

CONSTITUTION

1. THE NAME OF THE COMMITTEE is:— The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee (hereinafter called "The Committee").
2. MEMBERSHIP: The Committee shall consist of those persons who, being Practising Catholics, have been elected members by a simple majority vote of those persons present at any General Meeting of which due notice has been given.
3. OBJECTS: The objects of the Committee shall be:—
 - (a) The Spiritual and temporal welfare of the past pupils of Nazareth Lodge Boys' Home, Belfast, and such other boys from Rubane House, Kircubbin, as the Committee, from time to time, in its discretion may determine.
 - (b) The provision and maintenance of a Boys' Club for such past pupils as aforesaid, and for such other boys as the Committee may determine.
 - (c) The granting of such financial or other assistance to the past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House or to other boys who have been under the care of the Sisters of Nazareth, as the Committee shall in its discretion think fit.
 - (d) To provide further training and vocational education at any University Training College, Technical or other Institution for the said past pupils.
 - (e) To help the Sisters of Nazareth Lodge, Belfast, in their work whenever possible.
 - (f) To maintain contact with past pupils who are resident or working outside the Diocese of Down and Connor.
 - (g) To promote and advise in the setting up of After-care Committees in all parts of the world in which the Sisters of Nazareth carry on their work.
 - (h) To take such steps as may appear to the Committee to further any of the foregoing objects.
 - (i) Subject to the approval of His Lordship, the Bishop of the diocese of Down and Connor, to co-operate with any other organization or body of persons in furtherance of the objects of the Committee.

4. SUB-COMMITTEES: Subject to the provisions of this rule hereinafter contained, the Executive shall be at liberty, from time to time, as occasion requires, to appoint such sub-committee or sub-committees as the furtherance of the objects of the Committee or the better discharge of its duties may require. The appointment of all such sub-committees shall however be subject to the following terms and conditions.

- (a) The Chairman of every such sub-committee shall be elected by the Executive.
- (b) No such sub-committee shall be authorized or permitted to retain any moneys which it may receive, whether by gift, bequest or otherwise, but all such moneys shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Committee within such time as is reasonable in all the circumstances.
- (c) No such sub-committee shall be authorized or permitted to enter into any contract, express or implied, for the payment of money, or in any way to bind the Committee to pay any money unless such payment shall have been expressly authorized by the Committee or subject to the limitations hereinafter contained, by the Executive.
- (d) The appointment of such sub-committees shall be subject to ratification by the Committee at its next General Meeting after such appointment and the Committee may impose such further limitations as it shall think fit. The terms and conditions of such appointments shall be enumerated and clearly defined by the Executive.

5. OFFICERS: The Officers shall consist of:—

- (1) Honorary Vice-Presidents,
- (2) President and Vice-President,
- (3) Chairman and Vice-Chairman,
- (4) Secretary and Assistant Secretary,
- (5) Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

The Honorary Vice-President or Vice-Presidents shall be such person or persons (not being a member or members of the Committee) as the Committee at its Annual General Meeting, may decide is or are worthy of the honour by reason of the assistance which he, she or they may have given to the Committee in the past whether

financial or otherwise. The remaining Officers shall be elected by the members of the Committee at the Annual General Meeting. The election of the Officers shall require a simple majority of those present and voting. No member shall be eligible for election to any office on more than three successive years unless by special resolution of the Committee passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of a vacancy arising during the year the Executive may appoint one of its number or co-opt a member of the Committee to fill such a vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting. If the Executive appoints one of its members it shall have power to co-opt a member of the Committee on to the Executive.

EXECUTIVE: The Executive shall consist of the President, Vice-President, The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, Immediate past President and past Chairman together with four other members of the Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting. A vacancy on the Executive shall be filled in manner hereinbefore provided in these rules.

The management and control of the affairs of the Committee shall be vested in the Executive and the Executive may exercise all such powers of the Committee as are not, by these rules, required to be exercised by the Committee in General Meeting subject, nevertheless, to any regulation which may be made by the Committee in General Meeting; but no regulation made by the Committee in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Executive which would have been valid if that regulation had not been made. The Executive shall cause minutes to be made and books provided for the purpose:—

- (a) Of the appointments of Officers or of Members of the Executive made by it.
- (b) Of the members present at its meetings and at meetings of the Committee or any sub-committee.
- (c) Of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Committee, of the Executive and of any sub-committees and the Chairman and such other members as the Committee may from time to time determine, shall sign such book or books.

GENERAL MEETINGS: A General Meeting shall be held once in every calendar month at such time and place as may be prescribed by the Committee in General Meeting, or in default at such time and place as the Executive shall appoint. The above mentioned General Meetings shall be called Ordinary General Meetings: all other General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in January of each year. The business of this meeting shall include:—

- (a) The Reports of the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Auditors, the Welfare Officer, and the Chairmen of the sub-committees (if any).
- (b) The election of the Officers, the Executive and the Honorary Auditors.
- (c) Such other business, including the election of Honorary Vice-Presidents, the appointment of Trustees, the acquisition and holding of property and the investment of funds as the Committee or the Executive may determine.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS: Two clear days shall be necessary for an Ordinary General Meeting. Ten clear days notice shall be necessary for the Annual General Meeting, and three clear days for all Extraordinary General Meetings. The Chairman or any two members of the Executive or any ten members of the Committee may at any time request in writing through the Secretary the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting.

VOTING: On a show of hands every active member present in person shall have one vote. On a poll every active member shall have one vote. Unless otherwise provided by these rules, any motion may be carried on a show of hands by simple majority of those present and voting, unless a poll is demanded. A poll shall require, unless otherwise provided by these rules, a majority of votes cast.

FINANCE: Payment of money required for day to day expenses (including moneys required for Salaries and National Insurance Contributions of persons employed by the Committee, subsidies to the boys, and the purchase of clothing and footwear) may be authorised by the Executive.

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 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, or in such other persons as the Committee with the concurrence of the Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor may determine. All moneys and property shall be held in trust for the Committee and shall be applied in furtherance of its objects.

EMPLOYEES: THE COMMITTEE shall be entitled to appoint such person or persons as the Committee shall think fit at such salary or salaries as it may think fit, to perform such functions as the Executive may determine. No such person or persons shall be a member of Committee, or eligible for election as such, provided that where a member of Committee is appointed to perform any duty for which a salary is payable by the Committee, such member shall, during the continuance of such employment cease to be a member of the Committee. On the termination of such employment such person shall automatically be re-instated as a member of the Committee.

ALTERATION OF RULES: All or any of these Rules may be rescinded or altered by the Committee on Motion at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose, provided that any such amendment shall be ultra vires and void unless:

- (a) Notice of such motion stating the precise amendment proposed is in the hands of the Secretary at least 14 clear days before the date of the meeting.
- (b) Such amendment is approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting or in the event of a poll by a two-thirds majority of those voting. Provided always that any amendment which seeks to devote the money or property of the Committee to any object not contained in this Constitution shall be ultra vires unless such amendment shall be approved by the Catholic Bishop for the time being of Down and Connor.

The Executive may suspend or disbar from membership any member who:—

- (1) fails to attend four consecutive General Meetings without due cause; or
- (2) is guilty of conduct which in the opinion of the Executive is unworthy of a member of the Committee; or
- (3) wilfully performs any act or fails to perform any act contrary to the express orders of the Committee or the Executive; or
- (4) is guilty of conduct, either of act or omission, which in the opinion of the Committee or the Executive, is harmful to the Committee in its work.

Provided that a suspension for a period of more than one month and any disbarment shall not be effective unless such suspension or disbarment shall have been approved by the Committee at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. Such meeting to be held within 21 days from the date of such suspension or disbarment.

WINDING UP: In the event of the dissolution of the Committee, all money and property of the Committee shall be held in trust for the Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor to be applied by him for the objects of the Committee.

The several clauses of the above constitution were approved and adopted by the Committee at a General Meeting held on the 7th day of March, 1962.

Pauline Cooke, Secretary

Name _____

County Welfare Authority,

PART I,

Name of Child.....
 Date of Birth... *11/1/40* Place of Birth *St Joseph's Hospital*
 Father's Name Mother's maiden name *Thompson*
 Address..... Address.....
 If parents are dead, the date and place of death, if known
 Name and address of Priest or other person making arrangements for child's entry to the home.....
 Name and address of person from whom the child is received.....
 Reason for committing the child.....
 Has any consent been signed for adoption
 Date and place of baptism.....
 Date and place of confirmation.....
 Medical card number,,,,, National Insurance No.....
 Has child been immunised against: Small Pox..... Polio BCG.....
 Whooping Cough..... Diphtheria.....
 Has he had Measels..... German Measels..... Mumps..... Chicken Pox.....
 Scarlet fever..... diphtheria... Whooping cough..... poliomyelitis.....
 Has he any speech impediments..... Does he wear glasses.... Is he a bed-wetter.....
 State if child has any other physical or mental disorders.....
 Name and address of any person paying towards his maintenance.....

PART II

Date of admission to St Joseph's Babies Home.....
 Names and addresses of any person or persons showing interest in the child
 Any general remarks.....
 Date of leaving Destination.....

PART III

Date of admission to Nazareth Lodge.....

School Report.....

Does child require any special attention (Educationally, medically or otherwise) ?

Character assement.....

Any general remarks.....

Names and addresses of any person or persons showing any interest in the boy....

Date of leaving

Destination.....

PART IV

Date of admission to Rubane House.....

School report.....

Does child require any special attention (Educationally, medically or otherwise) ?

Character assement.....

Any ^{general}~~other~~ remarks.....

Names and addresses of any person or persons showing any interest in the boy

Date of leaving.....

Destination.....

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28th January, 1965.

Most Rev. Dr. W. Philbin, D.D.,
"Lisbreen",
Somerton Road,
Belfast, 15.

My Lord Bishop,

The Annual General Meeting of Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee was held on Sunday 17th January.

I enclose the undernoted Reports which on perusal, I trust your Lordship will find in order.

- (1) Chairman's Report.
- (2) Secretary's Report.
- (3) Audited Accounts of Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee for the year ended 30th November, 1964.
- (4) Audited Accounts of St. Augustine's Catholic Youth Club for the year ending 30th November, 1964.
- (5) Welfare Officer's Report.
- (6) Youth Club Leader's Report.
- (7) Legion of Mary Report (incorporating the report of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart)

Undernoted, your Lordship will find the names of those members duly elected to serve as Committee office bearers for the year 1965-6.

Chairman - G. J. Cairns Esq., [REDACTED]
Vice-Chairman - Robert Egli Esq., [REDACTED]
Secretary - Desmond Woods Esq., [REDACTED]
Assistant Secretary - John Sheil
Treasurer - George A. Hanna Esq., [REDACTED]

Seeking your Lordship's blessing on the Committee's work during the coming year,

I remain,
Your Lordship's most obedient servant,

[REDACTED] ...
Secretary.

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Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee - Annual General Meeting 17th January 1965.

Chairman's Report.

We have come to the end of another year in the life of the Committee. The Annual General Meeting is a time for very serious thought. You will hear the various reports and I can assure you that there is much in them which should cause you to think and think carefully. As an aid to such thought, I should like to lay before you what I consider to be the true purpose and intent of this Committee.

Now, what is the Committee? If I may paraphrase the Constitution, it is a union of Catholic men and women united by a love of orphans and pledged to work together in harmony, with unity of effort, to achieve a common purpose.

This union parallels in many respects the union of two people in marriage. They are united by a bond of love. We are united by a like bond - the love of children. They have unity of purpose and work together to achieve it. By a process of trial and error, each learns to recognise the wisdom of the other and soon pool their ideas and select only those most likely to achieve their object. Soon individual identities disappear and they work as one. We too, have unity of purpose. We meet to consider how best to achieve our object, each member has an opportunity of putting forward ideas and each has the heavy duty of selecting those which are most likely to be fruitful. Working thus, individual entities disappear and we are bonded as one, thus the way is clear to achieving unity of effort. As in marriage, if partners pull in opposite directions there will be collapse. If there are children, they will suffer most. So in the Committee, if members pull in opposite directions there will be failure and the children will suffer.

I submit to you, that we cannot begin to function as a Committee unless we recognise that we are joined by a bond of the love of orphan boys; that we must have unity of effort; that we cannot have unity of effort unless we meet together; that we put forward our ideas and carefully consider all ideas and select those which we think will be most likely to achieve success, that having made our selection we forget our separate entities and go forward as one, towards our goal.

I further submit to you, that we will not achieve success unless and until we recognise and accept the true purpose of our existence as a Committee. We are not a Committee formed to run excursions; to hold bazaars or guest teas. We are not a Committee formed to hold meetings. We are not a Committee formed to find jobs, to hand out money, to find digs, or buy clothes and footwear. We are not a Committee formed to give advice or to run a boys club. We are not a Committee formed to provide classes. We are not a Committee formed to do all or any of these things for these things are merely a means to an end; they are not either individually or collectively, the end for which we exist as a Committee. If at any time all or any of these things cease to be a means to our end we must abandon them and seek fresh ways by which we can fulfil our true purpose.

What then, is this Committee and what is its true purpose? It is a body of men and women, who, of their own free will, have accepted and taken upon themselves the rights, duties and responsibilities of parents to children who have reached school leaving age. This then is the purpose of our existence. We are the parents; the boys of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane as soon as they leave Rubane become our children. To them we owe a duty similar to that which we owe to our own children.

/our own children.

Now what are the duties of parents to children of this age? They are:

1. In consultation with his teachers to ascertain whether he is fit for more advanced education and if so, if they have the means, to see that such education is provided.
2. By consulting with the teacher and the child to ascertain at what job he is most likely to succeed and so far as possible to obtain such a job.
3. To provide a home, clothing and footwear.
4. To guide and assist him in matters appertaining to this life and to help him to surmount the problems with which he will be faced.
5. While teaching him to fend for himself, to protect him from those who would seek to harm him.
6. To protect him from injustice.
7. To protect him from bad influences and bad companions.
8. To ensure as far as possible, the proper use of his free time.
9. To encourage him in his work.
10. Above all, by word and example to aid and encourage him in the performance of his religious duties.
11. In general to aid him in every way possible, so that when he stands on his own in the world, he will be fitted to become a useful citizen.

We are fortunate in having a Spiritual Director for this relieves us in large measure from responsibility for the spiritual welfare of the boys. Our other responsibilities are discharged through the sub-committee, the welfare officers, the operating of a club, the provision of clothing and footwear, the supplementation of earnings and the raising of funds.

It is of the greatest importance, however, that we should always remember that the delegation of authority to the sub-committee, the welfare officer or to some other officer or member of the Committee, does not relieve us from responsibility. It is the clear duty of the members of the Committee to follow closely the work of delegated bodies or persons and not to hesitate to question, or, if need be, to criticize what has, or has not been done. In this way and only in this way can they ensure that every act is productive of the greatest possible good.

This Committee has come a long way since its formation. It has built slowly but surely and solidly. Its growth - in my view - was due, mainly to the diligence of its members but more especially to the fact that in the past, it kept its work continually under review and was always prepared to try something new, and to abandon anything which was no longer an aid.

For some time past we have been content to rest on our achievements and to leave matters to a few, and consequently, interest in the work has waned somewhat. This may have been due to the burden of debt which we have had to carry, or perhaps, to the concentration on financial matters, or is it really due to lack of unity of effort, or a combination of all these factors?

Whatever the cause, we must now face up to facts. There is considerable delinquency amongst the boys; the attendance at the club is hopeless. Many of us have lost contact with the boys. In some respects we have become little more than an employment and assistance agency.

We have come a long way; the boys are in good jobs; they are well clothed and shod; they are clean; and we have first rate premises, but are we making progress? This is what we must determine. Let us examine all the reports which we will hear to-day. Let us examine all the means which we employ towards the fulfilment of our main purpose and cast aside or reform those which have ceased to serve our ends. Let us work together once more, as a team which has a glorious purpose, and the answer to all our troubles will be found.
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Is the trouble within the Committee due to the fact that people feel that there is a big six. If so, do something about it. If so demanded full and more extensive reports. Is it due to the fact that too little information is being given about the work of the Committee. Is it due to the feeling that the Bazaar, or the Boat, or the Sub-committee or the Club is the most important facet of our work. I hope that what I have said about the true purpose and intent of our work will lay this ghost. Is the trouble with the boys due to the fact that we mix outsiders with them, or that we have ceased to know them because we have ceased to meet them, or is it due to the fact that the transition from institutional life to life in the world is too rapid? Is the answer the resumption of the type of monthly meeting at which the boys attended and at which we provided them with a tea? Is the answer film shows from time to time? I must say, I was greatly impressed by the standard of conduct at the film show at the Annual General Meeting and more especially by the happy carefree atmosphere which prevailed.

Whatever the answer is, we can and must find it. To-day you can take the first step. Soon you must elect the officers and executive for the coming year. I want you to approach this task with the same care and consideration that you would employ, if you were handing over your own child to some person.

Think carefully, don't appoint someone, simply because you like him or her. Ask yourself, will he or she really tackle the job in hand, and can he or she make a success of it.

We are not dealing, only with material things, we are dealing with human beings; who are entitled to expect that we will expend our energies for this benefit as parents do for their children. One final thought I leave with you; children are the life of the world and of such is the Kingdom of God.

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. Chairman.

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Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee - Annual General Meeting 17th. January 1965.

Hon. Secretary's Report.

Mr. Chairman, Fr. Kennedy, ladies and gentlemen as this was my first year of office as Secretary the better part of my time has been spent learning the job. My report must therefore consist of a few observations of a complete outsider who suddenly found himself on the inside.

(1) Our primary purpose in being here is the welfare of the boys. Members should endeavour to attend the club more often and try to get to know the boys as people. A short period of time spent with a particular boy each week could pay enormous dividends.

(2) We must be prepared to spend any necessary money to establish a better public image. I hope to prepare a folder early this year.

(3) Each member should attempt to attend every meeting of the Committee. If this were done the members would then keep abreast of the decisions taken and have the opportunity to express their views on such decisions.

In conclusion may I express my sincere thanks to Miss Kennedy, Messrs. Digney and Hanna for helping to make my job so much easier.

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Hon. Secretary.

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Welfare Officer's Report

In this my first Annual Report to the Committee as Welfare Officer, there are many aspects of the work of the Committee in caring for the boys under their care that give rise for some concern.

The first and perhaps most important of these is the suitability of accommodation. At the present time the quality and suitability of accommodation has given place to that of expediency. Lodgings have to be found at short notice and the tendency has been to let the boy remain there even when the environment is 'nt altogether what one would wish it to be. The behaviour problems of the boys is a big factor in the loss of suitable accommodation formerly at the disposal of the Committee. When one considers the "institutional background" and the problem of adapting himself to what is a natural environment for other boys of his age, the question of his behaviour problems in the home can be more readily appreciated.

The solution to this problem of accommodation is difficult. The Committee through the good offices of the Spiritual Director has already enlisted the help of the C.Y.M.S. and the Legion of Mary, so far without any result. An appeal from the pulpits of the different Parish Churches of the city might well bring a solution of a temporary nature. The Committee would do well to give urgent and careful consideration to the establishment of a hostel, where boys could adapt themselves to home conditions, before moving on to lodgings in the city.

