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God I had it in Scotland, especially in Glasgow. I was impressed by the Staff, also, for different reasons. I have some criticisms about them but the people who are there are trying to fulfill that job to the best of their ability. The improvements I would like to see in your set up here are - first of all - I don't think your office will last much longer if it's not re-organized very soon and given strong management. If there's a priest to be there he should be spending at least two and a half days a week there to give it authority, to effect the co-ordination. It should be a large clearing house, a referral house and a sort of centre from which policy and practice is initiated in Down and Connor. If that's going to happen I think it's essential that there is a priest there and that the priest should have the authority of the diocese of, your Committee and the Bishop, not to impose changes, but to initiate them, to bring people with him and I don't think it's fair on Father McCartney nor on the office or the rest of the office staff to expect him to operate that office and do all his other obligations and fulfill them satisfactorily at the same time. So I think that's something the Society would have to discuss. In Scotland we definitely need a priest in our office. I don't say that from any sense of personal pride. We need it because very often we are dealing, at a fairly high level with local authorities and they are only impressed if the priesthood is there, someone whom they know is a professional himself with authority to make decisions, who knows which or what he can effectively guarantee them. So I think it's essential it is a priest. I think it's very unfortunate about Father Lowry leaving. You wouldn't have needed me over here, so I think you'd have to settle that about the management of the Fr. McCartney office and who runs it. It would have to be somebody on, at least a two and a half day basis, otherwise you'll never get anywhere.

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I think that that office should be assisted by a Committee similar to this Committee you have here. I think it should probably be extended that you should have a separate Committee to help - call it what you like; Father calls it a Council; in England it is called a commission; in Scotland we call it also a commission of Social Welfare. This commission of Social Welfare - I don't know how far Father wants to extend it - maybe to eleven or twelve to have all agencies who are actively employed in any sort of Social Welfare in the Church in Down and Connor to be represented on that Committee so that they know what's happening and you take them with you. I would say all the major religious orders should be represented on it under the leadership of the organizer of the office.

I'd also say that you need a few more social workers in your office. I'd say if you're going to do adoption properly you need a couple of adoption officers; if you're going to do any family casework you need a couple of social workers and if you're going to give support to residential establishments, as I'd hope you would, you need at least one as a Training Officer or Residential Consultant. You're needing about another four or five in your office maybe the adoption service will eventually disappear; if so, you need a fostering service and you certainly need family casework. At the moment you'll probably have to decide your priorities and I would be the last to pick priorities - develop your adoption service and your supportive service to Residential establishments.

The one big criticism I would have about residential establishments is the Nursery - as far as I know there's no nursery accommodation in Britain that caters in a similar fashion to yourselves. They've all been phased out. The last one I knew was closed down four years ago.

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I say that in all charity; the Sister in charge there is trying to do a good job, the staff are trying to do a good job but the Book which some of you will know changed our attitude to child care was written by a Doctor John ^{Bowlby} ~~Logan~~. It was called, "Maternal Care and Deprivation of Children." and the whole of his thesis about the necessity of maternal love in the child's development and the necessity of a stable character in the child's development was based on his findings in a child's nursery the children's nursery is certainly reminiscent of some of the worst features he pointed out. With the best will in the world no girl can look after six children between the ages of nothing and three as I saw there yesterday morning. One kid was in a playpen - one of these netty things. Some say it will keep it out of harm but it's really like a prison and it's certainly not the right thing for a child.

Children need tremendous stimulation and animation and you can't give it to them in a nursery, I would say any authority visiting would be horrified - and I measure these words carefully - because it should not be tolerated. The whole purpose of family groups is that they should be fixed and the child should be brought up on an normal setting. It's certainly not a normal setting to segregate kids up to the age of five, or six or seven and to keep so many of them amassed there. You can have a nursery school, you can have a toddlers group but it does not make up for the stimulation those kiddies would get if they were part of a family group. It's not as if there's no way you could plan it better. You've got ample space and accommodation. You could split sixty kids between the family groups you have in Nazareth House places and they wouldn't be overwhelmed. It would give the groups a balance because I feel you have allowed artificial age

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groups to grow up in the family groups and you also split the children unnecessarily at the age of eleven, separating the boys from the family grouping. But the nursery first of all. It shouldn't happen nowadays. Every child should be a member of a family group so that bigger brothers and sisters will stimulate that child and look after that child the whole time and a child will very rarely be left for long periods. Sister is keeping some of the children up to seven years of age. The doctor who is in charge at the National Children's Bureau in London, Doctor Pringle in a recent document pointed out that by the time a child has reached the age of eight years of age has 50% of the vocabulary it's ever going to have and that if it does not get this vocabulary given to it somewhere before it is eight it gets a bit distressful when you're looking at institutions as we did today and yesterday to find kids who have been in residential establishments and they're stunted and backward and people are now trying to compensate by giving them a great deal of remedial education but if those kids haven't received the proper stimulation from the age of nothing to the age of six, seven or eight they'll never catch up. No amount of compensation is even going to rectify what they lost as babies. So I suggest you won't do it overnight and I know that - but in the long term you should be thinking of phasing out the nursery and you can do it fairly quickly, I'd imagine, you've a lot of groups there that start at nothing. You could introduce three or four kiddies easily to each group and it would be very good for the older children. There's nothing that brings out the good that exists even in deprived children than kiddies, because kiddies are defenceless like themselves So you'll not only help the kiddies in the nursery but you'll also help the rest of the children in the groups.

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So the nursery's out and there's plenty of ways you could use the accommodation there. Either turn it into accommodation for two or three new family groups or one family group and have a semi-reception centre because they were a great deal of shadows being passed on just how the children were admitted, what age they were admitted, how many were only admitted for short term. Both said there weren't many coming for short term. Everyone seemed to say that there weren't many coming for short term stay - for a month or two months. Each said that the other was taking them so there must be quite a lot. Maybe there is a need in your service for some sort of Reception Centre for the kids who are only coming in for a couple of months. Sister said, and I can believe this, that there are quite a number of mothers in Belfast who are suffering from illness and whose children have got to be looked after while the mother gets a month or so in hospital and then comes back to them. That might be an ideal set up for your present nursery - part of it - to turn it into a Reception Centre like that. I think it would fulfill a great need; it would give the mothers a rest and provide a basis for short-time care. It would give you a chance to look at the child before deciding where that child should actually be housed and assessing the child's needs and where they would be best met. So the nursery and I think you should inquire seriously why they're being kept on after five, six, seven at it.

The other artificial division I thought you were making was to ask some kids of eleven - some boys - to leave the family groups in Nazareth House and go to the Brothers. There's no reason for this to happen unless the boy himself has needs which can only be satisfied by the Brothers. If the boy is operating perfectly adequately and well in a group he should be left there and he shouldn't be moved just because he sits the 11+ or something, therefore he should go to a different place.

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So if boys and girls are mixed from fairly early ages they grow up treating each other as brothers and sisters. There are no serious sexual problems. The only time you have a sexual problem in mixing the sexes is if you try to introduce a boy over the age of ten, eleven twelve into a family group because then he looks upon the girls as sexual objects and they look upon him as a sexual object and you might have something going wrong but generally speaking, if a place is properly run, there's no reason why boys and girls, even adolescents, shouldn't live together in a mixed group. If you want the proof it's functioning everywhere else and it could easily function here. It would be wrong to say that there's not going to be incidents but if you're going to run a family at all there's going to be problems.

Training of Staff is the next big thing I thought was bad. Before I came over here there's been A Residential Child Care course in Belfast for many years. It's beyond me why you haven't got some of your Staff attending there and being trained in residential care of children. I find it unbelievable. All our Sisters of Nazareth in Scotland have done the year's course and here in Ireland they're asking Sisters who are teachers to do a full-time job as housemothers. I wouldn't think this is on. I think that if a Sister is teaching from nine to four she's got enough to do with-out looking after children of seven to nine from four to ten or eleven. I appreciate that the sisters of Nazareth might have difficulty with Staff, vocation and so on, but I'd imagine that something's got to give there - either Sister is a teacher or the Sister is a housemother or the kids in school or the kids in the children's home.

We find in Scotland that the children coming into care nowadays are so disturbed and so troublesome that anyone who can stand them for any length of time is doing enough. I don't know how those Sisters do it. I think they should all be given medals. But I think that

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a lot of them must be under strain, somewhere or other. You won't be able to do anything about that immediately but I would suggest that if you've any influence with the powers, try to ensure that they get reasonable holidays and they're away from the aids for a while. If any of you are teaching - priests or lay people - you know what it's like leaving school at four O'Clock and going home to face kids. I don't know how they do it. So I would suggest that if you do have a meeting with the Sisters of Nazareth they have a good appreciation of the fact that Child Care in itself, Residential Child Care - is a profession and it demands full-time study and attention and the personality of the person on the job and you can't really split yourself. If you're going to split yourself you will be looking for time off and for holidays. I appreciate that you'll have to take that up with the Nazareth House Sisters. But certainly, you can use this as evidence that they've certainly got all the Staff trained in Scotland. There's only one I can think of - a Housemother- that isn't trained and she is attending an in - service course.

This is another thing; they can't possibly free themselves for in - service training either in Child Care in education if their full day and night is taken up with teaching and then children. So I would say something should be done about that.

I would suggest that Seanor someone should write a short paper on the agencies who are doing voluntary work in your diocese - a note or what sort of voluntary work they are doing. I think that it probably hasn't been catalogued yet even yours, Sister, in Good Shepherd. I don't think Father appreciated just how much you've got going there You have a very good hostel for girls going there and I think it should be appreciated. I think you probably haven't advertized what you're doing which is bad public relations from your point of view

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with the local authority and bad for the people and bad for the priests. If you don't know what you've got going you can't use it properly and you can't assess it. The hostel which the Sisters of Good Shepherd are running for girls of the area impressed me very much. I think that it is part of your service here and I hope that Sean in his wee paper will find this out.

You certainly need a hostelfor young boys. The big thing in Child Care at the moment is continuity of care - on going Care should be offered to a child. In other words if you take a child on, like a mother and father, you don't dump the kiddy when the going gets rough or when it becomes sixteen years of age. You keep the relationship with that child as long as the child needs you. I'd imagine that because you haven't teenage facilities for young boys something drastic has happened to them.

I tried to explain at lunch that every child needs structure; every child has it if they've got a model family - father, mother, sisters, brothers, uncles, aunts, cousins. If you, at sixteen years of age, sent boys out of the boy's home you have and expect them to survive in the rough scenes you've got here in Belfast; they've no chance because they've no support and they've no structure and they're not mature enough to make their own structure. So it's bound to happen to them that they'll become unemployed which means eventually that they'll become unemployable.

They get up to mischief because they've nothing else to do so they thief or perform acts of vandalism especially in Belfast; I'd imagine there's a tremendous temptation.

We have a hostel in Scotland - it's starting very soon and it's going to be run by a De La Salle Brother. We asked a De La Salle Brother today and he said they don't have the staff to do it here in Belfast. In Scotland this De La Salle Brother is going to open a

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hostel in the town of Coatbridge - you may have heard of it. He's starting it this year. Six months before some of the boys are due to leave school he'll start taking them for weekends to this hostel so that they get introduced to the type of society in which it is hoped they are going to be living; they pack up their contacts with their families and friends which might have been broken off through their enforced absence in an institution. They see the sort of place in which they're going to be living; they go there fairly regularly for weekends. He himself has been working in the Social Work department for six months so he has fairly good contacts; he's quite certain he can get employment and no boys are going to be allowed into hostel until he is guaranteed a job. We would think that the chief form of therapy for these boys would be work. It's hoped that these'll be between twelve and fourteen boys in the hostel and that they will all have come from institutions and they'll have the structure - they'll probably be institutionalised - they'll still have the structure offered to them, and they'll be able to come to them and operate fairly adequately.

Father has showed me the accommodation that you might be able to get in Belfast and I think it would be ideal for this purpose. The De la Salle Brothers seem very accepting of the idea; they realize that there's a gap here in their service that they're not able to offer much to the teenage boy who leaves their care at sixteen or so. I think it's something that you yourselves could do.

The Statutory authorities probably are running hostels. I'd imagine in Belfast it might be very difficult because of the political problems. You've got a chance here of running something that would be worthwhile and could be a pioneering effort and it shouldn't really cost you anything. You've got the premises, the local authority should get the Boys. It's only a question of getting staff and ensuring that it's run properly.

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I want questions and discussion. I don't want to talk too long. As I said at the beginning I'm very impressed that amidst all your troubles in Belfast you're able to think about what we would call the normal ones and I think you have an awful lot going for you, I'm very impressed by what I've seen and the criticisms are offered in a constructive sense. I hope you adopt them the only ones really are the nursery and the absence of a hostel.

There's a story told in Scotland about an Irishman who was gardener to Lady Ballentrae. He told Lady Ballentrae's kids everything - he was a great exaggerator and they thought that this bloke Paddy knew everything. One day she was running through the catechism with the kids and she asked them who made them and they said God. She asked them who made the world and they said Paddy. She sent for Paddy to give him a dressing down and she said this is ridiculous you telling the kids you're the Creator and this creation is yours. Paddy, when he looked round the garden, said "Well I've done my wee bit here." So then, we've all got to do are wee bit and maybe a bit of the creation and a bit of the gardening. You impressed me and I hope what I've said will be useful and I hope the discussion will be even more useful.

Eastern Health and Social Services Board



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Telegrams EHSSB, Belfast

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27 July '76


Dear Dr. Philbin,

I am glad to have your letter about 44 Springfield Road. Mr Gilfedder, one of our members, mentioned this recently and, as you say, it is due to come before a committee shortly for examination. I will bear your commendation of the plan in mind. For the present I know virtually nothing about it, but I did see over the Club premises at Mayneth House only a couple of weeks ago, in company with Col. Smith and others, and that will help us to understand some part of the background.

It is well to know that the

Mater plans seem to be moving ahead.
I will look forward to hearing more about
them soon.

Best wishes — make
sure of a summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,


May 8, 1978

The Reverend Edward O'Donnell,
Nazareth House,
Ormeau Road,
BELFAST 7.

My dear Father O'Donnell,

Thank you for your letter of May 6. I am happy to confirm the membership of the reconstituted After-Care Committee for Nazareth and Kircubbin Boys as set out by you. I am glad to know that the long awaited hostel for the boys is at such an advanced stage. I wish God's blessing on all the undertakings of the Committee.

With all kind wishes,
I remain,
Yours very sincerely,

After-Care Committee for Nazareth and Kircubbin Boys

(Incorporating Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee)

Under the Patronage of the Lord Bishop of Down and Connor

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REV. K. DONNELLY

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REV. D. McCAUGHAN

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MRS. M. GORDON

43 FALLS ROAD,
BELFAST, 12.

Most Rev. Dr. W. Philbin, D.D.,
Lisbreen,
Somerton Road,
Belfast.

6th May, 1978.

My Lord Bishop,

Further to my visit with you I am pleased to inform you that the members of the After-Care Committee are as follows:-

Ven. Archdeacon G. Montague	- Chairman
Rev. Hugh Starkey	- Vice-Chairman
Rev. Edward O'Donnell	- Chaplain
Rev. Kevin Donnelly	
Rev. Dermot McCaughan	
Mr. S. Brady	- Down & Connor Youth Council
Mr. R. Savage	- Legion of Mary
Brother Florence	- Principal, Rubane House, Kircubbin

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Mr. A. McGlone - Leader in charge of St. Augustine's Club
Representative of St. Vincent de Paul

The functions of the Committee are:

1. To help to integrate boys from Nazareth and Kircubbin into society by assisting in the provision of their welfare and social needs. This entails:
 - (a) Finding suitable living accommodation and employment, and further visits to landladies.
 - (b) Visits arranged regularly to those imprisoned.
 - (c) Financial assistance when necessary.
 - (d) Organizing the Annual Re-Union.
2. Assisting in the organization and running of St. Augustine's Club.
3. Issuing Annual Christmas Appeal for After-Care funds.

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43 FALLS ROAD,
BELFAST, 12.

4. Responsibility for the administration of the hostel at 44, Springfield Road, Belfast. This includes raising 25% of the maintenance costs. A sub-committee will be formed for this purpose, and will include a representative from the Department of Health & Social Services.

The Committee deeply appreciate your interest in the boys and your continued help and support.

I am,

Yours respectfully,

Rev. Edward O'Donnell.

*Three or Four
Committee for Admin. of Premises [Legal side of things]
raise 25%*

Fr. O'Connor

*He doesn't want part in After-care
day-to-day.*

July 23, 1976

Sir Thomas Brown, Chairman,
Eastern Health and Social Services Board,
65 University Street,
BELFAST, BT7 1H N.

Dear Sir Thomas,

NL 183 [REDACTED] of the After Care Committee for Nazareth and Kircubbin Boys has brought to my attention the grave need for a hostel for boys in West Belfast and the proposal for making the premises at 44 Springfield Road available for this purpose. The position at the moment is that the Department of Health and Social Services will make the house available and carry out the necessary alterations provided that the annual running costs are met by the Eastern Board. I understand that the matter will be coming up at the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee on the first Thursday of August and I should like to commend it to your sympathetic consideration.

With all kind wishes,
I remain,
Yours sincerely,

Bishop of Down and Connor.

4, Windermere Gardens,
Antrim Road,
Belfast.
BT15 5EN.

22nd April, 1969.

Most Rev. Dr. Wm. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down & Connor.

My Lord Bishop,

Recently Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee has been seeking a Social Worker to replace **NL 40** who has accepted a post in St. Patricks Training School.

After advertising widely, the Committee is considering the application of a Mrs. A. Dirkin, and have asked me to write to Your Lordship for approval.

As a trained Social Worker, Mrs. Dirkin is 38 years of age and has 10-12 years experience in Local Authority Welfare and Special Care work. She is a Catholic, of course, and is seeking part-time employment for the present and this suits the small case-load of the Committee. Besides the fact that she is the only qualified Catholic who has applied for the post, the Committee consider her suitable for it because of her experience in Special Care work, since many of our boys are of low intelligence or are mildly disturbed. The Committee also thinks that she, as a mature woman, would exercise a good maternal influence on the boys.

I have met Mrs. Dirkin on a few occasions myself and am in agreement with the Committee as to her suitability. She has revealed to me that she has been offered employment in Co. Antrim Welfare Authority, so that the Committee would appreciate Your Lordships early consideration.

Your Obedient Servant,

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Yes
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4 Windermere Gardens,
Belfast, BT15 5EN.

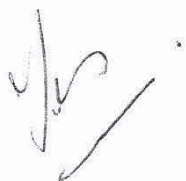
3rd October, 1968.

Most Rev. Dr. Wm. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down & Connor.

My Lord Bishop,

The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee is holding its annual Bazaar in St. Mary's Hall on November 6th - 9th inclusive. I write to ask if it would meet with your Lordship's approval that Sir Hugh Clark, Chairman of Ulster Bank Ltd., should open the Bazaar on behalf of the Committee and that the Episcopal suite should be used to offer our guest some refreshment afterwards.

Your obedient servant,



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St. Augustine's Youth Club.

SHOP TRADING ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st. JULY 1966				CR
1966				
	July 31	By Sales		£ 292. 4. 8.
To Stock	1. 17. 6.	" Stock		17. 19. 6.
" Purchases	277. 9. 6.			
" GROSS PROFIT	30. 17. 2.			
= 10.5%				
				£ 310. 4. 2.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st. JULY 1966				
1966				
	July 31	By Gross Profit on Trading	b/d	30. 17. 2.
To Water Rate	£ 12. 5. 3.	" Club Fees		53. 6. 9.
" Heating & Lighting	170. 16. 5.	" Ministry Grants		304. 1. 5.
" Sports Equipment Fees etc.,	108. 0. 0.	" Drama & Functions		90. 9. 6.
" Repairs & Renewals	60. 5. 1.	" Donations		17. 0. 0.
" Salary Club Leader	245. 0. 0.	" Loss for Year		203. 9. 5.
" Cleaning & Sundries	132. 17. 6.			£ 699. 4. 3.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st. JULY 1966				
1966				
L I A B I L I T I E S		A S S E T S		
Sundry Creditors	55. 17. 7.	Cash on Hand		25. 2. 1.
Ulster Bank Ltd., Current Account	575. 13. 11.	Stock-in-Trade		17. 19. 6.
Advances by Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee	4077. 5. 5.	Fittings & Equipment as at 1/8/1965		234. 0. 0.
		Water Rate paid in Advance		4. 0. 10.
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:		Capital Account per Contra		4427. 14. 6.
Balance at Debit 1/8/1965	4224. 5. 1.			
AUD: Loss for Year	203. 9. 5.			
	4427. 14. 6.			
				£ 4708. 16. 11.

" GROSS PROFIT c/a
= 10.5%

30. 17. 2.
£ 310. 4. 2.

1966

To Water Rate £ 12. 5. 3.
" Heating & Lighting 170. 16. 5.
" Sports Equipment Fees etc., 108. 0. 0.
" Repairs & Renewals 60. 5. 1.
" Salary Club Leader 215. 0. 0.
" Cleaning & Sundries 132. 17. 6.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st. JULY 1966

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July 31 By Gross Profit on Trading b/a

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st. JULY 1966

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Sundry Creditors
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CAPITAL ACCOUNT:
Balance at Debit 1/8/1965 4224. 5. 1.
ADD: Loss for Year 203. 9. 5.
CONTRA 4427. 14. 6.

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A S S E T S

Cash on Hand 25. 2. 1.
Stock-in-Trade 17. 19. 6.
Fittings & Equipment as at 1/8/1965 234. 0. 0.
Water Rate paid in Advance 4. 0. 10.
Capital Account per Contra 4427. 14. 6.

£ 4708. 16. 11.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I have examined the books of St. Augustine's Youth Club and certificate from The Ulster Bank Ltd., and certify the foregoing accounts to be in accordance therewith.

DATE 1/2/1967

Reddy ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR,
16, WORMIAN AVENUE,
BELFAST 13.

GLASGOW LODGES WELFARE COMMITTEE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 1966

CR

Expenditure

Income

1966
Nov 30

1966
Nov 30

To Subsidies, Clothing, Lodging etc., £ 2634. 1. 11.
" Salaries 1006. 9. 11.
" Insurances 124. 0. 11.
" Telephone 111. 1. 5.
" Postage, Printing & Stationery 47. 13. 8.
" Bank Interest & Charges 10. 2. 2.
" Re-union Expenses 16. 19. 6.
" Annual Dinner 38. 12. 4.
" Boys' Retreat 16. 10. 0.
" Donations & Subscriptions 27. 0. 0.
" Miscellaneous 15. 16. 5.

