

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

KIRK SESSION

AND

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

OF

St. John's Presbyterian Church

WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1900.



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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

STATED MEETINGS.

- 1—**Divine Service** on Sabbath Mornings at 11; Evenings at 6.30.
Prayer Meetings on Wednesday evenings at 7.30.
- 2—**Communion** on second Sunday of January, and on the first Sundays of April, July and October.
- 3—**Young People's Christian Endeavour Society** meets every Monday evening at 7.30. Secretary, Mr. Jas Hislop.
- 4—**Sabbath Morning Children's Service**, Mount Cook School, at 11.
President, Mr. F. H. Fraser.
- 5—**Sunday Schools** meet in Willis Street and at Boys' School, Taranaki Street, at 2.30 p.m. Secretary, Mr. A. Purdie.
- 6—**Young Men's Bible Classes** meet in Class-Room, Willis Street, and at Mount Cook Boys' School, at 2.45 p.m., on Sundays.
- 7—**Choir** meets for Practice on Wednesday evenings after Prayer Meeting.
- 8—**Ladies' Visiting and Dorcas Society** meets first and third Tuesdays of each month. Secretary, Mrs. Jno. Campbell.
- 9—**Young Women's Literary and Dorcas Society** meets on alternate Tuesday evenings at 7.30. Resuming in March. Secretary, Miss J. K. Hutchen.
- 10—**Band of Hope** meets on Friday evenings from 7 to 8.
- 11—**Teachers' Meetings** for study of Lessons and Business, Friday evenings at 8.
- 12—**Monthly Prayer Meeting of Teachers and Others** after Evening Service, first Sunday of each month.
- 13—**Meeting of Kirk Session** on first Wednesday in month. Wm. Simm, Clerk.
- 14—**Meeting of Board of Managers** on second Wednesday in month, at 8.30 p.m. T. M. Grant, Secretary.

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OF THE
KIRK SESSION AND BOARD OF MANAGERS
TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE
CONGREGATION
AT A MEETING TO BE HELD IN
THE SCHOOL-ROOM, ON WEDNESDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1901.

WE again have pleasure in presenting to you an account of the transactions of the past twelve months, and feel sure that you will join with us in gratefulness to Him whose we are and whom we serve on account of the measure of blessing vouchsafed to us in our Church work. From a monetary point of view matters are very satisfactory ; but we need hardly assure you that we endeavour to make financial affairs take a very secondary place when considered in connection with the real—that is, the spiritual—work of the Church.

A series of socials was initiated by the Elders, to bring the members of the congregation more in touch with each other, and were well appreciated, and it is believed did a good deal towards achieving their object. The incidental expenses were borne by the Elders personally.

Anniversary services were held on Sabbath, the 9th December, and were conducted by the Rev. Jas. Chisholm, of Palmerston North. The conversazione was held on the following Wednesday, and was largely attended. The ministrations of the Rev. Jas. Chisholm at all services were much appreciated.

The membership on 31st December, 1900, stood at 511. The additions, by examination, were 20 ; by certificate, 15 ; total, 35. The disjunctions by death were 7 ; by certificate and otherwise, 57 ; total, 64. Net decrease, 29. We hope to be able to show more gratifying results next year under this very important heading.

Obituaries.—The number of deaths in the congregation during the past year was, we regret to say, unusually large.

