maintenance of Local Authority Children it was decided to leave any increase we may have to make until the completion of this year's accounts when we should be in a position to arrive at cost per child, and if necessary to increase charges as from October 1st.

It was noted and approved that Mr Porter had again ordered apples for the Christmas Treat for poor children.

Matron's requirements viz:- Half a dozen raincoats and a dozen sleeveless pullovers were approved. also 2500 Christmas Collecting Stockings. Mr Lillie & Mr Spencer to be asked to see to the drying in the Mission Hall D.C.

The Rev E Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages (2 months July August).

Petty Cash.	£71.12.4	Wages	£439.16.5.	Atkinsons	£4.2.0
Alston	8.2.5	S Bailey & Co	4.3.4.	G H W Collins	14.10.1
E Cookson & Sons	24.11.3.	J A Crook	1.5.8.	Goves Ltd	5.7.11.
R Ferguson & Co	20.14.8.	T Harrison & Sons	8.9.2.	W Kilner Ltd	3.10.6
C Middlebrook	21.19.0.	H W Naylor	2.18.11.	A Mawson & Son	38.6.4
N West Gas Board	7.15.9.	Preston Dunes	63.17.7.	Preston Coal Co	12.1.8.
Preston Corp'n	10.10.0	Preston S Laundry	50.3.1.	R Seed & Sons	1.7.0.
R S Simpson Ltd	35.11.0.	Jas Starkie Ltd	8.2.6.	Turners	2.14.0.
T S Watson	13.19.0	S B Wilding & Sons.	59.16.11.		
Added.					
Freeman Hardy & Willis	3.8.11.	Bees Ltd.	2.19.0.		
					£941.16.5

Fred. E. Mersham.
21/10/53

Minutes of Committee & Trustees' Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, October 21st 1953 at 3/30 p.m.

Present Mr F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon Treasurer) Mr J C Garratt, Miss J M Margerison Mrs I M Marsden, Mr S. T. Maxwell, Rev. W Porter Mr J Rhodes & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman expressed sympathy with Mr. Maxwell in the loss of his mother and congratulated Miss Margerison & Mr Garratt on their elevation to the Magisterial Bench.

Apologies for absence were noted from Mr. Hooner Mr. Jillie & Mr Spencer

The Minutes of the last Meeting were approved

as a correct record.

The Chairman read the Committee's Report for the 77th Annual Meeting which was adopted.

Accounts totalling £606.10.0. paid to enable the Treasurer to complete his Financial Statement were approved.

In presenting a summary of his Statement, so far as same was complete, the Treasurer stated that income for the year amounted to £6174 and expenditure to £6650 and Cash Overdrawn at the Bank was £628.

Ordinary subscriptions, it was noted, showed a slight increase on the previous year but Christmas Stockings were down by £61. the "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal by £73 and Children's Maintenance Receipts by £365 due to less children maintained on behalf of the Corporation.

Relative to the Endowment & Contingency Fund account the Treasurer ~~suggested~~ stated that in dealing with the cost of the Television amounting to £92.4.6. he proposed that this be set against the late Francis George Garratt's legacy of £100 in accordance with the wishes of the executors, and that similarly £47.10.0 paid for headstone & curb and upkeep of the grave of Miss M A Knowles would have to be accounted for against her legacy of £2759.19.9. In both instances this was duly approved.

It was also approved that the Anonymous

Contribution of £5.0.0. received towards cost of the Television should, in the circumstances, be transferred to the General Account. Mr. Maxwell undertaking to inform donor accordingly.

In accepting the Treasurer's Statement the Chairman expressed the Committee's very sincere thanks for his services on behalf of the Mission which he was carrying out in the way which same had always been done.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Pauline Stanley had been handed over to her father on September 18th; and the Court Order in respect of the Hobert children having been varied in favour of the Lancashire County Children's Dept.; that Louisa & Jean had been transferred to their Fulwood Hostels on October 17th. and that William and Mary would remain with us until other accommodation had been found.

For the 77th Annual Meeting to be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, November 4th at 3 pm it was noted that the Mayor & Mayoress would attend and that the speakers would be the Rev. T.W. Earis, Fulwood Methodist Church, and the Rev T.C. Dixon of St Oswald's Preston.

In connection with the Poor Children's Christmas Treat it was approved that the usual provision be made, viz 2000 Cakes 1000 meat pies and 1000 toys. Mr Maxwell to see if Parkinsons could supply biscuits. Jims, it was

noted, had already been ordered

Requirements:- Matron's request that she be authorised to obtain skirts and pinafores for 4 girls was approved.

It was noted Mr Gillis and Mr Spencer had had the Dry Rot at the Mission attended to. In connection with provision of heating stove for the Class Room raised by Mr Rixon it was felt that a Gas Stove would be the best proposition, and instead of the Stove suggested by Mr Gillis it was left to the Chairman to see the North Western Gas Board and report at the next Meeting.

The Probation Officer's request that Consideration might be given to admitting 3 of Mrs Stables 4 children was noted and approved pending a Report by Inspector Stewart of the N.S.P.C.C. of which the Chairman would be notified.

The question of Maintenance charges in respect of children being cared for on behalf of Preston Childrens Dept. was left over until the next Meeting.

The Rev E Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Continued. Bills & Wages.

Wages	£202.16.1.	Petty Cash	£27.19.2.	Alston	£12.9.5.
E Cookson & Sons	11.0.8.	GARRATT SON & FLOWERDEW.	12.12.3.	T Harrison & Sons	3.18.6.
London Assurance	2.0.0.	C W Mallory Ltd	138.19.0	C Middlebrook	14.16.0.
N.W. Electy Board	8.4.1.	N W ~~Electy~~ GAS Board	9.15.10.	A Newson & Son	20.1.6
R Oldham Ltd.	4.18.6.	Preston Coal Co	7.1.3.	Preston Harrier	28.18.2.
Preston Corpn (Water)	6.18.1.	Premier Coach Tours	6.0.0.	Preston S Laundry	9.2.0.
R Seed & Sons	1.8.6	C Seward & Co.	1.16.6.	R S Simpson Ltd	21.19.0
T. S. Watson	6.9.8.	S B Wilding & Sons	11.0.10	Dr Williams	26.5.0

£606.10.0.

Fred E. Mersham.
11/11/53

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 9th December, 1953 at 4 p.m.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Present:- Mr F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth ACA (Hon. Treasurer) Mr A Horner Mr C J Garratt Miss L M Margerison Mr S. T. Maxwell Rev E Porter Mr J Rhodes & the Secretary.

Apologies for absence of Mr Spencer & Mr Lillie were noted. The Secretary to write Mr Lillie expressing good wishes for a speedy return to health.

Summary of 77th. Annual Meeting held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, 4th November, 1953. at 3 p.m.

The Mayor (Alderman T. Singleton) presided.

The Chairman (Mr. F.C. Mersham) read the Committee's Report and Mr. H.W. Southworth A.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) presented the Financial Statement subject to audit.

It was then proposed by the Rev T.W. Earis of Falwood Methodist Church "That the Report, together with the Financial Statement be (subject to final audit) adopted, printed and circulated under the direction of the Committee" also "That the existing Committee with the addition of Mr. E.J. Garrard J.P., and other Hon. Officials be re-elected en-bloc".
This was seconded by the Rev. T.C. Bassen, M.A., D.Th. Vicar of St Oswald's, Preston.

A Vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding, to the Stewards, and the Speakers was proposed by Mr J.M. Lowlinin and seconded by Miss L.M. Margerison.

The Rev T.C. Bassen pronounced the Benediction.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 11th November. 1953 at 4. pm.

Present. Mr. F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mr A Horner Mr J Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies for absence were noted from Mr Garrass. Mr Lillie, Miss Margerison. Mr. Maxwell Mr Spencer and Mr. Tomlinson

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted in connection with which it was noted he had received a legacy of £50 under the Will of the late Miss M A Briggs. Bills & Wages totalling £417.16.7. were approved and passed for payment. In addition the Treasurer stated that he had accepted an invitation to attend a Luncheon organised by the Cooperative Wholesale Societies Retail Managers to be held in Manchester on December 8th in connection with the annual allocation of monies for Charitable purposes from the Retail Managers' Benevolent Fund which for a number of years had given an annual contribution of £30.0.0.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted Mrs. Stables boys John & Sam had been admitted on October 26th.

The Secretary having reported that Children's Homes were still awaiting a decision by the Home Office as to rates of maintenance in respect of local Authority children it was decided to make no increase in our charges to the Preston Corporation until more information was available from the National Council of Associated Children's Homes.

The Chairman reported on his visit to the North Western Gas Board with Mr Maxwell relative to the provision of Gas fire for the Museum Class Room and it was agreed to obtain the one recommended at £25.12.0. A Brass guard also to be obtained.

For the Leyland Congregational Day Services on December 20th it was decided to ask Mr Carrass if he could attend.

George Stanley leaving School at Christmas it was agreed to allow him to return to his father.

The question of payment of wages to Mrs Hall was again raised by the Secretary and it was decided to continue paying half of same.

Requirements viz 400 used brick for resurfacing the floor of the Coke cellar was left to the Secretary to get in touch with Mr Spencer.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages.

Wages	£207.9.3.	Petty Cash	£36.3.2.	S Bailey & Co	£4.3.4.
G H W Collins	17.13.5.	E Cookson & Sons	11.0.3.	Thairman & Sons	4.4.11
C Middlebrook & Sons	28.7.0.	A Newson & Son	18.11.0.	N W Gas Board	12.16.6.
R Oldham Ltd	1.9.0	Preston Coal Co	4.16.3.	Preston Dairies	21.2.6.
Preston & Laundry	17.16.6.	R Seed & Sons	2.1.5.	Alstons	3.11.10.
R S Simpson Ltd.	18.14.0.	T S Watson	2.14.6.	Gover Ltd	5.1.5.

£417.16.7.

J. C. Mersham
9/12/53

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 9th December, 1953. at 4. pm.

Present Mr F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth, A C A (Hon Treasurer) Mr C J Garratt Mr A Horner Miss L M Margerison, Mr S T Maxwell Rev E Porter Mr J. Rhodes & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies for absence were noted from Mr Spencer & Mr Lillie. The Secretary to write Mr Lillie expressing good wishes for a speedy return to health.

His Books being in the hands of the Auditors the Treasurer was unable to present his Financial Statement in the usual form and instead gave details of Bank Balances at the same time stating that he had received £311.15.3. by the will of the late Elizabeth Wallbank. The Treasurer also stated he had duly attended

the Luncheon of the Co-operative Managers held in Manchester the previous day at which it was stated it was hoped £1000 would be raised for distribution among charitable causes.

Bills & Wages totalling £511.14.2. were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted with much pleasure that Mr Tom Finch had arranged to contribute an Anonymous Contribution of £100. for 7 years by Deed of Covenant, also that from another unknown source the Secretary had received tickets for the whole family to attend the Pantomime at the Hyppodrome on December 28th.

It was noted the Lancashire Evening Post appeal had been made on December 4th and that the Editor's subscription list would appear later in the week.

The Secretary having reported that Mr. Spencer would be able to attend the Elswick Memorial Sunday School with Mr. Nixon and 8 or 9 children the arrangements was confirmed.

It was noted that the Mayor & Mayoress would attend the Christmas Breakfast as usual.

Owing to the illness of Mr Tillie it was

decided ~~that~~ to invite Mr W.W.M. Margerison to be Father Christmas at the Home for this year.

John Dobson's Christmas present to be increased from 10/- to £1. as last year and given to 7 Old Age Pensioners.

Madron's requirements viz Half a dozen boys raincoats were approved.

Mr & Mrs Sadworth Resident Handyman & Boys Attendant having handed in their resignation and an appointment being necessary in the case of Miss Hall who was too ill to resume duty, the Secretary's suggestion that he engage two female ~~atten~~ resident attendants and a non-resident handyman was approved.

The N.S.P.C.C. application for admittance of Mrs Hamilton's 3 children was agreed to.

The Sunday Pictorial scheme for people to donate toys to children in Homes was noted but as ours would be well provided for, and possible adverse reaction in other directions it was decided not to participate.

For the Sunday School party to be held in the New Year it was decided to invite Mr Tom Finch, already referred to, to distribute the prizes.
One member having pointed out that

the Mission outside walls and woodwork were in need of colouring and paint it was agreed to get Mallot's to do the work at an early date.

The Rev. E Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages.

Wages	£195.4.11.	Petty Cash	£34.5.3.	Alston	£8.10.4.
G & W Collins	21.17.1.	E Cookson Hons	10.1.7	T Harrison Hons	3.1.9.
James E Post	2.10.0.	J Murgenroy Co	4.19.6.	C Middlebrook Hons	10.12.5
H W Naylor Ltd	1.10.2.	A Newson Hon	15.13.5	N Wes Gas Board	27.13.11.
Preston Coal Co	7.8.5.	Preston Dairies	26.16.0.	Preston S Laundry	20.9.3.
R S Simpson	15.14.8.	Trinne Press	91.11.3.	T S Watson	7.1.1.
T Hopkinson	2.15.0.	R Oldham Ltd	3.18.2.		

£511.14.2.

Fred C. Mersham
13/1/54

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 13th January, 1954 at 4 p.m.

Present Mr F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth ACA (Hon. Treasurer) Mr C J Garratt Mrs I M Marsden Rev E Porter Mr J Rhodes & the Secretary.

Before asking the Secretary to offer prayer the Chairman paid tribute to Mr A M Lillie, member of the Committee and a Trustee whose death had taken place on December 30th.
In Mr Lillie the Chairman stated the Mission had lost one who loved the work and

the children and he would be greatly missed at the Mission as well as in other spheres of Service. After endorsing the Chairmans tribute members stood in silence and the Secretary was asked to send Mrs Lillie a letter of condolence.

Apologies for absence were noted from Miss Margerison, Mr Maxwell Mr. Spence and Mr. Donkin.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and approved as a Correct record.

The Chairman Treasurer having received back his books from the Auditors, presented Financial Statements for November & December which were adopted. and in connection with which it was noted that in addition to Elizabeth Wallbanks legacy of £311.15.3 mentioned at last months Meeting he had received a further legacy of £10.0.0. under the Will of the late Margaret Ellen Wilkinson. In accepting the Treasurers Statements the Chairman expressed the thanks of the Committee for his accounts prepared during a very busy period.

Bills & Wages totalling £568.9.2 were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that the Christmas arrangements had been carried out as planned and that

the Mayor & Mayoress (Alderman T & Mrs Singleton) had attended the Christmas treat for poor children as usual.

It was also noted that the "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal had closed the previous day having reached £1310 13.1 and that a final list was to appear in a few days time.

The accounts for year ended 30/9/57 having been audited as indicated earlier the Secretary was asked to send a letter of appreciation and thanks to Davies & Crane.

Application for temporary admittance of June Forbes was approved. as was also the purchase of Sunday School prizes if necessary and in connection with which it was noted Mr Don Finch had accepted the Committees invitation to present prizes at the party to be held on January 30th.

No applicants having presented themselves in response to several newspaper "adverts" for two resident female attendants it was left to the Secretary to engage temporary non-resident help if resident staff could not be found.

The Chairman informed members that he and Mr Maxwell had discussed the question of appointing someone to take the place of Mr Lillie as a member of the Committee and his suggestion that the matter be left for the time being was agreed to.

The Rev E Porter closed the Meeting with prayer.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages.	£191.13.6	Petty Cash	£36.6.4.	Alston	£4.7.4.
S Barley & Co	4.3.4.	Robt G. Bell	13.5.0.	G & W Collins	12.15.5
E Cookson & Sons	12.1.9.	John Dobson Charity	7.0.0	T Harrison & Sons	21.5.9
J L Higson	1.13.0.	Manchester Guardian	1.1.0.	T Mears Ltd	13.14.6
A Middlebrook	7.17.6	A Newson & Son	15.4.10	N W ELECTY BOARD.	18.9.2
N W GAS BOARD	56.2.2	Owen Owen Ltd	6.5.0.	Preston Coal Co	7.15.0
Preston Daines	25.15.0.	Provincial Newspapers	11.9.4.	Preston Co op Socty	14.12.6
Preston Laundry	20.1.4.	R Seed & Sons	2.3.3.	R S Simpson Ltd	19.10.8
Turners (Preston)	1.15.0	T S Watson	6.5.0	S B Wilding & Sons	3.5.6
I Spencer & Son	32.11.0				

£568.9.2

Previously paid F W Woolworth & Co Ltd
Christmas Toys. £55.13.6

Fred C. Mossham
10/2/54

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home on Wednesday, 10th February, 1926.

Present.
Mr F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southworth A.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) Mr A.L. Horner, Mr L.T. Maxwell, F.C.A. Miss L.M. Margerison, Rev E. Porter Mr J. Rhodes & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were approved as a correct record.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statements which was adopted. and approval was given for transfer from Special to General Account of £1365 received by the "Lancashire Evening Post" annual appeal.

Bills & Wages totalling £170. 11. 2 were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report the Emergency Admission of Donald Coady was approved. Dr. Williams to be asked that the boy be examined at a TB Clinic in view of his mother's complaints.

Application for a Flag Day in town was authorised with the suggestion that this be on May 8th. to give time for House to House Collections to follow.

It was noted that shortage of staff still persisted and that to ease the situation part time help had been engaged.

Requirements viz: A portable gramophone for the children, decorating of staff rooms, and lopping of poplar trees were approved.

The observations of Miss D.M. Rosling of the Children's Branch of the Home Office as set out in the Minutes of the National Council of Associated Children's Homes Meeting held in London on January 29th relative to the reducing number of children now being admitted into Voluntary Homes were read by the Chairman and in connection with which it was realised we should have to accept the situation.

The Home Office having notified the National Council of Associated Children's Homes that arrangements had been made whereby Local Authority Children in Voluntary Homes could be charged for at the rate of £1.10.0 weekly for children under 5 and £3.3.0 for children over 5 as from 1.4.53, was noted, but in keeping with the objects of our work it was felt our charges to the Preston Corporation should remain as hitherto.

The Secretary's suggestion that providing arrangements could be made for the Scouts & Campaigners to attend their respective Camps. that the remaining children have a week at

Knott End during their Summer holiday was agreed to.

The Chairman raised the question of a successor to Mr Gillie as a member of the Committee and on the proposal of Mr. Maxwell seconded by Mr. Rhodes it was unanimously approved that Mr. W.W.M. Margerison be invited.

In discussing laundry charges made by the Preston Steam Laundry which had recently been increased it was noted there were now 2 rates, namely, first and second service, and that we were paying the latter. It was also noted that the firm had not contributed to the Lancashire Evening Post fund this year and it was left to the Secretary to write inviting a continuation of their kindness.

The Secretary having informed the Meeting that Mr. Nixon's health had not been too good of late, and that if reliable voluntary help could be obtained to relieve Mr. Nixon of certain duties at the Mission Hall, he might ease the situation, the matter was left over until the next Meeting.

The Rev E Porter closed the Meeting with prayer.

Bills & Wages. January. 1954.

Wages	£173.7.8.	Petty Cash	£51.10.3.	Alston	£10.12.4.
C & W Collins	19.14.0	E Cookson & Son	10.8.4.	Atkinsons	11.10.0
A Boart & Co.	3.5.0.	S Bailey & Co	4.10.0	Gover Ltd	9.6.4.
T Harrison & Sons	3.19.6.	C Middlebrook & Sons	37.8.1.	A Newson & Son	15.5.9
Preston Coal Co	7.5.7.	Preston Dairies	24.12.5.	Preston Sq Laundry	28.14.9.
R S Simpson	19.11.0.	Turner	2.18.6.	R Slinger & Son	1.15.9.
T S Watson	5.18.6.	John Woods Ltd	2.1.0	N W GAS BOARD	26.12.5.

£470.11.2.

Paid previously

Rediffusion £9.0.0.
Manchester Guardian 1.1.0.
Preston Corpn (Water) 6.19.2.

Fred C. Mersham
10/3/54

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home at 4 pm on Wednesday. March 10th 1954.

Present: Mr. F. C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth A.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) Mr C J Garratt, Mr A Horner, Miss L M Margerison, Mr W. W. M. Margerison, Mrs I M Marsden Rev E. Porter Mr J Rhodes & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of Apology for absence were noted from Mr Maxwell

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman warmly welcomed Mr. W. W. M. Margerison present for the first time as a member of such. and to which the Rev. E Porter expressed his pleasure.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were approved as a correct record.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted.

Bills & Wages totalling £386.8.9. were approved and passed for payment.

arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted with satisfaction that the Christmas Stocking Collections had realised £376.6.9. as against £360.17.7. last year.

It was also noted that shortage of Resident staff still persisted.

In connection with Cycle Insurance it was noted that Mr. Garratt had had our Indemnity against accident increased from £1000 to £10000 with a slight reduction in premium ~~due to~~ and on the suggestion of Mr. Southworth it was agreed that Mr Garratt be asked to review of whole of our Insurances.

Mrs. Whittaker being agreeable to take Michael Stephens back on leaving school at Easter it was agreed that she should then be responsible for his welfare.

Requirements viz. Three boys sports jackets and repairs to children's chairs were approved.

It was noted Mr Nixon had not been successful in obtaining suitable help

at the Mission and at his request the matter was left over.

Mrs. Decker's enquiry as to whether we could admit a problem boy of 15 years of age was not felt to be acceptable and declined accordingly.

The Secretary was then asked to leave the Meeting and on being asked to return was informed that it had been decided ~~that~~ to increase the joint salary of himself and Mrs. Slater by £2 per week and that of Mr. Nixon by £1. per week as from the 10th of March.

The Rev E Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills TC.

Wages	£162.1.3.	Petty Cash	£45.14.9.	Alston	£6.2.0.
G H W Collins	23.16.10	E Cookson & Sons	10.16.8.	Harrison & Sons	3.3.6.
A Newson & Son	13.18.10	N Wes Gas Board	7.19.0	Middlebrook	9.0.11.
Preston Coal Co.	7.11.3.	" " "	19.13.11	Preston Dairies	23.7.3.
Preston & Laundry	21.3.5.	R Seed & Sons	1.8.0	R S Simpson Ltd	17.8.0
Phoenix Assurance	1.19.6.	T S Watson	7.13.9	Mr Nixon	5.4.11

£386.3.9

Previously paid
Garratt Son & Flowerden Insurance Cycle £1.11.0.

Fred C. Mossham
14/4/54

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home at 4 pm. on Wednesday, 14th April 1924.

Present Mr F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr W W Margerison Mr A J. Maxwell Rev E. Porter Mr. J Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Before attending to the Business of the Meeting the Chairman congratulated Mr. Rhodes who had recently celebrated his golden wedding and at the same time expressed good wishes for the future.

Apologies for absence were noted from Mr. Garnett Mr Southworth and Miss Margerison.

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer Mr Maxwell presented his Financial Statements which was adopted.

Bills & Wages totalling £53 7 11. were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Mr. Margerison had obtained a donation from Hutton Grammar School and the promise of a turkey at Christmas. It was also noted that Mr. Finch had sent a further "Anon" donation of £50.

The temporary admission of Barry & Joan Wilkinson was approved.

Mr. Garnett not being able to attend the

Meeting it was agreed that the question of adequate Insurances be left over until the next Meeting.

It was noted that we had been granted a Flag Day in town on May 8th jointly with the N.S.P.C.C. and that preliminary arrangements had been discussed with the Hon Secretary Mr S. Dewhurst.
As the St. John Ambulance Room was not available on May 8th the Secretary was left to try Jane Street Methodist Sunday School or Fishergate Baptist Sunday School.

Requirements: The Prime Pies having asked what Christmas Stockings would be needed this year it was decided to accept their price of £33.5.0 per 1000 for 3000 stockings

The Matron's request that she might obtain 12 yards of lace curtain material was approved, as was also the purchase of a Hoover Vacuum Cleaner.

The Invitation for members of Committees to attend a Conference Organised by the National Council of Associated Childrens Homes to be held in Liverpool on April 28th for workers in Homes was noted and that the Secretary would be going.

Mrs Beckett's application for admittance of Stanley Bradley from one of the

Corporation Nurseries was approved.

The Rev E Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages.

Wages. £180.11.1. Petty Cash £10.7.4. Alston £11.12.5
Barley & Co £4.15.0. H W Collins Ltd £15.18.3 E Cookson Sons £11.3.9
Cooper McDougall £3.7.6. R Greyson & Co £10.10.10. T Harrison Sons £3.4.8
H Robertson
Lancs & Yorks £1.4.0 C Middlebrook £6.9.2. A Newson & Son £14.13.3
N.W. Electy Board £20.6.4 Phoenix Assurance £16 6 Preston Coal Co £11.5.8
N.W. GAS BOARD £31.0.4 R Thompson Ltd £18.8.0. Preston Laundry £21.11.10.
Turner Ltd £2.8.0. T S Watson £5.18.4 S B Welding Co £6.13.6
Graves Ltd £5.4.8 Preston Dairies 25.17.9.

£453.7.11.

J. Thompson 12/5/54.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 12th May 1954.

Present Mr. A. T. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mr A Howes Mrs L M Mangerson Mr G. W. M Mangerson Mrs J M Marsden Mr Hy Spencer Councillor J W Taylor & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology were noted from Mr Mercham on Holiday & the Secretary Mr. Garratt.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved as a correct record,

The Hon. Treasurer presented his Financial Statement which was adopted. At the same time it was noted that we were shortly to receive £250 by the will of the late Mr G. Starkie.

Bills & Wages totalling £567.9.7. were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that to date £525 had been received by the Joint Flag Day held in town the previous Saturday.

It was noted that Mr. Garratt had gone into the question of Insurances and agreed that the matter be left over until the next Meeting when he would be in a position to give a Report.

Mission Hall outings: viz Annual Sunday School trip to Southport, and Cost of Tea for Mrs. Spencer's Class on the occasion of their outing to Fleetwood were approved.
Thanks to be expressed to Mrs. Spencer for kindly paying Cost of Transport for the latter.

The additional 2 weeks holiday for six senior boys at their School Camp at Kirby Lonsdale was approved. At the same time the boys to be asked to increase their holiday savings between now and the date they go.

One member raised the question of the reduced number of children we are now being called upon to provide for, and as this was beginning to assume serious proportions, that we should have to determine what we should do as regards the future course of the work. After discussion, during which the Chairman stated this was already very much in mind it was agreed to bring the matter up at the next Meeting. In the meantime it was suggested we might discuss the problem with certain clergy.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills &c.

Wages	£211.3.6	Petty Cash	£45.8.3.	Alston	£12.9.0.
G H W Collins	21.16.4.	E Cookson Hons	10.16.9	Harrison Hons	3.5.10.
Peter W Heyes	1.11.0.	W Kilner Ltd	2.15.0	C W Mallott Ltd	87.4.3
C M Middlebrook Hon	4.12.0	G. Moss Hons	1.10.0.	H W Naylor Ltd	22.5.3
Preston Dairies	20.2.0	Preston S Laundry	20.16.11.	R S Simpson	16.5.11
Turner Preston Ltd	2.18.0.	T S Watson	7.18.9.	S B Wilding Hons	14.3.1.
Preston Coal Co	8.6.3	North West Gas Board	16.19.8	A Newson Hon	15.18.0.
J Margerison Co	4.3.10.	Preston School Children's Fund	15.0.0		

£567.9.7.

Fred. C. Mersham
June 16/54

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, June 16th 1954 at 4 pm.

Present Mr F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr A Hoover Mr. W W M Margerison, Mrs I. M. Marsden Mr J Rhodes Mr Hy. Spencer & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Miss Margerison Mr Maxwell Mr. Garratt and Mr. Southworth.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved.

The Chairman read the Treasurer's Statement which was adopted and in connection with which it was noted that we had received £283.16.2. half share of the recent Flag Day in town with the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Bills & Wages totalling £488.7.3 were approved for payment.
The emergency admission of Muriel Johnstone whilst her mother was in Hospital was approved, as was the N.S.P.C.C. suggestion regarding the admittance of Miss Crossley's two children at a later date.

Mr Garratt's report on Insurances was noted and it was agreed to accept his suggestion that increased and additional cover be arranged in certain instances. Mr Garratt to be asked to arrange the highest figure in each case, also to have

Policy No T.P. 811/13 altered from "accidents to Scholars" to "accidents to Children" It was also agreed that Mr Garratts suggestion re Insurance of Cash in Safe should be extended to Cash in Transit.

The reducing number of children in the Home was again discussed at some length, and although no further action was decided upon, other than that agreed at the last Meeting, the following were suggested as likely sources of intake: viz The Tuesday Matrimonial Cases; the Probation Officers; Judicial advertising and by a letter in the Lancashire Evening Post.

Requirements 3 doz pairs of sandals, 6 pairs boys flannels, 3 boys suits, half a dozen small boys blouses and 3 girls dresses were approved.

The question of payment of part wages to Miss Hall, off sick since July last year, brought up for review was left to the Secretary to get particulars of her income and to report at the next Meeting.

The Secretary's Report regarding Jean Knowles having taken the wrong road was noted with regret. Pending her appearance at the Juvenile Court which it was felt should be expedited, the Secretary was asked to see if the Salvation Army would accept her in one of their Homes.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages.	£216.14.7.	Petty Cash.	£36.12.11.	Alston	£8.18.8
S Bailey & Co	4.15.0	E Cookron & Son	10.6.3	Guardian Press	50.0.0
T Harrison & Sons	3.9.5	Frenchwood Secondary School	19.10.	G & W Collins	19.6.3
Fleetwood Corp'n	8.5.0	C Middlebrook & Sons	16.4.	A Mewson & Son	13.7.8.
North West Gas Board	11.13.9.	R Oldham Ltd	1.5.0	Preston Coal Co	7.17.11.
Preston Dairies Ltd	22.10.0.	Preston S Laundry	22.15.5.	R S Simpson	16.16.0
Universal Button Co.	18.19.6.	T S Watson	8.5.2	S B Wilding & Sons	2.1.1.
S Willan	2.11.6.				

£488.7.3.

Subsequently added North Western Gas Board £5.1.10.

Fred C. Mersham
14/7/54

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 14th July 1954 at 3 pm.

Present: Mr. F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth A.C.A. (Hon Treasurer) Miss J M Margerison Mr A Horner, Rev E. Porter & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Garratt, Mr Margerison, Mrs. Marsden Mr. Maxwell & Mr Spencer.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his Financial Statement which was adopted. At the same time it was noted he had received £250 Legacy from

the Estate of the late Gilbert Stanbie.

Bills & Wages amounting to £135. 5. 7 were approved for payment.

The Secretary's further report on Jean Knowles was noted and after her 3 weeks remand it was agreed, subject to the Court, that she be placed in the care of Miss Dunn of the Moral Welfare Society, Dover Cliff until other arrangements could be made.
The Children's Holiday arrangements were noted and approved.

Continuance of half wages being paid to Mrs Hull off sick was agreed to for a further 3 months.

The temporary admission of Padre Warren's 5 children from the RAF Station, Warton was agreed to.

Repairs to the Children's See-saw were approved.

Mr Ramsay's Report on the Insurance of Money on Hand and in transit was noted and it was decided that he arrange for cover by an annual premium of £2.0.0 ~~was agreed to~~. as suggested.

The next Meeting to be on Wednesday, September 8th next.

The Rev E Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Accounts for payment.

Wages	£197.5.0.	Petty Cash	£32.19.0.	Alston	£7.5.0.
G H W Collins	17.2.2.	E Cookson & Son	10.19.1.	Gover Ltd	4.0.6.
Harrison & Sons	3.5.3	W Kilner Ltd	4.16.6	Middlebrook & Son	32.6.9.
Milletts	2.4.4.	Mengolds Ltd	7.15.11.	A Newson & Son	15.9.9.
N. West Electy Board	10.2.4.	Preston Corpn	6.18.1.	Preston Dairies	22.8.6.
" " Gas Board	9.15.7.	Preston S Laundry	19.10.7.	R Seed & Sons	1.14.6.
R S Simpson Ltd	18.5.0.	Turner Preston Ltd	2.5.0.	T S Watson	8.16.9.
					£435.5.7

Fred C Mersham
15/9/54

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Home on Wednesday, September 15th 1954 at 4 pm.

Present Mr F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth, FCA (Hon Treasurer) Mr A Horner Mr C J Garratt and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

apologies for absence were noted from Mr & Miss Margerison Mr Rhodes and Mr Spencer.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were approved as a correct record.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his Financial Statements for July & August which were adopted, and in connection with which it was noted £100 Legacy had been received from June Prescott, deceased and £481.7.2 from the Estate of the late Edwin Hodgkinson also 9/11 Balance of Legacy from Thomas Cottam, deceased. The question of

investing certain monies received in respect of legacies was left until next month when the financial position would be clearer.

Bills & Wages totalling £757.0.0. were approved and passed for payment and to which were added accounts of £15.10.0 and £14.0.0. received from Askinsons & Goldbergs.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Jean Knowles had been boarded out and that she had been taken in hand by the Probation Officer who was looking after her interests. Robert Mercer's misbehaviour was also noted and it was agreed that the matter be left in the hands of the Preston Children's Committee.

Mrs Knowles' application for temporary admission of her 2 girls was approved

It was noted and approved that Mr. Garrard had arranged for the whole of the Glass Insurance at the Mission and Lamb Street at an annual premium of £2.16.9.

For the 78th Annual Meeting it was decided to invite as speakers the Rev J. Hodgson, Superintendent Minister of Lune Street and the Rev A. Williams, Vicar of St. Mark's on a date convenient to the Mayor.

Continuance of payment of half wages to Mrs Hall, off sick, was agreed to for a

further 3 months.

The Honorarium for Dr Williams being due it was agreed that this be twentyfive guineas as last year.

For the Poor Children's Christmas Treat it was left to Mr. Porter to order fruit as usual.

Suggested Requirements viz:- A New bed for the Children's Attendant, a secondhand sewing machine, 15 yards of print material for short curtains, and repairs to 4 tubular chairs were approved as was Mr Spencer's suggestion that 2 easy chairs be obtained for the use of the girls.

The next Meeting to be 3.30pm on Wednesday, October 27th

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£12.18.2	Petty Cash	£70.10.6	Alston	£10.11.0.
S Bailey & Co	4.15.0.	G H W Collins Ltd	17.16.0.	E Cookson Hon	20.13.4.
T Harrison Hons	6.7.6	J Margerison Co.	2.14.11.	C Middlebrook Hons	26.10.6
A Newson Hon	29.16.7.	R. Oldham Ltd	4.4.3	Preston Coal Co	7.19.7
Preston Dairies	48.7.5.	Preston Laundry	40.13.2	R S Simpson	31.14.0
Turners	2.18.0	T S Watson	13.2.0.	Gover Ltd	2.15.4.
A B Wilding Hons	1.12.9.				
					£757.0.0.

Subsequently added Goldberg £18 0.0
Atkinsons £15.10.0.

Fred E. Mossham.
27/10/54

Minutes of Trustees' & Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 27th October/5th at 3.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. J.C. Mershaw (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southworth F.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) Mr J.C. Garratt, Mr. A. Horner Miss L.M. Margerison Mr J. Rhodes, Mr J.M. Toulmin & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Before proceeding with the Business of the Meeting the Chairman referred to the death of Mr. E.K. Maxwell and expressed sympathy with Mr. Maxwell and his sister in their sad loss.

Apologies for absence were noted from Mr Maxwell, Mr Spencer & Mr. Margerison.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were approved as a correct record.

Accounts & Wages totalling £569.5.10. paid to enable the Treasurer to complete his Financial Statement for the year were approved.

The Chairman read the Committee's Annual Report to be presented at the Town Hall on November 4th which was accepted.

In presenting his Statement of Accounts the Treasurer stated that payments for the year were £6008 as against £6650 last year. The main items of decrease were Wages & National Insurance £139: Clothing £31: Provisions £291:

Repairs & Maintenance £281.

Receipts on General account were £6979 as against £5961 the previous year; this being more than accounted for by £270 less from the "Lanarkshire Evening Post" appeal. Children's Maintenance receipts were also down by £395 but Interest on Investments showed an increase of £139.

The Christmas Breakfast account expenses were down by £48.

Legacies received during the year amounted to £1203.

As the Bank the General account was overdrawn by £650, but with Legacies awaiting investment, the Capital account balance was £900. In view of general account being overdrawn the Treasurer stated it was advisable the question of investing further money should be held over for the time being.

The Treasurer also stated that as last year he proposed to prepare a Statement of General Remarks for the Annual Meeting which he would first submit to the Chairman for his approval.

In accepting the Treasurer's Statement the Chairman expressed very sincere thanks to Mr Southworth for his services which he always carried out so willingly and efficiently.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted :-

(a) That the Annual Meeting had been fixed for 3pm Thursday, November 4th at the Town Hall, and that the Mayor and Mayoress, (Councillor J.F. Gray & Miss Evelyn Gray) would attend, also that the speakers would be the Rev. R.A. Letch, B.D., D.Th., M.A. Superintendent Minister of Robertson Avenue Methodist Church, & the Rev. E.G. Yates, Vicar of Christ Church.

(b) That the Children's Committee had decided Robert Mercer should remain in the Care of his parents.

(c) That Jean Knowles continued to be a source of anxiety to the Probation Officer who was making enquiries from a C of E Sisters' Order as to whether they could accept her. To this Miss Margerison added that the Probation Officer had informed her that they were prepared to accept Jean providing she was certified as mentally deficient. As an alternative the Probation Officer was therefore looking for some other Home where she would still be under supervision.

Christmas Breakfast. As Education Dept. having suggested 850 children be provided for this year it was agreed to arrange accordingly. and that there should be the usual provision :- three cakes, one meat pie, one apple & a toy each, and biscuits from the usual source if possible.

The letter from the "Sunday Pictorial" inviting participation in their scheme for Toys for lonely children for Christmas was left on the table.

Mr Toulmin undertook to attend the Leyland Toy Service on December 12th and Mr. Southworth the Acregate Lane Labour Club Concert on December 14th. It was noted that Mr. Mxon had been invited to attend the Elswick Memorial Sunday School on December 19th.

The Secretary having reported that through an electric fire having been left on in the Mission Hall Class Room part of the floorboards and covering had been burnt through he was asked to see that the fire was taken away. At the same time it was noted the matter had been reported to the Insurance Co.

The next Committee Meeting to be on Wednesday, November 17th at 4 pm.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages.

Wages	£202.12.6	Petty Cash	£30.1.2	Alston	£8.17.0.
S Bailey & Co	4.15.0	G H W Collins Ltd	18.8.6	Cookson Hons	11.3.3
Garrett Son & Howerdew Ltd.	18.12.3.	Rd Gregson & Co	1.6.10.	Harrison Hons	3.18.11.
London Assurance	14.14.0	A W Mallott Ltd	20.17.0	A Newson Hons	19.0.0.
A Middlebrook Hons	11.4.4.	H W Naylor Ltd	3.3.8.	N.W. ELECTY BOARD.	10.1.11

Carr Ford £361.6.6.

B Ford	£361.6.6.	N.W. GAS BOARD	19.13.8	Preston Coal Co	15.6.11.
Preston Dairies	25.6.8.	Preston S Laundry	21.4.1.	R S Simpson Ltd	14.2.0.
T Snape & Co	3.11.1.	Geo Taylor	1.12.6.	T.S. Watson	7.1.0.
S B Wilding & Son	56.2.7.	Preston Corpn (Water Ltd)	6.12.6.	G Moss & Sons	2.1.0.
R Bamber & Son	8.10.0.	Post Office Telephones	13.19.6.	J Spencer & Son	12.15.10
					569.5.10.

Fred E. Mersham
Nov 17/54

Summary of 78th Annual Meeting held at the Town Hall on Thursday 4th November 1954, at 3 o'clock.

The Mayor (Councillor J.F. Gray) presided.

The Chairman (Mr F C Mersham) read the Committee's Report & Mr H W Southworth A C A (Hon. Treasurer) presented the Financial Statement subject to audit.

It was then proposed by the Rev. R A Letch, B.D., B.Sc., Ph.D. Supt Minister of Ribbleton Ave. Methodist Church "That the Report together with the Financial Statement be (subject to final audit) adopted, printed & circulated under the direction of the Committee" also "that the Existing Committee with the addition of Mr D.W.M. Margerison, and other Hon Officials, be re-elected en-bloc". This was seconded by the Rev. C.G. Yates, Vicar of Christ Church, Preston.

A Vote of thanks to the Mayor and the Speakers was proposed by Mrs. Carline and seconded by Mr A Horner J.P.

The Rev. Letch pronounced the Benediction.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Home on Wednesday 17th November, 1954 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr. F.C. Markham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southworth A.C.A (Hon. Treasurer) Mr E.J. Garratt, Mr. A.J. Maxwell. Mr J. Rhodes Mr. Hy. Spencer the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies for absence were noted from Miss Margerison and Mr Horner.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were accepted as a correct record.

The Treasurer was unable to present his usual Statements of Income & Expenditure owing to his Books being at the Auditors.

Bills & Wages totalling £442.12.1. were approved for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Jean Knowles had again appeared before the Juvenile Court and had been remanded for 3 weeks with the view to her being accommodated in one of Dr. Barnardo's Hostels. The question of any financial support was left to see how things developed.

Arrangements for Christmas at the Mission and Home were noted and it was agreed to invite Mr. Margerison to be Father Christmas at the Home as last year. It was also

noted that Mr. Maxwell had arranged for biscuits for the Christmas Breakfast to be supplied free of charge by Parkinsons.

As in the past two occasions John Dobson's Christmas present to be increased from 10/- to £1 and given to 9 Old Age Pensioners.

Mr Spencer informed the Meeting that he had inspected the Mission roof as requested and was having same attended to. At the same time protective barbed wire was being renewed to prevent access by children. Excavations wanted at the Home were left for the Chairman to look into at a later date.

Matron's requirements viz:- Five dozen towels and 3 girls skirts were approved.

The resignation of Mrs. Marsden as a Member of the Committee was accepted with regret. The Secretary to write Mrs. Marsden.

It was noted that the various Insurances Mr Garratt had been asked to look into had been increased as advised where necessary and that the matter was now in order.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Wages & Accounts

Wages	£220.18.10	Petty Cash	£46.9.9	Alston	£6.2.0.
S Barley & Co	7.2.6.	G & W Collins	17.11.1	E Cookson & Son	10.10.9.
Cooper McDougall & Robertson	14.0.	Chas. Dack	2.14.6.	Garratt & Flowerdew	4.11.1.
T. Harrison & Sons	3.12.4.	Middlebrook & Son	14.14.8	A Newson & Son	18.19.9.
N W Ems Board Coke	9.2.8	Preston S Laundry	23.3.11	Provincial Newspapers	12.16.7.
Gas	4.2.2.				
R S Simpson Ltd	14.19.0.	T S Watson	2.14.6	Preston Dames	20.3.0
S B Wilding & Sons	1.5.0.				

£442.12.1.

Fred C. Mossham
8/12/54

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 12th December, 1954 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr F C Mossham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth, A.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) Mr C. J. Garratt Mr A Horner Miss L M Margerison Mr S. T. Maxwell & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies for absence were noted from Mr. Margerison & Mr. Spencer.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were approved as a correct record.

His books being at the Auditors the Hon. Treasurer was unable to present his Financial Statement. The Treasurer informed the Meeting that he had received £250 from the Estate of the late Miss Florence Poole; & £200 and £250 respectively from the Estates of Mary Ellen & Florence Poole, both deceased.

It was noted that in the case of Elizabeth Anne Poole the legacy had been left for the "Emmigration Account", and although this had been closed in 1932, that it would be necessary to account for same accordingly.

The question of investment of these and other legacies was left until we had received the "Lancashire Evening Post" Fund, when the financial position would be clearer.

Bills & Wages totalling £44.6.9. to which was subsequently added £12.4.0 in respect of Gores' Ltd account were approved and passed for payment.

The temporary admittance of John & Peter Buckley was approved.

It was noted that Jean Knowles was still on remand and agreed that matters should be left to take their normal course.

It was also noted that the "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal would appear in today's issue.

Councillor J W Taylor to be asked if he could attend Penwortham Congregational Sunday School Toy Service on December 12th. Failing Mr Taylor Mr Garrass undertook to attend.

Representation at St. James's Sunday School Service on December 20th was left to the Secretary.

Arrangements for Christmas were noted

and that the Chairman would join other members of the Committee if possible.

It was agreed that Mr & Mrs Clarkson be invited to distribute prizes at the Sunday School party to be held early in the New Year and that the Secretary be authorised to buy any additional prizes necessary.

Matrons requirements, viz:- Half a dozen raincoats and two small clothes racks to replace the one in use in the kitchen were approved.

The question of enlarging the Committee was again discussed and it was agreed to invite Mr. Norman Carver, Miss K M Ainsworth and Mrs. G G Williams.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Wages £193.19.4 Petty Cash £35.19.5. Alston £8.19.7.
G&D Collins 18.12.9. E Cookson & Sons 10.8.4. Thomson & Sons 3.4.4.
C Middlebrook & Sons £8 15.7. A Newson & Son 16.11.0. R Oldham Ltd 2.8.6
N Western Gas Board 24.8.10. Preston Dairies 25.15.0 Preston Gas Co 16.7.11.
Preston Steam Laundry 18.16.4. R A Simpson Ltd 15.0.0. T B Watson 6.19.0.
Stones of Manchester 3.17.9. T Sharpe & Co. 4.1.5. Rowes Ltd. 12.40

456.10.9.

Fred E. Markham
12/1/55

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 12th January, 1955 at 4 pm.

