

**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.

THE ANNUAL REPORT  
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.

**W**E 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 Riwaka 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.

**I**N 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:—

are as follows:

SCHOLARS.										
	Boys.		Girls.		Total.		Average Attendance.		Average Attendance excluding wet Sundays.	
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.

**T**HE 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.

**I**N 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.

**I**N 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.

**W**E 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.

**T**HE 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.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance from Year 1899	438 18 10	Minister's Stipend	800 0 0
Collections	438 4 7	Rev. J. Oulsholm, Anniversary Services	4 4 0
Pew Rents	438 10 8	Print Supply	135 0 0
Rent of House in Willis Street	27 0 0	Organist's Salary	60 0 0
Proceeds Conversazione	14 12 0	Church Officer's Salary	61 1 0
Half Proceeds Organ Recitals	3 11 6	Interest on Mortgage	36 15 7
Return Premium, Fire Insurance	0 4 0	Gas	51 17 11
Sundries	20 5 0	Fire Insurance Premium	66 12 10
Collected for Social Gatherings	50 1 7	Expenses Annual Meeting	75 12 6
Collections for Dorcas and Charitable Purposes	12 3 0	Tuning, Repairing, Cleaning and Altering Organ	26 8 8
Specially Collected for Dorcas and Charitable Purposes, per Mr. Wm. Allan	88 14 0	City Rates	23 6 1
Church Extension and Sustentation Fund, per New Hebrides Mission	288 19 8	Stationery, Printing and Advertising	1 5 0
Per Women's Missionary Association	11 0 0	Repairs to Water Engine	2 0 0
Per Y.P.S.C.E.	6 0 0	Presbytery Dues	3 15 6
Per Miss Glasgow's Bible Class	1 0 0	Expenses of Representative to General Assembly	11 14 0
Per Junior Endeavour Society	7 4 4	Music for Choir	10 10 0
Per Sunday Schools	14 8 8	Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	5 0 0
Per "Dayspring"	3 0 0	Lawyers' Fees and Legal Expenses	10 11 0
Per Miss Glasgow's Class for Co-ops	108 12 3	Communion Wine	1 19 0
British and Foreign Bible Society—		Balance Owning on Piano	5 5 7
Per Mrs. Menclaus	7 11 0	Socials	20 3 6
Per Mrs. Moore	5 7 6	Valuation Fees for New Mortgage	1 7 6
Per Mrs. Wilson, Heaton Park	1 1 0	Water Rate	1 5 0
Maori Mission—		Stamps	1 10 0
Collection	12 0 0	Bank Commission	0 10 0
Per Young Men's Bible Class	5 12 0	Sundries	0 19 3
Collection for Sunday School	17 12 0	Treasurer, Ladies' Dorcas & Visiting Society	50 1 1
Proceeds Cantata, under Conductorship of Mr. Wm. R. Park	23 9 4	Special Charitable Purposes	11 19 6
Poonah Mission	7 18 1	Church Extension & Sustentation Fund	88 14 0
Per Young Men's Bible Class	42 0 0	British & Foreign Bible Society	13 19 6
Collection for Mr. Robertson's Mission	1 10 0	Sunday Schools	31 7 5
"Hospital Chapel	18 4 3	Poonah Mission	8 10 0
"Indian Famine	80 15 1	Robertson's Evangelistic Mission	18 4 3
Collection at Mr. Sands' Lecture, for Patea Church	5 5 0	Wellington Hospital	10 0 0
		Indian Famine Fund	80 15 1
		Church Treasurer, as per Contra	124 4 3
		Rev. Mr. Sands, Patea	488 4 1
		Balance	39 14 10
			1,222 9 8
			£1,700 8 2



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

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

RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Cash in Hand ..	..	7 7 10		By Printing, Stationery, etc.	..		4 0 8
" Bank ..	..	30 2 11		Repairs ..	..		0 8 0
			37 10 9	Postages ..	..		0 5 0
Collections for Year ..	..		38 4 6	Library ..	..		27 10 0
Donations and Subscriptions—Library ..	..	21 0 0		Printing Plant ..	..		0 4 8
" Missions—per Collection Cards, ..	..			Fire Premiums ..	..		0 17 0
" £8 18s.; Mr. Kersley, £5 5s.; ..	..			Donations and Subscriptions—Poonah Mission ..	1 10 0		
" A Friend, £5 5s.; A Friend, £1 ..	..			" Maori ..	5 12 0		
" 10s.; A Friend, 12s. ..	..	21 10 0		" Century Fund ..	11 10 0		
" Century Fund ..	..	11 10 0				18 12 0	
" Class Funds—Social Club, bal- ..	..			Interest ..	..	0 10 0	
" ance from Lectures ..	..	6 19 9		Miscellaneous Expenses ..	..	1 13 8	
Discount ..	..		60 19 9	Cash in Hand ..	18 8 2		
			0 1 9	" Bank ..	59 7 9		
						77 15 11	
			<u>£131 16 9</u>			<u>£131 16 9</u>	