On the 3rd February John Halley (of the firm of Halley and Ewing) died very suddenly. He left his home in the morning apparently in his usual health, and was attending to business when, without warning, death came and called him hence. He was well known in this city as a business man, and was highly respected and esteemed for his honest, upright character and his genial kindly disposition. Long connected with this Church he was always most regular in attendance at its services. On the 6th of May Robert Darroch died after a few months' illness and much suffering, very patiently borne. He was a kindly man, and he won the warm regard of a wide circle of friends. He died trusting in his Saviour. On the 19th of May Agnes Paterson died after a short illness. She knew that death was approaching, and calmly awaited the end, and her end was peace. For her the sting was taken from death. A few hours before she died she said to her attendant that she did not feel it so hard to die as she thought it would be. On the 11th of June Mrs. Jenkins died. For nearly two years she had been in infirm health, and she knew that the end might come at any time, and come suddenly, and it did so come. But it did not find her unprepared: she had hope in her Saviour. For many years she was a member of this congregation, and in connection with the Dorcas Society took an active part in the charitable work of the Church. On the 4th of that same month of June we lost one of our oldest Elders, Robert Hopkirk, sen. For over twenty years he was an Elder of this Church; and, before coming to this colony, he was an Elder of the Free Church of Scotland, and was actively employed in Home Mission work, and especially as a missionary to the blind. For some time he was employed by this congregation in Home Mission work in the Adelaide Road and Newtown districts; and it was mainly through his labours, sustained by this congregation, that the Church Room of St. James' was built and the Sabbath School established. Mr. Hopkirk also held appointment from the Church Extension Committee, and laboured for a time at Rivaka till failing health led him to resign his appointment. He was often employed as occasional supply for some of the pulpits within the bounds of the Presbytery, and he often conducted the week evening service here in the absence of the minister. Mr. Hopkirk had fine natural abilities, a good vigorous mind; and from reading and observations he was very well informed. Above all, he knew and loved the Bible—made it his special study; and he had a firm grasp of Christian truth, and could expound and apply it with clearness and force. Age and infirmities

laid him aside from work, and even from attendance at Church; but his faith in Christ never wavered, and his hope never grew dim. His end was peace. On the 19th of June another old member of this Church, Mrs. Chapple, sen., of the Terrace, passed into her rest. She had reached a ripe old age. As long as strength permitted she delighted to attend the services of the Church. By all who knew her she was much esteemed for her kindly nature and her kindly ways, and after a long and tranquil life her gentle spirit went home to God. The same may be said of another old member of the Church, Robert Carmichael, who, on the 5th of August, entered into his rest. The call came very suddenly and without warning, but it found him ready. He was a man of simple earnest faith and upright life. The Young Men's Bible Class, which meets at the Church, lost two of its members, Percy Webb and John Wallace. To the former death came with awful suddenness while engaged at his ordinary business. To the latter it came after months of suffering, borne with patience and resignation. Both were Christian young men, exemplary in character and life. Near the close of the year, on the 20th of December, a bright and happy home was darkened and saddened by the sudden death of Mrs. Grace Hunter, daughter of our esteemed Elder, the Hon. F. H. Fraser. In the beginning of the year she was married. In the end of it she died and left her husband and sweet little babe to mourn for her. She was a child of St. John's—grew up amongst us—from the Sunday School scholar became the Sunday School teacher, and was also a very efficient member of the choir. She has now, we feel assured, joined the choir of the blessed immortals. This is a long list of departed ones, and it might be made longer if we were to mention the cases of those who lost dear children—little ones whom the Saviour took home to Himself. "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." We can only offer to them and to the other bereaved families our sincere sympathy, praying that the God of all comfort may comfort them with the consolations of His grace and love.

Our thanks are again due to the choir for the great assistance rendered cheerfully and voluntarily under the baton of our efficient organist, Mr. Maughan Barnett. Vacancies occur in the choir gallery at uncertain intervals, and are caused generally by promotion to a more responsible sphere of work. We would therefore gladly welcome any to the choir who feel inclined to devote their services to this branch of Church service.

You will find that the Annual Report from the Sabbath Schools affords a fairly encouraging retrospect, but from the

Secretary's figures we learn that there is an increasing number of scholars over the age of 15 years, and at the same time a slight lessening in the teaching staff. We would therefore beg parents of scholars who are in the senior classes to do their best to induce these young people to look upon the function of teacher to the juniors as a reasonable and most desirable aim in their Sabbath School class life. We fear also that the congregation as a whole do not quite sufficiently appreciate the devotion necessary to the conscientious prosecution of a Sabbath School teacher's duties, and as office-bearers of the Church we beg them to accept our warmest thanks.

The St. John's Women's Missionary Association was started during the course of the year, and we find that it has been doing exceedingly valuable work. It has largely increased the contributions from this congregation to the Foreign Mission Funds of the Church, and we feel sure that they will do even better during the current year, and that the object aimed at will be ultimately attained, viz., the payment of one missionary's salary, amounting to £200 per annum.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour keeps up its membership well. Its committees work heartily and systematically, and the interest in all meetings is maintained. The Ladies' Visiting and Dorcas Society, the Young Women's Dorcas and Literary Society, and the Band of Hope are continually engaged upon their work of attention to the, oftentimes, pressing needs of those to whom they minister. In all these branches of Church work, requiring such varied effort, we remind the congregation that fresh active members are always gladly welcomed.