Present: Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr. H.W. Southworth, acca (Hon Treasurer) Miss K.M. Ainsworth Mr. A Stoner, Miss L.M. Margerison, Rev S. Porter, Mrs R. Williams and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Before proceeding the Chairman extended a warm welcome to Mrs Williams & Miss Ainsworth present for the first time. He was also able to inform the Meeting that Mr. Norman Barker had also accepted the Committee's invitation to become a member.

Apologies for absence were noted from Mr Garrard, Mr. Margerison & Mr Maxwell & Mr Spencer.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were approved as a correct record.

Having only just received his books back from the Auditors the Treasurer was unable to give his financial Statement in full but in brief stated the position as at the Bank was £750 5.9 overdrawn on Current account, and balance in hand on Capital account £2268.1.7. At his suggestion it was agreed to leave consideration of further investment until the "Lancashire Evening Post" fund had been completed. It was noted that a legacy of £100 had been received by the Will of Miss Agnes Tomlinson, deceased.

The Treasurer drew attention to an item of £6.9.2 recorded on both sides in the Yearly Summary of Balances in respect of the Building Fund Reserve which record was no longer necessary, and as the Auditors had agreed, subject to a note being inserted in the next balance sheet, he proposed at a later date to ask the Committee that this figure be deleted from the accounts. The matter was therefore left to the Treasurer to bring up at his convenience.

Bills & Wages totalling £6.6.9.0.10. were approved and passed for payment.

The Secretary's Report was noted.

The possibility of Laurel Trees tenant buying the cottage he was renting from us was noted and left to Mr. Marsden to decide. In the meantime enquiry to be made as to whether the cottage was likely to be included in the Slum Clearance Scheme.

Repairs to the roof of Laurel Trees Store Room & dampness penetrating the walls of the new house were left to J Spencer & Son to attend to.

The Secretary to send a letter of appreciation and thanks to Davies Crane for their annual audit of accounts.

The Rev E Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills &c.

Wages	£193.9.5	Petty Cash	£38.4.5	Alston	£5.0.9
S Bailey & Co	6.0.0	G & W Collins	34.17.8	E Cookson Sons	12.4.9
John Dobson Charity	7.0.0	Harrison Sons	19.5.7	W Kilner Ltd	3.13.3
C Middlebrook & Sons	30.4.5	A Newson Son	19.8.8	N W ELECT'Y BOARD	18.2.2
Preston Co operative	12.10.6	Preston Dawes	30 2 9	" " GAS BOARD	29.4.3
Preston S Laundry	18.7.10	R S Simpson	16.16.11	Trimmer Press	106.0.3
SHIRT & UNDERCLOTHING MANUFACTURING Co.	23.16.3	Turner Ltd	1.14.6	S Willan	1.5.5
Robt G Bell	7.0.11	John H Briggs	10.5.8	Rd Gregson	5.10.0
J & H Platt	1.17.3	H W Naylor	1.2.0	Rediffusion Ltd	9.12.0
T S Watson	6.3.3				

£669.0.10.

Fred C. Mershaw
9/2/55

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 9th February 1955 at 4 pm.

Present. Mr. F. C. Mershaw (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K M Ainsworth Mr N Carter Mr C J Garrath Mr A Horner, Miss J M Margerison Mr A T Maxwell Mr J Rhode Mr H Spencer, Mrs R Williams & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Before proceeding with the Meeting the Chairman welcomed Mr. Norman Carter present for the first time

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Secretary and approved as a correct record.

Bills & Wages totalling £492. 10. 2. were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that James Carson, Apprentice Bricklayer, had recently sailed for New Zealand under the scheme sponsored by that Government.

It was also noted that application for a Flag Day in town on the first or second Saturday in May was about to be submitted to the Chief Constable.

In connection with the Children's Summer Holidays it was agreed that the six senior boys attending Frenchwood Secondary School should join the School Camp being held near Edinburgh for a fortnight as from July 12th.

Relative to the possible sale of the Cottage in Laurel Street the Treasurer having received a letter from the Town Clerk which could give no definite assurance of immunity from Slum Clearance the matter was left over to await developments. At the same time it was recognised that should the sale take place this question should be borne in mind.

Chas Wallworth Ltd having submitted specification for partial decoration of the Home it was agreed to accept their price of £43.0.0 with the proviso that in future two tenders be asked for.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his Financial Statements covering 4 months ending 31st January.
from which it was noted the fund received £163 by the "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal, that there was a Bank Balance of £658 on General account. £2368 on Capital account. and that he proposed to invest £1000 of the latter in 5% War Loan.

After observations on the future of the work, and utilising money for possible developments in other directions it was decided to carry out various improvements at the Mission Hall and that members should meet Mr. Dixon there to go into the matter.

It was noted that the Secretary had had to dispense with the services of Miss O'Connor as Children's Attendant on account of her inability to do the work.

The Rev Ed. Porter's request that he resign from the Committee in view of his wife's state of health was not accepted. The Secretary to write Mr. Porter accordingly and that he should attend the Meetings when he could.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages.

Wages.	£216.3 5.	Petty Cash	£45.2.9.	Alston	£4.19.0.
S Bailey & Co	9.0.0	E Cookson & Son	10.2.7.	Gover Ltd	7.0.9
Rd Gregson & Co	5.11.10	A Newson & Son	18.18.0	C Middlebrook	14.1.7.
Preston Coal Co	18.1.1.	Preston S Laundry	24.7.2.	Preston Dairies	26.14.0
R Seed & Sons	6.7.1.	R A Simpson Ltd	16.10.0.	Turner Ltd	3.18.0.
T. S. Watson	9.3.9	John Woods Ltd	1.14.9	S B Wilding & Sons	7.2.0.
North W Gas Board	27.17.6	G H W Collins Ltd	16.10.7.	Harrison & Sons	3.13.0
" " " "	4.11.4.				
					£497.10.2

Fred E. Mersham
9/3/55

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 9th March, 1955 at 4 p.m.

Present:- Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr. H W Southworth A.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) Miss Ainsworth, Mr. C. J. Garratt Mr. A. Horner, Miss Margerison, Mr J Rhodes Mr Hy. Spencer & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr Carter, Mr Margerison, Mr. Maxwell, & Mrs. Williams

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read by the Secretary and approved as a correct record.

Following the minutes the Chairman read a letter sent by James Carter to the Secretary, posted at Curacao, Netherlands West Indies, from the Emmigrant Ship "Captain

Cook's en route for New Zealand.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted and from which it was noted he had invested £987.15-0 in 3½% War stock. & that balances in hand at the Banks were £581 on General account and £1340 on Capital account.

The Treasurer also informed the Meeting that he was shortly to receive £320 from the Estate of the late Lewis Wignall.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the Treasurer for his Statement and for his work on behalf of the Mission.

Bills & Wages totalling £37.19-6 were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Miss Margerison & Mrs Williams had represented the Mission at a Tramps' Ball recently held at Carterton and that the Treasurer had subsequently received the proceeds amounting £41.10.0.

The Secretary's suggestion that 10 of the younger children should again have a week's holiday at Knox Camp during the summer was agreed to subject to the accommodation offered by Mrs Brereton being suitable.

The handing over of Charles Stanley to his father on leaving school at Easter was left over until next month. In the meantime Miss Margerison undertook to contact the Housing Dept. as to the possibility of the Stanleys being found a Council House and the Secretary to write the Department and explain the situation.

In connection with the proposed improvements at the Mission Hall the Chairman reported upon certain members of the Committee having met Mr Nixon at the Hall and outlined various recommendations. Before carrying out any structural alterations, however, it was decided to obtain the opinion of Mr Fred Howorth, Architect. The Chairman also stated that he was meeting Mr. Whitlock in 2 days time in regard to the Central Heating System which, it was agreed, should be brought up to date. The provision of tubular chairs to replace the existing forms was also agreed to and the Chairman was authorised to buy 50 Bibles and 100 Hymn Books with an Tune Book. The latter to be the School Hymn Book of the Methodist Church. It was also moved and approved that Mr. Nixon had been authorised to obtain the services of a cleaner for which 10/- a week should be paid.

Matrons requirements viz a dozen yards of

Certain material were approved.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£186.18.2.	Petty Cash	£38.1.9.	Alston	£6.14.0
E Cookson & Sons	8.17.1.	Cooper McDougall & Robertson	3.7.6	T Harrison & Sons	2.18.8
Middlebrook & Sons	11.9.4.	A Newson & Son	17.13.5.	N. West Gas Board	2.4.4
Preston Coal Co	3.9.7.	Preston Dames & Son	21.16.0.	" " " "	25.2.5
Preston S Laundry	20.3.1.	R S Simpson Ltd	14.2.0.	T S Watson	6.3.0.
Mr A E Nixon	5.6.8.	T Nickson & Sons	1.15.0.	Geo Moss & Sons	1.17.6

Paid previously I Spencer & Son £28.19.1. £377.19.6

Fred C. Messham
20/4/55.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 20th April 1955 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr F C Messham (Chairman) Miss Ainsworth. Mr C J Garratt. Mr A Horner. Miss Margerison, Rev E Porter Mr H Spencer. Mr J Rhodes Mrs R Williams & the Secretary The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Carter Mr. Maxwell & Mr Southworth.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read by the Secretary and approved with the exception that that referring to 10/- per week to be paid for cleaning the Mission Hall should be 10/- for cleaning as required.

Bills & Wages totalling £593.0.5. were approved and passed for payment.

The Chairman presented the Treasurer's Statement which was adopted and as the suggestion of the Treasurer it was agreed that £200 be invested in 3½% War Loan.

The Secretary's further report regarding Charles Stanley was noted and in view of accommodation now being available it was agreed that he should return to the care of his parents.

It was also agreed that Pauline Whitehead should be handed over to the care of her mother to live with Pauline's Grandparents at 26 Fairlawns Road. Preston.

The Secretary (Matron having found that the accommodation available at 23. The Esplanade, Knott End was satisfactory it was agreed that nine of the younger children should have a week's holiday there as from July 16th.

It was noted that the Watch Committee had granted us a Flag Day jointly with the Church of England Children's Society for June 11th., and as suggested by the Secretary, it was approved a letter of thanks be sent to the Committee.

Requirements, viz: 4 sports jackets and 4 pairs of flannells, also wire netting to replace that at the end of the boys' yard, were approved.

Also approved were the Sunday School trip to Southport & Cost of Tea for Mrs. Spencer's Class on the occasion of their annual outing.

The Chairman read two further interesting letters to hand from James Carter who had recently emmigrated to New Zealadd.

Mr. Howorth's plan of suggested structural alterations at the Mission Hall was noted and after some discussion it was agreed that the Sub-Committee meet Mr Howorth at the Mission Hall.

~~The Rev E H~~ The Secretary having experienced difficulty in getting cleaners at the Home it was agreed that the rate of pay should be increased to 2/6 per hour in respect of 3 workers.

The Rev E. Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£176.17.3.	Petty Cash	£37.17.7.	Alston	£10.5.0.
G H D Collins	13 18.10	E Cookson & Son	10.3.9.	Gover Ltd	6.15.8.
T Harrison & Sons	2 18.8.	James E Post	1.0.0.	C W Mallott Ltd	152.2.9.
House of Margerison	3.17.10.	Middlebrook & Son	11.7.6	A Newson & Son	19.15.6.
NORTH WEST ELECTY BOARD	20.11.2.	R Oldham Ltd	3.15.9	Preston Coal Co	3.2.6
NORTH WEST GAS BOARD	27 18.6	Preston Dames	22.15.6.	Preston S LAUNDRY	17.18.7.

Fred C. Mersham

March/55 Bills & Wages. Continued

R S Simpson £ 15.15.0. Turners Prevost £ 3.16.0. T. S. Watson £ 9.3.7
S B Wilding & Son 2.19.4. E Bailey & Co 6.0.0. Post Office Telephones. 12.4.2.

£ 593.0.5.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 9th May, 1955 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr. H C Messham (Chairman) Miss K M Ainsworth Mr N. Carter. Mr A Horner. Miss J M Margerison. Mr S. T. Maxwell Rev E Porter Mr J Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies for absence were noted from Mr Garratt, Mr. Margerison. Mr Southworth, Mr Spencer & Mrs Williams.

In the absence of the Treasurer Mr. Maxwell presented the Financial Statement from which it was noted that £2064.9.3. had been invested in 3½% War stock and that a legacy of £100.0.0. had been received from the estate of the late Mrs Ada Kirkham.

Bills & Wages totalling £406.2.8. were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report ~~it was~~ the Emergency admittances of John Slater and George Reeves were approved.

Matrons requirements viz:- Half a dozen raincoats & an electric iron were also approved.

The Chairman reported upon the Sub-Committee having met Mr. Fred Howorth Architect at the Mission Hall when his suggested improvements were again discussed. Having regard to the nature of the work involved it was noted it was difficult to obtain a fixed price and that Mr. Howorth had been asked to work out approximate cost which he would submit in due course.

The Rev & Porter closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £190.14.0. Petty Cash £40.5.5. Alston £6.6.5
Gr W Collier Ltd 22.3.6. & Cookson Sons 10.12.6. Harrison Sons 3.2.9
Cuddlebrook Hall 11.2.6. A Newson & Son 20.3.2. NW Gas Board 18.17.6
Preston Coal Co 9.1.2. Preston Dairies 21.5.8 " " " 4.14.1.
Preston Laundry 28.7.3. R B Simpson Ltd 15.4.0 T. Snape & Co 3.15.9
T.S. Watson 5.12.0

£406.2.8.

A J Maxwell 8/6/55.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 8th June, 1955 at 4 pm.

Present. Mr A J. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K M Ainsworth, Mr E J Garratt Mr A Stonier, Mr J Rhodes, Mr H Spencer Councillor J W Taylor & the Secretary.

The Secretary opened prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Markham, Mr. Carter, Miss Margerison & Mrs. Williams.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting which were approved as a correct record.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted.

Bills & Wages totalling £487.18.10. were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Flag Day preparation for both town and districts outside was well in hand.

The Secretary's suggestion that the senior boys attending their School Camps July 12- 26th should have 30/- each spending money and the junior children 10/- each for their stay at Knott End July 16-23rd. were approved. It was noted that from these amounts the children themselves would contribute £6 from their savings.

Relative to the proposed structural work at the Mission Hall it was noted that Mr. Howorth, the architect, had ascertained it would be necessary to submit plans for the Corporation's approval and that this was being attended to.

Requirements in a Stock of sundries

to be obtained from the Preston Slipper Co was approved.

Mr Garrard reported that during his inspection of the Stone immediately before the Meeting it had been pointed out to him that the lino in the Boys' Lavatory & Dormitory needed renewing and that some sort of covering was also suggested for the Boys' staircase steps. Before deciding upon having same attended to, at the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed to inspect the floor coverings at Howick Home. Mr Maxwell undertaking to see Mr. Noble, the Superintendent, as to when this could be arranged.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages. £192.9.6. Petty Cash for 3.15.8. Alston £9.9.8
G W Collins 18.12.2. Hodkinson Bros 9.3.7. Guardian Printers 48.10.0
J Harrison Bros 2.11.6 Graves Ltd 5.15.10. Micklehurst Bros 4.4.7
A Newsom & Son 17.19.2. N.W. Gas Board 9.1.0 Preston Laundry Ltd 22.0.10
Preston Laundry 18.16.5. C Seward & Co 5.0.7 Turner Preston 2.0.0
Preston Coal Co. 11.11.4. R.S. Simpson Ltd 15.18.6 J Starkie & Sons 8.10.0
T S Watson 6.13.4. S.B. Holdings 3.15.2.

£457.18.10.

added by Hon. Treasurer
Preston Corporation's General Rates

Jred E. Mercer
17/8/55

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home on Wednesday, 17th August 1955 at 4 o'clock.

Present. Mr. F.C. Mentham (Chairman) Miss K.M Ainsworth Mr A. Horner, Miss Margerison, Mr J Maxwell, Mr. H. Spencer, Mr J.M. Zoulmin, Mrs R Williams, and the Secretary. Mr Fred Howorth. Architect, was also present for the early part of the Meeting.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr Carter. Mr. Garnett & Mr. Southworth.

Mr Howorth having obtained an approximate tender of £1597.17.9. from J Spencer & Sons Penwortham in respect of structural alterations and other improvements as the Mission Hall made up as follows :-

Builders work £555.2.6 Joiner £504.0.0. Plumber £37.8.4. Plasterer £62.5.8. Painter £389.1.3. Contingencies figure £50.0.0. & the Whitlock Heating Co's price of £270.0.0. for central heating boiler and new radiators, after due discussion, on the proposal of Mr. Rhodes seconded by Mr. Maxwell and carried unanimously it was agreed to accept same and Mr. Howorth was asked to go ahead with the work.

It was also agreed that Mr. Howarth be given authority to have the flow boards in the back room seen to and put in suitable condition.

Relative to the Electrical Installations the Secretary to convene a Meeting with Mr. Parkinson Mr Howarth Miss Taylor & Mr Maylorfield.

~~Action~~ The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting which were approved as a correct record.

Bills & Wages totalling £819 3.10 were approved and passed for payment.

In the absence of Mr. Southworth Mr Maxwell read the Treasurer's Statements which was adopted.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that the Town & County Area Flag Days had again been successful and the Secretary was asked to express the Committee's thanks to Mr. Mixon for the work he had put into same.

It was also noted that the Preston Slipper Co. had again made the Mission a gift of 24 pairs of sandals, for which suitable thanks should be tendered.

The temporary emergency admission of Rodney Stevens & Alfred Williams was approved as was the admission as a Lasses duke of allan Cousins for a short period.

Several members having inspected the type of floor covering at Howick Home as suggested at the last Meeting it appeared that same was not a practicable proposition for children it was agreed to obtain a heavy type of lino instead. The Secretary to get a price for the next Meeting. At the same time it was not considered necessary to cover the Boys Backstairs as had been suggested.

Arrangements for the Annual Meeting were left over until the next Meeting.

The Secretary's suggestion that the coping on the walls around the Childrens play yards should be attended to where necessary was agreed to.

Mr. Maxwell drew attention to a "Contra Item" of £5692.0.0. appearing in the annual accounts in respect of the Building Fund Reserve, which earlier in the year the Treasurer had mentioned was no longer necessary and that he proposed to delete same from this years Annual Statement and at the same time a note to this

effect should appear in his accounts accordingly. This suggestion was therefore approved.

The Secretary informed the Meeting that in consequence of the death of Mrs. Dewhurst the house and land of 119 Oxford Street would again come in the Market for sale. but in view of the reduction in numbers of children and of changed circumstances it was felt desirable to consider buying same.

Mr Spencer raised the question of some motor driven kind of transport to assist Mr. Nixon in his work which after due discussion was left over for the time being.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills Passed.

Wages. £14.10.11. Tatton Bank £96 2.4. Alston £7.3.0.
G & W Collins Ltd 12.10.1. S Bailey & Co £ 6.6. Atkinson Ltd 2.7.6.
Kookaburra Down 20.6.9 Rd. Gregson & Co. 28.14.6 Thos Hinxman Sons 4.9.6.
Cruddlebrook Sons £4.17.4. Geo Moss Sons 18.6 H.W. Marlor Ltd 3.13.6
Alex Newson Sons 33.8.6. N.W.E.B. 17.6.1. Preston Dairies 38.10.10
Preston Laundry 34.14.7. " " " " £.4.6. Provincial Newspapers 1.8.4
Ed. G. Simpson Ltd 26.18.11. Turner Ltd 2.15.0. T.S. Watson 16.17.11.
E.B. Weldings Sons 2.17.10

£814.3.10.

Fred C. Mercham
14/9/55

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 14th September, 1955 at 4 p.m.

Present:- Mr. J.C. Markham (Chairman) Mrs. K.M. Ainsworth, Mr C.J. Carran. Mr A. Horner. Mr J. Rhodes & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Carter, Miss Margerison. Mr Maxwell Mr Southwood Mr Spencer. Mr. Toulmin & Mrs Dilliamore.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting which were approved as a correct record.

The Chairman read the Treasurer's Statement which was adopted.

Bills & Wages totalling £411.10.6 were approved and passed for payment.

The Emergency admission of Sandra & Barbara McCarthy was approved.

Price for linio, both plain and patterned, were noted from J.H. Briggs & Son. The Chairman Secretary to see the Ladies at the shop and if necessary the matter should be brought up at the next Meeting, otherwise authority given to purchase.

It was also noted Mr Toulmin had duly seen the electrical fittings at the Nursery with Mr Fred Howorth & H.W. Hargreaves Ltd and

that he was awaiting the finis report on the result of their test.

For the 79th Annual Meeting to be held early in November it was decided to invite as speakers :- Archdeacon Fallows or Rev T.G. Rees and Rev F.A. Malmud or Rev. F.A. Groves.

The annual Honorarium for Mr Williams being due it was agreed that this again be Twenty five Guineas.

Requirements viz :- Half a dozen children raincoats & 2 dozen fold. over Counterpanes were approved.

The next Meeting to be on October 19th or 26th. to suit the convenience of the Treasurer.

The Secretary informed the Meeting of new Boarding-Out Regulations just issued by the Home Office which, it was noted. Covered every aspect of Boarding Out of Children by both Voluntary & Local Authorities.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Wages	£206.0.4.	Petty Cash	£8.5.4.	Alston	£3.17.9.
G.H.W. Collins Ltd	27.10.2.	E. Cookson & Sons	11.10.7.	T. Herron & Sons	2.14.5.
Cumberland Motor Co	11.17.10	J. Newson & Son	18.4.7	Home & Margerison	4.2.4.
Herron Coal Co	17.14.7.	Herron Dairies	22.6.9.	Preston & Kennedy	15.18.11.
R.S. Simpson	15.10.7.	T.S. Watson	9.11.0	S. Blackburn & Sons	16.3.6.

£411 10.8.

Fred L. Mossham
26/10/55

Minutes of General Committee & Business Meeting held at the Children's Home on 26th October, 1955 at 3/30 p.m.

Present :- Mr F.C. Wesshaw (Chairman) Mr H.W. Ambworth A.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K.M. Ainsworth Mr B.J. Carratt Mr A. Howes Miss L.M. Margerison Rev E. Porter Mr Hy. Spencer Mr J.M. Tomlinson & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology were received from Mrs Williams Mr Maxwell & Mr Rhodes and also on behalf of Mr Norman Baker in U.S.A.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting of 14th ultimo which were approved as a correct record.

The Chairman read the Committee's Report to be presented at the Annual Meeting which, with slight amendments, was accepted.

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The Hon. Treasurer presented his Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September which was accepted. As the same time thanks were tendered to the Treasurer for his valued services not only in preparation of accounts but also for his keen interest in the work generally. The Secretary's Report covering 6 weeks was noted arising from which Mr. Spencer & Miss Margerison reported upon the recent annual visit of the Children's Committee.

The Emergency admission of Maurice & Donald Tate on 19th October was approved.

Mr Doulman reported on his inspection of the Electrical system at the Mission Hall and on the Baptism test which he stated was reasonably satisfactory. At the same time minor adjustments were necessary, and he would report further after having a final word with Mr. Fred Howarth.

The Chairman reported upon what was being done at the Mission also that it had been found necessary to renew the floor banding in the Primary Dept. the cost of which would be about £60. In addition a new gas main from the street would be necessary

Arrangements made for the Annual Meeting at the Town Hall on Thursday 3rd November were noted and approved.

The Education Dept. having suggested a reduction in the number of children to be provided for on Christmas, morning it was agreed to arrange for 750 instead of 650 as last year. In addition to the usual cake, meat pie, fruit & togs a bar of chocolate to be given to each child.

The Secretary informed the Meeting of a telephone conversation he had had with a Mr. Miller, Solicitor, Eynsham relative to the estate of

the late Miss H. N. Greenhalgh by which we were joint legatees with the Homes for the Blind. Fulwood and in connection with which the solicitor stated there was a wooden bungalow which he proposed to sell privately rather than by auction. A letter explaining the situation more fully was being sent to the Treasurer with a copy of the Will meanwhile it was agreed to be guided by the Solicitor regarding the Sale of the bungalow. At the same time it was noted that Miss Greenhalgh was to have benifitted by the Will of the late a Mr. Blakely who had died an hour before her but that in this matter the estate was practically nil.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£14.2.4	Penny Bank	£32.6.7	Alston	£7.0.0
S Bailey & Co	5.6.6	J H Briggs & Son	68.2.3	G H Wallwork Ltd	16.15.1.
E Cookson & Sons	14.7.5	Atkinson Ltd	5.6.0	Eastern Counties Flowerdew Ltd	22.13.3.
Rowe Ltd	10.9.1.	Harrison & Sons	3.1.0	London Assurance	14.4.0.
Middlebrook & Sons	38.2.2.	H & W Naylor Ltd	4.18	J. Newson & Son	20.0.2.
N. West Electricity Board	8.9.6.	R Oldham Ltd	5.5.0.	Preston Corporation	5.15.11
N. West Gas Board	11.19.9	Phoenix Assurance	1.19.6.	Preston Dairies	25.14.3.
Preston & Lancaster Laundry	18.9.2.	R Hemingway Ltd	14.17	S. T. S Watson & Son	£18.3
Webbs Ltd	6.2.6	S Blackledge & Sons	1.12.4.	Inland Revenue	19.7.
P.O. Telephones	11.6.11	Draft Gilliam	26.5.0		

£605.19.5.

Fred. G. Thurnham
9/11/55

Summary of 79th Annual Meeting held at the Town Hall on Thursday, 3rd November 1955 at 3 o'clock.

In the absence of the Mayor, who was indisposed, Mr A J. Maxwell FCA presided.

The Rev. G.A. Groves offered prayer.

The Mayoress (Mrs J. Henery) apologised for the absence of the Mayor and also for herself as she had to leave immediately to preside at another Meeting.

The Chairman of the Mission (Mr F C Mensham) read the Committee's Report & Mr H W Southworth ACA (Hon. Treasurer) presented the Financial Statement subject to audit.

It was then proposed by the Rev G.A. Groves of Enfield Memorial Methodist Church (In the absence of the Rev J L Brook Vicar of Dalton le Dale also through indisposition) "That the Report together with the Financial Statement be (subject to final audit) adopted, printed & circulated" "That the existing Committee with the addition of Mrs R H Williams, M.B.E. J.P., Miss K M Ainsworth & Mr Norman Carter & others Hon Officials be re-elected en bloc". This was seconded by Mr D N Carline

A vote of Thanks to the Mayor & Mayoress & the Corporation & Speakers was made by Mr H Spencer & seconded by Mr Hy Spencer

The Rev G A Groves closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home at 4 pm. on Wednesday, 9th. November, 1955.

Present :-

Mr. F.C. Markham (Chairman) Mr. H.W. Southwood A.C.A (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K.M. Ainsworth Mr. E.J. Garrard. Miss L.M. Margerison Mr. A.J. Maxwell Mr. J. Rhodes Mrs. R.H. Williams & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting which were approved as a correct record.

His books having been sent to the Auditors the Hon. Treasurer stated that he had not been able to prepare the usual financial statement. At the same time it was noted that the Cash position was much the same as at 30th September.

The Treasurer informed the Meeting of a communication he had received from a Mr Mills Solicitor of Lytham relative to the estate of the late Mrs M.A. Greenhalgh which the Secretary had referred to at the last Meeting also of his Conversation with Mr Noble of the Homes for the Blind, Fulwood who had referred the matter to Burton & Dixon Solicitors. It in view of the Complicated position the matter was left to await developments.

Bills & Wages totalling £11.6.8.9. were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Mr Edmondson, Hon Residents cook, was off duty sick and that as was soon the work had got too much for her. it was not advisable that she should resume duty again. It was agreed she be paid full wages to the end of the year and that other help be obtained.

Also arising from the Secretary's Report the Chairman informed the Meeting of the alterations going on at the Mission Hall.

For the Christmas Breakfasts, for which supplies had already been arranged, it was left to Mr Maxwell to see Mr Carver of Parkinsons about Basins as on the last occasion.

Mrs Williams to attend the Leyland Congregational Toy Service on 11th December & Mr. Musgrave to be Father Christmas at the Home on Christmas Night. Mr Spencer to be asked if he would again provide transport for the children & Mr Buxton to attend the Elswick Memorial Sunday School on 18th December.

John Dobsons Christmas presents to be given to Seven Old Age Pensioners as on the last occasion and to be increased from 10/- to £1 each

the N.A.T.C.C. Inspectors application for admission of James Fenlon was approved.

The offer to collect waste paper on behalf of the Mission by Mr P Richardson Parsonstown Paper Disposal Bridge Street, Higher Walton was left to the Secretary to make appropriate enquiries and bring up at the next Meeting

Requirements: viz Kitchen scale & electric mixer were left to the ladies of the Committee.

Mr. Maxwell having raised the question of Invitations for the Annual Meeting it was agreed to include all Flag Day Helpers & where necessary to obtain names from organisers. The question of including a general invitation in the 'Lancashire Evening Post' advert to be borne in mind.

The proposal to send each member of the Children's Committee a printed copy of the Committee's Annual Report without the inclusion of Subscriptions, & the Treasurer's Financial Statement was again discussed and it was agreed the Report & Financial Statement should be printed together as usual.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£24.10.2	Petty Cash	£14.13.7	J. Alston	£6.5.10
E Cookson & Sons	13.6.10	G.W. Collins	20.12.7	Mrs Brotherton	2.0.0
J. Harrison & Sons	3.5.2	H. Jones & Co.	1.10.0	James & Tosh	2.6.8
Cuddleswick & Son	24.4.6	Gilson & Sons	1.2.9	A Newson & Son	20.5.8
N. Western Board	14.12.6	Preston & Laundry	23.4.3	R.S. Simpson	16.9.0
J. Knape & Co.	3.1.5	Preston Dairies	17.11.6	J. Wilson	5.0.0
S.B. Wildmington & Sons	1.10.4				
			£144.6.5.9.		

Agreed to Dresham
14/12/55

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children Home on Wednesday, 14th December 1955 at 4 o'clock.

Present :- Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr. J. Carman Miss L.M. Margerison Mr. A.J. Maxwell Mrs R.H. Williams & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Miss Ainsworth Mr Barker Mr Horner & Mr Southworth.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting which were approved.

His books being at the Auditors it was noted the Treasurer had been unable to prepare the Financial Statements.

Bills & Wages totalling £~~57~~ 57.7.10. were approved and passed for payment.

arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Mr. Carson had arranged for 750 packets of biscuits to be supplied by Thos Parkinson Ltd for the poor children Christmas Treat for which appreciation was expressed.

The Chairman reported upon the alterations being carried out at the Mission and it was noted Mr. Whitlock had promised to have the central heating ready for use early the following week. also that pressure had been brought to bear to have some semblance of order in time for Christmas.

The "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal having been launched it was noted that the initial response had been very encouraging.

It was also noted that there had been no further development regarding the bill of the late Mrs. M.A. Trenholgh.

Mr Richardson's offer to collect waste paper, &c. and pay the Mission for same was given further consideration but it was decided his offer could not be accepted. A vote of thanks to be expressed to Mr Richardson for his suggestion.

It was agreed to invite the Rev Mrs Jenkins of Leyland Congregational to distribute the prizes at the annual Sunday School party when the Mission Hall alterations allowed.

Requirements: The suggestion that an electric potato peeler be provided for use in the kitchen was agreed to and the matter was placed in the hands of the Chairman.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£202.2.10	Petty Cash	£47.1.11.	Alston	£4.8.0
G.W. Collins Ltd	17.12.3	John H Griffin	29.1.9	Cookstown Urban	12.18.8
T. Harrison & Sons	2.16.10	Rowes Ltd	11.15.0	Shieldhead Urban	8.19.8
H.S. Naylor Ltd	19.9.4	Alexandra	21.2.10	N.I. Gas Board	25.6.7
Preston Coal Co	21.9.10	Preston Laundry Ltd	22.10.5	Preston Laundry	17.13.1
R.S. Simpson Ltd	16.14.10	R. Slingerland	2.4.0	T. Watson	7.0.0

£557.7.10

Read & Received
11/1/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 11th January, 1956 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr. F.C. Merriam (Chairman) Mr. W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss M. Ainsworth Mr. G. Hosier Rev. E. Porter Mr. J. Rhodes Mrs. R.H. Williams & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Carter, Mr. Garnett, Miss Margerison Mr. Maxwell Mr. Tarlin

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting which were approved.

The Treasurer informed the Meeting that as he had only just received his books back from the Auditors it had not been possible for a Statement to be prepared in time but there would be one for the next Meeting. At the same time he proposed a letter of thanks be sent to Davies & Crane for their audit of the year's accounts and this was agreed to unanimously.

Bills & Wages totalling £523.16.10 were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted the "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal had reached £1617.15.7. and present indications were that last year's total of £1678.14.0 would be exceeded

Mrs Tierney's application for temporary admission of her 3 children during her time in hospital was approved.

The Chairman reported upon the alterations being carried out at the Mission Hall

The Chairman also reported on his enquiries regarding an Electric potato peeler, which, it was agreed, he had ordered from Nelsons at a cost of £31.10s.0.

In connection with the new Valuation of property it was noted that so far as the Home was concerned the new rateable value was £230 as against the present figure of £128 and the Treasurer was asked to submit an appeal. It was also noted that there was an increase of £1 on the Lynch Street property and that the Mission Hall was exempt.

Relative to staffing problems at the Home the Secretary was asked to advertise for a Resident Cook for which services £5.0.0 per week be paid.

The Rev E. Porter closed the Meeting with prayer.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£22.13.4	Peter Cook	£39.3.6	Alston	£10.2.0
J Bailey & Co	5.6.8	Robt E Bell	10.6.6	G W Collins Ltd	12.15.0
Cookson Hons	12.9.0	John Dobson Chemist	7.0.0	T Harrison Hons	21.11.9
Middlebrook Hons	16.11.9	Allgood Hons	22.3.6	N West Gas Board	33.17.1
~~John Platt~~		Preston Coal Co.	2.11.11	Rediffusion Ltd	9.12.0
Preston Co-operative Society	8.0.6	Preston Dairies Ltd	24.1.4	Preston Steam Laundry	19.18.4
R P Simpson Ltd	18.15.8	T Swaye & Co.	6.1.0	T S. Watson	6.1.0
A Blelding Hons	4.9.10	Guardian Press	8.5.2		

£523.16.10

Fred E. Needham
8/2/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 6th February 1956 at 4 p.m.

Present:- Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr A Horner, Mr S.T. Maxwell, Rev E Porter, Mr. J Rhodes. Mrs R A Williams & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Miss Margerison, Mr Southworth Mr. Spencer.

In the absence of Mr Southworth Mr. Maxwell presented the Treasurer's financial Statement for 4 months ending 31st January which was adopted.

It was noted that £2018 had been received by the 50th annual appeal of the "Lancashire Evening Post" which was a record and authority was given for this amount to be transferred to General account.

It was also given for the Treasurer to invest £1000 on Capital account with the Preston Corporation at 5%.

Bills & Wages totalling £172.12.8 were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Miss Margerison had attended the Tramps Ball at Eastham, and that proceeds,

amounting to £50.2.0. had been sent to the Lancashire Evening Post Fund.

The Chairman reported upon the alteration at the Mission Hall and it was agreed decorating was about to commence.

The question of seating was again discussed and it was left to the Chairman to get an estimate for 100 tubular chairs to be considered at the next Meeting.

The Secretary to report upon the Gas Cooker offered by Mr. Spencer.

It was also noted that a cheque for £250.0.0 had been sent to the Whitlock Heating Co. for the new boiler and heating apparatus.

It was agreed to submit the usual application for a Flag Day to the Watch Committee in time for their March Meeting.

It was approved that the older boys again attend their School Camp during the Summer holidays and that the Secretary arrange for the remainder of the children to spend a week at Fleetwood.

Relative to the will of the late Mrs M.A. Greenhalgh and correspondence submitted

by the Treasurer it was agreed that the Treasurer be instructed to write Mr. Mills, the Lytham Solicitor, that we were prepared to accept his advice in the matter.

The Chairmans suggestion that the 3 piece suite need in the staffroom be transferred to the boys study was approved, and a price for 3 easy chairs for staff use to be obtained for the next Meeting.

It was moved the "advert" for a Cook in the "Lancashire Evening Post" had not been productive and it was agreed "adverts" appear in the "Yorkshire Evening Post" & the "Northern Daily Telegraph".

The Rev E Parker closed the Meeting with prayer.

Rilla Rogers.

Rogers £163.4.9. Pennyquick £16.13.11. Alston £6.4.3.
& Cookson Ltd 10.9.4. Parkinson Ltd 8.2.11. W W Collins Ltd 20.15.9.
Rivers Ltd 10.14.11. Thompson Bros 3.3.5 Lancs Evening Post 1.0.0.
W Kilner Ltd 7.4.0. House of Morgenroth 5.18.8 C Middlebrook Ltd 6.6.4.
A Newson Ltd 20.9.8. North Western Gas Board 3.4.18.10. Preston Dandies 21.0.3
Preston Laundry 18.3.7. " " " " 8.12.1. R Simpson Ltd 21.15.4
Preston Coal Co 18.3.8 " " " " 7.19.4 T Swinton 4.10.6.
Whittam 2.3.0 & Building Trades 2.15.4 John Woods Ltd 2.2.10

Paid previously £42.12.8.
Corporation of Preston £6.4.9. Water a/c.

Fred C Dearnley
13/3/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 14th March. 1956 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr. F. C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr. H. W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K. M. Ainsworth Mr. A. Horner, Miss L. M. Margerison, Rev. E. Porter, Mr. J. Rhodes. Mr. Hy. Spencer & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Barker, Mr. Gannaway, Mr. Maxwell & Mrs. Gillam.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, read by the Secretary, were approved as a correct record.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted.

Bills & Wages totalling £137. 8. 1. were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that arrangements had been made for the younger children to have a week's holiday with Mrs. Brereton at Knott End as last year, enquiries in Fleetwood not having been successful, also that the senior boys would be attending their school camp in mid-August.

The Chairman reported upon the work being carried out at the Mission. It was also noted and approved that the last

ordered 100 chairs (wessings) from W.H Jackson Sons
to viewed in groups of four and 20 single
cost of which would amount to £247. 100 less
25% discount

Cost of tea in connection with the annual
outing for members of Mrs. Spencer's Women's
Class to be met from the funds.

Mr. Stevenson's application for admission of
his two children was approved.

Requirements:- Three fireside chairs. Prices
as contained in Fryer & Hancock's catalogue
were noted and matter left for ladies of
the Committee and the Matron to attend to.

Curtain materials approved some be
bought.

Cycle for Mr. Nixon: Secretary to discuss the
matter with Mr. Nixon and bring up at
the next Meeting.

Christmas Stockings: Three thousand five
hundred to be obtained

The Secretary having informed the Meeting
of the strain under which he and the
Matron were having to work owing to
shortage of resident staff. Miss Sowerby's
request that we admit for two weeks four
children whose mother was being sent

away for health reasons was agreed to, subject to staff being available to look after them. and Miss Margerison was asked to see Miss Wilson, at the Employment Exchange as to what could be done to obtain resident staff at the earliest possible moment. A general discussion ensued when it was resolved that the matter of staff requirements be looked into at the earliest possible time.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills &c.

Wages	£181.16.9	Petty Cash	£11.7.6	Alston	£5.16.10
Workmans	4.12.0	S Bailey & Co.	5.3.4	H Collens Ltd	20.13.4
Cookson Hms	120.10	R Margerison & Co	3.19.7	Guardian Press	8.5.2.
Harrison Hms	2.16.10	Middlebrook Hms	12.7.9	A Newsom Hon	20.3.6.
Robinson	5.7.3	NW Gas Board	39.10.1	R Oldham Ltd	3.3.0.
Preston Coal Co	3.13.9	Preston Dairies	20.10.5	Preston Laundry	14.8
R L Simpson Ltd	16.12.6	T S Dalton	5.13.0.		

£487.8.1.

Fred E. Messham
11/4/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 11th April, 1956 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr F.C. Mesham (Chairman) Mr. H.W. Southwood, A.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs I.M. Ainsworth Mr B.J. Garratt Mr A. Hoyles, Miss L.M. Margerison, Mr J. Rhodes, Mrs. R.N. Williams and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

apologies for absence were noted from Mr Maxwell, Mr Spencer & Councillor Taylor.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, read by the Secretary, were approved as a correct record.

The Treasurer presented his financial statement which was adopted.

Bills & Wages totalling £461.2.0. were approved for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that our application for a town Flag Day had not been successful.

The Chairman reported upon the work being carried out at the Mission Hall and approval was given for purchase of 24 small chairs from Berry's of Chipping to be supplied through H. Mears & Co at £2.5.6 per chair, plus 5% purchase tax & Eighteenbag for the Mission Primary and the remainder for the Home.

approval was also given for purchase of two easy chairs @ £14.10.0 each from John Westhead & Co as recommended by Miss Ainsworth and Miss Margerison and for the Matron to obtain an additional ~~chair~~ chair to match as near as possible.

Mr Dixon having intimated that he preferred a push bicycle rather than a motor cycle it was agreed to obtain such machine from George Mors & Sons priced at £19.13.4. as suggested by Mr. Dixon.

The annual Sunday School outing to Southport was approved.

As the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed to keep a look-out for 1 or 2 suitable pictures to brighten up the Sunday School Primary Dept.

Relative to partial redecoration required at the Home the Chairman was given authority to meet Wilkinson representative and obtain a rough idea of cost.

Nelson not having been in a position to supply the electric potato peeler ordered in December, it was agreed that the Chairman obtain a peeler elsewhere, if same had not been received subsequently.

The question of staffing difficulties, duties and rates of pay etc to be considered

by a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Miss Margerison and Mrs. Williams who would report at the next Meeting.

Councillor Taylor's suggestion that the Consumers' Council be permitted to raise of the question of cheaper tariff relative to cost of lighting as paid by the Home. was approved.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills Wages &c.

Wages	£198.4.2	Perry Bank	£11.4.11	Alston	£6.10.0.
G.A. Collins	16.11.11.	Cookson Bros	12.18.9.	Lever Ltd	13.9.4.
T. Harrison & Sons	4.3.7.	H. Jones & Co	2.2.0.	Lancs & Pool	1.5.0.
Cuddlebrook & Sons	47.15.9.	Allen Newsom & Son	15.3.0	North W. Gas Board	31.6.1.
Preston Coal Co	5.12.11.	Preston Dairies	18.9.4.	Preston Laundry	22.10.4.
J. Sharpe & Co	2.11.11.	R.A. Simpson	17.11.9.	T.B. Watson	3.7.3.

£461.2.0.

Additional Minute:

Formal initial notice having been received from the Corporation relative to the cottage, No. 5 Laurel Street, being considered unfit for habitation it was noted the matter had been referred to our Hon. Solicitors.

Jno. E. Marsham
May 9/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 9th May, 1956 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr. H.W. Southwood, A.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K.M. Ainsworth, Mr. A Hoover, Miss L.M. Margerison, Mr. A.J. Maxwell, Mr. J. Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mrs. Williams and Mr. Garrard.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, read by the Secretary, were approved.

The Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted and in connection with which it was noted he had received a legacy of £50 from the estate of the late Mrs. E.T. Wellmoth.

The Treasurer also informed the Meeting that the Property Trustees had received formal notice that the Corporation proposed making a Demolition Order in respect of the Laurel Trees Cottage. Mr. C Mowles, Cabinet Maker, having made an offer of £100 for the Cottage and adjoining shop/room to be used for business purposes it was agreed to accept same subject to the approval of the Corporation. Our Solicitors to be asked to deal with the matter

and in communicating with Mr Moizer to inform him of the requirements relating to the proposed Demolition Order, also that he be asked to put down in writing that he agrees to the conditions as set out by the Corporation and would pay costs of demolition. The Corporation to be informed when such agreement had been completed and the Secretary to attend the hearing fixed for 28th May. 1956.

Bills & Wages amounting to £753.18.6. were approved and passed for payment

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Mr. A. Woollacott of the Home Office Children's Dept. had inspected the Home on 3rd May.

It was also noted that with the exception of one or two small jobs the alterations at the Mission Hall were complete and that the chairs ordered for the main hall and Primary had been supplied. In connection with the special weekend services which were being arranged for June 24th & 25th. it was decided to invite subscribers and each member of the Committee. Thanks were rendered to Miss Ainsworth for the pictures she had kindly given for hanging on the walls.

Mr. Garratt to be consulted regarding

increased fire insurance. £700 being suggested in respect of furnishings and £5000 for the building. Approval was also given for Cins to be provided for the Primary Room.

The Chairman informed the meeting that as previously decided, he had cancelled our order with Nelsons for an electric potato peeler, seeing there seemed no prospect of early delivery and it was noted he had obtained a peeler from W.H. Jackson & Sons and that same was now in use. It was also noted and approved that after conferring with the Vice-Chairman and Treasurer he had accepted Bldings estimate of £189.0.0. for partial interior painting and decorating of the Home and that the work was now being proceeded with.

Matron's requirements, viz:- Twelve boys suits and 6 girls frocks were approved.

The next Meeting to be at 4 pm on Wednesday, 6th June.

The N.A.P.C.C. Inspectors application for temporary admission of Pauline William Storey during the time their mother was expected to be in Hospital was approved.