## BALANCE-SHEET.

LIABILITIES.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	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 9	
General ..	..	123 3 11				77 15 11	
				Printing Plant ..	..	58 10 10	
				" " Less 20 per cent. Depreciation ..	..	11 14 2	
						46 16 8	
				Library ..	..	87 9 2	
				" " Less 20 per cent. Depreciation ..	..	17 9 19	
						69 19 3	
			<u>£194 11 11</u>			<u>£194 11 11</u>	

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.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	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		Hymn Books for Mission Services ..	..		94 13 10
"Dayspring" and New Hebrides Mission ..	..	12 2 4					1 0 0
New Hebrides Mission, Miss Glasgow's Class ..	..	9 0 0		Expenses Annual Treat ..	..		
Indian Famine Relief Fund ..	..	4 2 2	60 0 11½	Subscription Wellington Sunday School Union ..	..	6 0 0	
				Repairing School Organs ..	..	0 5 0	
Mount Cook School—	..			Insurance Premium, Mt. Cook School Organ ..	..	0 17 6	
General ..	..	25 4 9		Tuning Piano ..	..		7 2 6
Books, Periodicals, &c. ..	..	9 17 10½					6 0 0
"Dayspring" and New Hebrides Mission ..	..	7 5 7		Caretaker Mt. Cook School ..	..	2 4 9	
Indian Famine Relief Fund ..	..	2 0 0	44 8 2½	Expenses General Assembly Examinations ..	..	2 18 9	
				Examination Prizes for 1899 ..	..	5 12 6	
Children's Morning Service—	..			" " " 1900 ..	..		8 16 0
"Dayspring" and New Hebrides Mission ..	..		1 18 9				1 0 6
Annual Treat—	..			Printing and Stationery ..	..		0 8 0
Subscriptions ..	..	28 5 0		Advertising and Cheque Book ..	..		0 10 0
Proceeds Sale of Tickets ..	..	17 4 6	43 9 6	Bank Commission ..	..		0 12 6
				Sundry Expenses and Postages ..	..	6 2 2	
Sunday School Anniversary—	..			Treasurer Indian Famine Relief Fund ..	..		
Church Collection ..	..	23 9 4		Church Treasurer—	..		
Collection, Cantata Service ..	..	7 13 1		New Hebrides Mission ..	..	13 4 4	
Net Proceeds Tea Meeting ..	..	7 8 10	38 16 3	"Dayspring" ..	..	14 8 8	
				Cot Maintenance, Ambrym Hospital ..	..	3 0 0	
			<u>£197 16 9</u>				36 15 2
				Balance Cash in Hand ..	..		0 12 3
Balance brought down ..	..	£0 12 3					<u>£197 16 9</u>

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

WM. HOPKIRK,  
Hon. Treasurer.

# St. John's Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.

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

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
General Fund--				Conveners--			
Brought Forward ..	..	1 5 9½		Sunshine ..	..	6 5 10	
Collections ..	..	6 3 9		Social ..	..	0 10 11	
Sale of G. Link ..	..	2 15 6		Correspondence, etc. ..	..	0 10 0	
Hon. Members ..	..	0 16 6		Literature ..	..	0 10 0	7 16 9
Donation for Literature ..	..	1 0 0					
Sundries ..	..	2 6 7		General--			
Sunshine ..	..		14 8 1½	Bible, Book and Tract ..	..	2 9 8	
Missions ..	..		6 5 10	Turnbull, Hickson and Palmer ..	..	3 1 0	
Brought Forward ..	..	1 7 0		N.Z. Endeavour ..	..	1 2 10	
General Missions ..	..	5 10 8½		Women's Christian Endeavour Union ..	..	1 6 6	
New Hebrides ..	..	8 13 3		Sundries ..	..	0 10 9	8 10 9
Dr. Annand ..	..	3 17 0		Missions--			
			19 7 11½	Dr. Bowie ..	..	5 0 0	
				New Hebrides ..	..	6 0 0	11 0 0
				Balances--			
				General Fund ..	..	4 0 11½	
				Mission ..	..	1 3 8½	
				New Hebrides ..	..	2 13 3	
				Dr. Annand's ..	..	4 6 6	
				Literature ..	..	0 10 0	12 14 5
							£40 1 11
			£40 1 11				

Audited and found correct--  
WM. HOPKIRK.

G. R. BELL,  
Hon. Treas.

## St. John's Church. NEW CENTURY FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Amount of Subscriptions Paid ..	..	256 17 0	£256 17 0	By Treasurer New Century Fund ..	..	256 17 0	£256 17 0

JOHN G. W. AITKEN,  
Hon. Treasurer.