" NET PROFIT FOR YEAR

£ 7748. 18. 8.

By Supervision Subsidy & Clothing £ 1266. 15. 2.
" Donations 719. 18. 3.
" Rent Receivable: 124, Gt. Victoria Street 217. 12. 2.
" Deposit Interest 147. 1. 3.

" Profit on Functions :

Isle of Man Excursion £ 1200. 19. 4.
Bazaar 743. 19. 11.
Dance 87. 14. 7.
Guest Tea 226. 5. 2.
Art Show 532. 1. 4.
Sundries 2606. 11. 6.

£ 7748. 18. 8.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th NOVEMBER 1966

LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Sundry Creditors 106. 5. 7.
Rent Receivable in Advance 44. 2. 3.
Ulster Bank Ltd., Current Account 389. 15. 4.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT:

Balance as at 1/12/1965 16399. 16. 6.
ADD: Profit for Year 3640. 10. 5.

£ 20580. 10. 1.

Cash on Hands 6. 3. 3.
" on Thrift Account 631. 4. 8.

Sundry Debtors 837. 6. 1.

Fittings & Equipment 412. 2. 1.

Heating System 640. 15. 4.

Deposit on Premises as at 1/12/1965 7200. 0. 0.
Additions during Year 800. 0. 0.

Advances: St. Augustine's Youth Club 4077. 5. 5.

Expenses prepaid & unexpired 75. 13. 3.

£ 20580. 10. 1.

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE-PERSONAL

H. T. Kelly. ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR.

4 Windermere Gardens,

Antrim Road,

Belfast, 15.

13th April, 1967.

Most Rev. Dr. Wm. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down & Connor,
"Lisbreen",
Somerton Road,
BELFAST, 15.

My Lord Bishop,

Enclosed please find the financial statements of Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee and St. Augustine's Youth Club for the year ending 30th November, 1966, along with the report of the Welfare Officer and the Youth Club Leader as presented to the Annual General Meeting. I trust you will find all in order.

The work of the Committee continues to prosper, with an obvious growing amount of contact between the Committee members and the boys under their care. There appears to be a better understanding of the boys' problems which is issuing in a healthy relationship between members and the boys. Also the majority of the boys are making much more use of the Youth Club mainly because, I think, they feel more secure there. Perhaps an indication of the results of the Committee's work can be seen in this fact that in the past twelve months on only a few occasions have any of the boys been in trouble with the police and in these cases the boys have been of the older age group.

As regards employment of the boys, the Committee have begun a policy of finding employment for them in the city, and where possible, employment of a type which will allow them to frequent the Youth Club in the evenings, thus ensuring more frequent contact with them.

As regards accommodation, the Committee have been endeavouring with some success to find single foster home accommodation for the boys. At present there are only seven boys living at 127 University Street, which I discussed with you on a former occasion, and it is the intention of the Committee to reduce that number to two or three, or to discontinue the use of the house altogether if other boarders are taken into the house, as seems likely. Apart from this house, in only two others are there now two boys living together except in the case of brothers.

NL 40 [REDACTED] is at present taking the Child Care course at Jordanhill College, Glasgow. The Ministry of Home Affairs has grant-aided the cost of the course as well as one month in Summer, a week at

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13th April, 1967.

Easter and six long week-ends at home. As expected he is finding the course difficult but is determined to complete it.

As stated above, the Youth Club is making a better contribution to the welfare of the boys. As yet the plans for the adaptation and decoration of the premises have not received the sanction of the Ministry. It is hoped, however, to have the Ministry's decision in the next few months.

This year, a holiday under canvas in Donegal is being planned for these boys who have holidays in July. In addition, the Committee has offered to help some of the other boys organise their own private holidays. It is hoped to encourage the boys to have a normal holiday, rather than return to Rubane House for the period as in former years.

Relations between myself and the Committee are in the main good. Occasionally, there is some silent resentment on the part of one or two of the older Committee members, for example when proposals to bring the boys' savings system up to date were put forward. However, to date, such resentment has not resulted in open argument.

The recent death of Mr. J. B. Kennedy has deprived the Committee of a President and a Trustee. There are now two trusteeships vacant and a meeting of the Committee has been called to consider the position. I shall be communicating with you on this matter at a future date.

I trust, My Lord, you will find the financial statements and Committee reports satisfactory and I feel confident the new policy of the Committee in regard to employment and accommodation will meet with your approval.

Your Obedient Servant,

DL 298



Chaplain.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WELFARE OFFICER TO THE NAZARETH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE

FOR YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER, 1966.

The year under review has been a year of progress, both from the progress achieved and the manner in achieving it. A renewed spirit of understanding of the problems confronting the boys and the response of the latter to the efforts of the Committee in dealing with their problems has been evident throughout the year.

In the light of our experience of boys living in groups, even though some of these have been satisfactory, i.e. 127, University Street, 19, Eliza Street, it would seem that boys living singly in "foster home" conditions is for their advantage. This has been tried on a limited scale and despite giving rise to a few problems has on the whole worked well. The co-operation of the members of the Committee in securing this kind of accommodation is probably the best individual contribution that could be made to the furtherance of the Committee's work.

Employment to suit the aptitudes and the talents of the boys concerned presented no great difficulty for most of the year. During the past month, however, - though the local unemployment figures have risen considerably - we are fortunate in that most of the boys in our care have so far been able to hold their employment and have been relatively unaffected by the national trend in unemployment figures. During this period of difficulty in obtaining suitable employment, the Committee must encourage the boys to retain their present jobs and not do anything that would hazard their present employment. The establishment of Training Boards in various industries has so far not operated in favour of our boys, the educational standards required to undertake these courses can not, at the present time, be met by the big majority of those in our care.

The general behaviour of the boys over the period under review has been excellent. One boy has been in serious conflict with the Law. In his case this was predictable, he has been in constant trouble with the police over the previous two years, he has shown very anti-social tendencies and a complete disregard for any and every form of authority. The boy is now undergoing Borstal Training. He has been visited each month by the Committee and the Chaplain, DL 298 [REDACTED] it is hoped that this interest shown in him will help him to overcome his problems and settle down to become a useful member of society.

The very successful year ended has in a large measure been due to the excellent spirit of co-operation of all concerned with the welfare of the boys. [REDACTED] and the Community of Rubane House have contributed in a large measure to this success, their advice and co-operation in the placing of boys in jobs and accommodation, and their continued interest in their well-being after their discharge from the Home has lightened the task of the Committee and myself. Our Chaplain, DL 298 [REDACTED] has injected a new spirit of endeavour to increase our efforts to give all the help possible to the boys.

In conclusion, may I express my very sincere thanks to all the members of the Committee for their help and consideration during the year. They have given freely of their professional help and skills when requested, and by no means least their leisure time, often at serious inconvenience to themselves and their families.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT
TO THE NAZARETH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1966

1. Number of boys on records as at 31st December 1966 68

These numbers are made up as follows:-

Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kircubbin	47
Under Supervision for County Welfare Authorities	6
Special Care - Muckamore Abbey	9
Alexian Brothers, Warrenpoint	2
Purdysburn Menatl Hospital	1
Foster Homes	3
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2. Employment Details:

Skilled Occupations and Trades

Bricklayers	1
Plasterers	2
Joiners	2
Painters	1
Sheet Metal Workers	1
Watch Repairing	1
Optical Mechanics	1
Spirit Trade	2
Catering Industry	3
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Unskilled Occupations	35
Sheltered Employment (Eastern Special Care Committee)	3
Receiving Further Education	2

CLUB LEADER'S REPORT
TO THE NAZARETH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1966.

There are sixty members registered with the club and the important factor about this is that there are no "outside" boys with the Club this year. The majority of these boys use the Club regularly each week and enjoy the variety of activities available to them.

These activities are made up as follows:-

Football, Table Tennis, Weights, Swimming, Educational Classes and Darts.

Football: Due to unforeseen circumstances this season we were unable to enter a team into the Association of Boys' Clubs. However we do have a Senior Team in the Down and Connor this year and although they are being beaten in every match they never lack spirit and determination.

Table Tennis: There are three teams entered in the Down and Connor Table Tennis Section and they are, Senior, Junior 'A' and Junior 'B'. Of these the Senior and Junior 'A' are the more successful in their leagues with the Junior 'B' team fighting hard to keep a respectable league position.

Weight Lifting: This activity has only been going since October and has a class of 16 very keen boys who have taken a serious interest in it due mainly to the fact that the Instructors are very punctual for their classes.

Swimming: The Swimming Class is held each Thursday night in the Ormeau Baths and has an average attendance of 25 boys each week. With the use of one plastic ball they have a very energetic time.

Darts: A number of the boys are maintaining interest in this activity by taking part in a series of knock-out competitions which are held each month. It is hoped to enter a team in a Dart League to be run later in the season.

Educational Classes: We have Students taking classes on three nights each week. These students come to the Club from Trench House and are invaluable to the few boys who are in need of the service they can give.

It is hoped to introduce a number of other activities during the next year, e.g. Quiz Shows and Woodwork Classes.

To conclude this report I would like to ask more members of the Welfare Committee to help as Supervisors in the Club. This job has, for a long time, been a big problem. We cannot always turn to the few who come down week after week so I appeal to members to spend two hours each week in the club even if it is only to talk to some of the boys while they are there. The boys often remark that they do not know the members of the Committee and seldom see them in the Club.

It is hoped during the coming year to introduce into the club such games as Meccano Engineering kits for the purpose of helping the boys to think constructively and not destructively - to help him think for himself. For too long have the activities been run along the lines of helping the boys physically alone - perhaps we should try and turn the trend this year to helping the boys mentally as well.

I would like to thank our Spiritual Director, Father Lowry, for the help and encouragement he has given to myself and the boys. Without this my task would be a lot more difficult and I certainly hope to improve conditions in the Club in every sense.

Patrick McAtackney - Club Leader.

Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Connor.

My Lord Bishop,

May I firstly gratefully acknowledge receipt of stipend for 100 Masses for Hugh Braniff, which I received on return from holiday on Saturday 8th inst.

Secondly, My Lord, it would appear that the Child Care Course at the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne is the most appropriate and most feasible for the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee's welfare officer, NL 40. Entry to the course at Queen's University is barred to him by lack of academic qualifications, to the course at Rupert Stanley Further Education Centre by lack of accommodation until the 1968-69 Academic Year, these two being the only courses available locally which are acceptable to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The course at the University of Newcastle seems most appropriate because it lasts for one year only and because it is primarily intended for those without academic qualifications but with experience in some field of Social Work. Also the course is still open to applicants for the 1966-67 Academic Year. The Committee have asked me to consult Your Lordship as to whether they should accept a place for the course if NL 40's application is accepted by the University.

Thirdly, My Lord, I passed on to the Committee your instructions to avail of the services of Mr. J.E. Sayers to open the Annual Bazaar, which this year is being held from Nov. 2nd. till Nov. 5th. inclusive only if a suitable alternative could not be found. Efforts to find a suitable alternative, before the time limit set by the printers of the Appeal, failed so that the Committee had to fall back upon Mr. Sayers. I assure Your Lordship that the Committee made honest efforts to find an alternative and were embarrassed by not being able to comply with Your Lordship's wish.

Finally, My Lord, may I have permission to use the Episcopal Suite in St. Mary's Hall to provide refreshments for the Bazaar Opener on Nov. 2nd.,

I remain,
Your Obedient Servant
DL 298

October 12, 1966



My dear DL 298

Thank you for your letter of October 11.

The course at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne seems well suited to the needs of your Welfare Officer. I would be agreeable to the Committee accepting a place for him there.

As requested I hereby grant permission for you to use the Episcopal Suite in St. Mary's Hall on the occasion of the opening of the Bazaar. I can understand the difficulties involved in making arrangements for the opening.

With all kind wishes,
I remain,
Yours very sincerely,

NAZARETH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE

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30th April, 1966.

My Lord Bishop,

During the past few weeks, members of Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee and Brothers of De La Salle House, Kircubbin have been holding discussions on possible means of obtaining more Ministry Aid for their work. Brother Stephen Kelly, St. Patrick's Training School, Glen Road, has also been involved in these discussions.

To date the discussions have centred upon means to alleviate the financial burden on the after-care Committee, though the wider objective of more State Aid to Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House as well as other similar institutions is also being borne in mind. There has also been some exploratory consultation with Dr. Barnardo's Homes on the matter though this body has not taken part in the discussions.

Two suggestions have come from the meetings to date. Firstly, it was proposed that the Welfare Officer of the Welfare Committee, at the present instance, Mr. James Digney, should be transferred to the staff of Rubane House, Kircubbin, his salary being paid by the Welfare Committee through Rubane House until such time as the Ministry may grant-aid the salary. Under this arrangement the duties of the Welfare Officer would remain the same as at present. His new appointment it was suggested should take effect from 4th April - this being the beginning of the financial year.

Secondly, it was proposed to seek an interview with the Ministry of Home Affairs to ascertain whether orphan children could be subsidised by the State under ~~SS~~ of the N.I. National Assistance Act.

I thought it well to inform you of these proposals for your consideration though I think Your Lordship will welcome the initiative of the Brothers and the Committee in this direction.

Concurrently, the Welfare Committee propose to seek grant-aid from the Ministry for the complete re-decoration of the St. Augustine's Youth Club premises at 122, Gt. Victoria Street. It is hoped that if the aid can be obtained, the work could be completed by the Autumn. The Committee have

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suggested to me that when completed, the premises might be blessed and officially opened, as apparently this never was done. I am pleased to report, Your Lordship, that the facilities of the Youth Club are being well availed of, especially by the boys under the care of the Committee.

Finally, Your Lordship, the Committee request a dispensation from the Law of Abstinence for Friday, June 24th, 1966 for the purpose of a formal Supper Dance to be held in the Windsor Hotel, Knocknagoney.

Your Lordship might prefer to have some more information about some of these points and, if so, might wish me to call at "Lisbreen" to discuss them further.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

DL 298



Dear

Thank you for you for your nice letter and the nice things you say in it about me, things of which I am underserving. I hope you are well. I must apologise for asking about the cost of trip but in my innocence, (or ignorance?) I did not know it was wrong to ask such a question. I am sorry if it was taken as an insult but no offence was intended, as you will understand.

I quite understand about Sunday as I might not have been able to make it myself. I will be at school on Wednesday at two o'clock and will not be home until about four o'clock and perhaps if its not too much trouble we could postpone it until some Saturday

or Sunday, as these will be the only days I will be able to go. I thank you for the little picture, which I will keep in my prayer book. I am sorry I have nothing to send in return but my sincere thanks. Again I thank you for the book of St. Martin. I have tried to read many life stories of St. Martin but could never finish them but this one I read in one day, non-stop. Why I liked it was because it dealt with St. Martin's life from the point of view of the man + saint and not entirely as the saint as most autobiographies of St. Martin are apt to do. I am sure

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you understand what I mean.

I am very sorry I cannot go with you on Wednesday but nothing personal, you understand. If I have caused any trouble to you I am sorry. You see Aidan my father says he will ~~not~~ meet me on Wednesday.

As I said before, ^{any} Saturday or Sunday will be the only days I will be able to go to Warrenpoint. So the first Sat. or Sun. you are going I will be only too glad to go with you, if you wish.

Until then I hope you will keep writing to me and you will

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allow me to write to you.

Now Aidan I have a 'strange' request to ask of you. I hope you will ~~not~~ be angry or think me stupid but it is just that I wish to have something to remind me of you, (not that I will ever forget you!). The request is would you please send me a photo of yourself and sign it. You could write on it (To Thomas From Aidan). If you cannot do this I will understand
yours sincerely
your pal

p.s. I still remember you in my prayers and please excuse writing.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] GLEN ROAD,

BELFAST, 11.

YOUR DEAR LORDSHIP,

September 14th.

I hope that this will continue to find you very well. Please forgive this hurried note to you, but I feel that it would be proper to report to you, in fact I am sorry that this note is overdue, but I had to arrange times to suit the two Fathers whom you so kindly asked me to go and see.

If you are very busy, do please forgive me, but after talking to Father Mc.Cann and Father Kennedy, I would wish you to have this, that perhaps in your goodness you shall at some time give my request a thought. If it does not receive your desires then do not fault in telling me so, for after all I am helping you, and to make you pleased is my obligation. I met Father Kennedy on Monday Evening down in the Club, and we had a good long talk. I was glad to hear him agree on the point that unless personal contact was made with his Boys, nothing really great could be obtained. I have found that many Boys are helped by trusting in someone. I promised him that if he ever got a home where these Boys could be taken (few at a time) I would devote my time to the task of finishing their Education, which as he agrees, is not completed after they leave "Rubane", for all during their lives they have grown up in bunches, even though they have received very much dedicated work and Love. They still need to learn their Social developement. You will understand this I feel sure. Meanwhile I shall help Father, and when we get a room fixed up, he hopes to use it in furthering their Education.

I then met Father Mc.Cann, and he also thought it a problem.. He stressed more on the shortage of workers. His experience was very good, and helped me on the way to decide before I eventually came to my wish.

You will perhaps agree with me that even though work is maybe slow to move, there has been something done for Orphans, and for Children who do come under the Care of different people. I am sure that all Father Kennedy's work will blossom, and as long as the way is being paved very many Boys shall be helped. However there are in the City a countless number of young people, who do have much to fight against. Let us know, that for all the Boys and Girls who go astray in our City, very few are Orphans.. There are those who are very much in need of our help, who if they make a mistake are far too often rated to be a bad bad Boy or Girl. This is not true, for if we had the same fight to face we could not but want to do something, no matter how small in helping them.

In the two following pages I have separet two different ideas, so that they may be easier understood. They are what I believe in. I have pondered on them to see their draw-backs. But they seem to be cut and dry, and if we look at them closely, you will notice that they are not directed at any definite type of Boy or Girl, but rather that they can be used for those most in need. They can be Your Lordship's beginning point as it where, from which I feel sure good work can be done. As they are not strictly a Club, they could have a wider renge, anyway I will explain them both to you, not forgetting that I am Your servant.

NUMBER ONE.

Perhaps you will agree with me that if Children could only get the Proper Teaching when young in life, that they would find it easier to become good Teenagers. The last thing that I can really accept Your Lordship, is that punishment of any sort is a cure. In a Childs young years it is easier for it to accept good rather than evil. I often think that if we had a Home for different people to use it would be a tremendous thing. Father Kennedy also thought the fact of such a place could have great results. For instance if so many poor Children were taken for a week, and given freedom. This with a watchful eye. Those people who would run this would have to set a high standard. Football and so forth would come into their weeks Holiday, and most important that during their stay there they got explained to them the difference between right and wrong. I know that this seems now more or less a Holiday Home, but as far as the Children were concerned it would be just that, but to us it would be a Weeks Retreat. Very much in disguise. In the Home there would be rules, for instance that everybody walked together to Mass in the Morning, at Night time Prayers were said together, and on one day in the week, a Priest came to visit them. There again Father Kennedy agreed. During that day He devoted his time to talking to these Children, and that I believe would be of more benifit to young people than six Months hard work, at their Homes. When I say to have it as a Residence belonging to you, I have in mind, that it can be used to the best advantage. Perhaps it can be devoted to Girls, or Orphans, depending that much work was done here at home, in planning ahead for those most in need. This I do believe would work, but in honesty perhaps we are a little too previous with the idea. The expense I know would be high, in fact I would prefer to offer you some good with little outlay. It may come one day come true and perhaps


when much better people than I get down to finding a solution to the problem...

This is the thing that I would ask you to give much thought to. I do have much confidence in it, and it is just a stepping stone for us. At the present time I have three very good helpers who would give all their time in helping young people. During my visit to you, perhaps you did know that it was to help the ordinary boy and girl that I to try. At home I have already begun in a very small way, a system by which I contact Boys and Girls who are in need of Guidance. Last Sunday I think was so well spent, because it gave to 63, Children a little something which no doubt will help them a little. The ideal thing would be if we could get a small Room or Shop and perhaps call it "THE CATHOLIC GUIDANCE CENTRE". or go under another name like "FATIMA HOUSE". This place would be a boom to Children who find it hard to turn to anybody when they find themselves in trouble. Myself and the helpers whom I would like you to meet could go to this place directly from work. If we could open it from 7 to 10-30, or whatever hours You would decide. It could be a place where these Children will know they are very welcome. From here we can get really down to helping. It is really surprising Your Lordship just what little problems are carried in a young mind. We would have Records, and a weekly Report could be sent to you, on the work done. Then if we could find ourselves a large Hut down by the shore somewhere, we could take twenty poor Children away at a time, You will know that in the slums the Priest of the Parish knows the Child to watch, and that is where our fight really begins. There

are those who will need much help and guidance, but with hours of hard work we can obtain success. The other thing that would make it easier on us would be if we had a second-hand Mini-Bus. That would be our whole outlay. With experience we have found that as far as feeding these Children is concerned, they always love a lively Picnic. If you were always sure of the weather we would not need the Hut, but only because one of the Girls knew a friend who so kindly let us have a room last Sunday the young people would have been very wet. There is endless good work possible with this plan. It will help to show you, if I enclose this letter which I received from a Boy of 15. It came just yesterday. God is surely working within this Boy. He feels that he may one day enter a Religious Order, but when one considers that his Mother is dead, and his Father is out of work. He is a good man but he has five very young to bring up. This little chap just would never know what way to turn, but as you see he has found a friend to help. If you ever consider this I will gladly put 100% effort into it, and I feel sure that you will get very pleasing reports. You have been so good in listening to me, you know I shall remember you in a special way during the week-end as I go on Retreat to-night.

I hope you will always know that I want to help you and I will do anything which you may desire. I thank you very much for being in touch with Father Kennedy. Goodbye for now, I'll be thinking about you.

Your Obedient Child.



September 21, 1963



Dear Mr. Austin,

I have received your letter of September 14, 1963, together with the letter which you enclosed.

I have read your letter carefully and have been considering the proposals you discuss. Any undertakings in youth welfare and education are very delicate matters and parents, Parish Priests and teachers are all concerned intimately in this field. My advice, therefore, would be that you should not embark on any new departure in this field unless you have the approval of the local clergy. In addition, it would be well to work under the auspices of some recognised charitable body, as, for example, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the Legion of Mary, the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee. I am sure that Father Kennedy of the last named body would be willing to advise you in this regard. And, as you know, Father Peter McCann is interested in youth welfare.

To sum up, therefore, I cannot approve of your undertaking work such as you refer to on your own initiative.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

BISHOP OF DOWN AND CONNOR.