Relative to staffing arrangements and rates of remuneration etc the Secretary was asked to leave the Meeting and on return

was informed it had been agreed to accept the Sub-Committee's recommendations as under:-

(1) Mrs. Ditchfield to be paid at the rate of 2/9 per hour.
(2) Mr. & Mrs. Glover to be paid at the rate of £18 per week.
(3) Mr. Dixon's wage to be increased by £1.0.0 per week.
(4) Miss Sharples' wage to be increased by £1.0.0 per week and to be brought into the Pension Scheme.
(5) Boys' Attendants when appointed to start at £4.5.0 to £4.10.0 rising to £5.0.0 per week after six months satisfactory service.
(6) All Resident Staff when on holiday to be paid £2.0.0 per week in lieu of board and lodgings. This amount to be accounted for under P.A.Y.E.
(7) Attempts should be continued to obtain
  (a) Resident Cook.
  (b) Resident Attendant.
  (c) Part-time Handyman.

The Secretary then closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Rates & Wages &c.

Wages. £190.14.5 & Petty Cash £14.11.10. Alston £3.11.2.
J Bailey & Co 5.3. 4. G & W Collins 20.6.2 B Cookson Thos 10.10.9
J Harrison Thos 3.6.6. W H Jackson Thos 22.12.6. Jones & Post 1.0.0.
T Mears Ltd 57.5.3. C Middlebrook Thos 9.14.10. Geo Morton Thos 19.13.4
W H Naylor Ltd 3.14.7 A Newsom Thos 13.9.0 North Western Board 19.8.1 & 14.3
R Oldham Ltd 5.14.0 Preston Coal Co. 15.16.10. Preston Dairies 16.0.7.
Preston Laundry 21.9.5. R.S. Simpson Ltd 15.2.10. T Shatwell 6.8.0.
John Weitherd Ltd 43.18.6. S.B. Wildman Thos 1.17.6 £359.18.8.

PAID EARLIER: POST OFFICE TELEPHONES £14.4.2.
PRESTON CORPN (WATER) 6.1.5.

F. Thaxwell 6/6/56.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 6th June 1956 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr A.J. Maxwell, (Chairman) Mrs K.M Ainsworth Mr B.J Garratt, Mr A. Horner, Miss L.M Mungeam Mr J. Rhodes, Mrs R.H. Williams and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology were noted from Mr. Mersham, Mr Southworth and Mr. Spencer.

The Minutes of the last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer Mr. Maxwell presented the financial Statement which was adopted.

Bills & Wages totalling £481.13.11 were approved and passed for payment.

The Chairman presented the Treasurer's financial Statement which was adopted.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted our help was not required on behalf of the two Storey children, whose temporary admission had been approved at the last Meeting, other arrangements having been made for them.

Approval was given in respect of Ronald & Donald Auteliffe whose temporary admission

had been accepted by the Chairman on 28th May.

Arrangements made for the special week-end at the Mission Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 23rd. 24th and 25th June were noted, and it was agreed members should attend the Meetings as far as possible. It was also noted there had been an adjustment of Car Insurance and that Fire Insurance cover had been increased to £700 in respect of furnishings and £5000 on the building.

The Health Committee having decided to apply a Closing Order in respect of the Laurel Lawn Cottage it was agreed to leave our Solicitors to deal with the proposed sale to Mr. Morizzo for use as business premises.
The A.R.P.C.C. Inspectors request for temporary admission of Peter Docherty was approved.

Requirements, viz:- A dozen blazers were approved.

The next Meeting to be on 11th July and none in August.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills to.

wages	£22 4. 0. 3.	Petty Cash	£13. 3. 5.	Alston	£7. 12. 3.
G & W Collins	17. 13. 1.	Hawkesworth Sons	11. 1. 4.	Guardian Press	45. 12. 4.
J. Harrison & Sons	3. 10. 8	C. Middlebrook & Sons	9. 4. 2.	Allen & Son	14. 19. 4.
N. Ives Gas Board	12. 0. 9.	Preston Gas Co.	5. 4. 9.	Preston Laundry	20 11. 8
R. A. Sumpington	16. 8. 4.	T. S. Watson	3. 12. 0.	Lowes Ltd	9. 16. 5.
R. Morrow & Sons	3. 10. 0.	Fenchurch C. P. School.	2. 11. 11.	S. B. Bredington & Sons	12. 15. 0.
Preston Dairies	18. 6. 6.				

£481. 13. 11

Fred E. Dresham
11/7/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 11th July 1956 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr. F. C. Mercham (Chairman) Mr H. W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K. M. Ainsworth. Mr J. Rhodes Mrs Spencer Councillor J. W. Taylor and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr Barker Miss Margerison & Mrs. Williams also from Mr Maxwell in hospital to whom the Secretary was asked to write expressing the good wishes of the Committee and hopes for his early recovery.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, read by the Secretary, were approved.

The Treasurer presented his financial statements which was adopted and in connection with which it was noted general rates for 1956/57 had been paid. It was also noted that for the Home the amount paid namely £155.4.0. was the same as last year, £46.1.0. having been allowed as provided for in respect of certain Charitable Organisations

Bills & Wages totalling £771.12.2, which included £221.10.0. in respect of interior decorations recently completed, were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted we had again had a very successful Flag Day in the County Police area, the receipts being £223.4.9.

The temporary emergency admissions of Linda & Kathleen Leonard & John & Robert Whalley were approved.

Holiday arrangements: Thirteen children to Knott End for a week as from July 15th and 7 senior boys to the Isle of Man for a fortnight as from 14th August to be given 10/- each and 20/- each towards less £6.0.0 already saved by the children.

Lancaster Diocesan Association. It was noted Mr Marsden had obtained other accommodation

and that our Solicitors were in touch with the Charity Commissioners regarding the Sale of the property.

Requirements viz:- Sandals for the whole family and School Uniform for the Senior Children were approved.

Date of next Meeting: This to be on Wednesday, 5th September.

Other Business: Mr Spencer raised the question of our not being granted a Town Flag Day this year, and after some discussion it was agreed this point should be borne in mind when making application next year.

The Treasurer queried the practice of having two speakers at the Annual Meeting, and it was generally agreed one speaker might be sufficient. The Matter to be brought up again at the next Meeting.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£24 1. 12. 2	Petty Cash	£1 9. 3. 9	Alston	£1. 11. 4
Fred Askew & Son Ltd	5. 15. 6	J. Bailey & Co	5. 3 4	A Boan & Co	1. 10. 0
G W Collens Ltd	14. 3. 2.	Cookson Thos	2. 4. 5	Gaven Ltd	3. 6. 0
J Harrison Sons	4. 6. 2.	Jas Fenwick Sons	5 16. 0	Allerham Thos	2. 13. 6.

Bills & Wages &c Continued

6 Middlebrook Ltd £68 0.0. H.W. Naylor Ltd £8.1.9. A Newsom Ltd £14.12.9.
H.W. Gas Board 12.6.3 R. Oldham Ltd 16.6. Preston Corpn 10.12.1
Preston Dairies Ltd 17.14.11. Preston Laundry 27.14.3. C. Lewand & Co 1.17.9.
R.S. Simpson Ltd 20.0.10. J. Spencer Ltd 3.0.6. T.S. Watson 3.6.6.
John Wood Ltd 5.7.6. Wardleys Deepdale 3.8.6 S. Blackledge & Sons 22.4.10

£771.12.2.

Paid previously
North Western Board £13.1.7 Corporation of Preston
General Rates.
Childrens Home £155.4.0. Mission Hall £1.12.6. 4 Lamel St £2.5.0.
5 Lamel St £7.2.2. 2 Coml. Rates £166.13.6.

Fred C Mersham
5/9/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home on Wednesday, 5th September 1956 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southworth. (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K. Wainwright. Mr E.J. Garrard. Miss L.M. Margerison Mr Hy. Spencer & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

apologies for absence were noted from Mr. Barber, Mr. Maxwell and Mrs. Williams.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

with the Meeting being earlier than usual the Treasurer was unable to present his Financial Statements in detail. From particulars given it was noted there was a Bank balance of £307 on General Account and £615. on Capital account.

Bills & Wages totalling £87 4. 11. 1. for 2 months were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report, and a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Brereton saying how pleased they were with the children's behaviour, with whom they had stayed whilst on holiday, it was agreed that the letter should appear in the Annual Report to be prepared for the next Meeting.

In connection with the Annual Meeting it was left to the Secretary to arrange with the Mayor as to a convenient date and that the Rev T.G. Beer Vicar of Coorenagh, and the Rev T. Abel of Tenworthan Congregational Church be invited as speakers. Failing Mr Abel the Rev. I. Jenkins of Leyland Congregational Church to be invited.

The next Meeting to be on 31st October next at 3.30 p.m. and to enable the Treasurer to complete his years accounts, authority was given for bills up to 30th September to be paid before hand.

Requirements viz Half a dozen pairs of boys flannels were approved and Mr Spencer was asked to see to the fireplace which required attention. The question of a wooden reclining seat for the children's use outdoors was left over until next spring. Quotations to be obtained for 100000 house to house collecting envelopes from Walkers & Ambleris.

It was noted the Education Dept. had been consulted with regard to the number of children to be provided for at Christmas and the suggestion that this be 600 was accepted. The Secretary to arrange the supply of apples from Mr. Porter's nephew in Worcester as usual.

Mrs. Brennan's request that we admit her 5 children during the time she was in Hospital was agreed to.

It was noted the Charity Commissioners had agreed to the sale of No 4 and 5 Laurel Street to Mr. Moizer, Cabinet Maker, Shepherd Street and that he had made application to the Town Planning Committee stating to what use he intended to put the property.

It was also noted that the Preston Guild Co. had again made us a present of 30 pairs of sandals.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills Wages &c.

Wages. £453.0.0. Petty Cash £68.7.9. Alston 19.6.5
J Bailey & Co 4.18.4. Cockerton Farm 22.2.6. Harrison Farm 4.17.2.
Cauldlebrook Farm 28.1.10 Allerston Farm 25.3.3 Preston Coal Co 17.14.10.
Preston Dairies 3.6.6. Preston Laundry 36.15.2. R Simpson Ltd 30.9.3.
Prime Press 116.7.6 West Ayton Board 18.3.4. T Imay & Co. 3.17.7.
T.S. Watson 3.7.6.

Total. £874.11.1.

Paid previously
G & W Collins Ltd £8.12.7. Home of Mercy Union £4.3.9.
York West Ayton Board (Coke) £12.16.11. } TA Slates for
" " " (Gas) 4.2.5 } Mr Brereton £60.18.0 }
Fenchwood Corner plus Spends 7.10.0 }
Secondary School
6 Boys to Isle of Man £6.0.0.

Fred C. Mersham
31/10/56

Minutes of General Committee & Trustees' Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday 31st October 1956 at 3/30 p.m.

Present: Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr. J.W. Fenchwood A.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K.M. Ainsworth, Mr. G.J. Harrison, Miss L.M. Margerison, Mr. J. Rhodes & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted

from Mr Maxwell. Mr. Spencer & Mr Tomlinson, also from Mrs. Williams, whom it was noted with regret was in a Nursing Home

The Minutes of the last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a Correct record.

The Chairman read the Committee's Report to be presented at the Annual Meeting, which with three amendments was accepted.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was accepted with thanks

Bills & Wages totalling £55.12.5. paid to enable the Treasurer to complete his Statement for the year were approved.

The Secretary's Report covering 8 weeks was accepted.

It was agreed that the 80th Annual Meeting was to be held at the Town Hall at 3 pm on Thursday, 15th November and that the Mayor would preside, also that the speakers would be the Rev A. Livesey, Vicar of St Mark's Preston and the Rev. H. Armstrong of Lancaster Road Congregational Church, none of the speakers suggested at the last Meeting being able to attend.

For the Poor Children's Christmas Treat it was agreed that the same provision be made

as last year viz: Three cakes, one mince pie, a box of chocolate, biscuits and an apple ~~for each~~ and a toy for each child. The Secretary to obtain suitable paper bags.

The quotations for House to House Collections were left over until the next Meeting, which, it was decided, should be on the second Wednesday in December. In the meantime October accounts to be paid as usual.

It was noted that our Solicitors had informed the Secretary they expected the Sale of the Lumley Street property to be completed in a week's time.

Mission Hall. The suggestion that a lean-to shed be erected in the back yard was not felt to be necessary.

Requirements viz:- Two carpets, one for the office and the other for the Superintendent's quarters were approved.

Other Business. The Treasurer informed the Meeting that Mr. Mills, the Solicitor dealing with the Estate of the late Mrs. M. A. Greenhalgh had advised him he had received an offer of £175 for the caravan which was together with the stones for the Shed, Falwood, had agreed should be sold. It was noted there would be

a deposit ~~of £~~ of £30 and that the balance would be paid off at the rate of £1 per week. It was therefore agreed, as decided at the Meeting of the 6th February last, to leave Mr. Mills to deal with the matter.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£235.18.2	Petty Cash	£38.17.11.	Alston	£7.14.9
Corpl McDougall					
Robertson	3.7.6	G.H.W.Collins	27.5.7	Cookerton	12.4.5.
Ernest Sanderson	23.9.0.	R.Rheaper & Co	2.14.0.	Harrison	3.8.3
London Assurance Co	14.4.0.	Cuddlebrookton	5.13.5	H.W.Taylor Ltd	2.8.9
Allen Southern	13.10.0	N.W.Electric Board	10.14.7.	Phoenix Assurance	1.19.6
Preston Coal Co	4.0.0.	N.W.GAS Board	13.4.2	Preston Laundry	27.13.9
Preston Corpn (Water)	5.15.5	Preston Dairies	17.14.9	R.Simpson	16.6.4
T.S.Watson	15.0.0	J.R.Wildman & Sons	12.8.1.	Rowes Ltd	7.7.10
J.R.Williams	26.5.0	P.O. Telephones	14.16.3	Parkinson Ltd	16.0

£554.12.5.

Fred C Markham
12/12/56

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 12th December 1956.

Present: Mr F.C.Markham (Chairman) Mr H.W.Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss Ainsworth Miss Margerison Mr. A.J. Maxwell. Mr J.Rhodes & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology were noted from Mr Carter.

Mr Garrard & Mr. Spencer. It was also noted Mrs. Williams was still unwell and the Secretary was asked to convey the Committee's good wishes and hopes for an early recovery.

The Minutes of the last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

His books being at the Auditors the Treasurer was unable to present his Financial Statement.

The ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer informed the Meeting he had received a communication from the Corporation to the effect that his application for compensation in respect of the condemned property in Lamb Street had been refused. It was therefore agreed to let matters stand as they were.

The Treasurer also informed the Meeting that he had received a further Communication from Mr Mills the Lytham Solicitor to the effect that he had had to accept £10 deposit instead of £30 agreed to originally in respect of the Shed of the Caravan included in the Estate of the late Mrs. M.A. Greenhalgh. As previously agreed it was left to Mr Mills to arrange best terms he could.

Bills & Wages totalling £ 1 6s 6d. 9. 11. for October and £529. 19. 10. for November were approved.

arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted Miss Lilian Ball had been appointed as resident boys' attendant as from 15th December, and agreed that application be made for transfer of pension to our own contributory scheme.

It was also noted that Miss Ainsworth was to attend the Leyland Toy Service on 16th December and Miss Mangnall that at the Penwortham Congregational Sunday School the same Sunday also that Mr. Spencer would attend the Elsewick Memorial Church the Sunday following. The Secretary or Mr. Nixon to attend St James's Annual Gift Sunday on 20th December.

The Treasurer reported on his attendance at the Concert at the Acregate Lane Labour Club on 11th instant.

Mather's Ambleside Seedis Estimates for 100 000 collecting envelopes were noted and it was agreed to accept Seedis price of £1. 1. 0. per thousand, plus an approximate charge of £5. 5. 0 for Art work involved.

The temporary emergency admission of Hazel Docherty on 4th December was approved.

It was noted the "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal had been launched a week ago and that the first list of contributions had appeared on the 11th December.

It was agreed to invite Mr. Norman Carter to present prizes at the Annual Sunday School party on 26th January & failing Mr. Carter Mr Spencer to be invited.

John Dobson's Christmas presents to be given to 7 Old Age Pensioners each of whom would receive £1.

The Secretary's Report on financial help offered by Senior 2nd Officer Ward was noted and agreed that should any further representation be made that details be asked for in writing.

Requirements :- 200 second-hand tables to replace the trestle tables in the Children's rooms were approved.

As the Chairman would be unable to attend the Christmas Treat the Vice Chairman undertook to take his place in welcoming the Mayor Mayoress who would commence proceedings.

The Secretary to send a letter to Mr Williams in Hospital conveying the good wishes of the Committee for an early recovery.

Congratulations were offered to Miss Musgrave & Mrs Williams in connection with the recent presentation made by the Women's Voluntary Services in respect of their long and valued service in the town and beyond which had been publicly recognised.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills Passed. (November 1956).

Woolworth Ltd £20.8.6 Alston £2.11.6 J Bailey & Co £4.18.4
G W Collins 18.3 11. Cookson Sons 14.4.7 Lever Ltd 15.9.7.
J. Harrison Sons 4.16.11 Appleyard Bros 12.16.2 N Wales Gas Board 38.7.4.
James E Post 2.16.0 Cuddlebrook Ltd 39.16.0 H W Mayhead 4.2.6.
Farnell Engineering 1.15.0 Preston Coal Co 10.17.6 Preston Dairies 16.12.5.
Preston Laundry 18.17.6. J Sharpe & Co 4.9.7. R Stimpson Ltd 16.13.0
Thurst Manufacturing Co 2.10.7. T Watson & Sons 2 6.0. Wages 218.4.4.
Petty Cash 56.6.3
Paid earlier J W Woolworth & Co Ltd £39.15.6.

Fred. E. Markham
9/1/57.

Bills & Wages (October 1956).

Wages £216.6.2 Petty Cash £11.6.5 Alston £5.5.0.
J Bailey & Co 4.18 4. H W Collins Ltd 13.1.4. Cookson Sons 13.4.5
T Harrison Sons 4.2.8 W Palmer Ltd 2.11.6. James E Post 1.12.0
J Means Ltd 49.11.6. Cuddlebrook Sons 5.17.8. Appleyard Sons 14.14.2
N Wales Gas Board 18.7.4. Preston Coal Co 6.11.8. Preston Dairies Ltd 7.0.4.
Preston Laundry 18.5.3. C Seward & Co 1.15.6. R Stimpson Ltd 20.3.6
John Wood Ltd 1.18.10. Woodcocks 2.16.0. F B Welding Sons 1.16.4.
J & A Coupe & Co 1.18.0. Wm Hume & Sons 1.5.10.

Paid 9.11.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children Home, on Wednesday, 9th January 1957 at 4 pm

Present: Mr. F.C. Mershan (Chairman) Mr K.M. Amsworth Miss L.M. Margerison, Mr A.J. Maxwell Mr J Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology were noted from Mrs. Williams Mr. Carver Mr Garrard and Mr. Tomlin and Mr Southworth.
The Minutes of the previous Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

In the absence of the Treasurer Mr. Maxwell presented the financial Statement covering 3 months ending 31st December which was adopted, and in connection with which it was noted income amounted to £1566 and expenditure to £1567, also that £387. 1. 5 had been transferred from Endowment to Current accounts, this amount being Overdrawn at the commencement of the period. It was also noted a Legacy of £100 had been received from the Estate of the late Mrs. M I Cartwell.

Bills & Wages totalling £538. 10. 2. were approved for payment.

It was noted that to date the Lancashire Evening Post fund was £1150.2.5 and although this was £400 less than last year same was considered to be very satisfactory.

It was also noted that Mr Carter was to distribute prizes at the Minion Sunday School party on 26th January.

Matron requirements viz: 3 dozen hand towels were approved. The question of storage room being made available at the Mission was left for the Chairman to see Mr. Nixon.

The Emergency admission of Hazel and Avril Whitehead was approved.

The Secretary's report on Kathleen and Linda Leonard was noted and it was agreed that the Children's Officer be asked to remove them.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £4.5.18.5 Peter Cook £4.4.3 & Ambler £2.1.11.
Alston 4.17.4 Bailey & Co 4.18.4 N.W.Collins Ltd 9.18.4
E.Cookson Ltd 14.2.3. R.G.Bell 5.10.4 Hanson Ltd 16.4.1.
J.H.Hyson 1.0.0 Middlebrook Ltd 52.0.3 H.W.Nevill Ltd 1.9.5.
A.Newson Ltd 13.12.4 Preston Coal Co 3.11.8 Preston Laundry 23 16 10
Preston Laundry 6.2.1 R.S.Simpson Ltd 19.4.6 T.S.Watson 1.16.0.
N.West Gas Board 31.15.3 Hours of Margerison 4.7.6. £534.10.2.
Paid earlier
Beechi Chocolates £10.0.0 Rediffusion £12.0.
North West Electricity Board £21.5.7.

Fred E. Broadhurst
13/2/57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home on Wednesday, 13th February 1957 at 4 pm.

Present: Mr J C Markham (Chairman) Mrs A Ainsworth Mrs L M Margerison, Mr A J. Maxwell, Mr J Rhodes, Mr Hy Spencer the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Votes of apology for absence were noted from Mr Southworth & Mr Zolmin.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

Mr. Maxwell presented the Treasurers financial Statement which was adopted. It was noted that on Current account receipts totalled £57.5.8d and payments £58.12.10. also that £500 had been received from the Corporation of Preston being Loan Repayment.

Bills & Wages totalling £562.14.4. were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted (a) That the Lancashire Evening Post appeal had raised £61.5.0. and that a letter of acknowledgment and thanks had duly appeared in the paper signed by the Chairman and Treasurer.

(b) That the Christmas Stocking collections

to date amounted to £582.

(c) That the Carisbrooke Tramps Ball had raised £56.12.0. which had been acknowledged in the Lancashire Evening Post list and in connection with which thanks were tendered to Miss Margerison for again attending the Ball on the Mission's behalf. and

(d) That the partition suggested for the Mission Back Room had duly been fixed as advised by the Chairman.

The Emergency Admission of Keith, Glenis, Stephen and Linda Green on 4th February was approved

Also approved were the Childrens Summer Holidays viz: Senior boys to join their School Camp and the other children to again spend a week at Knowl Lodge.

Matrons requirements viz:- Half a dozen raincoats and a rug for the staffroom were also approved.

Town Flag Day: It was agreed to submit the usual form of application in time for the Watch Committee's March Meeting.

The Crimmer Press letter asking what Christmas Stockings would be required for our next distribution was left over until the next Meeting. In the meantime Mr Spencer

was asked to ~~[illegible]~~ enquire as to the possibility of an alternative stocking being used at cheaper cost.

As the suggestion of Mr Maxwell who had made an inspection of the Home before the Meeting it was agreed to ask Wildings to decorate the Boys' Dormitory, and Day Room & paint woodwork of Lavatory also woodwork of kitchen in Secretary's house. and that of the recently erected partition at the Mission Hall.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Rates & Wages &c.

Wages	£226. 11. 9.	Percy Earle	£58 13. 10.	Alston	£4. 7. 6
Rawley & Co	4. 18. 4.	G.H.W. Collins Ltd	17. 18. 7.	Blackburn Co	12. 4. 11
Lever Ltd	13. 11. 7.	Harrison Sons	4. 17. 5	Guardian	12. 9. 1.
Middlebrook & Sons	37. 0. 4.	H.W. Marlow Ltd	1. 5. 10.	Newsom	4. 5. 9.
R. Oldham Ltd	6. 16. 3.	N.W. Gas Board	38. 7. 4.	Preston Coal Co	16. 2. 8
Preston Cooperative	13. 5. 0	Preston Dairies Ltd	22. 15. 0	Preston Laundry	28. 0. 8.
Shirt & Underclothing Manufacturing Co Ltd	6. 1. 8.	R. Simpson Ltd	19. 7. 4	T. Snape & Co	1. 1. 8. 0
T. S. Watson	1. 15. 6.				
Paid earlier					£562. 14. 4
Preston Corporation (Water a/c)	£6. 10. 7.				

Jno G. Markham
13/3/57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 13th March 1957 at 4 pm

Present: Mr F.C. Mesham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss E. McAinsworth Mr B.J. Garratt Mr J. Rhodes Councillor Mrs Taylor & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Miss Margerison Mr Maxwell Mr Spencer.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted. It was noted that the balance at bank on General account was £1463. and on Endowment account £1789. and agreed that the £500 Loan Repayment be reinvested with the Preston Corporation @ 5½% plus any further money the Treasurer felt he could spare. Meanwhile contractors to be asked to submit accounts in respect of charges still unpaid on the improvements at the Mission Hall.

Bills & Wages totalling £50 11.0. were approved for payment.

Miss Crossley's application for return of Norman and Christine was agreed to

subject to the approval of the N.A.P.C.C.

Mr Spencer's report on enquiries made relative to an alternative type of Christmas Stocking was noted and decided we order 3500 Stockings from the Irvine Press. at the price quoted as last year, viz: £33.5.0 per thousand.

It was noted the Hon. Solicitors had completed the sale of the Laurel Street property and agreed the Deeds should be put in our own Box at the Bank.

Sanction was given for rea. for Mrs Spencer's annual outing for members of her Women's Meetings. also for cost of transport for the annual Sunday School outing to Southport.

Requirements :- Six girls coats and eight Brownie uniforms were approved, as was the additional decorating of the Boys' Reading Room. the Secretary's dining room and back Kitchen and the office ceiling and frieze.

It was noted a Sideboard had been obtained as a Saleroom for the Boys Dayroom and permission was given for purchase of a dropside table

It was agreed that Wm Bradley should be permitted to spend a holiday with other

members of this Class at the School Camp near Dublin.

The Secretary pronounced the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages. £17.3.1. Petty Cash £1.13.1. Alston £7.7.5.
G.T.W. Collins Ltd 21.18.9. B. Cookson & Sons 14.5.2. R. Greenson & Co. 7.7.1.
J. Harrison & Sons 5.11.9. Hodgson & Sons 18.10.0 H. Jones & Co 3.18.6.
H.W. Naylor Ltd 1.14.1. A.E. Nixon 5.8.7. Wm. Sons & Co 50.14.8
Alperson & Son 13.6.6. Cuddlebrook & Sons 10.8.5. Preston Coal Co 10.7.11.
Preston Dairies Ltd 20.10.9. Preston Steam Laundry 19.11.1. Shirt & Under-clothing Manufg Co. 1.0.6.
R.A. Sumpton Ltd 15.19.8. T.E. Watson 1.16.0 S.B. Wilding & Sons 1.14.0
Morris & Burton 4.00
Rates.

£50 ort. 11.0

Fred G. Markham
10/4/57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 10th April 1957 at 4 p.m.

Present:- Mr. F.C Markham (Chairman) Mr H.W Southwood (Hon. Treasurer) Miss Ainsworth Miss Markinson Mr J Rhodes (Mr. H Spencer the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology for absence was noted from Mr Garratt.

The Treasurer was unable to submit the

annual financial Statement has stated we had a balance at the bank of £200 on Endowments account and £100 on No.1. account also that bills had been paid relative to the completion of improvements at the Mansion and that £500 had been invested with the Preston Corporation

Bills & Wages totalling £528.1.10. were approved for payment.

The Secretary's Report was accepted and from which it was noted (a) That the NSPCC Officer had agreed to the return of Norman and Christine Crossley to their mother when their bedrooms had been made habitable. and (b) That our application for a Town Flag Day had not been successful.

Miss Margerison to attend the Good Companions Folk Dancers annual May Day display at "Eleric" Liverpool Old Road, Walmer Bridge at 7 pm on Saturday, 4th May when we were to be presented with a gift of money raised by the May Queen.

Requirements viz:- 12 quilt packs and 12 tablecloths or equivalent material in the roll were approved.

Enquiries to be asked to attend to the dry rot in the door leading from the hall to the Secretary's back yard, also to reboarding of passage as present concreted.

The Secretary and Matron to attend the One Day Conference to be held at the Mount Pleasant High School. Liverpool for workers in Voluntary Homes on Wednesday 1st May.

The Chairman read Councillor J.V Taylor's letter relative to the Meeting to be held the same evening in the Town Hall Council Chamber in connection with the Preston Refugee Appeal organised by the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief. and invited members who were able to attend.

It was noted Mr. Nixon was having to give up using his pedal cycle and agreed to accept the loan of a motor scooter from Mr Spencer. Insurance to be seen to and new Licence obtained. If found to be satisfactory to Mr. Nixon a machine to be bought later on.

The Secretary pronounced the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £230.14.5 Petty Cash £4.9.10 Alston £8.11.0.
T Bailey & Co 4.18.4. H W Collins Ltd 17.8.2. Cookson & Sons 16.2.7
Lower Ltd 14.4.2. Harrison Sons 5.7.2. Middlebrook & Sons 38.11.4.
A Newson Ltd 14.11.0 N West Gas Board 36 11.5. Preston Coal Co 3.12.1.
Preston Corner £4 21.19.3. Preston Laundry 32.8 9. R.S. Simpson Ltd 17.5 0.
T Snape & Co 1.11.3 T Watson 1.16.0 Post Office Telephones 15.0.1.

£528. 1. 10

paid earlier.
North Western Electricity Board £30.8.4.
Lighting &c (House £22.19.9 Mission £7.8.7)

Fred C. Marsden
8/5/57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 8th May 1957 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr. F.C. Messham (Chairman) Mr ~~A.V. Maxwell~~ Mr H.W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss Ainsworth Miss Margerison and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Maxwell.

Before proceeding with matters of business the Chairman informed the Meeting of the death of Mrs. Horner and that a letter of condolence had been sent to Mr. Horner.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

In his Statement of accounts the Treasurer stated that Cash at Bank on General Account at 30th April was £777 and on Endowments account £1213. Receipts on General account for 2 months were £1445 and payments £1131. As previously agreed £500 had been reinvested with the Preston Corporation. Final payments in connection with the Minion Hall improvements had been made viz £382 to L Spencer & Son & £140 to Fred Howarth as Architect. £101.3.8. had been received by the sale of Laurel Street property and legacies as under:—
Ann Berwick decd £160.0.0. S Jones decd £183.15.11.

The Treasurer also stated he was having the Deeds deposited at the Bank again as soon as this could be arranged.

Bills & Wages totalling £455. 3. 5. were approved and passed for payment.

Miss Margerison reported on her attendance at the Folk Dancing Display at Walmer Bridge Methodist Sunday School organised by the Good Companions Folk Dancers and at which the May Queen had presented her with £20. raised by various efforts for the use of the Mission.

The Emergency admission of John and Josephine Doan and Sylvia Samuel and John Tierney was approved.

It was noted Mrs Decker had not found alternative accommodation for Kathleen and Linda Lennard, and decided the Secretary get in touch with Dr Burnett, Medical Officer of Health.

It was also noted Miss Hargles, the Girls' Attendant, was being married in July, and as she wished to remain with us until her husband was ordained it was agreed he should stay at the Home during his leaves from Bristol University.

The Resignation of Miss Ball, Boys' Attendant was accepted with regret.

It was noted Mr. Finch had bought Mr. Nixon a Lambretta motor Scooter for his work which was accepted with much pleasure. It was also noted that Mr. Finch had been sending money regularly to Mr. Nixon for the relief of people in need, and as he was keenly interested in the work generally on the proposal of Miss Masterson it was agreed that he be invited to become a member of the Committee. At the same time the Secretary was asked to thank Mr. Spencer for the loan of his firms scooter which Mr. Nixon had been using in the meantime.

Requirements viz:- Lino to cover the space by the kitchen entrance recently boarded was approved.

The next Meeting to be on Wednesday, 19th June.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills re,

Wages. £226.2.2. Petty Cash £54.7.9. Alston 17.6.b.
G&W Collins Ltd 18.14.9. Cooper McDougall & Cookson Ltd 14.3.9 Robertson 3.7.6.
J Harrison Thos 5.8.9. Middlebrook & Co 8.13.0. Newson Thos 12.18.6.
North Western Board 14.17.7. Preston Coal Co. 10.15.2 Preston Dairies 20.6.4.
Preston Laundry 23.5.11. R.S Simpson 15.16.7 T.S Watson 1.12.0.
Rowes Ltd 7.17.0. Woodens 2.16.0 W Heyes 2.2.0.
Burton Parnes Co. 4.10.0

£455.3.5.

Paid earlier
Preston Corpn (Water) £6.0.6.
Home of Manchester £6.9.1.

Fred G Smithson
19/6/57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 19th June 1957 at 4 pm

Present (Mr PC Measham (Chairman) Mr. HW Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss KM. Ainsworth Mr BJ Garratt Ms. H Spencer. Mrs RH. Williams & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer

Notices of apology were noted from Miss Margerison Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Rhodes. It was also noted that Mr. Finch had accepted our invitation to join the Committee but that he could not attend the Meeting owing to being away.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted. At the same time it was noted he had received a legacy of £50. 0. 0 from the Estate of the late Mrs. R.A. Griffiths

Bills & Wages totalling £679. 8 11. which included the exceptional amount of £116. 7. 6 in respect of 1500 Christmas Stockings from the Prince Press, were approved for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report the temporary admission of Sharon Lemon

and David and Raymond Barry was approved. At the same time it was noted the Barrys had been taken elsewhere.

For spending money whilst on holiday it was agreed that the younger children who would be going to Knowth Sands for a week should have from 10/- to 12/6 each and that the older boys at Camp should have 2/- each. These amounts being in addition to what the children themselves had saved.

Requirements viz: Half a dozen blazers and a stock of Sandals from the Preston Shipper Co. as usual were approved. It was also decided floor covering be provided for the girls landing and adjoining passage as recommended by Mr Spencer.

The next Meeting to be on Wednesday, 1st August at 4 pm.

In response to the Secretary's suggestion that other members of the Committee might wish to look over the Wilfrid Lunn Orphanage in addition to Mr Carran and Mr Spencer it was decided to visit the Orphanage in August but before our own Meeting. In the meantime the Secretary to contact Mr Street as to the most convenient time.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

wages	£223.18.1.	Petty Cash	£50.15.4.	Alston	£5.7.3.
S Bailey & Co	4.14.4.	G T S Collins	3.4.14.4.	Cookson Bros	18.9.6
J. Harrison & Sons	8.10.5.	Middlebrook & Sons	18 6 5.	Geo Moss & Sons	8.17.0.
Alfewson & Son	16.2.0.	H W Naylor Ltd	6.9.9.	Lovell & Eaa Ponsf	17.16.4.
Preston Coal Co	10.2.1.	Preston Corpn	5.10.0	Preston Dairies	23.11.10
Preston Laundry	27.9.5.	Provincial Newspapers Ltd	67.15.3.	Shirt & underclothing Manufacturing Co	1.8.1.
R.S. Simpson Ltd	17.5.6.	Irvine Press	116.7.6.	T.S. Watson	1.16 6
Frenchwood County Primary School	3.1.0.	Methodist Youth Dept.	2.10.6.	Manchester Guardian	1.4.6

£679.8.11.

Fred C. Mossom
14/8/57.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 14th. August 1957 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr. F C Mossom (Chairman) Mr T. Finch. Mr C J Conrads. Mr A Horner. Mr A. J. Maxwell. Mr J. Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Finch as a member of the Committee at the same time expressing thanks for the way in which he was helping to increase the usefulness of the work. particularly on behalf of people in need.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, read by the

Secretary were approved as a correct record.

Notice of apology were noted from the Hon. Treasurer Miss Margerison & Mrs. Williams.

In the absence of the Treasurer his financial Statement was presented by Mr. Maxwell. Income, it was noted, amounted to £1123 and Expenditure £1082 leaving a balance as the Bank as 31st July of £551 as against £513 at the end of May.

Bills & Wages totalling £1085. 2. 2. also covering 2 months were approved for payment.
Laundry charges again having recently increased Mr. Maxwell undertook to see if he could obtain details of other firm's charges.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that the Gardening Tramps' Ball Committee had arranged to take the children to Morecambe & Heysham on Sunday 1st September. As such would prevent them attending Sunday School and engagements our principles it was decided Miss Margerison be asked to see the Chairman with a view to some other day being arranged for.

It was also noted Mr. Finch had sent Mr Nixon two further contributions to help people in need. also that the Preston Slipper Co. had again provided sandals for each member of the family free of charge.

The admission of Graham & Judith Stevenson. and of Sylvia. Samuel John & Brian Tierney was approved.

For the Poor Childrens Christmas Treat it was agreed fruit should be ordered from Mr. David Porter, Worcester as usual for 500 children.

Members who had visited the Blackburn Orphanage since the last Meeting reported on same and in particular on the cement staircases which had been covered with rubber. After discussion it was agreed Mears & Co be asked to submit prices for covering the Boys Staircase with both lino and Rubber, and if necessary for same to be laid on wood. Mr Maxwell to see if he could obtain nosings for same from J E Baxter & Co Ltd.

The quotation of £42.6.6 from Mears & Co. for supplying and laying of "a" quality lino for the Girls Landing, adjoining passage, bathrooms and W.C. was accepted. As the same time it was agreed they should also cover the bare space by the kitchen entrance which J E Riggs & Co. had failed to do after several reminders.

In view of Secretary's report on Linda Leonardis improved behaviour it was agreed she should remain with us until the Harris Orphanage was able to admit her.

Mrs. Slater having reached Pensionable age, and having expressed her willingness to continue for at least another 12 months, it was agreed to notify the Social Workers Pension Fund Management Committee accordingly.

It was noted that Miss Shemples the Girls Attendant was married in July and agreed that we should give her a Wedding present up to the value of £5.5.0.

The Secretary pronounced the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £139.3.2 Perry, Earle £82.4.9. Alston £12.16.0.
E Clarkson & Sons 22.3.2. H W Collins Ltd. 13.11.1. W & A Gilbey Ltd 2.2.7.
Evans Ltd 5.14.4. R. Greeson & Co 68.8.8. T Harrison & Son 8.7.5.
W. Kilner Ltd. 8.2.5. H Worthington Ltd 1.14.3. Cuddlebrook & Sons 45 19.11.
A Newson & Son 25.17.4. R Oldham Ltd 2.9.0 Preston Gas Co. 10.6.10.
Preston Dairies Ltd 37.3.11. Preston Laundry 52.0.5 Provincial Newspapers Ltd 7.6.2.
R Seed & Sons 104.7.0. R Thompson Ltd 32.1.5. T S Watson 6.13.6.
L B Wilding & Co Ltd 92.8.10.
~~84.1.10.~~

£1085.2.2.

added subsequently.
Corporation of Preston (General Rates) £174.11.4.

J. D. Thornell
11/9/57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the ~~Blackburn~~ Mission Hall. on Wednesday, 11th September 1957 at 7. pm.

Present. Mr A. P. Maxwell (Chairman) Miss Ainsworth Miss Margerison Mr H Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mr E J Garratt Mr A Horner Mr J Rhoden and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology for absence was noted from Mr Wenham Mr Tomlinson Mr Finch Mrs. Williams

The Minutes of the last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial statement which was adopted.

Bills & Wages totalling £16 5. 16. 8. were approved for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted the Committee of the Gorstanys Tramps' Ball Association had kindly taken the children to the Blackpool Tower Circus on Monday. 9th September, where they were also entertained to tea and, and later saw the "Illumination". The Secretary to write expressing our appreciation & thanks. Thanks were also expressed to Miss Margerison for kindly getting the Committee to arrange

for a week day instead of a Sunday as as first arranged.

Admittance of Earl Chapman for a probationary period was approved.

The next Meeting which was also for Trustees to be on Wednesday, 30th October 2 months to complete accounts Treasurer was authorised to pay all Sept. bills. The 81st Annual Meeting to be arranged on a date convenient to the Mayor. Speakers to be invited: Rev J. A Priestley or Rev. K. Jarvis and Rev. T.G. Rees or Rev. J.C. Morgan

Laundry Charges: Mr. Maxwell stated he had not been able to get details from Rees Laundry but matter was being followed up. Miss Margerison also to enquire re charges of Briggs Laundry, Otley.

Honorarium for Dr Williams: It was agreed that this again be Twenty five guineas.

Quotations for Covering back staircase:
It was noted Lawson & Co. had quoted £98.10.0. for complete cover in timber & Holmes & Co £16.6.8 for lino on treads and risers. & £10.10.6 on treads only also £8.1.7. in respect of area at the foot of staircase. It was also noted J.E. Baxter & Co. had kindly promised to supply rubber nosings free of charge. After discussion it was decided ask Means & Co. for quotation for felting for foot of staircase or other alternative and to consider matter

further at the next Meeting. In view of the Secretary's suggestion that instead of paying such a price for stair covering that the money might be better spent on improving the furnishings in dormitories it was decided he get prices for suitable chairs.

It was noted with regret that Mrs Ainsworth was having to resign from the Committee on account of leaving the District. On the Committee's behalf Mr. Maxwell expressed grateful appreciation of her keen interest in the work which she had shown at its Meetings as well as in other ways. At the same time Mr. Maxwell expressed the hope that both she and her sister would continue to enjoy health and happiness in their new home where he felt sure she would find another niche for further useful service.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Wages & Bills &c.

Wages £220.5.7. Petty Cash £44.2.10. Ackumans £3.3.0
J Bailey Co 4.18.4. G H Collins Ltd 16.15.5. Guardian Press 2.0.0
E Cookson & Son 15.5.9. T Harrison & Sons 3.6.2 Marigold Ltd 10.18.9
H Middlebrook Ltd 6.5.7. A Newsom & Son 16.8.5. N W Gas Board 15.17.6.
Preston & Laundry 22.9.1. Preston Dairies Ltd 27.14.6. R A Simpson Ltd 16.16.7.
J A Taylor (Refrigeration) Ltd 2.0. T.J. Watson Skin & Underclothing Manufacturing Co. 2.11.0. Mrs Wood 5.5.0.
J B Wrednall & Sons £10.10 2.18.0. Others 8.2.4.
£465.16.8.

Paid earlier (Gas)
N W Gas Board Home £2.19.6
Mission 15.9

Paid subsequently.
Dr Langford Williams £25.5.0.

30/10/57 Fred. G. Merstham

Minutes of Committee & Trustees Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday 30th October 1957 at 3/30 p.m.

Present Mr F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Butterworth (Hon Treasurer) Mr E.J. Garratt, Mr T. Finch, Mr A. Horner, Mr A.J. Maxwell, Mr J. Rhodes, Mr J.M. Tomlinson Mrs. R.H. Williams & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology for absence of Mrs Mangerson was noted.

The Minutes of the ~~Secretary~~ Last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

For the information of Trustees the Chairman stated that the Lamb Street property, Nos 4 and 5, comprising Store Room and Cottage had been sold for £100.0.0.

The Chairman read the Committee's Annual Report which was accepted subject to the names of 3 boys, whose school reports had been included, being deleted and Dennis Evans' letter to be amended so as to leave out the names of two firms mentioned.

Bills & Wages totalling £562.1.2 paid to enable the Treasurer to complete his financial Statements were approved.

The Treasurer reported upon the situation up to date regarding Mrs. M A Greenhalgh deceased, and it was decided to accept his report.

In consequence of the death of Mr Coupe of Coupe Harrison & Co. Solicitors, Lune Street. Preston it was resolved that the Treasurer be authorised to communicate with Messrs Hodgson & Sons, Solicitors re the Estate of Alice ~~Elizabeth~~ Eliza Bearsworth, deceased, and to inform them that our nominees in the matter would be Mr H Wadsworth and Mr A. J. Maxwell, both of 9, Chapel Street, Preston and Mr James Rhodes, 55 Watling Street Road, Fulwood, Preston

See Minute 4 - 24th February, 1986. re authorisation to alter Trust Deed to include Eliza Bearsworth.

The Treasurer presented his annual financial statement which was adopted. At the same time grateful thanks were expressed to him for his services, and all that he was doing on behalf of the Mission.

In view of increasing rates of interest being paid for investments generally it was left to the Treasurer and Mr. Maxwell to look into the matter as to whether it would be to the Mission's advantage to make any change.

The Emergency admission of Stanley Michael and Maureen McManus on 11th October was approved as was Mr. Gardner's application for temporary admission of Carol, Patricia & Michael Gardner.

covering of Boys Backstairs. It was agreed to accept Pim & Baines & Son's price of £65.0.0. for woodwork and to accept H Means (Furnishers) Ltd quotation of £24.4.3. for linolenum for both stairs and passage and that underfelt be laid in passage.

Chairs for Dormitories. It was also agreed to provide 30 chairs @ 46/- each as per details given by Berry's of Chipping. which would be supplied through H Means Ltd less 10% discount.

Annual Meeting arrangements. It was noted same had been arranged for 3pm Thursday, 21st November and would be held in the Town Hall Council Chamber. In the absence of the Mayor it was decided that Mr Maxwell preside.

Laundry charges. It was agreed this matter be left over until the next Meeting.

Christmas arrangements. It was agreed that the usual provision be made for the Poor Children's Christmas meal and noted that the Mayor and Mayoress would attend as usual. Mr Margerison to be Father Christmas at the Home.

Requirements:- Dry. Half a dozen raincoats and two single beds were approved.

Date of next Meeting. It was agreed that this be on Wednesday, 11th December next.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Spencer in which he tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee, also the accompanying copy of one Mr Spencer had sent to the Mayor. After explanation by the Chairman it was agreed to leave the matter over until the next Meeting, meanwhile a small deputation should see the Mayor some time after the Annual Meeting.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages. £212.2.7. Petty Cash £10.7.10. Alston J. 4.16.9.
G.W. Collins Ltd 14.12.7. A. Bailey & Co 4.18.4. E. Cokson Esq. 11.11.6.
Garnett Son & Flowerdew 23.12.0. Lloyds Ltd 7.17.11. T. Harrison Esq. 3.1.1.
London Assurance 13.12.6. H. Means & Co. 46.10.2 C. Middlebrook Esq. 11.18.1.
H.D. Marlor Ltd 2.0.4. A. Newson & Son 15.0.4. N.W. Electricity Board 12.1.3
N.W. Gas Board 13.17.10. J. H. Plant 1.1.6. Phoenix assurance 1.19.6
Preston Coal Co. 13.7.6. Preston Corpn (Water) 5.15.5 Preston Dairies 25.5.0.
Preston Laundry 22.3.8. Post Office Telephones 16.0.3 T. Watson 26.0.
E. Bolding & Sons 20.18.11. R. Simpson Retail 15.2.1.

