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| Sunday School 100th Anniversary, November | 1953 |
| Centennial Jubilee of Church, November | 1953 |
| Seventy-fifth Anniversary of present Church, 3rd to 5th Dec. | 1960 |
| Y.M.B.C. Seventy-fifth Jubilee, July | 1964 |

Special Events:

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| Free Church of Scotland petitioned to send Minister to Wellington, 15th November, 1851, and congregation was formally established, 17th November | 1853 |
| Sunday School opened | 1853 |
| Mt. Cook branch Sunday School, Francis Place | 1872 |
| Mission started at Newtown, now St. James, under Mr. Robert Hopkirk | 1874 |
| First Service at Wadestown, by Rev. James Paterson | 1879 |
| Church Organ installed | 1886 |
| Bible Class movement started by Sir George Troup | 1888 |
| Services started at Brooklyn by Mr. John Reith | 1904 |
| Stained glass windows at South end, given by the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken, in memory of St. John's B.C. men who fell in the 1914-18 war | 1920 |
| Stained glass window at north end dedicated to the memory of the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken, first layman Moderator, 1917 | 1923 |
| Church Praise introduced 1884, New Church Praise 1910, and Church Hymnary | 1937 |
| Choir Gowned (first of Presbyterian Choirs in New Zealand) | 1944 |
| First Women Managers appointed | 1951 |
| Window facing the vestibule dedicated in remembrance of the devoted women, who, through 100 years, worshipped and served in St. John's | 1954 |
| Martin Window dedicated, July | 1965 |

Church Newspapers:

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| <i>The Record</i> | 1892-1896 |
| <i>The Torch Bearer</i> | 1930-1931 |
| <i>The Review</i> | 1936-1938 |
| <i>The Messenger</i> | 1941- |

Publications:

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| Jubilee Booklet of Diamond Jubilee | 1913 |
| Jubilee Booklet of Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee | 1938 |
| Jubilee Booklet of Church Centennial | 1953 |

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Willis Street, Wellington

ANNUAL REPORT

1969-1970



One Hundred and Seventeenth Report

covering period

1st July, 1969 to 30th June, 1970.

to be presented at the

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

on

WEDNESDAY, 26th AUGUST, 1970.

Minister:
REV. D. T. W. KINLOCH, The Manse, 2 Kelburn Parade, S. Tel: 46-492.

Session Clerk:
R. BRUCE FOWLER, 48 Bonmahon Avenue, S. Tel: 768-777.

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I. S. LOWMAN, 52 Alhambra Street, S. Tel: 861-608.

Church Treasurer:
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| BLAKE, J. E. | 1933 |
| FOWLER, R. | 1933 |
| SMITH, W. | 1941 |
| EVANS, D. J. | 1941 |
| MARTIN, J. | 1946 |
| EDWARDS, J. | 1946 |
| WOODS, M. | 1950 |
| MARSHALL, J. | 1950 |
| DORRIS, A. | 1950 |
| WORTH, G. | 1950 |
| VAN ZUYLEN, J. | 1950 |
| KEYS, W. | 1950 |
| MELLEN, J. | 1950 |
| OBBS, G. | 1950 |
| YOUNG, J. | 1950 |
| CHAPMAN, J. | 1950 |
| THOMSON, J. | 1950 |
| GARRATT, J. | 1950 |
| LOWMAN, I. S. | 1950 |
| SHIELDS, A. | 1950 |
| ARNOLD, R. D. | 1950 |
| AKER, F. G. | 1950 |
| STRONG, M. | 1950 |
| ROBERTSON, N. G. | 1950 |
| HUNT, John | 1950 |
| BRIDGE, D. J. | 1950 |
| Dr. HARRYE, A. H. | 1950 |
| MARTIN, T. G. | 1950 |

THE MINISTER'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

This report sees the start of my third year in my privilege of being your Minister. Speaking for myself, and indeed for the Manse family, there is much for which to be thankful. The work is growing and prospering under the Hand of God. This last year has seen a steady growth in the attendance and enthusiasm at the weekly Bible Studies. We are a happy group and there is room for you too, if you can make the effort and join us. The Sunday School has grown in strength under Mr Rollo Arnold and Mrs Arnold and their team of teachers. The Lantern Club has not only transferred the room in which they meet, they have also established a warm fellowship together and it is a pleasure to join them on occasions after the evening service. The Bible Class is flourishing under Mr Garratt and Mr Vink. With the indefatigable energy with which we associate them, the Session Clerk and Mrs Fowler have established the Sunday lunches which are much appreciated by our own folk and many who come as visitors.