*(note: use of
name
Nazareth Lodge
Welfare Committee)*

April 30th., 1965.

Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Conner.

My Lord Bishop,

I am enclosing herewith a letter which Mr Gabriel Cairns received from the President of S.R.C., Queen's University; Mr Cairns, on receiving this letter yesterday, merely asked the Committee secretary to acknowledge receipt of same and state that Mr Cairns was not available for the next few days for interview. He then passed the letter on to me for my comment. Mr Cairns is in no way anxious to interview these people without first having consulted me on the matter.

I would be most grateful for Your Lordship's direction in this matter. Perhaps if you would read the S.R.C. letter enclosed with reference to the correspondence which I have already had with you on March 26th last (I enclosed then letters between Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee and the President, S.R.C.), I would be grateful if you would indicate the nature of the reply which Mr Cairns should write to this letter. Should he grant the President, S.R.C., an interview? Or should he merely refer the matter to Your Lordship? I think he did not wish to do this without first consulting you through me, in that no mention of your name was made in Mr Cairn's letter to S.R.C. on March 22nd., last.

I feel confident that Mr Cairns personally will carry out Your Lordship's wish in this matter. At your earliest convenience, then, could you grant me a short interview, during which you could indicate to me your own wishes on this matter? I am particularly anxious to prevent any opportunity of a meeting between S.R.C. and the Committee, midldful of the heated discussion which took place at the meeting I referred to in my last letter. It seems to me that S.R.C. wish to interview Your Lordship and the Committee separately, and then perhaps compare notes. I myself, and I feel Mr Cairns also, would wish that the Committee would not do anything which in any way would vary from Your Lordship's view on the matter.

I apologise for causing you such inconvenience and await your direction.

I remain,

Your Lordship's obedient servant

Rev. Francis X. Kennedy, Chaplain.

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Mr. G. J. Cains,
Chairman,
Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee,
122, Gt Victoria St.
Belfast.

Dear Mr. Cains,

Further to our correspondence re your organisation's decision not to accept a donation from Rag 1965, I would like to inform you that I have written to the Bishop of Down and Connor asking for an interview. However, should the Bishop agree I would like to be in possession of all the facts relating to his decision to instruct the charities in his diocese not to accept any donation made up wholly or in part from the proceeds of the sale of P.T.Q.

I would, therefore, be grateful if you would agree to see me in the near future to discuss the above. If this is possible, would you suggest a time and date?

I look forward to hearing further from you.

Yours sincerely,



July 16, 1965

The Rev. Francis Kennedy,


My dear Father Kennedy,


My attention has been drawn to press reports of the inquest on the unfortunate young man who lost his life while on the Isle of Man Excursion.

In addition, it has been conveyed to me that the Excursion was characterised by much drunkenness and misconduct; that a number of the participants were detained in custody by the Isle of Man Police; and that the Committee which organised the Excursion did not or could not effectively control the situation.

Naturally I am concerned to ascertain whether or not these allegations are well founded and, if they are, to what extent.

I have to ask, therefore, that you request the Committee to let me have a detailed report on the matter.

With kindest regards,
I remain,
Yours very sincerely,



July 17th., 1965.

Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Connor.

My Lord Bishop,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 16th., re The Excursion to The Isle of Man organised by the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee. I can well appreciate your concern about this year's Excursion because of the reports, which you indicate, have lead you to believe that the conduct of those participating left much to be desired and especially in view of the unfortunate accidental death of the young man on the Island itself.

I do know from experience of past Excursions that support from the voluntary membership of the Committee has not always been what it should be. Perhaps it was the awareness of their own weakness in this respect which prompted the Committee this year to actually employ "stewards" to help keep order in both boats. Further than this, it would be unfair of me to make any personal observations about this year's Excursion as, owing to my mother's death, I did not travel this year but rather relied on the willingness of a few of my fellow priests who went on my behalf.

I shall, however, convey to the Committee your concern about the Excursion this year and I shall ask them to furnish you with a detailed report on all the happenings of that day, stressing that they should have it with Your Lordship as soon as possible. As quite a number of the members are 'on holidays' at this time, I may have to await the next meeting of the Committee but I wish to assure you that I will expedite matters in this respect as soon as I possibly can.

I remain,

Your Lordship's obedient servant.



Rev. Francis X. Kennedy, Chaplain.

June 4, 1965

The Rev. F.X. Kennedy,


My dear Father Kennedy,

I have been giving careful consideration to your letter of May 13, 1965, in which, on behalf of a sub-committee of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee, you seek my views on the proposal for a hostel for the boys.

I am glad to welcome such initiative and evidence of interest and can see the advantages which the Committee visualize especially in providing accommodation which is so hard to get.

I am recalling, however, the views expressed on this project at the meeting I had here with the Committee and the difficulties adverted to. There is a lot to be said in favour of such a hostel but without going into the practical difficulties the general difficulty seems to be that it would militate against the object which must predominate in our thinking about these boys, that is the integrating of them by degrees into the community and ordinary life. This is an aspect of formation which they lack and it seems this can only be obtained by their living in ordinary households, in spite of the ups and downs which this situation entails.

I have, as you can see, given a good deal of thought to this suggestion as I am reluctant to turn down an undertaking of this kind. I feel that the balance lies with trying to provide for the boys' lodgement in the usual ways.

It is hard to foresee that a hostel could be so managed and conducted as to dissipate a certain prejudice that it would have to contend with because of the unfortunate attitude of society generally to the boys concerned. This in turn might serve to continue a certain sense of inferiority

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among the boys and retard the growth of confidence and normal development and lead to other undesirable results.

As I have said, I am reluctant to turn down initiatives of this kind but in all the circumstances I feel that the project for a hostel cannot be recommended.

With kindest regards,
I remain,
Yours very sincerely,

May 13th., 1965.

Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Connor.

My Lord Bishop,

At a monthly meeting of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee held on March 24th., last, it was decided that a special sub-Committee be set up to investigate and explore the possibility of providing a "Hostel" for boys coming under the Committee's care. The following members were elected to serve on this special sub-committee:-

Mr Robert Egli	Mr John Sheil
Mr George Hanna	Miss Mary Hanna
Mr Liam Staunton	Mrs P. Kelly.
Mr George Rice	

Mr Gabriel Cairns and myself were invited to attend all meetings. Since the formation of the sub-committee for the hostel project, two meetings have been held, the first on March 31st., and the second on May 5th., last.

It is the wish of this sub-committee that I write to Your Lordship informing you of the existence of the sub-committee and they would be grateful, at this stage, if you, after considering proposals which have crystallised over the past two meetings, would give your views on the idea of such a Hostel; if Your Lordship favours it, they wish to know any recommendations you may have to suggest. They are anxious to know also, whether Your Lordship may have any "church property" available for the provision of such a hostel.

The main proposals which have crystallised at the last two meetings are as follows:-

- 1) Basic Idea: The provision of a Hostel with a resident warden (preferably married) which would afford temporary accommodation for children (a) too insecure to face society (b) who are virtually "borderline" special care cases (c) who are fractional anti-social, or bed-wetting cases or for whom lodgings suitable cannot be found.
- 2) The Committee have reached the decision that such a Hostel would provide accommodation for approximately 15 boys.
- 3) Not all boys coming to the Committee's care would be placed in the Hostel but only those such as would come under say categories (a) (b) and (c).

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4) The Hostel is most certainly not to be of an institution type; it is not to be a continuation of Rubane House, Kircubbin.

5) The Committee would be interested in, for the hostel:-

- a) Suitable Mansion type house with grounds
- b) Suitable site with dilapidated buildings for demolition in the Falls Road area or any Catholic area. The area would need not to be under prohibition by the Town Planning.
- c) Suitable site on which Committee could build the Hostel from foundation level.

The general opinion seems to favour either (b) or (c) in preference to the idea (a) of acquiring an old building and converting same into a Hostel. This latter opinion the majority of members feel would be unsuccessful.

6) Extensive enquiries are to be made (already begun) from various Estate agents re property available.


7) The Committee would gratefully appreciate if Your Lordship could tell them if there is any Church property available. (*Suitable for such a Hostel*)

8) Meetings are to be arranged with several official bodies concerned with the running of such similar hostels already established in Belfast; the Committee wish to find out difficulties which have already arisen in the running of such hostels.

9) Letters and meetings to be arranged with official bodies to investigate the possibility of obtaining financial-grant-aid on the provision of such a hostel. Examples of such bodies already written to are The Belfast County Borough Welfare Committee; The Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority (Special Care Branch.) etc.. The Committee have also written to The Ministry of Home Affairs.

10) The idea prevails that the Hostel would provide not only accommodation but also the Club combined, assembly Hall, Club Rooms, Offices etc. If the project came to be realised, the premises at 122, Great Victoria Street would be sold as it would serve no further use for the Committee in its welfare work. All activity, welfare, lodgings, recreation etc., would centre in the "new Hostel".

11) In so far as it was possible, every attempt would ^{continue to} be made to place boys in lodgings, i.e., those who were suitable to take their place in society. But other boys unsuitable would spend a temporary period of "adjustment" in the lodgings provided in the hostel.



May 13th., 1965.


My Lord Bishop,

Herewith I also enclose, at Mr Cairns' request, a copy of the letter which he sent to The Students' Representative Council. This letter has simply been acknowledged by the students' President - Peter D. Smith and there I assume, the matter closes with the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee.

I have little doubt that Your Lordship will approve of this letter which Mr Cairns sent to S.R.C.

I remain,

Your Lordship's obedient servant,



COPY.

May 5th., 1965.

Peter D. Smith, President,
Students' Representative Council,
S.R.C. House,
22, University Square,
Belfast 7.

Dear Sir,


I refer you to your letter of 27th. April 1965 and in reply thereto I must state that the instructions which I received were those stated in my letter of 20th. March 1965.

There is nothing further I wish to add to that letter except to state that Catholic Organisations do not call in question instructions which they receive from the Episcopacy.

The facts "relating to the decision of the Bishop" to issue the instructions are in the possession of the Bishop and it would be presumptuous of me to discuss the whys and wherefores. In these circumstances I cannot see that a discussion would serve any useful purpose, particularly, as it appears from your letter, that you have already sought an interview with His Lordship.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gabriel J. Cairns, Chairman,
Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee,
122, Great Victoria Street,
Belfast 2.



May 28th., 1965.

Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Connor.

My Lord Bishop,

Find enclosed, as requested,
my own personal observations on the recent
proposals of The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee
to establish a "hostel."

I am enclosing also a summary
document which I made out myself at the time Your
Lordship interviewed members of the same Committee
in June 1963, during which interview the members
sought your guidance on the very same idea. I
thought it may be of use to you to recall what
you actually directed them to do at that time.

I remain,

Your Lordship's obedient servant,



Rev. Francis X. Kennedy, Chaplain.

May 28th., 1965.

Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Connor.

My Lord Bishop,

I understand that you are anxious to be acquainted with my own personal observations on the recent proposals of The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee to establish a hostel which would help alleviate the difficulty the Committee are experiencing in the provision of lodgings for certain types of boys coming under their care - having special regard, of course, to past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kircubbin.

I have given the matter due consideration and have reached some conclusions which I herewith enclose in this letter. I would be grateful if you would treat these my own personal observations as 'confidential' as far as the Committee are concerned.

1) The actual acquiring of the building presents little or no difficulty, whether it be a suitable Mansion type House with grounds, dilapidated building(s) which could be demolished and new premises built or the acquiring of a site on which the hostel could be built. The raising of funds for the purchase of such I feel to be well in the capability of The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee who have shown themselves competent of raising approximately £2,500 annually. In this respect I also add that I favour very much the majority Committee opinion to build afresh rather than convert an old building to suit the purposes of a hostel. I see no difficulty here at all in this respect but when one considers the problems arising from the running of such an establishment, here lies the difficulty.

2) Adolescence is a time of difficult years for any boys and there is no exception to this re past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kircubbin. Boys coming under care of the Committee are all adolescents and lack parental guidance over these difficult years. For this reason I deem it the wiser policy to keep them separate during these difficult years of development.

Experience shows that when these boys live together at this age, (say when two or three happen to be lodging in the same digs) invariably trouble of one kind or another arises and they have to be separated. Although a hostel may serve to sift out the difficult cases, nevertheless it must be remembered that it brings the difficult cases together. I deem this most inadvisable, especially in so great a number as 15, the number proposed by the Committee.

3) The type of boys in the hostel would, by nature of its purpose, be all problem cases - (either by reason of their being "borderline" E.S.N., medical cases - bed wetters, or simply those who had failed to adjust themselves to live in lodgings as normal citizens. Such cases and in such numbers (15) would be very difficult to manage both in regard to morals, discipline, cleanliness - let alone the keeping of regular hours.

4) There is the undoubted danger that such an establishment would be labelled by society with a derogatory name and such a name may well be attached to those residing in the hostel.

5) Although in theory it is the Committee's intention NOT to set up another institution, it is difficult to see how this can be avoided in practice when such a hostel were built and running.

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6) Although the fact is evident that the hostel would serve the purpose of providing accommodation for certain types of lad for whom it would be extremely difficult to find lodgings, I look at it from the boys' point of view. As far as the boys are concerned, could the hostel not well become a place of refuge, a security, a sort of last resort for them? Would it not seem to the boy concerned that the hostel was the Committee's guarantee that no one of them, no matter what they did, would ever be left to the streets?

Under the present system, the fact and possibility of a lad having to be turned to the streets at night has had on occasions a stabilising effect on them - a last resort threat which can be held over their head. The hostel would remove such a plight from the mind of the offending boy.

7) I have no hesitation in stating that a Warden and his wife, no matter how devoted and no matter how well paid, would find the management of such a hostel, with 15 boys resident, virtually impossible.

8) No matter how difficult a boy may turn out during these difficult adolescent years, (causing trouble in lodgings, unclean in habits to mention but a few of their failures,) the hostel would certainly remove any chance the lad would have of "adjusting himself to society." The establishment would fail to give the boy an environment which he lacked during his "institutional" upbringing.

9) The Committee in the past have shown little interest in the importance attached to the social gains a lad may benefit from his attending a Youth Club and I have no reason to suppose that their policy will change in the future. I have no doubt that the immediate welfare wants of the boys would be catered for: they have always been so in the past. But what chance would they have of development socially in this hostel? The idea of combining the Club rooms with the hostel in the same building I deem as very inadvisable. It would be difficult enough to manage boys residing in the hostel without adding to problems with numerous boys running about an adjacent Youth Club.

Besides, I look upon a Youth Club as a place which boys go "out" to enjoy, apart from their homes and lodgings, a place situated away from home. Such a Club would not be away from home as far as the residents of the hostel were concerned.

10) Finally, due to friction which has arisen between myself and the Committee over the years (which has been indicated to Your Lordship both in writing and by interview), I would not advise that any hostel be set up at least until such times that this Committee are brought to appreciate the position of a priest associated with them in their work. I consider that any new system for the welfare of these boys under "the present circumstances" would only add difficulty and friction in years to come, unless the Committee accept the position and authority of your representation with them vested in the Spiritual Director.

COMPROMISE SUGGESTION: I admit that there is need for some sort of accommodation needed for certain difficult cases for whom lodging cannot be found. The possibility of building a hostel on a very small scale, to accommodate say 4 boys, might be considered with a resident warden and his wife, managed by perhaps some charitable organisation, perhaps even apart from the Committee, who would work in absolute harmony with the wishes of the Priest concerned in this work.

I have no doubt, however, that Your Lordship has more concrete ideas in regard to this difficult matter and what I have suggested and pointed out are my own humble personal observations over my years of experience in dealing with these boys. If I can be of any further assistance in this matter I am at your convenience.

I remain,

Your Lordship's

Rev. Francis X. Kennedy, Chaplain.

As far as I recall it was in June 1963 that Your Lordship interviewed officer members of The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee and discussed with them on that occasion the difficulties which they were experiencing in their "after-care" work re past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House.

On this occasion these Committee members actually put before Your Lordship the idea of establishing a hostel and you may find it helpful to recall what you said to them on that occasion. The relevant portion is under paragraph 4 within.

This was a summary I made of the Committee's interview with you at that time.



SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE'S INTERVIEW
WITH YOUR LORDSHIP IN 1963.
YOUR OWN DIRECTION GIVEN TO THE
MEMBERS ON THAT OCCASION — SEE UNDER
§ 4 WITHIN.

1. Placing boys in employment in competition with other boys of their own age who are of a higher mental standard is an ever increasing problem. From the point of view of the Ctee., as laymen, we wish to ask His Lordship is there any way in which the standard of education can be raised, taking into consideration that the number of boys coming into the Ctee's care are supposedly E.S.N.*

If our boys got specialised E.S.N. schooling they would be so much the better for it.

* E.S.N. in this text means educationally

sub - normal.

2. The Ctee can say that they are comparatively successful in keeping their boys in employment but the type of jobs available are not such as to give assurance for the boys future: it is, very difficult to establish boys in trades e.g., plumbing, electrical, and say with building contractors. The Ctee are of the opinion that the Catholic employers are not playing their part in helping to employ boys who are in its care. Would His Lordship consider bringing before the Catholic employer section of the community the charitable work entailed in helping to employ boys of this type.

Boys who come to the Ctee from Rubane Hse., Kircubbin have good morals but lack character and responsibility. We the Ctee feel that we shouldn't have to make boys attractive to employers (Especially Catholic) but that the latter should undertake to employ our boys through charity, if for no other reason.

The burden with which the Ctee are faced is the after-care of borderline E.S.N. children who have now to be fitted into the every workaday world and this is the real charitable aspect of their work. // It is the statutory duty of the State to determine what boy is E.S.N. In St. Aloysius' school all children who have been examined and passed as E.S.N. receive specialised teaching. Borderline E.S.N. children (i.e. those who are slightly above E.S.N. standard) will never be in the category of factually E.S.N. children simply because they are of a higher mental standard, even though it is slight. It is well to remember, too, that the best education given by specially trained teachers in E.S.N. schools to E.S.N. children will never supply for lack of intelligence. Notwithstanding the training which even these borderline E.S.N. children receive in Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kircubbin, the children will still come into the hands of the Ctee as inevitably E.S.N. but not factually E.S.N.

Not necessarily. If we are to give E.S.N. schooling to borderline E.S.N. children who have not been passed as factually E.S.N. then surely we are underestimating the child's standard of intelligence and lowering his standard. Besides so much more can a borderline E.S.N. child gain by intermingling with the children who are above E.S.N. than if he were segregated into a class composed of entirely E.S.N. pupils.

His Lordship has promised that he will put it to the Catholic Community of his diocese the charity in employing such boys, and where possible, to 'big Catholic employers.' He may even mention this in his Pastoral, devoting a paragraph to this very point but how far his words of appeal would take effect he could not guarantee.

His Lordship did not agree that the Ctee should not have to make the boys attractive to employers. The Boy's education (broad sense) really begins when they come into the after care of the Ctee. Our Club should be run in order to acclimatise them to society. Use the Club as an important means of education (the boys e.g. can be taught the honour of not letting one another down in the Club) - "Adjustment" and "Fitting them into society" are the aims of the Club and these aims can be achieved through the Club. His Lordship is only too well aware that the Ctee have no easy task and that they will always be "up against it" but he asks patience and perseverance.

His Lordship has been approached by parent, even, who are worried that their children are inclining towards delinquency. His only answer is the organisation of good Catholic Youth Clubs and through such Clubs plenty of effort to help such boys. Our boys are no exception and must be encouraged to avail of their Youth Club and the Ctee must try to meet their exceptional demands. Such boys are often "reckless" but the Ctee must meet this with concentrated effort.

His Lordship asks the Ctee to be patient, to get employment as best you can and keep in mind that with all the educational background, whether it be at school or in the social field through the Club, "You will never get these boys into high class jobs."

Besides the more promising child is adopted and those who are left remaining are inevitably E.S.N.

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2 contd. His Lordship, re the point that the boy's education in the broad sense begins when they come into the Ctee's care at 15 1/2 years of age, said that the Ctee can learn much about a boy as a member of the Youth Club - perhaps more than they realise. - e.g. Is he a good mixer? Is he good with companions? Is he clean? Has he a good or bad temper? He is a good worker or is he lazy? Is he shy? Has he proved to be a responsible citizen? etc.. If a boy lacks these, surely he can be trained and given assets such as these through the Club. And as such knowledge is available to the Ctee from observing the boy as a club member, knowing him, they may well find that they are in a position of recommending the boy for certain suitable employment.

The Ctee must keep in mind that there is the employers side to it .. to ask the employer to accept one of our boys purely on the grounds of charity alone can very often be too much to expect of the employer; after all he has his business to think of as well as his employees and staff.

This point did not come under discussion during the interview. Nevertheless we ask Ctee members that they should take due note of paragraph 2 above again.

3. The Ctee feel that they are not receiving sufficient detail in reports about boys who have left Nazareth Lodge and Rubane Hse. Kirubbin - with special reference of course to the mental ability of the boys. Such reports would be invaluable in helping to place boys in the various types of employment available

YOUR LORDSHIP'S NEWS
IN 1963 TO MEMBERS &
N.L.W.C.
HOSTEL IDEA

4. Our Welfare Officer from time to time finds difficulty in lodging boys in digs for one reason or another. The Ctee feel that perhaps a house capable of housing say a limited number of boys might be a solution to the problem. Boys would be admitted to this house at the discretion of the Welfare officer.

Ctee = Committee

The dangers involved in the setting up of such a house were fully discussed e.g. it may well develop into a 'little institution' or 'trouble may arise out of a number of our boys dwelling under the same roof'. - nevertheless His Lordship did say that if the Ctee were to find a man and his wife who were willing to run such an establishment and undertake the work that it would entail, he asks the Ctee to formulate their proposal and he would do everything to assist the Ctee in the matter. He said that the purchase of the house was the easiest part of the idea. The Ctee's concrete proposal of such an establishment and the finding of these two people to undertake the work of running same was the immediate task of the Ctee. That having been accomplished, a formal report to His Lordship could then be made in writing or otherwise and the matter would then make progress.

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5. In theory St Augustine's Y.C. was founded to ensure healthy social contact for the boys as past pupils of Naz. Lodge and Rubane Hse. Kircubbin and to give them an opportunity of meeting Catholic boys of their own age with normal home upbringing.