£562.1.2.

Fred G. Dunsthorn
11/12/57

Summary of 8~~81~~st Annual Meeting held at the ~~Children's Hall~~ Town Hall on Thursday 21st November/57 at 8/pm

In the absence of the Mayor Mr D. J. Maxwell, JCA presided.

The JC Morgan offered prayer.

The Chairman of the Mission (Mr FC Messham) read the Committee's Report & Mr H B Southworth. FCA. (Hon. Treasurer presented the financial Statements subject to audit.

It was then proposed by the Rev. K A Priestley, Superintendent Minister of Lune Street Methodist Church and seconded by the Rev J.C. Morgan Vicar of St. Aidans Church, Bamber Bridge "That the Report, together with the financial Statements, be (subject to final audit) adopted, printed and circulated under the direction of the Committee" & "That the Existing Committee, with the addition of Mr. J Finch, and other Hon. Officials be re-elected en bloc.

Thanks for the use of the Council Chamber and arrangements made for the Meeting by the Corporation were expressed by Mr Arnold Horner & to speakers.

The Rev. K A Priestley pronounced the Benediction.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 11th December 1957 at 4 pm.

Present: Mr J Chessham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mr A Horner, Miss L M Margerison Mrs J Rhodes Councillor J W Langton + the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr Barker Mr Finch Mr. Maxwell Mrs Williams.

The Minutes of the last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

Owing to his books still being at the Auditors the Treasurer was unable to present a financial Statement.

On the proposal of Miss Margerison and seconded by Mr Rhodes the Treasurers suggestion that we accept our cheques as receipts under the Cheques Act 1957 was approved and left to the Treasurer to put same into effect early in the New Year.

October Bills + Wages totalling £1180 1.10. already paid were approved and those for November amounting to £53 4. 6. 5. were accepted for payment.

On behalf of the Committee the Secretary was asked to congratulate Mr Mrs. Nixon on the occasion of their Silver Wedding which

coincided with Mr Wilkins 25 years service with the Mission.

The temporary admission of Frank Brierley was approved.

It was noted the "Lancashire Evening Post" had launched its annual appeal and the Secretary was asked to express appreciation both for how same had been set out and the liberal space afforded.

Christmas arrangements: It was noted the Mayor & Mayoress were to attend the poor children meal at the Mission Hall on Christmas morning.

Miss Margerison to attend the Leyland Congregational Day Service; Mr Rhodes and Mr Wilson the Elswick Sisp Sunday, and the Secretary St. James' Sunday School annual service.

The suggestion that Wm Slater be allowed to join the Army on leaving school was approved.

Laundry Charges. Rates and charges as submitted by Briggs Chorley Laundry Ltd and the Dove Laundry Ltd and those paid to the Preston Steam Laundry Ltd were noted and it was agreed to accept the tender submitted by Briggs'

Requirements: Two dozen handtowels and a Brownie Toadstool were approved.

The Home Office letter re staff shortage and consequent arrangements during the hours of night was noted and the Secretary was asked to reply that the Committee was conscious of the situation and was trying to overcome the difficulty.

Mr Spencer having notified the Secretary that he was still of the same mind regarding his wish to resign from the Committee it was decided to accept his resignation with regret. At the same time it was noted that he would continue as a Trustee. The Secretary to write Mr. Spencer thanking him for his past services and all the help he had given.

Mrs McGarrigle's request through the Superintending Probation Officer that we admit her child of 4 years was declined.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

October 1957. Bills To.

Wages	£223.14.1	Petty Cash	£46.3.9.	Acraton	£9.8.4.
E.H.V. Collens Ltd	14.15.5	Cookson Sons	13.16.8.	T. Harrison & Sons	3.3.8.
Caudlebrook Sons	22.12.11.	Newton & Son	17.0.0.	North Western Coke Gas Board	47.7.6
Preston Coal Co	11.9.9.	Preston Dairies Ltd	23.5.6.	" " Gas	41.14.6.
R.V. Simpson Retired	16.3.7.	T.J. Watson	1.2.6.	Preston Steam Laundry	27.5.0.
				House of Magnesium	2.18.6

480.1.10

The Emergency admission of Maurice & Donald Tate on 19th October was approved.

Mr Doulman reported on his inspection of the Electrical system at the Mission Hall and on the Baptism test which he stated was reasonably satisfactory. At the same time minor adjustments were necessary, and he would report further after having a final word with Mr. Fred Howarth.

The Chairman reported upon what was being done at the Mission also that it had been found necessary to renew the floor banding in the Primary Dept. the cost of which would be about £60. In addition a new gas main from the street would be necessary

Arrangements made for the Annual Meeting at the Town Hall on Thursday 3rd November were noted and approved.

The Education Dept. having suggested a reduction in the number of children to be provided for on Christmas, morning it was agreed to arrange for 750 instead of 650 as last year. In addition to the usual cake, meat pie, fruit & togs a bar of chocolate to be given to each child.

The Secretary informed the Meeting of a telephone conversation he had had with a Mr. Miller, Solicitor, Eynsham relative to the estate of

the late Miss H. N. Greenhalgh by which we were joint legatees with the Homes for the Blind. Fulwood and in connection with which the solicitor stated there was a wooden bungalow which he proposed to sell privately rather than by auction. A letter explaining the situation more fully was being sent to the Treasurer with a copy of the Will meanwhile it was agreed to be guided by the Solicitor regarding the Sale of the bungalow. At the same time it was noted that Miss Greenhalgh was to have benifitted by the Will of the late a Mr. Blakely who had died an hour before her but that in this matter the estate was practically nil.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£14.2.4	Penny Bank	£32.6.7	Alston	£7.0.0
S Bailey & Co	5.6.6	J H Briggs & Son	68.2.3	G H Wallwork Ltd	16.15.1.
E Cookson & Sons	14.7.5	Atkinson Ltd	5.6.0	Eastern Counties Flowerdew Ltd	22.13.3.
Rowe Ltd	10.9.1.	Harrison & Sons	3.1.0	London Assurance	14.4.0.
Middlebrook & Sons	38.2.2.	H & W Naylor Ltd	4.18	J. Newson & Son	20.0.2.
N. West Electricity Board	8.9.6.	R Oldham Ltd	5.5.0.	Preston Corporation	5.15.11
N. West Gas Board	11.19.9	Phoenix Assurance	1.19.6.	Preston Dairies	25.14.3.
Preston & Lancaster Laundry	18.9.2.	R Hemingway Ltd	14.17	S. T. S Watson & Son	£18.3
Webbs Ltd	6.2.6	S Blackledge & Sons	1.12.4.	Inland Revenue	19.7.
P.O. Telephones	11.6.11	Draft Gilliam	26.5.0		

£605.19.5.

Fred. G. Thurnham
9/11/55

Summary of 79th Annual Meeting held at the Town Hall on Thursday, 3rd November 1955 at 3 o'clock.

In the absence of the Mayor, who was indisposed, Mr A J. Maxwell FCA presided.

The Rev. G.A. Groves offered prayer.

The Mayoress (Mrs J. Henery) apologised for the absence of the Mayor and also for herself as she had to leave immediately to preside at another Meeting.

The Chairman of the Mission (Mr F C Mensham) read the Committee's Report & Mr H W Southworth ACA (Hon. Treasurer) presented the Financial Statement subject to audit.

It was then proposed by the Rev G.A. Groves of Enfield Memorial Methodist Church (In the absence of the Rev J L Brook Vicar of Dalton le Dale also through indisposition) "That the Report together with the Financial Statement be (subject to final audit) adopted, printed & circulated" "That the existing Committee with the addition of Mrs R H Williams, M.B.E. J.P., Miss K M Ainsworth & Mr Norman Carter & others Hon Officials be re-elected en bloc". This was seconded by Mr D N Carline

A vote of Thanks to the Mayor & Mayoress & the Corporation & Speakers was made by Mr H Spencer & seconded by Mr Hy Spencer

The Rev G A Groves closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home at 4 pm. on Wednesday, 9th. November, 1955.

Present :-

Mr. F.C. Markham (Chairman) Mr. H.W. Southwood A.C.A (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K.M. Ainsworth Mr. E.J. Garrard. Miss L.M. Margerison Mr. A.J. Maxwell Mr. J. Rhodes Mrs. R.H. Williams & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting which were approved as a correct record.

His books having been sent to the Auditors the Hon. Treasurer stated that he had not been able to prepare the usual financial statement. At the same time it was noted that the Cash position was much the same as at 30th September.

The Treasurer informed the Meeting of a communication he had received from a Mr Mills Solicitor of Lytham relative to the estate of the late Mrs M.A. Greenhalgh which the Secretary had referred to at the last Meeting also of his Conversation with Mr Noble of the Homes for the Blind, Fulwood who had referred the matter to Burton & Dixon Solicitors. It in view of the Complicated position the matter was left to await developments.

Bills & Wages totalling £11.6.8.9. were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Mr Edmondson, Hon Residents cook, was off duty sick and that as was soon the work had got too much for her. it was not advisable that she should resume duty again. It was agreed she be paid full wages to the end of the year and that other help be obtained.

Also arising from the Secretary's Report the Chairman informed the Meeting of the alterations going on at the Mission Hall.

For the Christmas Breakfasts, for which supplies had already been arranged, it was left to Mr Maxwell to see Mr Carver of Parkinsons about Basins as on the last occasion.

Mrs Williams to attend the Leyland Congregational Toy Service on 11th December & Mr. Musgrave to be Father Christmas at the Home on Christmas Night. Mr Spencer to be asked if he would again provide transport for the children & Mr Buxton to attend the Elswick Memorial Sunday School on 18th December.

John Dobsons Christmas presents to be given to Seven Old Age Pensioners as on the last occasion and to be increased from 10/- to £1 each

the N.A.T.C.C. Inspectors application for admission of James Fenlon was approved.

The offer to collect waste paper on behalf of the Mission by Mr P Richardson Parsonstown Paper Disposal Bridge Street, Higher Walton was left to the Secretary to make appropriate enquiries and bring up at the next Meeting

Requirements: viz Kitchen scale & electric mixer were left to the ladies of the Committee.

Mr. Maxwell having raised the question of Invitations for the Annual Meeting it was agreed to include all Flag Day Helpers & where necessary to obtain names from organisers. The question of including a general invitation in the 'Lancashire Evening Post' advert to be borne in mind.

The proposal to send each member of the Children's Committee a printed copy of the Committee's Annual Report without the inclusion of Subscriptions, & the Treasurer's Financial Statement was again discussed and it was agreed the Report & Financial Statement should be printed together as usual.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£24.10.2	Petty Cash	£14.13.7	J. Alston	£6.5.10
E Cookson & Sons	13.6.10	G.W. Collins	20.12.7	Mrs Brotherton	2.0.0
J. Harrison & Sons	3.5.2	H. Jones & Co.	1.10.0	James & Tosh	2.6.8
Cuddleswick & Son	24.4.6	Gilson & Sons	1.2.9	A Newson & Son	20.5.8
N. Western Board	14.12.6	Preston & Laundry	23.4.3	R.S. Simpson	16.9.0
J. Knape & Co.	3.1.5	Preston Dairies	17.11.6	J. Wilson	5.0.0
S.B. Wildmington & Sons	1.10.4				
			£144.6.5.9.		

Agreed to Dresham
14/12/55

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children Home on Wednesday, 14th December 1955 at 4 o'clock.

Present :- Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr. J. Carman Miss L.M. Margerison Mr. A.J. Maxwell Mrs R.H. Williams & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Miss Ainsworth Mr Barker Mr Horner & Mr Southworth.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting which were approved.

His books being at the Auditors it was noted the Treasurer had been unable to prepare the Financial Statements.

Bills & Wages totalling £~~57~~ 57.7.10. were approved and passed for payment.

arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Mr. Carson had arranged for 750 packets of biscuits to be supplied by Thos Parkinson Ltd for the poor children Christmas Treat for which appreciation was expressed.

The Chairman reported upon the alterations being carried out at the Mission and it was noted Mr. Whitlock had promised to have the central heating ready for use early the following week. also that pressure had been brought to bear to have some semblance of order in time for Christmas.

The "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal having been launched it was noted that the initial response had been very encouraging.

It was also noted that there had been no further development regarding the bill of the late Mrs. M.A. Trenholgh.

Mr Richardson's offer to collect waste paper, &c. and pay the Mission for same was given further consideration but it was decided his offer could not be accepted. A vote of thanks to be expressed to Mr Richardson for his suggestion.

It was agreed to invite the Rev Mrs Jenkins of Leyland Congregational to distribute the prizes at the annual Sunday School party when the Mission Hall alterations allowed.

Requirements: The suggestion that an electric potato peeler be provided for use in the kitchen was agreed to and the matter was placed in the hands of the Chairman.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£202.2.10	Petty Cash	£47.1.11.	Alston	£4.8.0
G.W. Collins Ltd	17.12.3	John H Griffin	29.1.9	Cookstown Urban	12.18.8
T. Harrison & Sons	2.16.10	Rowes Ltd	11.15.0	Shieldhead Urban	8.19.8
H.S. Naylor Ltd	19.9.4	Alexandra	21.2.10	N.I. Gas Board	25.6.7
Preston Coal Co	21.9.10	Preston Laundry Ltd	22.10.5	Preston Laundry	17.13.1
R.S. Simpson Ltd	16.14.10	R. Slingerland	2.4.0	T. Watson	7.0.0

£557.7.10

Read & Received
11/1/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 11th January, 1956 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr. F.C. Merriam (Chairman) Mr. W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss M. Ainsworth Mr. G. Hosier Rev. E. Porter Mr. J. Rhodes Mrs. R.H. Williams & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Carter, Mr. Garnett, Miss Margerison Mr. Maxwell Mr. Tarlin

The Secretary read the Minutes of the last Meeting which were approved.

The Treasurer informed the Meeting that as he had only just received his books back from the Auditors it had not been possible for a Statement to be prepared in time but there would be one for the next Meeting. At the same time he proposed a letter of thanks be sent to Davies & Crane for their audit of the year's accounts and this was agreed to unanimously.

Bills & Wages totalling £523.16.10 were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted the "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal had reached £1617.15.7. and present indications were that last year's total of £1678.14.0 would be exceeded

Mrs Tierney's application for temporary admission of her 3 children during her time in hospital was approved.

The Chairman reported upon the alterations being carried out at the Mission Hall

The Chairman also reported on his enquiries regarding an Electric potato peeler, which, it was agreed, he had ordered from Nelsons at a cost of £31.10s.0.

In connection with the new Valuation of property it was noted that so far as the Home was concerned the new rateable value was £230 as against the present figure of £128 and the Treasurer was asked to submit an appeal. It was also noted that there was an increase of £1 on the Lynch Street property and that the Mission Hall was exempt.

Relative to staffing problems at the Home the Secretary was asked to advertise for a Resident Cook for which services £5.0.0 per week be paid.

The Rev E. Porter closed the Meeting with prayer.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£22.13.4	Peter Cook	£39.3.6	Alston	£10.2.0
J Bailey & Co	5.6.8	Robt E Bell	10.6.6	G W Collins Ltd	12.15.0
Cookson Hons	12.9.0	John Dobson Chemist	7.0.0	T Harrison Hons	21.11.9
Middlebrook Hons	16.11.9	Allgood Hons	22.3.6	N West Gas Board	33.17.1
~~John Platt~~		Preston Coal Co.	2.11.11	Rediffusion Ltd	9.12.0
Preston Co-operative Society	8.0.6	Preston Dairies Ltd	24.1.4	Preston Steam Laundry	19.18.4
R P Simpson Ltd	18.15.8	T Swaye & Co.	6.1.0	T S. Watson	6.1.0
A Blelding Hons	4.9.10	Guardian Press	8.5.2		

£523.16.10

Fred E. Needham
8/2/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 6th February 1956 at 4 p.m.

Present:- Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr A Horner, Mr S.T. Maxwell, Rev E Porter, Mr. J Rhodes. Mrs R A Williams & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Miss Margerison, Mr Southworth Mr. Spencer.

In the absence of Mr Southworth Mr. Maxwell presented the Treasurer's financial Statement for 4 months ending 31st January which was adopted.

It was noted that £2018 had been received by the 50th annual appeal of the "Lancashire Evening Post" which was a record and authority was given for this amount to be transferred to General account.

It was also given for the Treasurer to invest £1000 on Capital account with the Preston Corporation at 5%.

Bills & Wages totalling £172.12.8 were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Miss Margerison had attended the Tramps Ball at Eastham, and that proceeds,

amounting to £50.2.0. had been sent to the Lancashire Evening Post Fund.

The Chairman reported upon the alteration at the Mission Hall and it was agreed decorating was about to commence.

The question of seating was again discussed and it was left to the Chairman to get an estimate for 100 tubular chairs to be considered at the next Meeting.

The Secretary to report upon the Gas Cooker offered by Mr. Spencer.

It was also noted that a cheque for £250.0.0 had been sent to the Whitlock Heating Co. for the new boiler and heating apparatus.

It was agreed to submit the usual application for a Flag Day to the Watch Committee in time for their March Meeting.

It was approved that the older boys again attend their School Camp during the Summer holidays and that the Secretary arrange for the remainder of the children to spend a week at Fleetwood.

Relative to the will of the late Mrs M.A. Greenhalgh and correspondence submitted

by the Treasurer it was agreed that the Treasurer be instructed to write Mr. Mills, the Lytham Solicitor, that we were prepared to accept his advice in the matter.

The Chairmans suggestion that the 3 piece suite need in the staffroom be transferred to the boys study was approved, and a price for 3 easy chairs for staff use to be obtained for the next Meeting.

It was moved the "advert" for a Cook in the "Lancashire Evening Post" had not been productive and it was agreed "adverts" appear in the "Yorkshire Evening Post" & the "Northern Daily Telegraph".

The Rev E Parker closed the Meeting with prayer.

Rilla Rogers.

Rogers £163.4.9. Pennyquick £16.13.11. Alston £6.4.3.
& Cookson Ltd 10.9.4. Parkinson Ltd 8.2.11. W W Collins Ltd 20.15.9.
Rivers Ltd 10.14.11. Thompson Bros 3.3.5 Lancs Evening Post 1.0.0.
W Kilner Ltd 7.4.0. House of Morgenroth 5.18.8 C Middlebrook Ltd 6.6.4.
A Newson Ltd 20.9.8. North Western Gas Board 3.4.18.10. Preston Dandies 21.0.3
Preston Laundry 18.3.7. " " " " 8.12.1. R Simpson Ltd 21.15.4
Preston Coal Co 18.3.8 " " " " 7.19.4 T Swinton 4.10.6.
Whittam 2.3.0 & Building Trades 2.15.4 John Woods Ltd 2.2.10

Paid previously £42.12.8.
Corporation of Preston £6.4.9. Water a/c.

Fred C Dearnley
13/3/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 14th March. 1956 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr. F. C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr. H. W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K. M. Ainsworth Mr. A. Horner, Miss L. M. Margerison, Rev. E. Porter, Mr. J. Rhodes. Mr. Hy. Spencer & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Barker, Mr. Gannaway, Mr. Maxwell & Mrs. Gillam.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, read by the Secretary, were approved as a correct record.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted.

Bills & Wages totalling £137. 8. 1. were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that arrangements had been made for the younger children to have a week's holiday with Mrs. Brereton at Knott End as last year, enquiries in Fleetwood not having been successful, also that the senior boys would be attending their school camp in mid-August.

The Chairman reported upon the work being carried out at the Mission. It was also noted and approved that the last

ordered 100 chairs (wessings) from W.H Jackson Sons
to viewed in groups of four and 20 single
cost of which would amount to £247. 100 less
25% discount

Cost of tea in connection with the annual
outing for members of Mrs. Spencer's Women's
Class to be met from the funds.

Mr. Stevenson's application for admission of
his two children was approved.

Requirements:- Three fireside chairs. Prices
as contained in Fryer & Hancock's catalogue
were noted and matter left for ladies of
the Committee and the Matron to attend to.

Curtain materials approved some be
bought.

Cycle for Mr. Nixon: Secretary to discuss the
matter with Mr. Nixon and bring up at
the next Meeting.

Christmas Stockings: Three thousand five
hundred to be obtained

The Secretary having informed the Meeting
of the strain under which he and the
Matron were having to work owing to
shortage of resident staff. Miss Sowerby's
request that we admit for two weeks four
children whose mother was being sent

away for health reasons was agreed to, subject to staff being available to look after them. and Miss Margerison was asked to see Miss Wilson, at the Employment Exchange as to what could be done to obtain resident staff at the earliest possible moment. A general discussion ensued when it was resolved that the matter of staff requirements be looked into at the earliest possible time.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills &c.

Wages	£181.16.9	Petty Cash	£11.7.6	Alston	£5.16.10
Workmans	4.12.0	S Bailey & Co.	5.3.4	H Collens Ltd	20.13.4
Cookson Hms	120.10	R Margerison & Co	3.19.7	Guardian Press	8.5.2.
Harrison Hms	2.16.10	Middlebrook Hms	12.7.9	A Newsom Hon	20.3.6.
Robinson	5.7.3	NW Gas Board	39.10.1	R Oldham Ltd	3.3.0.
Preston Coal Co	3.13.9	Preston Dairies	20.10.5	Preston Laundry	14.8
R L Simpson Ltd	16.12.6	T S Dalton	5.13.0.		

£487.8.1.

Fred E. Messham
11/4/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 11th April, 1956 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr F.C. Mesham (Chairman) Mr. H.W. Southwood, A.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs I.M. Ainsworth Mr B.J. Garratt Mr A. Hoyles, Miss L.M. Margerison, Mr J. Rhodes, Mrs. R.N. Williams and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

apologies for absence were noted from Mr Maxwell, Mr Spencer & Councillor Taylor.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, read by the Secretary, were approved as a correct record.

The Treasurer presented his financial statement which was adopted.

Bills & Wages totalling £461.2.0. were approved for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that our application for a town Flag Day had not been successful.

The Chairman reported upon the work being carried out at the Mission Hall and approval was given for purchase of 24 small chairs from Berry's of Chipping to be supplied through H. Mears & Co at £2.5.6 per chair, plus 5% purchase tax & Eighteenbag for the Mission Primary and the remainder for the Home.

approval was also given for purchase of two easy chairs @ £14.10.0 each from John Westhead & Co as recommended by Miss Ainsworth and Miss Margerison and for the Matron to obtain an additional ~~chair~~ chair to match as near as possible.

Mr Dixon having intimated that he preferred a push bicycle rather than a motor cycle it was agreed to obtain such machine from George Mors & Sons priced at £19.13.4. as suggested by Mr. Dixon.

The annual Sunday School outing to Southport was approved.

As the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed to keep a look-out for 1 or 2 suitable pictures to brighten up the Sunday School Primary Dept.

Relative to partial redecoration required at the Home the Chairman was given authority to meet Wilkinson representative and obtain a rough idea of cost.

Nelson not having been in a position to supply the electric potato peeler ordered in December, it was agreed that the Chairman obtain a peeler elsewhere, if same had not been received subsequently.

The question of staffing difficulties, duties and rates of pay etc to be considered

by a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Miss Margerison and Mrs. Williams who would report at the next Meeting.

Councillor Taylor's suggestion that the Consumers' Council be permitted to raise of the question of cheaper tariff relative to cost of lighting as paid by the Home. was approved.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills Wages &c.

Wages	£198.4.2	Perry Bank	£11.4.11	Alston	£6.10.0.
G.A. Collins	16.11.11.	Cookson Bros	12.18.9.	Lever Ltd	13.9.4.
T. Harrison & Sons	4.3.7.	H. Jones & Co	2.2.0.	Lancs & Pool	1.5.0.
Cuddlebrook & Sons	47.15.9.	Allen Newsom & Son	15.3.0	North W. Gas Board	31.6.1.
Preston Coal Co	5.12.11.	Preston Dairies	18.9.4.	Preston Laundry	22.10.4.
J. Sharpe & Co	2.11.11.	R.A. Simpson	17.11.9.	T.B. Watson	3.7.3.

£461.2.0.

Additional Minute:

Formal initial notice having been received from the Corporation relative to the cottage, No. 5 Laurel Street, being considered unfit for habitation it was noted the matter had been referred to our Hon. Solicitors.

Jno. E. Marsham
May 9/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 9th May, 1956 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr. H.W. Southwood, A.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K.M. Ainsworth, Mr. A Hoover, Miss L.M. Margerison, Mr. A.J. Maxwell, Mr. J. Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mrs. Williams and Mr. Garrard.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, read by the Secretary, were approved.

The Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted and in connection with which it was noted he had received a legacy of £50 from the estate of the late Mrs. E.T. Wellmoth.

The Treasurer also informed the Meeting that the Property Trustees had received formal notice that the Corporation proposed making a Demolition Order in respect of the Laurel Trees Cottage. Mr. C Mowles, Cabinet Maker, having made an offer of £100 for the Cottage and adjoining shop/room to be used for business purposes it was agreed to accept same subject to the approval of the Corporation. Our Solicitors to be asked to deal with the matter

and in communicating with Mr Moizer to inform him of the requirements relating to the proposed Demolition Order, also that he be asked to put down in writing that he agrees to the conditions as set out by the Corporation and would pay costs of demolition. The Corporation to be informed when such agreement had been completed and the Secretary to attend the hearing fixed for 28th May. 1956.

Bills & Wages amounting to £753.18.6. were approved and passed for payment

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that Mr. A. Woollacott of the Home Office Children's Dept. had inspected the Home on 3rd May.

It was also noted that with the exception of one or two small jobs the alterations at the Mission Hall were complete and that the chairs ordered for the main hall and Primary had been supplied. In connection with the special weekend services which were being arranged for June 24th & 25th. it was decided to invite subscribers and each member of the Committee. Thanks were rendered to Miss Ainsworth for the pictures she had kindly given for hanging on the walls.

Mr. Garratt to be consulted regarding

increased fire insurance. £700 being suggested in respect of furnishings and £5000 for the building. Approval was also given for Cins to be provided for the Primary Room.

The Chairman informed the meeting that as previously decided, he had cancelled our order with Nelsons for an electric potato peeler, seeing there seemed no prospect of early delivery and it was noted he had obtained a peeler from W.H. Jackson & Sons and that same was now in use. It was also noted and approved that after conferring with the Vice-Chairman and Treasurer he had accepted Bldings estimate of £189.0.0. for partial interior painting and decorating of the Home and that the work was now being proceeded with.

Matron's requirements, viz:- Twelve boys suits and 6 girls frocks were approved.

The next Meeting to be at 4 pm on Wednesday, 6th June.

The N.A.P.C.C. Inspectors application for temporary admission of Pauline William Storey during the time their mother was expected to be in Hospital was approved.

Relative to staffing arrangements and rates of remuneration etc the Secretary was asked to leave the Meeting and on return

was informed it had been agreed to accept the Sub-Committee's recommendations as under:-

(1) Mrs. Ditchfield to be paid at the rate of 2/9 per hour.
(2) Mr. & Mrs. Glover to be paid at the rate of £18 per week.
(3) Mr. Dixon's wage to be increased by £1.0.0 per week.
(4) Miss Sharples' wage to be increased by £1.0.0 per week and to be brought into the Pension Scheme.
(5) Boys' Attendants when appointed to start at £4.5.0 to £4.10.0 rising to £5.0.0 per week after six months satisfactory service.
(6) All Resident Staff when on holiday to be paid £2.0.0 per week in lieu of board and lodgings. This amount to be accounted for under P.A.Y.E.
(7) Attempts should be continued to obtain
  (a) Resident Cook.
  (b) Resident Attendant.
  (c) Part-time Handyman.

The Secretary then closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Rates & Wages &c.

Wages. £190.14.5 & Petty Cash £14.11.10. Alston £3.11.2.
J Bailey & Co 5.3. 4. G & W Collins 20.6.2 B Cookson Thos 10.10.9
J Harrison Thos 3.6.6. W H Jackson Thos 22.12.6. Jones & Post 1.0.0.
T Mears Ltd 57.5.3. C Middlebrook Thos 9.14.10. Geo Morton Thos 19.13.4
W H Naylor Ltd 3.14.7 A Newsom Thos 13.9.0 North Western Board 19.8.1 & 14.3
R Oldham Ltd 5.14.0 Preston Coal Co. 15.16.10. Preston Dairies 16.0.7.
Preston Laundry 21.9.5. R.S. Simpson Ltd 15.2.10. T Shatwell 6.8.0.
John Weitherd Ltd 43.18.6. S.B. Wildman Thos 1.17.6 £359.18.8.

PAID EARLIER: POST OFFICE TELEPHONES £14.4.2.
PRESTON CORPN (WATER) 6.1.5.

F. Thaxwell 6/6/56.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 6th June 1956 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr A.J. Maxwell, (Chairman) Mrs K.M Ainsworth Mr B.J Garratt, Mr A. Horner, Miss L.M Mungeam Mr J. Rhodes, Mrs R.H. Williams and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology were noted from Mr. Mersham, Mr Southworth and Mr. Spencer.

The Minutes of the last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved.

In the absence of the Treasurer Mr. Maxwell presented the financial Statement which was adopted.

Bills & Wages totalling £481.13.11 were approved and passed for payment.

The Chairman presented the Treasurer's financial Statement which was adopted.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted our help was not required on behalf of the two Storey children, whose temporary admission had been approved at the last Meeting, other arrangements having been made for them.

Approval was given in respect of Ronald & Donald Auteliffe whose temporary admission

had been accepted by the Chairman on 28th May.

Arrangements made for the special week-end at the Mission Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 23rd. 24th and 25th June were noted, and it was agreed members should attend the Meetings as far as possible. It was also noted there had been an adjustment of Car Insurance and that Fire Insurance cover had been increased to £700 in respect of furnishings and £5000 on the building.

The Health Committee having decided to apply a Closing Order in respect of the Laurel Lawn Cottage it was agreed to leave our Solicitors to deal with the proposed sale to Mr. Morizzo for use as business premises.
The A.R.P.C.C. Inspectors request for temporary admission of Peter Docherty was approved.

Requirements, viz:- A dozen blazers were approved.

The next Meeting to be on 11th July and none in August.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills to.

wages	£22 4. 0. 3.	Petty Cash	£13. 3. 5.	Alston	£7. 12. 3.
G & W Collins	17. 13. 1.	Hawkesworth Sons	11. 1. 4.	Guardian Press	45. 12. 4.
J. Harrison & Sons	3. 10. 8	C. Middlebrook & Sons	9. 4. 2.	Allen & Son	14. 19. 4.
N. Ives Gas Board	12. 0. 9.	Preston Gas Co.	5. 4. 9.	Preston Laundry	20 11. 8
R. A. Sumpington	16. 8. 4.	T. S. Watson	3. 12. 0.	Lowes Ltd	9. 16. 5.
R. Morrow & Sons	3. 10. 0.	Fenchurch C. P. School.	2. 11. 11.	S. B. Bredington & Sons	12. 15. 0.
Preston Dairies	18. 6. 6.				

£481. 13. 11

Fred E. Dresham
11/7/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 11th July 1956 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr. F. C. Mercham (Chairman) Mr H. W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K. M. Ainsworth. Mr J. Rhodes Mrs Spencer Councillor J. W. Taylor and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr Barker Miss Margerison & Mrs. Williams also from Mr Maxwell in hospital to whom the Secretary was asked to write expressing the good wishes of the Committee and hopes for his early recovery.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, read by the Secretary, were approved.

The Treasurer presented his financial statements which was adopted and in connection with which it was noted general rates for 1956/57 had been paid. It was also noted that for the Home the amount paid namely £155.4.0. was the same as last year, £46.1.0. having been allowed as provided for in respect of certain Charitable Organisations

Bills & Wages totalling £771.12.2, which included £221.10.0. in respect of interior decorations recently completed, were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted we had again had a very successful Flag Day in the County Police area, the receipts being £223.4.9.

The temporary emergency admissions of Linda & Kathleen Leonard & John & Robert Whalley were approved.

Holiday arrangements: Thirteen children to Knott End for a week as from July 15th and 7 senior boys to the Isle of Man for a fortnight as from 14th August to be given 10/- each and 20/- each towards less £6.0.0 already saved by the children.

Lancaster Diocesan Association. It was noted Mr Marsden had obtained other accommodation

and that our Solicitors were in touch with the Charity Commissioners regarding the Sale of the property.

Requirements viz:- Sandals for the whole family and School Uniform for the Senior Children were approved.

Date of next Meeting: This to be on Wednesday, 5th September.

Other Business: Mr Spencer raised the question of our not being granted a Town Flag Day this year, and after some discussion it was agreed this point should be borne in mind when making application next year.

The Treasurer queried the practice of having two speakers at the Annual Meeting, and it was generally agreed one speaker might be sufficient. The Matter to be brought up again at the next Meeting.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£24 1. 12. 2	Petty Cash	£1 9. 3. 9	Alston	£1. 11. 4
Fred Askew & Son Ltd	5. 15. 6	J. Bailey & Co	5. 3 4	A Boan & Co	1. 10. 0
G W Collens Ltd	14. 3. 2.	Cookson Thos	2. 4. 5	Gaven Ltd	3. 6. 0
J Harrison Sons	4. 6. 2.	Jas Fenwick Sons	5 16. 0	Allerham Thos	2. 13. 6.

Bills & Wages &c Continued

6 Middlebrook Ltd £68 0.0. H.W. Naylor Ltd £8.1.9. A Newsom Ltd £14.12.9.
H.W. Gas Board 12.6.3 R. Oldham Ltd 16.6. Preston Corpn 10.12.1
Preston Dairies Ltd 17.14.11. Preston Laundry 27.14.3. C. Lewand & Co 1.17.9.
R.S. Simpson Ltd 20.0.10. J. Spencer Ltd 3.0.6. T.S. Watson 3.6.6.
John Wood Ltd 5.7.6. Wardleys Deepdale 3.8.6 S. Blackledge & Sons 22.4.10

£771.12.2.

Paid previously
North Western Board £13.1.7 Corporation of Preston
General Rates.
Childrens Home £155.4.0. Mission Hall £1.12.6. 4 Lamel St £2.5.0.
5 Lamel St £7.2.2. 2 Coml. Rates £166.13.6.

Fred C Mersham
5/9/56

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home on Wednesday, 5th September 1956 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southworth. (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K. Wainwright. Mr E.J. Garrard. Miss L.M. Margerison Mr Hy. Spencer & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

apologies for absence were noted from Mr. Barber, Mr. Maxwell and Mrs. Williams.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

with the Meeting being earlier than usual the Treasurer was unable to present his Financial Statements in detail. From particulars given it was noted there was a Bank balance of £307 on General Account and £615. on Capital account.

Bills & Wages totalling £87 4. 11. 1. for 2 months were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report, and a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Brereton saying how pleased they were with the children's behaviour, with whom they had stayed whilst on holiday, it was agreed that the letter should appear in the Annual Report to be prepared for the next Meeting.

In connection with the Annual Meeting it was left to the Secretary to arrange with the Mayor as to a convenient date and that the Rev T.G. Beer Vicar of Coorenagh, and the Rev T. Abel of Tenworthan Congregational Church be invited as speakers. Failing Mr Abel the Rev. I. Jenkins of Leyland Congregational Church to be invited.

The next Meeting to be on 31st October next at 3.30 p.m. and to enable the Treasurer to complete his years accounts, authority was given for bills up to 30th September to be paid before hand.

Requirements viz Half a dozen pairs of boys flannels were approved and Mr Spencer was asked to see to the fireplace which required attention. The question of a wooden reclining seat for the children's use outdoors was left over until next spring. Quotations to be obtained for 100000 house to house collecting envelopes from Walkers & Ambleris.

It was noted the Education Dept. had been consulted with regard to the number of children to be provided for at Christmas and the suggestion that this be 600 was accepted. The Secretary to arrange the supply of apples from Mr. Porter's nephew in Worcester as usual.

Mrs. Brennan's request that we admit her 5 children during the time she was in Hospital was agreed to.

It was noted the Charity Commissioners had agreed to the sale of No 4 and 5 Laurel Street to Mr. Moizer, Cabinet Maker, Shepherd Street and that he had made application to the Town Planning Committee stating to what use he intended to put the property.

It was also noted that the Preston Guild Co. had again made us a present of 30 pairs of sandals.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills Wages &c.

Wages. £453.0.0. Petty Cash £68.7.9. Alston 19.6.5
J Bailey & Co 4.18.4. Cockerton Farm 22.2.6. Harrison Farm 4.17.2.
Cauldlebrook Farm 28.1.10 Allerston Farm 25.3.3 Preston Coal Co 17.14.10.
Preston Dairies 3.6.6. Preston Laundry 36.15.2. R Simpson Ltd 30.9.3.
Prime Press 116.7.6 West Ayton Board 18.3.4. T Imay & Co. 3.17.7.
T.S. Watson 3.7.6.

Total. £874.11.1.

Paid previously
G & W Collins Ltd £8.12.7. Home of Mercy Union £4.3.9.
York West Ayton Board (Coke) £12.16.11. } TA Slates for
" " " (Gas) 4.2.5 } Mr Brereton £60.18.0 }
Fenchwood Corner plus Spends 7.10.0 }
Secondary School
6 Boys to Isle of Man £6.0.0.

Fred C. Mersham
31/10/56

Minutes of General Committee & Trustees' Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday 31st October 1956 at 3/30 p.m.

Present: Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr. J.W. Fenchwood A.C.A. (Hon. Treasurer) Miss K.M. Ainsworth, Mr. G.J. Harrison, Miss L.M. Margerison, Mr. J. Rhodes & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted

from Mr Maxwell. Mr. Spencer & Mr Tomlinson, also from Mrs. Williams, whom it was noted with regret was in a Nursing Home

The Minutes of the last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a Correct record.

The Chairman read the Committee's Report to be presented at the Annual Meeting, which with three amendments was accepted.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was accepted with thanks

Bills & Wages totalling £55.12.5. paid to enable the Treasurer to complete his Statement for the year were approved.

The Secretary's Report covering 8 weeks was accepted.

It was agreed that the 80th Annual Meeting was to be held at the Town Hall at 3 pm on Thursday, 15th November and that the Mayor would preside, also that the speakers would be the Rev A. Livesey, Vicar of St Mark's Preston and the Rev. H. Armstrong of Lancaster Road Congregational Church, none of the speakers suggested at the last Meeting being able to attend.

For the Poor Children's Christmas Treat it was agreed that the same provision be made

as last year viz: Three cakes, one mince pie, a box of chocolate, biscuits and an apple ~~for each~~ and a toy for each child. The Secretary to obtain suitable paper bags.

The quotations for House to House Collections were left over until the next Meeting, which, it was decided, should be on the second Wednesday in December. In the meantime October accounts to be paid as usual.

It was noted that our Solicitors had informed the Secretary they expected the Sale of the Lumley Street property to be completed in a week's time.

Mission Hall. The suggestion that a lean-to shed be erected in the back yard was not felt to be necessary.

Requirements viz:- Two carpets, one for the office and the other for the Superintendent's quarters were approved.

Other Business. The Treasurer informed the Meeting that Mr. Mills, the Solicitor dealing with the Estate of the late Mrs. M. A. Greenhalgh had advised him he had received an offer of £175 for the caravan which was together with the stones for the Shed, Falwood, had agreed should be sold. It was noted there would be

a deposit ~~of £~~ of £30 and that the balance would be paid off at the rate of £1 per week. It was therefore agreed, as decided at the Meeting of the 6th February last, to leave Mr. Mills to deal with the matter.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£235.18.2	Petty Cash	£38.17.11.	Alston	£7.14.9
Corpl McDougall					
Robertson	3.7.6	G.H.W.Collins	27.5.7	Cookerton	12.4.5.
Ernest Sanderson	23.9.0.	R.Rheaper & Co	2.14.0.	Harrison	3.8.3
London Assurance Co	14.4.0.	Cuddlebrookton	5.13.5	H.W.Taylor Ltd	2.8.9
Allen Southern	13.10.0	N.W.Electric Board	10.14.7.	Phoenix Assurance	1.19.6
Preston Coal Co	4.0.0.	N.W.GAS Board	13.4.2	Preston Laundry	27.13.9
Preston Corpn (Water)	5.15.5	Preston Dairies	17.14.9	R.Simpson	16.6.4
T.S.Watson	15.0.0	J.R.Wildman & Sons	12.8.1.	Rowes Ltd	7.7.10
J.R.Williams	26.5.0	P.O. Telephones	14.16.3	Parkinson Ltd	16.0

£554.12.5.

Fred C Markham
12/12/56

Minutes of General Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 12th December 1956.

Present: Mr F.C.Markham (Chairman) Mr H.W.Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss Ainsworth Miss Margerison Mr. A.J. Maxwell. Mr J.Rhodes & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology were noted from Mr Carter.

Mr Garrard & Mr. Spencer. It was also noted Mrs. Williams was still unwell and the Secretary was asked to convey the Committee's good wishes and hopes for an early recovery.

The Minutes of the last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

His books being at the Auditors the Treasurer was unable to present his Financial Statement.

The ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer informed the Meeting he had received a communication from the Corporation to the effect that his application for compensation in respect of the condemned property in Lamb Street had been refused. It was therefore agreed to let matters stand as they were.

The Treasurer also informed the Meeting that he had received a further Communication from Mr Mills the Lytham Solicitor to the effect that he had had to accept £10 deposit instead of £30 agreed to originally in respect of the Shed of the Caravan included in the Estate of the late Mrs. M.A. Greenhalgh. As previously agreed it was left to Mr Mills to arrange best terms he could.

Bills & Wages totalling £ 1 6s 6d. 9. 11. for October and £529. 19. 10. for November were approved.

arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted Miss Lilian Ball had been appointed as resident boys' attendant as from 15th December, and agreed that application be made for transfer of pension to our own contributory scheme.

It was also noted that Miss Ainsworth was to attend the Leyland Toy Service on 16th December and Miss Mangnall that at the Penwortham Congregational Sunday School the same Sunday also that Mr. Spencer would attend the Elsewick Memorial Church the Sunday following. The Secretary or Mr. Nixon to attend St James's Annual Gift Sunday on 20th December.

The Treasurer reported on his attendance at the Concert at the Acregate Lane Labour Club on 11th instant.

Mather's Ambleside Seedis Estimates for 100 000 collecting envelopes were noted and it was agreed to accept Seedis price of £1. 1. 0. per thousand, plus an approximate charge of £5. 5. 0 for Art work involved.

The temporary emergency admission of Hazel Docherty on 4th December was approved.

It was noted the "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal had been launched a week ago and that the first list of contributions had appeared on the 11th December.

It was agreed to invite Mr. Norman Carter to present prizes at the Annual Sunday School party on 26th January & failing Mr. Carter Mr Spencer to be invited.

John Dobson's Christmas presents to be given to 7 Old Age Pensioners each of whom would receive £1.

The Secretary's Report on financial help offered by Senior 2nd Officer Ward was noted and agreed that should any further representation be made that details be asked for in writing.

Requirements :- 200 second-hand tables to replace the trestle tables in the Children's rooms were approved.

As the Chairman would be unable to attend the Christmas Treat the Vice Chairman undertook to take his place in welcoming the Mayor Mayoress who would commence proceedings.

The Secretary to send a letter to Mr Williams in Hospital conveying the good wishes of the Committee for an early recovery.

Congratulations were offered to Miss Musgrave & Mrs Williams in connection with the recent presentation made by the Women's Voluntary Services in respect of their long and valued service in the town and beyond which had been publicly recognised.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills Passed. (November 1956).

Woolworth Ltd £20.8.6 Alston £2.11.6 J Bailey & Co £4.18.4
G W Collins 18.3 11. Cookson Sons 14.4.7 Lever Ltd 15.9.7.
J. Harrison Sons 4.16.11 Appleyard Bros 12.16.2 N Wales Gas Board 38.7.4.
James E Post 2.16.0 Cuddlebrook Ltd 39.16.0 H W Mayhead 4.2.6.
Farnell Engineering 1.15.0 Preston Coal Co 10.17.6 Preston Dairies 16.12.5.
Preston Laundry 18.17.6. J Sharpe & Co 4.9.7. R Stimpson Ltd 16.13.0
Thurst Manufacturing Co 2.10.7. T Watson & Sons 2 6.0. Wages 218.4.4.
Petty Cash 56.6.3
Paid earlier J W Woolworth & Co Ltd £39.15.6.

Fred. E. Markham
9/1/57.

Bills & Wages (October 1956).

Wages £216.6.2 Petty Cash £11.6.5 Alston £5.5.0.
J Bailey & Co 4.18 4. H W Collins Ltd 13.1.4. Cookson Sons 13.4.5
T Harrison Sons 4.2.8 W Palmer Ltd 2.11.6. James E Post 1.12.0
J Means Ltd 49.11.6. Cuddlebrook Sons 5.17.8. Appleyard Sons 14.14.2
N Wales Gas Board 18.7.4. Preston Coal Co 6.11.8. Preston Dairies Ltd 7.0.4.
Preston Laundry 18.5.3. C Seward & Co 1.15.6. R Stimpson Ltd 20.3.6
John Wood Ltd 1.18.10. Woodcocks 2.16.0. F B Welding Sons 1.16.4.
J & A Coupe & Co 1.18.0. Wm Hume & Sons 1.5.10.

