Education Head Stresses Value Of Pre-Primary (PJ School Tuition To Child

"The story I tell is a success story-a story of the gallant work of devoted women and a smaller number of men, for a job that they think is worth while," said Dr C. E. Beeby, Director of Education, when he spoke on kindergarten problems to the delegates at the New Zealand Kindergarten Union conference in Hastings last night.

"I believe in the value of must pre-school education, and the problems facing it are problems created by the energies and success of those who have worked so hard for it," he said.

Dr Beeby referred to the early history of the kindergarten movement, and said that 30 years ago it was controlled by what appeared to be an older group of women. To-day there was more control by younger mothers. who put an enormous amount of work into the movement. The dominant feature of the movedominant feature of the move-ment, however, was that parents had become believers in the worth of pre-primary school tuition and the importance of these early years in the life of a child. To-day the kindergarten movement was regarded and ac-cepted as a very useful part of a child's education and training. MOVEMENT'S GROWTH

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two things in kindergartens which had changed little over the years. The first was that the years. The first was that the general aims were much the same, and the second was that kindergartens were still a mat-ter of voluntary action on the part of parents in providing part of parents in providing them. The speaker quoted figures to show the great increase in the movement, and also in the as-sistance given by the Govern-ment, and said that the erection of 112 new kindergarten build-ings since 1948 was a "terrific" ·e record. "Think how many raffles that

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ver have meant." he said (laughter of

Dr Beeby said the Minister had now given authority for the Free Kindergarten Teachers' As-sociations to be placed on the recognised footing of a public recognised footing of a public service group in regard to salaries. Last year, £309,000 had been granted by the Gov-ernment to free kindergartens. He said there was now a sense of career in kindergarten teach-ing and the whole picture was a vary bright one

ing and the whole picture was a very bright one. One reason why the Depart-ment of Education had set its face firmly against the use of un-skilled and untrained teachers, said Dr Beeby, was that the standard of kindergartens could not be allowed to fall. He con-tended that kindergartens must remain voluntary organisations. remain voluntary organisations, and they should have an organ-isation on national and local levels which would make them capable of meeting any situation.

THREE PROBLEMS

Dr Beeby said that three problems faced the movement: (1) Staffing; (2) training; and (3) the fragmentation of the administrative system.

The situation in regard to staf-The situation in regard to star-fing was, he said, no easier than it was in June of last year, and at the beginning of 1958 there would be 183 teaching vacancies. This would mean a system of priority in allocations, and would mean looking more closely at mean looking more closely at whether more kindergartens could be permitted, or whether more children could be accepted. There were people who un that more trainees should urged be taken in, but it had to be remembered that the cost of education was rapidly increasing and there was still a great shortage of primary and secondary school teachers. It was the Govern-ment's obligation to staff these schools first, so it was not likely that these would be approved. that there would be any in-creased intake of kindergarten trainees before 1962 at the earliest.

AMALGAMATION VALUE

Associated with the problem of staffing was the need for more uo eun ar of staffing was the need for more senior position teachers, and still another problem was that of training centre buildings. He said that the greatest problem concerning members of the Kin-dergarten Union was that of fragmentation of control. He would like to see some amalga-mation of associations which would enable knowledge to be passed on and generally make for improvement.

Value of Kindergarten Work In New Zealand Stressed

The demand for kindergartens continues throughout the country and there are now 72 associations affiliated to the New Zealand Free Kindergarten Union, some administering as many as 30 free kindergartens, while others in outlying districts have only 2301 one under their control.

ger This was stated by the president of the New Zealand Free Kindergarten Union, Mrs. H. McCreanor, Christchurch, who will pre-side over the three-day annual conference which opens in the Assembly Hall, Hastings, late this afternoon. lone

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ience to about 13 per cent of New Zealand's children between the ages of three and five years.
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said. "Between the ages of three and four years, children eagerly seek companionship with children of their own age, and need to enter into active and vigorous construc-tive play activities, which it is play to cater for in modern difficult homes.

free kindergartens The "The free kindergartens are serving a useful purpose in the modern way of living—one needed more so now than in any other period in our history," she continueda

Close co-operation had been built up during the past two or three years between the union and the Kindergarten Teachers' Association. Shortage of trained s which the free kindergarten mo of trained staff ment was experiencing, together with all other professional groups, was the only hindrance to further

expansion. Time at the conference would be given to the question of recruit-

The Kindergarten Union siders it an absolute essential and fundamental to its philosophy that children of these tender and formative years, when the emotional and social patterns of their very personalities are being laid, should be placed in the hands of professional kindergarteners, specially trained to understand and cope with the psychological needs of small children," Mrs. McCreanor Y TADA MAN



