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**REPORT**

— OF THE —

**Kirk Session and Managers**

— FOR —

**Twelve Months ended June 30th, 1911**

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Wellington :  
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**OFFICE-BEARERS.**

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Minister :

REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D., The Manse, Woolcombe Street.  
Telephone 716.

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Session Clerk :

MR. M. D. MENELAUS, 43 Ellice Avenue.

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Deaconess :

SISTER MABEL, 347 Terrace.

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Clerk of Management Committee :

MR. J. M. MORICE, B.Sc., Roseneath.

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General Treasurer :

MR. J. G. W. AITKEN, 2 Levy Street.

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Convener of Church Extension Committee :

MR. A. R. STONE, Bolton Street.

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Convener Seat-Letting Committee :

MR. WM. HOPKIRK, 104 Majoribanks Street.

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Organist and Choirmaster :

MR. J. MAUGHAN BARNETT, Kelburne.

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Church Officer :

MR. J. WHITEMAN, Willis Street.

## ELDERS

### INDUCTED.

AITKEN, J. G. W., Levy Street	...	...	1884
ALLAN, WM., Willis Street	...	...	1884
ATKINSON, JAS., Burnell Avenue	...	...	1905
BOAL, J., Willis Street	...	...	1903
BLACK, J. W., Kelburne	...	...	1909
BUTLER, J. S., Hawker Street	...	...	1909
CALDOW, R. T., Ellice Street	...	...	1906
FERGUSON, J., Taranaki Street	...	...	1895
GILL, T. H., M.A., LL.B., Ellice Street	...	...	1903
GLEN, G. F., Botanical Gardens	...	...	1909
GRAY, WM., M.A., B.Sc., Terrace	...	...	1906
HOPKIRK, WM., Majoribanks Street	...	...	1888
JOHNSON, CAPT. H., Church Street	...	...	1902
JOHNSON, S. CLARKE, Karori Road	...	...	1902
JOHNSTON, A., Kelburne	...	...	1911
KERSLEY, H. W., Kelburne	...	...	1902
LAURENSEN, F. F., Terrace	...	...	1911
MACKAY, J., Brougham Street	...	...	1897
MACFARLANE, J. B., Stafford Street	...	...	1911
MCKERROW, JAS., Ghuznee Street	...	...	1881
MAINLAND, H., Kelburne	...	...	1903
MENELAUS, M. D., Ellice Avenue	...	...	1895
MITCHELL, J., Roxburgh Street	...	...	1897
PAUL, L. L., Y.M.C.A.	...	...	1911
SCLATER, J., Thompson Street	...	...	1911
STONE, A. R., Bolton Street	...	...	1909
SNODGRASS, R. B., Hataitai	...	...	1911
TROUP, G. A., F.R.I.B.A., Kelburne	...	...	1895
WILSON, J., Ohiro Road	...	...	1897

## MANAGERS—1911.

ANDERSON, J. D.	...	...	...	Talavera Terrace
ANDREW, R. L.	...	...	...	Kelburne
BADDEN, W.	...	...	...	Pirie Street
BRUCE, J. L.	...	...	...	Kilbirnie
CAMPBELL, J., F.R.I.B.A.	...	...	...	Cleremont Terrace
HUSTWICK, T. H.	...	...	...	McDonald Crescent
HOGG, A. W., M.B., Ch.B.	...	...	...	Willis Street
JENNINGS, W.	...	...	...	Willis Street
KIRKCALDIE, J.	...	...	...	Thompson Street
KNOX, J.	...	...	...	Cleremont Terrace
LOMAS, E. K., M.A., M.Sc.	...	...	...	Abel Smith Street
MCGAVIN, D., M.D., F.R.C.S.	...	...	...	Willis Street
MORICE, J. M., B.Sc.	...	...	...	Roseneath
MORICE, G. W., M.A.	...	...	...	C/o. Training College
MORRISON, J. L.	...	...	...	McKenzie Terrace
ROSS, N.	...	...	...	Austin Street
SMITH, A. P.	...	...	...	Brougham Street
SMITH, H.	...	...	...	... Terrace
WILSON, A. M.	...	...	...	Cambridge Terrace

## MANAGERS' COMMITTEES.

### Property Committee:

MESSRS. CAMPBELL, GLEN,  
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### Seat Letting Committee:

MESSRS. ANDERSON, BADDEN, GILL, LAURENSEN, G. W.  
MORICE, J. M. MORICE, MORRISON, MENELAUS,  
PAUL, A. P. SMITH, H. SMITH, SNODGRASS,  
STONE, AND HOPKIRK (Convener).