In practice our boys will not mix with the Catholic boys of normal home upbringing. They will not take part in Club activities as boys should do in a Youth Club. Education classes kindly undertaken by the Students of St Joseph's Training College, have been poorly attended. Our boys have to be compelled to attend such and they do so with a grudge. Mindful of the purpose for which the Club was founded the Ctee feel that the expenditure on such a club as it is to-day is a mis-spending of Charitable funds. Besides the public may well say that when they contribute to the F.I.W.C. they are in fact giving towards the upkeep of a Youth club, which is availed of by non past pupils of Naz. Lodge and Rubane Hse., Kircubbin. The proper use of the Club by our boys under the Ctee's care is an exception. The Ctee, therefore, are concerned about the expense outlay on the Club - the cost of maintenance of the building, repairs, decoration, purchase of equipment for the Club etc.. all this the Ctee feel is a mis-spending of charitable funds.

The Ctee in brief, find it difficult to convince themselves of the "social welfare value" of the Club as it exists to-day for our boys and have the policy, in view of this, that expense on the Club must always take second place to immediate welfare expenditure - purchase of clothing, weekly subsidising of the boys etc....

It has been suggested that we should confine the Club to our boys alone. If we do this we no longer qualify for Ministry Grant Aid in that it would be no longer an "open Club". Also this would be a direct contradiction of the very purpose for which the Club was founded. Its membership would be very small and may not justify a Youth Club at all. Another suggestion was that the boys should be permitted to bring their own friends as members of the Club. No doubt they would not approve of the Ctee selecting who should be admitted to the Club and who should be excluded

In view of what has been said in paragraph 2, His Lordship stressed the necessity of the Ctee associating with the boys in the Club. The Ctee must not underestimate the "social value of the Club" to the boys' education. In the Club the Boys must be able to meet the Ctee members; - very often the effect of "being known" is found to be of equal or more value to a boy than giving him money. Encourage the boys by every available means to take part in activities, in those specially in which they show interest. If there is an activity in the Club in which, after reasonable effort has been spent, our boys will not take part then such an activity should cease and be replaced by one that they do like. (e.g. Football section at one time was financed for some considerable time when our boys had failed to take part). Keep the boys occupied in the Club. Competitions should be organised throughout the year and His Lordship did stress the necessity of trophies and other prizes being provided .. all ways of encouraging the boys to take part in activities.

Money spent on the Club is not a mis-spending of charitable funds because it is being spent on means of giving the boys a further education, a means of helping to "adjust" and "fit them into society."

It is to their advantage to mix with Catholic boys of their own age with normal home upbringing. It is important, therefore, that we admit to the Club the right kind of boy to achieve this purpose. We must take care that bad example is not given to our boys by others in the Club, otherwise the purpose of the Club fails.

He agreed that inter-Club matches in various activities should be played by teams consisting of all the boys of Saint Augustine's Youth Club. Boys should not be segregated but every effort possible made to get our boys to fit in with the others. - "fitting them into society" and "adjustment".

All boys in their Youth Club should be encouraged to work for their Club. But with our boys, where other lads may work from a sense of honour to their Club, our boys who indeed may be only capable of doing the most menial of tasks nevertheless they should be encouraged to do this much by granting them some small reward .. say sweets .. but never money.

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6. Admitting all these problems, the Ctee find that the situation is by no means made easier in that their active membership is very small. The few active members remaining find that the most of their time is spent in raising money for the charitable cause. Also, much time is taken up in the customary Ctee meetings which are necessary for the organisation of raising such large sums of money and for the dealing with the immediate welfare needs of the boys.

Attempts have been made to recruit new members with little success. Only recently all past/present members of the Ctee were circulated by letter to an extraordinary meeting to tackle this problem of membership - out of 80 odd members circulated only 12 turned up to the meeting.

7. Application for a Sunday Collection

8. Finance

9. Finally, mindful of Your Lordship's consideration of a grant of dispensation from abstinence to the public on this years Isle of Man Excursion, the Ctee shall undertake to see that there is proper stewarding on the "boats."

10. The Ctee wish to ask Your Lordship to become Patron of their work.

His Lordship realises the need of the Ctee for New members and he has promised that he will make a personal approach to the Knights of Columbanus and ask would they be willing to give us a few good helpers. He was pleased to hear of the part played by the Legion of Mary in the Club. He asked about COCO and other Catholic organisations, saying that they may well be contacted in the hope of getting any other willing helpers. His Lordship said that he personally, in his meeting with these different organisations, would spare no effort in promulgating the need for help on the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee. in work of this kind.

The Number of Charities who have applied for a Sunday Collection in the Churches throughout the diocese are numerous. So far His Lordship has not been able to put on extra collections. e.g. He said that he had not yet put before the Catholic Community the need for the "Freedom from Hunger Campaign." The application for the Sunday collection remains with His Lordship.

His Lordship examined the Bank statement of the Ctee personally and noted that the sleeping fund balanced the debt which stood with the Ctee's account and the Club's account added together. He seemed satisfied in that many others, charities and parishes are much worse off than the Ctee.

His Lordship will handle the matter of general dispensation from abstinence on this 12th July excursion 1963 through the Chaplain.

His Lordship said that he was privileged to be asked this and would willingly become a Patron of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee.



June 5th., 1965.

Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Connor.

My Lord Bishop,

I wish to acknowledge with many thanks your recommendations regarding the proposals of The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee for the establishment of a hostel along the lines indicated to you in my letter of May 13th. I have passed on your observations to Mr Cairns this morning which both he and I will put before the next meeting of the Committee.

I remain,

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Rev. Francis X. Kennedy.

Rev. Francis X. Kennedy, Chaplain.

February 25, 1965

G.J. Cairns, Esq., Chairman,
Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee,
16 Glastonbury Avenue,
BELFAST 15.

Dear Mr. Cairns,

I have recently had from Mr. D. Woods, Secretary of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee, a communication containing a number of reports relating to the Committee. I differed acknowledgement until I should have discussed these documents and the work of the Committee generally with Father Kennedy.

This morning I have had an opportunity to speak to Father Kennedy and he has told me that because he felt he was not recognised by the Committee as my representative, and therefore found himself in an impossible position, he has not been attending meetings for some time.

I have instructed Father Kennedy that there is no doubt about his position and have shown him the letters you received last September making this clear, so that he should have no difficulty about future attendance on this basis. I can only presume that Father Kennedy has misunderstood your attitude. I shall be obliged to have your assurance on behalf of your Committee that his position is in fact acknowledged.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

BISHOP OF DOWN AND CONNOR.

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Most Rev. Dr. William Philbin., D.D.,
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23rd July 1962.

My Lord Bishop,

I beg to submit the Chairman's report together with the statement of accounts and balance sheet as presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee held on 21st January 1962. I also enclose the statement of accounts of St. Augustine's Youth Club which is run under the auspices of our Committee.

I am quite certain that Your Lordship will be keenly interested in the work which we are doing and beg to inform that our next function is the Annual Bazaar to be held in St. Mary's Hall from the 7th - 10th November. Through the good offices of our Hon. Vice-President, Mr. Justice Sheil, the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, The Rt. Hon. The Lord MacDermott, has consented to perform the opening ceremony.

In concluding I would beg Your Lordship's Blessing on the work of the Committee and hope that the Committee shall have the honour of meeting Your Lordship in the near future.

I am,

Your Lordship's obedient Servant,

COPY CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH at Annual General Meeting held 21/1/'62.

The Chairman - Mr. James Keegan, addressing the members present, said - While it had been a very difficult year for the Committee, at the same time it proved to be a very successful year. We were £2000 in the 'red' last November. As well as the Bazaar, Isle of Man and the Carnival - our main sources of revenue - we must not forget the small functions which also helped and I hope there will be more of these small functions.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership of the Committee over the past 12 months has been hit and hit badly. Some of the older members have severed their connections and I regret this. I would like to see them coming back, or getting new members of equal calibre. Unfortunately, Mr. Connolly had to resign during the year, I would like to put on record my appreciation of his work. He was a founder member and a very efficient secretary and I sincerely hope he will return to us and continue the good work. Mr. Keegan thanked the Hon. Treasurer and said that he was a jewel in the position. There is one thing certain - anything he takes in hand he does well and any money he gets he puts away safely. I would like to associate myself with the Treasurer's remarks regarding the excellent work done by the Donnelly family for their help and assistance at the Carnival and to Mr. George Kennedy for his valuable help during the same function. Mr. Keegan said every member of the Committee worked like trojans to make the Isle of Man Excursion a success. Mr. McMullan deserved a special word of praise for the distribution and organisation in connection with this important event. I am happy to mention Mr. Egli and Mr. Digney for their great help in making the Bazaar such a success. Our assistant secretary Miss Crossey had, unfortunately, to resign, I wish to put on record our appreciation of all she has done. Referring to St. Augustine's Youth Club, the Chairman said - I would suggest to every one of the section leaders, as well as the Club Leader, to use every means in their power to raise whatever funds they can. Remember, the money we raise is for one purpose - for the boys coming out of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kircubbin - not for boys from outside parishes. I would respectfully ask every one connected with the Club to do their utmost to alleviate the Welfare Committee in the running of the various sections. In conclusion Mr. Keegan, on his own behalf and that of the Committee paid a special tribute to the splendid work of our Chaplain Rev. Fr. Kennedy, whom he said had put in two years work in one year and had done a tremendous job of work. Fr. Kennedy had devoted himself completely to Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee and St. Augustine's Catholic Youth Club.

COPY. Welfare Officer's Report to Annual General meeting 21/1/'62.

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT: was read by Mr. G. Cairns - Chairman of the after-care Sub. Committee of the boys leaving Rubane House, Kircubbin, coming directly under the care of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee. Mr. Murphy's report covered the period from January 1961 to 21st January 1962, giving full and complete details of the number of boys (including Welfare Authorities) placed in trades and semi-skilled occupations during the year. Number of boys who had left Belfast to take up work in England, and the boys due to leave Rubane House during the year 1962. At the conclusion of the report, Mr. Cairns referred to the number of boys now working in England and said that, unfortunately, in the present set-up, we must inevitably lose contact with some of them. This position could be remedied and it would be a wonderful thing, if, through the Nazareth Sisters in Hammersmith, some sort of committee could be established in the large cities in England to maintain contact with the boys. An approach is being made to Mother General to see if something could be done to help our boys in this connection and maintain contact with them.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to place boys in trades and it is a wonderful tribute to the DL 367 that he has been able to keep all the boys but one in full time employment during the year, but inevitably we must arrive at the position - because of the serious unemployment problem in Northern Ireland - when boys will be leaving the Home and the jobs will be more difficult to find.

In conclusion, Mr. Cairns said that he wished to place on record his very sincere thanks to Mrs. Lagan for her unfailing attendance at the meetings on Friday nights throughout the year.

September 7, 1964

Gabriel Cairns, Esq., Chairman,
Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee,
16 Glastonbury Avenue,
BELFAST 15.

Dear Mr. Cairns,

I have to write to you about the serious situation that has arisen in the relations between the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee and ecclesiastical authority in this Diocese. You will recall that last year following representations by my representative, the Reverend Francis Kennedy, I had a meeting with some of your members at which over a period of some hours we discussed your difficulties, and I promised to take measures to secure the assistance which you needed. This I tried to do subsequently through contact with several Catholic organisations. I felt your Committee would have appreciated from that meeting that I recognised the importance of your work and would consider sympathetically any projects towards furthering the aims of the charitable institution concerned.

I was surprised to learn some months later that your Committee had made an important change of policy by setting up a salaried position and appointing an occupant without any reference to me. I understand that this was done in spite of Father Kennedy's pointing out that the Bishop of the Diocese as responsible for the administration of all Catholic charitable organisations should be asked for approval of such a step.

I understand from Father Kennedy that at a recent meeting a similar appointment was made, and not only was Father Kennedy's reminder of the need for episcopal approval ignored but he was treated in a most unmannerly fashion, the acting-chairman actually declaring the meeting closed while he was in the course of making representations in support of the Bishop's authority.

You will understand that a critical position has now been reached. I have to ask you if you are in a position to contradict in any significant respect the

foregoing account. I shall appreciate a letter at your earliest convenience.

I am,
Yours sincerely,

BISHOP OF DOWN AND CONNOR.

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AGENDA which is to be discussed with The Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D., Lord Bishop of Down and Connor, at a meeting with the officers of the Society of Housing a limited number of boys might be a solution to this problem. The Society is situated in the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee.

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May 27th., 1963.

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WELFARE IN THE STRICT SENSE

- 1) Placing boys in employment in competition with other boys of their own age who are of a higher mental standard, is an ever increasing problem. From the point of view of the Committee as laymen, we wish to ask His Lordship is there any way in which the standard of education can be raised, taking into consideration that the number of boys coming into the Committee's care are supposedly E.S.N.
 - 2) The Committee can say that they are comparatively successful in keeping their boys in employment BUT the type of jobs available are not such as to give assurance for the boys' future. It is very difficult to establish boys in trades, e.g., plumbing, electrical and say with building contractors. The Committee are of the opinion that the Catholic employers are not playing their part in helping to employ boys who are in its care. Would His Lordship consider bringing before the Catholic Employer section of the community the charitable work entailed in helping to employ boys of this type.
 - 3) The Committee feel that they are not receiving sufficient detail in reports about boys who have left Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kircubbin, with special reference of course to the mental ability of the boys. Such reports would be invaluable in helping to place boys in the various types of employment available.
 - 4) Our Welfare Officer from time to time finds difficulty in lodging boys in digs for one reason or another. The Committee feel that perhaps a building capable of housing a limited number of boys might be a solution to this problem. Boys would be admitted to this house at the discretion of the Welfare Officer.
- Welfare case* Your Lordship's opinion, comment and direction on these points would be most gratefully appreciated.

"SOCIAL WELFARE" - mainly concerns St. Augustine's Youth Club.

IN THEORY St Augustine's Youth Club was founded to ensure healthy social contact for the past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kircubbin, and to give them an opportunity of meeting Catholic boys of their own age with normal home upbringing.

IN PRACTICE Our boys will not mix with the Catholic boys of "normal home upbringing." They will not take part in the Club activities as boys should do in a Youth Club. Educational Classes, kindly undertaken by the students of St. Joseph's Training College have been poorly attended. Our boys have to be compelled to attend such and they do so with a grudge. Mindful of the purpose for which the Club was founded, the Committee are of the opinion that expenditure on such a Club as it is to-day is a mis-spending of Charitable funds. Besides the public may well say that when they contribute to the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee, they are in fact giving towards the upkeep of a Youth Club which is availed of by the non-past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House Kircubbin. The proper use of the Club by the boys under the Committee's care is an exception. The Committee, therefore, are concerned about expense outlay on the Club, - cost of ~~main~~ maintenance of the building, repairs, decoration, purchase of equipment for the Club etc., etc. - all this, in the opinion of the Committee, seems to be a mis-spending of the Charitable Funds.

The Committee, in brief, find it very difficult to convince themselves of the "Social Welfare Value" of the Club as it exists to-day for "our boys" and have the policy in view of this that expense on the Club must always take second place to

immediate Welfare Expenditure, e.g. purchase of clothing, subsidising the boys weekly.
etc.

It has been suggested that we should confine the Club to our boys alone. If we do this we shall no longer qualify for Ministry Grant Aid, in that it would no longer be an "open" Club. Also, this would be a direct contradiction of the very purpose for which the Club was founded. Its membership, too, would be very small and may not justify a Youth Club at all.

Another suggestion was that the boys should be permitted to bring in their own friends. No doubt they would not approve of the Committee selecting who should be admitted to the Club and who should be excluded.

Your Lordship's direction on this "Social Welfare" problem, which mainly arises from the running of Saint Augustine's Youth Club, would be most gratefully appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP OF NAZARETH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Admitting all these problems, the Committee find that the situation is by no means made easier in that their active membership is very small. The few active members remaining find that most of their time is spent in "raising money" for the charitable cause. Also much time is taken up in the customary Committee meetings which are necessary for the organisation of raising such large sums of money and for the dealing with the immediate Welfare of the boys.

Attempts have been made to recruit new members with little success. Only recently all past and present members of the Committee were circulated by letter to an extraordinary meeting to tackle this problem of new membership - out of the eighty odd members circulated only twelve turned up to the meeting. Your Lordship's help in recruiting new members would be most gratefully appreciated.

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Finally, mindful of Your Lordship's consideration of a grant of dispensation from abstinence to the public on this year's Isle of Man Excursion, the Committee shall undertake to see that there is proper stewarding on the "Boats."

The Committee wish to ask Your Lordship to become Patron of their work.

All these points were raised at the Executive and Monthly meetings of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee, May 16th and May 21st, and have been displayed on the Committee notice Board for all members to READ.

May 8th., 1964.

Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Connor.


My Lord Bishop,

Before leaving the Youth Club to-night, I chanced to look into the Committee Office before coming home. The Treasurer handed me a large envelope and told me the Chairman had asked him to give it to me.

I enclose, therefore, the contents of the envelope as it was handed to me.

I remain,

Your Lordship's Obedient servant,


Rev. Francis X. Kennedy.

8th May, 1964.

Reverend and Dear Father,

I enclose herewith the financial statement for the year 1963 together with a summary of the work of the Committee for that year, for transmission to his Lordship the Bishop.

I would appreciate it if, when writing to his Lordship, you would offer my apologies for the delay and explain that this was occasioned by the upset due to Peter's illness and departure to Switzerland.

Yours respectfully



NAZARETH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE.SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE THROUGHOUT
THE YEAR 1963.MEETINGS:

Number of meetings throughout the year was as follows:-

General Meetings	...	...	18
Executive	...	...	24
After-care sub-committee	...	...	56
Club Management Committee	...	...	12

FINANCE:

Income amounted to approximately £4,925 and expenditure was £4,029, showing a balance of £896 on the year. The thrift account shows a credit balance of £3,925 which has been built up to secure payment of a sum of £4,000 in 1967 as the final payment for the purchase of the premises. There is due to the bank on the other accounts a sum of £2,127.

AFTER-CARE:

Employers and landlords of all boys under our care were frequently visited throughout the year and written reports were submitted weekly by the Welfare Officer to the sub-committee. These reports were considered by the sub-committee and the appropriate action was taken and directions given. In the case of the boy brought to the Winter Assizes legal representation was arranged and the Welfare Officer attended Court and gave evidence on his behalf.

CLUB:

The following forms of relaxation were offered -

- (a) Billiards, table-tennis, darts, drama training, variety training, P.T. class (St. Thomas' school).
- (b) Woodwork class: Instruction was provided by a fully qualified teacher. Necessary equipment and raw materials were provided.
- (c) Educational classes: Through the good offices of the
/Legion

Legion of Mary, three student teachers have given their services and virtually individual tuition is available for the boys.

(d) Baths:

A modern bathroom was installed and and by a rota system each boy has one or more baths per week. Clean towels are provided.

HOSTEL:

Notwithstanding the efforts of the Committee no couple has been found suitable to undertake the supervision of a hostel.

ORGANIZING
SECRETARY

At the Annual General Meeting in January, 1963, by unanimous resolution, the executive was empowered to appoint an organizing secretary. Notwithstanding advertisements in the press and inquiries throughout the course of the year, no suitable person could be found. Early in January, 1964, the executive - at a meeting presided over by the vice-chairman - after close examination of the position - tentatively offered the situation to NL 40 (the out-going chairman) and directed that the matter be put on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting and that notice be given to all members. Copies of the agenda were sent to members of the Committee 14 days before the meeting.

At the Annual General Meeting the Committee - the vice-chairman being in the chair and [REDACTED] not being present - after lengthy discussion and after carefully weighing the advantages against the cost, ratified the appointment for a probationary period of one year. During this discussion every member present was urged to express their views on this question. Although the resolution to appoint an Organizing Secretary had already been made the meeting was again asked to examine the problem. The principal points which emerged from these deliberations may be enumerated as follows:-

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1. No member has the time, consistent with his own personal obligations, to devote to the discharge of the duties and responsibilities of honorary secretary. In the previous two years the honorary secretaries resigned during their terms of office and thus left the committee without a secretary.
2. The work of organising functions (e.g. the Isle of Man excursion, Bazaar) has become so onerous that members are unable to cope with these tasks without the assistance of a full time official to co-ordinate and perform essential jobs incidental to the functions during normal business hours.
3. The compilation of adequate and up-to-date records has become a pressing need.
4. The increase in revenue which it is hoped will follow from a more thorough organization of the functions, particularly the bazaar, will offset to a large extent the cost of a paid official.
5. The principal argument against this appointment was based on financial factors but the people present at the meeting were not convinced that these were insuperable reasons.

The meeting then frankly discussed the capacity of [REDACTED] to fill this office. The following facts greatly influenced the meeting in his favour.

1. [REDACTED] has a thorough and intimate knowledge of the nature of the work involved in both the primary and secondary objects of the committee. He has essential experience in the work gained from his two years in office as chairman.
2. [REDACTED] who was one of the original founders of [REDACTED] /the
3. [REDACTED]

the Committee, has demonstrated in the past his undoubted zeal for the work of the Committee and it is reasonably expected that this fervour and zeal would continue.

3. The need for a person dedicated to the work who would literally devote his full time to the co-ordination of all the efforts of the committee; and finally
4. [REDACTED] as an old boy of Nazareth Lodge, is possessed of an intimate knowledge of the problems confronting the boys and has sympathy with and understanding of them.

APPOINTMENTS:

The following persons were appointed officers of the Committee for the year 1964 -

President:	Mr. J. B. Kennedy
Chairman:	Mr. G. J. Cairns
Vice-chairman:	Mr. J. Keegan
Treasurer:	Mr. G. Hanna
Secretary:	Mr. D. Woods.

Chairman (After-care sub-committee) Mr. W. Staunton.

Chairman (Club Management Committee) Mr. R. Egli.

AIMS FOR THE
YEAR 1964.

- (a) To improve the financial position by making the main functions more profitable.
- (b) To devise ways and means to offset the threat which the general unemployment position presents to boys coming from Rubane.
- (c) To establish a holiday fund.
- (d) To investigate the possibility of establishing in countries where employment is available (e.g.

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(e.g. in England, Australia, etc.) a committee to which boys - willing to go ~~and~~ for whom employment is not available here, could be sent and through which supervision and if need be financial help ~~would~~ be continued.

- (e) To continue with our efforts to find some couple who would be suitable to superintend a hostel for "difficult boys".



ST. AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH CLUB.