Paid 9.11.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children Home, on Wednesday, 9th January 1957 at 4 pm

Present: Mr. F.C. Mershan (Chairman) Mr K.M. Amsworth Miss L.M. Margerison, Mr A.J. Maxwell Mr J Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology were noted from Mrs. Williams Mr. Carver Mr Garrard and Mr. Tomlin and Mr Southworth.
The Minutes of the previous Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

In the absence of the Treasurer Mr. Maxwell presented the financial Statement covering 3 months ending 31st December which was adopted, and in connection with which it was noted income amounted to £1566 and expenditure to £1567, also that £387. 1. 5 had been transferred from Endowment to Current accounts, this amount being Overdrawn at the commencement of the period. It was also noted a Legacy of £100 had been received from the Estate of the late Mrs. M I Cartwell.

Bills & Wages totalling £538. 10. 2. were approved for payment.

It was noted that to date the Lancashire Evening Post fund was £1150.2.5 and although this was £400 less than last year same was considered to be very satisfactory.

It was also noted that Mr Carter was to distribute prizes at the Minion Sunday School party on 26th January.

Matron requirements viz: 3 dozen hand towels were approved. The question of storage room being made available at the Mission was left for the Chairman to see Mr. Nixon.

The Emergency admission of Hazel and Avril Whitehead was approved.

The Secretary's report on Kathleen and Linda Leonard was noted and it was agreed that the Children's Officer be asked to remove them.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £4.5.18.5 Peter Cook £4.4.3 & Ambler £2.1.11.
Alston 4.17.4 Bailey & Co 4.18.4 N.W.Collins Ltd 9.18.4
E.Cookson Ltd 14.2.3. R.G.Bell 5.10.4 Hanson Ltd 16.4.1.
J.H.Hyson 1.0.0 Middlebrook Ltd 52.0.3 H.W.Nevill Ltd 1.9.5.
A.Newson Ltd 13.12.4 Preston Coal Co 3.11.8 Preston Laundry 23 16 10
Preston Laundry 6.2.1 R.S.Simpson Ltd 19.4.6 T.S.Watson 1.16.0.
N.West Gas Board 31.15.3 Hours of Margerison 4.7.6. £534.10.2.
Paid earlier
Beechi Chocolates £10.0.0 Rediffusion £12.0.
North West Electricity Board £21.5.7.

Fred E. Broadhurst
13/2/57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home on Wednesday, 13th February 1957 at 4 pm.

Present: Mr J C Markham (Chairman) Mrs A Ainsworth Mrs L M Margerison, Mr A J. Maxwell, Mr J Rhodes, Mr Hy Spencer the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Votes of apology for absence were noted from Mr Southworth & Mr Zolmin.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

Mr. Maxwell presented the Treasurers financial Statement which was adopted. It was noted that on Current account receipts totalled £57.5.8d and payments £58.12.10. also that £500 had been received from the Corporation of Preston being Loan Repayment.

Bills & Wages totalling £562.14.4. were approved and passed for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted (a) That the Lancashire Evening Post appeal had raised £61.5.0. and that a letter of acknowledgment and thanks had duly appeared in the paper signed by the Chairman and Treasurer.

(b) That the Christmas Stocking collections

to date amounted to £582.

(c) That the Carisbrooke Tramps Ball had raised £56.12.0. which had been acknowledged in the Lancashire Evening Post list and in connection with which thanks were tendered to Miss Margerison for again attending the Ball on the Mission's behalf. and

(d) That the partition suggested for the Mission Back Room had duly been fixed as advised by the Chairman.

The Emergency Admission of Keith, Glenis, Stephen and Linda Green on 4th February was approved

Also approved were the Childrens Summer Holidays viz: Senior boys to join their School Camp and the other children to again spend a week at Knowl Lodge.

Matrons requirements viz:- Half a dozen raincoats and a rug for the staffroom were also approved.

Town Flag Day: It was agreed to submit the usual form of application in time for the Watch Committee's March Meeting.

The Crimmer Press letter asking what Christmas Stockings would be required for our next distribution was left over until the next Meeting. In the meantime Mr Spencer

was asked to ~~[illegible]~~ enquire as to the possibility of an alternative stocking being used at cheaper cost.

As the suggestion of Mr Maxwell who had made an inspection of the Home before the Meeting it was agreed to ask Wildings to decorate the Boys' Dormitory, and Day Room & paint woodwork of Lavatory also woodwork of kitchen in Secretary's house. and that of the recently erected partition at the Mission Hall.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Rates & Wages &c.

Wages	£226. 11. 9.	Percy Earle	£58 13. 10.	Alston	£4. 7. 6
Rawley & Co	4. 18. 4.	G.H.W. Collins Ltd	17. 18. 7.	Blackburn Co	12. 4. 11
Lever Ltd	13. 11. 7.	Harrison Sons	4. 17. 5	Guardian	12. 9. 1.
Middlebrook & Sons	37. 0. 4.	H.W. Marlow Ltd	1. 5. 10.	Newsom	4. 5. 9.
R. Oldham Ltd	6. 16. 3.	N.W. Gas Board	38. 7. 4.	Preston Coal Co	16. 2. 8
Preston Cooperative	13. 5. 0	Preston Dairies Ltd	22. 15. 0	Preston Laundry	28. 0. 8.
Shirt & Underclothing Manufacturing Co Ltd	6. 1. 8.	R. Simpson Ltd	19. 7. 4	T. Snape & Co	1. 1. 8. 0
T. S. Watson	1. 15. 6.				
Paid earlier					£562. 14. 4
Preston Corporation (Water a/c)	£6. 10. 7.				

Jno G. Markham
13/3/57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 13th March 1957 at 4 pm

Present: Mr F.C. Mesham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss E. McAinsworth Mr B.J. Garratt Mr J. Rhodes Councillor Mrs Taylor & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Miss Margerison Mr Maxwell Mr Spencer.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted. It was noted that the balance at bank on General account was £1463. and on Endowment account £1789. and agreed that the £500 Loan Repayment be reinvested with the Preston Corporation @ 5½% plus any further money the Treasurer felt he could spare. Meanwhile contractors to be asked to submit accounts in respect of charges still unpaid on the improvements at the Mission Hall.

Bills & Wages totalling £50 11.0. were approved for payment.

Miss Crossley's application for return of Norman and Christine was agreed to

subject to the approval of the N.A.P.C.C.

Mr Spencer's report on enquiries made relative to an alternative type of Christmas Stocking was noted and decided we order 3500 Stockings from the Irvine Press. at the price quoted as last year, viz: £33.5.0 per thousand.

It was noted the Hon. Solicitors had completed the sale of the Laurel Street property and agreed the Deeds should be put in our own Box at the Bank.

Sanction was given for rea. for Mrs Spencer's annual outing for members of her Women's Meetings. also for cost of transport for the annual Sunday School outing to Southport.

Requirements :- Six girls coats and eight Brownie uniforms were approved, as was the additional decorating of the Boys' Reading Room. the Secretary's dining room and back Kitchen and the office ceiling and frieze.

It was noted a Sideboard had been obtained as a Saleroom for the Boys Dayroom and permission was given for purchase of a dropside table

It was agreed that Wm Bradley should be permitted to spend a holiday with other

members of this Class at the School Camp near Dublin.

The Secretary pronounced the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages. £17.3.1. Petty Cash £1.13.1. Alston £7.7.5.
G.T.W. Collins Ltd 21.18.9. B. Cookson & Sons 14.5.2. R. Greenson & Co. 7.7.1.
J. Harrison & Sons 5.11.9. Hodgson & Sons 18.10.0 H. Jones & Co 3.18.6.
H.W. Naylor Ltd 1.14.1. A.E. Nixon 5.8.7. Wm. Sons & Co 50.14.8
Alperson & Son 13.6.6. Cuddlebrook & Sons 10.8.5. Preston Coal Co 10.7.11.
Preston Dairies Ltd 20.10.9. Preston Steam Laundry 19.11.1. Shirt & Under-clothing Manufg Co. 1.0.6.
R.A. Sumpton Ltd 15.19.8. T.E. Watson 1.16.0 S.B. Wilding & Sons 1.14.0
Morris & Burton 4.00
Rates.

£50 ort. 11.0

Fred G. Markham
10/4/57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 10th April 1957 at 4 p.m.

Present:- Mr. F.C Markham (Chairman) Mr H.W Southwood (Hon. Treasurer) Miss Ainsworth Miss Markinson Mr J Rhodes (Mr. H Spencer the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology for absence was noted from Mr Garratt.

The Treasurer was unable to submit the

annual financial Statement has stated we had a balance at the bank of £200 on Endowments account and £100 on No.1. account also that bills had been paid relative to the completion of improvements at the Mansion and that £500 had been invested with the Preston Corporation

Bills & Wages totalling £528.1.10. were approved for payment.

The Secretary's Report was accepted and from which it was noted (a) That the NSPCC Officer had agreed to the return of Norman and Christine Crossley to their mother when their bedrooms had been made habitable. and (b) That our application for a Town Flag Day had not been successful.

Miss Margerison to attend the Good Companions Folk Dancers annual May Day display at "Eleric" Liverpool Old Road, Walmer Bridge at 7 pm on Saturday, 4th May when we were to be presented with a gift of money raised by the May Queen.

Requirements viz:- 12 quilt packs and 12 tablecloths or equivalent material in the roll were approved.

Enquiries to be asked to attend to the dry rot in the door leading from the hall to the Secretary's back yard, also to reboarding of passage as present concreted.

The Secretary and Matron to attend the One Day Conference to be held at the Mount Pleasant High School. Liverpool for workers in Voluntary Homes on Wednesday 1st May.

The Chairman read Councillor J.V Taylor's letter relative to the Meeting to be held the same evening in the Town Hall Council Chamber in connection with the Preston Refugee Appeal organised by the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief. and invited members who were able to attend.

It was noted Mr. Nixon was having to give up using his pedal cycle and agreed to accept the loan of a motor scooter from Mr Spencer. Insurance to be seen to and new Licence obtained. If found to be satisfactory to Mr. Nixon a machine to be bought later on.

The Secretary pronounced the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £230.14.5 Petty Cash £4.9.10 Alston £8.11.0.
T Bailey & Co 4.18.4. H W Collins Ltd 17.8.2. Cookson & Sons 16.2.7
Lower Ltd 14.4.2. Harrison Sons 5.7.2. Middlebrook & Sons 38.11.4.
A Newson Ltd 14.11.0 N West Gas Board 36 11.5. Preston Coal Co 3.12.1.
Preston Corner £4 21.19.3. Preston Laundry 32.8 9. R.S. Simpson Ltd 17.5 0.
T Snape & Co 1.11.3 T Watson 1.16.0 Post Office Telephones 15.0.1.

£528. 1. 10

paid earlier.
North Western Electricity Board £30.8.4.
Lighting &c (House £22.19.9 Mission £7.8.7)

Fred C. Marsden
8/5/57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 8th May 1957 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr. F.C. Messham (Chairman) Mr ~~A.V. Maxwell~~ Mr H.W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss Ainsworth Miss Margerison and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Maxwell.

Before proceeding with matters of business the Chairman informed the Meeting of the death of Mrs. Horner and that a letter of condolence had been sent to Mr. Horner.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

In his Statement of accounts the Treasurer stated that Cash at Bank on General Account at 30th April was £777 and on Endowments account £1213. Receipts on General account for 2 months were £1445 and payments £1131. As previously agreed £500 had been reinvested with the Preston Corporation. Final payments in connection with the Minion Hall improvements had been made viz £382 to L Spencer & Son & £140 to Fred Howarth as Architect. £101.3.8. had been received by the sale of Laurel Street property and legacies as under:—
Ann Berwick decd £160.0.0. S Jones decd £183.15.11.

The Treasurer also stated he was having the Deeds deposited at the Bank again as soon as this could be arranged.

Bills & Wages totalling £455. 3. 5. were approved and passed for payment.

Miss Margerison reported on her attendance at the Folk Dancing Display at Walmer Bridge Methodist Sunday School organised by the Good Companions Folk Dancers and at which the May Queen had presented her with £20. raised by various efforts for the use of the Mission.

The Emergency admission of John and Josephine Doan and Sylvia Samuel and John Tierney was approved.

It was noted Mrs Decker had not found alternative accommodation for Kathleen and Linda Lennard, and decided the Secretary get in touch with Dr Burnett, Medical Officer of Health.

It was also noted Miss Hargles, the Girls' Attendant, was being married in July, and as she wished to remain with us until her husband was ordained it was agreed he should stay at the Home during his leaves from Bristol University.

The Resignation of Miss Ball, Boys' Attendant was accepted with regret.

It was noted Mr. Finch had bought Mr. Nixon a Lambretta motor Scooter for his work which was accepted with much pleasure. It was also noted that Mr. Finch had been sending money regularly to Mr. Nixon for the relief of people in need, and as he was keenly interested in the work generally on the proposal of Miss Masterson it was agreed that he be invited to become a member of the Committee. At the same time the Secretary was asked to thank Mr. Spencer for the loan of his firms scooter which Mr. Nixon had been using in the meantime.

Requirements viz:- Lino to cover the space by the kitchen entrance recently boarded was approved.

The next Meeting to be on Wednesday, 19th June.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills re,

Wages. £226.2.2. Petty Cash £54.7.9. Alston 17.6.b.
G&W Collins Ltd 18.14.9. Cooper McDougall & Cookson Ltd 14.3.9 Robertson 3.7.6.
J Harrison Thos 5.8.9. Middlebrook & Co 8.13.0. Newson Thos 12.18.6.
North Western Board 14.17.7. Preston Coal Co. 10.15.2 Preston Dairies 20.6.4.
Preston Laundry 23.5.11. R.S Simpson 15.16.7 T.S Watson 1.12.0.
Rowes Ltd 7.17.0. Woodens 2.16.0 W Heyes 2.2.0.
Burton Parnes Co. 4.10.0

£455.3.5.

Paid earlier
Preston Corpn (Water) £6.0.6.
Home of Manchester £6.9.1.

Fred G Smithson
19/6/57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 19th June 1957 at 4 pm

Present (Mr PC Measham (Chairman) Mr. HW Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss KM. Ainsworth Mr BJ Garratt Ms. H Spencer. Mrs RH. Williams & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer

Notices of apology were noted from Miss Margerison Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Rhodes. It was also noted that Mr. Finch had accepted our invitation to join the Committee but that he could not attend the Meeting owing to being away.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted. At the same time it was noted he had received a legacy of £50. 0. 0 from the Estate of the late Mrs. R.A. Griffiths

Bills & Wages totalling £679. 8 11. which included the exceptional amount of £116. 7. 6 in respect of 1500 Christmas Stockings from the Prince Press, were approved for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report the temporary admission of Sharon Lemon

and David and Raymond Barry was approved. At the same time it was noted the Barrys had been taken elsewhere.

For spending money whilst on holiday it was agreed that the younger children who would be going to Knowth Sands for a week should have from 10/- to 12/6 each and that the older boys at Camp should have 2/- each. These amounts being in addition to what the children themselves had saved.

Requirements viz: Half a dozen blazers and a stock of Sandals from the Preston Shipper Co. as usual were approved. It was also decided floor covering be provided for the girls landing and adjoining passage as recommended by Mr Spencer.

The next Meeting to be on Wednesday, 1st August at 4 pm.

In response to the Secretary's suggestion that other members of the Committee might wish to look over the Wilfrid Lunn Orphanage in addition to Mr Carran and Mr Spencer it was decided to visit the Orphanage in August but before our own Meeting. In the meantime the Secretary to contact Mr Street as to the most convenient time.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

wages	£223.18.1.	Petty Cash	£50.15.4.	Alston	£5.7.3.
S Bailey & Co	4.14.4.	G T S Collins	3.4.14.4.	Cookson Bros	18.9.6
J. Harrison & Sons	8.10.5.	Middlebrook & Sons	18 6 5.	Geo Moss & Sons	8.17.0.
Alfewson & Son	16.2.0.	H W Naylor Ltd	6.9.9.	Lovell & Eaa Ponsf	17.16.4.
Preston Coal Co	10.2.1.	Preston Corpn	5.10.0	Preston Dairies	23.11.10
Preston Laundry	27.9.5.	Provincial Newspapers Ltd	67.15.3.	Shirt & underclothing Manufacturing Co	1.8.1.
R.S. Simpson Ltd	17.5.6.	Irvine Press	116.7.6.	T.S. Watson	1.16 6
Frenchwood County Primary School	3.1.0.	Methodist Youth Dept.	2.10.6.	Manchester Guardian	1.4.6

£679.8.11.

Fred C. Mossom
14/8/57.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 14th. August 1957 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr. F C Mossom (Chairman) Mr T. Finch. Mr C J Conrads. Mr A Horner. Mr A. J. Maxwell. Mr J. Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Finch as a member of the Committee at the same time expressing thanks for the way in which he was helping to increase the usefulness of the work. particularly on behalf of people in need.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, read by the

Secretary were approved as a correct record.

Notice of apology were noted from the Hon. Treasurer Miss Margerison & Mrs. Williams.

In the absence of the Treasurer his financial Statement was presented by Mr. Maxwell. Income, it was noted, amounted to £1123 and Expenditure £1082 leaving a balance as the Bank as 31st July of £551 as against £513 at the end of May.

Bills & Wages totalling £1085. 2. 2. also covering 2 months were approved for payment.
Laundry charges again having recently increased Mr. Maxwell undertook to see if he could obtain details of other firm's charges.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted that the Gardening Tramps' Ball Committee had arranged to take the children to Morecambe & Heysham on Sunday 1st September. As such would prevent them attending Sunday School and engagements our principles it was decided Miss Margerison be asked to see the Chairman with a view to some other day being arranged for.

It was also noted Mr. Finch had sent Mr Nixon two further contributions to help people in need. also that the Preston Slipper Co. had again provided sandals for each member of the family free of charge.

The admission of Graham & Judith Stevenson. and of Sylvia. Samuel John & Brian Tierney was approved.

For the Poor Childrens Christmas Treat it was agreed fruit should be ordered from Mr. David Porter, Worcester as usual for 500 children.

Members who had visited the Blackburn Orphanage since the last Meeting reported on same and in particular on the cement staircases which had been covered with rubber. After discussion it was agreed Mears & Co be asked to submit prices for covering the Boys Staircase with both lino and Rubber, and if necessary for same to be laid on wood. Mr Maxwell to see if he could obtain nosings for same from J E Baxter & Co Ltd.

The quotation of £42.6.6 from Mears & Co. for supplying and laying of "a" quality lino for the Girls Landing, adjoining passage, bathrooms and W.C. was accepted. As the same time it was agreed they should also cover the bare space by the kitchen entrance which J E Riggs & Co. had failed to do after several reminders.

In view of Secretary's report on Linda Leonardis improved behaviour it was agreed she should remain with us until the Harris Orphanage was able to admit her.

Mrs. Slater having reached Pensionable age, and having expressed her willingness to continue for at least another 12 months, it was agreed to notify the Social Workers Pension Fund Management Committee accordingly.

It was noted that Miss Shemples the Girls Attendant was married in July and agreed that we should give her a Wedding present up to the value of £5.5.0.

The Secretary pronounced the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £139.3.2 Perry, Earle £82.4.9. Alston £12.16.0.
E Clarkson & Sons 22.3.2. H W Collins Ltd. 13.11.1. W & A Gilbey Ltd 2.2.7.
Evans Ltd 5.14.4. R. Greeson & Co 68.8.8. T Harrison & Son 8.7.5.
W. Kilner Ltd. 8.2.5. H Worthington Ltd 1.14.3. Cuddlebrook & Sons 45 19.11.
A Newson & Son 25.17.4. R Oldham Ltd 2.9.0 Preston Gas Co. 10.6.10.
Preston Dairies Ltd 37.3.11. Preston Laundry 52.0.5 Provincial Newspapers Ltd 7.6.2.
R Seed & Sons 104.7.0. R Thompson Ltd 32.1.5. T S Watson 6.13.6.
L B Wilding & Co Ltd 92.8.10.
~~84.1.10.~~

£1085.2.2.

added subsequently.
Corporation of Preston (General Rates) £174.11.4.

J. D. Thornell
11/9/57

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the ~~Blackburn~~ Mission Hall. on Wednesday, 11th September 1957 at 7. pm.

Present. Mr A. P. Maxwell (Chairman) Miss Ainsworth Miss Margerison Mr H Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mr E J Garratt Mr A Horner Mr J Rhoden and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology for absence was noted from Mr Wenham Mr Tomlinson Mr Finch Mrs. Williams

The Minutes of the last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial statement which was adopted.

Bills & Wages totalling £16 5. 16. 8. were approved for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted the Committee of the Gorstanys Tramps' Ball Association had kindly taken the children to the Blackpool Tower Circus on Monday. 9th September, where they were also entertained to tea and, and later saw the "Illumination". The Secretary to write expressing our appreciation & thanks. Thanks were also expressed to Miss Margerison for kindly getting the Committee to arrange

for a week day instead of a Sunday as as first arranged.

Admittance of Earl Chapman for a probationary period was approved.

The next Meeting which was also for Trustees to be on Wednesday, 30th October 2 months to complete accounts Treasurer was authorised to pay all Sept. bills. The 81st Annual Meeting to be arranged on a date convenient to the Mayor. Speakers to be invited: Rev J. A Priestley or Rev. K. Jarvis and Rev. T.G. Rees or Rev. J.C. Morgan

Laundry Charges: Mr. Maxwell stated he had not been able to get details from Rees Laundry but matter was being followed up. Miss Margerison also to enquire re charges of Briggs Laundry, Otley.

Honorarium for Dr Williams: It was agreed that this again be Twenty five guineas.

Quotations for Covering back staircase:
It was noted Lawson & Co. had quoted £98.10.0. for complete cover in timber & Holmes & Co £16.6.8 for lino on treads and risers. & £10.10.6 on treads only also £8.1.7. in respect of area at the foot of staircase. It was also noted J.E. Baxter & Co. had kindly promised to supply rubber nosings free of charge. After discussion it was decided ask Means & Co. for quotation for felting for foot of staircase or other alternative and to consider matter

further at the next Meeting. In view of the Secretary's suggestion that instead of paying such a price for stair covering that the money might be better spent on improving the furnishings in dormitories it was decided he get prices for suitable chairs.

It was noted with regret that Mrs Ainsworth was having to resign from the Committee on account of leaving the District. On the Committee's behalf Mr. Maxwell expressed grateful appreciation of her keen interest in the work which she had shown at its Meetings as well as in other ways. At the same time Mr. Maxwell expressed the hope that both she and her sister would continue to enjoy health and happiness in their new home where he felt sure she would find another niche for further useful service.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Wages & Bills &c.

Wages £220.5.7. Petty Cash £44.2.10. Ackumans £3.3.0
J Bailey Co 4.18.4. G H Collins Ltd 16.15.5. Guardian Press 2.0.0
E Cookson & Son 15.5.9. T Harrison & Sons 3.6.2 Marigold Ltd 10.18.9
H Middlebrook Ltd 6.5.7. A Newsom & Son 16.8.5. N W Gas Board 15.17.6.
Preston & Laundry 22.9.1. Preston Dairies Ltd 27.14.6. R A Simpson Ltd 16.16.7.
J A Taylor (Refrigeration) Ltd 2.0. T.J. Watson Skin & Underclothing Manufacturing Co. 2.11.0. Mrs Wood 5.5.0.
J B Wrednall & Sons £10.10 2.18.0. Others 8.2.4.
£465.16.8.

Paid earlier (Gas)
N W Gas Board Home £2.19.6
Mission 15.9

Paid subsequently.
Dr Langford Williams £25.5.0.

30/10/57 Fred. G. Merstham

Minutes of Committee & Trustees Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday 30th October 1957 at 3/30 p.m.

Present Mr F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Butterworth (Hon Treasurer) Mr E.J. Garratt, Mr T. Finch, Mr A. Horner, Mr A.J. Maxwell, Mr J. Rhodes, Mr J.M. Tomlinson Mrs. R.H. Williams & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology for absence of Mrs Mangerson was noted.

The Minutes of the ~~Secretary~~ Last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

For the information of Trustees the Chairman stated that the Lamb Street property, Nos 4 and 5, comprising Store Room and Cottage had been sold for £100.0.0.

The Chairman read the Committee's Annual Report which was accepted subject to the names of 3 boys, whose school reports had been included, being deleted and Dennis Evans' letter to be amended so as to leave out the names of two firms mentioned.

Bills & Wages totalling £562.1.2 paid to enable the Treasurer to complete his financial Statements were approved.

The Treasurer reported upon the situation up to date regarding Mrs. M A Greenhalgh deceased, and it was decided to accept his report.

In consequence of the death of Mr Coupe of Coupe Harrison & Co. Solicitors, Lune Street. Preston it was resolved that the Treasurer be authorised to communicate with Messrs Hodgson & Sons, Solicitors re the Estate of Alice ~~Elizabeth~~ Eliza Bearsworth, deceased, and to inform them that our nominees in the matter would be Mr H Wadsworth and Mr A. J. Maxwell, both of 9, Chapel Street, Preston and Mr James Rhodes, 55 Watling Street Road, Fulwood, Preston

See Minute 4 - 24th February, 1986. re authorisation to alter Trust Deed to include Eliza Bearsworth.

The Treasurer presented his annual financial statement which was adopted. At the same time grateful thanks were expressed to him for his services, and all that he was doing on behalf of the Mission.

In view of increasing rates of interest being paid for investments generally it was left to the Treasurer and Mr. Maxwell to look into the matter as to whether it would be to the Mission's advantage to make any change.

The Emergency admission of Stanley Michael and Maureen McManus on 11th October was approved as was Mr. Gardner's application for temporary admission of Carol, Patricia & Michael Gardner.

covering of Boys Backstairs. It was agreed to accept Pim & Baines & Son's price of £65.0.0. for woodwork and to accept H Means (Furnishers) Ltd quotation of £24.4.3. for linolenum for both stairs and passage and that underfelt be laid in passage.

Chairs for Dormitories. It was also agreed to provide 30 chairs @ 46/- each as per details given by Berry's of Chipping. which would be supplied through H Means Ltd less 10% discount.

Annual Meeting arrangements. It was noted same had been arranged for 3pm Thursday, 21st November and would be held in the Town Hall Council Chamber. In the absence of the Mayor it was decided that Mr Maxwell preside.

Laundry charges. It was agreed this matter be left over until the next Meeting.

Christmas arrangements. It was agreed that the usual provision be made for the Poor Children's Christmas meal and noted that the Mayor and Mayoress would attend as usual. Mr Margerison to be Father Christmas at the Home.

Requirements:- Dry. Half a dozen raincoats and two single beds were approved.

Date of next Meeting. It was agreed that this be on Wednesday, 11th December next.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Spencer in which he tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee, also the accompanying copy of one Mr Spencer had sent to the Mayor. After explanation by the Chairman it was agreed to leave the matter over until the next Meeting, meanwhile a small deputation should see the Mayor some time after the Annual Meeting.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages. £212.2.7. Petty Cash £10.7.10. Alston J. 4.16.9.
G.W. Collins Ltd 14.12.7. A. Bailey & Co 4.18.4. E. Cokson Esq. 11.11.6.
Garnett Son & Flowerdew 23.12.0. Lloyds Ltd 7.17.11. T. Harrison Esq. 3.1.1.
London Assurance 13.12.6. H. Means & Co. 46.10.2 C. Middlebrook Esq. 11.18.1.
H.D. Marlor Ltd 2.0.4. A. Newson & Son 15.0.4. N.W. Electricity Board 12.1.3
N.W. Gas Board 13.17.10. J. H. Plant 1.1.6. Phoenix assurance 1.19.6
Preston Coal Co. 13.7.6. Preston Corpn (Water) 5.15.5 Preston Dairies 25.5.0.
Preston Laundry 22.3.8. Post Office Telephones 16.0.3 T. Watson 26.0.
E. Bolding & Sons 20.18.11. R. Simpson Retail 15.2.1.

£562.1.2.

Fred G. Dunsthorn
11/12/57

Summary of 8~~81~~st Annual Meeting held at the ~~Children's Hall~~ Town Hall on Thursday 21st November/57 at 8/pm

In the absence of the Mayor Mr D. J. Maxwell, JCA presided.

The JC Morgan offered prayer.

The Chairman of the Mission (Mr FC Messham) read the Committee's Report & Mr H B Southworth. FCA. (Hon. Treasurer presented the financial Statements subject to audit.

It was then proposed by the Rev. K A Priestley, Superintendent Minister of Lune Street Methodist Church and seconded by the Rev J.C. Morgan Vicar of St. Aidans Church, Bamber Bridge "That the Report, together with the financial Statements, be (subject to final audit) adopted, printed and circulated under the direction of the Committee" & "That the Existing Committee, with the addition of Mr. J Finch, and other Hon. Officials be re-elected en bloc.

Thanks for the use of the Council Chamber and arrangements made for the Meeting by the Corporation were expressed by Mr Arnold Horner & to speakers.

The Rev. K A Priestley pronounced the Benediction.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 11th December 1957 at 4 pm.

Present: Mr J Chessham (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mr A Horner, Miss L M Margerison Mrs J Rhodes Councillor J W Langton + the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr Barker Mr Finch Mr. Maxwell Mrs Williams.

The Minutes of the last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

Owing to his books still being at the Auditors the Treasurer was unable to present a financial Statement.

On the proposal of Miss Margerison and seconded by Mr Rhodes the Treasurers suggestion that we accept our cheques as receipts under the Cheques Act 1957 was approved and left to the Treasurer to put same into effect early in the New Year.

October Bills + Wages totalling £1180 1.10. already paid were approved and those for November amounting to £53 4. 6. 5. were accepted for payment.

On behalf of the Committee the Secretary was asked to congratulate Mr Mrs. Nixon on the occasion of their Silver Wedding which

coincided with Mr Wilkins 25 years service with the Mission.

The temporary admission of Frank Brierley was approved.

It was noted the "Lancashire Evening Post" had launched its annual appeal and the Secretary was asked to express appreciation both for how same had been set out and the liberal space afforded.

Christmas arrangements: It was noted the Mayor & Mayoress were to attend the poor children meal at the Mission Hall on Christmas morning.

Miss Margerison to attend the Leyland Congregational Day Service; Mr Rhodes and Mr Wilson the Elswick Sisp Sunday, and the Secretary St. James' Sunday School annual service.

The suggestion that Wm Slater be allowed to join the Army on leaving school was approved.

Laundry Charges. Rates and charges as submitted by Briggs Chorley Laundry Ltd and the Dove Laundry Ltd and those paid to the Preston Steam Laundry Ltd were noted and it was agreed to accept the tender submitted by Briggs'

Requirements: Two dozen handtowels and a Brownie Toadstool were approved.

The Home Office letter re staff shortage and consequent arrangements during the hours of night was noted and the Secretary was asked to reply that the Committee was conscious of the situation and was trying to overcome the difficulty.

Mr Spencer having notified the Secretary that he was still of the same mind regarding his wish to resign from the Committee it was decided to accept his resignation with regret. At the same time it was noted that he would continue as a Trustee. The Secretary to write Mr. Spencer thanking him for his past services and all the help he had given.

Mrs McGarrigle's request through the Superintending Probation Officer that we admit her child of 4 years was declined.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

October 1957. Bills To.

Wages	£223.14.1	Petty Cash	£46.3.9.	Acraton	£9.8.4.
E.H.V. Collens Ltd	14.15.5	Cookson Sons	13.16.8.	T. Harrison & Sons	3.3.8.
Caudlebrook Sons	22.12.11.	Newton & Son	17.0.0.	North Western Coke Gas Board	47.7.6
Preston Coal Co	11.9.9.	Preston Dairies Ltd	23.5.6.	" " Gas	41.14.6.
R.V. Simpson Retired	16.3.7.	T.J. Watson	1.2.6.	Preston Steam Laundry	27.5.0.
				House of Magnesium	2.18.6

480.1.10

November 1957. Bills &c.

Wages £237.2.0 Petty Cash £58.6.6 Alston £3.10.
A Bailey & Co 4.18.4 GTW Collins Ltd 21.11.10 Falcon Stores Ltd 15.16.
Evers Ltd 9.15.3 Harrison Sons Ltd 4.17.11 GT Gilmer Ltd 7.5.8
Provincial Newspapers Ltd 3 19.6 Chalkbrook Stores Ltd 5.1.9 A Newson & Son 16.16.
W Western Gas Board. 40.7.10 Preston Dairies Ltd 27.0.0. R Thompson Reid 14.15.0.
Preston Laundry Ltd 33.1.9. Thrapston Co Ltd 5.14.0. TJ Watson 2.11.0
AB Welding Stores Ltd 1.14.10. Beechis Chocolates Ltd. 10.6.5

£534-16-5.

Paid 15/1/58. FW Woolworth & Co Ltd.
for Toys £43.6.0.

Fred C Thrasham
8/1/58

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 8th January 1958 at 4 pm.

Present Mr F C Mersham (Chairman) Mr C J Garrad, Miss L M Margerison Mrs. A. J. Maxwell Mrs J Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology were noted from Mr Southworth Mrs Williams and on behalf of Mr. Finch.

The Minutes of the last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

Having only just received his books back from Davies & Crane after audit it was with the Treasurer had not been able to prepare the usual financial Statement in time for the Meeting.

Bills & Wages totalling £575 1. 6 , and to which was added subsequently the Preston Steam Laundry account of £27. 13. 8. were approved for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was agreed to send a suitable letter of appreciation and thanks to Mr. John Kenyon who had been Father Christmas at the Mission for over 20 years. Thanks were also tendered to Miss Margerison who had again represented the Mission at the annual Tramps Ball held at Emsworth proceeds of which were to be sent to the "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal, which it was noted, had again exceeded £1000 and would shortly close.

The problem of staffing was again discussed and decided we advertise on a wider scale. At the suggestion of the Secretary it was agreed Miss Margerison might discuss the Matter with the Matron as to how things might be made easier for her.

It was noted the annual Sunday School party was being held on Saturday, 25th January. Mr Rhodes to distribute prizes for regular attendance.

R. A. Simpson Ltd having recently changed hands, and the quality of provisions

having determined, it was agreed that we change over to G & W Collins Ltd.

The Secretary's suggestion that we increase our charges in respect of children from the Corporation in view of increased costs, and to keep us in line with other Voluntary Homes, was not accepted.

The Emergency admission of Georgina and Victor Mallon on 7th January was approved.

Requirements viz. Two bread containers and a new plate to replace the existing brass one on the door of "25" also a garden barrow were approved.

This question of informing the entrants to the Home was discussed, and as there was general agreement it was decided the matter be brought up at the next Meeting.

A letter of thanks to be sent to Messrs Davies & Crane for again kindly auditing the yearly accounts.

Our Hon. Solicitors request for signed confirmation of the Resolution of 30th October 1957 relative to the will of the late Alice Eliza Beardsworth was given by Mr F.C Markham & Mr E.J. Carran.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

~~Bills & Wages &c~~.

Consideration was given to extending membership of the Committee and it was agreed that Mr. Garratt invite Mr. Hedley Allan and Mr E.R. Kennaghan

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£220.17.10	Petty Cash	£19.5.4	Alston	£6.19.10.
Robt G Bell.	7.1.7.	H W Collins Ltd	19.1.0.	Cookson Sons	16.12.0.
J Harrison Sons	17.6.6.	James & Poat	1.0.0	Lothians Garages Ltd	5.4.6.
Caudlebrook Sons	6.1.2.	Moor & Swallen	1.6.10.	Mewson Bros	14.4.8
Water Electy Board	16.3.2.	Preston Coal Co.	16.2.3	Preston Dairies Ltd	24.5.3
" " Gas Board	51.11.4.	R Thompson Ltd	15.19.5.	T G Watson	3.17.0.
Rediffusion Ltd	9.12.0.	A Bowling Sons	4.7.6.	Wakes Furnishers	62.2.0

£575.1.6.

Added subsequently
Preston Steam Laundry Ltd 27.13.4.

Fred C. Measham
12/2/58

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home at 4 pm on Wednesday, 12th February 1958

Present: Mr. F.C. Measham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southwood (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs R.H. Williams Miss L.M. Margerison Mr E.J. Garratt Mr J. Rhodes and the Secretary.
The Secretary offered prayer.
Notices of apology were noted from Mr. Finch Mr Horner & Mr Maxwell.

The Minutes of the last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved as a correct record.

arising from the Minutes Mr. Conran reported that he had seen Mr H Allen and Mr E.P. Kearnaghan both of whom were agreeable to joining the Committee. The Secretary to write both gentlemen and invite them to the next Meeting.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his financial Statements covering the period 1st October to 31st January which was adopted, and in connection with which it was noted £677. 1. 9 had been transferred from Endowment account to General account to cover deficiency for year ended 30th September, 1957 also that £55 .0. 3. had been received as a Legacy from the Estate of the late Elizabeth Hilton. It was also noted that to simplify his Statement of accounts the Treasurer proposed as a later date to close the Capital account and instead to have the General account only.

As one of the Residuary Legatees named in the will of the late Thomas Lewis it was agreed to accept the suggestion of Vincent Waring & Solicitors for the Estate, in view of the circumstances outlined in their letter, that the amounts paid to three annuitants be doubled. The Treasurer to write the Solicitors accordingly.

Bills & Wages totalling £511. 10. 8. were approved for payment

arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted £560 had been received by the Christmas Stocking Collection and he was asked to convey thanks to Mr. Crain. Thanks were also tendered to Mrs. Margerison representing the Mission on the occasion of Earnsdale Tramps Annual Ball when £64. was raised and sent to the "Lancashire Evening Post" annual appeal which, it was noted, totalled £1607.7.4. and that the Chairman and Treasurer had duly acknowledged receipt of same.

Relative to the Minute of 30th October 1957 regarding the Estate of the late Alice Elizabeth Beardsworth it was noted that same should be Alice Eliza Beardsworth and that at the request of our Solicitor, the Chairman and Mr. Garratt had given signed confirmation that the Minute referred to had been amended accordingly.

The proposed improvement of Entrance of the Home at No. 125 was left over until the next Meeting.

The Secretary's suggestion that the children again spend a week of their Summer Holidays at Knott End, and that two of the older boys should join the Campaigner Camp at Withernsea was approved.

Requirements viz Six Campaigner Uniforms, also exterior painting as advised by Mr. Rhodes were also approved. A tender to be obtained later on for Lettering.

Town Flag Day. It was agreed that application be made as usual.

Staffing difficulties. This matter was discussed in private and on recall the Secretary was informed the Committee had decided we should advertise for a married couple, the wife to help the Matron and the husband to act as handyman. or that both posts be filled by separate appointments. The ladies of the Committee to advise re wording of advert.

Mr Rhodes referred to an account included in a recent issue of the "Lancashire Evening Post" where the Magistrates had declined to grant an Occasional Licence in connection with a Dance where proceeds were for the Mission. As this was not in keeping with the principles of the Work it was agreed that we should not accept such help in future.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages etc.

Wages. £210.5.3 Penny Bank £60.12.0 Blumbler £2.1.11.
S Bailey & Co 4.18 4. G B Bell 3.1.6. Briggs Laundry 14.6.1.
G H Collins Ltd 11.7.6. J Cookson & Co Ltd 14.5.3. Eves Ltd 11.11.0.
Cowpe McDougall & Robertson 3.7.6 R Ferguson 3.13.6. Guardian Press 10 15.10.
J Harrison & Co Ltd 4.17.2. H Jones & Co 3.13.9. Marygold Ltd 4.10 9
A Newsom & Son 19.16. 4. N Bros Gas Board 40 11.10. R Oldham Ltd 4.12 6
Preston Coal Co. 11.1.0. Preston Dairies Ltd 25.6.0. R A Simpson Retard 13.13.0.
C Seward & Co Ltd 12.6. 4. T Shaye & Co. 1.6. 6. T & Watson 3.18.0.
S Shoulding & Son 1.9.8. Preston Co operative Society Ltd. 14.0.2

£511.10.8.

Fred G Markham
12/3/58

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 12 March 1958 at 4 pm

Present: Mr. F.C. Markham (Chairman) Mr. H. Allen, Mr. J. Finch, Mr. G.J. Gorman, Mr. A Horner, Mr. E.R. Kernaghan, Mrs. L.M. Margerison, Mr. J. Rhodes, Mrs. R.H. Williams, Mr. H.W. Southworth (Hon Treasurer) & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology for absence of Mr. Maxwell was noted.

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The Chairman welcomed Mr Allen and Mr. Kernaghan present for the first time.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were approved subject to an amendment relating to

had been duly completed.

The temporary emergency admission of George and Sandra Thomson was approved.

The proposed improvement of No. 125 entrance was left to Messrs Allen and Kennaghan to report at the next Meeting.

6. Semmd T Co's suggestions for Conversion of existing Boilers to Oil burning at cost of £386 plus about £30 more for Electrical work was noted. The Chairman to get an estimate from the Whitlock Heating Co.

Stopping problems. On the recommendation of the Ladies of the Committee it was agreed we advertise for man and wife for duties of handyman and housemother and that we accommodate them in the Cottage four rooms.

Requirements viz. Curtain materials and an Electric Iron were approved and, if found necessary, one of the Stanchion foundations deepended by the recent snow be attended to.

In view of Easter the next Meeting to be on Wednesday, 16th April at 4 o'clock.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

applications for occasional licence for the sale of drinks in connection with dances where it was intended proceeds were for our work. Instead of repeating such help Minute should read that Mr. Slater should not attend Court in such instances in future.

The Treasurer presented his Financial Statement which was adopted. At the same time it was noted the Treasurer expected by the next Meeting to be in a position to say whether it might be possible to make any investments of Cash in Hand at the Bank.

As suggested at the last Meeting it was agreed to close No 2. Account at the Bank in respect of Cash in Hand on Capital account and to bring same into No 1. General account.

Bills & Wages amounting to £186.2.9 were approved for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted a letter of Condolence had been sent to Mrs Gibbs in connection with the death of Mrs. Lillie and her letter of acknowledgement was read by the Chairman.

It was also noted a letter of thanks had been sent to J & Baxter & Co Ltd. for their gift of rubber rosings for the Boys' Back Staircase. Mens' coverings of which

Bills & Wages. VC.

Wages	£216.15.5	Petty Cash	£13 2.10.	Alston	£4.16.6
Briggs Laundry	19.0.11.	G.H.W. Collins Ltd	26.12.2	& Cookson Hon	12.1.9.
J. Harrison Hire	3.12.5.	Loxhams Garages Ltd	5.12.0.	A Newsom Hon	16.3.5
H.W. Naylor Ltd	2.11.2.	N.W.E.C. Board	4.15.6.	R Oldham Ltd	2.13.0.
			2.13.6.	T.S. Watson	2.15.0.
Preston Coal Co Ltd	5.18.11.	-do-	£1.18.10.		
Mr Nixon	5.12.2.	Preston Dairies Ltd	20.8.6.	Thos Mears Ltd	2.6.0.
T. Snape & Co	4.12.7.	Fenchwood C.P. School.			2 10.0

£456.2.9

Fred C. Merriam.
16/4/58

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 16th April 1958 at 4 p.m.

Present Mr F.C. Merriam (Chairman) Mr H Allen
Mr E.R. Kernaghan, Mr C.J. Garrard Mr J Finch
Mr J Rhodes Miss L.M. Margerison, the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies Mr. Maxwell Mr. Southworth
Mr Toulmin Mrs. Williams.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were approved.

Hon. Treasurer's Statement: Owing to Treasurer's absence it was noted none was available.
Bills & Wages totalling £562.0.11 were approved for payment.
Secretary's Report: Arising from the Emergency admittance of Dorothy & Margaret Livingstone & Joanne & Dennis Brennan was approved.

Proposed conversion of boilers to Oil burning.

The Chairman reported further and in view of one already having a new heating boiler on hand which had been supplied by Steward & Co. it was agreed to accept their price of £78 for Conversion, and also replacement cost of fort for existing Domestic boiler plus £30 for Electrical work. Secretary to be asked to notify the Corporation of change over.

Improvement of No 128 entrance.

Mr Allen's report was noted but before finally deciding on Kind of floor ~~at~~ covering it was felt we should ascertain what lay below the existing floor. The worn door steps to be replaced.

Home Office Superintending Inspector's suggestion re Meeting the Committee. This was agreed to. The Secretary to arrange an early Meeting and to notify the Trustees.

Staffing difficulties. It was noted a likely couple had been located but as they had a baby it was not felt practicable to engage them. As to some extent this matter might be affected by what the Home Office Inspector, mentioned in the previous Minute, might have to say it was agreed to leave same over for the time being. It was also decided to

adopt the same procedure relative to
Minutes on Conversion of Boilers and
on question as to improving No. 125 entrance.

Mission Hall ordered. It was approved that
members of the Sunday School should have
their annual trip to Southport and
to meet cost of tea for Women's annual
outing.

Town Flag Day. It was noted our application
had not been successful.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the
Benediction

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£236.3.8.	Perry Bros Ltd	£51.10.11.	Alston	£7.5.0
A Bailey & Co	£16.4.	Briggs Laundry	22.4.2	Lever Ltd	10.6.9.
E Cookson Sons	12.5.9.	G & W Collins Ltd	27.12.6	Harrison Sons	3.16.3
W Nelson Ltd	7.7.11.	N Means Ltd	21.18.3	A Newson Sons	19.4.7.
Wm Cox Pound	51.19.7	Preston Coal Co	10.13.0	Preston Dairies	21.18.9.
Jas Starkie Sons	4.10.0.	T Watson	2.18.0.	Kirkhams	3.15.0
House of Mayenson all Saints Campaigners (Mr Edmundson)	4.4.0.	Ellwald Ltd	5.18.2.	T B Nelson Ltd	3.0.0.
	3.7.0.	Preston Corpn (Water)	£5 16 10.		