### Finance Committee:

MESSRS. AITKEN, BRUCE, FERGUSON, KNOX, KIRKCALDIE,  
LOMAS, SCLATER, AND MCKERROW (Convener).

### Home Mission Committee:

MESSRS. AITKEN, ALLAN, ANDREW, GRAY, HUSTWICK,  
JOHNSTON, CAPT. JOHNSON, AND STONE (Convener).

### Choir Committee:

MESSRS. CALDOW, JENNINGS, CLARKE-JOHNSON, SNOD-  
GRASS, WILSON, AND MACFARLANE (Convener).

## ELDERS' DISTRICTS.

No. 1—Thorndon, Kaiwarra, and Wadestown.

Elder: Mr. R. B. Snodgrass.  
Collector for Missions: Miss Stark.

No. 2—Talavera Terrace to Customhouse Quay; Aurora Terrace  
to Grant Road.

Elder: Mr. J. B. Macfarlane.  
Collector for Missions: Miss Glen.

No. 3—General. (Young Men.)

Elder: Mr. J. S. Butler.  
Collector for Missions: Mr. Wm. Badden.

No. 4—Kelburne.

Elders: Messrs. J. W. Black and W. Gray.  
Collector for Missions: Mrs. McCullough.

No. 5—Talavera Terrace to Customhouse Quay; Aurora Terrace  
to Dixon Street.

Elders: Messrs. G. A. Troup and F. F. Laurensen.  
Collector for Missions: Miss Gibb.

No. 6—General. (Young Women.)

Elder: Mr. J. Boal.  
Collector for Missions: Miss M. Chappell.

No. 7—Willis Street to Woolcombe Street; Dixon Street to  
Ingestre Street.

Elder: Mr. J. McKerrrow.  
Collector for Missions: Mrs. F. S. Pope.

No. 8—Dixon Street to Ingestre Street; Cuba Street to Willis  
Street.

Elder: Capt. H. Johnson.  
Collector for Missions: Mrs. F. S. Pope.

No. 9—Willis Street to Cuba Street; Ingestre Street to Webb  
Street.

Elder: Mr. J. Mackay.  
Collector for Missions: Miss Ballingall.

No. 10—Woolcombe Street to Willis Street; Ingestre Street to Wordsworth Street.

Elder : Mr. A. Johnston.

Collectors for Missions : Misses C. Chappell & R. Nichols.

No. 11—Aro Street, Taitville, and Mitchelltown.

Elder : Mr. H. Mainland.

Collector for Missions : Mrs. J. Wilson.

No. 12—Ohiro Road, Maarama Crescent, Brooklyn, and Vogel-town.

Elder : Mr. J. Wilson.

Collectors for Missions : Miss C. Allan.

No. 13—Webb Street, Arthur Street to Rolleston Street.

Elder : Mr. R. T. Caldow.

Collector for Missions : Miss Allan.

No. 14—Buckle Street to John Street.

Elder : Mr. J. Slater.

Collector for Missions : Miss Wallace.

No. 15—Buckle Street to Harbour; Tory Street to Cuba Street.

Elder : Mr. W. Allan.

Collector for Missions : Miss Badden.

No. 16—Cambridge Terrace and South of Basin Reserve.

Elder : Mr. J. Mitchell.

Collector for Missions : Misses Myra Scott & G. McLeay.

No. 17—Clyde Quay; Oriental Bay and Roseneath.

Elder : Mr. A. R. Stone.

Collector for Missions : Miss Reid.

No. 18—Clyde Quay and Majoribanks Street to Shannon Street.

Elder : Mr. W. Hopkirk.

Collector for Missions : Mrs. Menelaus.

No. 19—Majoribanks Street to Elizabeth Street; Kent Terrace to Austin Street.

Elder : Mr. T. H. Gill.

Collector for Missions : Miss McLeod.

No. 20—Elizabeth Street to Pirie Street, and Kent Terrace to Austin Street.

Elder : Mr. J. G. W. Aitken.

Collector for Missions : Miss Myra Scott.

No. 21—Pirie Street to Ellice Street; City Boundary to Kent Terrace.

Elder : Mr. G. F. Glen.

Collector for Missions : Miss McLeod.

No. 22—Ellice Street and Brougham Street to College Reserve.

Elder : Mr. H. W. Kersley.

Collector for Missions : Miss Wimsett.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1911-12.

PUBLIC WORSHIP every Lord's Day, morning at 11, evening at 7.

SACRAMENTS :—(1) Baptism in the Church on the first Sunday of every month. (2) Lord's Supper on the second Sunday of March, June, September, and December.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS meet in hall adjoining the Church and in the Mount Cook School on Sunday afternoons at 2.30.