## St. John's Church. STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 31st DECEMBER, 1900.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Amount of Mortgage on Property ..	..	1,500 0 0		Estimated value of Church, School-room, Manse, Ground, etc. ..	..	13,622 0 0	
Balance ..	..	12,381 14 10		Unpaid Seat Rents, estimated ..	..	20 0 0	
			£13,881 14 10	Balance to Credit, Revenue Account ..	..	39 14 10	£13,881 14 10

JOHN G. W. AITKEN,  
Hon. Treasurer.

## St. John's Band of Hope. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1900.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance Brought Forward ..	..	0 15 11		Lantern Screen ..	..	0 14 9	
Member's Subscriptions ..	..	0 15 6		Printing Pledge Cards ..	..	0 6 6	
Proceeds of Tea Meeting ..	..	0 11 6		Provisions for Annual Tea ..	..	1 1 8	
			£2 2 11				£2 2 11

THOMAS HARROWER,  
Hon. Treasurer.

# St. John's Young Women's Bazaar and Literary Society.

## ELEVENTH SESSION.

RECEIPTS.						EXPENDITURE.					
					£ s. d.						£ s. d.
Cash in Hand	..	..	..	..	1 3 6	Stationery	..	..	..	..	0 4 0
Subscriptions	..	..	..	..	0 16 0	Veitch and Allan	..	..	..	..	1 18 7
Donations	..	..	..	..		Children's Tea	..	..	..	..	0 18 3
A. Friend	..	..	..	..	0 10 0	Balance	..	..	..	..	0 12 8
Mrs. Scoullar	..	..	..	..	0 2 0						
Miss Lorimer	..	..	..	..	0 10 0						
Mr. Hunter	..	..	..	..	0 10 0						
					<u>£3 11 6</u>						<u>£3 11 6</u>

Audited and found correct—JOHN REITH.

ELLA REITH, Hon. Treasurer.

# St. John's Ladies' Bazaar and Visiting Society.

## BALANCE-SHEET, 1900.

RECEIPTS.						DISBURSEMENTS.					
					£ s. d.						£ s. d.
Cash Balance in Hand	..	..	..	..	5 17 5	Material for Sewing	..	..	..	..	8 14 10
January Collection for Poor	..	..	..	..	9 8 0	Distributed to Poor	..	..	..	..	34 2 6
April " " (Extra)	..	..	..	..	12 19 0	Balance in Hand	..	..	..	..	14 11 8
Sale of Machine	..	..	..	..	0 4 6						
July Collection for Poor	..	..	..	..	1 0 0						
" " (Extra)	..	..	..	..	11 7 6						
October " " (Extra)	..	..	..	..	0 2 0						
December, Special Donation for Christmas	..	..	..	..	15 10 7						
					<u>1 0 0</u>						
					<u>£57 9 0</u>						<u>£57 9 0</u>

C. W. MOORE,  
Hon. Treasurer.

**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.**



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**1902.**

## KIRK SESSION.

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Moderator :  
REV. JAMES PATERSON.

Elders :

J. G. W. AITKEN  
WM. ALLAN  
JAS. BRUCE  
JOHN FERGUSON  
F. H. FRASER  
W. T. GLASGOW  
A. HOPKIRK  
WM. HOPKIRK  
T. W. MCKENZIE  
JAS MCKERROW

JOHN MCKAY  
M. MENELAUS  
JAS MITCHELL  
C. S. MOORE  
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G. A TROUP  
JOHN WILSON

Session Clerk :  
WM. SIMM.

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## BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR 1902.

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J. ATKINSON  
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T. GILL

Treasurer :  
J. G. W. AITKEN.

Secretary :  
A. D. THOMSON.

## **ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.**

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### **STATED MEETINGS.**

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- 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

on the 23rd March. Thomas B. Hewitt, a man of upright character, after much suffering, borne with Christian fortitude, died on the 24th August. Mrs. Mowat, a gentle, kindly, Christian woman, died on the 1st September. Mrs. Bethune, an aged Christian, died on the 12th September. John Brown, an office-bearer of the Church, greatly respected for his Christian integrity and worth, died on the 1st November. Mrs. Stevenson, a bright Christian, cheerful even in suffering, died on the 5th December. These were members in full communion with the Church. Several others were taken away by death, some young, some older members of families connected with the Church, and with those families and the others bereaved the Session and Congregation would express their deep sympathy, and pray that they may have Divine comfort.

**Choir.**—We beg to convey to the choir our thanks for the services so willingly rendered by them during the past year, and to Mr. Maughan Barnett, who has so ably officiated at the organ. In this connection we are pleased to think that the reputation of St. John's organ has been largely and deservedly enhanced by Mr. Barnett's efforts.