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Attend Conference

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parts of New Zealand gathered in the Hastings Assembly Hall yesterday afternoon for the first conference held in Hawke's Bay of the New Zealand Free Kindergarten Union. This was the start of a three-day conference. Yesterday's gathering was arranged by Greater Hastings, on behalf of which the president, Mr. H. B. Poppelwell, extended a welcome to the delegates. The conference was formally opened by the deputy mayor, Mr. A. Kirkpatrick, who also welcomed the visitors. Other speakers were Mr. T. B. Mac-Bay Education Board), Mr. E. J. Stevenson (president of the Hastings Association). Presiding over the conference

Stevenson (president of the Hastings Association). Presiding over the conference was Mrs. H. McCreanor, Do-minion president, of Christ-church, who expressed apprecia-tion of the welcome and for the organisation by the Hastings organisation

organisation by the Hastings association. Dr. C. E. Beeby, Director of Education, who wished the Con-ference every success, in a brief talk mentioned that in 1947 the Government had spent £31,000 on free kindergartens, but to-day the cost to the country an-nually was £309,000. He said that it was not realised how much primary schools owed to the Kindergarten movement. T2 ASSOCIATIONS

the Kindergarten movement. **12 ASSOCIATIONS** In her presidential report, Mrs. McCreanor said that there were now 72 associations affiliated to the union, some administering as many as 30 kindergartens. At present 190 free kindergartens were recognised by the Depart-ment of Education, and they were giving pre-school experience to about 13 per cent of New Zea-and's children between three and five years of age. The said that during the past two or three years there had been closer co-operation with the Kindergarten Teachers' Associa-tion, and shortage of trained staff was now the only hindrance to further expansion. "The Kin-dergarten Union considers it an absolute essential, and funda-mental to its philosophy, that children of tender and formative years, when the emotional and social patterns of their very prisonalities are being laid, specially trained to understand and cope with the psychological needs of small children." she siden over to discussion of the wast

The conference last night was given over to discussion of the executive's report and the financial statement.

cial statement. Dr. Beeby also addressed the meeting before a social hour was held at which delegates were the guests of the Hastings As-sociation and members of Clubs Mothers

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KINDERGARTEN UNION conference in Hastings: From left to right Mesdames L. R. Winter, council member and former president, C. Breuer, secretary, and R. Stevenson, president of the Hastings Free Kindergarten Association, photographed during a break in the proceedings.

Kindergartens Urged to Avoid State Control

A warning to the New Zealand Free Kindergarten Union to make its autonomous units as big and as strong as possible to avoid the Department of Education getting more power, was given by the Director of Education, Dr. C. E. Beeby, at the union's annual conference in Hastings last night.

want to avoid the "I" department getting more power. We will give professional advice and help solve your problems, but we don't want to control your show," he said.

He advised the union to hand on their accumulated wealth of experience to new associations, of which there were seven last year.

The 72 associations were run by people without great experience of kindergarten work, although they were full of keenness and initiative, he said. "I would like to see some

amalgamation of associations on a voluntary basis. It would make the staffing situation easier and the staffing situation easier and help maintain standards." New associations needed time to set experience. The union must apply the knowledge of the past to new In his opinion, the associations. organisation was not existing capable of further expansion without recognised kindergartens suffering in consequence, said Dr. Beeby.



C. E. BEEBY DR.

Warm Welcome For Members of Kindergartens

Later he was appointed assistant-medical superintendent and served in that capacity for a number of years. He resigned in 1940 to take a position with

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A warm welcome was extended to visiting delegates at the official opening of the New Zealand Kindergarten Union's conference

Kindergarten Union's conterence in Hastings yesterday. The Assembly Hall presented a colourful sight, decorated with banks of spring flowers and shrubs for the occasion. Dele-gates were warm in their praise for Greater Hastings' hospitality, which took the form of a receptwhich took the form of a recept-

which took the form of a recept-ion and afternoon tea. The deputy-mayor, Mr. A. Kirkpatrick, officially welcomed delegates to the city. Associated with him was the president of Greater Hastings, Mr. H. B. Poppelwell; Mr. E. J. Keating, Member of Parliament for Hast-ings; the chairman of the Hawke's Bay Education Board, foot acco harc were Roac stee Hawke's Bay Education Board, Mr. T. B. McDonald; and the president of the Hastings Free orde bodi Kindergarten Association, Mrs. R. Stevenson.

Stevenson. The speakers were introduced by the Dominion president, Mrs. H. McCreanor, Christchurch, who also welcomed the guest speaker for the evening, the Director of Education, Dr. C. E. Beeby. A vote of thanks was extended by a vice-president, Mrs. H. Downer, Botorua.