BIBLE CLASSES FOR YOUNG MEN meet in the class-room, Willis Street, and in the school-room, Mount Cook, on Sunday afternoons at 2.45.

BIBLE CLASSES FOR YOUNG WOMEN meet in the class-room adjoining the Church, in the Managers' Room, and in Mount Cook School, on Sunday afternoons at 2.45.

JUNIOR ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY, Sunday mornings at 10.

LAYMAN'S MISSIONARY PRAYER MEETING, every Sunday morning at 10.30.

PRAYER MEETING every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

THE WOMEN'S DORCAS AND VISITING SOCIETY meets in the School-room on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 2.30 p.m.

MOTHERS' MEETING is held every alternate Thursday at 2.45 p.m., in the Boys' Institute, Arthur Street.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY GUILD meets from March to November, in Girls' Parlour, at 7.30 p.m.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION meets in the school-room on the third Tuesday of every month at 3 p.m.

TEACHERS' TRAINING CLASS, ground floor of Hall, Dixon Street every Wednesday at 8.30 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Thursday evenings at 8 p.m., Willis Street class-room.

THE SESSION meets on the third Wednesday of every alternate month after the prayer meeting.

THE MANAGERS meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 8.30 p.m.

THE BOYS' INSTITUTE meets in the rooms, Arthur Street, every evening at 7.

GYMNASTIC CLASSES meet in the Gymnasium during winter months.

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY meets in the Willis Street class-room every Friday evening at 7.45.

## ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION.

President :

REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

Vice-Presidents :

MESSRS ALLAN AND HOPKIRK.

General Instructor :

MR. WM. GRAY, M.A., B.Sc.

General Secretary :

MR. L. L. PAUL.

General Treasurer :

MR. WM. MCKENZIE.

Honorary Staff :

MESSRS. J. G. W. AITKEN AND WM. ALLAN.

### WILLIS STREET SCHOOL.

MEETS EVERY SABBATH AT 2.30 P.M.

Superintendent :

MR. WM. HOPKIRK.

Teachers :

MRS. CAMPBELL

" LEWIS

" WHITEMAN

MISS J. BADDEN

" CLACHAN

" M. FRASER

" J. GIBB

" G. GENDALL

" N. McCULLOUGH

" R. McRAE

" M. RALSTON

" J. REID

MISS C. ROGERS

" I. SCOTT

" E. WALLACE

MR. W. BADDEN

" J. CAMPBELL

" A. EAST

" J. H. KRAFT

" E. F. LAURENSEN

" J. S. MACKENZIE

" G. W. MORICE

" N. McLEOD

" L. L. PAUL

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MR. J. M. MORICE.

Assistant Secretary :

MR. P. L. MUIR.

Organist and Librarian :

MISS RASH.

Assistant Librarian :

MISS B. BADDEN.

Cradle Roll Superintendent :

MISS M. SCOTT.

Cradle Roll Visitor :

MISS J. BADDEN.

**MOUNT COOK SCHOOL.**

MEETS EVERY SABBATH AT 2.30 P.M.

Superintendent:  
MR. ALEXR. JOHNSTON.

## Teachers:

Miss ALLAN

" BALLINGALL

" BARBER

" EDWARDS

" HOPKIRK

Secretary:

MR. MCKENZIE.

Librarian:

Miss McMORRAN.

Miss McLEOD

" SIMMONDS

MR. P. BURBIDGE

" WILSON

Assistant Secretary:

Miss MCKENZIE.

Organist:

Miss ALLAN.

**ST. JOHN'S BIBLE CLASS ASSOCIATION.**

President

REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

**WILLIS STREET YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS AND INSTITUTE.**

MEETS IN THE WILLIS STREET CLASS-ROOM EVERY SABBATH AT 2.45 P.M.

Leaders:

MESSRS. J. S. BUTLER AND E. K. LOMAS, M.A., M.Sc.

Committee:

MISSIONARY	-	-	J. S. MARTIN
LOOKOUT	-	-	N. JOHNSTON AND N. ANDREW
LIBRARY	-	-	R. L. ANDREW
ATHLETICS	-	-	W. K. DALLAS
SOCIAL AND ROOMS	-	-	T. M. CRAWFORD
BOYS' INSTITUTE	-	-	C. THORNTON
BIBLE STUDY	-	-	K. ROSS
DISCUSSIONS	-	-	W. E. SHAW
TREASURER	-	-	W. MILLIER
ORGANIST	-	-	C. N. MITCHELL
SECRETARY	-	-	J. A. ORR

**ST. JOHN'S LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.**

MEETS EVERY FRIDAY EVENING IN THE CLASS-ROOM AT 7.45.

