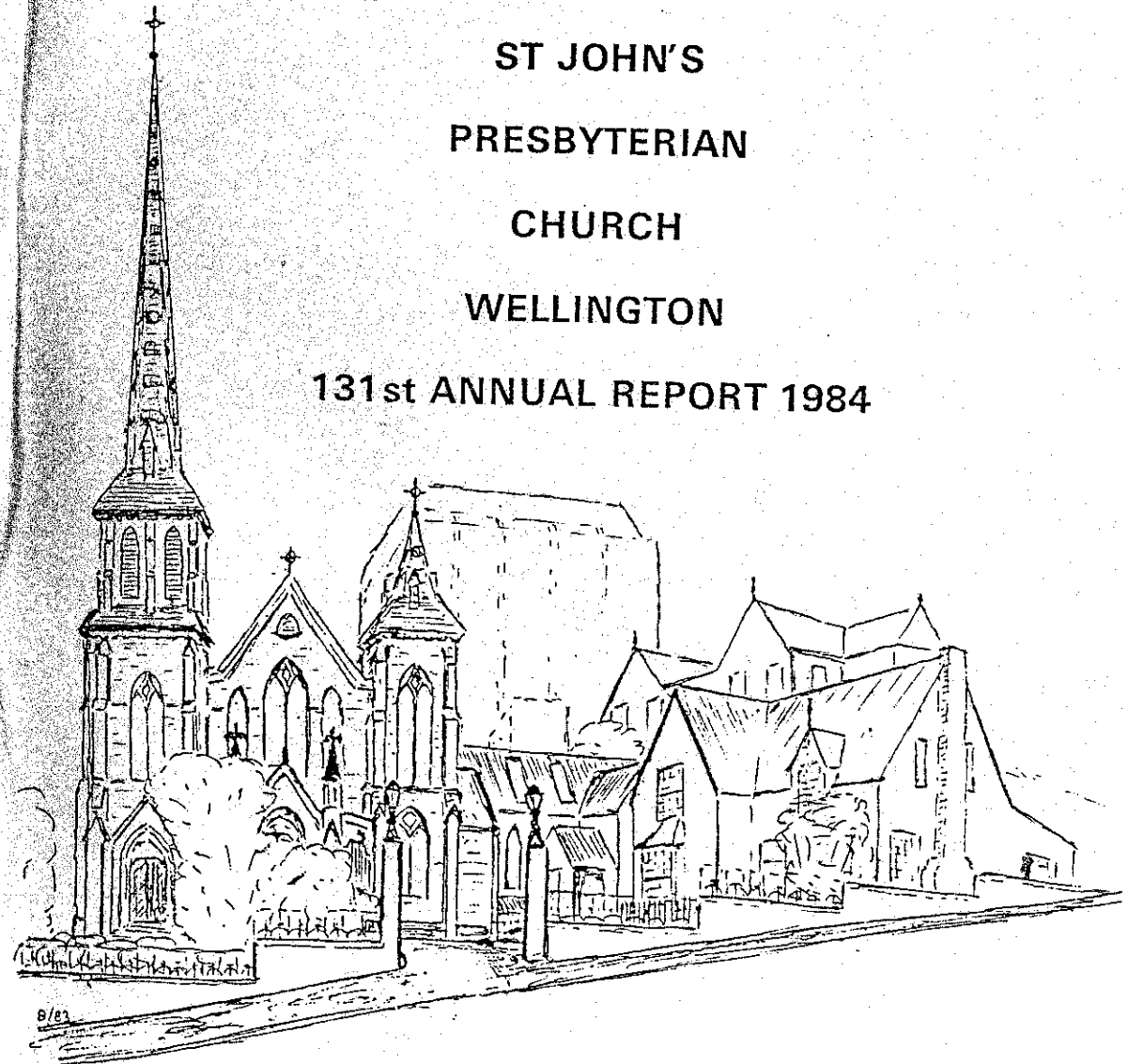


ST JOHN'S  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
WELLINGTON

131st ANNUAL REPORT 1984



CHURCH DIRECTORY

<u>Minister</u>	The Very Rev. David M. Steedman, M.A., B.D. 2 Kelburn Parade, 5	728.294
<u>Hon. Associate:</u>	The Rev. James A. Veitch, B.A. M.Th. Ph.D. 8 Canterbury Street, 5	769.490
<u>Session Clerk:</u>	Mr Roger T. Lloyd, 2 Stormont Place, 2	898.655
<u>Clerk to the Board of Managers:</u>	Miss Margaret Woods, 20 Barton Terrace, 1	730.033
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Mrs Mary Mortimer, 55 Madras Street, 4	797.023
<u>Organist and Choirmaster:</u>	Mr Raymond Wilderspin, 30 Raroa Road, 5	753.144