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Employment of the boys has presented no great difficulty during the year. A good working relationship with officials of the Juvenile Employment Exchange has resulted in jobs, suitable to the mental capabilities of the boys concerned, being readily ~~found~~ found. Employers have generally reported well of the boys, their willingness to do what is asked of them, their behaviour and good timekeeping.

From the attached statistics it will be seen that only approx. 50% of those employable are apprenticed to trades. This can be accounted for by the fact that the remainder have not the necessary ability to learn a trade. On three occasions during the past year boys had to be withdrawn from apprenticeships because they had not the necessary ability to make the grade in the trade to which they had been apprenticed. The growing competition from boys leaving grammar and intermediate schools will make the problem of finding apprenticeships for our boys more acute in the not too distant future. Changes in the educational arrangements in Rubane House will to some extent off-set this disadvantage.

It is satisfactory to report that of the 42 Ex-Nazareth Lodge boys under 21 years of age at present in full time employment only 5 are in need of supplementation to their weekly earnings, though clothing and footwear have to be supplied to quite a large number of the remainder.

It is with regret that I must report, that in the year under review, we have been all too frequently involved with the Law. Some of these incidents were of a minor nature, but some were of serious proportions. In all six boys have appeared in court involving serious charges of theft. Three of these boys were in collusion in one series of theft for which they were placed under a Supervision Order to the Committee by the Magistrate. Two of these three boys are again in conflict with the Law and at the present time I await the outcome of their

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latest wrong-doings. One of these latter two boys has been expelled from the club premises, because of his anti-social behaviour, and has to date made two court appearances, one for disorderly behaviour, for which he was fined in 40/- and the other a charge of larceny for which he served one months imprisonment. The action of the Committee in baning the boy from the club might well seem to some members to be harsh and ill-advised, but it must be remembered that the overriding consideration is the moral well-being of the other boys.

In the other cases involving our boys during the year, one has attained his majority and is now out of our care, though we still maintain an interest in him. Another is at the present time under rule of bail for one year, and at this time would seem to be of good behaviour and making a serious effort to reform. The sixth and last of these boys was a charge of Armagh Co. Welfare Committee, but under the supervision of this Committee, he is at the present time on probation.

With regard to the temporal welfare of the boys, the Committee have discharged their self-imposed obligations adequately. Their appearance and general standard of conduct on the day of the Annual Reunion, were commented on in very glowing terms by those Brothers from Rubane House who were present.

Since assuming the duties of Welfare Officer in September, weekly reports have been made available for the consideration of the Sub-Committee, and copies of same have been given to the Spiritual Director, Fr. Kennedy, and to Bro. Albert Rubane House.


I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to Fr. Kennedy, the members of the Sub-Committee, the officers and members of the general Committee for their help and consideration during the year. They have given their professional advice and skills when requested, and by no means least, their leisure time, often at serious inconvenience to their families and themselves, when requested.

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I could not conclude this report without mention of my predecessor, Mr. Murphy, he set the pattern that has been easy to follow. Finally may I express the thanks of the Committee and my own personal thanks to Bro. Albert and community of Rubane House for their co-operation in all matters relating to the boys, their help and advice has been of assistance in helping to place the boys as far as was practical in the occupations most suited to them and thus enable them to lead lives as useful members of society.


17th. January 1965.

Welfare Officer's Report for the Annual General Meeting of The Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee 17th. Jan. '65.

1. Number of boys on records.as at 31st. December 1964.

These numbers are made up as follows:-

Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House.
Under supervision for Co. Welfare Authorities.
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Purdysburn Mental Hospital.
Foster Homes.

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2. Employment Details.

Unskilled Occupations made up as follows:-

Farm Labourers.
Mineral Water Trade (Van & Store Helpers)
Mill Workers.
Building and Allied Trades.
Domestic Workers.
H.M. Forces (Army)
Merchant Navy.
Un-Classified Workers.

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Skilled Occupations & Trades made up as follows:-

Bricklayers
Plasterers
Joiners
Painters
Upholsterers
Car-Spraying
Ladies Hairdressing
Watch Repairing
Spirit Trade
Catering Trade (Commis Chefs & Waiters).

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Annual General Meeting 17th January 1965

Club Leader's Report. - St. Augustine's Youth Club.

The membership on the Club roll is 80 boys of which 20 are ex-Rubane House pupils. About 5 of these boys generally use the Club at least once or twice a week, and a further twelve use the Club 3 nights a week.

The Club now offers the following activities to all boys - woodwork, table tennis, drama, billiards, darts, football and swimming. There is a quiz held weekly in which good interest has been maintained and quiz books in any shape or form will be greatly appreciated. Here follows a summary of the Club activities.

Woodwork.

We have been unable to keep the boys interested in this activity and it has now been withdrawn temporarily. Coming up to the time of the Bazaar when there was plenty to do we were able to keep a few boys interested, but when the Bazaar was over the boys stopped coming. None of our own boys ever had much interest in this section, and most of the "outside boys" who are still at school, do it there and will not take an interest in it unless practically forced to do so. The instructor felt that under the circumstances it was not worth while continuing. We have not given up hope of reviving this activity as there are too many valuable tools available and as soon as we find a few boys who are really interested we shall re-commence it.

Table Tennis.

This activity continues to operate satisfactorily. We have three teams competing, one Senior and one Minor in the Down & Connor League and one Intermediate team in the Association of Boys Clubs League. The Minor team is composed of "outside boys". Two of our own boys are in the Intermediate team and the Senior team is, with the exception of one boy, composed entirely of our own boys.

Billiards & Darts.

These are internal Club activities. The Catholic Billiards League did not operate a Minor section last year or this year and, as this is the only section in which we could have taken part, we have therefore been unable to enter any competitions.

Football

We have one team in the Down & Connor Minor League, and although making every effort I regret to report that it remains at the bottom of the table. It must be remembered however, that this is our first year back in the League, and that defeat has not dampened the boys' interest. They have turned up in all sorts of weather, and nearly all matches have been played at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday mornings.

Swimming.

After a waiting period of four years the Club has now secured Thursday night in the Ormeau Baths from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. I feel that now that we have been granted a night, interest should be maintained, as it is practically impossible for Clubs to obtain a reservation in the public baths. In this activity we have been joined with St. Anthony's Club from Willowfield, who were good enough to let us share a night with them in Peter's Hill baths last season.

Drama

This activity is in the very capable hands of Mr. Brian May and two meetings take place each week. The group are at present rehearsing "The Far Off Hills" for presentation in the King George VI Youth Centre at the end of February. The play produced last year was "Boyd's Shop" and was acclaimed by all who saw it as a very fine production. If "The Far Off Hills" is produced to the high standard of last year's play success is assured. The group deserves every praise in view of their constant striving for perfection.

Re-Union.

This is a big day in the Club year. Once again we had the privilege of starting the Re-Union with Holy Mass in the Club and a happy atmosphere existed all during the day. After the boys had had breakfast in the Whitehall Restaurant, some visited Nazareth Lodge and then came back to the Club for the various tournaments which were played off before dinner. Over 100 dinners were served, followed by a filmshow and tea. All agreed that they had a most enjoyable day.

Summary.

There were two disappointing features in the year for me.

Firstly, the deliberate damage caused to Club equipment, billiard cues, darts and table tennis bats, even allowing for accidents, was over and above what was expected. A closer watch is now being kept on all Club property. Secondly, the non-existence of a Management Committee made the recovery of the Club very difficult. I wish to stress that I am blaming no one for this, but the fact remains that there was not one meeting of this Committee during this year. I feel that it would be much better if the Executive Committee could devote 15 minutes of their meeting to Club affairs. As a result, decisions taken could be put into effect without delay and a closer tie between the boys and the Committee would be fostered.

Finally, I would ask you to remember that in all the activities in the Club we are trying, through sport, to get our boys to compete with and meet boys - both Catholic and Protestant - from Clubs all over Belfast. To do this I feel that, in whatever sport we take part, we must build our Club to senior level in order to foster Club spirit which is almost non-existent. In order to get the boys to appreciate the Club, to get them to use it and not abuse it, they must have something to aim at. If they are interested in any sport we must endeavour to make them as good as is possible. This will give them confidence in their own ability, so that they may go out, meet and beat boys of their own age, in their own sport. It is hoped therefore to get them to appreciate what is being done for them and to get them to take their place in the community, so that when the time comes they may help others to do the same.

This report would not be complete without recording my thanks to all who have helped me in any way during the year. To our Spiritual Director, Fr. Kennedy, to the Welfare Officer NI 40 [REDACTED] to all members of the Welfare Committee, to the President and members of the Legion of Mary without whose help I could not possibly have run the Club, and to all the boys who have in any way helped me during the year I would like to offer my sincere thanks.

[REDACTED] Club Leader.
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Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee - Annual General Meeting 17th. January 1965.

Report of Our Lady of Nazareth Praesidium of The Legion of Mary attached to
St. Augustine's Youth Club.

We have 13 members in the Praesidium.

Duties

The Praesidium is in charge of the weekly "Quiz Programme" held in the Club in which about 12 boys take part.

We supervise the weekly swimming session of a group of club members at the Ormeau Baths.

We provide guidance and help at the darts and billiard sessions nightly in the club premises.

The sisters look after the shop and provide tea and refreshments for the boys each night.

Some members are attached to the Pioneer Total Abstinence Council. Meetings of this latter body are held each month and the Council members are on duty each week.

We have 16 Pioneers (14 Male and 2 Female) also 16 Probationary Members (14 Male and 2 Female).

Under the Spiritual guidance of Fr. Kennedy, Spiritual Director, the main aim of the Praesidium is the providing of a social service to the club members, thus it is our hope, the members are able to recreate themselves in a happy and friendly atmosphere.

Striving to help the lads to take their place in the community as responsible Catholic citizens.

During the year members of the Praesidium visited other Praesidia, to help solve the problem of living accommodation for the boys under the Committees care.

Problems.

We feel that owing to the lack of a greater number of active members in the Praesidium, we are forced by circumstances to leave a number of things undone. We would appeal to the general body here present to help us in getting members. Any suggestions in this regard, or in relation to any aspect of our work in the club would be most welcome.

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offered in holding our Praesidium meeting in the club premises, as well as all the friendly co-operation received during the year.

Lastly, but by no means least, we express our grateful thanks to Fr. Kennedy for his wise advice and unflinching help in all our Legion duties.

May Our Lady of Nazareth help us to intensify our efforts in the service of Her Son during this year.

President of Our Lady of Nazareth Praesidium.
17th January 1965.

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CONFIDENTIAL

March 26th., 1965.

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

My Lord Bishop,

The Chairman of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee, Mr Gabriel Cairns, called personally to see me at my own home last night. The reason for his visit was to express grave concern on matters discussed at the recent monthly meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday last. He informed me of his intention to include mention of his concern in his reply to your letter in which you clearly stated to the Committee that I was your Representative. I thought it best to write to you in explanation of the contents of Mr Cairns' letter, the latter half of which is relevant.

Briefly Mr Cairns' concern arose as follows: I conveyed your instructions to Mr Cairns that it was your wish that the Committee do not accept any funds raised by sale of the P.T.Q. magazine from Queen's University. I drew his attention that notice to this effect would appear in the following morning's edition of The Irish News. Following this, Mr Cairns wrote a letter to Queen's University, (copy enclosed), the wording of which he based on the press announcement, stating that the Committee had received instructions not to accept contribution from funds raised by sale of the P.T.Q. magazine. I approved personally of his letter before he posted it. The President of the Students' Representative Council replied to Mr Cairns' letter; this reply I also enclose herewith.

At the monthly meeting of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee last Wednesday, Mr Cairns explained to the members present how he had carried out Your Lordship's instructions and he read to the meeting both his own letter and the Students' reply. A heated discussion followed re the contents of Mr Cairns' letter. On the one hand Mr Cairns and I maintained that the Committee were not in a position to accept any funds which are made up either wholly or in part of monies raised by sale of the P.T.Q. magazine: both he and I put it clearly that we believed that the Committee, by reason of this, could not accept, for example, funds raised by "the Rag Box" collections. We felt that this was the way you wished your instruction to be carried out, namely, that no funds be accepted from the students at all and to use the term of the "Daily Express Reporter" who interviewed Mr Cairns, "it would be hypocritical to accept fund from the students, raised from other sources during Rag Week and not accept funds raised from sale of P.T.Q. magazine alone." We put this point quite clearly to the meeting.

The general Committee members argued on the other hand that, although the Committee could not accept, by virtue of your instruction,

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funds raised specifically from sale of the P.T.Q. magazine, they would not contradict your instruction by writing to the students and stating that they could accept funds raised from other sources during the "Rag Week" collections. The heated discussion continued, the general members maintaining, contrary to what Mr Cairns and I clearly stated, that they would write in reply to the Students' letter expressing their viewpoint. It was only after considerable effort both on the Chairman's part and my own that the Committee members' proposal was defeated by eleven votes to ten. I might also add that in order that Mr Cairns proposal and mine prevail, we agreed to write reply to the students' letter merely acknowledging receipt of their letter.

The heated discussion among Committee members concerning the Chairman's letter to Queen's University at this meeting seems to have brought home to Mr Cairns that my own concern over policies in the past has been more than justified. It seems to me that Mr Cairns now concurs entirely with everything that I have done. He told me that he regrets he did not fully appreciate my position at an earlier stage - which I am willing to accept in that I know that he, owing to the illness of his son Peter, did not have the opportunity of fully appreciating all that had taken place.

I hasten to add that, since these incidents at this monthly meeting of the Committee, I am of the opinion that great difficulty lies ahead for me personally in putting into practice the position of your Representation with this Committee. I have already indicated this to you in my last interview with Your Lordship on March 16th., last.

I find difficulty in committing all this in writing and if you should wish for any further information on this matter or about Mr Cairns' letter, I am at Your Lordship's convenience.

I remain,

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

Rev. Francis X. Kennedy, Chaplain.

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The Secretary,
Rag Committee,
S.R.C. House,
22, University Square,
Belfast 7.

20th. March 1965.

Dear Sir,

I refer you to your letter of 8th. January 1965, by which you indicated that your Committee had decided to make a contribution to our funds. Such a contribution would have been most gratefully received and appreciated.

I have to inform you, however, that by virtue of directions received, this Committee is not now in a position to accept a contribution from funds which are made up either wholly or in part of monies raised by sale of Pro Tanto Quid.

With renewed thanks for your consideration.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

G.J. Cairns

Chairman.

THE QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST

PETER D. SMITH
President
Students' Representative
Council

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EXT: 263



S. R. C. HOUSE,
22 UNIVERSITY SQUARE,
BELFAST 7
NORTHERN IRELAND

22nd March. 65.

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

Dear Mr. Cairns,

Thank you for your letter to
the Rag Secretary of 20th March, 1965
the contents of which I note with
concern.

I would be grateful if you
will inform me of the nature of the
'directions' you received which caused
your committee to refuse a contribution
from the Students' Day Appeal.

Yours sincerely,





29th March 1965

My Lord Bishop,

On behalf of the Committee I acknowledge Father Kennedy to be your Lordship's representative on the Committee.

I read Father Toner's letter as indicating that there would be a further communication from your Lordship and, believing this to be so, I deemed it my duty to await your further directions. Your letter of the 25th February leaves me in no doubt that I was in error. In acknowledging my error I can only say that I acted in good faith and that, believing the matter to be pending, I accepted the office of Chairman for the current year although I was heavily committed in my work.

Upon receipt of your letter I had a discussion with Father Kennedy and later brought up the matters discussed at a meeting of the executive and at an extraordinary general meeting. At this meeting Father Kennedy outlined in broad terms the position of the laity in relation to the Clergy in Catholic Action, and then left the meeting ostensibly to keep another appointment but more especially to allow members to have a full and free discussion. All those present - and there was a very full attendance - were given an opportunity to speak.

Arising out of this meeting a delegation of three - Mr. R. Egli (the vice-chairman), Mr. W. Staunton and Mr. John Shier - was appointed to work out with Father Kennedy some sort of working rule. The suggestions were considered by the execution and Father Kennedy kindly undertook to submit them to your Lordship. These suggestions, my Lord, are not an attempt to define your Lordship's powers - which are absolute - nor to limit the powers which you may delegate to your representative. They are an attempt to produce a working formula with a view to preventing a recurrence of the unfortunate happening of last September.

I had intended to send this letter to you last week and I was satisfied that the suggestions referred to would ensure Father Kennedy's position on the Committee as your Lordship's representative. However, having regard to the course which certain discussions took at the monthly meeting on the 24th March I feel bound in duty to qualify them. I do so personally and without the knowledge of the Committee. It is now my considered view and I respectfully urge it upon your Lordships that you should make it abundantly clear that the views of the priest must prevail not only in matters spiritual (upon which there is general agreement), but also in matters temporal involving the spiritual or episcopal policy.

The men and women on the Committee are sincere and good people but I fear that because of over-zealousness

we tend to forget that as a purely Catholic Charity we can so easily involve the Church.

I apologise for the very considerable delay in replying to your letter but as I have the misfortune to be a member of a law revision committee in the Law Courts, which is committed to producing a lengthy written report early next month, I have but little time for my own affairs.

I assure you, my Lord, that I will use my utmost endeavours to give effect to such directions as you may be pleased to give.

I am, my Lord,

your obedient servant,



Most Rev. William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Lord Bishop of Down and Connor.
I had prepared for re Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee

My Lord Bishop,
On February 28th., last you wrote a letter to the
Chairman clearly indicating that the Committee were to accept the
Spiritual Director as Bishop's Representative.

Since that time I have endeavoured to channel the
situation in the right direction without dictating policy in a manner
which might have caused any notable resignations from the Committee.
I handled the matter on hand in this way:-

1) Whenever the Chairman had received Your Lordship's letter, I made
arrangements for a personal interview with him. Mr Cairns and I discussed
the matter and agreed that he call an "extra-ordinary General Meeting"
for Sunday March 7th., '65.

2) EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING: The Chairman, Mr Cairns, invited me
to attend this meeting. I addressed the General members on that day,
Sunday March 7th., and the main purpose of my address was to indicate
to all present an explanation of the meaning of a priest acting as Bishop's
Representative in his dealings with the Committee. In order to have the
Committee fully appreciate the significance of a "Bishop's Representative"
I thought the best possible solution in the circumstances could be reached
in this way:-

3) PREPARATION FOR LETTER FROM YOUR LORDSHIP: After my general address
of the members, I told them that either I myself could tell them my own
powers as Bishop's Representative. As this was my first time to address
the Committee since Sept/Oct 1964 I offered to them an alternative. In
turn, they themselves could write to Your Lordship for clarification of the
meaning of "representative". This I did not advise for their sakes. I
put it to them...a compromise. Perhaps if they would discuss among them-
selves their own interpretation of Bishops Representative, put it in
writing, I would be prepared to discuss the conclusions they had reached.
I then left the meeting, explaining that I was leaving for the sole purpose
that all would feel more free to express their views openly.

Mr Cairns telephoned me the following day and told me that when I had
left the meeting a prolonged discussion took place. The result of the
General Meeting was that they had appointed a "three-man-representation"
from the Committee to meet me on Monday night, March 8th., with written
documentation of the various points discussed at the General meeting.
I was asked was I willing to meet these men and I agreed to do so.