Patron:

MR. J. G. W. AITKEN.

President:

REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

Vice-Presidents:

MESSRS. J. S. BUTLER AND G. A. TROUP.

Secretary:

MR. A. R. COAD.

Treasurer:

MR. C. N. MITCHELL.

Committee:

MESSRS. R. L. ANDREW, D. DOUGLAS, W. MILLIER,  
G. N. RABONE, AND H. LILY.



**MOUNT COOK YOUNG MEN'S CLASS.**

MEETS IN MOUNT COOK SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY SABBATH AT  
2.45 P.M.

**Leader :**

MR. A. R. STONE.

**Committee :**

MESSRS. W. ALLAN, G. DEMENT, W. FERGUSON, AND  
G. RENNER.

**Outlook Committee :**

MESSRS. W. ARCUS, AND G. DEMENT.

**Secretary :**

MR. G. KING.

**Treasurer :**

MR. J. G. JOHNSTON.

**Organist and Librarian :**

MR. G. RENNER.

**Discussion Committee :**

MESSRS. W. FERGUSON AND E. GUISE.

**WILLIS STREET YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS. No. 1.**

MEETS IN THE GIRLS' PARLOUR EVERY SABBATH AT 2.45 P.M.

**Leader :**

MR. J. BOAL.

**Sub-Leader :**

MISS CHRISTENSON, M.A., M.Sc.

**Committee :**

MISSSES N. BURNS, A. CHAPPELL, C. HANDS, M. HILL,  
W. MILLAR, A. MACE, C. NICHOLS, A. PATERSON,  
M. PULLMAN, E. ROWNTREE, A. STARK, A. SMITH,  
N. TAVENDALE, L. THOMPSON, R. VALLANCE  
AND M. WILSON.

**Secretary :**

MISS M. CHAPPELL.

**Assistant-Secretary and Treasurer :**

MISS G. MILLAR.

**Librarians :**

MISSSES N. CLYDE AND C. HORRELL.

**Organists :**

MISSSES R. NICHOLS AND C. HORRELL.

**ST. JOHN'S YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS.—No. 2.**

MEETS IN THE MANAGERS' ROOM EVERY SUNDAY AT 2.45 P.M.

**Leader :**

SISTER MABEL.

**Sub-Leader :**

MISS HALDANE.

**Conveners of Committees :**

MISSIONS	-	-	-	-	MISS J. JOHNSON
SOCIAL	-	-	-	-	MISSSES N. ALLAN AND A. HOPKIRK
DISCUSSIONS	-	-	-	-	MISS P. MCKENZIE
LOOKOUT	-	-	-	-	MISSSES L. MCLEAY, B. GENDALL AND E. JONES
CHILDREN'S HOME	-	-	-	-	MISSSES J. HOLLIS AND J. SCLATER
DISTRICT UNION	-	-	-	-	MISS J. PETRIE
ORPHANAGE	-	-	-	-	MISSSES J. SCLATER AND J. HOLLIS

**Secretary :**

MISS C. ALLAN.

**Treasurer :**

MISS P. KITCHING.

**Organist :**

MISS N. ALLAN.

**Librarian :**

MISS A. ARCUS.

**MOUNT COOK YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS.**

MEETS IN MOUNT COOK SCHOOL EVERY SABBATH AT 2.45 P.M.

**Leader :**

MR. H. W. KERSLEY.

**Assistant Leader :**

MISS E. MCKENZIE.

**Committee :**

MISSSES A. DANE, B. FERGUSON, L. FERGUSON, D. HOP-  
KIRK, N. MCCARRISON, E. MCKENZIE, AND  
J. MCKENZIE.

**Secretary :**

MISS B. FERGUSON.

**Treasurer :**

MISS E. MCKENZIE.

**Organist :**

MISS D. HOPKIRK.

**Librarian :**

MISS A. DANE.

**JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY.**

MEETS IN THE CLASS-ROOM EVERY SUNDAY AT 10.15 A.M.

Leader :  
SISTER MABEL.

Committee :  
LOOKOUT - EDNA SCOTT AND W. HOPKIRK, JUNR.  
SOCIAL - EFFIE THOMPSON AND DORA POPE  
STUDY - MABEL STILL AND F. ROBERTSON

Secretary :  
W. HOPKIRK, JUNR.

Treasurer :  
G. KELLY.

Organist :  
S. MCKENZIE.

**LADIES' DORCAS AND VISITING SOCIETY.**

MEETS IN DIXON STREET HALL  
ON FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 2.30 P.M.