**Sabbath Schools.**—You will have laid before you a special report upon the Sabbath Schools. In passing we regret to note the serious lessening of total attendance of scholars at schools, and also a diminution in the total number of teachers. The school Secretary touches upon this matter in his detailed report.

**Finance.**—The Finances of the Congregation have been well maintained during the year. We would urge upon all connected with the Congregation the importance of our Home Mission and Foreign Mission Funds, and would ask that each should contribute thereto. We are much indebted to the Women's Missionary Association for the work done by them in connection with our Foreign Mission.

Copies of the Balance-Sheet were distributed to members and adherents through the post previous to last Sunday.

**General.**—In accordance with the instructions of the Congregation at the Annual Meeting upon 6th February last, the Board of Management purchased (at the generous price at which it was offered by the owners) the piece of ground at the rear of the class room, and are in consultation with the Architect at present as to the building to be erected there for class-room purposes.

It is anticipated that, long before the next Annual Meeting of the Church, we will be satisfactorily equipped in the way of teaching accommodation.

During the year it was ascertained that certain repairs were necessary in connection with the final of the spire, and the occasion of repairing was taken advantage of to repaint the two steeples. This was badly needed, and is a manifest improvement. The complete painting of the Church was postponed until a more suitable time of the year.

Complaints having been repeatedly made as to the faulty lighting of the Church, the Managers, by a sub-committee, went very exhaustively into the question—especially comparing the costs and efficiency of electric light and incandescent gas burners. It was finally decided to accept the tender of the Wellington Gas Company, and so far we have every reason to be pleased with the installation.

The necessities of the Wellington Education Board, caused by the disastrous Terrace School fire in June last, were partly met by their leasing from St. John's the school-room building. A satisfactory arrangement was made, but the fact must be recognised that (except to be of assistance at a critical time to so deserving an institution) the Managers would not of thought of thus interfering with the work of the Church and Sunday School. It is expected that the new Terrace School will shortly be erected, and thus relieve the position.

The different branches of church work, viz., The Woman's Missionary Association, The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, The Ladies' Visiting and Dorcas Society, all contribute their separate reports.

In conclusion, we trust that you will join with your office-bearers in an expression of satisfaction with the state of St. John's affairs, and in thankfulness to God for the many blessings, spiritual and material, He has vouchsafed us during the past twelve months.

## ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOLS.



GAIN the duty devolves upon us of submitting our report on the year's work of the two Sabbath Schools. We thank our Heavenly Father for the many privileges and blessings bestowed upon us, and implore His forgiveness of our many failings and neglected opportunities.

**Attendance.**—We regret to have to record a material decrease in our numbers, especially in the Willis Street



School. This is due partly to the numerous changes which have taken place in our teaching staff during the year, several of our gentlemen teachers having been removed from the city. Another cause lies in the adverse circumstances in the matter of accommodation at both schools. We are pleased, however, to state that the Managers have recognised our position at Willis Street, and have purchased an adjoining section of land, with a view of erecting commodious classrooms. The average attendance of scholars at both schools is very satisfactory, and indicate that our boys and girls are attending with greater regularity at present than hitherto.

Details of the attendance are as follows:—

#### SCHOLARS.

	Boys.	Girls.	Totals.	Average Attendance.	Average Attendance, excluding wet Sundays.
Willis Street	225	192	417	302	310
Mount Cook	188	179	367	249	251
Totals	413	371	784	551	561

	Senior Division.	Intermediate Division.	Junior Division.	Totals.	Scholars Over 15 Yrs.
Willis Street	110	191	116	417	124
Mount Cook	64	157	146	367	78
Totals	174	348	262	784	302

#### TEACHERS AND OFFICE-BEARERS.

	Gentlemen.	Ladies.	Totals.	Average Roll.	Average Attendance.
Willis Street	16	18	34	35	30
Mount Cook	15	14	29	28	26
Totals	31	32	63	63	56

The highest attendance of Scholars on one Sunday was:—

Willis Street	360
Mount Cook	276

**Children's Morning Class.**—A severe and prolonged illness has unfortunately laid aside the popular Superintendent, the Hon. F. H. Fraser. Miss Hutchen, too, has been reluctantly compelled to resign owing to ill-health. The attendance has therefore fallen somewhat during the year, but satisfactory arrangements have now been made for again successfully maintaining the meetings.