Now to go through the entire list of organisations and commend the many who have given yet another year of unselfish service would be out of place here as account is given in the separate reports. So, if your name is not mentioned, you are far from forgotten and I would like you to realise this.

In short, may I commend you ALL for your warmth, enthusiasm and the lovely atmosphere which is felt when we meet for worship or at one of the church organisations. All this is truly the work of God and it is His blessing we have harvested and will, by His grace continue to harvest, as we continue in His free service.

What a fine sight it is to see the choir in strength and what a contribution they make to the worship. Our new organist, Ray Wilderspin, is doing a fine job and we hope he will be long with us.

The financial position has improved and the overdraft almost liquidated: another sign that when God gets the heart the money comes too.

We have added to our number during the year and have welcomed several new Communicants into full membership of St. John's. How lovely it is to see the young people coming forward to confess Christ before the Congregation. And speaking of congregations I have been encouraged and delighted at the considerable turn-out at the several pre-Communion Services.

It might interest you to know the organisations on which I serve as your representative and that of the Presbytery:-

Scots College Board of Governors
The Boys' Institute as Hon. President
Victoria House Women's Hostel Committee
National Society on Alcoholism
International Relations Committee
Inner City Committee
amongst others.

It has been my pleasure to speak to Youth for Christ and at the Baptist Hostel on more than one occasion. The folks at Porirua Hospital enjoy a showing of slides from time to time. Since the last report there have been around thirtyfive weddings in St. John's amongst whom I am glad to record were Barbara and Bruce Kinloch.

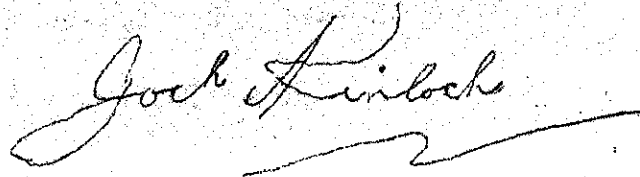
This is beginning to sound like Hebrews 11: 32 so I shall close now with just a final word of thanks and encouragement.

A very big "thank you" for the new heating in the Manse and for the countless little acts of kindness which have made the past year a precious and a memorable one.

And a final word of encouragement. Keep up the good work; there are so many people looking for a word of welcome, a smile and a helping hand, and above all for the good news of the Gospel of God revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

I thank God for you all and look forward to another year as

Your Minister and Friend,



The Kirk Session

Our Presbyterian Book of Order states "An Annual Meeting of the Congregation is held to receive a financial report from the Managers for the past year, and also to transact such other business as may be regularly brought before it. At such a meeting the Session also reports, for information, on the spiritual work of the Congregation for the year.

The minutes are embodied in the records of the Session, extract minutes of matters relating to finance being forwarded to the Board of Managers"

So each year we come together to take stock and to share in the joys, the sorrows, the hopes, the mistakes and the inspiration of our work together.

We rejoice in the evidence of new spiritual energy as shown in increased church attendance, in the young people coming forward to profess their faith and in active Bible Study and Prayer Groups

We have been greatly blessed in our Minister whose sincere, practical and thought provoking sermons have benefited each one of us.

Special mention should be made of the Family Services on the first Sunday of each month to which old and young alike look forward.

Both Mr and Mrs Kinloch never spare themselves in their visitation of the sick, the lonely and all in need and in the general hospitality they so generously extend to everyone.

The Communion Roll stands at 430. There have been fiftythree new members; ten being by Profession of Faith: with thirtythree disjunctions whose names were removed from the roll through death or transfer. There were ten baptisms.