SHOP TRADING ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st.JULY 1963				CR
1963				
To Stock	-	-	By Sales	£ 95. 11. 3.
			July 31	
" Purchases	£ 145. 12. 8.		" Stock	7. 3. 0.
			" LOSS ON TRADING	42. 18. 5.
			a/a	
	£ 145. 12. 8.			£ 145. 12. 8.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st.JULY 1963				CR
1963				
To Loss on Shop Trading b/d	£ 42. 18. 5.		By Club Fees	£ 33. 5. 4.
" Rates	46. 8. 4.			
" Heating & Lighting	171. 1. 10.		" Ministry Grants	560. 12. 11.
" Insurances N.A.C.C.	12. 8. 0.		" Billiard Receipts	2. 6. 1.
" Sports Equipment,Fees etc.,	93. 1. 2.			596. 4. 4.
" Woodwork Expenses	56. 16. 5.			
" Drama & Variety Group Expenses	25. 14. 6.			
" Bank Fee & Cheque Book	1. 17. 8.			
" Re-slating Roof	300. 0. 0.		" LOSS FOR YEAR	499. 7. 9.
" General Repairs & Renewals	108. 6. 2.			
" Salary: Club Leader	203. 0. 0.			
" Postage,Stationery & Advertising	9. 19. 10.			
" Cleaning & Sundries	23. 19. 9.			
	1095. 12. 1.			
	£ 1095. 12. 1.			£ 1095. 12. 1.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st.JULY 1963.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS	
Sundry Creditors	100. 15. 9.	Cash on Hands	2. 7. 1.
Ulster Bank Ltd.: Current Account	235. 3. 1.	Stock-in-Trade	7. 3. 0.
Advances by Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee	1512. 1. 1.	Fittings & Equipment as at 1/8/1962	234. 0. 0.
		Football Rigs at Cost	65. 16. 7.
		Water Rate paid in advance	- 4. 9.
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:-			
Balance at Debit 1/8/1962	3139. 0. 9.		
ADD: Loss for Year	499. 7. 9.		
	3638. 8. 6.		
	CONTRA		

1963		1963	
July 31	July 31	July 31	July 31
To Loss on Shop Trading	b/d	£ 42. 18. 5.	£ 33. 5. 4.
" Rates		46. 8. 4.	
" Heating & Lighting		171. 1. 10.	
" Insurances N.A.C.O.		12. 8. 0.	560. 12. 11.
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" Bank Fee & Cheque Book		1. 47. 8.	
" Re-slating Roof		300. 0. 0.	
" General Repairs & Renewals		108. 6. 2.	
" Salary: Club Leader		203. 0. 0.	
" Postage, Stationery & Advertising		9. 19. 10.	
" Cleaning & Sundries		23. 19. 9.	
		1095. 12. 1.	499. 7. 9.
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY 1963.			
LIABILITIES.		ASSETS	
Sundry Creditors		Cash on Hands	2. 7. 4.
Ulster Bank Ltd.,: Current Account		Stock-in-Trade	7. 3. 0.
Advances by Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee		Fittings & Equipment as at 1/8/1962	234. 0. 0.
		Football Rigs at Cost	65. 16. 7.
		Water Rate paid in advance	- 4. 9.
		Capital Account: per Contra	3638. 8. 6.
			£ 3947. 19. 11.
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:-			
Balance at Debit 1/8/1962		3139. 0. 9.	
ADD: Loss for Year		499. 7. 9.	
	CONTRA	3638. 8. 6.	
			£ 3947. 19. 11.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I have examined the books of St. Augustine's Youth Club and certificates from The
Water Bank Ltd., and certify the foregoing Accounts to be in accordance therewith.

SIGNED 12/1/44



ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR,
16, WORMAN AVENUE,
BELFAST.

WALTHAM LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 1963

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EXPENDITURE

INCOME

To Subsidies, Clothing, Lodgings etc.,	£ 912. 11. 4.
" Welfare Officer : Salary & Insurance	633. 4. 11.
do. : Travel & Expenses	51. 15. 3.
" Insurances	112. 11. 11.
" Telephone	53. 10. 4.
" Postage, Printing & Stationery	42. 14. 5.
" Bank Interest & Charges	77. 5. 9.
" Re-Union Expenses	24. 19. 6.
" Dinner Expenses	83. 9. 6.
" Donations & Subscriptions	27. 15. 8.
" Miscellaneous	11. 12. 3.
" NET PROFIT FOR YEAR	2031. 10. 10.
	2195. 8. 2.
	£ 4226. 19. 0.

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By Supervision, Subsidy & Clothing

" Donations

" Rent Receivable: 124, Gt. Victoria Street.

" Deposit Interest

" Profit on Functions:-

Isle of Man Excursion

Bazaar

Guest Tea

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th NOVEMBER 1963.

LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Sundry Creditors	88. 4. 1.
Rent Receivable : in advance	44. 2. 3.
CAPITAL ACCOUNT:-	
Balance as at 1/12/1962	11051. 17. 1.
ADD: Net Profit for Year	2195. 8. 2.
	13247. 5. 3.

Cash on Hands

" in Current Account

" in Thrift Account

Fittings & Equipment as at 1/12/1962

Heating System as at 1/12/1962

Deposit on Premises as at 1/12/1962

Addition during year

Advances : St Augustine's Youth Club

Sundry Debtors

Expenses prepaid & unexpired

£ 13379. 11. 7.

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ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR,
16, WORKMAN AVENUE,
BELFAST.

May 3rd., 1964.

Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Connor.

My Lord Bishop,

The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday last, April 30th. On your advice I read your letter to all the members present. You recall that in your letter you requested me to send the annual report on the affairs of the Committee, their progress and policies and their balance sheet. On that same night, at the conclusion of the meeting, I asked the Hon. Treasurer for the Balance sheet. He said he had it at home. I asked him to bring it to me the following night, (Friday), when I would see him at the Club. On Friday night I again asked him for the balance sheet. He said he had forgotten to bring it with him. I asked him to leave it at my home, without fail, on Saturday; in the event of my being out, I told him to place it in my letter box at my house. Late on Saturday night he had not delivered it nor had I received any explanation why he had not.

On my return from Mass in Holywood Camp this morning, there was a message for me to telephone the Chairman of the Committee. In the course of our conversation, he admitted to having the balance sheet. I re-read your letter to the Chairman over the telephone and asked him to leave the document at my house to-day. I repeated that if I happened to be out when he called, he was to leave it in the letter box at my house. It is now 11.40. p.m., Sunday night and I have not received the balance sheet.

I thought it best to inform Your Lordship about this in that I have requested the balance sheet on three separate occasions without result.

In the meantime I am continuing with my own report which you requested of me and I will deliver it to you as soon as I have completed it.

I remain,

Your Lordship's obedient servant

Rev. Francis X. Kennedy.

REPORT ①

ANNUAL REPORT

1963/1964

NAZARETH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE

Since my return to duty as Chaplain to The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee on May 6th., 1963, the principal work of the Committee - "The After Care of the past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kircubbin," - has continued with satisfactory progress. A glance at the Welfare Officer's Report indicates that some 17 more boys have come under the Committee's care since last year. Old problems however, still remain. The ever increasing number of boys who are coming under the Committee's care make it more and more difficult to find suitable employment for them all; this problem is not alleviated by the large rate of unemployment in Belfast at the present time. Suitable Lodgings, too, are difficult to find. This problem, I am aware, will always be with the Committee but it is satisfactory to report that the 50 odd boys under their care have not been wanting in anything nor have they in any way ^{been} neglected. This is to the credit of the Committee and I have no hesitation in applauding their efforts over the past year in this respect. This work, I prefer to call "The immediate welfare work of the after care of boys who have left the diocesan orphanages."

To carry out this work, the Committee must needs involve themselves in further voluntary work. There is the problem of raising approximately £3,000, not to mention the running of St. Augustine's Youth Club which is intended for the social welfare and education of these unfortunate boys. In submitting this report, therefore, I find it easier to enumerate in chronological order, the main events as they happened in the history of the Committee over the past year. This will not include the day to day work of the Committee (After care work for the boys), but rather matter pertaining to their welfare work - e.g., functions to raise money in support of the work, the events which have happened in the Youth Club etc., etc.

As far as my memory serves me, these were the main events which took place over the past year.

MAY 1963: This month was mainly spent in preparation for the Isle of Man excursion. Tickets for the excursion were being circularised around various agents throughout the whole of the North of Ireland, as well as in Belfast itself. At a meeting this month also there was discussion on the matter which was to be brought forward in the interview arranged with Your Lordship for June 8th.

JUNE 26th., 1963 : Mr Arthur Hamill (deceased) and at one time Treasurer of The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee, bequeathed to the Committee in his will the sum of £100 - 0 - 0. He bequeathed the amount to the then President of the Committee. I obtained, on the instruction of T.H. Cairns Solicitors, the signatures of the President, Mr J.B. Kennedy and the then Chairman of the Committee, for the document, and called at Cairns' offices to collect the cheque on the Committee's behalf. I acknowledged receipt of the amount to the solicitors and placed notice of the bequeathment on the notice board at 122, Gt. Victoria St., for all to read. I gave the cheque to the then treasurer.

JULY 12th., 1963: The customary excursion to the Isle of Man took place and a little more than 4,000 people enjoyed the day's outing. Both boats of the Isle of Man steam Packet Co. were packed to capacity. Some malicious damage was done on one of the boats outgoing to the extent that some panels in a Bar were kicked and smashed. Special supervision tried to prevent the same happening on the

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same boat returning. Unfortunately the culprits managed to change boats on the return journey and did the same damage on the other boat on the way home. The Committee were of course liable to the Shipping Co. for damages and a letter of apology was sent. Fortunately the cost of damages was only in the region of £12 and in a reply of a letter sent by the Committee to the Shipping Co., the latter expressed regret that this had happened. The shipping Co. admitted that they were quite satisfied with the general conduct of the people participating in excursions organised by the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee, and regretted the small incident. They looked forward to negotiations for the next years excursion. (Profits - £1,700) (on excursion 1963)

JULY 1963: During this month, the acting Club Leader was Mr F. McMullan. Our own Club Leader resigned after holding office for approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ years. The Committee postponed appointment of a new Club Leader until August.

AUGUST 1963: Mr J. Kelters was appointed by the Committee as new Club Leader.

During this month I also met Mr Aidan Austin, whom Your Lordship so kindly directed me to help in Club work. He expressed something about a wish to form a holiday camp for the boys. I had more immediate tasks on hand. He helped to re-decorate a room in the Club which I wanted to serve for Education Classes for the boys during the winter. He completed most of the difficult work and even brought some more help. Unfortunately I had to pay a painter a small sum to finish the job.

At the Committee's wish I interviewed Mr Smith (Ministry Inspector) re obtaining Ministry Grant Aid on the re-novation of the Bathroom in the Club. The Ministry gave us 75% of costs, and the work was completed in December 1963.

Also at this time and again at the Committee wish, I asked Mr Smith re the employment of a cleaner for the Club. She was to come 3 days a week, 3 hours per day @ 4/- per hour. The Ministry gave us 75% of costs in this also.

Towards the end of August or the beginning of September, the students of St. Joseph's Training College kindly volunteered to come to the Club two nights a week to help in the education of the orphan boys. I wish to record my vvery sincere thanks to these students for the wonderful work they have done for the boys during the year (and in past years also.)

OCTOBER 1963 I re-established the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association in the Youth Club. I picked provisional "Council Members" from the general Committee Body and the Legion of Mary.

During the months of September/October the General Committee spent in preparation for the Annual Bazaar. Committee meetings organised circulars of appeal to be sent out, and members helped in collecting from those who said they wished to donate. Circulars of thanks were also sent to donors on receipt of financial or material donations to the Bazaar.

NOVEMBER 6th 7th 8th & 9th : The Committee held their Annual Bazaar in St. Mary's Hall. The opening ceremony was performed by Miss Sheelagh Murnaghan, Barrister at Law, Liberal Member of Parliament for the Queen's University of Belfast. Some who appeared on the reception platform, as far as I recall, were:-

Hon. Mr Justice Sheil, Mr J.B.Kennedy, NL 40
Mr Seumas O'Hara, myself.

As I have not the Balance sheet at hand, I think I recall the Bazaar

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showing profit of approximately £1170. I recall that the receipts figures were approximately £1700.

NOVEMBER 23/24th 1963.: The Annual Retreat for the Boys of St Augustine's Youth Club took place in St. Clement's Retreat House. 31 boys volunteered to attend. 26 were actually present at the Retreat, 18 of whom were past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House. The Committee kindly donated a subscription towards expenses for the retreat. I advised this in that some of our own boys would be only too glad to use the excuse of costs to be absent. LS 83 told me, of course, that he would not expect anything but I could not in all fairness ask him to feed so many hungry mouths. A cheque was forwarded to LS 83 as a subscription with many thanks from the Committee.

DECEMBER 1963 : On Sunday 29th., The Annual General Re-Union for the past pupils of Rubane House and Nazareth Lodge was held in St Augustine's Youth Club. I enclose a copy of the "Invitation Circular" which was sent to the boys. The number of boys who attended this year was the largest on record so far.

Holy Mass ...about 50 present

Breakfast ...about 70 present

Competitions ...about 50 took part

Dinner ...about 92 present

Most of the boys remained for the little social afterwards and they were entertained to supper before departing.

JANUARY 1964: An Annual Dinner, expense of which comes from Committee funds, was held in The International Hotel, Belfast with about 100 guests present. This Annual Dinner began about four years ago as a gesture of thanks not only to Committee members but to thank all who in some way or other have helped the Committee in their work and functions. The guests include therefore, not just Committee members but non-members who help at functions etc. Mr G.B.Newe, Secretary, Northern Ireland Council of Social Service gave a long and interesting address as guest speaker. This dinner took place on January 19th., a few days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

JANUARY 19th Sunday 1964

AGENDA: Last years minutes: There were very few present at A.G.M. 1963 (This I gather was due to the heavy snow at that time). Included in the reading of the minutes was the passing of the proposal for an employed secretary. (I think there were about 15 present at that meeting, but I cannot say for certain as I was still in Hospital at that time.)

Chairman's Address: A short address was given by the Chairman retiring. He thanked all for their cooperation during his ~~three~~ two years office.

Treasurer's Report: A short commentary on the Balance sheet was given by The then treasurer he also was retiring.

Welfare Officer's Report.

The Chairman of the After-Care Sub.Ctee. read this report. DL 367 the welfare Officer was not present, as he had been in previous years. A copy or original of this report I have not got. I have asked the Welfare Officer to make out a report for Your Lordship. He did so and gave it to me to-day
(May 4th. '64)

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I enclose herewith the report which DL 367 gave me. (attached herewith)

CLUB LEADER'S Report: He did not read a report but rather gave a short address. Mr Kelters, who had taken office as Club Leader since August 1963, said he had not yet had the opportunity to "find his feet." He was trying to break up the boys into groups by use of the "House System" and hoped to integrate the past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kircubbin, with the other boys by the use of this system. He hoped to reduce membership to 80 boys in all. He looked forward to being able to have three table tennis teams, and one football team in the following months.

(On speaking with the Club Leader last week, he told me that the Club membership stands at 80 boys, 33 of whom are past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House. He finds difficulty in getting them to take part in Club Activities.)

the orphan boys

LEGION OF MARY REPORT: Mr T.Marron, President, expressed satisfaction with the developement of the membership to The Legion of Mary in the Club. He thanked all for their co-operation. Membership now stands at 24. (10 female 14 male)

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ORGANISING SECRETARY:

At this point in the Annual General Meeting, the retiring Chairman left the meeting. The Vice Chairman took the Chair. He put forward the "Executive's " recommendation that the retiring Chairman be appointed as Organising Secretary. Before doing so he opened "the employment of an organising secretary to the meeting." The result, after lengthy discussion, was the appointment of the retiring Chairman as organising Secretary at a salary of £14 per week.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected as officers to the Committee for the year 1964/1965


Chairman	Mr Gabriel Cairns.
Vice Chairman	Mr James Keegan
Treasurer	Mr George Hanna
Assistant Treasurer ...	Mr George Kennedy (my uncle)
Hon. Secretary	Mr Desmond Woods
Hon. Assistant Sec. ...	Miss Mairead Kennedy
Sub Ctee. Chairman ...	Mr Liam Staunton.
	Management Ctee. Chairman .. Mr R. Egli.

I gave a short address after the Legion of Mary Report at the request of the retiring Chairman.

Mr G. Cairns was elected Chairman "in absentia" and so also was Mr Egli elected Chairman of Management; both had sent excuses that they were unable to attend.

There were about 26 members present at this years Annual General Meeting. (1964)

The meeting ended with the Concluding Prayers according to custom.



May 5th., 1964.

Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Connor.

My Lord Bishop,

As requested in your letter to me of April 16th last, I enclose herewith a full report on the affairs, progress and policies of The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee. I regret I have been unsuccessful in obtaining the balance sheet. I have already explained to you the difficulties I met with in this respect in my letter to you on Sunday, May 3rd.

You will notice I have enclosed two Reports. Report No.1. is a chronological enumeration of the main events in The Committee's affairs over the past year. Report No.2. is my own personal commentary on these affairs.

With humble apologies for causing Your Lordship the inconvenience in this matter, I look forward to your guiding advice.

I remain,

Your Lordship's obedient servant



Rev. Francis X. Kennedy, Chaplain.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBANUS. I have had one "Knight" become a permanent member of the Legion of Mary in the Club. Five other "Knights" have volunteered to help supervise the activities of the boys in the Club and have already been in the Club.

BINGO When I returned to duty last year, I knew the Committee were running Bingo in St Mary's Hall, with the approval of Your Lordship and Monsignor Mullally. I was told about this. This was run in conjunction with three other Charities and Your Lordship forwarded to me a cheque at that time as the Committee's share of the profits. As a result of the civil Law Case, those sessions of Bingo were stopped.

I know that the Committee are running "Bingo" in St Mary's Hall for some time now since that. This fact has never been openly discussed at Meetings and I have not been approached to ask your approval or disapproval. I do not know exactly in what way it is being run.

In conversation, however, with the present Vice Chairman of the Committee a few weeks ago, I understand that all funds raised go directly to the Committee account. It seems that this Vice Chairman has undertaken to accept responsibility if prosecution should arise. He, and he only, would be prosecuted not the Committee. He told me this himself.

I also came upon this little attached leaflet in the Club Office one day recently. I have heard nothing about the N.L.W.C. Charity Club but I have reason to believe that numbers of these leaflets have been circulated by post. This has not been mentioned at any meeting at which I was present and I simply do not know what it is about. (I conclude it has to do with the Bingo). At the last two monthly meetings a sum of approx. £100 has been read out as "Donations" but in truth most of the "Executive" members know full well it is profits from the Bingo.

As I have been unable to obtain the Balance Sheet, this little leaflet would be well worth questioning in that it must be Membership Card to the Bingo Club now running. As far as I know, the Bingo sessions began ~~around~~ ~~Christmas~~ last year, and remembering the report read from the AGM 1964 there was close on £1,000 raised but I am far from certain on that figure.

In the matter of these Bingo Sessions I am hopelessly in the dark through no fault of my own. I just have not been told.

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This is as accurate a Report as I can furnish at present of what has taken place in the past year since I resumed as Chaplain. I hope it will be of use to Your Lordship in the purpose for which it was requested.

[REDACTED]
Rev. F.X. Kennedy, Chaplain.

N. L. W. C. CHARITY CLUB

Application for Membership

I am desirous of becoming a member of N. L. W. C. Charity Club and should I be elected I undertake to participate whenever possible, in all functions organised on behalf of the above Club. The purpose of the Club is to raise funds for Charity.

I declare that I am over 18 years of age, and I undertake to abide by the Rules of the Club.

NAME
(Block Letters)

ADDRESS.....

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DATE.....

Signature of

Applicant

This is a detailed form showing the structure of The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee.

I would like to point out that The Members of the Legion of Mary are mostly young people and are not really aware of the affairs of the General Committee. They are mainly concerned with helping with activities in the Club. Quite a number of them are only past 21 years old.

The House Captains, too, are only boys still and are incapable of participating in Committee affairs.

From the section "Remainigg Members" only about 6 attend the monthly meetings. They are scarcely aware of recent happenings on the Committee at all, with the exception of one or two.

The main responsibility of Committee decisions rests with the Executive Committee.

Life President: Mr J. B. Kennedy.

Hon. Vice Presidents.

Very Rev. Dean Frank Kerr, P.P., V.F.,

The Hon. Mr Justice Shiell.

Frank Kennedy, Esq. F.R.C.S. (My Father)

Charles Stewart, Esq. Q.C. M.P.

P.T.O. →

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEERuling Body

Handles recommendations to
General Committee
Meets every fortnight

CAIRNS, Gabriel ... Chairman
KEEGAN, James Vice Chairman
HANNA, George ... Treasurer
KENNEDY, George ... Ass. Treasurer
WOODS, Desmond ... Hon. Secretary
KENNEDY, Mairead .. Hon. Ass. Secretary
STAUNTON, Liam ... Chairman of "After-
care" sub. Ctee.
EGLI, Robert .. Chairman Management Ctee.
BOYLE, Brian
SHEIL, Peter
McEVOY, Patrick
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"AFTER-CARE" SUB-COMMITTEE

Meets every Friday and instructs
Welfare Officer in work for following
week. Also privately interviews
the boys individually

Management Committee - principally
concerned with the running of the
building as a Youth Club. Can only
recommend expenditure to main Ctee.

STAUNTON, Liam ... Chairman
KENNEDY, George
DL 367
Others from General Ctee in Rota.

EGLI, Robert ... Chairman
KELTERS, James .. Employed Club Leader
MADDEN, Daniel
HANNA, George .. Treasurer
Other representatives if required.

LEGION OF MARY"Our Lady of Nazareth Praesidium"

Mixed - i.e. Boys and Girls whose
main duties are

Boys:- Supervision, and assisting
Club Leader

Girls:- Serving Tea in Canteen

Also the Legion help main Ctee. in
the annual fund raising functions
but not as "Legion Duty"

MARRON, Thomas ... President
WOODS, Desmond ... Vice President
REILLY, Anne ... Secretary
REILLY, Winnie ... Treasurer
SWEENEY, Augustus
CROSBIE, Patricia
CROSKERY, Josephine
MEEHAN, Roisin
McMULLAN, Frank
CUNNINGHAM, Oliver
CLIFFORD, Andrew
CARBERRY, Edward
HAGAN, Brian
CRAIG, Thomas
HANRATTY, Philip
DOYLE, Maura
MARRON, Anne
McLOUGHLIN, Marie
CARABINE, Dorothy
O'CONNOR, Patrick
ROCKS, John
HEANEY, Mary
CUNNINGHAM, Kevin
HANRATTY, Philip

PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

Formed Last October '63.