**The Annual Treat** at Day's Bay was, as usual, much enjoyed by the young people.

**Anniversary Services** were held on 9th June, the Rev. Jas. Paterson preaching in the morning and evening, and Mr. Jolly taking the afternoon meeting. The services were very successful, especially from a financial point of view, the Church collections being fully £10 in excess of the previous year. This enabled us to add considerably to our libraries without curtailing other expenditure. The Tea Meeting on the Wednesday following was well attended, and the Cantata, "Under the Palms," rendered afterwards under the conductorship of Mr. William Hopkirk, gave great pleasure to a good audience. We wish to heartily thank the ladies and gentlemen who so freely gave their services on this occasion, and especially Mr. M. Barnett, whose efficient work at the organ was so important a factor in the success of the Cantata. The children also met in the Church on the afternoon of the Church Anniversary, and listened attentively to a splendid address by the Rev. Gibson Smith, of Invercargill.

**Library.**—We note with satisfaction the increasing interest of our scholars in this branch of our work. Books, carefully chosen, to the value of £20 have been placed on the shelves. The stock, however, is still inadequate for the demand, and we hope by the liberal assistance of the congregation to make larger additions during the coming year.

**Bible Classes.**—The Young Men's classes are well attended and the interest in the meetings is well sustained. The Willis Street class are still in charge of the "Young Men's Magazine," and by their efforts have established it as a Colonial Periodical. The Young Ladies' classes, though not quite so strong numerically, are in a thriving state, and take considerable interest in missionary work.

**The Prayer Meeting**, held regularly on the first Sabbath of each month, at the conclusion of the Church service, has been found very helpful to those who attend. We hope to see more of our teachers remaining to this meeting.

**Band of Hope.**—Although the session was somewhat shorter than usual, the meetings were highly successful, the attendance being large and the behaviour excellent. We look forward to even better meetings next session.

**Examinations.**—Both schools were fairly well represented in the Sunday School Union and the General Assembly Examinations. The Mount Cook results were excellent, but those of Willis Street were not so good as could be desired.

**Teachers' Meetings.**—The weekly Preparation Class has met regularly. The lessons have been well handled and several excellent discussions have ensued. The long standing com-

plaint about the attendance still exists. Nevertheless, we are hopeful of an improvement in the future. Our picnic, held at Nai Nai, was greatly enjoyed, and the winter social passed off satisfactorily.

**Treasurer's Statement.**—The Treasurer's Statement shows what we have done with the moneys subscribed, the total of which is nearly the same as last year. We regret that our Mission Subscriptions are not more, and we hope teachers and parents will do what they can to encourage a generous giving to this object. Our chief expense is for periodicals and magazines for free distribution to scholars, but we think that the cost is amply justified by the pleasure given, and also, we trust, in the good done through the circulation of pure literature in the children's homes.

We cannot conclude without a word of thanks to those friends who have so ably assisted us by their means, their sympathy and their prayers during the past year; such hearty support is very encouraging to us, and a means of blessing to the scholars. We need additional teachers. Will not the congregation heartily respond in this respect also, and share the privilege of instructing the children in truths pertaining to their eternal welfare?

F. H. FRASER,

WM. HOPKIRK,

Superintendents, Willis Street.

A. PURDIE,

Hon. Secretary.

WM. ALLAN,

Superintendent, Mount Cook.

31st December, 1901.

## ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.



THE usual meetings of the Association were held during the year on the third Friday in each month, with an average attendance of ten members. At the Annual Business Meeting Mrs. Reith resigned the position of President. Her resignation was received with regret. In October Miss Bruce gave in her resignation as Secretary; it was accepted with regret. A Mission box was sent to Dr. Bowie of Ambrym; it was filled by contributions from members of the congregation and a parcel from the C.E. Society, Westport. The thanks of the Association were tendered to Mrs. James Smith for the energetic way

in which she attended to the despatch of the box. A letter has been received from Dr. Bowie acknowledging the receipt of the box, and rendering thanks for the various articles and the gifts to the Missionaries. The Treasurer, Mrs. Hustwick, needs collectors, and the members of the Association will be glad if a larger number of young girls will come forward and offer themselves as collectors. We are encouraged in our work by knowing that the contributions of the congregation to Mission Work have increased since the formation of the Woman's Missionary Association. The small attendance at the monthly prayer meeting is difficult to explain, and the members will be glad if their number is greatly increased this year, but as they believe that it is a good and right thing to meet and pray for brethren in the Foreign fields, and listen to the hearing of Missionary news, and believe in the efficiency of prayer, they will continue to meet although their numbers decrease instead of increasing, but they will be very glad if their sister women in the congregation will come and help them to make the Association a greater power for good.

E. S. DICK, President.

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



OUR roll during the year has not altered materially numerically. Seven new active members have joined, and eight, from various causes, have left the Society. There are on the roll 50 Active, 5 Associate and 50 Honorary members. The average attendance has been good, and the tone of the weekly meeting healthy and encouraging, many of the subjects having been ably and interestingly dealt with. The programme of work for the year has been regularly carried out by the various committees, and the interest in Missionary work, Home and Foreign, has been sustained. The collections, however, for Foreign Missionary purposes have not been so good as formerly, but the sunshine collections show an improvement.