The Wadestown services are maintained with success under the supervision of Mr. Lynneburg, to whom the Church is much indebted.

The finances of the Church have been well maintained. The amounts contributed to objects outside of ourselves, as will be seen from the Treasurer's statement, are larger than for the previous year. By the action of the Women's Missionary Association the amount contributed to Foreign Missions is about doubled.

In conclusion, we trust that you will agree with us in recognising that the Church is in a healthy state, both spiritually and financially. In a city like Wellington, however, increasing in size and population daily, we would be grossly neglectful of our duties did we not recognise that we, as a Church, blessed with so many advantages, should do much more than simply hold our own. We feel that as a Church

we should share in the general progress of the community, and that the spiritual influence and advancement of St. John's should, to some extent, be commensurate with the material advancement of its environment.

We now lay before you this our Report and Balance-sheet with the earnest hope that our wishes for greater achievements in Church work may be rapidly realised, and with feelings of hearty thankfulness to Him who has guided and blessed us during the past year.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SABBATH SCHOOLS.

IN presenting the Annual Report of our two Sabbath Schools, we again record our thankfulness to Our Heavenly Father for the measure of success which has attended our humble service of the past year. Notwithstanding our many imperfections and shortcomings God has richly blessed the teaching of His Word to the children.

Attendance.—Our roll number, we regret to say, is not so large as last year's, each school showing the loss of about 30 scholars. Our figures contain two glimpses of encouragement, however—namely, the increasing number of scholars over the age of 15, and the improvement of nearly 4 per cent. in the average attendance. The teaching staff is slightly smaller than for the previous year, several prominent teachers having resigned to assume more responsible duties in another sphere of life. Details of the attendance are as follows:—

	SCHOLARS.					Average Attendance.	Average Attendance excluding wet Sundays.
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.				
Willis Street ...	276	218	494	...	311	...	332
Mount Cook ...	183	201	384	...	249	...	264
Totals ...	459	419	878	...	560	...	596
	Senior Division.	Intermediate Division.	Junior Division.		Totals.		Scholars Over 15 Yrs.
Willis Street ...	136	230	128	...	494	...	184
Mount Cook ...	65	152	167	...	384	...	96
Totals ...	201	382	295	...	878	...	280

TEACHERS AND OFFICE-BEARERS.

	Gentlemen.	Ladies.	Total.	Average Roll.	Average Attendance.
Willis Street	16	20	36	38	32
Mount Cook	16	20	36	36	28
Totals	32	40	72	74	60

The highest attendance of scholars on one Sunday was :—

Mount Cook	316
Willis Street	390

Children's Morning Class.—Under the unremitting conductorship of the Hon. F. H. Fraser, ably assisted by Miss Hutchen, this service is still a source of great blessing to those who attend. Grateful acknowledgment is given to all those friends who have assisted in this work during the year.

The Annual Treat was again held at Day's Bay, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the young people. We heartily thank those friends who supply the necessary funds to provide the outing.

Missions.—In the early part of the year a successful mission was conducted among the young people by Mr. Robertson, of the Victorian Evangelisation Society.

Anniversary Services.—Again the elements conspired against our Anniversary Services. Nevertheless, the attendance of the children was good. The day's discourses were effective and profitable. On the following Wednesday—an extremely wet evening—the usual tea was held, and was well patronised by the scholars. At its conclusion, the children met in the Church, and, under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. Hopkirk, gave an excellent rendering of the cantata, "The Captive Maid of Israel," a repetition of which was given the following week before a large and delighted audience. Mr. Barnett presided at the organ.

At the Church Anniversary, held on 9th December, the scholars assembled in the Church in the afternoon, and listened to an interesting address by the Rev. Jas. Chisholm.

Library.—Too much importance cannot be attached to this department of our school work. Though enabled to spend equally between the two schools a sum of £20 in new books, the demand for good reading matter is so great that the amount expended annually does little more than replace worn-out volumes. In acknowledging our indebtedness to those friends who year by year substantially contribute to our funds, we would commend to the serious consideration of others our pressing need for the proper equipment of the scholars' library.