£62.0.11.

added subsequently
Post Office Telephones £15.6 6.

Jno C Threlfall

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Home on Wednesday, 14th May, 1958.

Present :- Mr F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr H.W Southwood (Hon. Treasurer) Mr H. Allen, Mr C.J Garrard, Mr T. Finch Mr E.R. Kernaghan, Miss L.M. Margerison, Mr A.J. Maxwell, Mr J. Rhodes, Mrs Williams and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology were noted from Mr. Horner Mr Zonlumn.

At 3 oclock, and prior to the Meeting, as arranged, the Committee had been addressed by Mr G. Wardle, Superintending Inspector of the Manchester Region Home Office Childrens Inspectorate.

Inspector Wardle, who was accompanied by Mr A Woollock, District Visiting Inspector, dealt mainly with present day aspects of the Residential Care of children, and of developments which had resulted in fewer children being cared for by Voluntary Homes, due in the main to Local Authorities now operating their own machinery. Mr Wardle also referred to the new role some Voluntary Organisations were now playing, and gave instances of the type of work being done. In particular he emphasised that if at some future date it was found desirable

to change our own work, that consideration
might be given to the provision of a Home
or Hostel for working boys which, he stated,
was a pressing need. After questions by
various members thanks were expressed
to Mr Wardle by the Chairman.

The minutes of the previous Meeting were
accepted as read.

The Treasurer presented his Financial Statement
which was adopted.

It was noted he had received a legacy of
£2856.16.3 plus £700 Preston Corporation Mortgages
from the Estate of the late Miss Marsden and that
£2000 had been invested in Defence Bonds.

Bills & Wages totalling £492.10.2 were approved
for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was
noted Miss Marguerison and five girls had
attended the Crowning of the May Queen in
connection with the Good Companions Folk
Dancers, Walmer Bridge when she had been
handed £21.10.0 for our work.

The emergency admissions of Carol, Allan
and June Cousins and Pearl Wyke were
approved.

Requirements viz: Dress for 8 boys, half a dozen girls dresses, and 20 yards of lace curtain material were approved.

Conversion of Boilers. Work to be carried out as arranged at the last Meeting.

Improvements. Of entrance at No 125. Secretary to arrange for lino with underfelt to be laid on existing flags after joints had been attended to. Mr Allen to see to vestibule being tiled and a mat well provided. The existing front step to be cut out and replaced.

Wildings estimate of £120.0.0 for exterior painting of Home, adjoining cottages and new house, also play ground equipment and sheds was accepted.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £218.6.4 Petty Cash £2.0.2. Alston £7 5.9.
G.W.Collins Ltd 36.16.0 & Cookson Ltd 2.3. T. Harrison Esq 3.15.8.
Candlelebrook & Sons 12.6.9. Newsom Ltd 20.13. T. Nwes Esq Bond 4.10.2
Preston Coal Co 6.6.0. Preston Laundry Ltd 22.13.9. T. Watson 3.10.0
Atkinsons 8.2.6. Briggs Charley 18.10.10 Whitlock Heating Co Ltd 3 7.6
Laundry
Blenkinsop & Son, 3.17.9.

£472.10.2.

Jno. C. Dresser
11/6/58

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 11th June/58 at 4 pm.

Present: Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr H. Allen, Mr E.J. Gannaway, Mr A. Horner, Mr E.P. Kennaghan, Mrs L.M. Margerison and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notice of apology were noted from Mr. Finch Mr. Maxwell Mr. Rhodes and Mrs. Williams.

The Secretary read the minutes which were approved.

Bills & Wages amounting to £47.9.4 st. l. were approved for payment.

It was noted the latest Annual Report had been received from printers and the Secretary was asked to send copies to the Mayor and members of the Preston Children's Committee.

Arising from the Secretary's Report thanks were tendered to Mr Kennaghan for kindly providing his car to take supplies to various centres for our Country Flag Day on 14th June.

The admissions of Jeanette and Denise ~~Bellingham~~ Brennan and Paula & Christopher Billington were approved, also that of Muriel Johnston from 17th June to 4th July.

Mrs. Hamilton's request for return of Wendy and Pauline was left to the N.S.P.C.C. to decide. Joseph to remain with us for the time being unless the ~~Inspector~~ he

changed his mind.

Frenchwood Secondary School trip to London. It was agreed that Joseph Hamilton be permitted to go.

Holidays. Arrangements were noted and it was agreed each child should receive 12/6 to £1 spending money according to age.

The Home Office part-time study course for residential staffs of Children's Homes. This day release course arranged with the Cooperation of the Extra-Mural Dept., and appropriate internal Depts. of the University of Manchester was noted but in view of shortage of staffs no recommendation was possible.

Improvement of entrance to No. 125. ~~It was noted~~ Mr. Allen reported that the work was to commence the following Monday.

Requirements viz: a further half dozen girls dresses were approved also sandals for the whole family.

Date of next Meeting. This to be on Wednesday, 13th August at 4 o'clock.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages ↓ Overleaf.

Rolls of Wages &c. (June Meeting)

Wages £232.5.6. Petty Cash £52.0.3. Alston £2.7.8.
A Bailey & Co. 4.18.4. Rogers Laundry 3.4.15.6 G.H. Collins Ltd 29.9.9
& Cookson Ltd 13.15.9. Lowes Ltd 7.10.10. FRENCHWOOD SECONDARY SCHOOL 2.5.6.
Harrison Sons Ltd. 4.14.7 & Jones (Radio) Ltd 4.7.11. Foxhams Garages Ltd 3.1.0.
Middlebrook Sons 7.9.6 & Newsom Sons 20.3.8. Preston Coal Co Ltd 10.18.1.
Preston Dairies Ltd 24.3.8 T Bruce & Co Ltd 2.3.6. T S Watson 3.10.6
All Saints Boys 4.10.0 SHIRT & UNDERCLOTHING MANFACTURING CO LTD. 1.12.4. H.W. Hayhurst Ltd 6.1.1.
Junior
(per McGrenhalgh)

Jno G Newsham Ltd 4.4.1.
13/8/68

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 13th August 1968. at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr F.C. Mercham (Chairman) Mr T.W. Smithwood (Hon. Treasurer) Mr Hallam, Mr G.J. Garratt, Mr. A Hoover, Mr E.R. Kavanagham, Mr T. Finch, Miss L.M. Margerison, Mr S.T. Maxwell, Mr J Rhodes, Mrs. R.H. Williams and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apology for absence of Mr. Toulmin was noted, and the Secretary was asked to send good wishes for his complete recovery to health, also to Mr. Nixon in hospital.

The Minutes of previous Meeting were accepted as read.

The Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was adopted.

Bills & Wages totalling £891. 12. 1. were approved for payment

Arising from the Secretary's Report the emergency admission of Paul and Lesley Gregson was approved.

Improvement of entrance: Preston Masonry Co's estimate of £17. 4. 7 for lintel and fitting was accepted. Vestibule door and walls to be painted - the ladies to choose colour.

Annual Meeting: Miss Margerison and Mr. Maxwell to see the Mayor. Canon Smith to be invited to propose adoption of Report & C and Rev T. Abel be invited to second same. Rev: J.P. Herbert be asked failing Canon Smith.

Repairs: Six rainwater, receiving seats of chairs in office and staff room, attention to springs of 3 piece suite and repairs to platform of children's roundabout approved.

Superintending Home Office Inspector's visit of 14th May 1958: This matter, raised by Mr Curran, evoked considerable discussion and was left over for further consideration.

The Meeting closed with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages JUNE ~~AUG~~ £243.13.5. Petty Cash JUNE 3.6. Alston £14 0.0.
Briggs Laundry £1.15.6. E&W Collins £4 22.1.9. Guardian Press 57 11.3.
E Cookson & Sons. 22.18.11. Harrison & Sons 6.5.0. Lothians Garages 2.6.6.
Cuddlebrook & Sons £1.16.0. Afferson & Son 33.12.3. NW Gas Board 7.11.4.
R Oldham Ltd. 1.6.0. Preston Coal Co 7.4.9 Preston Dairies Ltd 43.5.7.
Shirts & Underclothing Manufacturing Co. 2 3.9 T & Watson 7.4 3 Home of Margerison 3.11.2.

Speed & Merchant £891. 12.1.
10/9/58

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 10th September 1958 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr F.C. Merchant (Chairman) Mr H.W. Smethurst (Hon. Treasurer) Mr C.J. Garnett, Mr A. Horner, Mr E.R. Kenaghan, Miss L.M. Margerison Mr A.T. Maxwell Mr J. Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology from Mrs Gelbraith & Mr Finch were noted.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were accepted as read.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his Financial Statement which was adopted. At the same time the Treasurer was authorised to pay the next months bills to enable him to prepare his Financial Statement for the year ending 30th September. Bills & Wages totalling £490.17.4 were approved for payment.

arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted Mr. Dixon was still in hospital also that the Matron had been admitted to the Royal Infirmary. The Chairman to send her good wishes for an early recovery.

The emergency admission of Kenneth Cormack was approved.

Annual Meeting. It was noted Mr. Maxwell and Miss Masterson had been the Mayor who had agreed to preside at the Annual Meeting on Thursday, 20th November in the Town Hall, commencing at 3 o'clock. also that Canon Smith & Rev T. Abell would be the speakers.

Christmas Breakfast: Five hundred to be provided for as usual.

Honorarium for Dr Williams: It was agreed that twenty five guineas again be sent.

Requirements: Hearthrug & bedside rugs, also 2 chairs if necessary, for new resident handyman and housemother were approved. Councillor J. Taylor to be asked for formica for use in Matron's back Kitchen. It applies to adverts already appearing in two Christian Papers do not materialise other papers to be used. Mr. Allen to see to the dry rot at the Mission.

Mr Garrard & Mr. Maxwell reported on a further Meeting which they & Mr Mangerson had had with Mr Wardle Home Office Superintending Inspector relative to future possibilities, which, after due discussion, were left over for further consideration. and if an opportunity presented itself at the Annual Meeting that some suitable approach be made to the Mayor as Chairman of the Preston Childrens Committee.

The Secretary pronounced the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £253.1.11. Petty Cash £4.6.6 Alston £8.7.0.
Bailey & Co 4.8.4. Briggs Laundry 28.12.3 G.W.Ellis Ltd 20.10.0
E.Cookson & Sons 12.5.2 Harrison & Sons 2.16.5 Leaver Ltd 7.8.5
Newsom & Son 20.6.5. Walmsley Ltd 2.6.6 Leyland 6.0.0
N.Wes Gas Board 16.9.2. Preston Laundry Ltd 21.15.0 Rylands 18.19.5
" " " " Gas. Lake 4 Mo 7 Preston Motors 16.17.9. Whalleys & Co 2.2.6
Education Herald 2.0.0.

£490 17.4.

J. Chappell
29/10/58.

Minutes of the Committee + Trustees Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, October 29th 1958.

Owing to the absence of the Chairman through sickness, Mr. T.T. Maxwell (Vice-Chairman) took the Chair. Mr. A. Horner offered prayer.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. F. Hexham (Chairman) Mrs. Margerison & Mr. Tolmie.

Mr. Slater, the Superintendent was also absent through sickness.

The Chairman read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved.

At the request of the Committee, Mr. Maxwell promised to express to the Chairman the Committee's regret at [redacted] his illness & hoped he would make an early recovery.

The Hon. Treasurer gave details of the Financial Statement which was approved, and the statement of Bills & Wages for the month of September 1958 (shown below) amounting to £810/5/7 passed for payment

The Chairman read the Secretary's Report.

The appointment of Mr. & Mrs. L.T. Salisbury as Resident Handyman and Housemother at a salary of £450 p.a. was confirmed, which salary would be increased in six months time subject to satisfactory service. They commenced duty on October 13th 1958.

The temporary admission of Patricia Jackson was approved.

It was arranged that the Vote of Thanks to The Mayor & Speakers at the Annual Meeting would be proposed by Mrs. Williams and seconded by Mr. Allen.

The arrangements for the Xmas Breakfast were approved.

The Chairman & Mr. Allen gave a report on an outbreak of Dry Rot at the Mission Hall, & in addition it was mentioned that the distemper on the walls & ceiling of the Mission Hall was flaking off. Discussion followed on the fact that it was only 2 years since the ceiling & walls had been distempered, but it was agreed that Mr. Allen be given authority to

accept on behalf of the Committee a competitive tender from either Messrs. S. B. Wilding & Sons Ltd or Messrs. C. W. Mellott Ltd for the work to be carried out and a flat oil paint to be used. Mr. Allen was also given authority to proceed with the work necessary to eliminate the dry rot.

It was agreed in the event of Mr. Slater's health not being equal to the extra work at Knaresborough that he have the help of Mr. Wood who returns from College in mid-December on vacation.

The Chairman read out the suggested Annual Report to be presented at the Annual Meeting which with one or two minor amendments was approved.

Re Conference at Frodsham for Staffs & Administrators of Voluntary Homes in the North West held on October 7th Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Garnett each gave a short report of the Conference & their views on Family Group Homes. It was agreed that arrangements be made for the members of the Committee to visit the Manchester Boys & Girls Refuges Society who have fairly recently established some Family Group Homes, at their invitation.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee be held in the second week of December, unless any particular matter required their being called earlier.

The meeting closed with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £217/11/7
Petty Cash Payments £39/6/2
Alston £3/12/0
S. Bailey & Co. £4/18/4
Briggs Clarke Laundry. £20/7/8.
G & W. Collins Ltd. £24/0/3.
E. Cookson & Sons £10/13/4.
Garnett Son & Howorth Ltd. £21/18/6.
T. Harrison & Sons Ltd. £2/2/5.
London Assurance £13/12/6
E. Middlebrook Son £40/17/2.
H. W. Naylor Ltd. £36/4/10
A. Newton & Son £16/19/7.
N. W. E. B. £10/1/8.
J & H. Platt £1/4/5.
Phoenix Assurance Co. £1/19/6
Preston Gas Co £14/5/5.
Preston Corpn. (Water) £6/8/3.
Preston Dairies Ltd. £18/18/1.
J. S. Watson. £3/14/0
J. H. Whittaker & Sons £33/15/0
(Ball Brize)
W. Wilcock Ltd £1/7/0
F. B. Wilding & Sons Ltd £172/6/5.
J. J. Allen & Son £71/19/3.
Mr & Mrs Tebbutt £5/8/0
Post Office Telephones £17/8/10

J. Maxwell 10/12/58

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday 11th December 1958 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr A. V. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr H Allen Mr T. Finch, Mr C J Farrars Mr A. Harmer, Mr E R Kennaghan Miss E M. Margerison Mr J Rhodes & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology were noted from the Chairman Mr Southworth Mr Williams.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as read.

Arising from the Minutes it was agreed to bring up the proposed visit to the Manchester Boys' & Girls' Refuges at the next Meeting.

His books being in the hands of the Auditors it was noted there was no financial Statement from the Treasurer.

Bills paid and for payment: October bills amounting to £447.17.5 already paid and November bills for payment totalling £532.2.10. were approved.

Secretary's Report: Arising therefrom mention was made (a) Of the enjoyable time the children had on 5th November. (b) and of the Annual Meeting held at the Town Hall on 20th November which, it was noted, had been

exceptionally well attended. At the same time Mr. Maxwell was complimented upon his presentation of the Committee's report.

(c) Mr. Allen reported on dog not found in passage adjoining the Kitchen and of steps taken to eliminate same and of redecorating now being undertaken at the Mission

Admission of Children: The Emergency admittance of Mrs. Robinson's children on 9th November was approved.

"Lanarkshire Evening Post" appeal: It was agreed that this would be made within the next few days.

Christmas arrangements. Leyland Toy Service 14th December Mr Garrett to attend as speaker; Elswick Sunday School service 21st December. Mr Rhodes undertook to accompany Mr. Dixon. St James's Sunday School Mr. Dixon or the Secretary to attend. Poor Children's Treat: It was noted the Mayor Mayoress would attend as usual. Secretary to arrange for a smaller meat pie than those supplied previously.

John Dobson's Christmas present: Seven Old Age Pensioners to again be given £1.0.0 each.

New Year's Sunday School party: It was agreed Dr Miller be invited to present Prizes Secretary authorised to buy what books may be necessary.

Requirements: Eighteen pairs boys pants and a dark tablecloth for stage use were approved.

Other business: It was noted Mission workers had raised £10 towards carpets for use at the Mission and agreed we give £5 from the funds. Mrs Cookson requests that we allow her granddaughter, a student, to spend a period of time with the children was left for the Secretary to bring up later on.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£257. 7. 2	Petty Cash	£51. 10. 11.	Alston	£5. 15. 8.
A Bailey & Co	4. 18 4.	Briggs Laundry	2. 13. 10	G.W. Collins	28. 14. 11.
E Cookson & Son	13. 8. 4.	Harrison & Sons	2. 16. 8.	Laurie & Peat	5 0 0
C Middlebrook	14. 17. 1.	A Newsom & Son	19. 17. 0	Preston Coal Co	12. 1. 8
Preston Dairy Co	22. 14. 7.	Lodkull & Son	13. 7. 6.	Surety Bond	4. 12. 1.
T Watson	4. 7. 0.	J W Whittaker & Co	35. 1. 5	S Boulding & Sons	1 4. 9
Lowes Ltd	4. 14. 9.	Corporation of Preston	2. 0. 0.	Bells &c	3. 16. 6
				Annual meeting Tea	1 2 4
					£352. 2. 10

Fred C Ingoldsby
21/1/59.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home, Oxford Street on Wednesday, 21st January 1959 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr. F.C. Markham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southwood (Hon. Treasurer) Mr. J. Hallen, Mr T. Finch, Mr A. Horner, Mr E.R. Kennaugham Miss L.M. Margerison Mr A.J. Maxwell Mr J. Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Before proceeding with the Meeting the Chairman spoke of the loss the Mission had sustained by the recent deaths of Mr J.M. Toulmin and the Rev E. Porter both of whom had been members of the Committee for many years and in tribute to their memory members stood in silence.

Apology for absence of Mr. Garnett was noted.

The Minutes of the last Meeting sent by the Secretary were approved.

The Treasurer presented his Financial Statement covering October November & December which was accepted with thanks, and from which it was noted he had received a further £500 from the Estate of the late Miss Edith M Marsden and £500 from the late Mrs M Cleff

Bills & Wages totalling ~~£~~ £625.15.4. were approved for payment.

arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted Dr Miller had duly presented prizes as the Mission Sunday School party and the Secretary was asked to send him a letter of thanks.

Admission of Children: Norma Jackson on 19th December; Connell & Earl Karjalin on 30th December Sylvia Janice Marjorie and Doris Wooden on 14th January were approved. Arising from the N.S.P.C.C. Officer's enquiry re admission of R.C. children, and another R.C. family involving 6 children it was left to the Secretary to discuss the matter with the Rev. Father O'Neill and to report at the next Meeting.

A "Lancashire Evening Post" appeal. It was noted £1340.9.10. had been raised to date.

Invitation to visit Homes at Rhead le Hulme. In addition to this visit to be made in due course Mr Maxwell informed the Meeting of Mr Garnett's conversation with Mrs. Decker, the Childrens Officer, and of her invitation to visit the Corporation's Homes. It was also noted Mr Wallwork, Home Office Childrens Inspector, who had made his routine visit on 20th January, had suggested it might also be worth while to see those recently provided by the Blackburn County Borough and other local Homes of the Lancashire County Council.

Requirements, viz: Half a dozen tablecloths were approved. Mr Allen to see to dampness in the girls' dayroom.

Audit of Accounts. It was noted Davies & Crane had completed the audit of accounts for year ended 30th September 1958. and the Secretary was asked to render grateful thanks

Children's Summer Holiday. The Secretary was authorised to make the same arrangements as last year.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Accounts for payment & Salaries &c.

Salaries & Wages	£251.10.5	Petty Cash	£61.5	H. H Bell	£10.15.6
R & Bell	4.14.10	Buggs Laundry	20.4.6	G H W Collins	32.10.11
E Cookson & Son	15.10.5	Guardian Press	8.5.1	T Harrison & Son	17.15.1
W Nelson Ltd	4.18.2	Lothian Garage Ltd	1.13.1	Chadderton Urban Council	30.12.11
A Henson & Son	21.15.5	N Wes Gas Board	8.6.	H. Henson & Co	14.5.7
Preston Dairies Ltd	24.12.9.	T S Dutton	6.2.0.	R Oldham Ltd	2.8.6
E & Booth & Co.	2.4.4.	E Grantham	1.11.7.	SHIRT & UNDERCLOTHING Co	5.15.11
Preston Cooperative	10.11.9	J H Whittaker & Co	£166.3.0	J Willan	2.1.9.

£625.15.4.

Arnold Stones
Feby 11/59

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 11th February 1959. at 4 o'clock.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Present :- Mr A Horner (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mr J.H. Allen, Mr C J Garrard, Mr E.R. Kernaghan Miss L M Almgerison Mr J Rhodes and the Secretary.

Apologies for absence. Mr Mersham Mr Maxwell Mr Finch & Mrs. Williams. It was noted Mrs. Mersham was not well and the Secretary ~~was~~ asked to write Mr. Mersham expressing best wishes and hopes for her early recovery to Health and strength.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as read with the addition that Mr Allen had undertaken to enquire as to the area of Slum Clearance the Corporation proposed in the vicinity of the Home in Oxford Street.

The Treasurer presented his Financial Statement which was accepted and from which it was noted he had accepted Repayment of Loan of £602 from the Preston Corporation to meet exceptional Expenses recently incurred. It was also noted and approved he should seek legal advice relative to signing a Statement of Indemnity in connection

work a legacy advised by James Jukes & Co Solicitors.

Bills & Wages &c amounting to £695.12.4, which included balance of payment of £1280.0.0 to G Semmd & Co Ltd in respect of Conversion of boilers, were approved.

The Secretary's Report was accepted.

The admission of Mrs. Wallis' two children during the time she would be in hospital was approved. Family Allowance only to be paid towards maintenance.

"Lancashire Evening Post" appeal: It was noted £1609 had been received to date - £2 more than last year's final figure - and that same would shortly close. A letter of acknowledgment and thanks to be sent by the Chairman & Treasurer in due course

Roman Catholic children. The Secretary's report on his conversation with Father O'Neill was noted and it was agreed to leave the matter as it stands.

Down Flag Day: The usual application to be made in time for the March Meeting of the Watch Committee.

Visits to other Homes: The Secretary to arrange with Mrs Tucker, Chairman Offices for some Thursday in near future and to inform

Mr. Meacham.

Requirements: viz:- two dozen pillow cases and two dozen handtowels were approved.

Mrs. Wood: As Mrs Wood would be leaving in June the Secretary was authorised to advertise the post. Salary to be up to £5.0.0 per week for a suitably qualified person.

Children's Holiday: In view of the possibility of there being more children this time; it was agreed we book accommodation for present family numbering 12 boys and 14 girls and 2 attendants.

Vacancies on Committee: Mr Rhodes mentioned this matter which, after discussion, was left over until the next Meeting.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Salaries & Bills &c.

Wages £262.13.6 Petty Cash £62.6.7. Bailey & Co £4.18.4.
Briggs Chorley Laundry 31.4.0. G.H.W. Collins Ltd. 36.4.11. E Cookson & Sons. 16.18.6.
Harrison & Sons 5.9.1. Cuddlebrook & Sons 14.3.9. Alfewson & Son 22.16.4.
North Wales Board 8.6.6 Preston Gas Co 12.16.5. Preston Dairies Ltd 25.19.9.
T Watson 5.0.0 J.H. Whittaker 34.2.3. Thos Underclothing Manufacturing Co. 2.6.1
Evco Ltd. 14.4.2. Steward & Co 128.0.0. All Saints Campaigners 4.10.0
Alston 3.12.0. (Mrs Edmundson)

£695.12.4.

Arnold Horner
March 11/59

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 11th March 1959 at 4 o'clock

Present: Mr A Horner (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mr J.H. Allen, Mr T. Finch, Mr E.J. Garratt. Miss L.M. Margerison, Mrs R.H. Williams and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mr. Mersham Mr Maxwell Mr Kernaghan & Mr Rhodes.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as read.

Financial Statement: The Treasurer presented his Statement of Accounts which was accepted and from which it was noted a Legacy of £197.10.8 had been received from the estate of Emily Holden, deceased and one of £79.15.2. from the late Joseph Baxendale. It was also noted that £1635.0.0. had been received by the Lancashire Evening Post appeal. At the same time, at his suggestion, the Treasurer was authorised to invest £1350 in 3½% Savings Bonds.

Bills & Salaries totalling £540.7.0 were approved for payment. Relative to Oil consumption it was agreed the Secretary see our Suppliers and report at the next Meeting. The question of Stewards

Overhaul maintenance was also kept over.

The Secretary's Report was adopted.

Appointment of House-mother. After considerable discussion it was moved by Mr Finch and seconded by Mrs. Williams that we engage Mrs Acton at £6.0.0 per week and that a reasonable amount should be charged for Mr Acton and their two children. £2.10.0 being agreed for the former and 10/- each for the latter. Before approval it was agreed an Emergency Meeting be called for 11 o'clock some morning the following week.

Invitation to visit Corporation Homes. This matter was kept over until the Emergency Meeting was held.

Requirements viz Half a dozen boys suits half a dozen pullovers and repairs to children's canvas were approved.

Vacancies on Committee: This matter was kept until the next ordinary meeting.

Town planning: Mr Allen reported on this matter and from the Borough Engineer's Surveyor's letter 5/3/54 it was noted that although the Home was in the proposed residential redevelopment area that so far as can be ascertained at present it appears unlikely that any scheme would lead to the demolition of the Home itself, nor of the fairly

new property immediately South of it.

Mr Allen also reported that whilst marking his inspection of the Home he had noted some of the children's beds were sagging in the middle and the Secretary was left to see to same.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills Salaries &c.

Salaries & Wages £239.5.11. Perry Bark £8.4.16.9. Ashmans £10.0.0.
Briggs Laundry 25.3.4. G.H.W. Collins Ltd 34.5.1. Cookson Sons 13.17.5
T Harrison Sons 3.19.10. Middlebrook 9.0.11. Newsom Hon 21.5.0.
Northern Gas Board 4.17.4. Hon Secretary Expenses 6.3.4. Preston Dairies 22.10.3.
Sons Underclothing Co 6.16.6. Preston Coal Co 11.9.2. T.S. Watson 6.10.0
J.T.W. Whittaker Ltd 70.6.2.

£540 7.0.

Signed C Horsham
18/3/59

Minutes of Emergency Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 18th March 1959 at 11 a.m.

Present Mr F.C. Horsham (Chairman) Mr J.H. Allen, Mr T. Finch, Mr G.J. Garratt, Mr A. Horner, Mr E.F. Kavanagham. Miss L.M. Margerison Mr D.J. Maxwell Mr J. Rhodes, Mrs. R.H. Williams and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apology for absence of Mr. Southworth was noted.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting read by the Secretary were approved.

The main purpose of the Meeting was to give further consideration to Mr Finch's proposal made at the last Meeting, and which had been recorded by Mrs. Williams, that we engage Mrs. Aston to succeed Mrs Wood as House Mother at £6. 0.0 per week, and that a reasonable amount be charged for Mr Aston and their two girls.
After further discussion Mr Finch's proposal was approved subject to satisfactory interview and that a charge of £2 10. 0 per week be made for Mr Aston and 10/- each for the girls. A Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Miss Masterson Mrs. Williams Mr Finch and Mr Garratt to interview Mrs. Aston and her husband at 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 24th March.

As decided at the last Meeting Mrs Decker's invitation to visit Children's Homes run by the Corporation was again discussed and it was agreed this should be on Thursday, 23rd April. 4 pm being suggested. The Secretary to report at the next Meeting.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Arnold Homer
April 8/59.

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As arranged overleaf the Sub-Committee appointed duly interviewed Mr & Mrs Aston on Tuesday 24th March 1959 relative to Mrs. Aston being appointed Housemother to succeed Mrs. Wood.

Mr & Mrs Aston approved & it was agreed to appoint Mrs. Aston at a salary of £6.0.0 per week. and to charge £2.10.0 per week for Mr Aston's keep and 10/- each for the two girls.

The family to be given rooms occupied by Mrs Wood. and to move in as soon as rooms would be free after Mrs. Woods departure on 23rd June.

Further consideration was also given to Mrs. Decker's invitation to visit Children's Homes run by the Corporation and agreed this be on Thursday, 23rd April at 4 p.m.

Arnold Horner
April 8th/59

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home on Wednesday, 8th April 1959 at 4 o'clock.

Present. Mr A Horner (Chairman) Mr H W Southwood (Hon. Treasurer) Mr J F Allen Mr C J Conran Mr E.R. Kernaghan. Miss L M Morgenrien Lt Col Rhodes Mr D Rumsey and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mr Mesham Mrs. Williams Mr Maxwell and Mr. Finch.

The Minutes of the Emergency Meeting held on March 18th and those of the Sub-Committee of March 24th read by the Secretary were approved subject to the addition that the Sub-Committee had agreed that the 3 rooms to be occupied by Mr & Mrs Aston & family be decorated before they move in.

The Treasurer presented his Financial Statement which was adopted and from which it was noted £1033.1.0. had been invested in 3% Savings Bonds.

Bills & Wages &c totalling £515.12.6 were approved for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted our application for a Town Flag had not been successful. In making application next year mention to be made that same would be the 5th application since the last one was granted. At the same time any

member of the Committee who could make a private approach to the Watch Committee was at liberty to do so.

applications for admission of children (a) Brian Patricia Welbourne through the offices of the N.S.P.C.C. and (b) Miss Ainsworth's four children when she goes into the Maternity Hospital in July were approved. The latter to be included with those who would be on holiday at Knon End if necessary or failing this to be looked after at the Home by Mrs. Aston.

Mr & Mrs. Aston. It was noted the Sub-Committee had been favourably impressed by both, and the Sub-Committee was thanked for attending to the matter. ~~and~~ their decision duly confirmed.

Visits to Preston Corporation Children's Homes. Subject to Mrs. Hecker's approval it was agreed to meet at 125 Deepdale at 3/30 pm on Wednesday 23rd April when she would be able to formulate problems met with and advantages gained before proceeding to the Homes she had in mind.

Committee: On the proposal of Mrs Margerison and seconded by Mr Allen it was agreed to invite Mrs. J.M. Doulman to become a member of the Committee. Proposed by Mr Garnett and seconded by Mr Rhodes it was also agreed to invite Mr John Turner. Both proposals being approved unanimously.

Requirements viz. Six girls coats and 6 frocks were approved, as were the Annual Sunday School outings to Southport and cost of tea when the Women's Class have their outing.

The Secretary's Niece Children's beds was noted and it was agreed we get a quotation from Whitfield Redsteads Ltd. and for mattresses from Middlebrooks and the Innerlock Ltd Lancaster.

Decorating. Miss Margerison's report, which the ladies of the Committee had been asked to prepare, was noted and a Sub-Committee consisting of Mrs Margerison Mrs Williams Mr Allen and Mr Kernaghan was appointed to go into the matter after Mr Allen had prepared a specification which he would sectionalise. Apart from the Secretary's house it was felt that for the most part it would be cheaper to have the work attended to early next year.

Oil consumption
Our oil suppliers having confirmed that too much oil was being consumed by the Domestic Boiler it was agreed that Stewards be asked to look into the matter. At the same time Stewards to be asked to service both boilers early in October, at Christmas and in May.

Mr & Mrs Salisbury. In view of the quality of their work not having come up to expectations, it was agreed there should be no increase in salary and that the matter be reviewed in six months time. The Secretary to report

from time to time.

Christmas Stockings: Although our suppliers had reduced their price, as agreed at the January Meeting, it was decided not to order any more this year.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Salaries & Wages	£245.5.8	Penny Bank	£19.1.2	Alston	£10.2.6
A Bailey & Co	4.18.4	Briggs Laundry	25.9.11	E Cookson Hon	14.16.3
G & W Collum Ltd	31.14.2	Govers Ltd	6.13.8	T Warrington	4.0.3
Guardian Press	2.5.5	A Merson Hon	22.1.6	Cuthbertbrook Hon	5.18.10
H W Naylor Ltd	3.19.7	N Ches Gas Board	4.6.6	Preston Coal Co	12.16.5
Preston Dairies Ltd	23.14.9	T S Watson	6.19.0	J W Whittaker	35.3.1
A B Building Hons	2.5.6				

£515.12.6

Fred C Hesketh
13/5/59

Minutes of Meeting held at the Children's Home at 3/30 pm on Thursday 23rd April 1959 prior to inspection of Preston Corporation Family Group Homes.

Present: Mr A.J. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr H.W. Knotworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mr H Allen, Mr T. Finch, Mr G.J. Farrall Mr A Hooper. Mr E.R. Kenaghan, Miss L.M. Mangerson Councillor J.W. Taylor. Mr J Turner, Mrs R.H. Williams and the Secretary.

Councillor Mrs Hill (Chairman) Mrs M Decker.

(Children's Officer) & Mr Holden (accounts secretary) represented the Children's Dept.

Mr Maxwell apologised for absence of Mr Mesham and expressed to our visitors the Committee's appreciation of their kindness in giving us the benefit of their experience in running of family groups homes, and the opportunity of seeing the work at first hand.

Mrs Decker, in giving a brief account of the homes, indicated that in her view, although there were problems, particularly in regard to staffing, and finding accommodation for children in emergency, that same had proved to be well worthwhile. Mr Holden dealt with matters of finance.

After numerous questions from various members, and thanks had been expressed by Mr Maxwell, members separated into two groups to be conducted to four family groups homes.

Fred C Mesham
13/5/59

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 13th May 1959 at 4 pm.

Present: Mr. F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr. H.W. Southworth (Hon Treasurer) Mr. J.H. Allen Mr. G.J. Garratt Mr. G. Horner Mr. E.R. Kernaghan Miss L.M. Margrison Mr. L.J. Maxwell Mr. J. Rhodes Mrs. M. Toulmin Mr. J. Turner Mrs. R.H. Williams and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.
Apology for absence of Mr. Finch was noted.
Minutes: The Minutes of the last Meeting and those in connection with the recent visits to Family Group Homes run by the Corporation read by the Secretary were approved.

Financial Statement. The Treasurer presented his Statement of Accounts which was adopted.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Toulmin and Mr Turner as new members of the Committee at the same time expressing the hope that they would find their association both happy and rewarding.

Bills for payment: Bills & Wages &c totalling £586. 15. 10 plus Exceptional accounts of £642. 18. 4 from J.J. Allen Sons & £123. 0. 0 from L.B. Building Sons in respect of work resulting from Dry Rot and other defects at the Mission Hall & the former's account of £12. 5. 0 for eradicating Dry Rot at the Home were approved for payment.

The Secretary's Report was adopted.

Admission of Children: The admission of Frank Holden and Kenneth Wooden was approved.

Quotation for bedsteads etc: Whitfield's quotation for the Lawson Pair Bedstead was noted. The Secretary to enquire as to whether they could supply wood ends with same springs. Atkinsons to be asked to re-cover and sterilize 6 mattresses

Decorating: Arising from The Sub-Committee's Report it was agreed (a) That the Superintendent's houses be attended to first and to accept Wilding's Estimate of £121.0.0. as against Mallott's price of £144.0.0. The work to be carried out at an early date.
(b) that required in the main body of the Home having been divided into 3 sections according to need, Estimates be asked for the first. Each member of the Committee to be provided with a copy of specification which would be considered at the next Meeting.

Family Group Homes: After various members had made favourable observation upon our recent visit to four Family Group Homes run by the Preston Corporation it was agreed to appoint a Sub-Committee consisting of Mr Garrard Mr. Kernaghan Miss Mangerson & Mrs Southworth who would consider the question

of our adopting some such scheme and to report back. Meanwhile the Secretary was asked to arrange for the Committee to accept the invitation to visit the recently established Family Group Homes of the Manchester & Salford Boys' & Girls' Refuges Society. Thursday 16th June being suggested.

Mr & Mrs. Salisbury. The Secretary's Report was noted.

Mr & Mrs Aston: It was agreed to pay removal expenses from Deepdale Road.

Requirements. viz. Eighteen girls frocks, a dozen blazers and sandals for the whole family were approved.

Date of next Meeting: The Secretary Matron being on holiday in June it was agreed the next Meeting be on Wednesday, 8th July. Children Holiday Spending money to be the same as last year. Oil consumption. It was left to the Chairman to contact Seward & Co.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills to Wages &c:

Salaries Wages £249.6.11. Petty Cash £5.4.5 Alston £4.16.0
G W Collins Ltd 35.6.4. Cookson & Sons 15.10.4. Wilkins Ltd 5.9.1.
Briggs Chorley Laundry 27.6.7 Harrison & Sons 5.6.1. Mercers Ltd 5.2.11.
Cuddlebrook & Sons 53.7.2 H W Maylor Ltd 6.14.2 A Newsham & Son 23.15.1.
Preston Coal Co 11.9.2. Preston Dairies Ltd 25.3.0. T E Watson 5.7.6.
C Seward & Co. 3.8.0. Guardian Press 57.12.0.
SHIRT & UNDERCLOTHING MANUFACTING Co 1.14.1.

£586.15.10.

C Ford.

Brot forward Bills & Wages &c. Continued £86 15 10

J. J. Allen & Sons 64.16.4. } Mission Hall.
S Bowling & Sons 123.0.0. }

J J Allen & Sons 112.5.0. Children's Home.

Total. £300.19.2.

Audited. Fred C. Mersham
July 8/59

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 8th July 1959 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr F.C. Mersham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southwood (Hon. Treasurer) Mr. T. Finch Mr B.J. Garnett Mr E.R. Kernaghan Miss L.M. Margerison Mrs M. Tomlinson Mr J. Turner & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted on behalf of Mrs. Williams Mr Allen and Mr Maxwell.

The Minutes of the last Meeting, read by the Secretary were approved.

Financial Statement: The Treasurer presented his Statement covering May & June which was adopted, and from which it was noted, he had received a Legacy of £100 by the Will of the late Amy Riding.

Bills & Wages covering 2 months, and totalling £104.19.6. were approved for payment.

In view of School Dinners having to be paid

for as from the 9th June the question of increasing our charge to the Corporation in respect of children from that Authority was left in abeyance for the time being.

Oil consumption: It was noted the Chairman had been in touch with Stewards and that this had been reduced to a reasonable level, also that the Central heating consumption would be attended to before winter. The Secretary to obtain quotations for oil on most economical terms from The Shell, Esso and Petrofina Co's.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted we had received a cheque for £125 out of funds available for distribution to Charities under the Will of the late John Atkinson Whitehead through Mr Ernest Dodd Solicitor, and thanks were rendered to Mr Conradt for his efforts on our behalf.

Quotations for bedsteads: Whitfield's further quotation for wood bedsteads was noted, but Having obtained sufficient for present requirements it was agreed to leave the matter over for the time being.

Decorations: This was left over until the next Meeting.

Visit to Children's Homes at Cheadle: From reports of members who had visited the Homes on 25th June it was noted that they had been

most favourably impressed by the administration and finishing standard of care provided, and with one exception of a temporary nature, of the location of the Homes, and it was agreed by other members to visit the Homes as soon as it could be conveniently arranged.

Children's Holidays. Arrangements made were noted and approved.

Requirements viz. Material for draw curtains for the Matron's dining room were approved

Date of next Meeting. This to be on Wednesday, 12th August at 4 p.m.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Salaries & Wages MAT 263.13.8 JUNE. 257 0 Atkinsons 23.7.5. S Barlow & Co 4.18.4.
Briggs Laundry 66.14.7 C Chambers 10.0.0. G W Collins Ltd 31.16.11.
E Colson & Sons 32.0.5 Graves Ltd 13.13.7. Grantham Bros 5.4.2
T Harrison & Sons 7.16.10. A Newson & Son 46.19.3. C Middlebrook & Son 23.18.7
R Oldham Ltd 3.7.6. Preston Dairies Ltd 5.6 Preston Coal Co 16.9.9.
J Smith & Sons 4.10.0 Todhill Dom 2.9.6. T S Watson 15.15.6.
J & W Whittaker & Son 35.8.1. S Whalley & Son 2.18.5. Ejay Ltd 2.10.0
Preston Corpn (Coach) 7.0.0 Frenchwood Secondary School 5.19.0 Frenchwood Primary School 19.0.0

£407.16.6

Fred G Morrison
Aug 12/59

A Meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of Family Group Homes and consisting of Mrs Mangerison Mr G.J. Parnaby Mr E.R. Kernaghan and Mr H.W. Southwood (Hon Treasurer) was held at the Children's Home at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 5th August 1959. The Secretary was in attendance.

After considerable preliminary discussion it was decided Mr. L.J. Bandle, Superintending Inspector of the Home Office Children's Dept. should again be asked to meet the Sub-Committee with a view to formulating a policy for consideration by a full Committee at a later date.

Wednesday evening August 19th or 26th being suggested.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 12th August 1959 at 4 pm.

Present: Mr F.C. Mesham (Chairman) Mrs L.M. Mangerison, Mrs M. Doulanin Mrs R.K. Williams. Mr J.K. Allen Mr T. Finch Mr G.J. Parnaby, Mr A. Howes Mr A.T. Maxwell, Mr J. Rhodes and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apology for absence of the Treasurer was noted.

The Minutes of the last Meeting read by the Secretary were approved. The Secretary also read those of the Sub. Committee of 5th August/59 relative to its preliminary consideration of Family Group Homes.

In the absence of the Treasurer Mr. Maxwell presented the Financial Statement, which was accepted, and from which it was noted £500 had been received by the Will of the late Jenny Seldon Harrison. In connection with the Treasurer the Secretary was asked to prepare a Statement of Income & Expenditure for the Mission Hall covering the past 2 years to be presented at the next Meeting.

Bills ~~for~~ for payment amounting to £222.11.4. and Salaries and Petty Cash totalling £319.4.5 already paid were approved.

Arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted Mrs Ainsworth's 4 children had been cared for for a fortnight as arranged.

Quotations for Oil. Prices for Oil as submitted by the Shell-Mex, Petrofina and Esso Co's were noted. For the time being, pending one or two points, which the Chairman was to take up with the Shell Mex Co., it was agreed this firm ~~contract~~ who would allow a rebate of 3d/4

per gallon on 500 gallon deliveries, should continue to supply us as hitherto.

Annual Meeting. This to be held early in November as usual on a date convenient to the Mayor and Mayoress. Meanwhile Mr. Maxwell and Miss Margerison undertook to call upon the Mayor personally. The Secretary to see if this could be either Tuesday or Wednesday morning of next week.

Fruit for Christmas Breakfast. This to be obtained from Mr Turner's firm. The Secretary to inform Mrs Cook Mr Porter's nephew in connection of this change and at the same time to thank him for his cooperation which Mr Porter had enlisted as from the beginning of the Second World War.

Decorations. This matter was again left over until the next Meeting.

Family Group Homes. Mr Garrard informed the Meeting that the Sub-Committee had the matter in hand. At the suggestion of the Sub-Committee Mr Maxwell undertook to be present at the next Meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday 16th August when the Supervising Home Office Inspector would also attend.

Domestic heating boiler. The Secretary's further report was noted.

School Uniform. The Secretary's report was noted and, as suggested by the Education Dept., it was agreed to ask for consideration of grants in the case of children for whom we received no maintenance

Other business. On the suggestion of Mr. Maxwell it was left to the Secretary to see the ~~Chairman~~ Treasurer regarding Mrs. Woods Superannuation benefits.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills, Wages &c.

Alston £3.18.9. Briggs Laundry £21.1.9. G.W. Collins £4 2.5.11
E. Corkson Sons 14.17.9. J. Harrison & Sons 4.10.6. Loxham Garages 4.16.8
Clark Ellerbeck & Sons 3.5.6.10. H.B. Naylor Ltd 3.1.0. Newsom & Son 22.12.0.
Preston Coal Co. 3.5.7. Preston Dairies 23 0.5. Tunnah & Co 3.3.6
T.G. Watson 4.4 0.5. Blackburn 19.14.9. Bickerstaffe 26 12 11
Salmesbury Bricks 24 9.14.10. Petty Cash 69 9.7.

Sett. 15. 9.

Fred E. Isaacson
Sept 9/59

~~A Meeting~~ As previously arranged members of the Sub-Committee consisting of Miss Margerison Mr E J Garrard Mr E R Kernaghan & Mr H Smethwaite met Mr. Wardle, Superintending Home Office Children's Inspector at the Home at 7 pm 26th August 1959. to give further consideration to the matter of Family Group Homes.

Mr Smethwaite was in the Chair~~man~~ and apologised for absence of the Vice-Chairman Mr A J Maxwell The Secretary was in attendance.

After Mr. Wardle had answered numerous questions and had also made suggestions it was decided to have a further Meeting on Thursday, 3rd September at 7.30 pm.

A further Meeting of the Sub-Committee referred to above was held at the Children's Home, on Thursday 3rd September 1959 at 7.30 pm Mr A.J. Maxwell was in the Chair and the following members were present :-

Miss L.M. Margerison, Mr E.J. Garrard Mr E.R. Kernaghan, and Mr H. Smethwaite Hon. Treasurer; the Secretary being in attendance.

After discussion it was agreed that deliberations had not yet reached the stage when a full report could be submitted for

consideration by the general Committee

This Committee has now arrived at the following suggestions

(a) That a separate Family Group Home for long stay children is necessary and
(b) That the Sub-Committee be given authority to approach the Corporation Children's Dept. at Committee level to acquaint them of our plans for such; to ascertain what their needs are; how best we can co-operate, and to discuss the situation generally.