We issue a cordial invitation to all young people to attend our meetings, including the Junior Service for Children, held on Sunday mornings, and heartily thank those members of the congregation who so liberally contributed to the cost of the Christmas dinners supplied to our poor cases.

God has abundantly blessed us in our Society and its

A. PURDIE, Hon. Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S VISITING AND DORCAS SOCIETY

**T**HE meetings of this Society are held in the Classroom on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Greater interest has been taken in the work this year, there being a very fair attendance at the meetings. The Committee would be pleased to see attending as many of the ladies of the congregation as can find it convenient, and feel sure that they would not regret the time spent in this way. 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. MENTALS,

Hon. Secretary:



STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1901

RECEIPTS.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance from 1900	.. .. .	39 14 10		Minister's Stipend	.. .. .	800 0 0	
Collections	.. .. .	748 16 10		Rev. J. Gibson Smith, Anniversary Services	.. .. .	10 0 0	
Pew Rents	.. .. .	503 14 8		Pulpit Supply	.. .. .	20 6 0	
Rent of House in Willis Street	.. .. .	26 0 0		Organist's Salary	.. .. .	125 0 0	
Rent of School	.. .. .	88 5 0		Church Officer's Salary	.. .. .	60 0 0	
Collection, Rev. J. Gibson Smith's Lecture	.. .. .	14 1 6		Interest on Mortgage	.. .. .	58 10 0	
Half Proceeds Organ Recitals	.. .. .	20 16 7		Gas	.. .. .	34 11 3	
Contribution from Mr. D. Anderson for Half of Dividing Fence	.. .. .	7 15 0		Fire Insurance Premia	.. .. .	53 13 4	
Contribution from Education Board toward cost of Curtain for School-room	.. .. .	3 10 0		Expenses Annual Meeting	.. .. .	4 10 0	
Gas, Orchestral Society	.. .. .	1 10 0		Tuning and Repairing Organ	.. .. .	20 6 3	
" Terrace School Committee	.. .. .	1 14 5		City Rates	.. .. .	27 6 3	
Proceeds Sale of Tickets for Platform on occasion of visit of Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York	.. .. .	10 2 0		Stationary, Printing, and Advertising	.. .. .	19 1 10	
Refund of Stamp Duty, per Mr. A. Gray	.. .. .	2 5 0		Repairs to Water Engine	.. .. .	6 19 0	
Sundries	.. .. .	2 1 6	1470 7 4	Presbytery Dues	.. .. .	3 0 0	
Collections for Dorcas and Charitable Purposes	.. .. .	56 19 10		Gardener, for Cleaning Grounds, etc.	.. .. .	12 0 0	
Church Extension and Sustentation Fund, per Mr. Glasgow	.. .. .	97 11 0		Music for Choir	.. .. .	3 3 2	
New Hebrides Mission—				General Assembly Expenses	.. .. .	19 10 0	
Per Women's Missionary Association	£74 18 0			Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund	.. .. .	5 0 0	
Per Y.P.S.C.E.	6 0 0			Legal Expenses	.. .. .	6 10 0	
Per Miss Lorimer's Bible Class	6 0 0			Communion Wine	.. .. .	3 18 6	
Per Sunday Schools	11 12 3			Water Rate	.. .. .	6 13 0	
Per "Dayspring"	5 16 1			New Fencing	.. .. .	16 5 0	
Per Miss Lorimer's Class for Cot in Ambrim-Hospital	3 0 0			Erecting Platform for Sunday School Children, on occasion of visit of Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York	.. .. .	23 0 0	
British and Foreign Bible Society, R. Wilson, Esq., Heaton Park	2 2 0	107 6 4		Deposit on Section of Land, Macdonald Crescent	.. .. .	50 0 0	
Collected per Mesdames Menelaus and Moore	13 5 6			Builders' Repairs	.. .. .	4 13 6	
Maori Mission, Collection	10 10 0			Plumbers' Repairs	.. .. .	2 2 6	
" " Donation for Missionary's House	10 0 0			Repairs, Seats in School-room	.. .. .	7 3 6	
" " per Miss Lorimer's Class	1 0 0			Curtain for School-room	.. .. .	7 1 8	
Poonah Mission, per Y.P.S.C.E.	1 8 9	21 10 0		Advertising	.. .. .	9 3 6	
" " per Junr. Endeavour Socy.	1 0 0			Draping Church on the occasion of the Funeral Service for late Majesty Queen Victoria	.. .. .	3 10 0	
Collection for Sunday Schools	34 9 1			Cleaning Church, Special	.. .. .	2 2 0	
Proceeds Cantata, under Conductorship of Mr. Hopkirk	6 17 10	15 7 6		Tuning Piano and School Organ	.. .. .	1 16 0	
Collection, Mr. J. G. Woolley's Lecture	8 2 4			Repairs to Steeple of Church	.. .. .	177 19 3	
" Dr. Annand's Mission, per Y.P.S.C.E.	4 6 6			Painting	.. .. .	42 0 0	
" Mr. W. M. Oatts' Lecture	14 19 9			Glazing	.. .. .	0 12 6	
" Salvation Army	6 17 4			Stamps, £2; Bank Commission, 10s.	.. .. .	2 10 0	
		376 11 3		Sundries	.. .. .	1 10 0	
		£1,846 18 7		Treasurer, Ladies' Visiting and Dorcas Society	.. .. .	56 19 10	1,451 7 6
				" Church Extension and Sustentation Fund	.. .. .	97 11 0	
				" British and Foreign Bible Society	.. .. .	15 7 6	
				" Sunday Schools	.. .. .	41 6 11	
				" Poonah Mission	.. .. .	2 3 9	
				" Australasian Y.M.C.A.	.. .. .	14 19 9	
				" J. G. Woolley Mission	.. .. .	8 2 4	
				" Salvation Army	.. .. .	6 17 4	
				Rev. D. Gordon, for Maori Missionary's House	.. .. .	10 0 0	
				Church Treasurer, as per Contra	.. .. .	123 2 10	
				Balance in Bank	.. .. .	376 11 3	18 19 10
						£1,846 18 7	£1,846 18 7