KIRK SESSION

		<u>Inducted</u>
Fowler, R.B.	48 Homewood Avenue, 5	July 1933
Smith, H.B.	25 Maida Vale Road, 3	1941
Woods, N.S.	38 Harrison Street, 2	1950
Marshall, Sir John	22 Fitzroy Street, 1	1950
Dornan, Alford	65 Trelissick Crescent, 4	1960
McLellan, Dugald	20 Apuka Street, 2	1962
Shiels, A. Y.	19 Fernhill Terrace, 1	1965
Robertson, N.G.	169 Karori Road, 5	1968
Hunt, John	24 Krull Street, 2	1968
Mrs N. Owen John	35 Phillip Street, 4	1970
Miss E. M. Brodie	98 Duncan Terrace Flats, 3	1972
Gilmour, R.M.	14 Norwich Street, 4	1972
Mrs M.W.M. Mortimer	55 Madras Street, 4	1972
Mrs M.M. Piper	31 Bidwill Street, 2	1972
Ferrier, R.J.	57 Wadestown Road, 1	1974
Aickin, K.B.	20 Manuka Street, 3	1974
Darroch, Allan	50 Sefton Street, 1	1975
Mrs B.D. Harris	29 Mortimer Terrace, 2	1978
Jaquier, Errol	"Kilmara", Main Road, Makara	1978
Stanley, Major G.	14 Glen Alton Avenue, 4	1978
Mrs Noyle Brown	27 Beerehaven Road, 3	1979
Lloyd, R.T.	2 Stormont Place, 2	1979
Stewart, C.F.	117 Messines Road, 5	1979
Wright, N.P.	Homedale Schoolhouse, Wainuiomata	1979
Leggat, H.C.	9 Pitt Street, 1	1979
Aitken, P.	137 Barnard Street, 1	1980
McCay, R.D.	26 Robieson Street, 3	1980
Mrs Marilyn King	5 Vennell Street, 2	1980
Anderson, R.W.	137 The Ridgeway, 2	1980
Drees, G.H.	22 Hurman Street, 5	1981
West, J.K.	98 Upland Road, 5	1981
Dangerfield, Nick	101A Waipapa Road, 3	1981
Dunn, Andrew	4/70 Hataitai Road, 3	1981
Galt, David	64B Pembroke Road, 5	1981
Marsh, A.G.	57 Beauchamp Street, 5	1981
West, I.F.	90 Melbourne Road, 2	1981
Mrs Marion Longstaff	43 Balfour Street, 2	1983
Miss Ailsa Salt	13 Williamson Way, 5	1983
Hollister-Jones, G.	13 Colombo Street, 2	1983
Shaw, D. H.	36 Montgomery Avenue, 5	1983
Rutherford, Gordon	32 Woburn Road, 5	1983

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Mr Richard Brader	Mr Gerry Janes
Mr Alexander Burton	Mr Bruce Jenkins
Dr David Burton	Miss Margaret Krebs
Mr Bill Clarke	Mr Sandy Lawson
Mrs Alison Dangerfield	Mr Malcolm Leitch
Miss Margaret Davidson	Miss Janice McCallum
Mr Cecil Duff	Mr Trevor McDonald
Mrs Joan Dunn	Mrs Margaret Mackay
Mr Arthur Elliott	Mr Graeme Mahoney
Mr David Ensor	Mr Allan Marshall
Mrs Margaret Galt	Mr Tom Shanks
Mr Allan Gibb	Mr Gavin Sutherland
Dr John Gommans	Mrs Kath Sutherland
Mrs Ros Gommans	Mr David Turner
Mr Paul Haggett	Miss Margaret Woods
Mr Michael Horvat	

