

THE CHILDREN'S HOMES

Unto the Venerable the General Assembly:—

Your Council respectfully reports:

1. **The Children** have enjoyed excellent health and they have made satisfactory progress at school—seventeen attending High Schools. The Men's League has assumed responsibility for the "Benmore" Sunday School, and the "Burnbrae" children attend the Bvford Church and Sunday School regularly. Frequent outings have been provided to places of entertainment. The "Benmore" boys have been welcome visitors to metropolitan church families. All were given a break away at Christmas time, and the Hungarian Christmas Party was unique.

2. **The Staff**, with little change, continues to give very faithful service. Mrs. Biddle, whose secretarial work was outstanding, resigned last May on account of ill-health; and since then, in a strictly unpaid capacity, Mrs. Garnet Mitchell has done a splendid job as Honorary Secretary.

3. **The Properties** have been repaired and renovated extensively, and now the buildings are in better condition than for many years. Most of the work has been done by unpaid volunteers. Unfortunately, your Council's long-standing dissatisfaction with certain conveniences and facilities at "Benmore" has now become the concern of the Swan

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Road Board—the Local Health Authority—which has issued instructions for defects to be remedied. Your Council feels that the erection of additional modern buildings is the only satisfactory answer, and that this is a matter of urgency.

4. **Financially** your Council is feeling the strain involved in providing for nearly eighty children. The audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure submitted to the Venerable Assembly reveals a deficit of £710/19/8 in the year's working. Notable contributions and sources of income have been: P.W.M.U. £486, Men's League £36, Churchfolk at Katanning £140, Merredin £57, and Kellerperrin £36. Mr. Banfield gave £124, Mr. C. S. McDonald £15, and Mr. Price £25, the Caledonian Society, £16/10/-. The nett proceeds from the Jubilee Appeal was £872, the Metropolitan Street Appeal £772. From deceased estates was received: P. S. Sears £545, M. A. Weeks £100, E. A. Hardie £200.