# **St. John's Young Men's Bible Class.** **RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1901.**

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash in Hand .. .. .			18 1 1	By Donations—			
Petty Cash in Hand .. .. .			0 7 1	New Century Fund .. .. .	9 0 0		
Cash in Bank .. .. .			59 7 9	Maori Mission .. .. .	11 10 3		
Donations and Subscriptions—				New Hebrides .. .. .	2 8 9		
Home Mission .. .. .	15	17	0	Boys' Institute .. .. .	2 16 0		
New Century Fund .. .. .	9	0	0				25 15 0
Maori Mission .. .. .	4	18	6	Library—			
New Hebrides .. .. .	1	14	6	General .. .. .	3 12 8		
Boys' Institute .. .. .	2	16	0	International Library .. .. .	2 2 0		
Library—General, £1 10s.; International							5 14 8
Library, £2 2s. .. .. .	3	12	0	Printing Plant Repairs, etc. .. .. .			3 10 0
				Lantern Slides .. .. .			1 2 6
Class Collections .. .. .			37 16 0	Stationery and Printing .. .. .			9 9 0
Proceeds of Sale of Printing Plant .. .. .			28 11 5	Insurance .. .. .			0 17 0
			22 0 0	Miscellaneous Expenses .. .. .			6 16 3
				Deposit Account .. .. .			75 0 0
				Cash at Bank .. .. .			37 18 11
			<b>£166 3 4</b>				<b>£166 3 4</b>

## **BALANCE-SHEET.**

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
H. E. Hooper, International Library .. .. .			10 8 0	Cash at Bank .. .. .			37 18 11
Home Mission .. .. .			94 18 9	Fixed Deposit Home Mission Fund—			
Library Donation Unexpended .. .. .			1 10 0	Wellington Building and Investment Co. .. .. .	75 0 0		
General Account .. .. .			115 11 8	Accrued Interest to December 20th .. .. .	2 5 0		
							77 5 0
				Lantern Slides .. .. .			1 2 6
				Printing Plant .. .. .	24 16 8		
				Depreciation .. .. .	4 16 8		
			<b>£222 8 5</b>				20 0 0
				Library .. .. .			86 2 0
							<b>£222 8 5</b>

Audited and found correct—C. D. MORPETH,  
Hon. Auditor.