COMMITTEES

<u>FINANCE</u>	Mrs M. Mortimer (Convener), R. Brader, D. Galt, D. Turner, Mrs M. King, N.G. Robertson	
<u>PROPERTY</u>	A. Elliott (Convener), S. Lawson, G. Janes, D. Ensor	
<u>ORGAN</u>	Mrs M. Mortimer (Convener), Mrs M. Hunt, Messrs M. Leitch and R. Wilderspin	
<u>TROUP HOUSE</u>	The Minister (Convener), Miss A. Salt, Mrs P. McCay, G. Hollister-Jones, I. Littleworth (Sec.), G. Janes, G. Sutherland (Treas.) and Bruce Welsh and Robert McBeth (Wardens)	
<u>ROLLS CLERK</u>	N.G. Robertson, 169 Karori Road, 5	768.118
<u>ENVELOPE</u>	Paul Haggett, 96 Central Park Flats	859.194
<u>SECRETARIES</u>	Gordon Stanley, 14 Glen Alton Ave.	784.548
<u>LETTING OF ROOMS/HALL</u>	Mrs C. Ferrier, 57 Wadestown Road	721.985
<u>WEEKLY INTIMATIONS AND DUPLICATING</u>	Mrs R.B. Fowler, 48 Homewood Ave., 5	768.187
<u>CHURCH FLOWERS</u>	Mrs Noyle Brown, 27 Beerehaven Rd.	886.180
	Mrs Doreen Woods, 38 Harrison St.	845.351
<u>"MESSENGER"</u>	Editor: Mr Errol Jaquiere, "Kilmara" Main Rd., Makara	767.537
<u>"SATURDAY AT 2"</u>	Mrs M. Hunt, 24 Krull St.	897.976
	Mrs B. Robertson, 169 Karori Road	768.118
	Miss M. Davidson, 118 Upland Road	759.895

<u>JUNIOR CHURCH</u>	Mrs Alison Horvat 16 Richmond Ave., Karori	769.027
<u>BIBLE CLASS</u>	Alexander Burton 115 Mornington Rd., Mornington	896.541
<u>JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS</u>	Andrew Dunn 4/70 Hataitai Road, Hataitai	861.307
<u>YOUTH GROUP</u>	Gregory Hollister-Jones 13 Colombo Street, Newtown	899.676
<u>CRADLE ROLL</u> (Also Sunday Creche)	Mrs Marion Longstaff	896.516
<u>BOYS' BRIGADE</u>	Miss Harriet Johnston 213 The Terrace. 1	722.774
	<u>Company</u> (Thurs. evening)	
	<u>Team Section</u> (Mon. evening)	
	<u>Anchor Boys</u> (Mon. afternoon)	Miss Jane Pack 11 Woodmancote Road, 5
		796.584
<u>GIRLS' BRIGADE</u>	Mrs Margaret Galt (Tues. afternoon and evening) 64B Pembroke Road, 4	758.358
<u>ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN</u>		
	<u>Linking Committee</u>	
	<u>President:</u>	Mrs B. Harris
	<u>Secretary:</u>	Miss J. Williams 4/83 Garden Road, 5
		859.162
	<u>Women's Assn</u>	Meets 4th Tuesday, 11 a.m.
	<u>Pres.</u>	Mrs L. Reeves
	<u>Sec.</u>	Miss J. Williams 4/83 Garden Road, 5
		797.976
	<u>Evening Guild</u>	
	<u>Pres.</u>	Mrs M. Longstaff
	<u>Sec.</u>	Mrs G. Stevens 57 Wilberforce St., 3
		896.516
		882.952

Dear friends at St John's,

The story that follows is a story of a group of people who are bound together in a special way - they are a part of the church. What is written down of course only tells a small part of the story. It doesn't tell the Christian influence of the people who share in the making of our story.

Do you remember when Wesley Church, Taranaki Street had a fire which destroyed the front part of the church? Within the next few days a sign appeared over the damaged part - BUSINESS AS USUAL. But what is business as usual in the Church?

#### WHAT IS OUR BUSINESS?

A number of people could give you their answer. People write letters to the paper about the voice of the Church being silent when it should have been heard on some public issue. "Where is the voice of the Church against nuclear warfare?", others cry. Some want the Church to protest against immorality while others are concerned about the unemployed. All these and more are part of the life and witness of the Church, but our business is not any of them or all of them. IT IS THE SPREADING OF THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL. I want to leave you a thought from Paul's letter to the Philippians, Chapter One. WE ARE PARTNERS IN THE WORK OF THE GOSPEL. I hope you can see that in the story of the different organisations of St John's.