4) The meeting between myself and the Committee's representatives took
place and both sides openly discussed the matter. I agreed with all the
proposals which they put to me that evening, making clear provision that
my agreement was not final but rather that the final interpretation of
Bishop's Representative rested with Your Lordship. The meeting I had with
these men was without heated argument and I promised to put their proposals
to Your Lordship. They wished to make it clear that the proposals which
they had drawn up were in no way an ultimatum but simply the points which
had been raised at the General meeting the previous day and in no way did
they mean to show Your Lordship any disrespect in submitting them. I
promised to put these points to you when I interviewed you in the near
future.

(2)

The Executive meeting, March 10th, 1965.

This final meeting took place the following Wednesday and I attended the meeting. The written proposals, which had been discussed with me the previous Monday night, were put before the "executive members". Another prolonged discussion took place but I purposely exercised patience in that having channelled things to this stage, I did not wish to upset the ground I had prepared for the letter from Your Lordship.

In brief, after the prolonged meeting, it was agreed that I place these written proposals before you as mere points which had been raised by the Committee on the matter and with which I was in agreement, I making it clear to them that Your Lordship would accept these points and then put in writing his own personal wish of what the powers of his own representative would be. The Committee pledged to accept Your Lordship's word on the matter.

I have therefore, prepared the way for a letter from Your Lordship to the Committee in that I thought in all humility it was the best means of solving the difficult situation. I have not in any way compromised in any way and at the same time I feel that the Committee will now accept the "Bishop's Representative" on the proper terms. At all costs I wanted in all this to avoid anything which might cause notable resignations from the Committee, thereby interrupting the main purpose of the Committee, viz., the "after-care" of the past pupils of Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kirubbin. I am of the opinion that this letter from Your Lordship will bring the whole affair to a conclusion.

I remain, as my temporal matter by the Committee shall be decided, as it is overruled by the Bishop.

Your Lordship's obedient servant,

[Redacted Signature]

Rev. Francis X. Kennedy, Chaplain.

Committee's points:--

The Committee acknowledges the position of the Spiritual Director as being that of the Bishop's Representative, and that in that capacity he should have access to all the information contained in the Committee's files.

1. In his role as Bishop's Representative, he shall act as adviser and consultant of the Committee;
2. He should attend all the Meetings (General and Executive) of the Committee to give advice, on all matters pertaining to the Spiritual Welfare of the Boys, and on the charitable work of the Committee;
3. It is the wish, both of the Committee and of the Bishop's Representative, that he should not have a vote in the deliberations and decisions of the Committee;
4. He shall not veto any matter before the Committee, unless such matter is contrary to the Spiritual Welfare of the Boys or to the charitable activities of the Committee;
5. He has the duty at all times to refer any matter to the Bishop, which he thinks contravenes any of the aforesaid matters;
6. A decision reached on any temporal matter by the Committee shall stand until such time as it is overruled by the Bishop;
7. As practising Catholics, the Committee and its members, maintain that they have the right of direct approach to their Bishop should the occasion require such approach.

Extra-Ordinary General Meeting March 7th., 1965
Executive Meeting March 10th., 1965.

The basis of my address to the
General Body and in all these
negotiations with the Committee was
contained in this following Quotation:-

Quotation from Pope Paul VI address to Laymen

The Pope stresses that the Bishops, by divine right, are responsible for the leadership of any apostolic activity and thus grant a mandate to Catholic Action which is dependent on the authority of the hierarchy.

"But," he added, "this dependency does not prevent Catholic Action, the action of the laity, from having its own lay leaders. "These have their own responsibilities of examination, discussion and decision."

Pope Paul ended: "Naturally, the decisions will be approved, at least implicitly, by the competent ecclesiastical authority, which is represented in the executive bodies and in the associations by a priest who will act not as director, but as an assessor and consultant."

CRITICAL POINT

Ecclesiastical Approval and power of veto vested in Spiritual Director on ALL matters, both Spiritual and non-Spiritual.

Is it possible to state this diplomatically to the Committee in such a way so as not to cause notable resignations ? It was on this very point that the critical stage was reached in the very first place.

a) I maintained that the Committee acted without ecclesiastical approval when they took a decision without first seeking Bishop's approval on the decision through me.

b) The Committee maintained that they acted within their rights in that they acted "within their Constitution" which was approved, at least implicitly, by ecclesiastical authority by the late Bishop, Most Rev. Daniel Mageean, when he first established the Committee.

c) Solution lies in the clarification, for the sake of Committee members, of what are the actual powers vested in a priest who acts as Bishop's Representative on such a Committee. In the constitution as drawn up in the late Bishop's time (revised March 1962) no mention is made of the priest and his position on the Committee. Your Lordship's letter of clarification of the powers of your representative can simply be added to the Constitution.

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- 1) Is adviser and consultant the correct interpretation?
What weight does the advice of the Representative carry ?
 - 2) "charitable work" ..there was lengthy discussion on the meaning of these words, especially in relation to non-spiritual matters.
 - 3) Agreed and passed without comment
 - 4) The expression "should not veto" was changed at Executive Meeting to "shall not veto" by 8 votes to 2. Mr Cairns wished that it remain should. He was outvoted.
 - 4,5 and 6) An attempt is made in these three paragraphs to cover this difficult point of "power of veto" and "approval" ... the main discussion arising in these paragraphs re priests position re non-spiritual matters. For example, after long discussion, the expression "on any temporal matter" was inserted into 6.

If the Representative had full unquestioned powers in all matters would the Committee's decisions be so hampered so as to prevent the lay action continuing as that of responsible Catholics ?

Does the priest, as representative, submit all official reports on Committee's progress, all official correspondence, to Your Lordship

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The suggestion has been forwarded that the proposals which are finally submitted to the Committee by Your Lordship - that these proposals be allowed to exist for a time, at least until the next general meeting (A.G.M.) when, if no major difficulty has arisen in the meantime between the priest and the Committee, they are to be added to the Constitution in proper printed form. The Committee wish me to make it clear that they are in no way casting any reflection on Your Lordship's ruling but rather that they wish, by this suggestion, that no critical position can arise in the future again.

If the priest states that a certain ~~decision~~ decision cannot be taken by the Committee until such times that the priest has sought Your Lordship's direction on the matter, can it be stressed that the Committee must not act and at the same time that the awaiting ecclestical approval is not a direct frustration of the decision of the Committee ?

The word "veto" is one which, as far as the Committee is concerned, is charged with many overtones; in my dealings with the Committee on this delicate point, I told them that although I had my own personal interpretation of the word veto, I would leave the matter entirely for Your Lordship to decide what the actual powers were.

Finally, the Committee wish me to convey to Your Lordship that my absence from their meetings since last Autumn was something which was completely out of their hands. They felt that they had acted in good faith in contradicting my viewpoint on ecclestical approval in that they were acting within the limits of their constitution which had already the approval of the late Bishop. They awaited clarification on the crisis from Your Lordship, before they would take any steps in asking me to return to their meetings.



September 7, 1964

Gabriel Cairns, Esq., Chairman,
Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee,
[REDACTED]

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 is 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.

11th September, 1964.

My Lord Bishop,

I regret that my personal commitments have caused delay in replying to your letter of 7th September. As I was not present at the meeting to which you refer I deemed it advisable in the intervening interval to hold a meeting of the executive and I am now in a position to reply.

It appears to me that your letter is divisible into four parts namely:-

- (1) The position of the Committee in relation to your Lordship.
- (2) Whether the Committee in making appointments without your prior approval was acting in defiance of your Lordship's authority.
- (3) The position of Fr. Kennedy in relation to the Committee.
- (4) The complaint arising out of the meeting.

As to the first matter I wish on my own behalf and on behalf of the Committee to acknowledge unreservedly and without hesitation that any Catholic Charitable Organization within the diocese is completely subject to your Lordship in all matters whether spiritual or temporal. I further acknowledge that the authority of any such Organization to perform any of its functions must be derived from your Lordship. In my respectful submission authority may be given in either of two ways; directly as occasion requires; or generally within prescribed limits..

Turning to the Committee one finds that on the 20th August, 1950, a constitution was drawn up outlining the rights, duties and responsibilities of the Committee. Because many of the earlier records have been destroyed or lost I am not in a position to say that the constitution was approved by the late Most Reverend Dr. Mageean. Having regard, however, to the fact that the Committee was brought into being with the express approval of the Bishop and having regard to the calibre of the main foundation members, Mr. J.B. Kennedy, Mr. John McGlade, Mr. Felix Hendron and Mr. Paddy Hunt, I have no hesitation in saying that all was done which ought to have been done. This being so the Committee considers and always has considered that, subject to the limitations therein provided [e.g. rule 3 (h)], these rules constitute a delegation of authority and that consequently it was free to act within the framework of these rules. I should perhaps add at this juncture that none of the present members of the Committee had any hand or part in the formation of this constitution, or indeed was a member of the Committee at the time. In March, 1962, the rules were amended in accordance with the provisions of rule 9.

Coming to the second point I respectfully submit that

the Committee did not act in defiance of your Lordship's authority. The first appointment of a paid official was made in January, 1954, when DL 367 was employed as a part-time welfare officer at a salary of £5 per week. In June of that year the appointment was enlarged to a full-time one at a salary of £10 per week. The Committee considered at the time that it had power to make the appointment under the joint effect of sub-rules (a) and (g) of rule 3. I cannot recall, and there is nothing to show, that episcopal sanction was sought, or that this question was raised by anyone. Since that time and prior to January, 1964, other appointments to salaried positions (e.g. club leader, instructors, etc.) were made by the Committee and at no time was it even suggested that episcopal sanction was necessary.

Against this background the Committee at the Annual General Meeting in January, 1964, believing that it was competent to make an appointment, for the reasons stated in my report which I sent to you earlier this year, appointed an Organizing Secretary. Due to ill health I was unable to be present at this meeting, but I am informed that Fr. Kennedy did state that episcopal sanction was necessary. In making the appointment the Committee did so in the firm belief that Fr. Kennedy was misdirecting himself as to the true position. The appointment at the last meeting was made in the same belief.

As to the position of Fr. Kennedy your Lordship's letter is the first official notification which the Committee has had that Fr. Kennedy is your Lordship's representative on the Committee and not spiritual director. You will observe, my Lord, that rule 11 of the original constitution provided for the nomination of a spiritual director. It has always been thought that the functions of the priest were confined to the spiritual welfare of the boys and the spiritual guidance of the Committee.

The final matter concerns the situation which arose at the recent meeting between Fr. Kennedy and the vice-chairman, Mr. Keegan. I am informed that during the course of the discussion on the appointment of a successor to the welfare officer, Fr. Kennedy maintained that episcopal approval had to be obtained for this appointment. Mr. Keegan relying on the constitution and on precedent ruled that such approval was not required and that the meeting, if it so desired, was entitled to appoint a successor.

Some time later and at the close of the meeting Fr. Kennedy again raised the point that the appointment which had been made required your Lordship's approval, but Mr. Keegan indicated that the point had been decided and closed the meeting. I further understand that Mr. Keegan was abrupt and that Fr. Kennedy was persistent.

I respectfully await your Lordship's further views and directions.

I am,
Your Lordship's obedient servant,

Chairman

Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee.

The Most Reverend William J. Philbin, D.D.,
Bishop of Down and Connor,
Lisbreen,
Lisbreen, Co. Wick.

September 12, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Cairns,

His Lordship the Bishop has received your letter of September 11, 1964, on the day of his departure for Rome and has not had time to deal with it before leaving. The only comment that he wishes to make at this stage is that at the meeting which was held here with your Committee and which is referred to in His Lordship's letter of September 7, it was made clear by several statements on the Bishop's part that Father Kennedy was his representative on the Committee and there was no doubt to this assertion.

Yours sincerely,

DIOCESAN SECRETARY.

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Stephen Woods, Esq.

16th January, 1966.

At our last Executive meeting it was unanimously agreed that now the heavy financial responsibilities have been completely removed, the time has come for the younger members of the Committee to assume a greater responsibility in the handling of our affairs. The importance of the Committee's work must never be underestimated. The achievement of the past twenty years are the result of the direct and painstaking efforts of its members, many of them are still actively associated with the work. Today, however, the Committee needed the enthusiasm and new ideas of its younger members who are so much closer in years and outlook to the boys under our care. I would exhort you, therefore, in selecting new members to take office for the coming term to look to these young people around you. Their shoulders are well fitted to carry any responsibility which may be laid upon them.

G. J. Cairns (Chairman).

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Secretary's Report to the Annual General Meeting
16th. January 1966.

Isle of Man Excursion.

This year, for the first time, professional stewards were employed and they proved most satisfactory, the excursion being almost trouble free. One disturbing aspect however was that fewer members than ever travelled. This situation must be avoided in future years.

"Bazaar of the Year".

One of the most encouraging facets of this years function was that a greater number of our members were involved in the work, thus creating a greater and most welcome feeling of unity. Although a number of new ideas were included, more must be found for the next Bazaar. I would recommend that a Bazaar Sub-Committee be set up to seek means whereby this years standard may be improved.

Art Show.

An Exhibition and Sale of Art has been organised. It will be held in the Wellington Park Hotel on Jan. 31st, Feb. 1st and 2nd.

Guest Tea.

This function has been arranged for the 22nd. Feb. 1966 in the King George VI. Youth Centre. The entertainment to be provided by the Little Nazareth Singers, Derry.

Subsidy for Boys.

The revival of the practice of of different members distributing subsidy to the boys on Friday evenings has proved most satisfactory, in that more members are meeting and talking to the boys. It might be better if the number of members doing this work were reduced to a panel of 10 on a regular monthly rota, thereby helping the boys to become acquainted with a certain number of individual members.

Failure of Sub-Committees.

Two Sub-Committees failed this year owing to the fact that the Secretary was not informed of the members inability to continue with the work.

New Members.

A continued drive to enlist more new members must be maintained and every effort must be made by the Executive to see that these new people are encouraged to become active in our work.

At the conclusion of another year of the Committees work I should like to thank sincerely every member who has responded to my various appeals for help.

Desmond Woods (Hon. Secretary).

Club Leader's Report. - 1965/66.

St. Augustine's Youth Club comprises 65 members, 35 of which are boys under the care of Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee. Of these 35 boys about 20 attend regularly with the remainder attending when their work permits. These attendance figures for the Committee charges are highly encouraging when compared with those presented at the last Annual General Meeting.

Here follows a report on the club's various activities.

Education Classes.

Teachers from St. Joseph's Training College attend on two evenings per week to give further tuition to the boys. I would recommend that the Executive should devise some means of getting the boys to attend regularly for these classes in order that the teachers' time is not wasted.

Swimming.

The club now has one hour per week in the Ormeau Baths. A number of the Committee boys are showing great promise at this sport and it is hoped to enter a team in the N.I.A.B.C. Gala.

Football.

One team is entered in the Down & Connor Under 16 League and although it is rather far down the table it is hoped that it will finish slightly better than last year.

Table Tennis.

Two teams are entered in the Down & Connor League in order to give the weaker players the opportunity in league matches. Five of the Committee's boys take part in these matches and are always most enthusiastic. A third team entered in the N.I.A.B.C. League is comprised of the best players and at present occupies second place in the table.

Drama.

Mr. Brian May is at present producing 'White Headed Boy' for presentation in February and it is encouraging to note that two ex-Ruban boys are taking part in this enterprise.

A second group comprised almost entirely of ex-Ruban boys is also preparing a play.

Annual Retreat.

A record number of 39 boys attended this year's Retreat at St. Gerards Retreat House.

Reunion.

The Annual Reunion held on the 2nd January was a wonderful success, with a record attendance, a tribute to the Committee's work.

My policy throughout the year has been to help the boys, through their games, develop a responsible mature outlook and to respect and appreciate the voluntary efforts made by so many people on their behalf.

In conclusion I should like to offer very sincere thanks to DL 298, the members of Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee and the Legion of Mary for their ever present advice and help in the many unusual problems which present themselves in running a youth club of this nature.

[REDACTED]
JAMES KELTERS.
CLUB LEADER.

Welfare Officer's Report to the Annual General Meeting of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee for the year ended 31st. December 1965.

The year under review has been a year of progress in the work of the Committee.

The problem of finding suitable accommodation for the boys under our care, which, a year ago was a cause of grave concern to the Committee, is now almost solved. Two projects in this field are in the early stages of development.

Project number one came into operation early in April of this year, when we were fortunate in finding a lady with a large house and who was willing to undertake the task of tending to the needs of our boys. The accommodation available meets with the very high standards demanded by the Committee. At present 13 boys are in residence and since the inevitable initial setbacks were overcome a close knit family unit has operated.

The Committee are deeply indebted to Mrs McIlvenney for her patience, tolerance and understanding of the boys and their problems. The success of the venture is due entirely to her.

Project number two came into operation early in December and indications are, that it too, will be a success, four boys are at present accommodated here but we eventually hope to have eight.

At present 81 boys are under care, 24 of these left Rubane House during the year. 12 boys were discharged from care during the year. The number at present under care has never been so high. The attached statistics show that only 23 boys are apprenticed to trades, the reason for this being that the majority are incapable of learning one. Obtaining unskilled employment has not presented any great problems until a lad reaches the age of 18, when one would have hoped that they would have been in some settled employment. This type of problem will arise frequently during the next few years, and the Government Training Schemes do not work to the advantage of our boys.

It is gratifying to report that the general behaviour of the boys has not given the Committee cause for concern, even though a few have been involved in minor

/incidents

incidents with the Law. There has been a noticeable trend among the boys during the year to place more confidence in the Committee and a deeper appreciation of what the Committee are trying to do for them.

Excellent working arrangements exist between ourselves and the various Local Authorities who have boys in Care and who are under our supervision, and I would like to place on record my thanks to the officials of these bodies for the courtesy and co-operation extended to me in all matters concerning the welfare of these boys. My thanks are also due to the officials of the Northern Ireland Youth Employment Service for their help in all matters relating to the employment of the boys.

On behalf of the Committee and myself I wish to express our very deep gratitude to [REDACTED] and the Community of Rubane House for their hospitality on our many visits to Rubane House and for their help and advice on all matters relating to the boys.

Finally I wish to thank all the members of the Committee for their help, advice and co-operation during the year, to our Spiritual Director, DL 298 [REDACTED] who during the short time he has been with us has shown a keen understanding of our work, and has given me all the practical help and co-operation needed to ensure the welfare of the boys under our care.

1st. January 1966.

[REDACTED]
WELFARE OFFICER.

Welfare Officer's Report to the Annual General Meeting of the Nazareth Lodge WelfareCommittee for year ended 31st. December 1965.

1. Number of boys under care at 31st. December 1965.

80.

Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House Kircubbin.	51
Under supervision for County Welfare Authorities.	12
Under Special Care (Muckamore Abbey)	8
(Mount St. Columba's, Warrenpoint)	2
Purdysburn Mental Hospital.	3
Foster Homes	<u>5.</u>
	81

81.

2. Employment details:-

Skilled Occupations and Trades.

Bricklayers.	1
Plasterers.	2
Joiners.	1
Painters.	1
Ladies Hairdressing.	1
Watch Repairing.	1
Spirit Trade.	4
Catering (Commis Chefs & Wi	7
Shop Assistants.	1
Wholesale Clothing.	1
Optical Mechanics.	2
Students.	<u>1</u>
	23

23.

Unskilled Occupations.