J. N. PATERSON,  
Hon. Treasurer.

# **St. John's Presbyterian Church Sabbath Schools.**

## **STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1901.**

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Credit Balance, 31st December, 1900 .. .. .			0 12 3	N.Z. Bible, Tract and Book Society—			
Collectors—				Periodicals .. .. .	65 2 6		
Willis Street School—				Library Books .. .. .	20 1 9		
General .. .. .	27	11	11	Examination Prizes .. .. .	2 10 0		
Queen's Statue Fund .. .. .	1	11	6	Sundries and School Requisites .. .. .	11 6 7		
Books and Periodicals .. .. .	9	15	0	Cantata Music .. .. .	4 0 0		
"Dayspring" and New Hebrides Mission .. .. .	10	10	11				108 0 10
Missions' Senior Girls' Class .. .. .	10	0	0	Expenses Annual Treat .. .. .			43 11 11
				Treasurer Queen's Statue Fund .. .. .			3 13 11
			59 9 4	Caretaker Mount Cook School .. .. .			6 0 0
Mount Cook School—				Insurance Premium, Mount Cook Organ .. .. .			0 5 8
General .. .. .	23	5	9	Cookery and Table Cloths .. .. .			0 15 9
Queen's Statue Fund .. .. .	2	2	5	Subscription Wellington Sunday School Union .. .. .			1 0 0
Books and Periodicals .. .. .	8	14	0	Stationery and Stamps .. .. .			0 19 0
"Dayspring" and New Hebrides Mission .. .. .	7	17	5	General Assembly Examination Certificates .. .. .			1 0 0
Children's Morning Service—Missions .. .. .	0	3	0	Band of Hope Tea Meeting .. .. .			1 5 2
				International Bible Reading Cards, 3 years .. .. .			3 0 0
			42 2 7	Music for Anniversary .. .. .			6 8 4
Annual Treat—				Sundries, per General Secretary .. .. .			0 12 5
Subscriptions .. .. .	25	2	0	Church Treasurer—			
Proceeds Sale of Tickets .. .. .	25	7	0	Senior Girls' Class, Willis Street, Missions .. .. .	10 0 0		
			50 9 0	General Fund New Hebrides Mission .. .. .	5 16 1		
Sunday School Anniversary—				"Dayspring" Fund .. .. .	11 12 3		
Sunday Collections .. .. .	34	9	1				27 8 4
Collection at Cantata .. .. .	6	17	10	Bank Commission .. .. .			0 10 0
Net Proceeds Tea Meeting .. .. .	6	2	0	Balance in Bank .. .. .			1 11 2
			47 8 11				
			<b>£200 2 1</b>				<b>£200 2 1</b>
Balance brought down .. .. .	1	11	2				

Audited and found correct—JNO. PAUL,  
WILLIAM SIMM, JR.,

Hon. Auditors.

WM. HOPKIRK,  
Hon. Treasurer.

# St. John's Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 1901.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
General Fund—				Conveners—			
Balance Brought Forward .. ..		4	0 11½	Sunshine .. ..		7	14 9
Collections .. ..		2	10 5	Social .. ..		0	10 0
Golden Links .. ..		0	5 0	Junior .. ..		0	10 0
Hon. Members .. ..		0	14 0	Literature .. ..		1	10 7
Interest .. ..		0	1 0	Corresponding Secretary .. ..		0	9 0
							10 14 4
Sunshine .. ..			7 11 4½	Bible, Book and Tract Society .. ..		1	2 0
Literature .. ..			7 14 9	Turnbull, Hickson and Palmer .. ..		2	0 0
Brought Forward .. ..		0	10 0	Levin Home (clothing) .. ..		0	11 3
Collections .. ..		1	8 10				3 13 3
			1 18 10	Missions—			
Missions—				New Hebrides .. ..		6	0 0
General Mission Brought Forward .. ..		1	3 8½			1	3 9
Subscription .. ..		0	0 0½	Dr. Annand .. ..		4	6 6
			1 3 9				11 10 3
New Hebrides—				Balance—			
Brought Forward .. ..		2	13 3	General Fund .. ..		2	9 1½
Subscriptions .. ..		6	6 3	New Hebrides .. ..		2	19 6
			8 19 6	Literature .. ..		0	8 3
Dr. Annand—							5 16 10½
Brought Forward .. ..			4 6 6				
			£31 14 8½				£31 14 8½

Vouchers examined and found correct—  
WM. HOPKIRK.

J. E. BOYD,  
Hon. Treasurer.

# St. John's Church.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 1901.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Amount of Mortgages on Property .. ..		1,550	0 0	Estimated Value of Church, Schoolrooms, Manse, Land, etc. .. ..		13,922	0 0
Balance .. ..		12,410	19 10	Unpaid Seat Rents, Estimated .. ..		20	0 0
			£13,960 19 10	Balance to Credit, Revenue Account .. ..		18	19 10
							£13,960 19 10

JOHN. G. W. AITKIN,  
Hon. Treasurer.

# St. John's Ladies' Dorcas and Visiting Society.

BALANCE-SHEET FOR YEAR 1901.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance in Hand .. ..			14 10 8	Drapery .. ..			11 5 3
January Collection for Poor .. ..			12 3 9	Boots .. ..			1 1 0
April .. ..			13 8 1	Distributed to Poor .. ..			43 5 6
July .. ..			14 19 3	Balance in Hand .. ..			16 18 9
October .. ..			16 8 9				
Donation .. ..			1 0 0				
			£72 10 6				£72 10 6

C. W. MOORE,  
Hon. Treasurer.

January 28th, 1902.