Examinations.—About fifty scholars presented themselves for the General Assembly Examinations. With few exceptions all showed an intelligent knowledge of the questions set.

Bible Classes.—The Young Men's Bible Classes at both schools are in a healthy state. The meetings of the Social Club of each class, held during the winter months, were highly successful. The "Young Man's Magazine," which circulates throughout the colony, is still ably controlled by the Willis Street class, who also conduct the Boys' Institute Sunday evening service. The Young Ladies' Class, Willis Street, suffered a severe loss in the person of their esteemed leader, Miss Glasgow, who has removed to Dunedin. They are to be congratulated, however, upon having secured Miss Lorimer as her successor. At Mount Cook the young ladies, under the conductorship of Mr. H. W. Kersley, have well attended and profitable meetings.

Teachers' Meetings.—The attendance at the weekly preparation class has not been good. Those, however, who felt that an interchange of opinion on the lesson would aid them in teaching its truths to the children, were amply compensated for their attendance. We thank Mr. T. H. Gill for the able assistance he has rendered to us at the meetings. The picnic held at Nai Nai on Anniversary Day was greatly enjoyed, as also was the midwinter social held on 22nd June.

The Band of Hope, which met weekly during the winter months, had a successful session, the attendance being large, and the meetings interesting.

Treasurer's Statement.—Subscriptions for missionary purposes show an increase. The material decrease in the proceeds of the anniversary services is accounted for by the wet weather which then prevailed. It will be noticed that in addition to the usual items of expenditure the sum of £6 was paid for repairs to the organs.

In conclusion, we thank the congregation for their practical sympathy with our work among the children and young people. The work is important and far-reaching, and the best results are attainable only when there exists hearty co-operation between teachers and parents.

F. H. FRASER,

WM. HOPKIRK,

Superintendents, Willis Street.

A. PURDIE,

Hon. Secretary.

31st December, 1900.

WM. ALLAN,

Superintendent, Mount Cook.

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG WOMEN'S DORCAS & LITERARY SOCIETY'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1900.

THE number on the roll this year was 22, not such a large membership as in former years, nor was the average attendance so good.

The members were kept busy during the year visiting and helping families who were in need of clothing.

Clothing for the year was also provided for one of the children at the Cottage Home.

The Children's Sewing Class for instructing the children of the families assisted was held every alternate Tuesday evening, and was well attended.

For the literary work for the year the "Play of Hamlet" was taken for study, and the thanks of the Society are due to Mr. and Mrs. Gill, who gave considerable help in this portion of the work.

The Annual Tea for the mothers and children, who had been helped during the year, was held in November, and was very enjoyable.

The Society regrets the loss of its President, Miss Glasgow, who has returned to her former home in Dunedin.

In closing, we would thank all those who have helped us by their sympathy, as well as by their practical assistance.

J. K. HUTCHEN, Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S LADIES' VISITING AND DORCAS SOCIETY, 1900.

IN presenting our Annual Report we feel we have a great deal to be thankful for; the interest has been well sustained, and the meetings been much better attended. Many families have been relieved by monetary assistance and gifts of clothing, there being over a hundred garments made by the Society this year.

We would again take this opportunity of thanking the congregation for their liberal support in enabling the Society to carry on this important work.

C. W. MOORE (for M. Campbell),
Hon. Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

IN submitting this our first annual report we feel thankful for the success that has attended our efforts during the year.

It was suggested by one of the office-bearers at the last congregational meeting that it would be a good thing if the ladies of the congregation would form an association to stir up interest in missionary work. Such an association was formed on the 12th of February, and called the "St. John's Women's Missionary Association." The object of the Association is to stir up interest in and promote the foreign mission schemes of the Church in connection with the New Hebrides. Miss Glasgow was our first president, and we regret that circumstances rendered it necessary for her to resign a few months later. We were very sorry indeed to lose such an able and consistent worker. Mrs. Reith was appointed her successor, and she has proved to be the right person in the right place.

We have a membership of over 38 with a good average attendance, and we take this opportunity of inviting all ladies of the congregation who are interested in missionary work to attend the meetings which are held on the third Friday of each month, at 3 p.m., in the class-room.