Farm Labourers.	3
Mineral Water Trade (Van & Store Helpers).	3
Mill Workers.	3
Building and Allied Trades	2
Domestic Workers.	1
H.M. Forces (Army).	1
Merchant Navy.	1
Un-classified Workers.	<u>44</u>
	58

58.

MAZATH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE

1965

Nov 30

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th. NOVEMBER 1965

1965

Nov 30

£ 1059. 15. 1.

£ 4544. 8. 10.

886. 6. 4.

30. 12. 0.

129. 4. 4.

57. 10. 8.

52. 19. 7.

34. 16. 8.

32. 2. 8.

19. 8. 8.

71. 11. 2.

148. 9. 2.

16. 5. 0.

13. 9. 0.

36. 12. 9. £ 3070. 16. 10.

1730. 17. 5.

£ 4801. 14. 3.

£ 16421. 17. 8.

To Subsidies, Clothing, Lodging etc.,

" Salaries & Insurance

" Welfare Expenses & Travel

" Insurances

" Telephone

" Postage, Printing & Stationery

" Bank Interest & Charges

" Re-Union Expenses

" Boys' Teas

" Annual Dinner

" Donations & Subscriptions

" Boys Retreat

" Chiropody

" Miscellaneous

" NET PROFIT FOR YEAR

By Supervision, Subsidy & Clothing

By Donations

" Rent Receivable: 124, St. Victoria Street.

" Deposit Interest

" Profit on Functions

Isle of Man Excursion

Bazaar

Sundries

£ 1476. 12. 1.

1108. 8. 3.

530. 10. 0.

3215. 10. 4.

£ 4801. 14. 3.

£ 16421. 17. 8.

CR

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th. NOVEMBER 1965.

LIABILITIES

Sundry Creditors:

22. 1. 2.

Cash on Hands

8. 12. 4.

" in Current Account

81. 3. 10.

" in Thrift Account

4242. 18. 1.

Fittings & Equipment

412. 2. 1.

Heating System

640. 15. 4.

Deposit on Premises as at 1/12/1964

6400. 0. 0.

Additions during year

800. 0. 0.

Advances: St. Augustine's Youth Club

3197. 5. 5.

Sundry Debtors

658. 16. 9.

Expenses prepared & unexpired

70. 0. 0.

£ 16421. 17. 8.

£ 4801. 14. 3.

£ 16421. 17. 8.

CR

" Re-Union Expenses
" Boys' Teas
" Annual Dinner
" Donations & Subscriptions
" Boys Retreat
" Chiropody
" Miscellaneous

32. 2. 8.
19. 8. 8.
71. 11. 2.
148. 9. 2.
16. 5. 0.
13. 9. 0.
36. 12. 9. £ 3070. 16. 10.

" NET PROFIT FOR YEAR

1730. 17. 5.
£ 4801. 14. 3.

" Profit on Functions
Isle of Man Excursion
Bazaar
Sundries

£ 1476. 12. 1.
1708. 8. 3.
530. 10. 0.
3215. 10. 4.

LIABILITIES

Sundry Creditors

22. 1. 2.

ASSETS

Cash on Hands

8. 12. 4.
81. 3. 10.
4153. 1. 11.
4242. 18. 1.

" In Current Account

" In Thrift Account

CAPITAL ACCOUNT:

Balance as at 1/12/1964

14668. 19. 1.

ADD: Net Profit for Year

1730. 17. 5. 16399. 16. 6.

Fittings & Equipment

412. 2. 1.

Heating System

640. 15. 4.

Deposit on Premises as at 1/12/1964

6400. 0. 0.

Additions during year

800. 0. 0. 7200. 0. 0.

Advances: St. Augustine's Youth Club

3197. 5. 5.

Sundry Debtors

658. 16. 9.

Expenses prepared & unexpired

70. 0. 0.

£ 16421. 17. 8.

£ 16421. 17. 8.

CERTIFICATE

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 7/1/66

ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR

ST. AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH CLUB.

SHOP TRADING ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st. JULY 1965.			
1964	1965		CR
Aug 1	July 31	By Sales	
1965		" Stocks	
July 31			£ 173. 12. 5.
			1. 17. 6.
			£ 175. 9. 11.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st. JULY 1965			
1965	1965	b/a	CR
July 31	July 31	By Gross Profit on Trading	
		" Club Fees	4. 4. 1.
		" Ministry Grants	23. 17. 3.
		" Function George V11 Hall	317. 7. 8.
		" Donation	26. 4. 0.
		" Loss for Year	1. 0. 0.
			303. 5. 1.
			£ 675. 18. 1.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st. JULY 1965			
LIABILITIES		ASSETS	
Sundry Creditors	3. 10. 0.	Cash on Hand	5. 5. 6.
Ulster Bank Ltd.,: Current Account	1265. 10. 5.	Stock-in-Trade	1. 17. 6.
Advances By Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee	3197. 5. 5.	Fittings & Equipment as at 1/8/1964	234. 0. 0.
		Water Rate paid in advance	17. 9.
		Capital Account per Contra	4224. 5. 1.
			£ 4466. 5. 10.

CERTIFICATE

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 5/1/66.

ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR

" GROSS PROFIT c/a

4. 4. 1.

£ 175. 9. 11.

£ 175. 9. 11.

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1965

July 31

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st. JULY 1965

		1965 July 31	By Gross Profit on Trading	b/a	CR
To Rates	£ 39. 9. 1.				4. 4. 1.
" Heating & Lighting	151. 10. 5.				23. 17. 3.
" Sports Equipment, Fees etc.,	51. 8. 9.				317. 7. 8.
" Woodwork Expenses	39. 0. 3.		" Club Fees		26. 4. 0.
" Drama Expenses	30. 1. 7.		" Ministry Grants		1. 0. 0.
" Repairs & Renewals	46. 0. 8.		" Function George V11 Hall		303. 5. 1.
" Salary: Club Leader	195. 0. 0.		" Donation		
" Cleaning	114. 2. 7.		" Loss for Year		
" Sundries	9. 4. 9.	675. 18. 1.			
					£ 675. 18. 1.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st. JULY 1965

LIABILITIES

ASSETS

Sundry Creditors

Cash on Hands

Ulster Bank Ltd.: Current Account

Stock-in-Trade

Advances By Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee

Fittings & Equipment as at 1/8/1964

CAPITAL ACCOUNT:

Water Rate paid in advance

Balance at Debit 1/8/1964

ADD: Loss for Year

Capital Account per Contra

CONTRA

£ 4466. 5. 10.

£ 4466. 5. 10.

CERTIFICATE

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 27/6.

ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR

3. 4. 6.
£ 137. 14. 2.

o/a

" Loss on Trading

CR

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR TO 31st. JULY 1964.

1964 July 31	1964 July 31	By Club Fees	£ 7. 14. 6.
To Loss on Trading	£ 3. 4. 6.	" Ministry Grants	445. 1. 11.
" Rates	50. 15. 7.	" Carnegie Trust Grant	52. 0. 0.
" Heating & Lighting	179. 18. 11.	" Concert	200. 16. 8.
" Sports Equipment, Fees etc.,	13. 1. 0.	" Variety & Drama Group	74. 7. 0.
" Football Rigs written off	65. 16. 7.	" LOSS FOR YEAR	780. 0. 1.
" Woodwork Expenses	132. 14. 8.		282. 11. 6.
" Repairs & Renewals	274. 4. 4.		£ 1062. 11. 7.
" Salary : Club Leader	235. 0. 0.		
" Bank Fee & Cheque Book	2. 1. 0.		
" Cleaning	94. 18. 10.		
" Surmises	10. 16. 2.		
	1062. 11. 7.		
	£ 1062. 11. 7.		

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st. JULY 1964.

LIABILITIES	ASSETS
Sundry Creditors	Cash on Hands
Ulster Bank Ltd., Current Account	Stock-in-Trade
Advances by Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee	Fittings & Equipment as at 1/8/1963
Capital Account:	Rates paid in advance
Balance at Debit 1/8/1963	Capital Account per Contra
ADD: Loss for Year	
CONTRA	
	£ 4195. 10. 2.
	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 certificate from The Ulster Bank Ltd., and certify the foregoing Accounts to be in accordance therewith.

6/1/1965

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ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR
16, WORKMAN AVENUE,
BELFAST

WELFARE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Welfare Officers Report.

DL 367

[REDACTED] handed this report to me to day at my house (May 4th '64).

He told me as he had not a copy of his report which was read out at the A. G. M. 1964 he had compiled this report for your Lordship, on my request.

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Welfare Officer's Report for the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Sunday, 19th January, 1964.

1. NUMBER OF BOYS FROM RUBANE HOUSE, KIRCUBBIN, during the past year 17.

Re-admitted from the above group - Paul Blessing for a short period to Rubane House, Kircubbin. Brendan Flannagan placed under Special Care at Muckamore Abbey, Co. Antrim.

2. NUMBER OF BOYS ON OUR RECORDS during the past year - made up as follows:-

- (a) ex. Nazareth Lodge and Rubane House, Kircubbin 50.
 - (b) Welfare Authorities - including Antrim, Armagh, Belfast City, Derry, Down, Fermanagh & Tyrone 14.
 - (c) Under Special Care at Muckamore Abbey 1.
- 65.

3. EMPLOYMENT DETAILS:

Number of boys in full time employment at this date 19.1. 64.

- Unemployed - Bernard Black, Labourer 1.
 - Under Special Care - Brendan Flannagan 1.
 - re-admitted to Rubane House. 1.
- 3

4. NUMBER OF BOYS FROM KIRCUBBIN now in England or abroad, left Belfast during 1963 8

Contact has been maintained with all of these boys during the year. It is also satisfactory to note that many of these boys were present at our Annual Re-union.

5. NUMBER OF BOYS ENGAGED AT VARIOUS STAGES OF APPRENTICESHIPS.

Apprentice Electrician	1.
" Sheet Metal Workers	2
" Building Trades	5
" Coach Building Trade	3
" Upholstery Trade	1
" Hairdresser	2
" Cabinet Making Trade	2
" Trimming & Mounting	1
" Spirit Trade	3
" Hotel & Catering Trades	10
	<u>30.</u>

6. NUMBER OF BOYS IN UNSKILLED OCCUPATIONS - made up as follows:-

In Semi-skilled occupations in England	8
General Labourer's in Belfast	3
Farm labourer's	5
Factory & Mill Workers	8
Store helpers & Van helpers	2
Domestic Workers	4
Mineral Water Workers	2
	<u>32.</u>

In the above two categories of skilled and unskilled workers regular visits to employer's and landladies have been made during the year. Weekly reports on progress and behaviour made to the after-care Committee on each Friday night.


I regret to report that the past year was not entirely free from serious incidents, Three of our boys (including 2 Welfare Authority and 1 ex. Rubane House) were in conflict with the Law. William McCarry was bound over to be of good behaviour for a period of 2 years. I am pleased to say that this boy is now doing well at his trade as an apprentice to the Sheet Metal Work.

(Signed)

For - NAZARETH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE.

Herewith also a more
de-tailed report which I
have compiled from information
given me by the Welfare Officer
on Friday April 25th.

It covers the number of
Boys who have come under
the Committee's care since
January 1963.



NAME	d.o.b.	Left Rubane House	Private Address
I		10. 1. '63	
II		23. 2. '63	
III		22. 7. '63	
IV		27. 8. '63	
V		9. 9. '63	
VI		6. 3. '63	
VII		9. 9. '63	
VIII		27. 1. '64	
IX		15.10. '63	
X		9. 9. '63	
XI		14.11. '63	
XII		11. 1. '63	
XIII		9. 9. '63	
XIV		23.12. '63	
XV		23. 1. '63	
XVI		2. 3. '63	
XVII		23. 7. '63	
XVIII		never in Rubane House	
XIX		24. 2. '64	
XX		24. 4. '63	
XXI		27. 1. '64	
XXII		Came under care of Nazareth Lodge Welfare Ctee. 22/23 April 1964 Never in Rubane	Lodged St Vincent de Paul for short time. Now xxxxxxxx

Store Help: Moffat Furniture Mnfrs. Dunmurry
Bricklayer Apprentice with Mr Toner, Builder

Waitor employed by Mrs Whiteman, Helen's Bay Golf Club.

Cabinet Making Apprentice. J.B.Coleman Ltd., Conway St. Belfast.

Builders Labourer Patterson, 30, Mill Street, Newry.

Restaurant Waitor on G.N.R. Railway Trains

Builders Labourer Patterson, 30 Mill St., Newry

Farm Help. Ballydonaghy Crumlin Co. Antrim.

Builders Labourer and apprentice to Brick Laying Mr Toner Ardkeen
unemployed

Apprentice to Painting & Decorating McAuley & Kelly, Claremont St., Belfast

Unemployment unknown. Now out of Ctee's care.

Van Deliverers and message boy Irish Direct Trading, Finaghy. Travels in van as help.
Living in home with employer and part of family. Shop help hand/ general help.

Store Worker. R.Cooke & Sons, Nelson St., Belfast

Since his return home Ctee do not know of employment

Apprentice Bricklayer with Mr Toner, Ardkeen.

Farm Help. and lives with employers

Apprentice to Cabinet Making J.B.Coleman Ltd. Belfast. Recently became a bar-man

Store help. Irish Direct Trading, Finaghy.

Woodwork Apprentice Mr Garvin, 17a. Windsor Ave., Belfast.

During the short time he was under Ctee's care he worked in St.Vincent de Paul
Men's Home as a help.

CHICAGO LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th. NOVEMBER 1964.

CFR

EXPENDITURE

1964

1964

To Subsidies, Clothing, Lodgings etc.,	Nov 30	By Supervision, Sundry & Clothing
" Salaries & Insurances	£ 1256. 13. 6.	
" Welfare Expenses & Travel	1099. 13. 0.	
" Insurances	81. 15. 5.	124. 12. 6.
" Telephone	123. 13. 4.	
" Postage, Printing & Stationery	63. 17. 9.	264. 8. 8.
" Bank Interest & Charges	55. 2. 9.	
" Re- Union Expenses	65. 5. 4.	86. 9. 5.
" Dinner Expenses	36. 16. 8.	
" Donations & Subscriptions	93. 9. 10.	
" Boys Retreat	30. 9. 6.	£ 1469. 18. 6.
" Chirophy	30. 0. 0.	988. 12. 0.
" Miscellaneous	8. 14. 0.	1047. 17. 10.
" Games, Equipment written off	2. 4. 6.	3446. 8. 4.
	163. 3. 3.	
	1421. 13. 10.	
" NET PROFIT FOR YEAR		£ 4532. 12. 8.

LIABILITIES.

Sundry Creditors

Rent Receivable in advance

Capital Account

Balance as at 1/12/1963

ADD: Net Profit for Year

ASSETS

Cash on Hands

" in Current Account

" in Thrift Account

Fittings and Equipment

Heating System

Deposit on Premises as at 1/12/1963

Additions during year

Advances: St. Augustine's Youth Club

Sundry Debtors

" Postage, Printing & Stationery
" Bank Interest & Charges
" Re- Union Expenses
" Dinner Expenses
" Donations & Subscriptions
" Boys Retreat
" Childropey
" Miscellaneous
" Games Equipment written off

55. 2. 9.
65. 5. 4.
36. 16. 8.
93. 9. 10.
30. 9. 6.
30. 0. 0.
8. 14. 0.
2. 4. 6.
163. 3. 3.
3110. 18. 10.

" NET PROFIT FOR YEAR

1421. 13. 10.

£ 4532. 12. 8.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th. NOVEMBER 1964.

LIABILITIES

Sundry Creditors

73. 2. 1.

Rent Receivable in advance

44. 2. 3.

Capital Account

Balance as at 1/12/1963

13247. 5. 0.

ADD: Net Profit for Year

1421. 13. 10. 14668. 19. 1.

ASSETS

Cash on Hand

39. 5. 3.

" in Current Account

514. 8. 3.

" in Thrift Account

4012. 9. 3.

Fittings and Equipment

412. 2. 1.

Heating System

640. 15. 4.

Deposit on Premises as at 1/12/1963

5600. 0. 0.

Additions during year

800. 0. 0.

Advances: St. Augustine's Youth Club

2566. 15. 5.

Sundry Debtors

121. 3. 6.

Expenses prepaid & Unexpired

75. 4. 4.

£ 14786. 3. 5.

£ 14786. 3. 5.

P.T.O.

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
Dublin Bank Ltd., and certify the foregoing Accounts to be in accordance therewith.

Signed 6/1/68



ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR
16, MORGAN AVENUE,
BELFAST

Brian Gibson, LL.B.
SOLICITOR

My Ref: BG/MC

Your Ref:

297, Ormeau Road

Belfast, BT7 3GG

Telephone: 693411

Date: 5th October 1981

Most Reverend William J. Philbin, D.D.,
"Lisbreen",
Somerton Road,
Belfast.

Your Excellency

re: St. Augustine's Youth Club
43a and 45 Falls Road, Belfast

As Your Excellency may remember I act for the Trustees of this Club and I had a meeting on the 2nd inst. with Father Edward O'Donnell, C.C., and NL 183 members of the Management Committee who are presently struggling with the current problems arising from the damage caused to the Club premises and the Diocesan property immediately next door during the recent riots in the district. I am presently prosecuting a malicious damage claim on behalf of the Club Trustees and have had preliminary estimates of the cost of reinstatement which amount to a figure in the region of £11,000:00 which does not include the cost of repair or replacement of any of the furnishings and equipment in the Club premises.

Father O'Donnell and Mrs Gordon tell me that they had a meeting with Your Excellency on the 1st inst. when I understand they explained their problems to you and suggested that since the original objects of the Club were now no longer necessary of performance (i.e. to provide recreational facilities for the boys leaving Kircubbin Boys Home to make their way in the world) and that since the Club was now providing facilities exclusively for the young people in the immediate district in which it was situated that they felt the present Trustees and Management Committee should relinquish their interest in the property.

They assure me that there is without doubt an extreme need for a Youth Club in the district and that indeed the Club is presently very well run by the leadership and enthusiastically supported by an active membership.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

It seems therefore that although the alternative would obviously be open of simply closing the Club it might be a shame to do so if an alternative management structure could be organised to maintain the Club and to take it over from the present management thus preserving the facility in the area.

I have just within the last couple of days received the Police Report in relation to the malicious damage claim which was duly submitted on behalf of the Trustees of the Club and it appears from the Report that there should be no great difficulty in establishing liability and therefore in obtaining compensation in due course from the Northern Ireland Office but this compensation would be very substantially reduced if the premises were not to be reinstated but simply bricked up. There would however not be any point in reinstating them if the premises were not to be maintained in use as a Club and I have therefore been requested by Father O'Donnell and Mrs Gordon to write to Your Excellency to explain their situation to you and to beg your advice as to what should be done. Might it be possible for instance (as I gather Your Excellency mentioned at the meeting) that parochial involvement from St. Peter's Parish might be introduced to preserve the facility for the use of the parishoners of that Parish.

Your Excellency is already all too well aware of the problems surrounding this Club and you will understand and appreciate Father O'Donnell's and Mrs Gordon's reasons for asking me to seek Your Excellency's most helpful advice and assistance.

I am

Your Excellency's Most Obedient Servant

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.

Down and Connor After-Care Committee

(Incorporating Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee)

Under the Patronage of the Lord Bishop of Down and Connor

Chairman:
Ven. Archdeacon G. MONTAGUE, D.D.