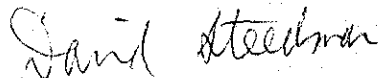
The GOOD NEWS is that God loves us and the world is His world. We can still hope and no power on earth can break the hold of God's love. God loves this world so greatly that He sent His Son and we know that He cares for the unemployed and the unjustly treated and we must care too in His name. WE ARE PARTNERS IN THE WORK OF THE GOSPEL.

Think of this as you read the reports. See how many people share in the work and how many are involved in the caring, supporting ministry of the Church. And pray for the influence of all the people from St John's and every church in the ongoing life of our city.

We proclaim in the Church - BUSINESS AS USUAL. It is God's business for we are PARTNERS with Him in the work of the gospel.

God bless you in your part in the life of our Church in the year ahead.

Yours,



David Steedman

## SESSION

Our year began in a spectacular way with the visit of the California State University Choir - a very highly trained group who used our church for a concert. They sang both religious and secular numbers, and were very well received by the large attendance.

The 6 months when the W.P. Temples looked after us ended late August, when our Minister, David, and his wife, Elaine, returned to us following their period away on moderatorial duties.

We were delighted to have the Temples with us, their unbounded enthusiasm was remarkable, with everybody appreciating their efforts, their hospitality and their Christian fellowship. Prior to their leavetaking, a congregational luncheon was held for them following morning service.

The Steedmans were warmly received back into the family of St. John's and they shared with us many of the highlights of their visits to our various Presbyterian churches and other areas of particular interest.

In August a delegate to the World Council of Churches Assembly at Vancouver was our Honorary Assistant, Jim Veitch. On his return, he shared with us many of his experiences.

We are very much indebted to the small band of helpers who achieved so much in restoring Spinks Cottage. The work performed was a credit to those involved, and we are sure will be appreciated by those fortunate to reside there.

The communicant roll stands at 300 after 22 additions, 20 disjunctions and 5 who died.

Elders - Personal: Don Shaw and Gordon Rutherford, both preparing to enter the ministry, were ordained as Elders. They were a welcome addition to Session.

Campbell Leggat was warmly received back into our midst following a 12 months' absence overseas.

The passing of Jim Thomson, a long serving and faithful Elder was felt deeply by so many of St. John's congregation. His special qualities of concern for those in his pastoral district and beyond were indicative of the man himself.

The publication of Sir John Marshall's Memoirs was an area for Session's congratulations.

Rev. D.T.W. Kinloch: The passing of 'Jock' Kinloch saddened many people throughout New Zealand as he was so very much loved and highly regarded, due not only by his pastoral ministry (St. John's 1968-75), but also by his hospital chaplaincy work and his 'Faith For Today' radio broadcasts, where he became widely known.

Miss Helen D. Clyde: Following 75 years of continuous association with St. John's, the long full life of Miss Helen Clyde came to a close in November. She will be remembered for her notable service to Christ and His Church.

Student for the Ministry: We are delighted that Ron Mills has settled in to his first year at Knox College.

Scholarship for Knox Theological College: A scholarship fund has been established, tenable to Knox College, for students going from St. John's. The support has been set for the next 3 years at \$1,000 p.a. The situation will be reviewed at the end of that period. \$1,000 has already been disbursed to Ron Mills.

Special Services: These have been varied with the customary Festival Services, various guest speakers, and a notable celebration when the Boys' Brigade celebrated their Centenary. This was a televised service in St. John's with 900 boys representing the B.B. from all over New Zealand. The P.S.S.A. celebrated 75 years' service over Queen's Birthday weekend. A Girls' Brigade service was held for those who had received the Queen's Badge.

Retirement of Session Clerk: At the end of February 1984, George Robertson retired after 10½ years of loyal, devoted service as Session Clerk. His total and absolute commitment to the endless tasks will not be forgotten. Few could possibly equal what he has given in time and energy. A presentation and a congregational luncheon was given for George and Betty Robertson following a morning service. A large attendance of wellwishers supported this special occasion.