This is the COUNCIL on which are
represented both Legion and
Committee members from main Ctee.
body

McMULLAN, Frank ... President
SHEIL, Peter ... Treasurer
CUNNINGHAM, Kevin ... Secretary
MARRON, Thomas
KEEGAN, James
MEEHAN, Roisin
HEANEY, Mary

HOUSE CAPTAINS. These boys were
appointed by Club Leader to organise
teams in five different "houses" to
encourage competition in Club games.

HAGAN, Brian
HUGHES, Sean
CARBERRY, Edward
CLIFFORD, Andrew
CUNNINGHAM, Oliver

These are the remaining members of
the main Ctee. who are not actually
in any of the sub. Ctees. or Spiritual
Societies. They are, however, ordinary
members of the Welfare Committee.

CAROLL, Patricia
CARSON, Joseph
CLARKE, Frank
CONNOLLY, Joseph
DALY, Miss R.
DONNELLY, Jack
DONNELLY, Mary
HAYES, Alan
McNULTY, Edward
HAYES, Miss K.
KELLY, Patrick
MAGILL, Anthony
MORRISON, Mrs K.
McALESE, Miss M.
Mr & Mrs McGOWAN
McKEEVER, Gerard
Mc KERVEY, John
ROSATO, Joseph

NOTE:- If one uses the Term "Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee" in the broad sense, then all the above are its members, whether they be "active" actual members of the Welfare Committee or "associate" or "Passive" members because of their being associated with the work of the Welfare Committee - e.g. Legion of Mary Members, House Captains etc. The following, therefore, is an alphabetical list of above names. All are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

BOYLE, Brian
CAIRNS, Gabriel
CARABINE, Dorothy
CARBERRY, Edward
CAROLL, Patricia
CARSON, Joseph
CLARKE, Frank
CLIFFORD, Andrew
CONNOLLY, Joseph

CRAIG, Thomas
CROSBIE, Patricia
CROSBERRY, Josephine
CUNNINGHAM, Kevin
CUNNINGHAM, Oliver
DALY, Miss R.
DONNELLY, Jack
DONNELLY, Mary
DOYLE, Maura
EGLI, Robert
HAGAN, Brian
HANNA, George
HANRATTY, Philip
HAYES, Alan
HAYES, Miss K.
HEANEY, Mary
HUGHES, Sean
KEEGAN, James
KELLY, Patrick
KENNEDY, George
KENNEDY, Mairead
MADDEN, Daniel
MAGILL, Anthony
MARRON, Anne
MARRON, Thomas
MEEHAN, Roisin
MORRISON, Mrs K.
McALESE, Miss M.
McEVOY, Patrick
McGOWAN, Robert
McGOWAN, Mrs Robert
McKEEVER, Gerard
McKERVEY, John
McLOUGHLIN, Marie
McMULLAN, Frank
McNULTY, Edward
REILLY, Anne
REILLY, Winnie
ROCKS, John
ROGATO, Joseph
RYAN, Miss M.
SHEIL, Peter
STAUNTON, Liam
SWENEY, Augustus
WARD, Kathleen
WOODS, Desmond
O'CONNOR, Patrick

TOTAL 57 members.

All those on this alphabetical list are circulated by the Committee Secretary for "Monthly Meetings" and "The Annual General Meeting" on the instructions of the Executive.

The average attendance at the "monthly meetings" is approximately 22.13.

The Attendance at the Annual General Meeting 1963 was about 15. This was possibly due to the heavy snow at that time.

The attendance at the Annual General Meeting for this January past, 1964 was approximately 30. ~~22.13~~.

Whereas one might conclude that the list herewith is good "numerically speaking", it is not by any means active "in toto."

For example, very often, the "Monthly Meeting" of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee is simply composed of the "executive members" (see above) with a few extra members in addition. Although in theory it should not be so, the "Executive Committee" has become over the past year "The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee". The remainder are reduced to helpers of the Executive in carrying out its instructions.

SUMMARY	Executive Committee	12 members
	After Care Sub Ctee	2 members
	Management Ctee	4 members
	Legion of Mary	24 members
	Pioneer T.A.A.	
	Council	7 members
	House Captains	5 Members
	Other members of	
	General Committee	20 Members

74 Total

The extra number appears as 74 because some are on one or more of the above six groups.

ALSO EMPLOYED BY THE NAZARETH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE:-

NL 40	....	Organising Secretary
DONNELLY, Mrs	....	Cleaner
KELTERS, James	....	Club Leader (Part time)
MAY, Brian	....	Drama Instructor
	....	Welfare Officer
NEILSON, Roy	....	Woodwork Instructor.

Re-union 1963.

NAZARETH LODGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee cordially invite you to the Annual Re-union at Saint Augustine's Youth Club, 122, Great Victoria Street, Belfast, on Sunday DECEMBER 29th., 1963.

Programme for the Day includes:

- 10.30. a.m. Holy Mass in the Main Hall of the Club. Please attend in good time.
- 12.00. noon. Breakfast in the Whitehall Restaurant
- 1.30. p.m. Billiards / Snooker / Table Tennis / Darts Competitions
There will be prizes for the winners of these contests.
- 4.00. p.m. Christmas Dinner.
To be held in the Main Hall of the Club.
- 6.00/6.30. p.m. Approx. Social and entertainment.

To help us know how many will be present at the Re-union this year, please WRITE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS IN BLOCK CAPITALS on the stamped addressed card which we have sent you and POST it to us as soon as possible (Before Christmas).

NOTE: Please be in good time for Holy Mass at the Club which begins at 10.30. a.m. sharp. Confessions in the Chaplain's Room before Mass.

CHAIRMAN

NL 40

Chaplain

Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee

(Under the Patronage of Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.)

122 Great Victoria Street - Belfast

TELEPHONE : 24342

Hon. Vice-Presidents:
 Very Rev. Dean Frank Kerr, P.P., V.F.
 The Hon. Mr. Justice Sheil.
 Frank Kennedy, Esq., F.R.C.S.
 Charles Stewart, Esq., Q.C., M.P.

Spiritual Director:
 Rev. F. X. Kennedy, B.A.

President:
 James B. Kennedy, Esq., J.P.

Treasurer:
 George Kennedy, Esq.
 Secretary:
 Miss P. Crosbie.

To most of us home is a haven of rest, relaxation and freedom from the cares and anxieties of the work-a-day world. Unfortunately there exists amongst us a section of the community less fortunate, whose only home has been the boys' orphanage of Nazareth Lodge or Rubane House, Kircubbin.

The work of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee is concerned with the aftercare of those boys who, having left Nazareth Lodge at the age of 11 years and having spent 4 years in Rubane, are now to face the world.

In furtherance of its aims, the Committee:—

- (a) obtains living accommodation for the boys.
- (b) provides them with clothing and footwear.
- (c) supplements their meagre earnings sufficiently to enable them to pay their way.
- (d) obtains work, preferably in trades, for them.
- (e) counsels and guides them.
- (f) provides a club wherein their free time can be usefully employed.
- (g) provides instruction in general education.
- (h) employs a full-time Welfare Officer.

All this involves heavy expenditure and the voluntary Committee workers are doing admirable work and sacrificing much of their time in order to raise funds to ensure that the after-care of these boys is really possible.

At present, preparations are going on for the Annual Bazaar which this year is being held in St. Mary's Hall, on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th November, 1963, and will be opened by Miss Sheelagh Murnaghan, Barrister-at-Law, Liberal Member of Parliament for the Queen's University of Belfast.

To assist the Committee, a full-time Welfare Officer is employed, whose duties under the guidance of the Committee are to seek employment and accommodation. There are weekly interviews with the boys by the Committee and at these subsidies are given where necessary in payment of lodgings, clothes, pocket money and bus fares.

The Committee has over 50 boys under its care but receives no financial assistance from the Government or any other body and unless the deficiency can be made up its activities must be restricted, to the detriment of the boys under its care.

The Club premises referred to above were purchased in 1957 at a cost of £12,000, of which a considerable sum is still outstanding.

The Bazaar this year must be a success, because of the great and increasing number of boys under the Committee's care.

You too can help. We appeal to your generosity, and ask you to contribute willingly to this Diocesan charity. If you cannot attend our Bazaar, please send us a donation.

JAMES B. KENNEDY (President).

Summary of Interview with
Most Rev. William G. Philbin D.D.,
and
Margaret Lodge Welton Committee
held
on June 8th 1963.

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The Column of writing represents the points which
the Committee put before Your Lordship for discussion.

The Column on the Right represents a summary of
Your Lordship views on these points.

This entire summary myself
was drawn up by
J.F. Kennedy.

1. Placing boys in employment in competition with other boys of their own age who are of a higher mental standard is an ever increasing problem. From the point of view of the Ctee., as laymen, we wish to ask His Lordship is there any way in which the standard of education can be raised, taking into consideration that the number of boys coming into the Ctee's care are supposedly E.S.N.*

If our boys got specialised E.S.N. schooling they would be so much the better for it.

* E.S.N. in this text means educationally

sub - normal.

2. The Ctee can say that they are comparatively successful in keeping their boys in employment but the type of jobs available are not such as to give assurance for the boys future: it is very difficult to establish boys in trades e.g., plumbing, electrical, and say with building contractors. The Ctee are of the opinion that the Catholic employers are not playing their part in helping to employ boys who are in its care. Would His Lordship consider bringing before the Catholic employer section of the community the charitable work entailed in helping to employ boys of this type.

Boys who come to the Ctee from Rubane Hse., Kircubbin have good morals but lack character and responsibility. We the Ctee feel that we shouldn't have to make boys attractive to employers (Especially Catholic) but that the latter should undertake to employ our boys through charity, if for no other reason.

The burden with which the Ctee are faced is the after-care of borderline E.S.N. children who have now to be fitted into the every workaday world and this is the real charitable aspect of their work. // It is the statutory duty of the State to determine what boy is E.S.N. In St. Aloysius' school all children who have been examined and passed as E.S.N. receive specialised teaching. Borderline E.S.N. children (i.e. those who are slightly above E.S.N. standard) will never be in the category of factually E.S.N. children simply because they are of a higher mental standard, even though it is slight. It is well to remember, too, that the best education given by specially trained teachers in E.S.N. schools to E.S.N. children will never supply for lack of intelligence. Notwithstanding the training which even these borderline E.S.N. children receive in Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kircubbin, the children will still come into the hands of the Ctee as inevitably E.S.N. but not factual E.S.N.

Not necessarily. If we are to give E.S.N. schooling to borderline E.S.N. children who have not been passed as factually E.S.N., then surely we are underestimating the child's standard of intelligence and lowering his standard. Besides so much more can a borderline E.S.N. child gain by intermingling with the children who are above E.S.N. then if he were segregated into a class composed of entirely E.S.N. pupils.

His Lordship has promised that he will put it to the Catholic Community of his diocese the charity in employing such boys, and where possible, to 'big Catholic employers.' He may even mention this in his Pastoral, devoting a paragraph to this very point but how far his words of appeal would take effect he could not guarantee.

His Lordship did not agree that the Ctee should not have to make the boys attractive to employers. The Boy's education (broad sense) really begins when they come into the after care of the Ctee. Our Club should be run in order to acclimatise them to society. Use the Club as an important means of education (the boys e.g. can be taught the honour of not letting one another down in the Club) - "Adjustment" and "Fitting them into society" are the aims of the Club and these aims can be achieved through the Club. His Lordship is only too well aware that the Ctee have no easy task and that they will always be "up against it" but he asks patience and perseverance.

His Lordship has been approached by parent, even, who are worried that their children are inclining towards delinquency. His only answer is the organisation of good Catholic Youth Clubs and through such Clubs plenty of effort to help such boys. Our boys are no exception and must be encouraged to avail of their Youth Club and the Ctee must try to meet their exceptional demands. Such boys are often "feckless" but the Ctee must meet this with concentrated effort.

His Lordship asks the Ctee to be patient, to get employment as best you can and keep in mind that with all the educational background, whether it be at school or in the social field through the Club, "you will never get these boys into high class jobs."

Besides the more promising child is adopted and those who are left remaining are inevitably E.S.N.

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2 contd. His Lordship, re the point that the boy's education in the broad sense begins when they come into the Ctee's care at 15½ years of age, said that the Ctee can learn much about a boy as a member of the Youth Club - perhaps more than they realise. - e.g. Is he a good mixer? Is he good with companions? Is he clean? Has he a good or bad temper? He is a good worker or is he lazy? Is he shy? Has he proved to be a responsible citizen? etc.. If a boy lacks these, surely he can be trained and given assets such as these through the Club. And as such knowledge is available to the Ctee from observing the boy as a club member, knowing him, they may well find that they are in a position of recommending the boy for certain suitable employment.

The Ctee must keep in mind that there is the employers side to it.. to ask the employer to accept one of our boys purely on the grounds of charity alone can very often be too much to expect of the employer; after all he has his business to think of as well as his employees and staff.

3. The Ctee feel that they are not receiving sufficient detail in reports about boys who have left Nazareth Lodge and Rubane Hse. Kiroubbin - with special reference of course to the mental ability of the boys. Such reports would be invaluable in helping to place boys in the various types of employment available

4. Our Welfare Officer from time to time finds difficulty in lodging boys in digs for one reason or another. The Ctee feel that perhaps a house capable of housing say a limited number of boys might be a solution to the problem. Boys would be admitted to this house at the discretion of the Welfare officer.

Ctee = Committee

This point did not come under discussion during the interview. Nevertheless we ask Ctee members that they should take due note of paragraph 2 above again.

The dangers involved in the setting up of such a house were fully discussed e.g. it may well develop into a 'little institution' or 'trouble may arise out of a number of our boys dwelling under the same roof' - nevertheless His Lordship did say that if the Ctee were to find a man and his wife who were willing to run such an establishment and undertake the work that it would entail, he asks the Ctee to them formulate their proposal and he would do everything to assist the Ctee in the matter. He said that the purchase of the house was the easiest part of the idea. The Ctee's concrete proposal of such an establishment and the finding of these two people to undertake the work of running same was the immediate task of the Ctee. That having been accomplished, a formal report to His Lordship could then be made in writing or otherwise and the matter would then make progress.

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5. In theory St Augustine's Y.C. was founded to ensure healthy social contact for the boys as past pupils of Naz. Lodge and Rubane Hse. Kircubbin and to give them an opportunity of meeting Catholic boys of their own age with normal home upbringing.

In practice our boys will not mix with the Catholic boys of normal home upbringing. They will not take part in Club activities as boys should do in a Youth Club. Education classes kindly undertaken by the Students of St Joseph's Training College, have been poorly attended. Our boys have to be compelled to attend such and they do so with a grudge. Mindful of the purpose for which the Club was founded the Ctee feel that the expenditure on such a club as it is to-day is a mis-spending of Charitable funds. Besides the public may well say that when they contribute to the F.I.W.C. they are in fact giving towards the upkeep of a Youth club, which is availed of by non past pupils of Naz. Lodge and Rubane Hse., Kircubbin. The proper use of the Club by our boys under the Ctee's care is an exception. The Ctee, therefore, are concerned about the expense outlay on the Club - the cost of maintenance of the building, repairs, decoration, purchase of equipment for the Club etc.. all this the Ctee feel is a mis-spending of charitable funds.

The Ctee in brief, find it difficult to convince themselves of the "social welfare value" of the Club as it exists to-day for our boys and have the policy, in view of this, that expense on the Club must always take second place to immediate welfare expenditure - purchase of clothing, weekly subsidising of the boys etc....

It has been suggested that we should confine the Club to our boys alone. If we do this we no longer qualify for Ministry Grant Aid in that it would be no longer an 'open Club'. Also this would be a direct contradiction of the very purpose for which the Club was founded. Its membership would be very small and may not justify a Youth Club at all. Another suggestion was that the boys should be permitted to bring their own friends as members of the Club. No doubt they would not approve of the Ctee selecting who should be admitted to the Club and who should be excluded.

In view of what has been said in paragraph 2, His Lordship stressed the necessity of the Ctee associating with the boys in the Club. The Ctee must not underestimate the "social value of the Club" to the boys education. In the Club the Boys must be able to meet the Ctee members; = very often the effect of "being known" is found to be of equal or more value to a boy than giving him money. Encourage the boys by every available means to take part in activities. In those specially in which they show interest. If there is an activity in the Club in which, after reasonable effort has been spent, our boys will not take part then such an activity should cease and be replaced by one that they do like. (e.g. Football section at one time was financed for some considerable time when our boys had failed to take part). Keep the boys occupied in the Club. Competitions should be organised throughout the year and His Lordship did stress the necessity of trophies and other prizes being provided .. all ways of encouraging the boys to take part in activities.

Money spent on the Club is not a mis-spending of charitable funds because it is being spent on means of giving the boys a further education, a means of helping to "adjust" and "fit them into society."

It is to their advantage to mix with Catholic boys of their own age with normal home upbringing. It is important, therefore, that we admit to the Club the right kind of boy to achieve this purpose. We must take care that bad example is not given to our boys by others in the Club, otherwise the purpose of the Club fails.

He agreed that inter-Club matches in various activities should be played by teams consisting of all the boys of Saint Augustine's Youth Club. Boys should not be segregated but every effort possible made to get our boys to fit in with the others. - "fitting them into society" and "adjustment".

All boys in their Youth Club should be encouraged to work for their Club. But with our boys, where other lads may work from a sense of honour to their Club, our boys who indeed may be only capable of doing the most menial of tasks nevertheless they should be encouraged to do this much by granting them some small reward .. say sweets .. but never money.

6. Admitting all these problems, the Ctee find that the situation is by no means made easier in that their active membership is very small. The few active members remaining find that the most of their time is spent in raising money for the charitable cause. Also, much time is taken up in the customary Ctee meetings which are necessary for the organisation of raising such large sums of money and for the dealing with the immediate welfare needs of the boys.

Attempts have been made to recruit new members with little success. Only recently all past/present members of the Ctee were circulated by letter to an extraordinary meeting to tackle this problem of membership - out of 80 odd members circulated only 12 turned up to the meeting.

7. Application for a Sunday Collection

The Number of Charities who have applied for a Sunday Collection in the Churches throughout the diocese are numerous. So far His Lordship has not been able to put on extra collections. e.g. He said that he had not yet put before the Catholic Community the need for the "Freedom from Hunger Campaign." The application for the Sunday collection remains with His Lordship.

8. Finance

His Lordship examined the Bank statement of the Ctee personally and noted that the sleeping fund balanced the debt which stood with the Ctee's account and the Club's account added together. He seemed satisfied in that many others, charities and parishes are much worse off than the Ctee.

9. Finally, mindful of Your Lordship's consideration of a grant of dispensation from abstinence to the public on this years Isle of Man Excursion, the Ctee shall undertake to see that there is proper stewarding on the "boats."

10. The Ctee wish to ask Your Lordship to become Patron of their work.

His Lordship said that he was privileged to be asked this and would willingly become . . . Patron of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee.'

His Lordship realises the need of the Ctee for New members and he has promised that he will make a personal approach to the Knights of Columbanus and ask would they be willing to give us a few good helpers. He was pleased to hear of the part played by the Legion of Mary in the Club. He asked about COCO and other Catholic organisations, saying that they may well be contacted in the hope of getting any other willing helpers. His Lordship said that he personally, in his meeting with these different organisations, would spare no effort in promulgating the need for help on the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee. in work of this kind.

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ANNUAL REPORT AND COMMENTARY ON
THE PROGRESS & POLICIES OF THE
NAZARETH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE
May 1963 to May 1964

ANNUAL REPORT 1963/ 1964.

Since my return as Chaplain to The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee after my accident, I cannot help but be aware of the rising opposition to my role as Spiritual Director.

Several members of the Committee, long established ones at that, are of the opinion that I have acted as Spiritual Director over the years of my office since 1959 with a preconceived idea of my role. They seem to imply that I have been influenced by someone to adopt certain policies which are revealed (they maintain) in my attitude to the Committee.

In turn, I am of the opinion that the Committee do not appreciate the fundamentals of "Catholic Action" and the part played by the Church Hierarchy. On several occasions, when opportunity allowed, I have pointed out to meetings the principles of Catholic Action, and without using dictatorial methods, I have indicated such principles by my actions. The ignorance or lack of appreciation of these principles is indicated, in turn, by the Committee in their attitude to my Spiritual Directorship. Some ordinary members of the Committee I have often excused for their ignorance in that they may never know any better. But I have always found great difficulty in convincing myself that the members of the Executive, (including men, some of whom have high station in this world,) are ignorant of these principles of Catholic Action.

These Committee members keep distinguishing between Spiritual and Temporal fields. My jurisdiction, according to their interpretation, is confined to Spiritual matters only.

In recent conversation with the present Chairman of the Committee (on the telephone last Sunday), an intelligent man and known to Your Lordship I'm sure, he said that if the Spiritual Director is the Bishop's representative and the Committee are subject to his approval - then the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee should never have been established in the manner it was. The Spiritual Director, he said, should be Chairman. (I have met this difficulty before when it has been put forward to me in private conversation with other members of the Executive.) I have simply pointed out that the Spiritual Director cannot be Chairman to the Welfare Committee and Confessor to the Boys at the same time. I have pointed out that I see no contradiction in the Spiritual Director being just that and Bishop's Representative at the same time.

As I see it, the kernel of the whole difficulty which I have experienced with the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee is my role as Spiritual Director.

Herewith, therefore, in this second report, I have undertaken to comment upon all the events which are enumerated in Report No. I. I will help to explain the difficulties I have been experiencing since May 1963, when I returned to duty as Chaplain to the Committee. The following are simply my opinions and comments and are enclosed in the following pages.

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MAY/JUNE 1963: Objections were raised during meetings at this time and disputes arose regarding the manner of my nominating the Committee Officers who were to appear before Your Lordship for interview on June 8th. '63.

At this time, also publicly at a meeting, my right to write to Your Lordship on behalf of the Committee was disputed. I upheld that all letters should either be written by me or should at least meet with my approval before being sent to the Bishop. This point has often been disputed.

I have reason to believe that the Committee are not content with the way I handled the preparation for the Interview at Lisbreen (June 8th., '63). I simply summarised the points to be raised at the interview, placed them on the Committee Notice Board so that all would have an opportunity of stating whether it was a fair summary of the points which the Committee wished to discuss with Your Lordship. I stressed that they should adhere close to the points contained in the summary and informed them that I had sent a copy of it to you prior to their interview. I am under the impression that those who appeared at that interview maintain that I had more than due influence re the matter discussed that day. I enclose herewith a stencilled document which I made available to the Committee after that interview on June 8th. I have attached this document to the end of this report. Regarding Point No. I. on the first page of this document, the Committee have since made enquiries and have told me that 49 pupils in Rubane House are E.S.N.