Spiritual Director:
Rev. E. O'DONNELL

NL 183

44 SPRINGFIELD ROAD
BELFAST BT12 7AH

Telephone 27460

4th November, 1981.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH CLUB, 43A, FALLS ROAD, BELFAST.

Originally the Club was founded for orphan boys from Rubane House, Kircubbin and Nazareth Lodge, and in past years was the only centre of welfare contact and social activity for them. Welfare is now provided at our Hostel at 44, Springfield Road, and this enables the boys to select their own social activities. As a result of changing circumstances over the last decade the Club no longer fulfills its original function. Its entire membership is now comprised of children from St. Peter's parish, totalling over two hundred. There are five part-time paid and two voluntary leaders, and the Club undoubtedly has provided a most necessary parochial service in this deprived area.

On the subject of finance the pattern over the years has been as follows. The Club has been maintained through the efforts of a Voluntary Committee in obtaining subscriptions and organising various fund raising functions. This was supplemented by the statutory grants payable to Maintained Youth Clubs by the Belfast Education and Library Board. An additional burden was imposed upon the Committee by recurring acts of vandalism and theft. These took the form of defacement of the property; stealing of two coloured television sets; setting fire to one of the offices; broken windows, which eventually had to be grilled and boarded; broken doors which were repaired with steel sheeting; damage to showers and theft of plumbing units. While every effort was made to improve our security the deteriorating condition of the adjoining premises always left us vulnerable to intrusion. As a consequence of these attacks the Committee are at present £5,000 in debt. With no parochial backing this is an impossible situation for a small Voluntary Committee.

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH CLUB (continued)

The climax of the destruction was reached during rioting in the area in May, 1981, when major damage was inflicted to the premises. Lead and slates were removed from the roof causing severe flooding and resulting in the loss of electricity; all copper piping was stolen; the roof of the shower unit was completely removed and all fittings stolen or destroyed; toilets were smashed and tiles prised from the walls and broken; the gates and pillars were carried off and used as barricades.

An inspection of the Club by members of the Committee and representatives of the Education and Library Board, made in mid-September, confirmed that the premises were unfit for use as a Youth Club. At present our leaders are endeavouring to maintain a limited programme for members at other locations, and in view of this the Board has agreed that the Club should continue to be recognised as registered, but that no financial assistance could be made in the present circumstances. A claim for approximately £12,000 has been lodged with the Northern Ireland Office. Since it was submitted additional damage in excess of that figure has been suffered.

The Committee deeply regret the closure of the Club, but they consider that to cope with the financial burden is beyond their ability. In addition they regard the changed membership as more a parochial matter than the responsibility of the After-Care Committee.

Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee

Re: Premises 122/124 Great Victoria Street

Material	Dated	Signed
Letter to Rev D Mageean	20 th November 1957	Joseph O'Hara
Letter to Sir/Madam	20 th December 1963	HS McReynolds
Welfare Services (Amendment) Act (NI) Act 1961	-	-
Statutory Rules & Orders of NI 1963 No 231	-	-
Letter to My Lord Bishop	25 th March 1963	Sean Cahill
St Augustine's Youth Club – Shop Trading Account, Income & Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet	31 st July 1962	-
St Augustine's Youth Club – Income & Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet	30 th November 1962	-

JOSEPH O'HARA & SON,
SOLICITORS.

JOSEPH O'HARA,
JAMES O'HARA, LL.B.

TELEPHONE NOS 30122/3

59 ROYAL AVENUE,
(OPPOSITE GENERAL POST OFFICE)

BELFAST.

20th November, 1957.

Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee
Premises: 122/124 Great Victoria Street.

Your Lordship,

We understand that Mr. Thomas C. Kelly, Estate Agent, of 8 Waring Street, Belfast, who sold the premises Nos. 122/124 Great Victoria Street to the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee some months ago, intends to communicate with your Lordship regarding Estate Agent's commission, which he claims should be paid.

We enclose a copy of a letter dated 5th inst., which Mr. Kelly wrote to **DL 467** and of subsequent correspondence.

Your Lordship may remember that the original verbal agreement reached between Mr. Kelly's Estate Agents, James Barron & Company and Mr. Felix Hendron on behalf of the Welfare Committee was that the purchase price should be £10,000 plus £150 for Barrons' commission. Immediately after making this agreement, however, Mr. Kelly discovered that the sale of the property at that price at that time would leave him with a very big liability for Income Tax, and accordingly he refused to sell the property on that basis.

Negotiations proceeded with Mr. Kelly over a period of months. Those negotiations always were with Mr. Kelly, not with his Agents, Messrs. Barron. Ultimately on 15th May, Mr. Kelly and his Solicitor, Mr. Colm McGrath met Messrs. Keegan, Cairns, Kennedy, Hendron and Father Starkey of the Welfare Committee in this office, and after a two hour discussion, Mr. Kelly ultimately agreed to give a Lease to the Committee for ten years at £800 per annum, and to give the Committee an option to purchase the property for £4,000 on 1st May 1967.

During the meeting in our office the question of commission was not raised by Mr. Kelly. If the matter had been raised we would have pointed out that Messrs. Barrons' only interest in the matter had been to negotiate the sale at £10,000. It was Mr. Kelly who refused to complete the transaction on those agreed terms. New agreements for Lease and Option were negotiated only with Mr. Kelly himself and his Solicitor, Mr. McGrath. It would therefore appear that any commission that was due to Barron was a matter for settlement between Mr. Kelly and Messrs. Barron.

When Mr. McGrath, Solicitor, was returning to us the Lease and Counterpart duly completed by Mr. Kelly he raised the question of commission in a letter dated 30th May as follows:-

"With reference to Agent's commission, our client feels that in the circumstances your clients should at least agree to pay commission to Messrs. J. Barron & Co., on the £4,000 when the Option is exercised, but he wishes us to make it clear that he does not make an issue of this. We would, however, be obliged if your clients would consider the matter seriously and let us have their decision at your earliest convenience."

We discussed the matter further with Mr. Hendron and with **DL 467** at the time, and informed Mr. McGrath that the

/Trustees

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Trustees could not see their way to paying this commission.

We regret that your Lordship should be troubled with the matter.

We are,

Your Lordship's obedient servants,

Most Reverend Daniel Mageean, D.D.,
"Lisbreen",
Somerton Road,
Belfast.

SOH/KM.

Encls.

COPY/

T. C. KELLY & COMPANY

8 Waring Street,
Belfast.

5th November 1957

DL 467



Dear Fr. Hugh,

Re:- 122/124 Gt. Victoria Street.

I wish to inform you that just this morning Messrs. James Barron & Co., who have been my trusted and beneficial agents for some years past, having returned my documents, have refused to act for me henceforth, and have accused me of being in collusion with your Committee to deprive them of their commission herein.

I address this note to you since it was your wish that Messrs. Barron & Co., should be respectfully requested to stand down in favour of direct negotiations.

There must certainly be some misunderstanding in this matter and I would thank you to let me know the true state of affairs at your earliest convenience since this mornings happenings have indeed caused me quite a shock.

Yours sincerely,

THOS. C. KELLY

P.S. Please request your Committee to sign for Gas & Electricity after which, I also will sign the transfer.

COPY/

59 Royal Avenue,

Belfast.

12th November 1957

Re: 122/124 Great Victoria Street

Dear Mr. Kelly,

DL 467 [REDACTED] has handed to me your letter of the 5th inst., and has asked me to reply thereto.

If the sale had been carried out in the way originally arranged then there would have been no question about the payment of Messrs. Barrons' commission; the commission would have been payable by the Trustees as Purchasers.

When, however, at your request, a new arrangement was come to (such arrangement proving more expensive to our clients) our clients made it quite clear that they would not pay any additional sum by way of commission or otherwise.

I have already intimated to Mr. Colm McGrath your Solicitor that the Trustees could not under any circumstances agree to pay Messrs. Barrons' commission. They took no part in the negotiations leading to the Lease and Option. It would appear to me that any commission due to them is a matter for private arrangement between you and them.

I regret the attitude Messrs. Barron have adopted but for them to suggest that you and the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee have been in collusion to deprive them of their commission is absolutely ridiculous.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES O'HARA

Thomas C. Kelly, Esq.,
8 Waring Street,
Belfast

SOH/KM.

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T. C. KELLY & COMPANY

8 Waring Street,

Belfast.

19th November 1957

James O'Hara Esq.,
c/o. Joseph O'Hara & Son,
Solicitors,
59 Royal Avenue,
Belfast

Dear Mr. O'Hara,

Re :- 122/124 Gt. Victoria Street

Having received your letter herein dated the 12th inst., and noted the contents thereof, I am indeed sorely disappointed in those men with whom I have had to deal in connection with this property.

After very anxious deliberation, I am now proceeding to take the matter up with His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Mageean, who is a Lessee and since I fail to comprehend the third paragraph of your letter it is advisable that this should be done in detail.

I shall be happy to abide by His Lordships rulings after he has been completely informed of all the facts, so please do not communicate with me further herein.

Yours faithfully,

THOS. C. KELLY

COPY/

59 Royal Avenue,
Belfast.

20th November 1957.

Dear Sir,

Premises: 122/124 Great Victoria Street

I have your letter of the 19th inst., the contents of which I note.

The third paragraph of my letter of 12th inst. referred to the fact that your refusal to honour your original agreement and your insistence on the negotiation of a new agreement will cost the Charity a considerable sum of money.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES O'HARA.

Thomas C. Kelly, Esq.,
8 Waring Street,
Belfast

SOH/KM.

Ministry of Health and Local Government,
Stormont,
Belfast, 4.

Ref. No. 3719/63

Telephone No. Belfast 63210

20th December, 1963.

Registration of Voluntary Homes for the Aged, Infirm or Disabled

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Welfare Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1961 contains in Sections 9-13 provisions relating to the registration of Homes for the aged, infirm or disabled. Similar registration has been in force in Great Britain since 1948.

Regulations have now been made by the Ministry which bring registration into effect from 1st April, 1964. Copies of both the Act and the Regulations are enclosed.

Under the Act the Ministry is the registration authority for Homes maintained by voluntary organisations, that is, by bodies whose activities are carried on otherwise than for profit. The registration authority for other, private, Homes is the Welfare Authority for the area.

From the 1st April, 1964, it will accordingly be an offence for any person to carry on a Home for the aged, infirm or disabled as defined in the Act without being registered in respect of the Home. It is, therefore, proposed to complete the preliminary steps towards registration by that date so that registration can then become immediately effective.

The Ministry is now sending application forms, copies of which are enclosed, to voluntary bodies such as your own which would seem to be concerned with the registration of Homes for the aged, infirm or disabled. If you consider that your establishment falls within the definition in Section 9(1) of the Act and that you are therefore liable for registration one of these forms should be forwarded in due course to the Welfare Branch of the Ministry at the above address. If any difficulty is experienced in completing the form the Ministry will be pleased to give any necessary advice.

Registration will not be effected until 1st April, 1964. The Ministry would, however, be glad to receive your application for registration as early as possible and would then hope to inform you before the 1st April whether registration would be granted on that date.

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The following two provisions of the Regulations are of particular interest:-

1. Limitation of Numbers

The Ministry has power to limit the number of persons, or persons of any particular description, who may be accommodated in a Home. The application form accordingly asks for information on the number of people the Home is intended to accommodate. The Ministry may also vary the limit for the Home from time to time but provision is made to ensure that the setting of a lower limit than before does not oblige any residents already living in the Home to leave.


2. Facilities and Services

The Regulations provide that the Manager of every Home shall conduct it in a reasonable manner and shall provide suitable facilities and services, having regard in particular to the age and physical and mental condition of the residents. The Ministry does not intend, for the present at any rate, to fix precise standards in this respect but the visits of its Inspecting Officers will be particularly directed to these matters.

When your application has been received the Ministry's Inspecting Officers may wish to visit the Home before registration comes into force and will certainly wish to pay periodic visits in the future. The Ministry attaches great importance to these visits and expresses the hope that they will be regarded not merely as formal inspections by the registration authority but also as affording an opportunity for those in charge to discuss their problems with professional officers and to seek advice on the well-being of the residents under their care.

It is possible that material help could also be offered from the services provided by local authorities, such as those of a district nurse or craft instructress. In this way, registration is intended to confer benefits as well as to place obligations upon those managing Homes for old or disabled people, especially in dispelling isolation and putting them in touch with professional advice and statutory services. The Ministry is hopeful that experience will endorse the positive value of the new arrangements.

Yours faithfully,


H. S. McReynolds

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Welfare Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1961.

[1961. Ch. 7.]

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS.

Section.

1. Grants to welfare authorities.
2. Provision of accommodation in private homes.
3. Amendment of sections 14 and 15 of the principal Act.
4. Provision of meals and recreational facilities.
5. Amendment of section 18 of the principal Act.
6. Amendment of grants under section 25 of the principal Act.
7. Amendment of section 27 of the principal Act.
8. Use of certain premises and equipment.
9. Definition of "home for the aged, the infirm or the disabled".
10. Registration of homes for the aged, the infirm or the disabled.
11. Procedure and appeal where registration is refused or cancelled.
12. Inspection of homes for the aged, the infirm or the disabled.
13. Supplementary provisions as to regulations for homes for the aged, the infirm or the disabled.
14. Transfer of certain property to welfare authorities.
15. Financial provision.
16. Regulations.
17. Interpretation.
18. Short title, construction and citation.

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Welfare Services (Amendment) Act

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1961. Chapter 7.

An Act to provide for the payment of an annual grant in respect of certain expenditure of welfare authorities, to authorise arrangements for the provision of accommodation in private homes and for the provision in their own homes of meals for the aged and the disabled and recreational facilities for the aged, to amend sections fourteen, fifteen, eighteen, twenty five and twenty-seven of the Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, and section seventy-three of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948, to make provision for the registration, regulation and inspection of certain homes for the aged, the infirm and the disabled, to enable certain property to be transferred to welfare authorities and for purposes connected with the matters aforesaid.

[11th July, 1961]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, and the Senate and the House of Commons of Northern Ireland in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1.—(1) For the purposes of this section "relevant expenditure" means expenditure incurred with the approval of the Ministry by a welfare authority under the

Grants to
welfare
authorities.

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Public Health Acts (Northern Ireland), 1878 to 1955, and this Act other than—

- (a) expenditure in respect of which a grant is payable under section twenty-five of the principal Act as amended by this Act;
- (b) so much of the expenditure incurred by the welfare authority under section four or section eight of the principal Act or under section seven of the principal Act as amended by this Act or in the provision of hostels under paragraph (c) of sub-section (3) of section fourteen of the principal Act as does not appear to the Ministry to be in the nature of capital expenditure or to be attributable to the central administrative expenses of the welfare authority;
- (c) expenditure on compensation and pensions granted under section twenty-one of the Welfare Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1949, section fourteen of the Public Health and Local Government (Administrative Provisions) Act (Northern Ireland), 1946, section eight of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1919, section two of the Union Officers (Ireland) Act, 1885, the Local Officers Superannuation Act (Ireland), 1869, the Medical Officers Superannuation Act (Ireland), 1869, and the Union Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Act, 1865, and including any increase payable by virtue of any enactment in the pensions so granted;

1949, c. 1.
1946, c. 10.

9 & 10 Geo. 5,
c. 19.

48 & 49 Vict.,
c. 80.

32 & 33 Vict.,
c. 79.

32 & 33 Vict.,
c. 50.

28 & 29 Vict.,
c. 26.

(d) expenditure incurred in defraying loan charges; and "net relevant expenditure" means the amount of relevant expenditure after deducting such sums as are, under the provisions of the Public Health Acts (Northern Ireland), 1878 to 1955, and this Act, received by the welfare authority from persons for whom relevant expenditure is incurred in providing welfare services.

(2) The Ministry shall out of moneys provided by Parliament pay to each welfare authority in Northern Ireland in respect of each financial year commencing after the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-

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one, a grant equal to one-half of the amount by which the net relevant expenditure of that authority in that financial year exceeds the apportioned share of standard expenditure attributed to that authority under sub-section (3).

(3) For the purposes of sub-section (2), the standard expenditure shall be taken as one hundred and thirty-five thousand pounds and the apportioned share thereof attributed to a welfare authority shall be so much of that amount as bears to the whole thereof the same proportion as the population of the area of that authority as estimated by the Registrar-General for Northern Ireland at the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, bears to the total population of Northern Ireland as so estimated.

(4) Grants under sub-section (2) shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the Ministry may determine.

(5) Sub-section (3) of section fifteen of the principal Act is hereby repealed as respects expenditure incurred on or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty-one, but, notwithstanding anything in sub-section (2) of this section, the grants payable by virtue of this section to a welfare authority in respect of the financial years ending on the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-two, and the thirty-first day of March, nineteen hundred and sixty-three, shall not be less than the grants which would have been payable to that authority in respect of those years under the said sub-section (3) of section fifteen of the principal Act if that sub-section had continued in force.

2. A welfare authority shall have power to enter into and carry into effect arrangements for the provision of accommodation in private homes and accordingly in section seven of the principal Act at the end of sub-section (1) there shall be added the words "or with any person for the provision of accommodation in his private home", in sub-sections (2) and (3) after the word "organisation" wherever it occurs except in the expression "provided by the organisation" there shall be inserted the words "or person by whom the accommodation is provided" and in sub-section (2) after the

Provision of
accommoda-
tion in
private
homes.

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words "provided by the organisation" there shall be inserted the words "or person".

Amendment
of sections 14
and 15 of the
principal
Act.

3.—(1) Section fourteen of the principal Act (which relates to the functions of welfare authorities in respect of handicapped persons) shall be extended to apply to persons who are substantially handicapped as provided in that section but whose handicap whilst not permanent is of a lasting nature and accordingly in that section the words "and permanently" are hereby repealed and after the word "prescribed" there shall be inserted the words "and whose handicap is permanent or of a lasting nature".

(2) The charges which a welfare authority may recover from persons availing themselves of any service provided under section fourteen of the principal Act shall be recovered in accordance with a scheme approved by the Ministry and accordingly in sub-section (4) of that section after the word "may" where it first occurs there shall be inserted the words "in accordance with a scheme approved by the Ministry".

(3) Section fifteen of the principal Act (which relates to the provision of domestic help) shall be extended to apply to households for which the welfare authority are satisfied that domestic help is essential by reason of the presence therein of persons who are substantially handicapped as provided in that section but whose handicap whilst not permanent is of a lasting nature and accordingly in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) of the said section fifteen the words "and permanently" are hereby repealed and after the word "deformity" there shall be inserted the words "and whose handicap is permanent or of a lasting nature".

Provision of
meals and
recreational
facilities.

4. A welfare authority shall have power to make arrangements—

- (a) for providing persons living at home, being persons who are aged or to whom section fourteen of the principal Act applies, with meals; and
- (b) for providing the aged with recreational facilities;

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and sub-section (4) of the said section fourteen as amended by this Act shall apply to the recovery of the cost of a service provided under this section in like manner as it applies to the recovery of the cost of a service provided under that section.

5. Section eighteen of the principal Act (which relates to the protection of the property of persons to whom that section applies) shall apply to movable and immovable property and accordingly for the words "any movable property" where they occur in sub-sections (1) and (2) of that section there shall be substituted the words "any property, whether movable or immovable,".

Amendment
of section 18
of the
principal
Act.