Three of our Elders have left. Mr Ken Anderson returned to England. Mr Kensit, who has been ill for some time, is unable to drive his car to St John's and has joined a nearby church. Mr Guthbertson has returned to his old church.

Mr Noel Woods received a C.B.E. from the Queen at the Investiture held at the Town Hall, for his service in the labour field and to the community; not the least of which has been his fine contribution in Church Affairs.

Mr Garratt and Mr Thomson have taken services for us on the occasions when Mr Kinloch had to be away and this was a good contribution which we appreciated.

Our Elders representing us at Presbytery have been Messrs. Rollo Arnold and Frank Garratt and Sister Nessie Morgan also represents us on the Maori Liaison Committee.

Special Services held were: in August the Scots and Queen Margaret; in November Mr Greenslade preached during the visit of the Methodist Conference. On November 16th Doug Stout was licensed. We also had services attended by the Metropolitan Fire Brigade Band, Toc H, the Bible Society, the Rev. Henry Hahn, the Pacific Islanders and we have joined with St Andrew's for 8 a.m. Communion.

On the 28th of February a one-day retreat was held, attended by Elders, Managers and Leaders of all our Groups. The guest speaker was Mr Norman Perry. His theme 'Renewal'. This retreat was worthwhile for although no decisions are ever made by such a group the effect of sharing thoughts and ideas acts like a pebble thrown into the pond.

Session spent considerable time considering the various remits sent down from the General Assembly, and has forwarded their replies and opinions at the request of Presbytery, concerning such diverse topics as the age of retirement for ministers; certain aspects of the plan for union and the composition of Assembly representation.

Under the lead of Mr Arnold the Sunday School has strengthened and it is with regret that we lose him as Superintendent because he is working on a thesis and must devote time to this. He has been more than generous with his time, thought and the preparation he has given to this work and the Sunday School has been well launched into the New Curriculum of the Christian Education Department.

New ventures have been established of the 'Lantern', a group for young people, and the provision of dinners after the morning service. Both are providing valuable centres of fellowship for our own members and for visitors.

Roy Tankersley, our organist, left to further his studies in Christchurch. He was an enthusiastic and devoted musician who pointed out to us the need to establish an organ maintenance fund and he himself organised several recitals to establish this

We were most fortunate in securing Ray Wilderspin to replace Roy and both his playing and conducting of the Choir are very much appreciated.

The congregational life has been encouraged by the friendly atmosphere of all groups and by joint ventures shared: by the bonds that unite us in our sorrow at the death of some very fine members, our concern for the sick among our number and our joy in the engagements, weddings and births that all go to make up that very real fellowship of the family of St John's.

COMMITTEES OF SESSION

Youth Liaison: A. Dornan (convener), F.N. Garratt, J.W. Vink
Troup House: Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch (chairman), F.E. Chappell, Mrs P.G. Hughes, Rt. Hon. J.R. Marshall, J.W. Vink, N.S. Woods, N.G. Robertson (treasurer), R.B. Fowler (secretary)
Choir and Organ: J.W. Vink (convener), R.N. Fleming and Mrs Mary Mortimer.

The Board of Managers

COMMITTEES

Property: J. Hunt (convener), D.J. Bridge, F.E. Chappell, J.R. Don, R.N. Fleming, R. Gilmour, S. McKenzie, Mrs H.W. Piper, N.G. Robertson, N.S. Woods.
Envelopes: Dr. David Burton (convener), Mrs Mortimer and Mrs Wall
Rolls: Mrs Hughes and R.B. Fowler.
Historical Records: Miss H.D. Clyde, 90 Kelburn Parade, 5.
Rooms: Miss P. Lees, Home Tel. 552.363; Business 555.809
Projector: Messrs. D.J. Bridge and R.N. Fleming

(The Session Clerk and Clerk of the Board of Managers are ex-officio members of all committees)