About the middle of May we had the pleasure of sending (per favour of Dr. Bowie and Rev. Gillies) a box of provisions, also two sheep from Sydney to the Rev. Watt, of Tanna, to be used by the various missionaries gathered there to attend the Synod meetings.

As several of the members correspond with the different missionaries we from time to time have interesting accounts of the work done on the islands.

We expect very soon to send away a missionary box. Any person who wishes to help us can find out what articles are suitable by asking the President or any of the members.

It is very gratifying to know that the funds have been much augmented by the systematic mode of collecting. We thank all those who have given so heartily to the mission. "There is that giveth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth and it tendeth to poverty."

ANNE G. BRUCE, Hon. Sec.

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY.



WE are glad to report that the membership of the Endeavour Society has been well sustained, there being on the roll at the close of the year 51 active, 53 honorary, and 10 associate members. During the year twelve young people have been admitted to active membership. Of a similar number who have resigned, five are now honorary members. The various committees continue to perform solid and systematic work. The weekly meetings have been bright and interesting. In addition to its internal work, the Society conducts open-air meetings every favourable Sunday evening after Church service, monthly meetings at the Ohiro Home and Wadestown Sabbath School; also a service (quarterly) at the Mount Cook morning school; and we also support three children at the Levin Home.

The Junior Society which now meets on-Sunday mornings is fairly well attended, and does good work. We earnestly ask that parents will encourage their children to attend this short service.

To Our Heavenly Father we give thanks for all His goodness to us in the past, and we pray that with each one of us the coming year may be one of faithful service and still heartier reciprocity between the Society and the Church.

(Signed)

JAS. HISLOP,
Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CHOIR.



THE choir during the past year has maintained its usual efficiency, and the attendance has been very satisfactory. The average attendance was about 28, with a membership of 36. We regret that during the year we lost several of our members, and at the choir social (kindly given by the managers) a special appeal was made inviting members and adherents of the Church who had musical ability to come and help us. We again extend the invitation, and assure new members of a cordial welcome.

A. BALLINGALL, Hon. Sec.

St. John's Presbyterian Church Revenue Account. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1900.

	£	s.	d.
RECEIPTS.			
Balance from Year 1899	48	18	10
Collections	658	4	7
Pew Rents	481	10	8
Rent of House in Willis Street	27	8	0
Proceeds Conversazione	14	12	0
Halt Proceeds Organ Recitals	3	11	6
Return Premium, Fire Insurance	0	4	0
Sundries	20	5	0
Collected for Social Gatherings	50	1	7
Collections for Dorcas and Charitable Purposes	12	3	0
Specially Collected for Dorcas and Charitable Purposes, per Mr. Wm. Allan	88	14	0
Church Extension and Sustentation Fund, per Envelopes	288	19	8
New Hebrides Mission—	11	0	0
Per Women's Missionary Association	6	0	0
Per Y.P.S.C.E.	1	0	0
Per Miss Glasgow's Bible Class	7	4	4
Per Junior Endeavour Society	14	8	8
Per Sunday Schools	3	0	0
Per "Dayspring"	7	11	0
Per Miss Glasgow's Class for Oct	1	1	0
British and Foreign Bible Society—	13	19	6
Per Mrs. Menzies	12	0	0
Per Mrs. Moore	5	12	0
R. Wilson, Heaton Park	17	12	0
Maori Mission—	23	9	4
Collection	7	18	1
Per Young Men's Bible Class	42	0	0
Collection for Sunday School	1	10	0
Proceeds Cantata, under Conductorship of Mr. Wm. Hepburn	3	10	0
Poonah Mission—	18	4	3
Per Junior Endeavour Society	10	0	0
Per Young Men's Bible Class	80	15	7
Collection for Mr. Robertson's Mission	5	5	0
"Hospital Choral	488	4	1
Indian Famine	39	14	10
Collection at Mr. Sands' Lecture, for Patea Church	1,700	8	2
EXPENDITURE.			
Minister's Stipend	600	0	0
Rev. J. Chisholm, Anniversary Services	4	4	0
Print Supply	135	0	0
Organist's Salary	60	0	0
Church Officer's Salary	61	15	7
Interest on Mortgage	36	15	7
Gas	51	17	11
Fire Insurance Premium	4	10	0
Expenses Annual Meeting	66	16	10
Training, Repainting, Cleaning and Altering Organ	75	12	6
Drainage	26	8	8
City Rates	23	6	1
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	1	6	0
Repairs to Water Engine	2	0	0
Presbytery Dues	11	14	0
Expenses of Representative to General Assembly	3	15	6
Gardener, Cleaning grounds, etc.	5	10	0
Music for Choir	5	0	0
General Assembly Expenses	10	11	0
Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	1	19	0
Lawyers' Fees and Legal Expenses	1	19	0
Communion Wine	5	7	6
Balance Owning on Piano	20	3	6
Socials	1	7	6
Valuation Fees for New Mortgage	5	0	0
Water Rate	1	10	0
Stamps	0	10	0
Bank Commission	0	0	0
Sundries	0	19	3
Treasurer, Ladies' Dorcas & Visiting Society	50	5	1
Special Charitable Purposes	11	19	6
Church Extension & Sustentation Fund	88	14	0
British & Foreign Bible Society	13	19	6
Sunday Schools	51	7	5
Poonah Mission	3	10	0
Robertson's Evangelistic Mission	18	4	3
Wellington Hospital	10	0	0
Indian Famine Fund	80	15	4
Church Treasurer, as per Contra	124	4	3
Rev. Mr. Sands, Patea	5	5	0
Balance	488	4	1
Total Receipts	1,700	8	2
Total Expenditure	1,222	9	8