6.—(1) As respects accommodation made available under the principal Act on or after the first day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty-one, or premises (being premises in which accommodation is provided under the principal Act) repaired, improved, extended or renovated on or after that date, the following section shall be substituted for section twenty-five of the principal Act—

Amendment
of grants
under
section 25 of
the principal
Act.

"Grants to
welfare
authorities.

25.—(1) Where, for the purposes of providing accommodation under this Act or repairing, improving, extending or renovating premises in which accommodation is provided under this Act, any welfare authority does any of the following things, that is to say—

- (a) the erection or acquisition of premises;
- (b) the repair, improvement, extension or renovation of premises;
- (c) the initial equipment of premises;

the Ministry may make a grant to that authority in respect of the premises in which the accommodation is so provided or, as the case may be, the premises repaired, improved, extended or renovated.

(2) A grant under sub-section (1) shall not exceed one-half of the expenditure approved by the Ministry in respect of the relevant premises and shall be paid at such times, in

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such manner and subject to such conditions as the Ministry may with the approval of the Ministry of Finance determine.

(3) Where any premises in respect of which a grant has been paid under this section cease (whether wholly or partly) to be used for the purpose of providing accommodation under this Act, the welfare authority to whom the grant was paid shall repay to the Ministry such proportion, if any, of the sum so paid as the Ministry may with the approval of the Ministry of Finance determine."

(2) In section twenty-six of the principal Act the words "sub-section (5) of " are hereby repealed and after the word " section " where it secondly occurs there shall be inserted the words " as repayment of a proportion of a grant ".

Amendment
of section 27
of the
principal
Act.

7. In section twenty-seven of the principal Act (which imposes a residence qualification for persons to whom services are to be made available under that Act), the words from " Subject to " to " prescribed " are hereby repealed and after the words " shall not " there shall be inserted the words " , except as may be otherwise prescribed, ".

Use of
certain
premises and
equipment.
1948, c. 3.

8. Section seventy-three of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 (which authorises certain bodies to permit the use of their premises, furniture or equipment by another of those bodies), shall apply to a welfare authority and accordingly at the beginning of that section there shall be inserted the words " A welfare authority or " and before the word " body " where it last occurs there shall be inserted the words " authority or ".

Definition of
"home for
the aged, the
infirm or the
disabled".

9.—(1) In the following provisions of this Act, the expression " home for the aged, the infirm or the disabled " means any establishment of such class as may be prescribed being an establishment the sole or main object of which is, or is held out to be, the provision of accommodation, whether for reward or not, for persons who are aged or infirm or for persons to whom section fourteen of

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the principal Act applies or for persons of all or any of those descriptions but the said expression does not include—

- (a) a private house in which the owner or occupier thereof provides accommodation as aforesaid for only a relative or relatives of his or of his spouse; or
- (b) any hospital or institution vested in the Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority; or
- (c) any premises required to be registered under any enactment relating to mental health; or
- (d) any nursing home as defined in Part III of the Midwives and Nursing Homes Act (Northern Ireland), 1929; or 19 Geo. 5.
c. 6.
- (e) any voluntary home for children as defined in Part VI of the Children and Young Persons Act (Northern Ireland), 1950; or 1950, c. 5.
- (f) any other premises being premises managed or controlled by a government department or local authority or any other authority or body constituted by special Act of Parliament or incorporated by Royal Charter.

(2) In paragraph (a) of sub-section (1) the expression "relative" means a spouse or a lineal ancestor or lineal descendant, or lineal descendant of an ancestor not more remote than great-grandfather or great-grandmother.

10.—(1) If any person carries on a home for the aged, the infirm or the disabled as defined in section nine without being registered under this section in respect thereof, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or, in the case of a second or subsequent offence, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding fifty pounds or to both such imprisonment and such fine.

Registration
of homes for
the aged, the
infirm or the
disabled.

(2) The registration authority shall, except where the home is maintained by a voluntary organisation as defined in section thirty-six of the principal Act, be the welfare authority for the district in which the home is situated and, where the home is so maintained, be the Ministry and references in the following provisions of this

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Act to the registration authority shall be construed accordingly.

(3) An application for registration under this section shall be made to the registration authority.

(4) Subject to the provisions of this section the registration authority, unless it refuses an application under sub-section (5), shall, on receipt of an application under sub-section (3), register the applicant in respect of the home named in the application and issue to him a certificate of registration.

(5) The registration authority may refuse to register the applicant if it is satisfied—

(a) that he or any person employed or proposed to be employed by him in the management of the home or any part thereof is not a fit person, whether by reason of age or otherwise, to carry on or to be so employed at a home of such a description as the home named in the application; or

(b) that for reasons connected with situation, construction, state of repair, accommodation, staffing or equipment, the home or any premises used in connection therewith are not fit to be used for a home of such a description as aforesaid; or

(c) that the way in which it is proposed to conduct the home is such as not to provide services or facilities reasonably required by persons resorting to such a home.

(6) The registration authority may at any time cancel the registration of a person in respect of a home on any ground which would entitle it to refuse an application for the registration of that person in respect of that home or on the ground that the person has been convicted of an offence against this section or against regulations made under section thirteen relating to the conduct of homes for the aged, the infirm or the disabled, or on the ground that any other person has been convicted of such an offence in respect of that home.

(7) The certificate of registration under this section issued in respect of any home shall be kept affixed in a

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conspicuous place in the home; and if default is made in complying with this sub-section the person carrying on the home shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds and to a further fine not exceeding forty shillings for each day on which the offence continues after conviction therefor.

(8) Notwithstanding anything in sub-section (1), where the person registered under this section in respect of a home dies, his executor or his widow or any other member of his family may for a period not exceeding four weeks from his death, or such longer period as the registration authority may sanction, carry on the home without being registered in respect thereof.

(9) Where an offence against this section or any regulations made under section thirteen relating to homes for the aged, the infirm or the disabled has been committed by a corporate body, every person who at the time of the commission of the offence was a director, general manager, secretary or other similar officer of the corporate body, or was purporting to act in any such capacity, shall without prejudice to the liability of any other person be deemed to be guilty of that offence unless he proves that the offence was committed without his consent or connivance and that he exercised all such diligence to prevent the commission of the offence as he ought to have exercised having regard to the nature of his functions in that capacity and to all the circumstances.

(10) The register kept for the purposes of this section shall be available for inspection at all reasonable times, and a person inspecting any such register shall be entitled to make copies of entries therein on payment of such fee, if any, not exceeding one shilling for each entry, as the registration authority may determine.

11.—(1) Not less than fourteen days before refusing an application for registration or cancelling any registration, the registration authority shall send by post to the applicant or to the person registered, as the case may be, notice of its intention to refuse the application or cancel the registration.

Procedure and appeal where registration is refused or cancelled.

(2) Every such notice shall state the grounds on which the authority intends to refuse the application or

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cancel the registration and shall contain an intimation that if within fourteen days after the receipt of the notice the applicant or person registered, as the case may be, informs the authority in writing of his desire to show cause, in person or by a representative, why the application should not be refused or the registration cancelled, the authority will before refusing the application or cancelling the registration afford him an opportunity so to do.

(3) If the registration authority, after giving the applicant or person registered, as the case may be, an opportunity of being heard by it, decides to refuse the application for registration, or to cancel the registration, it shall send a notice of the decision by post to the applicant or person registered, as the case may be, and such notice shall inform him of his right of appeal under sub-section (4) and of the time within which the appeal may be brought.

(4) A person aggrieved by a decision refusing an application for registration under section ten or cancelling any registration thereunder may within twenty-one days from the date on which notice of the decision is received by him appeal to the county court having jurisdiction in the place where the home in question is situated; and the cancellation under section ten of any registration shall not take effect until the expiration of the time within which an appeal may be brought under this sub-section, or where such an appeal is brought, before the determination of the appeal.

(5) The decision of a county court on an appeal brought under sub-section (4) shall be final and it shall be the duty of a registration authority to give effect to that decision.

Inspection of
homes for
the aged, the
infirm or the
disabled.

12.—(1) Any person authorised by the Ministry may at all reasonable times enter and inspect any premises which are used, or which that person has reasonable cause to believe to be used, for the purposes of a home for the aged, the infirm or the disabled as defined in section nine.

(2) Except as respects a home for which, under sub-section (2) of section ten, the Ministry is the regis-

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tration authority, any person authorised in that behalf by a welfare authority may at all reasonable hours enter and inspect any premises in the area of the welfare authority which are used, or which that person has reasonable cause to believe to be used, as aforesaid.

13.—(1) The Ministry may make regulations as to the conduct of homes for the aged, the infirm or the disabled as defined in section nine, and in particular (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision)—

Supplementary provisions as to regulations for homes for the aged, the infirm or the disabled.

- (a) for empowering the registration authority to limit the number of persons or persons of any description who may be received into any such home and for enabling registration of any such home to be made subject to the condition that persons shall not be received therein in excess of the number fixed for the home in accordance with the regulations;
- (b) as to the facilities and services to be provided in such homes.

(2) The registers to be kept by registration authorities for the purposes of section ten shall be in such form, and contain such particulars, as may be provided by regulations under this section, and such regulations may make provision as to the information to be supplied on any application for registration under section ten.

(3) Regulations under this section may provide that a contravention of or failure to comply with any specified provision of the regulations shall be an offence against the regulations; and any person guilty of an offence against regulations under this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five pounds or, in the case of a second or subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds.

14. Sub-section (4) of section thirty-eight of the Health Services Act (Northern Ireland), 1948 (which relates to the transfer of certain property to health authorities), shall apply to welfare authorities in like manner as it applies to health authorities and in its application to welfare authorities—

Transfer of certain property to welfare authorities.

- (a) references to "health authorities" and "health

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authority " shall respectively be construed as references to welfare authorities and welfare authority; and

- (b) the reference to " Part IV of this Act " shall be construed as a reference to the Public Health Acts (Northern Ireland), 1878 to 1955, or this Act.

Financial provision.

15. There shall be defrayed out of moneys provided by Parliament any expenses incurred by the Ministry under this Act and any increase attributable to the provisions of this Act in the sums which under the principal Act are to be so defrayed.

Regulations.

16. All regulations under this Act shall be made by the Ministry and shall be subject to negative resolution.

Interpretation.

17. In this Act, the expression—

" prescribed " means prescribed by regulations under this Act;

" the Ministry " means the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland;

" the principal Act " means the Welfare Services Act, (Northern Ireland), 1949.

Short title, construction and citation.

18. This Act may be cited as the Welfare Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland), 1961, and shall be construed as one with the Public Health Acts (Northern Ireland), 1878 to 1955; and those Acts and this Act may be cited together as the Public Health Acts (Northern Ireland), 1878 to 1961.

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WELFARE SERVICES

Registration of Homes for the Aged, Infirm or Disabled

REGULATIONS, DATED 6TH DECEMBER, 1963, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNDER THE WELFARE SERVICES (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1961.

The Ministry of Health and Local Government in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Sections 9 and 13 of the Welfare Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1961(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Welfare Services (Registration of Homes) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963 and shall come into operation on the 1st April, 1964.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations:—

“The Act” means the Welfare Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1961;

“home” means a home for the aged, the infirm or the disabled, as defined in Section 9(1) of the Act;

“manager” means the person or persons registered in respect of a home under Section 10 of the Act.

Classes of Establishment

3. The classes of establishment to which Section 9(1) of the Act refers shall be all homes carried on by voluntary organisations or otherwise.

Applications for Registration

4. Application for registration shall be made to the appropriate registration authority in the form set out in the First Schedule and the applicant shall supply such information as is indicated thereon together with such additional information as the registration authority may reasonably require.

5. The registers to be maintained by registration authorities in accordance with Section 13(2) of the Act shall be in the form set out in the Second Schedule.

Limitation of Numbers

6.—(1) A registration authority shall have power to limit the number of persons, or persons of any description, who may be received into any home in respect of which a certificate of registration has been issued under Section 10(4) of the Act and to make it a condition of registration that persons shall not be received into the home in excess of the number fixed.

(2) The number fixed shall be specified in the certificate of registration and persons shall not be received into any home in excess of that limit.

(a) 1961. c. 7.

(3) A registration authority may, upon the application of the manager or otherwise, vary the number of persons, or persons of any description, who may be received into the home as specified in the certificate of registration by giving to the manager notice that on and after the date of receipt of the notice no persons, or no persons of any description, shall be received into the home so that the numbers accommodated exceed the numbers specified in the notice and the certificate of registration shall be amended accordingly by the registration authority.

(4) A notice issued under paragraph (3) shall not be taken to require the discharge of persons already accommodated in the home or to prohibit the admission of persons whose applications for accommodation had been accepted prior to the date of receipt of the notice.

Conduct of Homes

7. The manager of every home which is registered under Section 10(4) of the Act shall conduct the home in a reasonable manner and provide suitable facilities and services having regard in particular to the age and physical and mental condition of the residents thereof.

Offences

8. A manager who receives persons, or persons of any description, into a home in contravention of any condition or requirement imposed under Regulation 6 shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

9.—(1) Where the registration authority consider that the manager of any home has failed or is failing to conduct the home as required by Regulation 7 they may give notice to the manager specifying in what respect he has in the opinion of the authority failed or is failing to comply with the requirements of that Regulation and what in the opinion of the authority it is necessary for the manager to do so as to comply with the said requirements.

(2) Where notice has been given in accordance with paragraph (1) and the period of 3 months, or such shorter period as may have been specified in the notice, beginning with the date of the notice, has expired, any manager who contravenes or fails to comply with any requirement specified in the notice shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Health and Local Government this 6th day of December, 1963.

(L.S.)

Wm. J. Morgan,

Minister of Health and Local Government.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Application for Registration of a Home for the Aged, Infirm and Disabled under
Section 10 of the Welfare Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1961

The _____ Welfare Authority
To:

The Ministry of Health and Local Government
(see note (1) below).

1. Name and address of applicant
(see note (2) below).
2. Name, address and telephone No.
of Home.
3. Maximum number of persons which
the Home is intended to
accommodate.
4. Number of each sex and each
description of persons
accommodated (in the case
of existing Homes).

	Male	Female	Total
A. Aged			
B. Infirm			
C. Physically Disabled			
D. Mentally Disordered			

5. Full names, addresses, ages and
qualifications (if any) of
the person or persons in
charge of the Home.
6. Number and designation of other
staff.
7. The arrangements for medical supervision,
for nursing care in case of minor ailments
and the arrangements (if any) for the
occupation or training and recreation of
residents.
8. Whether board as well as
accommodation is
provided.
9. Address of any other Home for
the aged, infirm or disabled
in which the applicant has an
interest and the nature and
extent of that interest.
10. Whether previous application
has been made for
registration.

I(We) hereby apply for registration of the above-mentioned Home under
Section 10 of the Welfare Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1961.

Signed _____

Date _____

NOTES: (1) Delete as appropriate.

(2) If applicant is a Company, Society, Association or Body insert the registered
or principal office and address in Northern Ireland.

SECOND SCHEDULE
Form of Register of Homes for Aged, Infirm or Disabled Persons
 (Section 10 of the Welfare Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1961)

Ref. No.	Name and address of applicant (see Note (1) below)	Name, Address, [and Telephone No.] of Home in respect of which Registration is granted	Maximum Number of persons which the Home is intended to accommodate	Number, sexes and description of persons accommodated (see Note (2) below)	Names, addresses, ages and qualifications of person or persons in charge of the Home	Number and designation of other staff	Whether Board as well as accommodation provided	Date of		Date of Inspections	
								Registration	Issue of Certificate		Cancellation of Registration
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)

NOTES:

- (1) If the application is made by a Company, Society, Association or Body insert the registered or principal office.
 (2) For description use:

- A. For the Aged
 B. For the Infirm
 C. For the Physically Disabled
 D. For the Mentally Disordered

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations bring into force from 1st April, 1964, the provisions for the registration of homes for the aged, the infirm or the disabled which are contained in Sections 9 to 13 of the Welfare Services (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1961; and should be read in conjunction with that enactment. Application forms and registers are prescribed in the First and Second Schedules. The Regulations also empower registration authorities to limit the numbers in homes, and require the manager of every home to provide suitable facilities and services. Failure to observe these requirements is made an offence against the Regulations. It should be noted that the registration authority for homes maintained by voluntary organisations is the Ministry, while that for private homes is the Welfare Authority for the area.

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25th March 1963

My Lord Bishop,

I am sending you some literature on the constitution and work of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee together with the reports of this year's Annual General Meeting (27th Jan.)

The Committee wish to ask you formally to become its Patron and to have your advice on its present problems. It considers these as its greatest:-

- 1) The present financial system does not provide an assured source of income.
- 2) The increasing number of mentally retarded or deficient boys coming under its care is a new problem and may force the Committee to become employer.
- 3) It want direction on an old problem: should it aim to provide an "intermediate" hostel for the boys who are employed in Belfast?

If your Lordship pleases I would be glad of an appointment with you, and respectfully suggest that Father Kennedy - who has longer experience of the work - comes with me.

I will telephone to Lisbreen to make arrangements.

I am

Your obedient servant,



Chairman's Address to the Members of the Welfare Committee:-

This is my first report as Chairman of the Nazareth Lodge Welfare Committee. We have gone through a period of transition, but have, fortunately had a year of progress in all the functions we have undertaken.

The Isle of Man Excursion and the Bazaar were extremely successful. The Lucky Dip turned out not so badly. The Isle of Man Charter up considerably on last year. Referring to the Bazaar the Chairman said "I feel that before this meeting ends we should appoint a chairman of the Bazaar committee and start the organisation from very early on" We are deeply indebted to Mr. Peter Shiel for his help in making the Bazaar such a success.

We are now in association with two committees through the Chaplancy of Q. U. B. On 1st March we take over Bingo five nights each week. It has been decided by this committee any cash made will be disposed of by His Lordship the Bishop. We hope to have a modest share.

The Chairman then referred to the good work done by the After-care sub-committee and thanked them for their unfailing attendance each Friday night. Mr. Wm. Staunton, who had recently joined this committee, would definitely ease the work of the chairman and the Welfare Officer.

NL 40 on his own behalf and that of the members present at the meeting wished to express very sincere thanks to Rev. Father Kennedy. His accident was unfortunate for himself and us, but we have an excellent substitute in Rev. Father Cahill who has worked extremely hard since taking over the duties of Spiritual Director. My very sincere thanks to Father Cahill.

EXECUTIVE and Members of the NAZARETH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE 20/1/'63.

Spiritual Director - Rev. Fr. Sean Cahill, [REDACTED]

PRESIDENT - Mr. J. B. Kennedy, J. P.

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Mr. Edward Wiegleb, [REDACTED]

Mr. Peter Sheil, [REDACTED]

Mr. George Hanna, [REDACTED]

Miss M. Heaney, [REDACTED]

After care sub-committee Mr. William Stanton.

Mr. Gabriel Cairns

Mr. George Kennedy.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH CLUB.

SHOP TRADING ACCOUNT YTD

ENDED 31st JULY 1962.

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1961

Aug 1 To Stock

£ 2. 5. 5.

1962

July 31 " Purchases

98. 11. 10.

" GROSS PROFIT c/d

3. 19. 7.

£ 104. 16. 10.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

PER ENDED 31st JULY 1962.

CR.