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| Beggs, David | 89 Karepa Street, Brooklyn, 2 |
| Brodie, Miss E.M. | 54 Roxburgh Street, Mt. Victoria, 1. |
| Burton, Dr. David | 16 Motueka Street, Ngaio, 4 |
| Clachan, Miss M.C. | No. 5 Flat, P.S.S.A. Private Bag, Woburn. |
| De Vries, John A. | 36 Bruce Avenue, Brooklyn, 2 |
| Don, J.R. | 13 Dorking Road, Brooklyn, 2 |
| Fleming, R.N. | 9 Oban Street, Wadestown, 1. |
| Garratt, Ian | 170 Cecil Road, Wadestown, 1. |
| Gilmour, Robert | The Cottage, Troup House, 176 Willis Street, |
| Goss, Murray | The Cottage, Troup House, 176 Willis Street, |
| Hughes, Mrs Gladstone | 160 Oriental Parade, 1. |
| Johnston, Miss J.S. | Flat 4, Evan Park Court, 29 Kilbirnie Rd. 3 |
| Kraft, Wm. H. | 135 Kelburn Parade, 5. |
| Lees, Miss P. | Central Park Flats 132, 21 Brooklyn Rd. 2. |
| MacKenzie, Miss M.I. | 60 Kelburn Parade, 5. |
| Milkop, A.H. | 14 Franklyn Road, Tawa. |
| Mortimer, Mrs M | 55 Madras Street, Khandallah, 1. |
| Penney, A.T. | 10 Rewa Road, Hataitai, 3. |
| Piper, Mrs H.W. | 31 Bidwell Street, 2. |
| Roberts, Ian | C/- 28 Mortimer Terrace, 2. |
| Roberts, Wm. | 213 Cuba Street, 1. |

New Managers appointed at the Annual Meeting were Messrs. H. Baber, J.A. de Vries, R. Gilmour, M. Goss, J.L. Morrison, W. Roberts.

Three Managers resigned on leaving Wellington: Messrs. H. Baber, I. Brown, and J.L. Morrison. Mr Keith Caldwell, who had been first appointed to the Board in May 1960 and had been a faithful steward and regular attender, died on the 4th. of November 1969.

The property has been maintained in good order and condition and thanks for this are due to the Property Committee and those who accepted responsibility for keeping the grounds tidy.

Items of work carried out were the erection of two notice boards in the vestibule, the complete renovation of the piano in the Fellowship Room, the repair of the projector and the church amplifier system.

We had some generous anonymous donors and this enabled us to carry out two major projects. Firstly: the Fellowship Room was painted and this with the recently redecorated kitchen has made conditions for working and meeting warm, friendly and refreshing. Secondly: the cushioning of the pews on the lower level of the

level of the Church was completed by the donation of the final twentyeight cushions. Messrs. James Smith Ltd. also helped in this contribution by a generous discount. This addition to the beauty of the interior helps create that spirit of worship which is engendered as we walk into St John's.

The Manse also received attention by the installation of insulation and additional heating. Arrangements are currently under way for the painting of the Manse in some months time.

As an act of outreach the Board undertook the preparation of publicity material for distribution among the nearby hotels and motels so that guests may be kept informed of our Services and other church activities.

No special appeal has been necessary because the regular giving especially from the envelope contributors, the accrued interest from the endowment fund and the generosity of our women's organisations have enabled us to close the year's accounts with the small overdraft of \$20.53

The Choir

PRESIDENT: The Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch

ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER: Mr Ray Wilderspin

SECRETARY: Mrs M Mortimer, 55 Madras Street, Khandallah

TREASURER: Miss Patsy Wilson

LIFE VICE PRESIDENT: Miss H.D. Clyde

LIFE MEMBERS: Misses E.M. Brodie, D Chappell, P Lees, M.I. MacKenzie, Mr Pumfrey, Mr and Mrs F.A. Strong.

Mr Roy Tankersley was farewelled as our organist and choir-master in December. He had been with us for two years and during that time we learned much new music and his different approach to church music was interesting. We thank him and wish him and his Wife every success in their future.

During January Mrs Snelgrove and Mr Wilderspin supplied for us and he has now been appointed our Church Organist. We thank him for the very easy way in which he has taken his place among