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I welcome the privilege of being asked to provide a foreword to the book written by Mr. R. Stitt, on the work of Miss Jean O'Neill during her long term as the Matron of the North Coast Children's Home in Lismore.

My first contact with the Home came at the end of 1938, when I was appointed as Assistant Curate to the then Rector, Archdeacon E. S. Benyon. Among my duties I was to be the Chaplain to the Home and I was given a room in the Home as a bedroom-study. Each morning and evening I conducted devotional services with the children in the Chapel. The Matron at that time was Mrs. Smith and she had two young women to assist her in the care of the children, of which there were about thirty of varying ages to thirteen or fourteen years.