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EXPENDITURE

1962

July 31 To Rates £ 42. 16. 1.

" Heating & Lighting 194. 6. 7.

" Insurances N.A.B.C. 23. 16. 0.

" Sports Equipment, Fees etc., 124. 13. 0.

" Woodwork Expenses 80. 15. 0.

" Drama Expenses 6. 19. 3.

" Bank Interest & Charges 23. 16. 7.

" Painting, Repairs & Renewals 483. 3. 2.

" Construction Billiard Room 690. 0. 0.

" Salary/Club Leader 209. 0. 0.

" Postage, Printing & Stationery 4. 17. 6.

" Miscellaneous 39. 16. 6.

£ 1624. 1. 8.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

31st JULY 1962.

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LIABILITIES

Sundry Creditors: re Billiard Room 490. 0. 0.

Sundries 21. 11. 10.

Ulster Bank Ltd.: Current Account 511. 11. 10.

Advances by Newcastle Lodge Welfare Committee 1485. 8. 4.

1505. 6. 1.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT:

Balance at Debit as at 1/8/1961 1886. 10. 10.

ADD: Loss for Year 1252. 9. 11.

3139. 0. 9.

CONTRA

2502. 6. 3.

INCOME

PER ENDED 31st JULY 1962.

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EXPENDITURE

1962

July 31 By Gross Profit on Trading b/d £ 3. 19. 7.

" Club Fees 6. 2. 0.

" Ministry Grants 213. 17. 11.

" Billiard Receipts 41. 3. 8.

" Proceeds Variety Group 36. 8. 7.

" Donations re Billiard Room 100. 0. 0.

7 LOSS FOR YEAR 371. 11. 9.

1252. 9. 11.

£ 1624. 1. 8.

ASSETS

PER ENDED 31st JULY 1962.

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EXPENDITURE

Cash on Hand 36. 12. 2.

Fittings & Equipment as at 1/8/1961 211. 10. 0.

Additional: Chairs for Billiard Room 22. 10. 0.

Football Firms at Cost 63. 16. 7.

Expenses unrepaid & unrepaid 26. 16. 9.

Capital Account per Contra 3139. 0. 9.

P.T.O. £ 3502. 6. 3.

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

9/1/63

ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR
[REDACTED]
16, WORMAN AVENUE,
BELFAST.

NAZARETH LODGE WELFARE COMMITTEE

HOUSE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT X

RE PERIOD 30th NOVEMBER 1962.

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EXPENDITURE

1961
Nov 30

To Subsidies, clothing, lodgings etc.,	£ 1017. 2. 11.
" Welfare Officer : Salary & Insurance	62. 5. 11.
" do. Travel & Expenses	49. 5. 2.
" Insurances	74. 15. 4.
" Telephone	50. 0. 6.
" Postage, Printing & Stationery	79. 15. 4.
" Repairs & Renewals	58. 4. 9.
" Bank Interest & Charges	36. 4. 5.
" Re-union Expenses	17. 40. 0.
" Retreat Expenses	45. 0. 0.
" Dinner Expenses	22. 0. 0.
" Legion Outing	35. 0. 6.
" Donations for Kireubbin	72. 17. 0.
" Donations & Subscriptions	17. 12. 0.
" Miscellaneous	12. 5. 6.
" Loss on Concerts	418. 4. 3.
	2569. 11. 7.
* NET PROFIT PER YEAR	1737. 6. 1.
	£ 4469. 17. 8.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th NOVEMBER 1962.

LIABILITIES

Sundry Creditors	16. 9. 6.
Unster Bank Current Account	190. 48. 8.
Rent Receivable : In advance	44. 2. 3.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT:

Balance as at 1/12/1961	9254. 11. 0.
ADD: Net Profit	1737. 6. 1.
	11051. 17. 1.

AAAR VCEB 10
10 NOV 1962
ST HANCOCK

£ 11051. 17. 1.

INCOME

1961
Nov 30

By Supervision Subsidy & Clothing	£ 973. 0. 7.
* Donations	133. 9. 5.
" Rent Receivable : 12th, Ch. Victoria Street.	264. 13. 8.
" Deposit Interest	62. 1. 7.
* Profit on Functions:	
Sale of Van Insurance	£ 1699. 9. 4.
Bazaar	963. 15. 7.
Lucky Dip	101. 11. 4.
Easter Fair	27. 16. 2.
	2732. 12. 5.

£ 4469. 17. 8.

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	15. 15. 7.
" In Trust Account	3629. 2. 7.
Fittings & Equipment as at 1/12/1961	435. 4. 5.
Additions during year	46. 13. 4.
Heating System as at 1/12/1961	640. 15. 4.
Receipts on Promises as at 1/12/1961	4000. 0. 0.
Addition during year	800. 0. 0.
Advances : St. Margaret's Youth Club	1505. 6. 1.
Sundry Debtors	156. 16. 7.
Excesses received & unclaimed	64. 13. 7.
	£ 11503. 7. 6.

P.T.O.

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

9/1/63

ACCOUNTANT & AUDITOR

16, WORMIAN AVENUE,
BELFAST.

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1952

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Shortly after their return we received a very interesting and descriptive account of the visit, its thrills and joys, not the least being the messages and blessings sent by the Holy Father, and the Cardinal Protector of our dear Congregation.

The Retreats for the Old People and Children were in September this year and conducted by Rev. Fr. Whelan, C. S. R., with whom all were delighted. He was very fatherly and kind, gave himself whole-heartedly to the work, and being matured and experienced seemed to strike a personal note for each and all concerned.

Much literature was received latterly from the Welfare Authorities, now so much in the limelight and vested with considerable control over Voluntary Homes. Though not actually legalised in Northern Ireland as in Great Britain, it was deemed advisable to prepare for their inroads. Accordingly, to meet their regulations which require Voluntary Homes to be visited once a month by their own appointed officers, a House-Committee was formed. Our Parish Priest and ever faithful friend, Canon O'Neill consented to be Chairman and sponsored the whole. The first meeting was held in October and the various officers appointed. It is hoped the Committee will be a valuable help, since they will take a personal interest in the children and the work.

Christmas, as is its wont, came almost imperceptibly and was a most enjoyable, happy one for all, old and young. The latter especially, had a very good time since parties, entertainments and pictures were an unending round. Fare and good things were in abundance for all, thanks to our dear benefactors whose generosity, in the midst of adverse times, is beyond compare. May God bless and reward them abundantly! Towards the end of the holidays there was a Reunion of the Old Girls. A good number was present and a very pleasant time spent.

1953

Our good Bishop, Most Reverend Dr. Mageau, visited on the 8th January and presented Reverend Mother with an anonymous cheque for £500, a donation all felt was from.

THE INQUIRY INTO HISTORICAL INSTITUTIONAL ABUSE 1922 TO 1995

Witness Statement of [REDACTED]

I, [REDACTED] will say as follows:-

1. I have been asked to make a statement to the Inquiry because of my involvement with the Advisory Committee which was set up in the early 1980's.
2. I had a long standing relationship with the Sisters of Nazareth because my aunt had been resident in Nazareth House for around twenty years and I got to know a number of the Sisters and the Regional Superior Mother Hilary because of my aunt's residence there.
3. At that time I was a senior administrator in the Eastern Health and Social Services Board and the approach by [REDACTED] was a personal one and did not involve the Board. [REDACTED] wished to bring together a group of professionals who could give advice to the Sisters in Nazareth Lodge who had responsibility for the care of the children. She asked if I would assist her by asking people with appropriate skills for their views.
4. I approached a number of persons who had professional skills in sociology, psychology, medicine, teaching and the law. All agreed to help and I gave the list to Sister Hilary who accepted their offer to help on a voluntary basis. I undertook to provide necessary secretarial support again on a voluntary basis.
5. I have seen references to the Committee being referred to as a Management Committee or some form of Management Committee and this is entirely incorrect. The Committee had absolutely no management or supervisory role in the Home nor was it involved in the appointment, dismissal or any other staff related issues.
6. The Committee itself met once a month and the Sisters in charge of the three groups would have attended and could have spoken to the Committee members and raised any matters of concern they had or discussed issues within the running of their groups with the full Committee and would have been given feedback or assistance on any concerns they raised.
7. The Committee was only involved with Nazareth Lodge. My memory was that Nazareth House had either stopped providing childcare or was reducing its childcare and that the children were all moving into the Nazareth Lodge environment. I cannot be clear about this as it was some considerable time ago.
8. The various professional members of the Committee would have been assigned to one of the groups within the Home and would have met with the Sister in charge along with the staff in the units and groups and also with the children. They would have visited a number of times in addition to the monthly committee meeting and their visits would have been to get to know the staff and children and to try to build some sort of relationship with each of the

people in the groups. This would have allowed them to have a deeper understanding of what was going on in each of the groups and to make themselves available so that anyone who had concerns could speak with them. They would also have been able to raise issues which they saw during those visits with the Sisters in charge.

9. I would also make it clear that this group was not discharging any sort of statutory or formal function. We were not asked to provide some sort of monthly inspection report or anything of that nature. Our role was entirely voluntary and was entirely in an advisory capacity. We were asked by the Sisters themselves to come in to aid them by way of advice rather than to take over any form of supervisory or directional function.
10. The members of the committee included: Mrs Muriel Sim, a former psychiatric social worker who had voluntary experience in her church (Church of Ireland). Mrs Sim is deceased; Mr Tom Cahill, a senior barrister who was also providing assistance because of his background and a desire to assist; Mrs Francis McNally, a senior lecturer in sociology at the Ulster University with an extensive social work background, now deceased; [REDACTED] headmaster in a local primary school. DL 367 [REDACTED] is also deceased; Dr Adrian McAuley, a local General Practitioner who left the committee because of his professional commitments but often assisted the Sisters with advice.
11. I have been asked to comment on an allegation or allegations against Sister Aloysius. I have no recollection of this incident.
12. I was not personally involved in any visits by members of the group. My role was in giving secretarial support.
13. The various professionals in the group were given full autonomy by the Sisters to carry out their visits and felt they received the co-operation of the Sisters. Had they not felt that they were welcome or that they were being misused or not receiving co-operation, none of them were bound to remain in the group and none were bound to carry out the functions in any way. In the circumstances, the fact that they all continued to volunteer for a protracted period would suggest that they all felt welcome and that they had received full co-operation within the Home.
14. I recall three Sisters, Sister Benedict, Sister Anne and Sister Aloysius in charge of groups.
15. This would be as much as I can recall at this time.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true.

Signed [REDACTED]

Dated 2/4/15

Two matters may merit particular comment:

7. Our report commented on the fact that there was no record book for recording the events of importance connected with the home, as required under Regulation 5 (3) and Schedule 2 of the Children and Young Persons (Voluntary Homes) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975. Regulation 4 (2) requires the administering authority to make arrangements for monitoring visits to the home at least once in every month. From an inspector's perspective, evidence of such visits would be found in the record of events of importance. Since there was no record we did not have the evidence but we were informed that Mother Regional visited 3 or 4 times a year. Although we did comment on the lack of a record book for recording events of importance we should probably have made a stronger comment regarding what we perceived as the insufficient frequency of monitoring visits by Mother Regional. I understand that the Committee of Inquiry was informed that Mother Regional visited Nazareth Lodge 15/20 times a year in a monitoring capacity. I am sure we would not have recorded that Mother Regional's visits were only conducted 3 or 4 times a year unless we were so informed at the time. We did not see any record to show that there had been any more frequent visits by Mother Regional. We were informed she had appointed two "councillors" who met monthly to discuss the affairs of the home. However, this may not have provided adequate independent monitoring coverage to satisfy the objects of Regulation 4 (2). In any event the requisite record of events of importance, where such visits should have been recorded, did not exist. We should probably have made a stronger recommendation emphasising the administering authority's statutory obligation.
8. Regarding the visits of volunteers to work with the children we saw the potential for certain benefits from this. However, we did recommend, in our inspection report, that management should always make appropriate background enquiries regarding the credentials of persons offering to do voluntary work before linking them with the children. Although there may have been no statutory procedures dealing with the vetting of volunteers at the time I am now aware, from the Hughes Inquiry Report 1986 (paragraph 9.7 – HIA 909), that, by letter, dated July 1972, the Belfast Welfare Authority had asked the home to ensure that the Welfare Department was notified and couples or families approved before children in care were allowed out of the home, even for day visits. The sister in charge of the home gave evidence to the Hughes Inquiry that procedures had been laid down by the Boards that no child could receive a visitor nor could a visitor take a child away from the home without the proper approval of the field social worker responsible for the child. In light of this and its relevance to the position of volunteers within the home we should, perhaps, have made a more specific recommendation that clearance of volunteers should have been done by, or in close consultation with, the relevant HSS Board which had statutory responsibility for the children being visited.

1937.

REFORMATORYANDINDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.Committal to Certified Schools.

The schools certified by the Minister of Home Affairs under the Children Act, 1908, for the reception of children and young persons are divided into two categories - Reformatory Schools and Industrial Schools:-

- (a) **Reformatory Schools:** A youthful offender between the ages of twelve and sixteen, who is convicted of an offence punishable in the case of an adult with penal servitude or imprisonment, may be sent to a certified reformatory school (Children Act 1908, section 57(1)).
- (b) **Industrial Schools:** To these schools may be sent:-
 - (i) Neglected children of any age under 14, who fall within the definitions in section 58(1) of the Act of 1908;
 - (ii) youthful offenders under 12 (section 58(2));
 - (iii) youthful offenders between 12 and 14 who have not been previously convicted (section 58(3));
 - (iv) children under 14 who are beyond the control of their parents (section 58(4));
 - (v) children under 14 in a Workhouse who are refractory or whose parents have been convicted of an offence punishable with penal servitude or imprisonment (section 58(5));
 - (vi) children who persistently fail to attend school after a School Attendance Order has been made against their parents (Education Act (N.I.) 1923 sections 32 and 33);
 - (vii) children who by reason of their habits or conduct or refusal to submit to reasonable school discipline have been refused admission to public elementary schools (Education Act (N.I.) 1930, section 19).

Period of Detention.

Under section 65 of the Children Act, 1908, a child under 14 may be sent to an Industrial School for such period as the Court thinks proper, but not beyond the age of 16.

The period of committal to a Reformatory School must be less than three nor more than five years, and must not in any case extend beyond the time when the youthful offender will reach the age of 19 years. In practice the courts usually order the detention of youthful offenders for the minimum period of three years.

Control of Schools.

Five of the seven certified schools in Northern Ireland are under the voluntary management of religious or philanthropic

- (7) 9 girls were released who were serving a second period of training, having been taken back after revocation of licence; of these,
6 were reported as satisfactory, *i.e.*, 66 per cent.
2 had incurred an unsatisfactory report,
1 had been re-convicted.

97. Whether a separate Borstal Institution should now be provided in Northern Ireland by the Northern Government is a question not easily answered. So long as committals are made by judges, either there must be an institution provided for them in Northern Ireland or an arrangement must be made with the controllers of existing Institutions elsewhere. The main question, therefore, is which is the more economic proposition. The cost of maintenance per head per annum which is at present paid by the Northern Government to the English Prison Commissioners is £121. The cost of the boys sent to Clonmel (for the moment located at Kilkenny) is over £123 per head per annum. Taking the English figure as a basis the cost for the 50 would be £6,050 per annum. Were they all maintained at Clonmel the cost would be £6,150.

98. We have no means of definitely determining what would be the capital outlay necessary for the proper construction and equipment of an up-to-date Borstal Institution with its various workshops and adjuncts, but, no doubt, the Ministry can be advised by its experts on this point. Were it possible to secure an existing building of a suitable kind, such capital outlay would be much reduced. We find difficulty, however, in believing that whatever the cost of erection might be, the average cost of maintenance per head including all overhead charges, could conceivably be so low a figure as £123 per head. An Institution with an average of 50 inmates would mean that the varieties of trades taught could not be so numerous as in an Institution such as that at Feltham with its 400 inmates. There would, therefore, be a lowering of the standard of efficiency in the necessarily smaller Institution, and the average cost would probably be higher. It may, however, be pointed out that were a Borstal Institution provided in Northern Ireland, the money now sent elsewhere would be expended at home, and friends would have access to those committed at much less cost than obtains under existing conditions. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that the accommodation necessary for the number of boys that might reasonably be expected to be committed from Northern Ireland Courts can at all times be secured in existing Borstal Institutions. The probable higher cost per head might be set off against the decided advantage of spending the money at home and having ample accommodation for the numbers that might be committed. On the whole, therefore, we are of opinion that, provided a suitable building can be found and equipped at a reasonable expenditure, it would be in the interests of the public that a Borstal Institution within Northern Ireland should be established forthwith for the reception and training of youths committed thereto from Northern Ireland Courts. If it were possible to utilise part of the Institution for giving modified Borstal treatment to prisoners under 21 years of age in accordance with the Criminal Justice Administration Act, 1914, it would be a solution of the difficulty as regards this class of young prisoners and would result in a reduction of the cost per head.

99. We do not recommend the provision of a separate Borstal Institution for females as the evidence submitted to us was entirely opposed to such a step, and in addition the number of committals

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Nezareth Lodge Industrial School.

Memorandum of Inspection: 19th September, 1944.

An inspection of this school was carried out on 19th September, 1944. There were in residence on that day eleven industrial boys and 174 voluntary boys. Since last inspection on 23th June, 1943, two industrial boys were admitted and one industrial boy was transferred to Milltown Industrial School on his reaching ten years of age. There were no discharges or deaths amongst the industrial children nor were there any absent on licence.

The general health of the boys was well maintained during the year. There were no outbreaks of infectious disease or serious illness. All the children are immunised against diphtheria.

The boys were seen in the different class rooms where they were receiving instruction in educational subjects. They appeared bright, alert and content and very fit. They were clean and neatly clad in blouses and shorts. Practically all the pupils were seen wearing footwear chiefly in the form of sandals. For the good health of the boys it is desirable to provide some form of footwear whilst indoor and more so at sedentary work. There was a satisfactory absence of skin disorders. Milk is provided for each pupil under the Milk for School children Scheme.

Weighing of the boys is now done at regular intervals and a steady gain in weight is seen in most of the boys. The medical officer to the school visits regularly. A complete medical examination of each child is not carried out as yet by the medical officer. Such should be done and repeated at regular intervals and the findings entered on a clinical record card for each boy. On the same card would be entered particulars of any illness, injuries or special treatments.

The general conduct of the boys continues to be satisfactory. There was nothing of note in the punishment book. A fair amount of freedom is permitted in the school and this privilege is not abused.

Educational instruction takes up most of the time of the boys but as well they assist in the general cleaning of the school, bed making, assist in the kitchen and laundry. No trades are taught. Suitable forms of recreation are also provided. A spacious playing field is available for outdoor games. The boys play football, cricket and hurling games. A number of the senior boys attend at the Public Bath for swimming lessons.

The class rooms were clean, bright and suitably furnished. The dormitories were airy, and very neatly kept. The beds and bedding were in good condition. The older mattresses are gradually being replaced by new ones. The bed linen was very clean. The ablution rooms were in a satisfactory state. The hand basins are still without hot water. A hot water supply is available but the present shortage of material has prevented the supply being laid on to the hand basins. Cold water is provided. The school baths have hot and cold water supplies. Sanitary annexes were reasonably clean but the lavatory pans in use were very old fashioned and a series of pans are flushed by a common cistern which has to be turned on when required. This arrangement is not satisfactory and separate flushing pans should be installed when materials are available.