JULY 12th., 1963 ISLE OF MAN EXCURSION : The distribution of tickets and the collecting of funds for this excursion lay principally with the then Hon. Secretary and the present Vice Chairman of the Committee. A few nights before the excursion the present Vice Chairman informed me that 40 tickets and their returns were missing. I investigated the missing tickets. A result of this unfortunate event was the resignation of the then Hon. Secretary.

I would like to pass comment on the numbers from the members of the Committee who actually went on the Excursion. At a meeting held specially for the purpose re final arrangements for the Excursion, the names volunteered for going as supervisory stewards amounted to five members to each boat. There was also a voluntary number of girls from the Legion of Mary who were to travel as sellers of Ballot tickets on the sea-journey. A few extra who were not at that meeting also went on the excursion. I consider out of a list general membership of 57, the members of the Committee who actually went on the excursion were relatively small.

There were promises of help in Stewarding from the De Montfort Guild and of a few other friends who pledged assistance. These promises were doubtfully kept.

This Month also saw the formal resignation of the Club Leader who had held office for almost four years. He resigned, he said, because of domestic reasons. (I might add I knew he did not see "eye to eye" with one or two established members of the Executive. Although he never publicly stated this he told me so himself. He has however recently changed his opinion, I gather, because he is helping the Organising Secretary with the distribution of tickets for the Isle of Man Excursion this year.)

AUGUST 1963 The business of appointing a new Club Leader was in hand. The Executive appointed a small sub. Committee to interview the seven applicants.

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This small sub. Ctee. consisted of:-

The Chairman of the General Committee
The Chairman of the Management Committee
The recently resigned Club Leader
The Spiritual Director.

On one night we interviewed the applicants as follows:-

F. McMullan (Member of the Ctee. He was "acting" Club Leader for the month of July while the post was vacant.)
R. Neilson. (Member of the Ctee. Past Pupils of Nazareth Lodge. Has since been appointed woodwork instructor.)
W.R. Nugent (Outside Applicant)
J. Kelters (Had been Club Leader for about six months when I first came to Club in 1959. Owing to illness of his mother he had to leave the post. He had been a member of the Committee in the early days of its history)
R. Fennell (Football Instructor in the Club for several years.)
J. Craig (Outside applicant)
[REDACTED] (" ")
F. Clarke (Nominal Member of Ctee. Had been T.T. coach for some years in the early history of the Cmttee.)

Objections were raised at the following Executive Meeting at this small Sub.Ctee. because they had narrowed down applicants to two people. This indicated to me the tendency at all meetings of the Committee to have everything decided by democratic vote: it showed of course lack of Confidence in the small Ctee. which the Executive itself had appointed for the very purpose of choosing a Club Leader from the applicants. On this occasion I was only one of four people under criticism for taking too much power into our own hands.

BATHROOM IN THE CLUB: At a meeting at which this was discussed, the Committee agreed that I negotiate to obtain Ministry Grant Aid on renovating the Club Bathroom. They said they did not require a new bath. I obtained the necessary estimates and after consulting the Ministry Inspector, the Ministry confirmed that they would give grant aid on 75% of expense of renovation (61 - 11 - Od). When I had all this fixed with the Ministry, at the next meeting the Committee decided, on hearing of my obtaining "grant aid", to buy a new bath. My point in telling this is that my hands were tied, so to speak, and each time I had to await Committee approval before making decisions. I did not then apply for "grant" on the new bath because I had already told the Ministry (who actually advised I get a new bath) that the Committee did not want one. The Ministry must think that I cannot make up my own mind. This is an example of what the Committee term my dealing with the temporal affairs of the Committee: although they approved in this case of my handling the matter, they made it look as if I did not know my business when they changed their minds about the purchase of a new bath.

The same type of thing arose re the employment of a cleaner for the Club. Again on the advice of the Committee, I was fortunate to obtain for them a 75% grant of expense on employment of a cleaner 3 days a week, for 3 hrs. per day @ 4/- an Hour. As soon as I received confirmation from the Ministry re this settlement, the Committee changed their minds and wanted a cleaner to come 2 days a week for 4½ hours. I had to inform the Ministry of their change of mind.

I find it very difficult to work under such circumstances - especially when the Committee will not let me make up my own mind without their approval.

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NOVEMBER BAZAAR 6th 7th 8th & 9th Nov. '63:

The Vice Chairman of the Committee at that time, and prior to the function, asked Miss Sheelagh Murnaghan to perform the opening Ceremony, without consulting either the Committee or myself. I was not the only one who objected to this on principle.

The choice of the Platform Party for the Opening of the Bazaar has always been an awkward business in Committee affairs. If I nominate those who are to appear on the reception Party Platform, I am, according to the Committee, acting outside my jurisdiction. (Monsignor Mullally may recall the trouble I met with about three or four years ago when the Lord Mayor of Belfast opened the Bazaar - Alderman Kinahan.)

This year I had to take upon myself the task of providing a little tea for the reception party afterwards. Somehow the Committee this year did not accept the responsibility of ordinary etiquette towards Miss Murnaghan in their not being bothered to give her a cup of tea. I asked for the help of the present Chairman's wife, who very willingly obliged and we managed all right to provide a little hospitality after the opening. I wish to record thanks to Your Lordship for the loan of your rooms in St. Mary's Hall where we held the little reception.

As my uncle was treasurer at the time of this Bazaar, I was able to see for the first time since I became Chaplain, the a/c as presented by the supplier for the stage supply for the Bazaar. Here is the manner in which the a/c was presented, as I kept a copy of it for future reference.

Supplied	£322 - 19 - 3
Returned	£ 66 - 3 - 7
	£256 - 15 - 8
Less 10%	£ 25 - 13 - 8
	£231 - 2 - 0
Cigarettes ...	£ 60 - 18 - 4½
	£292 - 0 - 4½

The supplier works on "no
sale return basis"

Total due £290

In my opinion this is a bad presentation of an a/c in the first place. As far as I recall (unfortunately without the balance sheet it is difficult) the receipts from ~~stage~~ materials balloted from the stage for the four nights of the Bazaar were approx. £600. Expenses as shown in this account represent almost 50% of receipts, which I consider an excessive a/c ~~excessively~~ furnished to an organisation which is working for charity. I was surprised at the Committee accepting an a/c in this form. On account of my uncle being treasurer at the time, it would have been embarrassing for me to push the matter any further. The Committee raised little or no objection, when I brought the matter of the a/c of expenses from the previous years' Bazaar also. All these a/c's are simply paid and it seems no questions asked.

Receipts over all for the Bazaar this year 1963 were £1,700 approx.

Expenses, as far as I recall, were £536.

Total profit £1,171.

DECEMBER 29th 1963 BOYS ANNUAL RE-UNION : The Re-Union for the Past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kircubbin was very well attended this year, as there were about 90 in all present for the main Christmas Dinner. There was a lacking in help from the Committee members on the few nights prior to the re-union for the preparatory work in the Club itself. The Committee, however, turned

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out well in numbers the actual day of the re-union, and helped in the days activity. I would like to place on record my appreciation of the work the present Club Leader put into preparation for this year's function for the Boys' re-union.

JANUARY 1964 ANNUAL DINNER IN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL. (16th Jan '64)

This Annual Dinner has been held for the past four years. It began by the outgoing Chairman (1960) running it himself as a token of thanks to all who in any way helped during his Chairmanship. After this the Committee, feeling that perhaps someone might resent taking the Chair through embarrassment at not being able to stand expense of a Dinner at their end of Office, decided to pay expenses of a Dinner Annually from Committee funds from that time onwards. A small minority of the General Committee oppose the whole idea, but the greater majority favour it in that they consider it a gesture of thanks not only to all members, but also to non-members, who all combine in the work of raising Charitable funds. You will recall it was to this Dinner last January to which The Committee asked Your Lordship to be guest speaker. You wrote to me saying that you were unable to attend and I, on your behalf, presented you compliments.

In your absence, MR. G.B. Newe was the guest speaker. About 100 people were present, inclusive of members of the Committee itself.

JANUARY 1964 PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

At the A.G.M. 1963, the proposition of employment of a paid secretary, I understand, has already been passed. In reply to adverts for the post, three applicants came forward. The Committee deemed them unsuitable and the whole issue was shelved for the remainder of the year 1963. This all happened prior to my return to duty last May '63, so that I am not acquainted with all the details. I do know there was a sharp division in the Committee regarding ~~at~~ this point of employing ~~a~~ paid secretary, at this time. The Chairman for that year and the present Vice Chairman were strongly opposed to the idea. Later they ~~changed~~ their opinions, as is further shown.

Early in January 1964 this year, an executive meeting was held. I was not present in that I was engaged at rehearsals for the Variety Concert. At this meeting the employment of an organising secretary was discussed at length and the idea, after long debate, was proposed and seconded and passed unanimously. I only learned this later when the then Vice Chairman came to see me one evening at my house. He told me of the decision taken, and who the Executive considered as their potential candidate. This man was none other than the then Chairman due to retire at the A.G.M. in a very short time. The then Vice Chairman was telling me this development in courtesy of my position and more or less on the instructions of the Executive. Although he did not say it in actual words, he told me that the Executive Committee were of the opinion that the Spiritual Director should be told of their decision to employ an organising secretary but that his opinion would hold little influence as it had already been passed unanimously. I was to learn this to be true.

On that same night, as soon as I had listened to all, I then and there advised this Vice Chairman to obtain Your Lordships approval. He said he could not write without approval from the Executive. He said however, he would at once sound the views of Executive members on what I had to say and if necessary, call a special meeting on the very point of asking for Your Lordship's opinion. I was hopeful and I wanted to give them every chance in this important decision. This special meeting was never called, to the best of my knowledge, and my advice was in vain.

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I know that the then Vice Chairman did in fact "sound" the opinions of other members of the Executive and he told me this - they did not think it necessary that Your Lordship be consulted.

Prior to the Annual General Meeting, they were not going to accept my views. I approached the then Chairman, who was retiring and also potential candidate for the organising Secretary. I advised him to write to Your Lordship, and as a last straw, I said, if only for his own sake. He was still chairman at that time. He did not accept my advice. I only too well realised how serious things had gone with the Committee in that they resented my "interference" in their temporal decisions, but this time it was no petty matter.

There were 26 members present at the A.G.M held on Sunday January 19th 1964. Two excuses were read out - Mr G. Cairns was absent and so was Mr R. Egli. Of the 26 present, 8 members were from the Legion of Mary. As they are considered passive members, that leaves a even number of 18 present, which included officers retiring, Executive Members, and General Members. I thought it a very poor representation of the Committee. (I mention these facts in that it is easy to see that the "Executive's" proposal to such a representation was a very strong minority.

When the Agenda of the meeting had reached the point re Organising Secretary here is an account of what happened:

The present Chairman (retiring) excused himself and left the meeting. (He was the proposed candidate by the Executive for the post.) Before leaving he called upon the then Vice Chairman to take the Chair. He put it to the general body present at the meeting the recommendation of the executive was that the employment of an organising secretary be given serious consideration. The retiring Chairman, he told the general body, was willing to accept the post if the meeting so sanctioned. He pointed out that the retiring Chairman did not seek or create the post. The General Members were asked to express their opinion on this, while members of the Executive would remain silent.

Very few spoke up. Mainly the type of questions asked were: Could the Committee afford to employ another man in addition to the Welfare Officer? Would the employment of an organising secretary justify the funds spent in employing him. ? Some said that the general members should have been given more time to consider such an important step. The discussion went on.

The then Vice Chairman spoke up and said that after long deliberation at a recent executive meeting held prior to the A.G.M., the Executive's recommendation was that an Organising Secretary be employed at a salary of £14 per week. The retiring Chairman was willing to accept the post on these terms if the meeting passed the decision. The Executive's recommendation more or less swayed the entire meeting. On almost an unanimous show of hands it was proposed seconded and passed that the retiring Chairman be accepted as organising Secretary at a salary of £14 per week.

I did not voice my opinion at the meeting as it seemed fruitless to me. I had already tried in vain, to nip the whole proposal in the bud at the time prior to the A.G.M. I have already said with what result. - my opinion would make no difference. The whole matter was out of my control and I was of the opinion there and then, that I should, when opportunity allowed, give a whole list of my difficulties to Your Lordship as soon as I could formulate them. There was of course the other difficult problem of "Bingo", on which at this stage I had not been consulted and knew very little because I was not told.

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Officers elected for the year 1964/1965 were as follows:-

Mr Gabriel CairnsChairman elected in Absentia.
 Mr James KeeganVive Chairman
 Mr George HannaTreasurer
 Mr George Kennedy Assistant Treasurer
 Mr Desmond Woods Hon. Secretary
 Miss Mairead Kennedy ... Hon. Assistant Secretary
 Mr Liam Staunton Chairman of the "AfterCare Sub. Committee".
 Mr Robert Egli Chairman of Management Committee / elected in
 absentia.

I had taken the Chair for the election of the Officers. When G. Cairns was proposed and seconded I asked did anyone know was he willing to accept office. I was assured that he would accept office, on condition that an employed secretary be passed at the A.G.M. He had said, in fairness to the Committee, that owing to domestic troubles he could not fulfill all the obligations as Chairman of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee. A Paid secretary would be a helpful asset to him.

FEBRUARY ~~1964~~ 1964

The Organising Secretary took up office this month.

At the beginning of this month, Mr Brian May presented a performance of "Boyd's Shop" in the King George VI Youth Centre for one night.

February 26th/27th I produced a Variety Concert for two nights in the same Hall. Apart from other advantages I consider to be gained in running such a concert, I was fortunate to make a profit of approx. £201.

MARCH 1964

On 8th March Mr John Whitehead, President of the CYMS organised through St. Paul's Youth Section and Sean Feeny, an interclub function in Billiards between our Club and St Pauls Youth Section of CYMS. About twenty of the past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House were present and they were entertained to tea afterwards. No members of the Committee turned out to this function although I had previously mentioned the arrangements at a meeting prior to the event. I was very disappointed in this. I attended the function and thanked Mr Whitehead for his gesture in giving the boys the opportunity of the inter-Club function. I instructed the Committee to write and thank Mr Whitehead which they did. They also wrote to thank Sean Feeny, who is in Charge of the St Paul's CYMS Youth Section.

Some time this month the whole financial position and purchase of the Club premises was discussed by established members of the Executive. The present Chairman told me this in private conversation. He did not go into any detail. (See report I page 5. for financial position in purchase of the Club premises by the Committee).

March 22. The Committee had previously announced that they were going to run an "Easter Fair." This took place on March 22nd., as I heard at the

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April Monthly meeting last week. April 30th. The report given by the treasurer was simply that the function did not do as well as expected. The profit was a mere £7.

I also heard at this same meeting that a Jumble Sale had been run by a member of the Committee with some friends in the Clonard area. The profits on this function were hoped to be £20.

No attempt was made by anyone to ask for a balance sheet on the "Easter Fair."


Recently I have had to argue, both in private conversation with established members of the Executive, and publicly at meetings my right to admit to my Spiritual Organisations (i.e. Legion of Mary & Pioneer Total Abstinence Association) whomsoever I wish.

The Committee are of the opinion, I gathered, that members whom I admit must first meet with Committee approval.

I upheld my view point very strongly. I have since been told by last years Vice Chairman that the present Vice Chairman "will not be back" as long as I remain as Spiritual Director to the Committee because of the stand I have taken in this matter. I equally heard the present Chairman, publicly state at last weeks monthly meeting (April 30th) that the present Vice Chairman would not be returning to attend meetings "for medical reasons on the advice of his doctor."

BINGO: See REPORT NoI. page 6.

I regret I am unable to inform Your Lordship more about this function. Unfortunately I have not been told any details and I can only gather it is still being run because at the April Monthly Meeting (April 30th) the treasurer read out a donation for £117 - 17-10. This is the manner to which the Committee have stooped to read out their profits on Bingo. It is simply beyond all reason.


May 6th., 1964.

Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Connor.

My Lord Bishop,

I thought it best that I should include this "Addenda Report" in addition to the report which I have already sent to you last evening. This report concerns mainly matter of functions scheduled and planned for proximate or remote dates in the future. It may be of use to you also in relation to the other reports which I have already sent.

I also enclose herewith a little Calendar of dates of Main Functions in Committee affairs for this Month of May.

In the completion of the reports which I sent Your Lordship, I was mainly concentrating on events which happened in Committee affairs in the past. I regret that I overlooked to include matter discussed at meetings which concerned the future,- Hence my enclosing this little extra report.

I trust you will forgive me the omission.

I remain,

Your Lordship's obedient servant,



Rev. Francis X. Kennedy, Chaplain.

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Thursday May 28th 1964: Monthly Meeting
of
Nazareth Lodge Welfare
Committee.

THIS BRIEF REPORT CONCERNS PREPARATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN
GONE INTO BY THE NAZARETH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE RE FUNCTIONS
TO TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR AND FAR DISTANT FUTURE.

ALSO ENCLOSED IS A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE SYSTEM OF ORGANISING THE
ANNUAL "ISLE OF MAN EXCURSION." (Where and how the Tickets are sold.)

My Reports forwarded to Your Lordship cover the main events of the affairs of The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee from May 1963 / May 1964.

1) Some functions, however, require early preparation and at this time May 1964. much preparation has gone into the "Circulation of tickets" for sale for this Years coming Isle of Man Excursion on Monday July 13th., 1964. To the best of my knowledge, most of the areas have been circulated and the present Vice-Chairman of the Committee is the man on whom the main responsibility of organising sale of these tickets falls. This year, however, the Organising Secretary has taken over and has assisted mainly in the Circulation of the tickets for this years coming excursion.

(I enclose a sheet containing a list of the areas to which Isle of Man tickets are Circulated by the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee for sale through Agencies.)

BAZAAR: Due to open for four days in Saint Mary's Hall on 4th, 5th, 6th & 7th Nov. '64.

2) Mr Peter Sheil, (Son of Judge Sheil) a member of the Executive, has approached Sir Graham Larmor, Ex President of the Irish Association, to open the Bazaar next Novemeber. Sir Graham Larmor has replied to the request and at the monthly meeting on April 30th., last, his letter states that he will be pleased to accept the invitation to publicly perform the opening Ceremony.

I was present at the meeting at which Sir Graham was proposed as a suitable candidate ~~for the opening~~ to perform the opening Ceremony. I raised no objection to the proposal. The Committee would have wished Your Lordship to perform the opening Ceremony but I informed them that you would be in Rome at that time.

3) Approaches have been made by the present Vice-Chairman and the Organising Secretary for the booking of the Kings Hall, Balmoral for either Christmas Night 1964 next, or New Years Eve. The report re this matter was very vague and to the best of my knowledge, no definite booking has been made. It still remains a proposal to the Committee and since its mention some time ago, I have heard nothing further.

The Committee have also booked the King George VI Youth Centre for the entire last week of February 1965, for next year. They did this not having any concrete proposal of what they intended "running" during that week.

4) As they did not tell me they were making this booking, I declined to promise I would run a Mariety Concert during that week. I prefer to make my own booking in that I choose a week which suits my production best.

The Agents who control booking for the George VI hall and one of whose regulations is that those who book the Hall must state what function they intend organising in the Hall on booking, - these Agents are now pressing the Committee to state what the Committee intend running. At the meeting on April 30th last, it was clear the Committee did not know. They had simply booked the Hall without giving this consideration.

ISLE OF MAN EXCURSION

Every year the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee charter two passenger boats from the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co. The Boats were Chartered for this years coming excursion on July 13th^{*} next in the second half of 1963. It is necessary that the charter, of course, be signed long before this date in 1964 . Charter costs £3,000.

Each boat is capable of carrying 2,000 passengers.

If 4,000 passengers buy tickets @ 22/6 ea. the Committee's receipts amount to £4,500.

Last year's Excursion was a Complete sell out and the Committee made a profit of £1,700 approx.

Unfortunately I cannot quote the exact figure because I have not the balance sheet at hand.

An all out effort is being made this year to make the coming Excursion an equal success. As I have ~~been~~ stated in enclosed page, most of the 4,000 tickets have been already circulated for sale through Agents in Belfast and the Country areas. (see next page).

** The Excursion this year takes place on July 13th, because 12th happens to fall on a Sunday.*

ISLE OF MAN EXCURSION : Organised by Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee
takes place annually on July 12th each year.

There are usually about 4,000 people participating in the days excursion. Tickets are on sale from the Committee @ 22/6 each. The Committee sell a limited number of tickets from their office at 122, Great Victoria Street. They work sale of tickets through various agents throughout the North of Ireland. Sometimes the agent is the Priest in the parish where the tickets are sold: in other cases a reliable layman acts as agent for the Committee.

Areas to which Isle of Man tickets are circulated are as follows:-

Belfast City Parishes: Tickets, therefore, are circulated throughout the entire city so that we have a large representation of support from the various City Parishes.

BELFAST CITY

St Agnes' Parish
St John's Parish
St Teresa's Parish
St Paul's Parish
St Peter's Parish
St Mary's Parish
St Matthew's Parish
St Malachy's Parish
St Joseph's Parish
St Patrick's Parish
St Anthony's Parish
Holy Family Parish
Ardoyne (Holy Cross)
Clonard Monastery
St Vincent de Paul's Parish
St Columcille's Parish
St Brigid's Parish
Holy Rosary Parish

(This list of city Parishes was given me last year by the Committee when I found it necessary to publicly announce Your Lordship's dispensation from the Friday Abstinence for the excursion held last year July 12th '63 (a Friday).

I simply circulated the Parish Priests with the enclosed circular, and they kindly obliged by making an announcement in their Parish Church re dispensation from Abstinence for Last year's Excursion.

Tickets are also circulated in these areas also, and are sold through agents of the Committee in these places.

COUNTRY AGENCIES

Newcastle, Co. Down
Castlewellan, Co. Down
Kilkeel, Co. Down
Newry, Co. Down
Banbridge, Co. Down
Dromore, Co. Down
Lisburn, Co. Antrim.
Lurgan, Co. Armagh
~~Aghalakeeran~~
Aghagallon, Co. Antrim.
Whiteabbey, Co. Antrim.
Whitehead, Co. Antrim
Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim.
Larne, Co. Antrim.
Glenarm, Co. Antrim.
Carnlough, Co. Antrim.
Coleraine, Co. Antrim.
Ballyclare, Co. Antrim.
Ballymena, Co. Antrim.