Management of Session: There was a need to restructure Session, with the hope for a smoother operation. An Executive of 6 elders plus the Minister was formed whereby all material would be processed before submitting to Session. Responsibilities have been shared out with the result that we now have a Rolls Clerk, a Minute Secretary, a Communion Arrangements Elder, and a Session Clerk. Terms of appointment for all positions are 3 years only, but with retirements staggered.

Comprehensive Thanks: Session is very much aware of the tremendous amount of effort and work willingly given by so many members of St. John's. There are also a number who give of themselves in community organisations, and this is as it should be.

We have appreciated those within Session and the Youth Group who have conducted services. The publication of the "Messenger" is an ongoing task and we sincerely thank Errol Jaquier for all his efforts in this field. The weekly intimations are prepared by Mrs Anwyl Fowler and for this we thank her.

The amount of work involved by our Treasurer, Mary Mortimer, in looking after the financial affairs is mighty; no easy or simple task. With her forthcoming retirement we thank her most

To all our leaders in the young people's departments including those in Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade, we extend our heartfelt thanks for loyalty and enthusiasm. The work that they do is of paramount importance. It is in their hands that the future church lies.

To David and Elaine goes our heartfelt love and gratitude for all their unbounded enthusiasm and sharing in serving our Lord in this place. We thank them for their leadership in all departments of the St. John's family.

The Future: Society now lives in a time of great change the world over, and because of this we ourselves must be alive to the changes about us, be aware of new opportunities, accept the challenges as they come, regardless of our rather conservative attitudes, and be prepared to change.

ROGER T. LLOYD,  
Session Clerk.

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IN MEMORY

OF

MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH  
WHO DIED DURING THE YEAR

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date United with St. John's</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
HELEN DIANA CLYDE	September 1908	November 23, 1983
LAURENCE LAURENSEN	December 1931	January 21, 1984
DECIMA MEMBERY MILLS	December 1931	July 6, 1983
WILLIAM DEACON SQUIRE		November 11, 1983
EMMA ELIZABETH THOMSON	December 1964	September 16, 1983
JAMES ALEXANDER THOMSON	December 1964	April 3, 1984
WALTER STEWART THOMSON		August 3, 1983

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CHOIR

This year has been somewhat quieter in so far as our musical activities were concerned. There were only 2 Royal School of Church Music events - a choral evensong and the annual carol festival - the latter drawing the largest choir yet with St. John's well represented.

Our carols to shut-ins was again very successful and was held earlier in the day than previously. This is one of the choir activities which is always enjoyable and we are glad to be able to add a little extra joy to the hearts of those we visit.

We have been involved in several sung communions and we extend our thanks to all concerned for these opportunities of greater involvement in the services.

We were saddened by the death of our oldest honorary member, Miss Helen Clyde, last November. Miss Clyde had had a long and active involvement with St. John's choir. She will best be remembered by her children's carol "And Did You See Him Little Star".

We 'lost' two valued members of our choir at the start of 1984, in the departure for Knox College of Di and Ron Mills. Di had served as choir secretary for some 8 years and Ron was one of our tenors. We wish them both God's blessings on Ron's studies and in their parish life.

We thank those interested members of the congregation for their support and also to Ray Wilderspin we say thank you for your hard work and your magnificent organ playing.

JOHN BUCHANAN.  
Chairperson

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

A number of small Fellowship Groups meet weekly in homes and at the Manse for study, prayer, and sharing.

CRADLE ROLL

30 babies and small children are currently in our care.

Creche operates in the Fellowship Room during the Sunday morning service, when a happy little group play, or just watch or sleep.

We thank members of the congregation who take a regular turn on our roster, and those who help care for the little ones when we meet mid-week.

Regular opportunities to share fellowship continue, and this year the latter part of our 10 a.m. to 11.30 gatherings is spent learning crafts (2nd Tuesday of each month) and in group study/discussion (4th Thursday of each month).

Happenings over the past year included - our Easter Study, November party, pre-Christmas creche, a talk on safety in the home from an A.C.C. speaker, a beginning-of-the-year picnic with the Sunday School, and another to try kit-flying, a look at toys of interest from all around the world, and a visit from someone special at the congregational barbecue. We completed our major fund raising effort for the new hall - 1,020 recipe books sold for a profit of \$3,068.38, donations included.