A new boiler has been installed to supply hot water throughout the school.

The laundry department is quite well equipped and is able to cope with the requirements of the school, and the work done is of high standard. A separate small laundry unit has been erected for the sole use of the nursery since last visit.

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P.I. 4610.

NAZARETH LODGE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Memorandum of Inspection : 13th December, 1937.

The annual inspection of this school was made on the 13th December, 1937, on which date there were on the roll 9 boys, 3 of this number being under 6 years of age.

During the year there were 6 admissions, and 5 were transferred to Milltown Industrial School.

The number of voluntary cases on the register was 179.

The children appeared very healthy and suitably clothed. They were bright and contented and their demeanour was very good.

I was present when the mid-day meal was being served. This consisted of Irish Stew and it was well served and appeared very nourishing.

The Institution generally is in very good condition; the dormitories, dining-room, etc. are very neat and clean; they are well lighted, suitably heated and the ventilation is good; the beds and bedding are of good quality and are comfortable. The lavatory and ablutionary arrangements are good, each boy having his own towel, hairbrush and toothbrush.

No structural improvements appear to be very necessary.

The Medical Officer's book shows that he visits the Institution regularly. During April all susceptible cases were immunized against Diphtheria. No cases of sickness occurred among the Industrial children, but a voluntary case is at present under treatment for pneumonia.

The dentist made two visits during the year and the oculist attends when his services are required.

Several cases of punishment have been accorded for minor offences; the punishment was trivial.

All registers are carefully written up to date.

I am of the opinion that this Institution is being conducted in a most satisfactory and efficient manner.

L.D.I. GRAHAM,

Assistant Inspector,

Reformatory and Industrial Schools,
Northern Ireland.

Ministry of Home Affairs,
Stormont,
Belfast.

22nd December, 1937.

/M.McF.

Age	Charge (including pocket-money)	Clothing Allowances	Initial Outfit Allowances
0 - 6 years	£55 per annum.	£18 per annum	£11
Over 6 - 10 "	£58 " "	£21 " "	£16
" 10 - 14 "	£67 " "	£25 " "	£25
" 14 - 18 "	£69 " "	£25 " "	£25

Approval was also given to the following:-

1. The provision of school uniform in respect of Irene Crawford (14) who had commenced a commercial course at Holywood Technical School, which would cost £6.
2. The provision of school uniform for Henry Joseph McClelland (13) who was now attending St. Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick, amounting to £6. 9. 6d.
3. Expenditure of £2. 5. 0d for a Boy Scout's uniform for Hugh Courtney (14).
4. Expenditure of £1. 5. 0d for a Cub's uniform for Alexander Murdock (8).

With regard to the question of paying additional clothing allowances for children boarded-out, to cover the cost of providing school uniforms, where necessary, in such cases there must be a saving in the wear of normal clothing and therefore the Ministry could not agree that the full cost of school uniforms be paid in addition to the normal boarding-out allowances. However, they had decided to give a general approval to the Committee to allow up to a maximum of 75% of the cost of necessary school uniform in addition to normal boarding-out allowances.

Approval was also conveyed to the purchase of essential uniform for children in care who were members of youth organisations, e.g., Boy Scouts, Cubs, Girl Guides, etc.

After consideration, your Committee felt that the clothing allowances as approved by the Ministry were inadequate, and directed the officials to work out details of the cost of clothing for the various age groups for submission to the Ministry with a view to the Committee's proposals being accepted.

(11) - In Voluntary Homes

4. Nazareth House, Ormeau Road, Belfast. The Secretary referred to Minutes of 18/12/56, Item 34. Ministry of Home Affairs wrote 29/12/56, ref. T.160, approving the terms under which children in the care of the Committee were maintained in Nazareth House, i.e., £3 per week with effect from 9th July, 1956.

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5. Kevin C. Halpenny (7). The Secretary referred to Minutes of 18/12/56, Item 33. The Supervisor, Nazareth Lodge, wrote 4/1/57 stating that they noted the Committee were willing to pay for this boy at the customary rate for other children. They drew attention to the fact that this afflicted child required very special care, which they were happy to give, even under what the Committee must realise were very difficult circumstances. They would, therefore, hope to receive at least £6 per week.

MEMORIES of Nazareth Lodge,
Ravenhill Road, [CROMBIE AREA]
BELFAST, BT 7.
N. Ireland.

Well Boys just a few memories of some people and events that happened during these early years. Some you may recall, others will all be new memories of old events that you have just forgotten.

START

Nazareth Lodge had its own farm which though not self sufficient was able to contribute a great deal towards the running costs, and the nuns used to go out every Wednesday and Saturday with their black bags and go door to door collecting and the boys will get some pocket money which they could spend in the tack shop, [that was its name] once a week, which was located in the corner of the old baby home. They were also (APPLES) known as the penny nuns.

Most of the fruit that came was stored in the large barn at the far end of the old people's home, which was behind the baby home. Small groups of boys used to go down at night and nick a few BANANAS and APPLES as a result of this action all the boys were made to stand by their number in the changing room in rows standing. We were all then made to eat all the apples right down to getting a half apple each. This was to teach us a number of things, one not to steal, two, stop the apples going bad, three to teach us a lesson about one and two four centime as sick of seeing apples again. We all stood for ages eating all these apples, no boy was allowed to refuse or go to the loo until all the apples were finished. A lot of STOMACHS were sore that night.

FARM

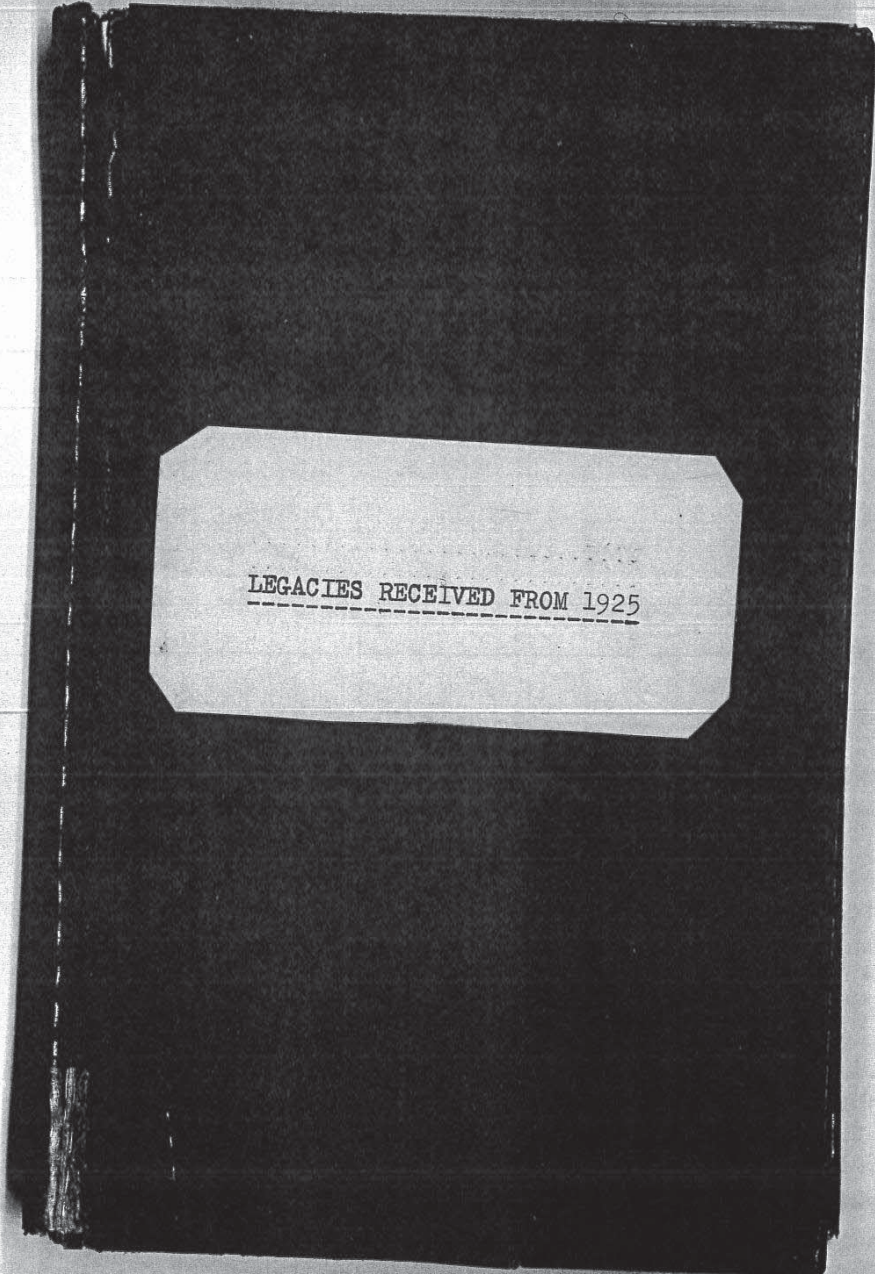
The farm took in a large rectangular area which had hens, Ducks, Pigs, and Cows. Three or four men run the farm a Mr MulHolland looked after the ducks and hens, plus the pigs and also the boiler room. One man looked after the cows, milking them and feeding them various food stuff, other jobs were done by two others looking after the grave yard trimming hedges, cutting trees down, etc. What ever was produced was sent into the kitchen, we were allowed to watch the cows getting milked and pigs, but not the hens, just in case we frightened them and they stopped laying but we could go all most any where. ~~else~~ else.

always someone supervising these activities. A number won trophies for dancing and certificates for swimming. While the children were justifiably proud of these successes we were also very proud, as a normal parent would be. In the winter months the children played indoor games, watched children's programmes on television and went to the cinema. Many of the children joined Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Scouts in St. Bernadette's parish. Older children attended youth clubs and discos weekly.

11. The younger children went to bed at 8.00 p.m. after having a snack. The older children stayed up until 9.00 p.m. In the late 80's some of the older children were trained in independent living. They did their own budgeting, cooking etc. in a separate section of the house set up for this purpose.
12. On Saturdays the Sisters took it in turn to go collecting. I accompanied Sister **SR 102** to Ardoyne in North Belfast where we went from house to house collecting in order to subsidise the £15.00 weekly received from the Health Boards for the upkeep of each child. The per capita rate was comparably low in voluntary homes which resulted in a significant funding gap. We could not have managed without the voluntary donations received each week.
13. In 1977 two non-teaching Sisters were appointed to take charge of two of the groups to relieve those responsible for the children's education. Both had NNEB qualifications in child care. Three other Sisters were undergoing training to obtain social work qualifications before coming to Nazareth Lodge in the early 1980's.
14. My memories of birthdays and holidays were that they were fun filled occasions. From 1972 at the beginning of the summer holidays the children were taken in three groups to Ballyhornan, Co. Down for three weeks holidays. There they had the freedom of the beach, fishing, rock climbing and swimming. A local lady was employed to do the cooking. This was the holiday venue for the children until 1977. After that summer the children were taken for two weeks to either Portrush, Portstewart, Moville, Greencastle, Portsalon in Donegal and Mosney Holiday Camp in Co. Meath.
15. At Christmas the people of Belfast donated toys, selection boxes, books and money for the children. They were invited every year to the pantomime and several Christmas parties, at which they received lovely gifts. The rest of the Christmas holidays were spent playing with these presents. Black taxis were sent to take them to and from the parties.
16. From the 1970's onwards children coming into care were placed by the welfare authority. The majority of the children had Social Workers who would have visited on a monthly basis. There were very good working relationships between Nazareth and the professionals in the Health Boards. Case Conferences were held usually twice a

DONATIONS.

Nov '73 to March 1984



LEGACIES RECEIVED FROM 1925

Legacies

1925.

Oct. 9. £10. 12. 2
Most Rev: Dr Tohill, Belfast
per Most Rev: Dr MacRory, Belfast

Nov. 24. £350
Mr. J. O'Neill, Abaghille, Co. Antrim
per Mr. Geo. Martin, Coler
" Gardill St. Belfast

1926

Feb. 8. £10. 16. 4
Most Rev: Dr Tohill, Belfast
per Most Rev: Dr MacRory, Belfast

Sept. 14. £11. 10. 0
Most Rev: Dr Tohill, Belfast
per Most Rev: Dr MacRory, Belfast

Oct. 14.
1926. £50.
Mr. A. Donnelly, Belfast.
per Messrs E. F. L. Kennedy, Solrs.
[redacted]

Oct. 28. £100.
Mr. F. O'Neill
Carlingford, Co. Louisa.
per Mr. A. Cartlan.
[redacted]

1927.
March 8. £10. 8. 9.
Wm. R. O'Connell, Belfast.
per Wm. R. O'Connell, Belfast.

July 2. £200. 12. 0.
Messrs O'Connor, Ballinacree, Co. Down.
per Messrs Johnston & W. E. Court, Solrs.
[redacted]

1927. £50.
Mrs. Ludlow, Belfast.
per Mr. J. J. Kennedy, Solrs.
[redacted]

July 14. £81. 14. 2.
Mr. J. M. O'Connell, London, Patrick
per Messrs Johnston & W. E. Court, Solrs.
[redacted]

Aug. 13. £50.
Miss M. Barnett, Belfast.
per Messrs E. F. L. Kennedy, Solrs.
[redacted]

Sept. 14. £10.
Rev. J. Macaulay, P.P. Newtownards.
per Mr. H. H. Keen, Solrs.
[redacted]

1927.
Oct. 13. £10. 1. 8.
Most Rev: Dr. Tohill. Belfast
per Most Rev: Dr. MacRory. Belfast.

1928.
March 15. £10. 1. 8.
Most Rev: Dr. Tohill. Belfast.
per Most Rev: Dr. MacRory. Belfast.

June 16. £50. " "
Mr. D. M. Cunniff, Falls Rd. Belfast.
per Mr. F. Kerr, Solr.

July 29. £60. (Part payment of £100)
Mr. J. Skelly. Sells. Co. Meath.
per Mr. P. A. Morney, Solr.
Stenlis Place.
Sells

£40. 18. 2 - Balance with interest received
April 30. 1929.

(Aug 20. £10. 1. 8. Dr. Tohill)
per Dr. MacRory
1928
Oct. 2. £100
Legacy of the late Dean Hamill.
P. P. G. Whitelouse, Belfast.
Per Mr. Tho. MacRory. Solr.

1929.
Feb. 20. £10. 1. 8
Most Rev: Dr. Tohill. Belfast.

June 8. £100.
Legacy of Mr. P. R. M.
Per Dr. T. G. Connolly - (son)
Belfast.

Aug. £10. 1. 8.
Most Rev: Dr. Tohill. Belfast.
Per V. Rev: Canon Cholly. P. P. F.
St. Matthews. Belfast.

1930.

Jan. 13. £ 174. 14. 1.
Mr. Jas. Grant. Belfast.
Per. Mr. Frank Hean. Solic.
[REDACTED]

July 16 £ 25.
Mrs. E. Donnell Belfast
Per. Mrs. J. Hean. Solic.
[REDACTED]

July 15. £ 15
Mrs. Gilmore, Falls Road Belfast
Per. Mrs. J. Hean. Solic.
College Square South City

Aug. 31 £ 9. 15. 4
Most Rev. Dr. Schell, Belfast
Per. Most Rev. Bishop Mageau
Belfast.

1931

February 25. 1931 £ 9. 15. 4
Most Rev. Dr. Schell
Per. Most Rev. D. Mageau D.D.

May 19 1931 £ 10. 0. 0 left as by
the Late Francis McAllister, Carnagall
Co. Antrim.
Per. Mr. J. P. McCann Solicitor
Ballymena. Co. Antrim.

July 15. 1931 £ 50 - from Canon
the Hon. Mr. Threlk. per. Rev. J. Hean
St. Malachy's Belfast

August 12. 1931 £ 9. 15. 4
Most Rev. Dr. Schell, Belfast
Per. Most Rev. Bishop Mageau.

1931
November 14th £194 : 15 -
Mr George King, Belfast
Per Mr Frank Kerr,

1931
December 25th £50 -
Miss Diana Clements, (Servant) Belfast
[redacted]

1931
December 26th £100 - 5 -
Mrs Elizabeth Patrick, Belfast.
Per Mr Murray, Solicitor, Belfast.

1932.th £50 -
Jan 29th -
Very Reverend Canon Mr. Donnell, Belfast.
Per Reverend F. Macaulay, P.P. Sacred Heart
Church, Belfast.

1932
Feb. 6th £9 : 9 -
Most Revd. Dr. John
Per Most Revd. Dr. Mageean, Belfast.

1932
April 1st £20 -
Very Reverend Canon Lawry, Belfast.
Per Mr George Martin, Solicitor, Belfast.

1932
April 8th £9 : 3 : 1
Mr George King, Belfast
Per Mr Frank Kerr,

1932.
August 4th 18. 2 -
Most Reverend Dr. Yohill.
Per Most Reverend Dr. Mageean.

1932.
Sept. 16th 150 -
Very Reverend Canon Murphy,
Randalstown.
Per Mr. J. Fitzpatrick.
[redacted] Belfast.

1933.
February 4th 18. 2 -
Most Reverend Dr. Yohill.
Per Most Reverend Dr. Mageean.

1933.
March 25th 134. 3 -
One-seventh share of Victory of
the Most Reverend Dr. Yohill.
Per Meats. King & Boyd.
Solicitors,
Downpatrick.

1933.
December 12th 100 -
Mr. Frank Kent, Belfast.
Per Meats. J. Kent & Co.
Solicitors
[redacted]

1934.
February 3rd 1934. 18. 2 -
Most Reverend Dr. Yohill.
Per Most Mageean.

1934

February 25th £200 : 5 : 2
Annie Cunningham, Belfast.
Per J. A. Cairns Esq.,
Messrs. Frank Kerr & Co.,
Solicitors,
Belfast.

Mar 29th £50 -

Kathleen McLarnon, Belfast.
Per Messrs. George Martin & Co.,
Solicitors,
Belfast.

April 24, £50 -

Mary Jane Irvine, Belfast.
Per J. J. Magee, Esq.,
Solicitor,
Belfast.

1935

January 26. £100 -
Patrick W. Mann, Newcastle.
Co. Down.
Per James F. Fitzpatrick Esq.,
Solicitor,
Belfast.

February 16, 1935 £8 : 4 : 2.

Most Reverend St. John's
Per Most Reverend St. Mageean.

August 3, £8 : 4 : 5

Most Reverend St. John's Fund
Per Most Reverend St. Mageean

1936

Feb. 12. £8 : 4 : 5
Most Reverend St. John's Fund.
Per Most Reverend St. Mageean.

1935

Sept. 4th

Mr. Connolly

For Mr. McMahon,

Solicitor,

4th St., Newry

1936

August 1st

Miss Black.

Per Messrs. Frank Kerr & Co.,
Solicitors.

Belfast.

1936

July 2 - £100 -

Mrs. Connolly, Bushmount,

Ravenhill Rd., Belfast

Per Right Revd. Archbishop Conway,

Holy Rosary,

Belfast.

Aug. 15th £48. 13. 1

Mr. Robert Just,

Glenavy, Co. Antrim,

Per James J. J. & Co. Ltd. Solicitors & Ag.,