COUNTRY AGENCIES

Newtownards, Co. Down.
Kircubbin, Co. Down
Portaferry, Co. Down
Killyleagh, Co. Down
Ballynahinch, Co. Down
Saintfield, Co. Down
Carrickmannon, Co. Down
Downpatrick, Co. Down.
Ardglass, Co. Down.
Holywood, Co. Down.
Kilcoo, Co. Down.
Antrim, Co. Antrim.
Warrenpoint, Co. Down.
Ballymoney Co. Antrim.
Dunloy, Co. Antrim.
Loughguile, Co. Antrim.

This list was supplied to me by the Committee last year for same purpose as above.

Agents for the Committee in these areas are either the priests themselves or other reliable laity.

EXAMPLE OF HOW THE COMMITTEE PUBLICISED
YOUR LORDSHIP'S DISPENSATION FROM THE
FRIDAY ABSTINENCE FOR LAST YEARS EXCURSION.

I UNDERTOOK TO WRITE TO THE VARIOUS PARISH
PRIESTS (Example enclosed) AND ASKED THEM
TO MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN THEIR PARISH
CHURCHES. THEY VERY WILLINGLY OBLIGED.

Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee

(Under the Patronage of The Lord Bishop of Down and Connor)

122 Great Victoria Street

Belfast

TELEPHONE: 24342

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EXCURSION
CIRCULAR
SAMPLE

Very Rev. and Dear Father,

As Spiritual Director to The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee, I would be most grateful if you would make the enclosed announcement on my behalf in your Parish Church this coming Sunday. It concerns a dispensation from the Law of Abstinence for all those travelling on this year's "Isle of Man Excursion" on Friday, July 12th.

The Committee and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking both you and your parishioners most sincerely for your kind support towards our excursion.


Yours respectfully,

Rev. Francis X. Kennedy, Chaplain.

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ANNOUNCEMENT for SUNDAY, V after Pentecost, July 7th.

His Lordship, Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D., grants a dispensation in the Law of Abstinence in favour of all Catholics who will be travelling on The Nazareth Lodge Isle of Man Excursion on Friday next, July 12th., 1963.



December 16th 1963.

Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Connor.

My Lord Bishop,

At the monthly meeting last week The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee decided to hold the customary "Annual Re-union" for the past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kircubbin, on Sunday - December 29th., 1963. To mark the opening of the Re-union our late Bishop, Most Rev. Danial Mageean, was most kind, in granting permission for Mass to be celebrated in the Assembly Hall of the Youth Club itself.

With a sincere promise that I will observe all the requirements of the rubrics, I humbly request Your Lordship's permission to celebrate Holy Mass in the Assembly Hall of Saint Augustine's Youth Club, 122, Great Victoria Street, on Sunday December 29th., 1963.

On behalf of the Committee and on my own behalf, I wish to extend to Your Lordship our cordial invitation to attend the Club on this occasion for a short time. The programme for the day we hope shall include:

- 10.30. a.m. Mass in the Assembly Hall in the Club.
- 12.00. noon. Breakfast in the Whitehall Restaurant
- 1.30. p.m. Games for the Boys in the Club; competitions in Billiards, Table Tennis and Darts for which we hope to provide prizes for the winners.
- 4.00. p.m. CHRISTMAS ANNUAL RE-UNION DINNER also held in the Assembly Hall of the Club.
- 6.00/6.30 p.m. Social and Light entertainment.

The re-union day concludes early on Sunday evening because a number of the boys may have to travel to the country. The entertainment, therefore, lasts until about 8.00/8.30 p.m.

In addition to the above function which is held entirely for the benefit of the boys, the Committee have been organising an annual dinner for the Committee members but more especially for the voluntary non-members who assist in the work of the various functions throughout the year. The Committee have asked me to extend to Your Lordship an invitation to attend this Annual Dinner. They would be most grateful if you would consider being their Guest Speaker on this occasion. The Dinner has been arranged for Thursday, January 16th 1964 at 8.00. p.m.*, a few days prior to the Annual General meeting. The Committee feel that perhaps a few words from Your Lordship to those attending the Dinner may well prove fruitful in the encouragement of new members to the Committee itself at the

*(at the International Hotel)

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Annual General Meeting.

Mindful of your very many commitments, both the Committee and I will understand if you find it inconvenient to attend these functions. Humbly we ask Your Lordship's blessing on our work but especially for the boys themselves.

I remain,

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

Rev. Francis X. Kennedy, Chaplain.

4th August, 1962

[REDACTED]
Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee
122 Great Victoria Street
BELFAST 2.

Dear [REDACTED]

His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Philbin, has asked me to thank you for your letter of 23rd July, 1962, with which you were good enough to send him the statement of the accounts and balance sheet for the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee, together with the Chairman's report and the statement of accounts for St. Augustine's Youth Club.

I am to convey to you an expression of the pleasure with which His Lordship learned of the excellent work being done by your committee for under-privileged boys, and to say that he looks forward to interesting himself in your future activities.

Meanwhile His Lordship begs God's blessing on your committee and its work.

Yours sincerely,

ST. AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH CLUB

SHOP TRADING ACCOUNT 8 MONTHS ENDED 31st.JULY 1961

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1961		1961	
July 31	By Sales	July 31	By Sales
£ - - -	£ 82. 0. 0.	£ - - -	£ 82. 0. 0.
58. 15. 11.	" Stock	58. 15. 11.	" Stock
25. 9. 6.		25. 9. 6.	
£ 84. 5. 5.		£ 84. 5. 5.	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 8 MONTHS ENDED 31st.JULY 1961

1961		1961	
July 31	By Gross Profit on Trading	July 31	By Gross Profit on Trading
£ 19. 16. 4.	" Club Fees	£ 25. 9. 6.	" Club Fees
122. 18. 9.	" Ministry Grants	16. 10. 6.	" Ministry Grants
39. 6. 2.	" Donations	114. 7. 3.	" Donations
6. 5. 4.	" Billiard Receipts	15. 10. 0.	" Billiard Receipts
98. 15. 0.	" Loss for period	3. 1. 9.	" Loss for period
1. 13. 0.		365. 9. 0.	
14. 8. 9.			
138. 0. 0.			
43. 5. 5.			
11. 1. 5.			
9. 5. 7.			
23. 12. 3.			
£ 538. 8. 0.		£ 538. 8. 0.	

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st.JULY 1961

1961		1961	
July 31	By Gross Profit on Trading	July 31	By Gross Profit on Trading
£ 19. 16. 4.	" Club Fees	£ 25. 9. 6.	" Club Fees
122. 18. 9.	" Ministry Grants	16. 10. 6.	" Ministry Grants
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98. 15. 0.	" Loss for period	3. 1. 9.	" Loss for period
1. 13. 0.		365. 9. 0.	
14. 8. 9.			
138. 0. 0.			
43. 5. 5.			
11. 1. 5.			
9. 5. 7.			
23. 12. 3.			
£ 538. 8. 0.		£ 538. 8. 0.	

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 8 MONTHS ENDED 31st JULY 1961

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
1961	1961		
July 31	July 31		
To Rates	£ 19. 16. 4.	By Gross Profit on Trading	£ 25. 9. 6.
" Heating & Lighting	132. 18. 9.	" Club Fees	16. 10. 6.
" Repairs, Renewals etc.,	39. 6. 2.	" Ministry Grants	14. 7. 3.
" Printing & Stationery	6. 5. 4.	" Donations	15. 10. 0.
" Sports Equipment, Fees, Prizes etc.,	98. 15. 0.	" Billiard Receipts	3. 1. 9.
" Affiliation Fees	1. 13. 0.	" Loss for period	174. 19. 6.
" Bank Interest & Charges	14. 8. 9.		363. 9. 6.
" Salary - Club Leader	138. 0. 0.		
" Instructor's Fees & Woodwork Expenses	43. 5. 5.		
" Drama Expenses	11. 1. 5.		
" Film Show Expenses	9. 5. 7.		
" Miscellaneous	23. 12. 3.		
	£ 538. 8. 0.		£ 538. 8. 0.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st JULY 1961


LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Sundry Creditors	28. 9. 1.	Cash on Hands	7. 0. 6.
Ulster Bank Ltd: Current Account	686. 13. 6.	Stock-in-Trade	2. 5. 3.
Advances by Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee	1482. 16. 1.	Fittings & Equipment as at 1/12/1960	£ 116. 10. 0.
		Additions: Piano	40. 0. 0.
		Stage	55. 0. 0.
		Football Rigs at Cost	65. 16. 7.
		Expenses prepaid & unexpired	24. 15. 6.
		Capital Account per Contra	1886. 10. 10.
	£ 2197. 18. 8.		£ 2197. 18. 8.

P.T.O.

C E R T I F I C A T E.

I have examined the books of St. Augustine's Youth Club and certificates from The Ulster Bank Ltd., and certify the foregoing Accounts to be in accordance therewith.

DATE 11/1/62

 ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR

16, WORKMAN AVENUE,
BELFAST.

RESEARCH LODGES WELFARE COMMITTEE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th NOVEMBER 1961

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EXPENDITURE

To Subsidies, Clothing Lodging etc.,	£ 466.	6.	10.
" Welfare Officer: Salary & Insurance	597.	5.	6.
" do. Travel Expenses	16.	2.	4.
" Insurances	77.	5.	11.
" Telephone	53.	6.	9.
" Postage, Printing & Stationery	38.	45.	11.
" Repairs & Renewals	53.	2.	7.
" Bank Interest & Charges	21.	9.	6.
" Re-Union Expenses	32.	4.	9.
" Donations & Subscriptions	17.	45.	0.
" Loss on Treasure Hunt	5.	13.	6.
" Miscellaneous	14.	7.	3.

" NET PROFIT FOR YEAR

£ 3400. 10. 6.

INCOME

By Donations	£ 166.	14.	0.
" Rent Receivable: 124, Gt. Victoria Street.	255.	3.	8.
" Deposit Interest	51.	5.	7.
" Hire of Games	9.	0.	0.
" Profit on Functions:-			
Isle of Man Excursion	£ 1747.	1.	11.
Bazaar	774.	18.	4.
Carnival	353.	2.	6.
Concert	27.	3.	6.
Dances	46.	1.	0.

£ 3400. 10. 6.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th NOVEMBER 1961

LIABILITIES.

Sundry Creditors	8.	3.	7.
Rent Receivable: in advance	44.	2.	3.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT:-

Balance as at 1/12/1960	7248.	6.	4.
ADD: Net Profit for Year	2006.	4.	8.

9254. 11. 0.

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	2.	15.	6.
" in Current Account	339.	13.	2.
" in Thrift Deposit Account	2311.	12.	6.

Fittings & Equipment as at 1/12/1960

435. 4. 5.

Heating System: Cost till date

640. 15. 4.

Deposit on Premises as at 1/12/1960

3200. 0. 0.

Addition during Year

800. 0. 0.

Advances: St. Augustine's Youth Club

1482. 16. 1.

Debtors re I.O.M. Excursion

65. 0. 0.

Sundries prepaid & unexpired

28. 19. 10.

" Insurances	77. 5. 11.	" Deposit Interest	51. 5. 7.
" Telephone	53. 6. 9.	" Hire of Games	9. 0. 0.
" Postage, Printing & Stationery	38. 15. 11.	" Profit on Functions:-	
" Repairs & Renewals	53. 2. 7.	Isle of Man Excursion	£ 1717. 1. 11.
" Bank Interest & Charges	21. 9. 6.	Bazaar	774. 18. 4.
" Re-Union Expenses	32. 14. 9.	Cardinal	353. 2. 6.
" Donations & Subscriptions	17. 15. 0.	Concert	27. 3. 6.
" Loss on Treasure Hunt	5. 13. 6.	Dances	46. 1. 0.
" Miscellaneous	14. 7. 3.		2918. 7. 3.
" NET PROFIT FOR YEAR			£ 3400. 10. 6.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH NOVEMBER 1961

L I A B I L I T I E S.		A S S E T S	
Sundry Creditors	8. 3. 7.	Cash on Hands	2. 15. 6.
Rent Receivable : in advance	44. 2. 3.	" in Current Account	339. 13. 2.
		" in Thrift Deposit Account	2311. 12. 6.
		Fittings & Equipment as at 1/12/1960	435. 4. 5.
		Heating System : Cost till date	640. 15. 4.
		Deposit on Premises as at 1/12/1960	3200. 0. 0.
		Addition during Year	800. 0. 0.
		Advances: St. Augustine's Youth Club	1482. 16. 1.
		Debtors re I.O.M. Excursion	65. 0. 0.
		Sundries prepaid & unexpired	28. 19. 10.
			£ 9306. 16. 10.

C E R T I F I C A T E.

I have examined the books of Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee and certificates from The Ulster Bank Ltd., and certify the foregoing Accounts to be in accordance therewith.

DATE 11/11/61

ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR
16, WOLFEAN AVENUE,
BELFAST.

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August 29th., 1964.

Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Connor.

My Lord Bishop,

I regret to inform Your Lordship that it is my own personal wish not to attend any further meetings of The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee in view of the insolence and deliberate defiance against ecclesiastical authority which was shown at the last meeting. I hasten to add, however, that I am more than willing to comply with your directions in these circumstances.

Mr Murphy, the Committee's welfare officer, has resigned and terminates office on Saturday, August 29th. In view of this, the Committee called an extraordinary general meeting for August 27th., to discuss appointment and employment of a new welfare officer.

At this meeting, the discussion generally touched upon advertising the post, hours of employment, salary and "Government Aid" to salary etc.

Previous to any definite decision, I made it quite clear that whatever decision the Committee reached, it must meet with the approval of the Bishop. The Chairman took critical exception to what I had said and, contradicting me in an unmannerly fashion, he authorised the members to make their own decision and appointment. In spite of my protest, he said his direction to the meeting was in accordance with "the constitution". All present followed the Chairman's direction.

Mr Digney was appointed welfare officer, without any objections. They had completely ignored my ruling about Your Lordship's approval. The Committee then appointed a sub-committee of three, (excluding me), to consider Mr Digney's salary. The Chairman accepted responsibility for exploring the possibility of "Government Aid" to the new welfare officer's salary.

In conclusion the Chairman directed the Secretary to write to you informing you of the Committee's decision and appointment. I objected very strongly saying they were ignoring the Bishop's Representative; furthermore, they had made their appointment without the Bishop's approval.

No one present acknowledged my ruling and, whilst I was speaking, the chairman declared the meeting closed. No one raised an objection.

I have found difficulty with this Committee in the past on many occasions but this occasion displayed nothing but deliberate insolence. I feel I can no longer be associated with a body of such lay people, who should know better, addressing a priest in this manner. I hope you will appreciate my viewpoint.

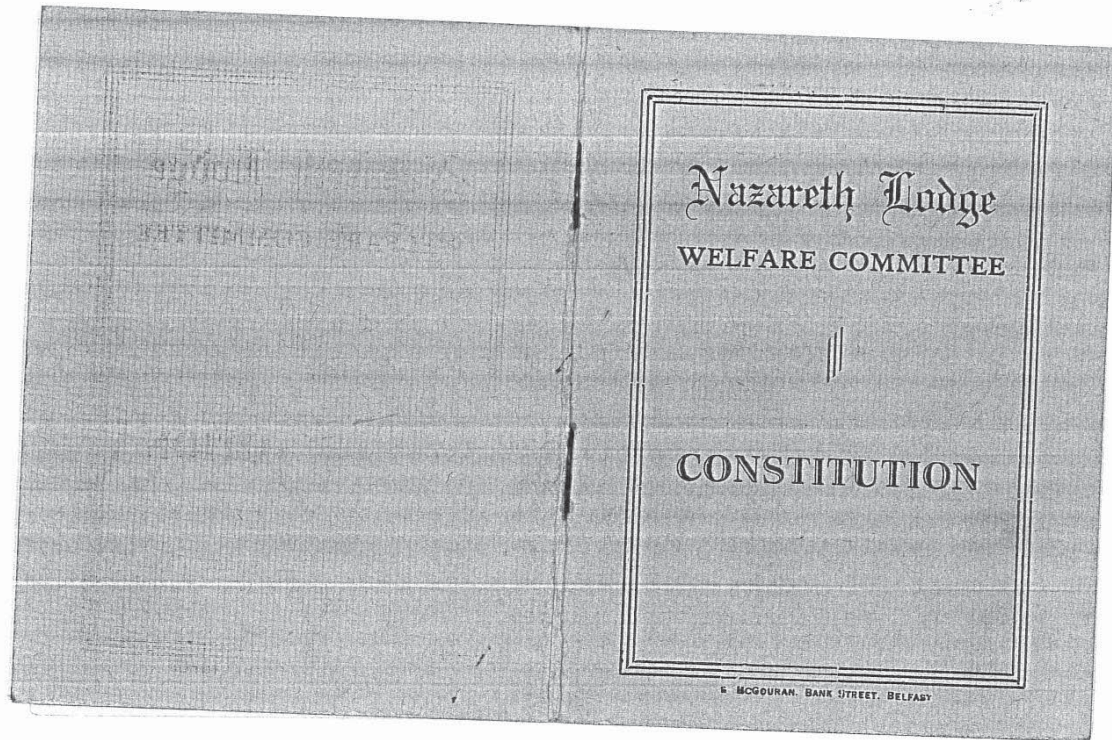
With apologies for causing you this inconvenience, I await your direction.


I remain,

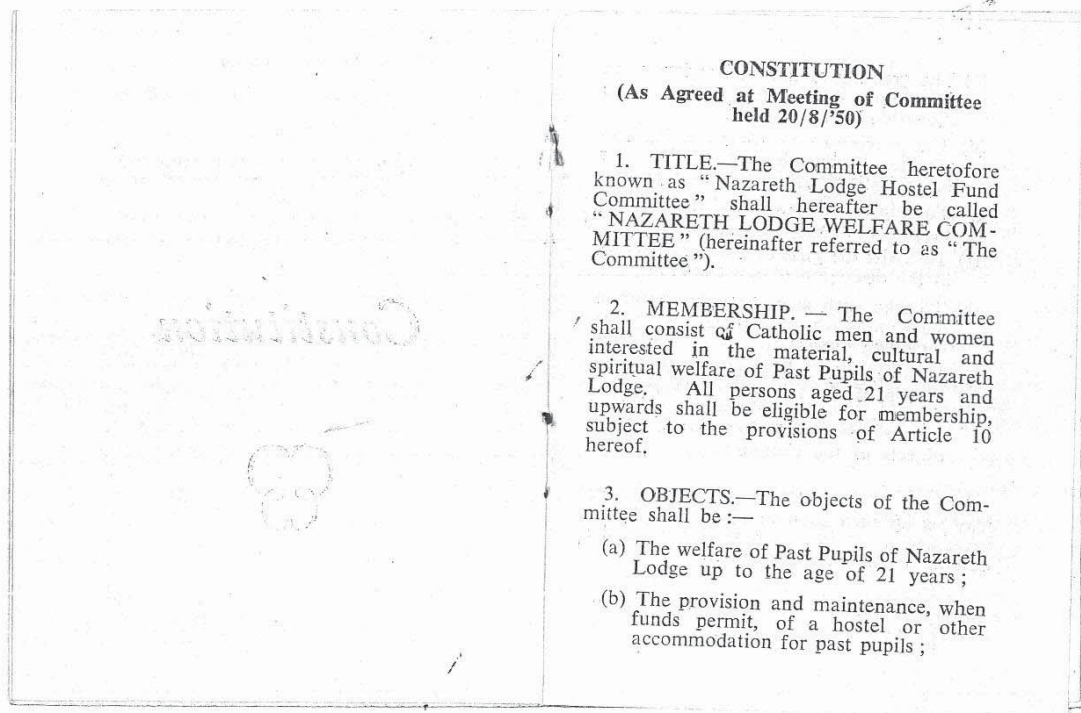
Your Lordship's obedient servant

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Rev. Francis X. Kennedy.



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- (c) The granting of financial assistance to Past Pupils of Nazareth Lodge, at the discretion of the Committee;
- (d) The provision of further training and vocational education at technical or other institutions for the said pupils;
- (e) To help the Sisters of Nazareth Lodge in their work whenever possible;
- (f) To assist the girls of Nazareth House, at the discretion of the Committee;
- (g) To take such steps as may appear to the Committee to further any of the foregoing objects;
- (h) With the approval of His Lordship the Bishop of the Diocese of Down and Connor, to co-operate with any other body of persons in furtherance of the objects of the Committee.

4. SUB-COMMITTEES.—The Committee may set up such sub-committees as may be necessary from time to time to further the objects of the said Committee.

5. OFFICERS.—The Officers shall consist of:—
President and Vice-President;

Chairman and Vice-Chairman;
Secretary;
Treasurer.

The Officers shall be elected by the members of the Committee at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of a vacancy arising during the year the Executive shall co-opt a Member to fill such vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

6. EXECUTIVE.—The Executive shall consist of the above Officers in addition to four other members of the Committee, elected by the Committee at the Annual General Meeting. A vacancy on the Executive may be filled as provided for in Article 5 hereof.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.—The Annual General Meeting shall take place on the second Sunday in January of each year. The business of the meeting shall include the presentation of the Secretary's, Treasurer's and Auditor's annual reports; the election of the Executive and of two Honorary Auditors.

8. FINANCE.—All accounts due for payment shall be presented and passed by the Committee at each monthly meeting. All cheques authorised for payment shall be signed by the Chairman and Treasurer. All moneys not required for current use, and other property of the Committee, shall be vested in the President, Vice-President and Chairman for the time being of the Committee, provided that, if the Bishop so directs, any property may be vested in such persons as he may nominate. All moneys and property shall be held for the purpose of the Committee.

9. ALTERATION OF RULES.—These Rules may be changed only by Motion at the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary Meeting called for that purpose, and notice of such motion must be in the hands of the Secretary at least 14 days before the date of the Meeting. Any alteration shall require a two-thirds majority of members present and voting.

10. ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.—All persons who were members of the Nazareth Lodge Hostel Fund Committee on the 18th day of February, 1951, shall be

members of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee. New members shall be admitted on the recommendation of the Executive and a simple majority of members voting at any meeting. The new member then could attend at following meetings. The Executive may limit the number of new members to be admitted, and may exercise such power by withholding their recommendation from any nomination for membership. Members absent for four consecutive meetings without due cause shall automatically lose membership.

11. The Committee shall be under the spiritual direction of his Lordship the Bishop of Down and Connor, who may nominate a Spiritual Director.

12. WINDING-UP.—In the event of the winding-up of the Committee, all moneys and property shall pass to the Bishop, to be applied by him for the objects of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee or for such similar objects within his discretion.