St. John's Young Men's Bible Class.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1900.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
To Cash in Hand	7 7 10	37 10 9	By Printing, Stationery, etc. .. .
" Bank	30 2 11	33 4 6	Repairs
Collections for Year	21 0 0	11 10 0	Postages
Donations and Subscriptions—Library .. .	21 10 0	11 10 0	Library
" Missions—per Collection Cards, .. .	11 10 0	11 10 0	Printing Plant
" £8 18s.; Mr. Kersley, £5 5s.; .. .	6 19 9	18 12 0	Fire Premiums
" A Friend, £5 5s.; A Friend, £1 .. .	60 19 9	0 10 0	Donations and Subscriptions—Poonah Mission .. .
" 10s.; A Friend, 12s. .. .	0 1 9	1 13 8	" Maori
" Century Fund	£131 16 9	77 15 11	" Century Fund
" Class Funds—Social Club, bal- .. .		18 12 0	Interest
" ance from Lectures		0 10 0	Miscellaneous Expenses
Discount		1 13 8	Cash in Hand
		59 7 9	" Bank
		£131 16 9	
			£131 16 9

BALANCE-SHEET.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Home Mission	62 10 0	Cash in Hand	18 8 2
Missions (Cash in Hand not allotted) .. .	8 18 0	" Bank	59 7 8
General	123 3 11	Printing Plant	58 10 10
	£194 11 11	" " Less 20 per cent. Depreciation .. .	11 14 2
		Library	87 9 2
		" " Less 20 per cent. Depreciation .. .	17 9 10
			63 19 3
			£194 11 11

Audited and found correct—C. D. MORPETH,
Hon. Auditor.
4th February, 1901.