CONSOLIDATION.

The union was in full agreement Minister of Education period of consolidation with the Minister when a was called for last year. "It was nothing to do with saving money "It was or a change in the Government's attitude to kindergarten work. The sole reason was shortage of staff."

New kindergartens who already had a "foot in the door" were received, but other kindergartens which did not meet standards re-quired by the Government could not be admitted.

"The effect of consolidation has not yet been felt," Dr. Beeby said. "Last year saw the greatest "Last year saw the greatest ex-pansion of the movement with a net gain of 16 new kindergartens and seven new associations. The situation now is no easier than it was in July last year. Today unrecognised recognised and two kindergartens are without trained

of a total of 102 trainees, 83 Of a total of 102 trainees, but were second-year students, but there were 185 vacancies to be filled.

Kindergartens were not the only bodies to suffer from shortage of staff. Between 1956 and 1965, 5000 primary additional teachers for additional teachers for printing and secondary schools had to be found, and in addition a replace-ment of 10 per cent. of existing teachers was needed each year. "The group of people we must attract to find the teachers is the

attain to find the teacher same group you need for garten teachers," he said kindergarten teachers," he said. He promised that the whole situation would be reviewed next February, but that there could not be un controlled expansion. A system of priorities would be enforced.

Kindergartens with permanent buildings would be considered first, the number of children available and the distance they had to travel would all be brought into consideration.

TRAINING CENTRES.

Dr. Beeby suggested forming two training centres instead of the existing four. "The number of people available for senior training positions is not great, and the training centre buildings are far from adequate in some cases," he said.

Staffing problems came with the

increased growth of the kinder-garten movement during the past nine years, and it was important that the standard of work should not be allowed to fall. "We do that the standard to fall. "We do not be allowed to fall. untrained not want unskilled, untrained teachers. The department sets its face against expansion which entails the use of such teachers," he said.

Dr. Beeby traced the growth of the movement since 1948. There had been an improved standard of hygiene and in many instances dreary halls had been replaced by well - equipped buildings. Pro-grammes had improved, rigidity had been relaxed, and children had been provided with a world of activity in which each child could develop according to his natural abilities. Young people were developing a sense of career on becoming kindergarteners.

The kindergarten had become a genuine part of the educational system-not a means whereby mothers could go out to work or bridge, as some people play thought.

IMPORTANCE

An increased number of parents had grown to believe in the importance of the first five years of a child's life.

In 1948 the Department Education established a national scale of salaries and condition of service. From £30,000 the previous year, the salary rate rose to f61,000. In 1956 it was £309,000 to The building subsidy was raised from f1 for f1 to f2 for f1. In 1948 there were 16 associations; today there are 72. One hundred and twelve new permanent build-ings had been erected since 1948.

In conclusion, Dr. Beeby said the kindergarten movement was a gallant story of successes. "It is gallant story of successes. "It is the story of the devoted work of thousands of women-and a small number of men-who think the job they are doing is worth-while. The problems you have created are the problems of success created by your own energies. You will find the wisdom to solve them."

Teacher and Pupil Attend Conference

Sitting among the delegates at the opening ceremony of the annual conference of the New Zealand Kindergarten Union in Hastings yesterday was a woman who took a personal pride in Dr. C. E. Beeby's position as Director of Education. She was Miss Isabel Jamieson, delegate Hamilton.

Forty-seven years Dr ago, Beeby was a six-year-old in her class at school. "He was a brilliant pupil-I never had to teach him anything," sne said.

But Dr. Decen. say about her: "I get phan for self-expression and 'play he said. "But I didn't them-Miss Jamieson taught me!

The Kindergarten Union has honoured Miss Jamieson for her long service in the kindergarten movement with an overseas scholarship in her name. It was awarded for the first time this year to Miss Gwen Gilbert, Auckland, director of the Ponsonby Kindergarten. Miss Gilbert will begin studies at the University of London on October 1, and will study child development under Miss D. E. M. Gardner of the Institute of Education. The scholarship is worth f400, and the Union hopes to repeat it in four years' time.

Downer, Rotorua.

After the evening's session, the union was host to the Hastings Free Kindergarten Association, was responsible for all which arrangements at the conference.

Greater Rights for **Teachers** Granted

The Minister of Education has given authority for the New Zea-land Federation of Free Kindergarten Teachers to be received as a public service association.

This was announced by the r. C. E. Director of Education, Dr. C. E. Beeby, at the annual conference of the New Zealand Free Kindergarten Union in Hastings last night

This meant that it would have the right to direct access of negotiation with the department concerned. For the first time, teachers would have their own professional body to maintain standards and rights. For many maintain years there has been no direct approach on these matters, he said