Members of our group are most appreciative of the continuing caring and loving support of the Steedmans.

MARION LONGSTAFF  
Convener

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church is alive and well at St. John's. We now have a roll of 29 children, many of whom are very regular attenders.

As well as our usual classroom activities we have had several "extras" this year. The highlights were - a family picnic at the Dell, kite flying in Kelburn, a games afternoon in the Hall and, most recently, individual class trips to MacDonalds. We have also tried to take more part in the morning services and have enjoyed our opportunities of singing to you.

Many thanks to the other teachers, Mrs Carolyn Ferrier, Mrs Kathryn Smith and Mr Dick Burgess; our relief teacher, Miss Kathy Stobbs; Mrs Steedman and Mrs Irvine for their holiday programme and, of course, all the parents for their support.

We look forward with prayer to a year of further growth and fun.

Alison Horvat

The last year has been one of change. Not only within the committee but in the reopening of Spinks Cottage. Work on the cottage has virtually been completed and residents have been in for the past 6 months. We welcome them and new people in Troup House to the family of St. John's.

The major concern for the year has been the restoration of Spinks Cottage. This task has been completed apart from a few minor tasks at a cost of \$28,235 (exception of carpeting costs). Donations from the congregation of various items has been generous, making the project a whole church effort. But a lot of work has been done by individuals and is much appreciated. In particular the contribution of Ailsa Salt is worthy of mention. Spinks Cottage was officially reopened on Sunday 19 February 1984.

When the proposal for the erection of the new hall was being costed, provision was made for the expenditure of \$20,000 on restoration work on the cottage. The cost of moving the cottage, including the reinstatement of chimneys and the re-erection of the verandah were met directly by the Historic Places Trust.

When restoration work commenced after the moving of the cottage, it was found necessary to replace the roof \$5,000, reglaze all the windows \$1,000 and hire scaffolding \$1,000; items which were not expected when the removal was planned.

The costs of the restoration amounted to \$28,235, of which \$5,273 came from the Building Fund and the balance from donations \$11,709 and \$11,253 from the Troup House Committee Funds. The Committee has recently been informed that the late Miss Troup has provided in her will for a legacy for the benefit of the cottage restoration. This will be at least \$5,000 if not more. When this legacy is received it will be applied in reduction of the expenditure made from the Building Fund. The net cost to the congregation for the restoration work will then be very minimal, if anything at all.

Changes have also been taking place within the committee, with the retirement of three foundation members. Sir John Marshall, Mr Noel Woods and Mr George Robertson have all worked diligently for Troup House and the services of the years is much appreciated. We also farewelled Mrs Robertson and thank her for her help and guidance while on committee. New faces on the committee include Mrs P. McCay, Messrs G. Hollister-Jones, I. Littleworth, and B. Welsh (Warden for the Cottage). Their contribution is appreciated.

We look forward to another successful and rewarding year.

IAN LITTLEWORTH  
Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S BIBLE CLASS INSTITUTE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1984

Balance 1.7.83		Maintenance -general	61.89
Bank of N.Z.	1,185.98	Repaint Troup House	533.73
Church Office	9,892.37	Insurance	155.68
		Rates	436.18
	11,078.35	Telephones	552.90
Rents	3,390.00	Electricity	421.24
Interest -		Gas	43.24
B.N.Z.	36.30	Bank fees,	
Church Office	669.09	stationery	13.80
Insurance refund	154.45	Recommissioning	
(1983 claim)		expenses	1,413.01
Donation	5,304.00	Reconstruction	
Advance Managers	1,500.00	expenses	13,123.80
			<u>16,755.52</u>
		Balances 30.6.84	
		B.N.Z.	648.94
		Church	
		Office	4,727.73
			<u>5,376.67</u>
	<u>\$22,132.19</u>		<u>\$22,132.19</u>

Source of Funds for Restoration of Cottage

Donations - Wellington City Council	5,000.00
Miss Troup	5,000.00
Former residents	1,405.00
Open Day	134.00
Other	170.00
	<u>11,709.00</u>
Troup House Committee	11,252.88
Advance from Church Funds	1,500.00
Accounts paid by Board of Managers	3,772.86
	<u>28,234.74</u>