J. HUTCHEN,
Hon. Treas.

St. John's Presbyterian Church Sabbath Schools.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1900.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Credit Balance, 31st December, 1899	9 3 1	N.Z. Bible, Tract and Book Society—	61 12 10
Collections—		Periodicals, &c.	20 4 0
Willis Street School—		Library Books	9 13 0
General	28 9 11	Sundries and School Requisites .. .	3 4 0
Books, Periodicals, &c.	6 6 6	Expenses Annual Treat	94 13 10
"Dayspring" and New Hebrides Mission .. .	12 2 4	Subscription Wellington Sunday School Union .. .	1 0 0
New Hebrides Mission, Miss Glasgow's Class .. .	9 0 0	Repairing School Organs	6 0 0
Indian Famine Relief Fund	4 2 2	Insurance Premium, Mt. Cook School Organ .. .	0 5 0
Mount Cook School—		Tuning Piano	0 17 6
General	25 4 9	Caretaker Mt. Cook School	7 2 6
Books, Periodicals, &c.	9 17 10	Expenses General Assembly Examinations .. .	6 0 0
"Dayspring" and New Hebrides Mission .. .	7 5 7	Examination Prizes for 1899	2 4 9
Indian Famine Relief Fund	2 0 0	" " " 1900	2 18 9
Children's Morning Service—		" " " 1900	5 12 6
"Dayspring" and New Hebrides Mission .. .	1 18 9	Printing and Stationery	1 0 6
Annual Treat—		Advertising and Cheque Book	0 6 0
Subscriptions	26 5 0	Bank Commission	0 19 0
Proceeds Sale of Tickets	17 4 6	Sundry Expenses and Postages	0 12 6
Sunday School Anniversary—		Treasurer Indian Famine Relief Fund .. .	6 2 2
Church Collection	23 9 4	Church Treasurer—	
Collection, Cantata Service	7 18 1	New Hebrides Mission	13 4 4
Net Proceeds Tea Meeting	7 8 10	"Dayspring"	14 8 8
	38 16 3	Cot Maintenance, Ambrym Hospital .. .	3 0 0
	£197 16 9	Balance Cash in Hand	36 15 2
			0 12 3
Balance brought down	£0 12 3		£197 16 9

Audited and found correct—JNO. PAUL,
AND D. THOMSON, } Hon. Auditors.

WM. HOPKIRK,
Hon. Treasurer.

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KIRK SESSION.

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W. T. GLASGOW
A. HOPKIRK
WM. HOPKIRK
T. W. MCKENZIE
JAS MCKERROW

JOHN MCKAY
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BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR 1902.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

STATED MEETINGS.

- 1—**Divine Service** on Sabbath Mornings at 11; Evenings at 6 30. Prayer Meetings on Wednesday evenings at 7 30.
- 2—**Communion** on second Sunday of January, and on the 1st Sundays of April, July and October.
- 3—**Young People's Christian Endeavour Society** meets every Monday evening at 7.30. Secretary, Mr. J. D. Allan.
- 4—**Sabbath Morning Children's Service**, Mount Cook School, at 11. President, Mr. F. H. Fraser.
- 5—**Sunday Schools** meet in Willis Street and at Boys' School, Taranaki street, at 2.30 p m. Secretary, Mr. A. Purdie.
- 6—**Choir** meets for Practice on Wednesday evenings after Prayer Meeting.
- 7—**Ladies' Visiting and Dorcas Society** meets first and third Tuesdays of each month. Secretary, Mrs. Jno. Campbell.
- 8—**Band of Hope** meets on Friday evenings from 7 to 8.
- 9—**Teachers' Meetings** for study of Lessons and Business, Friday evenings at 8.
- 10—**Monthly Prayer Meeting of Teachers and Others** after Evening Service, first Sunday of each month.
- 11—**Meeting of Board of Managers** on second Wednesday in month, at 8 30 p.m.

The Annual Report

OF THE

KIRK SESSION AND BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

OF

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Willis Street,
Wellington, for the Year ending
31st December, 1901.

To be submitted to the Congregation at a meeting to be held in the Church, on Wednesday, 5th February, 1902.



WE beg to lay before the Congregation a statement of affairs of the Church, and the Balance-Sheet for the past twelve months. It is not too much to say that your Elders and Managers have endeavoured to do their best in the interests of the Church—spiritually and materially—and we trust that the true reason for the existence of any church—that is, the spiritual guidance and edification of the Congregation and others—has not been subordinated to its material interests. We have several branches of Christian work, which are being attended to by devoted church members, and we have every assurance that the blessing of God rests upon their labours.

The Anniversary Services were held by the Rev. Gibson Smith, of Invercargill, on the first Sunday in December, and were very highly appreciated. Instead of the usual Annual Social Meeting, the rev. gentleman delivered a lecture in the Church on the Poet Tennyson, and was assisted by the choir. Seldom has an audience in St. John's had a greater literary and elocutionary treat. It is questionable whether any previous Anniversary Services in St. John's Church have been more ably conducted or more thoroughly appreciated.

The membership on 31st December, 1901, stood at 513. The additions by examination were 15; by certificate, 24; total, 39. The disjunctions by death were 6; by certificate and otherwise, 33; total, 39.

Obituaries.—During the year the Congregation had to mourn the loss of several of its members by death. Mrs. William Bell, of Karori, an old member, long afflicted, died