At the same time it was recognised that the financial considerations involved would be considerable and this was a matter which was being given most careful consideration.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home on Wednesday, 9th September 1959 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr F.C. Markham (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southworth, (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs L.M. Margerison Mrs R.H. Williams Mr J.H. Allen, Mr C.J. Garrad, Mr A. Stonier, Mr E.R. Kenyon Mr L.T. Maxwell Mr J. Rhodes, Mr J. Turner and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology for absence were noted from Mrs. Lonsdale and Mr. Finch.

Minutes. These were accepted as read.

Statement of Accounts. The Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was accepted.

Bills for payment &c. Bills amounting to £231.1.4 and Wages and Petty Cash totalling £17.11.6. already paid were approved.

Secretary's Report. The Chairman read this Report which was accepted.

Contract for Oil supply. The Chairman reported on his further conversation with the Shell-Mex & B.P Co. who had agreed to reduce their price on 500 gallon deliveries to 1/3 5/8 per gallon on a 3 years contract which was accepted.

Family Group Homes. Progress of deliberations of Sub-Committee was noted and authority given to approach Preston Childrens Committee

to acquaint them of our plans for a Family Group Home for long stay children and to discuss the situation generally as to how we can best cooperate.

The Secretary to send a letter of thanks to Mr Dardle, Superintending Inspector of the Home Office Children's Dept. for meeting the Sub-Committee and for the benefit of his further advice.

The Secretary was also asked to arrange for those members of the Committee who could not visit the Cradle Homes on 25th June to do so on Wednesday 28th October.

Decorations: It was agreed that this matter be left over for the time being.

Annual Meeting: It was noted that this had been arranged for 3pm 12th November next in the Town Hall and that the Mayor would preside. Mr Maxwell to invite the Rev. Ronald Jobling to move the adoption of Reports &c. and the Rev J.T. Herbert to be invited to second same. Failing these two gentlemen the Rev J.T. Bunday Minister of Grimshaw Street Congregational Church and Rev J Taylor Vicar of St. Stephens be invited.

With a view to extending our list of invitations ~~the Sec~~ Members to let Secretary have names of people whom they would like to be invited.

Mission Hall. The Statement of Receipts and Payments for past 3 years Submitted by the Secretary was noted and approved as being very satisfactory. At the same time congratulations were extended to the Secretary and Matron on completion of 30 years association with the work.

Honorarium for Dr Williams. It was agreed this be twenty-five guineas as usual.

Edward Sweeney. It was noted the Ministry of Pensions National Insurance was to take proceedings for illegally claiming the Family Allowances in respect of his daughter for whom he had made no maintenance contribution for the past 2 years.

School Uniforms. The Secretary was given authority to buy uniform as found necessary. Other requirements viz: Half a dozen boys suits were also approved.

Mrs. McEvoy: To retain her services it was agreed to pay bus fares when she Corporation moved her from Oxford Street under the scheme now going forward.

Refrigerator: The Secretary to obtain Cost of Service Maintenance for next Meeting.

Home Office Refresher Courses. Courses arranged for 1959/60 were noted but as present staffs did not

qualify no arrangements could be made.

Date of next Meeting. This to be at 8/30 pm on Wednesday. 21st October next. and would be for both Committee Members.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

✓ Bailey Co.	Ft. 18.4. Briggs Laundry	£30.19.10.	H.H.Killeny £36.08
Cooper McDougall ✓ Robertson.	7.0.11. Clarkson & Sons	16.4.9. Harrison & Sons	4.10.7.
London Assurance Co	18.12.6. Muddlebrook & Son	20.10.0	Menzies & Son 23.10.0
Preston Coal Co	5.6.6. Preston Dairy Co	26.3.9. T.S Watson	4.10.0
Hunt & Underclothing Co	2.10.8 J.W Whittaker	35.3.1.	
			231.1.4.
Wages & Salaries	26.4.8. & Petty Cash	£53.7.10	317.11.6
			£548.12.10.

J. D Thapmell
21/10/59.

Members of the Sub-Committee appointed to go into the question of Family Group Homes again met at the Children's Home on Wednesday 30th September 1959 at 7 pm.

Present Mr A J Maxwell (Chairman) Miss L M Jamieson, Mr C J Barnard. Mr E.R. Kernaghan and Mr H.V Southworth Hon Treasurer.

The Secretary was in attendance.

Upon discussion it was agreed it would be

advisable in the first instance to approach Mrs Decker. the Children's Officer on her own when the matter could be overlooked and what we had in mind.

Four questions could be put to her viz:
(a) How can we fit in?
(b) What would be their attitude towards our plans for a Family Group Home?
(c.) Ages of children we could take?
(d) Can they use us?

Before approaching Mrs. Decker it was agreed we should first obtain an architect's opinion as to the possibility of adapting existing premises to accommodate two separate Family Groups.

Mr Garrard to see Mr. Hy. Walker and to raise following points:-
(1) Is the Home adaptable.?
(2) Is it worth adapting?
(3) Can it be made into two homes?
(4) approximate cost?

K.C.

Minutes of Committee Trustees' Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 21st October 1959 at 3/30pm.

Present. Mr A.T. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southwood (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs. M. Doulman, Mrs R.H. Williams Mr J.H. Allen Mr C.J. Lamaro Mr A Horner Mr T Finch Mr E.R. Kernaghan Mr J Turner and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Miss Margerison, Mr J Rhodes, Councillor J.R. Taylor & Mr Ty Spencer.

Resignation of the Chairman: Mr. Mesham's letter to the Secretary asking that his resignation from the Committee should be put before the Meeting was received with regret, and in view of Mrs. Mesham's prolonged ill health, and the consequent difficulty he was experiencing in leaving his home, it was recognised there was no alternative.

In paying tribute to his long and honoured association with the work; first as a Member of the Committee in 1922; Vice-Chairman from 1927 until his appointment as Chairman in 1952, and from 1943 to 1949 as Hon. Treasurer Mr Maxwell and Mr Horner spoke of their long association with him, of his sterling and conscientious qualities and of his concern for the welfare of the Children and Staff which was always of the highest quality.

In accepting Mr. Meadows resignation it was the unanimous wish of the Committee that we place on record our indebtedness and sincere thanks to him, also that a letter should be sent to him in such terms and commending him for all he has done.

At the same time it was noted he would continue as a Trustee.

Minutes of the last Meeting: These were accepted as read.

Minutes of Sub-Committee relative to Family Group Homes were also noted and that Mr Hy. Walker had been called in as agreed at a previous Meeting to give his opinion on questions raised regarding the possibility of adapting existing premises to accommodate two family Groups.. a Report would be presented to the full Committee in due course.

~~The~~ 83rd Annual Report. Subject to one or two amendments this was accepted as read.

Financial Statement: The Treasurer presented his Statement for year ended 30th September which was accepted. At the same time grateful thanks were expressed to him for his services and for the time he had again devoted to the work in general and to finances in particular.

Appointment of a new Chairman: This matter was left over until the next Meeting.

Bills for payment: Bills & Wages totalling £743.1.3 paid to enable the Treasurer to complete the years accounts were approved.

Secretary's Report: Arising there from the admission of Frank Brierley and Denise Ruddle was approved.

Annual Meeting 12th November. It was noted the Rev. R. Jobling would move the Adoption of Reports &c and that the Rev J.P. Herbert would second same. Mr Kennedham to move and Mr Turner to second the Vote of Thanks to the Mayor and Speakers.

Street Maintenance of Refrigerator: It was agreed to accept J.A. Taylor Ltd. charge of £5.5.0 per annum.

Visit to Cheadle Childrens Homes: members who could go on 28th October to meet at the Home at 2.45 pm.

Graham & Judith Stevenson: The Bradford Children's Officer's letter confirming arrangements for the return of Graham & Judith to their Uncle & Aunt Mr & Mrs H Jagger, 153 Otley Road Bradford was approved.

Mr Mrs. Chichester. In view of the Secretary's report it was decided there should be no increase in salary.

Requirements viz:- Six Evid Emiola Uniforms 6 dozen Hand towels & a carpet for the staff room were approved.

Date of next Meeting. Fri to be on Wednesday 25th November & June in December.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages re.

Wages £23.4.19.4. Perry Coal £15.12.9. J Allen & Co 8.18.6
Rhys Davies & Sons 28.11.8. E Cookson & Sons 17.18.11 E W Collins 14 35.3.10
Thomas & Roberts 3.7.6. Evans Sons & Co Newcastle 21.18.6. Lewis Ltd 8.9.7
Hannah & Sons Ltd 3.16.10 Lathams Ltd 3.14.9. Andrew Barclay & Sons & Co 2.3.6
W H Maple & Co Ltd 3.18.0 Allen & Sons 22.17.0. R Oldham Ltd 5.1.5
Phoenix Assurance Co 1.19.6 Pearson & Co 13.17.4. Pearson & Sons Ltd 21.5.0.
Education (Order) 8.14.4. J R Taylor Ltd 19.13.0. T.S. Watson 2.0.0
S B Gilding & Sons 19.13.6 9.0. Telephones 16.15.0 Abbots 8.2.6
Hanley & Co 4.18.4. R Evans & Co 5.0.7.

£745.1.0.

A. D Maxwell

25/11/59

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday 25th November 1959 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mrs D Maxwell (Chairman) Mr H.O. Smethurst (Hon. Treasurer) Miss L. Margerison Mrs. R.H. Williams Mr. D. Finch, Mr G.J. Farrar, Mr A. Hamer, Mr E.K. Kenaghan Mr J. Rhodes, Mr J. Turner and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer. Apologies were noted from Mr. Tomlinson Mr. Allen Mrs. Tunnicliffe Taylor. Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. On the proposal of Mr Kenaghan, seconded by Mr J. Turner it was unanimously agreed that Mr. D.F. Maxwell, Vice-Chairman of the Mission since 1952 should succeed Mr. Mersham as Chairman, and on the proposal of Mr. A. Hamer, seconded by Mrs. Williams, it was also unanimously agreed that Miss L.M. Margerison be appointed Vice-Chairman.

Minutes of previous Meeting. These were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Statement: As books being at the Auditors it was noted the Treasurer had not been able to prepare his usual Statement.

Bills & Wages and Petty Cash totalling £516.15.1. were approved for payment.

"Lancashire Evening Post" appeal. It was agreed

to leave preparation of this annual appeal to the proprietors as usual.

Christmas arrangements:- Five hundred children to be provided for and that we make the usual provision, namely:- three cakes, an apple a meat pie, biscuits, a bar of chocolate and a toy for each child. The Mayor and Mayoress to be invited as usual.

John Dobson's Christmas present this to be given to seven Old Age Pensioners and that this be made up to £1 each.

Joy Services. Mr. Dixon to attend Penrhosfawr Congregational Sunday School on 6th December and together with Mr Rhodes Mr Turner Edwards Memorial Sunday School on 20th. The Chairman to address the morning Congregation at Garthaw Methodist Church on 13th December & Mrs. Jenkins to be the Speaker at Leyland Congregational Sunday School the afternoon of the same day. The Secretary to attend St James' Sunday School on December 27th.

New Years Sunday School party. It was agreed this was provisionally arranged for the 3rd or 4th Saturday in January, and agreed Mrs. Williams attend to present prizes.

Report on Members visit to the Cheadle Homes on 21st October. The Chairman Miss Margerison Mrs Williams made observations on their

visit. which had proved most helpful in enabling us to formulate our own plans for the future.

Requirements viz: Half a dozen boys suits and half a dozen raincoats were approved. It was also agreed our guides and brownies join the party who would attend the Pantomime at the Opera House Blackpool on 18th January.

Mrs Taylor's application for admission of her boys David & Peter was approved.

November bills: As the next Meeting was not until 13th January the Treasurer was authorised to pay the November bills.

Other Business. The Treasurer raised the question of one speaker only being required instead of two at the Annual Meeting, and after discussion the matter was left over for future consideration.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills for payment

Rogers	£24 1. 4. 7.	Peter Eastham	£12 2. 0. 1.	J Barley & Co	£4. 18. 4.
Rogers Laundry	5. 2. 11.	F W Collins Ltd	36. 17. 6.	Eastham Store	19. 1. 10.
Mrs W Davis (Town Hall)	5 0.	Rowes Ltd	9. 15. 3.	Hammonds	5. 3. 11.
Walker Ltd	8 19 2	A Newsome & Son	23. 18. 5	N WEST GAS BOARD	FOKE 8. 6. 8.
Preston Coal Co	14. 14. 5.	Preston Dairies Ltd	22. 7. 1.	J T Whittaker	31. 10. 2.
Abstons	4. 16. 9.	Lancs Evening Post	3. 11. 0.		

£518. 15. 1.

J. Maxwell.
13/1/60

Members of the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the question of Family Group Homes met at the Children's Home at 7.30 pm Wednesday. December 2/54

Present Mr. A. T. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr H. W. Southwood (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs L. M. Margerison Mr. J. Farrar Mr. R. Kernaghan

The Secretary was in attendance.

Mr Farrar presented draft plans prepared by Mr. Dalton which, it was noted, divided the existing Home into 3 separate family groups and provided for 29 children and staff.

After discussion the following conclusions were arrived at, viz:-

(a) That to divide the Home as set out would not be in keeping with present day standards.

(b) The cost would be considerable and it was doubted whether same was justified.

(c) To provide for one family group in the first instance it was agreed to recommend that as soon as a suitable house could be found, preferably in the Frenchwood area, that same be bought.

(d) Existing Home to be made more homely.

(e) Mr Farrar to see Mr Brazicker, the Borough

Surveyor, as to what the plans of the Corporation are for this area in connection with town planning.

(6) The Secretary to write to Mr Waddle, Regional Home Office Superintending Inspector, have Mr Walker's plans for his comment, and to ~~inform~~ 785
~~him the Sub-Committee is strongly of the~~
opinion ask his opinion as to whether such are in keeping with present-day standards, also that ~~we propose~~ to build a home to accommodate one family group for long stay children.

(8) A further meeting to be held when information becomes available.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 13th January 1960 at 4 pm.

Present: Mr. A. J. Maxwell (Chairman) Mrs Lee Macpherson, Mr J. H. Allen, Mr B. J. Emmans, Miss Stowers, Mr E. R. Kernaghan, Mr J. Rhodes, Councillor J. W. Taylor Mr J. Turner and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mrs Williams Mr Finch and Mr. Southworth.

The Minutes were accepted as read and those of subsequent Sub-Committee Meetings were noted.

Bills & Wages &c. totalling £63.5.10 were approved for payment.

Seasonal Repairs. Arising from this it was noted the Christmas arrangements had been carried out as planned, except that Mr. Kernaghan had deputised for Miss Tomlinson at the Leyland Congregational Day Service. The Secretary to send Miss Tomlinson a letter expressing the good wishes of the Committee and the hope she would soon be well again.

Admission of Children. The Emergency admission of David Robinson on 29th November and of Judith & John Tomlinson on 11th December were approved.

Lancashire Evening Post appeal. It was noted £1377 had been received to date and that this was £170 up on last year's figure for the same date.

Requirements viz:- Two dozen pillow cases 3 pairs of strap double bed sheets. 5 yards of roller towelling and a supply of rubber sheeting were approved. Mr Allen and the Secretary to decide on renewal & relining of tank for hot water supply and Mr. Allen to attend to repair of railings on the Boys' Yard.

Children's Summer holiday. The Secretary to arrange for the children to go to Knott End again, and in two separate groups if found necessary.

Other Business. Arising from press publicity Mr. Rhodes drew attention to Dr Barnardo's appeal against Rates Assessment regarding one of its Branch Homes, and although it has noted we were not being similarly assessed, the Chairman undertook to look into our own assessment.

Audit of Accounts. A letter of grateful thanks to be sent to Messrs Davies & Crane for kindly auditing the Missions accounts for another year.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £231.5.4. Percy Bush £55.15.0 Alston £7.4.4. Bailey & Co 418.4. Bell & Co 10.6.10. Briggs & Sandiget. 3.7. G.W. Collins £141.1.9. Clarkson & Sons 20.7.3 T. Harrison & Sons 18.17.10. Whalley £9.12.8 Middlebrook & Sons 37.11.4. Newsort & Son 26.4.6. Mersey Docks Board 6.5.0 Preston Gas Co 13.2.6 Preston Dairy Co 29.9 3. T. Snape & Co £d 3.10.10. Turner Preston £d 6.0.0. T. Watson 3.9.6. J.W. Whittaker £d 31.10.2 S. Blackledge & Sons 7.12.2 Preston Co-operative Ltd. 5.0. Evans & Owen 19.11. Lever £d 13.10.9.

£634.3 10.

J. Chapman
10/2/60

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home, Wednesday, 10th February 1960 at 4 pm.

Present: Mr A. J. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr J. H. Allen Mr T. Finch Mr R. Horner, Mr E. R. Kennaghan, Mrs L. M. Margerison Mr J. Rhodes, Mr J. Turner, Mrs M. Dowlman, Mrs R. H. Williams and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mr Garratt and Mr Southworth.

Minutes: These were accepted as read and arising therefrom it was noted Billings had retained the tank for the supply of hot water.

Financial Statement. In the absence of the Treasurer this was presented by the Chairman

Bills for payment. Bills &c amounting to £585.4.10 were approved for payment.

Secretary's Report, was read and accepted.

Application for admission of Kevin Billington It was agreed this boy be accepted temporarily.

Lancashire Evening Post appeal. It was noted £1759.7.8. had been acknowledged to date and that appeal was about to close. On completion a letter of thanks to be sent signed by

the Chairman and Vice-Chairman

application for town flag day. This to be submitted as usual.

General Rates Assessment. The Chairman reported on his approach to the Borough Treasurer, and in view of conditions required to obtain full remission it was agreed we continue to accept benefits allowed to charitable Organisations as provided for in Section 8 of the Act.

Mr & Mrs Salisbury. It was noted Mrs Salisbury had obtained a post as Housemother with a local authority and that she and her husband would be terminating their service with us on the 7th March. After discussion it was decided the post to be advertised and meanwhile the Secretary to obtain what help was found necessary.

Requirements viz. Ten Yards of shoe lace curtain were approved, as was attention to a leak in the cottage, repairs to the yard wall and back entrance double doors. Mr Allen to obtain estimate, for outside painting of Spouts, &c at the Mission and attention to walls outside.

Children's Holiday. It was noted the Secretary was awaiting reply from Knox-Ewd.

J.W. Hilton's Estate: The Chairman read a letter from Berry & Son Solicitors, Chorley from which it was noted we were entitled to a 1/3 of the residuary estate of above named deceased which, subject to the approval of such legatee, the Solicitors proposed to allocate in specie, and it was agreed we accept same accordingly.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£241.2.4	Penny Bank	£1.6.9	All Saints Campanologists	6.15.0
R.T. Hall	5.10.0	Briggs Laundry	26.16.10	C.W. Collinge Ltd	24.7.11.
Guardian Press	1.16.9.	T. Harrison & Sons	3.16.0	E. Cookson & Sons	16.14.11
Cornell Lebrock & Co.	1.7.0	W. Taylor Ltd	1.10.0	A. Newsom & Co. Ltd	2.6.6
Wages Res. Board	11.12.4.	James Clarke Rubber Co.	5.7.0	Preston Coal Co	3.2.6
Preston Corpn	46.7.0	Preston Gazette	£4/25.14.4.	Shirt & underclothing Manufacturers Ltd	10.12.0
T. Watson	2.12.0	J.W. Whittaker Ltd	31.10.2	Boots & Clements	2.6.6
John Eggenwood Esq.	6.0.0				

Total £585.4.10

J. Thompson
9/3/60

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 9th March 1960 at 4 p.m.

Present Mr S. J. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr H. Southwood (Hon. Treasurer) Mr J. H. Allen, Mr G. J. Garrard, Mr A. Hooper Mr E. R. Kernaghan Miss L. M. Mangersson Mr J. Rhodes Councillor J. W. Taylor, Mrs M. Toulmin, Mr J. Lunnon Mr. H. Jones Mrs. R. H. Williams and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

apologies for absence were noted from Mr Finch and Mr. Measham.

The Minutes were approved as read.

Hon. Treasurer's Statement. Mr Southwood presented his Statement which was accepted arising therefrom it was noted the contributions per Christmas Stockings had reached the record total of £615. 13. 2.

Bills for payment. Bills & Wages &c totalling £554. 3. 1. were approved for payment.

Secretary's Report. This was accepted as read. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Finch for his generosity in presenting Mr. Nixon with a scooter to replace the one he had given his 3 years earlier, and for his kindness in continuing to provide liberal help for people in need.

Admission of Children. The admission of George Sandra and Diane Thomson on 8th February was approved. In view of the ~~Inspector~~ N.S.P.C.C. Inspector's request it was agreed the Children father be charged 30/- weekly for each child.

Lancashire Evening Post appeal. It was noted this had been closed, having reached £1807.0.0. the second highest amount raised, and that a letter of thanks had appeared in the "Post" signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Requirements viz: Two dozen hand towels were approved and Mr Allen to see to leaking gutter and painting of Copping on roof of new house.

Donations for external painting of the Mission Hall viz. £26.0.0 from A Bolding & Sons and £20.15.0 from E W Mallon Ltd were noted and the former was accepted.

Estate of J W Hilton, deceased. It was noted this matter was being dealt with by the Solicitors concerned.

Staff vacancies. It was noted it had not been possible to engage staff for the posts vacated by Mr & Mrs. Salisbury and agreed we readvertise for Husband and Wife, the latter as Resident Housemother at a Salary of £312 per annum

and the former to follow his own employment
here, in cooperation with Mr. Aston, to
do work previously undertaken by Mr.
Salisbury, for which both Mr Aston and
successful applicant would receive
free board and lodging &c.

It was also decided that Miss Woods of
Heckwood be asked to attend for
interview with a view to her
engagement as Trained Nursery Maid at £208
per annum being agreed upon.

Sub-Committee's Report re Family Group
Homes. This Report, a copy of which
had been sent to each member of the
Committee & Trustees, was discussed at
some length, after which the proposals
embodied in the Report were approved
as under:-

1. That the principle of starting one family
group home be approved.
2. That this Committee be authorised to contact
Estate Agents indicating our requirements
for a house to accommodate 6 to 8
children in a suitable area.
3. That this Committee be requested, in the
event of a house becoming available,
which they consider suitable, to convene
an emergency meeting of the General
Committee to consider the proposition
4. That the present day-rooms in Oxford
Street be made smaller by moveable
partitions being fitted, and that

additional furnishings for the Home to make it more comfortable be provided as well as alterations to the Boys and Girls Dormitories. The existing Sub-Committee, with power to co-opt, to go into this immediately and submit a scheme along with costs.

5. That for the present the Oxford Street home continues on the same lines of admitting children.

Relative to No. 4. it was agreed that the following be co-opted Mrs. Williams & Mr Garrard.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Salaries &c.

Salaries &c.	£234.18.0	Penry Earle	£64.11.6	Alerton	£7 13.4
A Bailey & Co/ct	4 8 4	Briggs Laundry	24.19.11	G W Collins	39.17.3
E Cookson & Sons	16.3.5	T Harrison & Sons	5 8.6	Middlebrook & Sons	1.1.7
H W Naylor Ltd	1.14.6	Alfewsen & Son	21.7.3	N W Gas Board	8.17.5
A Yeaton	6.4.0	Penson Coal Co	16 15.0	Penson & Sons	23.11.4
C Seward & Co	1 2 6	Sons & Under-clothing Co Ltd	3.8.10	T Savage & Co	1.10.3
T B Watson	3.10.0	J W Whittaker	3.11.0	S B Golding & Sons	4 17.7
Lewes Ltd	10.9.7	Penson Coyne	19 2 0		

£554. 0. 1.

J. Thapwell
12/4/60.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held in the Childrens Home on Wednesday, 13th. April 1960 at 4 p.m.

Present: Mr R.J. Maxwell (Chairman) Mrs L.M. Mangerison Mrs M Faulkner Mr J.V. Allen Mr F. Finch. Mr & J Garrard Mr A Hooper and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mr Rhodes Mr Southwood Mr Turner Mrs Williams It was noted Mr. Rhodes had not been well and the Secretary was asked to convey good wishes.

Minutes were accepted as read, Arising from such Miss Mangerison drew attention to the name of Chairman on the Museum Notice board and that same such be borne in mind when building carried out the work for which they had recently tendered.

The Chairman read the Treasurer's Statement which was accepted.

Bills & Wages &c totalling £616.14.11 were approved for payment.

The Secretary's report was accepted. In view of his report on Sylvia Worden it was agreed that Miss Mangerison, Mrs.

Towlerton and Mr. Allen should see her after the close of the Meeting.

Anthony Connolly's temporary admission on 16th March was approved.

The Sub-Committee's appointment of Miss Wood as Trainee at £2.10.0 per week as from 28th March was approved but in view of the Secretary's report and that she was doing the full duties of Housemother it was agreed she be paid £8.00. per week forthwith. The Sub-Committee's recommendation that her bed-sitting room be decorated as per L.B. Wilding & Sons tender at a cost of £15.0.0. was and that a power plug and improved lighting be provided was also approved. It was also agreed to pay Pickford's charge of £5.0.0. for carriage of her furniture.

The Sub-Committee's observations on the necessity to have certain rooms in the Cottage decorated as per Wilding's specification and tender for £69.10.0 were noted and approved. It was also approved that ~~a~~ Fireproof better furnishings be provided, cost of which might be £90. a gas griller to be fixed in the back kitchen. To some extent it was noted furnishings would depend upon staff appointed having their own. The annual Sunday School outing to Southport in June, and cost of tea

for Mrs. Spencers Summers outings in July were approved.

Requirements, viz: Thirty girls dresses and blue curtain runners for the boys' Day room and Dormitory were approved. Buildings to repairs the Oil tanks. when attending to work already referred to.

Mission Hall. Mr Allen was asked to see what steps should be taken to prevent children from gaining access to the roof.

Educational School Outings It was agreed that the children eligible should go as usual. also that Hazel Docherty go on the 5 day stay in the Lake District with other members of her Class.

Miss Macpherson Mrs. Lowhorn reported upon the Matron having informed them of the difficulty she and Mrs. Aston were experiencing with regards to Linda Leonardis behaviour. Whilst it was felt that we should ask the Childrens Officer to remove her, it was agreed she should remain with us for the time being and that the Chairman be informed ~~informed~~ in a fortnights time as to how she had behaved meanwhile.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

The Chairman informed the Meeting that the Treasurer had gone into the new State Pension Scheme which would operate as from 1961. and as his suggestion it was agreed we should "contract in" as recommended by the National Council of Social Service.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills & Wages to.

Wages	£219.18.6	Percy Earle	£59 11.9.	Alcon	£9.14.5
Briggs Laundry	25.16.9	W.H. Collins Ltd	53 11.4	E. Cookson & Son	19.5.2
J. Harrison & Sons	4.19.4	W. Kilner Ltd	8.4.10	James E. Foss	4.6.0
Mellbrook & Sons	12.14.4	A. Newson & Son	25.8.2	N.Wes. Gas Board	6'6'8
N.W. Electy Board	14 16 2	Pearson Coy (Wages)	8.2.11	Pearson & Sons	26.10.0
" " "	6 10.6	" " (SCHOOL MEALS)	8 8.0	T.S. Watson	3.10.0.
SHIRT & UNDERCLOTHING Co LTD	5.16.2	T. Hague & Co.	2.13.6	J.R. Whittaker	65.20
R. Oldham Ltd	4.8.11	Pearson Coal Co	16 17.6		

£616 14.11

Chairman

11/5/60

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 11th May 1960 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Miss L.M. Margerison (Chairman) Mrs M. Dorlin, Mrs. R.N. Williams, Mr J.H. Allen, Mr Cartmell, Mr A Horner, Mr E.R. Kernaghan, and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Notices of apology were noted from Mr. Maxwell Mr Southworth and Mr. Turner. The Secretary to send Mr Maxwell good wishes for an early recovery from his indisposition.

Minutes: These were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Statement: It was noted Mr Southworth had been unable to prepare same.

Bills & Wages totalling £538.12.4. were approved for payment. To which £9.13.6 was subsequently included for ~~Em~~ Emblems from the ~~B.T. Co~~ Ephemeral J.H. Button Co.

~~Exc~~ Admission of Alan Kellett. This boy's temporary emergency admission was noted and approved.

Sylvia Worden, and Linda Leonard. The Secretary's further report regarding Sylvia was noted, and it was agreed he should report again at the next Meeting. Linda to remain with us for the time being.

children gaining access to Mission roof. Mr Allen reported result of his inspection and it was agreed to leave matters as they are for the present.

Requirements Nine boys suits and a new tube for the childrens television if found necessary were approved. Mr Allen to see to repairs to the seesaw and Wildings the swings.

Appointments of staff. Wildings having completed the cottage decorations it was agreed we advertise for a resident cook who would also act as relief housemother as a salary of £280 per annum. In the event of a married woman being engaged the husband would follow his own employment and in return for spare time duties 15/- per week be deducted from £2.10.0 chargeable for board &c.

Sub-Committee's Report re Improvements & Alterations Scheme. This matter was left over until the next Meeting on 4th June when, it was hoped, there would be a full Committee.

Resignation of Mr Rhodes. In view of his state of health Mr Rhodes' letter of resignation was accepted with much regret. At the same time members paid tribute to his 10 years of devoted and valued service which he had always given to the work. Mr Rhodes to be written in suitable terms.

Other business. Buildings to be asked to include painting of outside of 3 doors in Cottage passage and skirting to foot of stairs. Also that ~~Exterior~~ sports and window frames etc. at Mission Hall be painted leaf green.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills &c

Wages	£239. 15. 10	Petty Cash	£54. 7. 3.	Alston	£7. 11. 6.
Bragg Laundry	35. 2. 5	R.H. Collins Ltd	32. 1. 1.	Evers Ltd	6. 11. 5.
Cookson Sons	19. 6. 7.	Guardian Press	2. 10. 0.	Harrison Sons	4. 5. 6.
Calderbrook Sons	43. 9. 6.	H.W. Taylor Ltd	14. 17. 6.	Alfewson Sons	25. 7. 0.
Preston Coal Co	13. 4. 7.	Preston Corporation	8. 10. 0	Preston Laundry Ltd	18. 7. 4.
T.G. Watson	2. 2. 10.	B.T. Ltd	5. 10. 0		

£533. 12. 4.

Plus Universal Batt Co 9. 13. 6

£543. 5. 10

J. D. Maxwell

8/6/60

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday 8th June 1960 at 4 pm.

Present: Mr A. J. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr J Hallam. Mr C J Conran. Mr A Horner Mr E R Kennaghan Miss L M Mungerison. Mrs W Parkinson Mr J Turner. Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mrs. Williams and Mr. Finch.

The Minutes were accepted as read.

The Treasurer presented his Financial Statement which was adopted, and from which it was noted a further £245 7. 0. had been received from the Estate of the late Edith Maud Marsden. £695.11.7. Bills & Wages were approved for payment. The Secretary's Report was accepted

Sylvia Worden. It was noted Sylvia had committed further offences and that developments were awaited.

Mr Mrs Brewitt. The Sub-Committee's appreciation of Mrs Brewitt as Cook and Relief Joseph Mother, and that Mr Brewitt assist in work of handyman during his spare time was confirmed. Salary

and conditions being as agreed at the last Meeting.

John Slater. Mrs Slater's application for return of John was agreed to subject to the W.D.P.C.C. being satisfied that proper arrangements were made for his care.

Children's Holidays. Arrangements made were approved. Spending money to be 12/6 to £1. for each child according to age.

Christmas Collecting Stockings. Having an adequate stock it was agreed we leave ordering further supplies until next year.

Requirements, viz: Two dozen T Shirts and 2 dozen shorts were approved also line for entrance to the cottage and a carpet for Mr Mrs. Astons bedroom.

Sub-Committee's Report re Improvements scheme the recommendations submitted were noted and it was agreed the dormitories be furnished on the lines suggested, also that decorations for same be proceeded with; as to ground floor improvements however having regard to Mrs Boulmins suggestion of open planning for the girls' dayroom it was agreed that the matter be gone into and that a further report be presented at the next Meeting, also that Mrs Boulmin

be co-opted as a member of the Sub-Committee
As the same time members were thanked
for their report and the time they had
given to consideration of same.
The Chairman undertook to see what the
possibilities were of obtaining material
being obtained at a reduced price.

Date of next Meeting. It was agreed this
be on Wednesday, 10th August next.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the
Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £229.13.9. Perry Bank £63.12.3. Alcan £3.13.6
Briggs Laundry 26.2.7. G.H.Collins Ltd 36.18.8. E.Cookson Esq 18.7.6
T.Harrison Esq 4.10.1. Guardian Press 66.9.7 Cleckheaton 35.15.4
Alcan Esq 23.14.10. Wakefield Ltd 3.14.0. H.Wraglee Ltd 15.16.8
North Riding Gen Board 7.4. R.Oldham Ltd 6.17.2. T.Watson 6.17.0.
" " " 7.6.10 Pearson Fairley Ltd 23.13.11 Preston Coal Co 25.9.7
Preston Corporation £7 14.0.

£69 5.11.7.

J. Thapman
10/8/60.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home on Wednesday, 10th August 1960 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr. A.J. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr. H. Wadsworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss L.M. Margerison, Mr. J.H. Allen, Mr. C.J. Cannas Mr. A. Hoyner Mr. J. Turner and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mrs. Parkinson, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Finch and Councillor Taylor.

Minutes: These were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Statement: The Treasurer outlined the financial position which was considered to be very satisfactory and in connection with which it was noted he had received £8659 in Cash, £8912- 3½% War Stock, and £1625 4% Consuls from the Estate of the late J.W. Hilton. The investment of £4000 in 5% Defence Bonds, moved by Mr. Allen and seconded by Miss Margerison was approved. It was also noted a legacy of £50 0.0. from the Estate of the late Miss M. Gillespie had been received per the Public Trustee, Kingsway WC2

Bills & Wages amounting to £563.9.6 were approved for payment.

arising from the Secretary's Report it was noted the Preston Chippy Co. had again presented us with sandals for each member of the family, and that the members of the Preston Poor Children's Fund had donated £30 towards cost of clothing. It was also noted that the Flag Day held on June 18th in certain districts in the County Police area had been successful and that we were indebted to Mrs. Kennaghan and her helpers for the Fulwood collection.

Admission of Children. That Emergency admissions of Margery Worden & Irene Hopkins were approved.

Sylvia Worden. The Secretary's further report was noted.

84th Annual Meeting. It was agreed that this be held in November as usual. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman to call upon the Mayor, who would be asked to preside as usual. As speakers it was agreed the Rev Woodthorpe Vicar of St. Thomas's and the Rev H. Burnley of Grimshaw Street Congregational Church be invited. and failing them the Rev. D.L. Lloyd of St Mary's and Rev Jarvis of Fishergate Baptist Church.

John Slater: The NSPCC having reported

presumably, it was noted John Slater had been returned to his mother's care.

Requirements: viz:- Two dozen hand towels were approved. It was also agreed to remove the unsightly pedestal at the entrance to the Boy's Bathroom.

Sub-Committee's Report re Decorations and Improvements. It was noted and approved that Wildings estimate of £86.0.0. for decorating the Boy's & Girl's Dormitories, Boy's Sick Room and Boy's Toilets had been accepted, also that the question of furnishing the Dormitories was still under consideration.

Resignation of Mrs. Brewitt. It was noted Mrs. Brewitt had handed in her resignation as Cook, but as she had since informed the Secretary she would be prepared to stay until after the Secretary and Matron had had a holiday, or until her husband had obtained the post he had applied for, it was agreed to advertise the position when the situation resolved itself. A single person to be engaged if possible but Mrs. Aston, failing this a married ~~couple~~ woman whose husband would follow his own employment.

Mrs. Aston. In view of the Secretary's

observations a report to be presented at the next Meeting.

Other Business. Mr Carrath raised the question of filling a vacancy on the Committee suggesting Mr Wilson Glass of "Barnfield" Barnoldswick. It was therefore agreed to grit the matter considerating when more members were present.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages re.

Wages £55.14.0 Perry Bush £51.13.9. Alston £11.4.7
Bailey Co 4.18.4 G H W Collins Ltd 31.19.9 Cookson Thos 16.11.8
Harrison Sons 3.2.3 Cheddlebrook Thos 1.4 Newsome Thos 26.14.2
Preston Coal Co 6.12.6 Preston Corporation (MEALS) 47.12.0 T S Watson 3.19.0.
Preston Dairies Ltd 23.14.7. " " (HIRE) 7.0.0. Briggs Laundry 9.2.2
Shuttleworth Clothing Co Ltd 4.8.4 Preston Dist. Nurses Board 11.1.3.

£256.9.8.

Chairman.

Minutes of Meeting held at the Childrens Home on Wednesday. 21st September 1960 at 4 pm.

Present. Miss L Wanegrion. (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mrs M Poulmin Mrs R S Williams Mr J H allen Mr G J Cairnes Mr D Finch. Mr A Bowen Mr E R Kernaghan. Mr J Turner the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mr Maxwell and Councillor J W Taylor

The minutes were approved as read.

Financial Statement. Mr Southworth presented his Statement of Accounts which was accepted. Arising therefrom it was noted he had received a legacy of £2369.9.9. from the Estate of the late Edith Mary Cookson. It was also noted and ~~agreed~~ approved that a further £1000 had been invested in 5% Defence Bonds, and that £2000 had been placed "on deposit" at the Bank.

Bills & Wages totalling £593.11.2. were approved for payment.

Application for admission of Carl Chapman. This was approved for a period of 6 months. The Secretary to see what arrangements could be made re the boy's National Assistance Allowance being paid to us.

Annual Meeting. It was noted this had been fixed for Thursday 3rd November at the Town Hall and that the Mayor would preside; also that the Speakers would be the Rev. J Waddington and the Rev H Burnley as proposed at the last Meetings.

Vacancy of Cook. The Secretary's recommendation that Mrs. Wilson, at present employed in a Manchester Society's Holiday Home, was engaged approved. The ladies of the Sub-Committee and the Matron to see to furnishing of the bedroom vacated by Mrs MacAdam.

Sub-Committee's Report re Decorations and Extension of Work. It was noted Building were about to commence the decorating of the Dormitories &c.

Mrs. Acton. It was noted that Mrs. Acton had been most cooperative and having moved across to the cottage end of the Home that she and her family were now comfortably housed.

Committee Vacancy. Upon discussion it was unanimously agreed to invite Mr William Slater to become a member.

Date of next Meeting. This Meeting which would also be for Dinners, to be on Wednesday 26th October next at 3.15 pm.

Other Business. The Chairman informed the Meeting of Houses seen by herself & Mr Maxwell & other members of the Sub-Committee in connection with our enquiries re the proposed Family Group Home. In addition to contacting Agents it was decided to advertise our requirements.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c

Wages	£242.19.6	Petty Cash	£55.11.7	Briggs Laundry	£25.11.2
G W Collins Ltd	H.A.	I. & Cookson & Sons	18.16.8	Eaves Ltd	5.16.8
J. Harrisons	3.10.3	London Assurance	13.12.6	Afflewood Nurs	31.13.10
Cliffe Lebrook Dairy	1.18.4	R. Oldham Ltd	5.7.9	Pearson Coal Co	8.13.4
Pearson Daniels Ltd	26.8.6	Pearson Corp (SCHOOL DINNERS)	30.12.0	T & Watson	3.16.0
Rochdale Group Services	2.6.5	Goldings	34.9.2	H Whitehead	30.9.4
Lancs Evening Post	1.7.6	North Western Gas Board	6.8.7		
					£593.11.2

J. Thapnell
26/10/60.

Minutes of Committee of Trustees Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday 26. Oct 1960 at 3.15 pm

Present Mr A. J. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southwood (Hon. Treasurer) Mr J.H. Allen, Mr T. Finch, Mr E. Farrar Mr A. Hoover, Mr E.R. Kernaghan, Miss L.M. Macpherson, Mrs M. Tomlinson, Mr. L.W. Black, Mr J. Turner & the Secretary

The Secretary offered prayer.

Before proceeding with the Agenda the Chairman welcomed Mr L.W. Black present for the first time.

Minutes. These were accepted as read.

Financial Statement. The Treasurer presented his Statement of Accounts prepared for submission at the Annual Meeting which was accepted. At the same time grateful thanks were expressed for his services and for all he was doing for the work in general.

Eighty-fourth Annual Report. Subject to one or two amendments this was accepted as read.

Family Group Home. It was noted that two replies had been received in response to our advertisements but as neither home was suitable it was agreed that the Secretary should write the owners concerned accordingly.

Secretary's Report. Arising therefrom the Chairman congratulated the ladies on the decorations Buildings had just completed.

Earl Chapman. It was noted the N.S.P.C.C. Officer had been unable to contact Mrs Chapman and it was agreed we should take Earl if this was found to be necessary.

Evening fourth Annual Meeting. It was agreed that Mrs. Tomlin ~~of the~~ should propose the usual Vote of Thanks to the Mayor and speakers, and if she could not attend, that Mr Emmass do so.

Offer of annual prize for best results in Scriptures. It was agreed that this could be put to better use by the Committee of Preston District Sunday School Union and that Mr Hindle who had written on behalf of the Trustees responsible should be informed accordingly.

Vacancy for Cook. It was agreed this post be readvertised @ £200 per annum, also that the salary of this Post, the Boys House mother, should be increased to this figure.

Sub-Committee's Report re Improvements scheme. Mrs Mawson reported on what had been done and that curtains and bedcovers were being attended to, also that a further Meeting was to be held in due course

Requirements viz: Two dozen handtowels, 6 raincoats and coats for the 3 older girls were approved. Mr. Allen to see to the improving the hot water supply for the Cottages and buildings to whitewash the boilerhouse and adjacent cellars.

Christmas Breakfast. Five hundred children to be provided for. Each child to be given a bag. and the usual foodstuffs &c. viz: Three cakes a meat pie an apple biscuits and chocolate. The Secretary to see Mr Blackadder of Simmons Brewhouses Ltd., Cowley Road. Blackpool re his offer of toys. The Mayor and Mayoress to be invited as usual.

Date of next Meeting. This to be on Wednesday 20th November at 4 pm. and no Meeting to be arranged for December.

Resignation of Mr Spencer as Trustee. It was agreed to accept Mr Spencer's resignation with regret. As the same time the Secretary to thank him for all he has done for the work. In view of Mr Spencer's resignation and other vacancy it was agreed that Mr L M Macpherson and Mr B J Carran be appointed Property Trustees. Our Hon Solicitors to be instructed to deal with preparation of Trust Deed &c. after Securities had been inspected at the Bank in connection with annual audit.

Other business: Mr. Allen drew attention to Hazel Docherty, aged 11, having recently had an operation for turned eyes and expressed gratification with the result and of all that such would mean to her.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages paid	£234.12.2.	Petty Cash	£55.6.9.	J.J. Allen & Sons	£1.4.6.
Alstons.	12.11.0	Briggs Laundry	25.18.11.	Cookson & Sons	19.72
G.H.D. Collins Ltd	39.6.7.	Carnan & Son Hovenden Ltd	21.18.6	Harrison & Sons	4.14.10.
Foxham Garages Ltd	1.11.3.	Middlebrook & Sons	2.17.6	H.W. Naylor Ltd	3.0.6
Alfred Wilson & Son	26.16.8.	Preston Coal Co.	15.15.10	N.W. Electricity Board	11.6.5
Preston Corpn. (Meals)	29.17.0.	Preston Dairies Ltd	28.2.7.	T. Watson	3.13.0.
Hunt & Underclothing Co Ltd	1.4.7.	Keystone Book Co.	8.8.0	J.A. Taylor (Refrigeration) Ltd.	5.5.0.
H. Worthington & Son Ltd	1.6.11.	Webber Ltd	5.12.6.	Phoenix Assurance	1.19.6.
Preston Rural Water Board	11.11.3	P.O. Telephones	18.15.0	Dr. A. Wallwork	26.5.0

£620.8.1.

J. D. Maxwell
30/11/60

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 30th November 1960 at 4 p.m.

Present Mr J.D. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Mr J.H. Allen Mr E.J. Emmass, Mr A. Horner, Mr E.R. Kenyon, Mrs L.M. Mayerson, Mr F.W. Shaw, Mr J. Turner Mrs R.H. Williams Councillor J.W. Taylor and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mrs. Parkinson and Mr. Finch.

The Minutes were accepted as read.

Arising from the Minutes Mr. Allen reported upon his investigation re hot water supply at the cottage end of the Home. Having regard to cost of £70 for separate heating by electricity, which would also include the Girls' washplace, it was agreed to ascertain equivalent cost of a gas fixture. Matter to be left to Mr Allen, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Financial Statements. His books being at the Auditors it was noted the Treasurer had not been able to prepare same.

~~Accounts~~ Bills & Wages totalling £663.9.0. were approved for payment.

Secretary's Report. Arising therefrom it was noted Mr Woollcock, Regional Home Office Inspector, had requested we keep his Department informed of developments re proposed Family Group Home and it was agreed to invite the Inspectorate to look over any property we might be interested in.

It was also noted the Mayor & Mayoress would look in at the Mansion Hall at 8 o'clock on Christmas morning.

Infirmary Warden. The Secretary's report was noted and it was agreed that, should she commit any further offence, to report to the Probation Officer.

Stanley Padley. The Secretary's report to the Blackburn Officer was noted.

"Lancashire Evening Post" appeal. It was agreed to leave this matter to the Proprietors.

Annual Meeting. The Chairman referred to the Mayor's remarks re an Offertory being included on the Agenda and the matter was left over for further consideration. The question as to the necessity for two speakers was again raised and it was agreed to leave this matter until the next Meeting.

Christmas arrangements. It was noted the usual arrangements were being made both for the Christmas Breakfast at the Mission and celebrations at the Home.

Boy Service. Mr Emmett Mr Allen & Mr Donaghue to attend the service at Leyland Congregational Church on Sunday, Dec 11th. at 2.15 pm The Chairman & Mr Turner to accompany Mr Lucas to Edgwick Church for 1.15 the following Sunday & Miss Magerison & Mr & Mrs Dean to go to the Englewhite Congregationals Sunday School, also on Dec 18th for 1.45 pm Mr Southworth to attend St James' Sunday School the same Sunday at 2.15 pm.

It was also noted Mr. Nixon was going to the Penworthum Congregational Sunday School on Sunday. December 11th.

John Dobson's Christmas present. It was agreed seven Old Age Pensions again be given £1. each.

New Years Sunday School party. This was arranged for Saturday, 4th February 1961. and agreed to ask Mrs. Dobson to distribute prizes for regular attendances.

Requirements, viz:- Six boys raincoats a dozen single bed sheets, and a blind for Miss Woods bed-sitting room were approved. Mr. Allen to fix an additional clothes rack in the kitchen. With regard to better lighting ~~above~~ for the Mission platform it was left to the Secretary to see if there was a suitable point whereby an additional light could be fixed. It was also agreed to replace the old type of clock by an electric one.

November bills. No meeting being arranged for December it was agreed the Treasurer be authorised to pay same on being presented by the Secretary.

Staff. It was noted that whilst temporary help had been obtained for the kitchen work, that a resident Cook was still wanted, and that the Secretary was

readvertising the post. It was agreed to have extra office help over Christmas, for which £2 per week would be paid.

Relative to Vincent Waring & Co's letter re Solution for the Estate of the late Thomas Lewis the Treasurer was asked to inform them that we would be agreeable to the deceased annuitants share of the estate being added to that being paid to the remaining two annuitants.

Excursions Scheme

The Chairman reported that further property had been seen in Falwood but same was not what we wanted. At the same time it was agreed the number of children to be accommodated should not be more than 6.

The Emergency Admission of Mr Scallans 4 children for 5 or 6 weeks was approved.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £281.0.5. Petty Cash Hort. 2.1. Briggs Laundry £29.10.1.
Gt W Collins Ltd 34.8.2. E Cookson & Sons 17.11.11. Harrison & Sons 3.16.5.
James E Post & Co. Middlebrook Ltd £50.16.4. A Newsum & Son 28.7.9.
North West Gas Board 5.1.11 Pearson Coal Co 26.18.4. Pearson Carter & Sons 25.6.0.
" " " 8.16.8 Pearson Dawson Ltd 22.14.3. T Sharp & Co 1.7.6.
J W Whittaker Ltd 30.9.4. T & J Watson 1.12.0. Groves Ltd 8.11.8
A J Allen & Sons Ltd 65.7.6. Hunt Rhydle Clothing Co Ltd 313.8

£663.9.0

J. D Maxwell
11/1/16

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 11th January. 1961 at 4 pm.

Present: Mr. A.T. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr. J.H. Allen Mr. A. Howes Mr. E.R. Kernaghan Mr. J. Finch Miss L.M. Margerison Mrs. M. Poulain Mr. J. Turner Mrs. R.H. Williams and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mr. G.J. Carrads. Mr. A.G. Harris. Mr. H.W. Southworth and Councillor Taylor.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as read.

Before proceeding with matters of business the Chairman thanked members who had attended the Christmas Services as arranged. In connection with the Leyland Congregational Toy Service it was noted that next December would be the 50th consecutive occasion.

Bills & Wages totalling £775. 1. 6 for November and £625. 14. 7. for December already paid as agreed were confirmed.

Treasurer's Statement. In view of Annual audit it was noted none was available.

Secretary's Report. Arising therefrom it was noted Linda Leonard had run away from her foster in Colne and that Mrs. Hacker,

the Children's Officer, had asked if we could readmit her, should Linda not settle down. The matter was therefore left over to await developments.

Admission of children. The temporary admission of John Calvert was approved.

"Lancashire Evening Post" appeal. It was noted that that £1339 had been raised to date and that same was slightly in excess of last year at the same time.

Sylvia Wooden. Sylvia having committed further offences since the last meeting it was agreed the Secretary should see the Probation Officer.

Flag Day. For the Borough the Secretary was asked to make the usual application for the County Police area it was noted that application had already been made for most of the usual Districts outside town for June 17th. At the same time it was agreed members seek to obtain sellers in their own Districts, and that Mr J Turner and Mr A.W. Slater cooperate with Mr. Nixon in preliminary arrangements.

Thomas Lewis, deceased. It was noted that the Treasurer had duly written the Solicitors concerned and that reply was awaited.

Annual Meeting. After further discussion it was agreed to continue to have 2 speakers who would be asked to limit their talk to 5 minutes each. In preparation both to be invited to visit the Home together when each could decide upon the time he should take. It was also agreed the usual afternoon should continue but that same should be described as a Collection for the Home.

Requirements. Mr Allen reported that Mallows had completed supply of hot water to the cottage and adjacent washplace for the girls. Other requirements were agreed viz: 2 dozen hand towels 2 dozen pillow cases and wire guards over Boys' & Girls' W.C. doors. and windows of the garden shed. It was also agreed the Secretary obtain a new typewriter costing about £35. Lighting of Mission main hall. It was agreed Hanglots be asked to fit six 14" White Opal Spheres with Bronze Mantle Cap fittings and Bronze chain as per their quotation of £32.0.0. less additional cost of moving lights from over the platform which should remain in their present position.

Quotations for 100,000 House to House Collecting envelopes. Tenders to be obtained from Seeds, Mathews & Ambler.

Audit of Accounts. Davies Crane having recently completed their annual audit the Secretary was asked to express the Committee's indebtedness and to render grateful thanks.

Home Office Refresher Courses for 1961. These were duly noted but it was regretted that shortage of staff again prevented our participation.

Other business. The Chairman informed the Meeting that the search for a suitable Family Group Home was still continuing.

Charities Act. The Chairman undertook to obtain copies.

Addition to Committee. The Chairman proposed that Mr Denis Spencer be invited and on being seconded by Mrs R.H. Williams same was approved unanimously.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

1969 November bills.

Wages £228.5.10 Penny Bank £63.19.4. P.T. Co £5.10.0
Briggs Laundry 25.9.10. G.H.W. Collins Ltd 39.2.8 F.S. Cleaver £7.16.8
Cookson Sons 17.3.8 Guardian Press 1.2.6. Harrison Sons 6.19.7
Wilkinson Ltd 8.14.7 Lenghis Furniture 7.11.0. Calvert Electrical Ltd 9.0.0.
Alfewson & Son 29.10.0. Wm Gas Board 10.24 R. Oldham Ltd 7.10.10
Preston Coal Co 10 6.8 Preston Dairies Ltd 26.9.4 Taylor & Co £2.10
Preston Corporation 2.0.0. J. Blackburn & Son 92.6.11. T. Watson 24.0
J.T. Wilkinson 30.9.4.

£775.1.8

Continued over

December 1960 Bills.

Wages	£249.4.1.	Petty Cash	£65 10.2.	Alston	£3.15.0.
A Bell & Co	11.3.2.	Briggs Laundry	13.4.2.	G W Collins	£4 33.2.3.
E Carlton & Sons	25.0.3.	T Harrison & Sons	19.3.3.	James Ewens & Co	4 14.6
Chandlebrook Ltd	4 4 4	A Jefferson & Son	28 11.7.	Preston Coal Co	14.2.1
Preston Dairies Ltd	31.16.1.	Preston Co-operative Society	15.6.0.	Turner Preston Ltd	3 0.0.
T Watson	5.3.6	J H Whittaker & Co	24.7.6.	John Dobson & Co	7 0.0
Lowers Gas Board	8.16.8				

£625.14.7.

S Margerison
8/2/61.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Home on Wednesday, 8th February 1961 at 4 p.m.

Present. Miss L A Margerison (Chairman) Mrs. M. Tolmie Mr D. Finch, Mr J Gorman, Mr A W Hayes, Mr A C Spencer Councillor J W Taylor Mr J Turner Mr H W Smithwaite (Hon. Treasurer) & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

On behalf of the Committee the Chairman welcomed Mr Spencer as a fellow member present for the first time.

Apologies were noted from Mrs Williams, Mr Maxwell and Mr Hoover.

Minutes: These were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Statement: The Treasurer presented his Statement for the period October 1st

to 31st January which was accepted.

Secretary's Report: Arising therefrom it was noted Sylvia Worden had been found to have been responsible for problem theft and that, as decided at the last Meeting, the Probation Officer had been informed of each instance since she was put on probation in July last. It was also noted Mrs. Decker, the Childrens Officer, had visited Linda Leonard in Colne and that so far there was no need for us to readmit Linda.

"Lancashire Evening Post" appeal: It was noted last years second highest total of £1807 had been exceeded and that game was about to close. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman to acknowledge same in due course.

Graduated National Insurance Scheme. Having already agreed to "Contract In" it was left to the Secretary to deduct Contributions accordingly where applicable.

Children's Summer Holidays. The Secretary to arrange for another week's holiday with Mr & Mrs. Brereton known End except for those who would be going to Camp Ro.

Frenchwood Secondary School owing to Glasgow.
It was approved that the 3 children who wished to go should do so, and to include others should they decide they would like to join the excursion. In addition to the part of £2 each child to be given £1 to spend.

Quotations for Hours to Home Collecting Envelopes.
It was agreed to accept R Aird & Sons tender of £90 for 100000 manilla envelopes as against Edward Ambers price of £97 10-0 and Mather Bros Ltd £101.0.0. for the same quality of envelope.

Other business. Improvements to Boys' & Girls' Dayrooms.
As a result of a Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on Friday, 20th January last the Chairman reported on proposals arrived at which she stated, cut right across the running of the Home as had been planned. This change of policy had arisen as a result of questions put to the Matron who had expressed the view that in the best interest of the children and to obtain a good family atmosphere, with little or no structural alteration, the Home could be so divided as to provide for 3 separate family groups of both sexes. This, she had stated, could be done by making both boys' & girls' dayrooms into dining and sitting rooms and by using the existing staff room as a

dining room for the 3rd group, and so sitting room for each, to use the existing boys' quiet room. By this arrangement there would be 3 housemothers and each would be responsible for her own group. Each in turn could be responsible for the Cooking which would be on a Communal basis. Whilst this did not cancel our plan to run a separate family group home it was appreciated that the new proposals put forward as a recommendation would also serve as an experiment in running Family Group Homes and on the recommendation proposal of Councillor Taylor, seconded by Mr John Turner it was unanimously decided to proceed accordingly.

Meanwhile it was agreed the Secretary should advertise for a Resident Housemother and Resident Cook.

Bills Wages totalling £655.14.2 dealt with earlier were approved for the Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills Wages as above

Wages £236.6.1. Petty Cash £65 + 2. A Bailey & Co £4.18.4. Briggs Laundry 27.2.1. G H W Collins Ltd 40.4.1. Guardian Press 9.9.8. J. Harrison Son 5.10.3. Keystone Book Depot 2.12.6. A Kelvin Ltd 6.4.5. Micklebrook Ltd 12.19.9. H W Naylor Ltd 11.19.9. Alfreson & Son 27.15.3. Pearson Coal Co 14.2 1. Pearson Corpn Stns Manufacturing Co Ltd 55.14.0. Pearson Typewriter Co 29.10.0. Pearson Darnell 4/27.17.1. 8 11.6.3. E Cookson & Sons 19.3.6. Evans Ltd. 6.19.6. T S Watson 3.14.0. J W Whitaker Ltd 31.10.2. J J Allen & Sons 3 11.8.

£655.14.2

L M Margerison
8/3/61

Minutes of special Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Monday, 20th February 1961 at 7.30 pm.

Present. Miss L.M. Margerison (Chairman) Mrs. M Tomlinson. Mrs R.A. Williams. Mr J. Haller, Mr C.J. Connah. Mr E.R. Kernaghan. Mr W.W.M. Margerison Mr A.W. Haden Mr. A.C.D. Spencer. Mr H.V. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) and the Secretary & Councillor J.W. Taylor

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mr. Maxwell Mr Finch Mr Turner Mr Horner.

Prior to reading a copy of the Minutes of a Sub-Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15th February the Chairman explained that the general Committee had been called at short notice in view of the Matron having intimated that she would shortly be retiring, also that as the same Meeting members had been informed that Miss Wood, the Boy's Housemother had been accepted for Missionary work overseas; there was urgent need to decide on staffing arrangements and wages to be paid. At the same time it was noted from the Minutes that Mrs. Hedgewick, who had been engaged as temporary non-resident relief housemother, had since written to say she had taken up other work.

Having regard to the difficulty of engaging qualified staff owing to our salary scales

comparing unfavourably with those of local Authorities the Treasurer presented figures showing the wages and salaries paid to the present staff, & with corresponding local Authority rates, and he gave the approximate total annual increase if such were brought into line.

After discussion it was therefore agreed that with the exception of the Superintendent Matron Mr Nixon whose salaries would be decided subsequently, our scales should be brought up to the level of Local Authorities and that increases and appointments be made as under :-

(a) Mrs Astin's salary to be advanced to £405 per annum.

(b) Three part time cleaners be paid 2/- per hour

(c) As previously planned to provide for 3 family groups two resident housemothers to be advertised for as Local Authority rates

(d) Advertise for a non-resident relief housemother whose rate of pay would be 2/9½ per hour.

(e) As soon as non-resident help was obtained Mrs Morris, as present helping both with children and in cooking, to be non-resident cook but without additional wages owing to limit imposed on earnings.

It was also confirmed that there should be an annual review of salaries and wages at the end of each financial year.

a further Meeting of the Sub-Committee to be held to look into the matter of conditions of Service and other relevant features, and to co-opt the Treasurer should he be required.

Other Business:

The Treasurer informed the Meeting that he had now heard from Vincent Warning & Co Solicitors relative to the Estate of the late Thomas Lewis, who had informed him the two Annuitants Mrs Thomson and Mrs. Caldecot were being provided with additional financial help as agreed.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

L Margerison
8/3/61

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 8th March 1961 at 4 pm.

Present. Miss L M Margerison (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth (Hon Treasurer) Mrs M Parkinson Mrs R A Williams Mr J H Allen, Mr C J Garnett, Mr A Horner, Mr A E Farnaghan, Mr A C D Spencer, Councillor J Taylor Mr J Turner and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

apologies were noted from the Chairman Mr Finch Mr. Slater.

The Minutes of Meetings held on 8th and 20th February were accepted as read.

The Treasurer presented his financial Statement which was accepted. and from which it was noted (a) the Lanarkshire Evening Post appeal had realised £2013. (b) That a legacy of £50 had been received from the estate of the late Miss A.M. Gascoigne.

As the suggestion of the Treasurer it was agreed up to £2000 be invested in long dated Government Stock. as he and the Chairman deemed best. before the next Meeting.

It was noted and approved that arrangements were being made with the Bank for withdrawal of Securities and Property Deeds relative to Miss L.M. Margerison and Mr. C.J. Gannan having been appointed as Property Trustees in succession to Mr Hy Spence and the late Mr J.M. Poulmin.

Bills & Wages totalling £109.07 were approved for payment.

Secretary's Report: Arising therefrom it was noted arrangements had again been made for the children to ~~ag~~ spend a week of their summer holiday with Mr & Mrs. Brereton at Kirkcudbright on Sea.

A letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs. Berwick for the arrangements made for the girls to again join the G.F.S. party at Woodplumpton C of E School.

The appointment of Mrs. Jebb as Non-resident Relief Housemother was approved.

The Secretary's report re hearing of the Mission was noted and as same had a connection with the report of the Sub-Committee the matter was left over. The Secretary then left the Meeting.

Report of the Sub-Committee: Mr Southworth presented the Sub-Committee's Report and recommendations and the following matters were approved:-

Holidays. Housemothers to have three weeks annual leave plus Statutory holidays; the latter to be taken by arrangement not more than 2 weeks annual holiday to be taken at one time. The non-resident housemother to be given two weeks annual leave plus Statutory holidays or days in lieu.

Pension Scheme. Resident and non-resident housemothers to be allowed to join the Social Workers Pension Fund.

Salaries: Mr Lucas salary of £940 per annum to be increased to £650 plus the £52 Expenses allowance with effect from 1st March 1961. Mr & Mrs. Slater's joint salary to be increased to £1150 per annum with effect from 1st March 1961. and to be reviewed on Mrs. Slaters retirement. Mrs. Aston to be appointed Senior Housemother with an increase of £25 per annum in her salary. The Matron to be asked to train Mrs Aston in buying ordering and catering &c. Mr Aston to be offered £9 per week as Resident Worker The charge of £1 per week for his two children to continue as hitherto: viz 10/- per week each.

On recall, after expressing thanks, the Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

The Chairman expressed her personal thanks to Members of the Sub-Committee for their attendance at frequent meetings, often at short notice, and for the time they had devoted to consideration of the various matters involved. She also thanked the Treasurer for the report and recommendations which he had prepared at short notice.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages	£ 22.10.	Petty Cash	£5.9.1.	Alston	£5.15.11.
Briggs Laundry	27.11.1.	G.H.Collins Ltd	28.19.0.	James & Poss	3.3.0.
Conroy & Jones.	4.14.8.	T. Harrison & Sons	5.3.0.	6 W. Mallows Ltd	75.0.0 ~~47.18.8~~
Laxhams Garages	4.18.8.	Middlebrook & Sons	15.8.8.	H.Wharton Ltd	43.18.8
Mawson & Son	29.13.0.	Person Coal Co	17.18.9.	Person Corpin	28.2.0.
H. Vers Gas Board	8.16.8	Person Dames Ltd	26.5.3.	T Sharpe & Co	1.6.6
" " "	6.9.3	T Watson	2.16.6	J.H.Whittaker	1.10.2.
" " "	2.13.10.	S Baldwin & Sons	3.12.10.	A Nixon	6.3.0.
Hurst & Underclothing Co Ltd.	3.13.6.	E Wilson & Sons	16.7.3.		

£309.0.7.

Emergency
12/4/61

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home, on Wednesday, 12th April 1961 at 4 pm

Present: Miss L.M. Margerison in the Chair. Mr. H. allen, Mr. V. Finch, Mr. A. Horner, Mr. E.R. Kenaghan Mr. A.J. Maxwell, Mr. A.W. Slater, Mr. A.C.D. Spencer. Mrs R. H. Williams Mr. H.W. Southwood (Hon. Treasurer) and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mrs. Tomlinson Mr. Garnar and Mr. Turner.

Minutes, with a slight addition in respect of maintenance payable for Mr. & Mrs Aston's daughters these were accepted as read.

The Treasurer's Statement: The Treasurer was unable to present his usual Statement, but informed the Meeting that receipts for March in respect of subscriptions and maintenance etc were much the same as usual. In addition, it was noted, however, that as a result of the firm of J & Baxter & Co Ltd., having been taken over by the Leyland & Birmingham Rubber Co the £500 £1 shares we had received in 1939 by the Will of the late Mrs. E.J. Hurst had realised £2000 and that he had also received a legacy of £500 from the Estate of the late R.E. Smalley, one time Treasurer of the Mission. It was also noted that £2000 had been invested in Long dated Government Stock as agreed at the previous Meeting. At the same time, as this suggestion, the Treasurer was authorised to invest a further £1000 in 5½% Treasury Stock.

Bills & Wages totalling £653. 9. + were approved for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's report it was noted that our application for a town flag day had not been successful. Relative to the raising of funds Mr. Maxwell referred to the Borough Treasurer's suggestion that we should make application to run a dance at the Public Hall next year which was also duly noted.

Mission Annual Outings. viz. Cost of transport for Sunday School to Southport and Cost of tea for Mrs. Spencer's Women's Class were approved.

Manse requirements viz:- Six tablecloths were also approved.

Servicing of Electric Potato Peeling machine. It was agreed to accept the service as proposed by Berry & Warmington.

Sub-Committee's Reports. (a) Mr Acton. The Treasurer reported on result of the interview he and Mrs Margerison had with Mr. Acton and that he had accepted the Committee's offer of residential employment as the Hams on terms agreed at the last Meeting, such employment to commence on Monday. 8th May next.

(b) Interview with applicants for post of residential housemother. Mrs Margerison reported on Interviewing Committee's interview with Mrs Hilcit whom, apart from other considerations, it was felt was too old. In consequence it was agreed a Display Advert should be inserted in the "Lancashire Evening Post" as the same time it was agreed we should approach the Almoners at Matrons of our local hospitals who might be able to put us in touch with likely women.

(c) Mr. Nixon's expenses allowance. Miss Margerison reported as noted and as suggested it was agreed to leave matters as they are until the next review of salaries &c in September.

(d) Family Groups. Miss Margerison informed the Meeting the Sub-Committee was not yet in a position to present a report but it was hoped to present its recommendations in part (if not the whole) by the next Meeting.

Emergency of 5 children from Salford. The admission of Wendy, Ann, Helen Ray and Terrance Derbyshire during the period their mother would be in hospital was approved. The Secretary to consult with Mr Hughes of the Manchester Children's Welfare Society as to their charges for Local Authority children and to make a similar charge of not less than £5 weekly for each child for the time they would be in our care. The charges at present made to the Preston Local Authority in respect of Stanley Radley to be increased when we put our scheme of Family Groups into operation.

Other Business. Mr. Maxwell expressed grateful thanks to Miss Margerison, who had deputised for him during the two months he had been unable to attend, and to the Sub-Committee for the time they had continued to give to various matters; that such be recorded

in the Minutes and that he approved of everything that had been done.

Mr Allen raised the question of the possibility of obtaining Cheaper Oil and same was left over to be voted upon at the next Meeting.

County Flag Day. It was noted arrangements had been made for Mr. Nixon to meet organisers and helpers at Mrs. Turner's for Tulwood, at Mrs. Collins' for Walton le Dale ~~at~~ for Penwortham after which Mr. Nixon should meet Mr. Turner Mr Slater and Mr Spencer at the Home to discuss arrangements generally. It was also agreed the 3 members named form a Sub-Committee for money raising by Flag Days & House to House Collections &c. in cooperation with Mr. Nixon.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £301.12.8. Petty Cash £6.14.7. Alston £7.6.
S Bailey & Co 4.18.4. Briggs Laundry 3.17.8 G & W Collins 6.19.2
E Cookson & Sons 18.13.4. Harrison & Sons 5.7.8 C Middlebrook & Son 8.17.0
Alfewson & Son 27.7.6. James & Pool 3.5.0 N.W.GAS Board 8.16.8
Preston Coal Co 10.6.8 SHIRT & UNDERCLOTHING Co 5.18.2 Preston Laundry Ltd 2.8.6.7.
J & W Whittaker Ltd 31.10.2. S Wilding & Sons 23.18.11. Eaves Ltd 5.9.3
T.G. Watson 4.13.6

£153.9.4.

J. Maxwell
10/5/61.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 10th May 1961 at 4 p.m.

Present. Mr A.J. Maxwell (Chairman) Mrs L.M. Mangerson Mrs R.H. Williams Mr A. Horner Mr E.R. Kennaghans Mr. A.C.D. Spencer and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mr Allen Mr Finch Mr. Farrar Mr Southworth Mr Slater & Mrs. Parkinson. It was also noted Mr. Turner was not well and the Secretary was asked to convey good wishes to him.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as read.

The Chairman presented the Treasurer's Statement which was considered to be very satisfactory.

Bills & Wages totalling £585. 8. 9. were approved for payment.

It was noted the five children admitted temporarily from Dalford had returned home and that an account of £82.10.0 had been sent to the Childrens Officer for maintenance, also that William Robinson's parents being able and willing to look after him the boy had returned home.

The emergency admission of Rinaldi and Yvonne Goodwin was approved.

Oil contracts: It was noted the existing contracts would expire on 31st August 1962.

Staff. Miss Margerison informed the Meeting she had had a word with Miss Cartwright of the "Lancashire Evening Post" as to the possibility of our requirements being mentioned in that paper, and as our advertisements had been unproductive, it was agreed the Editor be approached as to whether a reporter might visit the Home when she together with the Secretary, would outline our plans of providing for separate family groups and requisite staff for same which could be presented as publicity.
Meanwhile a further "advert" to be inserted in the "Post" on lines suggested in Mrs. Tomlinson's letter.

Requirements vcg:- Half a dozen boys suits were approved. Reference to the Prime Press quotation for Christmas Stockings it was agreed to ask for prices for plastic materials instead of net and to substitute something else for the photograph of one of the children.

Home Office One Day Courses for Staffs of Children's Homes It was agreed to recommend that Miss Carton attend the Course to be arranged in Manchester.

Date of next Meeting. This to be on Wednesday, 7th. June.

Finance Committee. The Secretary to arrange for Mr Spencer & Mr Slater to meet Mr. Nixon at an early date.

Sub-Committees Report re Family Groups. This report, a copy of which appears overleaf, was read by the Sub-Committee Chairman, Mrs L.M.Margerison and was accepted, except that Taylors be asked to report on condition of wiring and electrical installation forthwith. In view of small attendance it was felt desirable that a copy of the report should be sent to absent members who, in view of the urgency of certain matters, should be asked to give their personal approval.

Mr Nixon's Expenses Allowance. It was noted that in view of his recent increase of £3.0.0. per week Mr Nixon did not wish to make any change for petrol as he had done hitherto.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills ✓d.

Wages	£28.15.5	Petty Cash	£64.13.6.	Alston	£5.1.0.
Briggs Laundry	2.11.3.	R.T. Ltd.	5.10.0.	G.W.Collen Ltd	27.10.7.
E Cookson & Sons	15.0.5	T.Harrison & Sons	4.4.7.	W.Holmes Ltd	2.12.11.
A Newson & Son	28.5.6	C.Middlebrook & Sons	24.3.3.	Preston Coal Co	12.19.7.
Preston Dairies Ltd	18.14.1.	Shirt Under-clothing Co Ltd	1.6.7.	N Jones & Co Ltd	19.0.0.
T.J Watson	4.0.0.				

£585.8.9.

J.D.Chapman
7/6/61.

SHEPHERD STREET MISSION

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

May, 1961.

The Sub-Committee are conscious that they have taken a considerable time in preparing this report and making these recommendations, but we have gone very thoroughly into every aspect of the problem of dividing the existing premises into three family group homes, without the necessity of making any structural alterations, and, subject to suitable staff being available, the following are our recommendations.

Three family groups of mixed sexes should be formed, as already agreed by the Committee, and we suggest they consist of 12 children in the present girls room, 12 in the boys room and 6 in the house. These numbers being the maximum in each instance.

We suggest that the present girls room is divided into a dining room and sitting room, by the use of suitable furniture, and that the wash place be made into a kitchen for washing up for that family group; the existing wash basins to be removed and replaced by a sink with fixed draining boards, and cupboards placed on the walls at either end for the crockery, cutlery, etc. This work to be put in hand as soon as possible - Estimate £88.

The present boys room to be similarly divided with furniture, but as this room is very cold, additional radiators to be provided at a cost of £30. Mrs. Toulmin has kindly offered a Courtier stove which could be usedin this room if necessary. The quiet room off the boys room to be used by this family group, and the marble mantlepiece and glazed bricks over the mouth of the fireplace to be removed and the wall made good.

No alterations appear to be necessary in the house, though some decorating may have to be done.

These changes would require alteration in lighting, and power points would be required. We, therefore, recommend that Naylors be asked to examine and report on the wiring and electrical installation of the premises, before any extra load is added to what must be very old wiring.

If the Committee agree with and pass the Sub-Committee's recommendations, we would then go ahead and submit estimates for the decorations, furnishing and fittings necessary.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday, 7th June 1961 at 4 o'clock.

Present: Mr A.J. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr H.W. Southworth (Hon. Treasurer) Miss L.M. Margerison, Mr J.H. Allen, Mr C.J. Cannam Mr E.R. Kennaghan, Mr D.W. Slater, Councillor J.W. Taylor and the Secretary Mr. A.D. Spencer

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mrs Dorkin Mrs Williams & Mr Finch.

The Minutes were accepted as read.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his Statement of Accounts which was accepted. It was noted he had received an ~~anonymous~~ legacy of £2.0.0. from the estate of the late F.H. Austin, which was required to be recorded anonymously.

The Treasurer drew attention to the Bank mandate in connection with the signing of cheques and it was resolved that a Banking account be continued with the District Bank Limited at their Fishergate Preston Branch and that the Bank be and is hereby empowered to honour cheques drawn on the said account by the Treasurer and one ~~Member of the Committee~~ of the Property Committee whether or not an overdraft be created or increased thereby.

Bills & Wages totalling £711.1.6 were approved for payment.

arising from the Secretary's report, as umbrella of the Finance Committee. Mr. Fluker and Mr. Spencer reported on their discussion with Mr. Nixon relative to the raising of funds and from which it was noted there was room for view of the opinion that assistance to be afforded to Mr. Nixon in this respect.

From the various suggestions put forward it was agreed that at least two could be taken up forthwith, viz:- That members of the Committee assist with the annual House to House Collections in town by making themselves responsible for a limited number of streets and by making new contacts in areas not already covered, also that in conjunction with Mr. Nixon Coffee Mornings could be arranged in Dromin and out of town; Autumn being suggested. Councillor Taylor undertaking to have tickets printed for same.

Christmas Stockings: It was agreed to order 1000 from the Crinne Press in two colours of print @ £29 per 1000 as per their quotation of 16th May 1961.

Inspection & Testing of Electrical Installation It was noted that H.W. Naylor Ltd had reported the insulation resistance was up to present day requirements but that the Distribution Switch Board requires

to be brought up to date. In addition to a new switch required in one bedroom most flexes should be renewed. Their estimate of £95 was accepted accordingly. The quotation of £32.10.0 for additional sockets and lights as may be found necessary when the daywork are set out for family groups was left over until the Sub-Committee had finally decided upon its recommendations.

Visit of Miss Corbridge. Miss Margerison reported upon Miss Corbridge's visit and that she had been impressed both by what improvements had already been made and those in process of being carried out in establishing 3 Family Groups, an account of which had appeared in the Lancashire Evening Post on 5th June.

Engagement of Staff. Miss Margerison reported that the Interviewing Committee had seen 2 applicants for the posts of Resident Home Mother and on their recommendation it was agreed to engage Miss Joan Spenkman at salary advertised. At the same time it was agreed to follow up the enquiry made by Miss Gibbens as present employed by the Lancashire County Council in a Girls' Hostel of applications ~~Sub~~ Committee to see to Miss Spenkman's room being suitably furnished.

Resignement of Mrs. Hall as Matron.
although members had been aware
of the Matron's impending retirement
on 30th September next her formal
written notice was accepted with
regret. At the same time it was
recognised she had passed the ~~normal~~ accepted
retirement age and that such had to be
accepted.

Repairements viz:- A dozen girls dresses
and Cino for passage leading to Boys'
Dormitory and for panelling up in the
Cottage were approved. Mr Allen to see
to Esse flue pipe which had become
clogged. Repairs to representative's price
of £6.8.0 Each for 2 Fire Extinguishers at the
Mansion was left over pending an
appear of the Fire Depts. inspecting the
premises, as was his Fire Inspection & Insurance Contract.

Children's Holiday Spending Money. It was
agreed this be as last year viz:-
12/6 to £1. for the week for each child
according to age.

Curtains: It was agreed this matter
was in actual process of being
attended to and that the Ladies
would be in a position to report at
the next Meeting, which would be on
Wednesday, 12th July next.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £323.4.0 Petty Cash £76.18.9. Alston £4.0.0 Rugby Laundry £9.17.11. G.H.W Collins Ltd 32.2.6 E Cohen & Son 15.1.2. T. Harrison & Son 4.0.7. Guardian Press £1.5.0. James Elliott 5.10.0 Middlebrook & Son 6.1.6 Allenson & Son 28.3.0. N.W.Gas Board 5.14.9 Preston Corpn 48.1.0. Preston Dairies Ltd 24.11.9. Whalcock & Son 4.3.6. T.E Watson 3.15.0. S.B Building & Joinery Ltd. 14.4.0. Graves Ltd 4.7.0.

£711.1.6.

J. Maxwell 12/7/61.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home on Wednesday. 12th July 1961 at 4 o'clock.

Present. Mr A.J. Maxwell (Chairman) Mrs Magennis Mrs M Dorlemin Mrs R.H. Williams. Mr J.H Allen Mr J. Finch Mr E.R. Kernaghan Mr A.G. Slater and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Letters of apology were noted from Mr Garratt Mr. Longworth and Mr. Spencer.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were accepted as read with the exception of an amendment made and initialed by the Chairman re signing of cheques.

It was noted the Treasurer had not been able to prepare his usual Statement of accounts.

Flag Day Receipts. For the benefit of Flag Day Organisers and their helpers it was agreed that in future a detailed list of such collections should be included in the Annual Report subscription lists.

Bills & Wages totalling £691.9.0 were approved for payment and to which were subsequently added £26.2.4 in respect of Briggs Charley Laundry account, and £7.0.0. Preston Corporation account for hampers for Sunday School outings to Southport.

Arising from the Secretary's report it was noted the curtain material for the children's room was in process of being prepared. At the same time Mrs Williams and Mrs. Toulmin were ~~thanked~~ complimented upon the decoration and furnishing of Miss Speakman's bedroom at such short notice.

Admission of Joseph and Rosabelle Reeves and readmission of Irene Robinson were approved.

Staff. It was noted the Supervising Committee had interviewed Miss Griffiths re the post of resident housemother, and that Mrs Margerison had also interviewed a Mrs. Smithson both of whom it was decided were not suitable. The Secretary's observation regarding Miss

Arenkman was also noted, and that a third housemother was still wanted.

Fire precautions. In response to our enquiry it was noted the Fire Dept. Officers report was satisfactory, and agreed we take up a regular maintenance scheme for inspection and testing of Fire Extinguishers, also that, as suggested, 2 Extinguishers should be provided for the Mission Hall. The Secretary to contact Fejay Ltd for both requirements.

Coffee mornings. This matter was left until after the holidays.

Next Meeting. It was agreed that this be on Wednesday, 9th August next.

85th Annual Meeting. The Mayor to be interviewed after the holidays.

Other Business. The Chairman reported upon a conversation he had had with the Vice-Chairman relative to modernising the Cottage occupied by Mr & Mrs. Ashton and on his recommendation it was agreed the Sub-Committee be asked to look into the matter and to submit its report for the next Meeting.

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction.

Wages & bills &c.

Wages £272.6.8 Petty Cash £69.12.5. Alston £10.0.0.
A Barley & Co £18.4. G & W Collins £1.11. E Cockerton & Son £7.8.0
R Cooper & Sons £1.5. T Harrison & Sons £17.4. Lamb & Pow £1.7.6
Calcdalebrook & Sons £3.12.7. H W Naylor Ltd £19.4. G Newman & Son £6.4.8
Preston Coal Co £20.7.11. R Seed & Sons £7.14.10. T S Watson £5.0.0.
Preston Dairies Ltd £6.12.9. J B Wilding & Sons £9.4.0 Chris Linder. £10.18.6
clothing Co Ltd

£691.9.0

added subsequently :- Briggs Horsley Laundry £6.12.8
and Preston Corporation £7.0.0.

J. D Thompson
9/8/61.

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday
9th August 1961 at 4 p.m.

Present. Mr A. P. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr H W Southworth
(Hon. Treasurer) Mr J Hallam, Mr J. Finch, Mr E.J.
Cannon, Mr A Stones, Mr E R Kenyon Mrs L M
Margerison, Mrs. M. Zoulmin, Mrs. R H Williams
Mr A.C. J Spencer. and the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

apologies were noted from Mr Glean Mr
Turner & Councillor Taylor.

The Minutes were accepted as read.

The Treasurer presented his financial Statement
covering 2 months which was accepted. As

the same time it was noted he had received the following legacies from the Estates of Arthur Hales £336.8.10, Emma Musgrave £500 Ellen Wards ~~£292.3.11~~ £300 and Henry Pickering £292.3.11. It was also noted the Mission was to receive a Mortgage of £1000, a watch and various items of cutlery from the Estate of the late Elizabeth Mary Mercer. The watch and cutlery at present in the possession of Blackburn Parker & Co Solicitors to be picked up by the Secretary.

The Treasurer's suggestion that he be given authority to invest up to £4000 in 5½% Treasury Stock up to September 30th next was approved subject to commitments which may arise in connection with improvements and alterations in process of being discussed by the Sub-Committee.

Bills & Wages totalling £678.6.5 were approved for payment.

Arising from the Secretary's report it was noted Mr Nixon was organising House to House collections and, as previously agreed, several members undertook to make such collections in the Broadgate and Fishergate Hill area.

The temporary emergency admission of Margery Worden was approved.

85th Annual Meeting. As previously arranged the Chairman and Vice. Chairman to see the major. Choice of Speakers to be left over until the September Meeting.

Staff. Mrs Wilson's letter enquiring about post of Residents Housemother was allowed to lie on the table. The Secretary having reported that in his view Mrs. Morris keeping Residents cook was not strong enough for the work it was agreed the post be advertised. It also also agreed to readvertise for Residents Housemother. £5.0.0. to be given to Miss V. McLaughlin, Students Teacher for her help in spending a weeks with the children.

Requirements viz. A dozen single bed sheets and two dozen handtowels were approved.

Sub-Committees Report re Improvements to cottage. Mr Allens approximate figure of £700 — was noted, and it was agreed that authority be given for the work to be proceeded with.

The Secretary was asked to leave the Meeting and was later requested to record "That authority be given to Mr. Southwork to write to the Charity Commissioners on a certain matter"

The Secretary closed the Meeting with the Benediction

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £379.6.8. Peters Bank £100.14.0. Briggs Laundry £31.17.5
G&D Collins Ltd 28.10.4. E Corkerons Sons 12.4.9. Eves Ltd 7.1.0.
Harrison Sons 3.13.3 Lancs Evening Post. 2.15.0. Cathedral Stores 65.16.0.
H W Naylor Ltd 1.14.3. Alkenson Sons 22.12.3. R. Oldham Ltd 2.8.10.
Preston Dairies Ltd 21.13.9. Mrs D.A Pearson for curtains 5.10 0 Hose & Underclothing Ltd 5.0 4
Eyans Ltd 22.16.0 T & Watson 4.11.0.

£678.6.5.

J. Chapman
13/9/61

Minutes of Committee Meeting held at the Childrens Home on Wednesday, 13th September 1961 at 4 pm.

Present: Mr A.J. Maxwell (Chairman) Mr A Hoyer. Mr E.R. Kenaghan Mrs L.M. Margerison Mr D.W. Slater. Mr A.C.D. Spencer, Mrs M Toulmin & the Secretary.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mr J Hallen, Mr T. Finch, Mr C J Garnett, Mr H W Southworth, Councillor J W Taylor, Mrs R.H Williams.

In the absence of the Treasurer the Chairman presented the financial statement which was accepted & in connection with which it was noted a legacy of £2100 had been received from the Estate of the late M. Lilian Wilson.

Bills & Wages totalling £637. 0.7 were approved for payment. At the same time authority was given for the Treasurer to ~~complete the~~ pay the December bills to enable him to complete his annual Statement of Accounts.

Arising from the Secretary's report the Chairman thanked members who had themselves made house to house collection in the Fishergate Hill. Broadgate area. A letter of thanks also to be sent Flag Day Organisers

Death of Mrs. Markham. It was noted a wreath had been sent and that the Chairman had written Mr. Markham. In addition it was decided a letter of condolence should be sent from the Meeting.

Elizabeth Mary Mercers personal effects. It was decided to use the cutlery in the Home and that the Chairman should sell the watch

85th Annual Meeting. It was noted the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had invited the Mayor to preside as usual and that arrangements had been made with the Mayor for 3/pm Thursday, 7th December next, in one of the rooms at the Public Hall, the Town Hall being no longer available. As speakers it was decided to invite the Rev T Jenkinson Superintendent Minister of Lune St

Methodist Church and the Rev G.S. White. Vicar of St. Michaels Ashton in Ribble. failing these the Rev McKenny of Bamber Bridge Methodist Church and the Rev Newton Vicar of St Peters. Preston to be invited.

Honorarium for Dr Williams: It was agreed this again be Twenty-five guineas. and to be paid at the end of September.

Staff. It was noted Mrs. Blezard had been engaged as non-resident cook. and that a Miss Keighley, Sister in Charge of a local authority home at Southborough in Kent was shortly to be interviewed relative to the possibility of our requiring an experienced worker later on.

Annual Review of Salaries & Wages. This was left over until the next Meeting, ~~when~~ by which time the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer would have been able to decide that to be paid to the Secretary (subject to approval by the general Committee) in view of this no longer being resident after 30th September.

Requirements, viz: Two dozen blankets two dozen handtowels and school uniform and a mgf for the Staff were approved

Date of next Meeting. This to be on Wednesday, 8th November next at 3.15 p.m.

The Secretary left the Meeting and on recall was informed it was the decision of the Committee that after Mrs Slater's retirement on the 30th September he should continue as Superintendent Matron as hitherto and, as such, would be responsible for the care of the children and administration generally. As Senior Housemother Mrs. Aston would assume additional domestic responsibilities and the care of the children in his absence. Apart from day to day requirements all orders to be signed by the Secretary and additional requirements would be approved by the general Committee in the usual way.

Prior to the Secretary closing the Meeting with the Benediction to mark her retirement and as a token of esteem in which she was held, on behalf of the Committee the Chairman presented Mrs Slater with an electric kettle and coffee percolator. In wishing her a long and happy retirement the Chairman paid tribute to Mrs. Slater's many years of devoted service for the children which, he stated, had always been characterised by her dedication to the work of Christ, and which had been expressed in her love for very many unfortunate little ones for whose care she had been responsible.

In paying her own tribute as Vice-Chairman Miss Hargreaves referred to Mrs. Blaker's appointment as Mayor in 1934, when her father was Chairman, and her mother a member of the Committee, and of how their hopes expressed at that time had been more than fully realised both during their lifetime and since.

Bills & Wages &c.

Wages £351.18.2. Petty Cash £63.6.4 B T Ltd 5.10.0.
Briggs Laundry Ltd 25.14.0. G W Collins Ltd 37.9.3. Hodgson & Sons 16.15.6.
J Harrison & Sons 4.18.1. Walker Ltd 8.6.7. James & Todd 1.15.6.
London Assurance 13.12.6 Cuthbertson & Sons 5.2.0. Gleason & Sons 27.9.7
R Oldham Ltd 6.4.3. Phoenix Assurance Co 1.19.6. Preston Coal Co. 22.2.6.
Preston Dairies Ltd 29.16.6 T S Watson 4.0.0. Alston 3.18.0.
Lostock Garages Ltd 9.10.6. Bruce Broughton 2.4.6.

£637.0.7.

J. Thornber 8/11/61.

Minutes of Emergency Committee Meeting held at the Children's Home at 3pm on Tuesday, 17 October 1961.

Present. Mr A. J. Maxwell (Chairman) Miss L.M. Hargerison Mr Hallam
Mr G. J. Garrard. Mr E.R. Kernaghan Mr A.C.D. Greene
and the Secretary. J.M.

The Secretary offered prayer.

Apologies were noted from Mrs. Dorlonia Mr. Howes
Mr Finch Mr Skeen Mr Stonehewer Mrs Williams Abbas.

The Meeting had before it the necessity of considering the early appointments of a resident Housemother consequent upon Miss Speakman wishing to leave.

After the position had been explained by the Chairman it was agreed to offer Miss Keighley, Housemother in Charge of a Kent Local Authority Children's Home (who had recently been interviewed) the post of Matron and her assistant Miss Nelson that of Housemother. Salary to commence in Miss Keighley's case to be £450 per annum and Miss Nelson £375 per annum. Both to come early in December if possible or, otherwise, as soon as they could after December 1st. Miss Keighley to occupy the new house in charge of 6 children Miss Nelson the room used by Miss Speakman. Furnishings to be obtained as desired and Miss Nelson to be given the opportunity of coming to see us if she wished.

A. J. Maxwell
8/11/61

Bills & Wages September 1961.

Wages £390.13.4 Perry Barr £62.2.4. Alston £6.3.0.
J Gallenthorn 4.6.6 Barry & Warrington Ltd 1.10.0 Briggs Foundry 44.9.9.
G H Collins Ltd 31.7.6. R Cookson & Sons Ltd 17.13.6. J & A Comyns Ltd 1.19.11
Ernest Sons
Rowenden Ltd 21.14.6. Crowe Ltd 6.16 4. Guardian Press & 4.10.
J Harrison & Sons 3.15.3. Cuddlebrook & Sons. 73.14.7 H W Naylor Ltd 46 10 5
A Pearson & Son 29 7 5 N W Electricity Board. 19.0.5 R Oldham Ltd 3.5.1.
J H Peart 3.5 0 Preston Box Co. 2.5.0 Preston Coal Co 6.7.6.
Preston Corpn Education 3.0 Preston Borough Water Board. 23.12.3. C Seward & Co 45.1.11.
Bunge & Co Ltd 1 5.0 Preston Rural District Council. 11.6.0 Shute & Finden clothing Ltd 3.6 0
J & A Taylor Ltd 5.5 0 Trinne Pens 116 0.0 & Building & Sons 3.4.0.
J & Watson 3.14.0. Mrs M B Keighley 5.12.0

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