President :  
MRS. GIBB.

Vice-President :  
MRS. GILL.

Secretary :  
MISS SINCLAIR.

Treasurer :  
MISS STENHOUSE.

**ST. JOHN'S YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.**

MEETS IN MANAGERS' ROOM ON THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH  
AT 3 P.M.

President :  
SISTER MABEL.

Vice-President :  
MRS. MACALISTER

Hon. Vice-President :  
MRS. REITH.

Secretary :  
MISS REID.

Treasurer :  
MISS GIBB.

**YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY GUILD.**

MEETS IN GIRLS' PARLOUR EVERY ALTERNATE TUESDAY AT  
7.30 P.M.

President :  
SISTER MABEL.

Hon. President :  
MRS. BUTLER.

Secretary :  
MISS N. ALLAN.

Treasurer :  
MISS J. BADDEN.

**THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.**

Sunday Evening Service and Week-night Classes are now conducted  
in the new Institute Building, Arthur Street.

Hon. President :  
REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

President :  
MR. G. A. TROUP.

Hon. Physician :  
DR. A. W. HOGG, M.B., CH.B.

Committee :  
MESSRS. C. DICK, E. K. LOMAS, J. M. MORICE, M. D.  
MENELAUS, C. THORNTON, J. A. ORR  
AND D. PATTERSON.

**CHOIR.**

MEETS FOR PRACTICE IN WILLIS STREET CLASS-ROOM ON  
THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 8 P.M.

Organist and Choirmaster:

MR. J. MAUGHAN BARNETT (Kelburne).

## Sopranos:

MRS. BARNES  
" CAMPBELL  
" CHAPMAN  
" F. S. POPE  
MISS EDWARDS  
" HARROWBY  
" MANNING

MISS M. MOWATT  
" MCLEOD  
" PETRIE  
" J. PETRIE  
" A. SMITH  
" H. SMITH

## Contraltos:

MRS. LEWIS  
" WHITEMAN  
MISS KING  
" RASH

MISS STENHOUSE  
" E. SMITH  
" WHITE  
" WOODMAN

## Tenors:

MR. BARR  
" DENNIS  
" EVANS  
" INCE  
" JAMES

MR. JAS. B. MARTIN  
" J. MARTIN  
" SNODGRASS  
" WILSON

## Bass:

MR. CALDOW  
" ELLIFFE  
" MACFARLANE

MR. MITCHELL  
" F. S. POPE  
" R. POPE

Hon. Secretary:

MISS RASH.

Hon. Librarian:

MR. J. B. McFARLANE

**MEMORANDA.**

## COLLECTIONS, SEAT-LETTING, Etc.

THE ORDINARY SUNDAY COLLECTIONS, together with the Seat Rents, etc., provide the funds for defraying the congregational expenses, the chief of which are the Minister's Stipend, and retiring allowance to the late Minister, salaries of Church officials, etc.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. — (1.) As appointed by the General Assembly are made from time to time, including Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Assessments for Assembly Expenses, Maori Mission, etc. (2.) As appointed by the office-bearers for Sunday School, relief of poor (once a quarter), and such other objects as it may be deemed necessary to help.

The Church Extension Fund, which is wholly devoted to help in planting new charges and assisting weak ones throughout the bounds of the Church, is taken up by the envelope system. The envelopes are placed in the pews once a quarter.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. — The regular contributions of the congregation to Missions are collected quarterly by the Women's Missionary Association.

The Seat-Letting Committee is in attendance at the Church at the close of the prayer-meeting on Wednesday evenings to let sittings to new applicants.

# REPORT

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YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1911.

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**T**HE year now ended has been one of hopeful, successful work in the face of difficulties that do not tend to diminish. The hindrance referred to at length in last report as occasioned by the movement suburbwards of many of our people is still in evidence; it is even more evident. As far as numbers are concerned we have made good the losses we have in this way sustained. But our gains have mostly come to us in the shape of units; our losses have been families. The list of baptisms tells its own story. It is much the smallest on record—8 infants and 1 adult, and of the infants only 5 were born within the membership of the congregation. On the other hand a large number of young men and women have entered the ranks of our membership in full communion, and the presence of young people at public worship, and especially of young men, is, we think, more noticeable than ever. The following pages set forth a tale of work which is impressive in its volume and indicates a strenuous vitality. We give thanks to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for His abundant mercy. To Him be the praise for anything we have done or tried to do. And to His service we would, at the beginning of another year, dedicate ourselves with the earnest desire and hope that by His grace we may be able to give a still better account of our stewardship in the coming time.

THE MINISTER.

At the close of another year we desire to express our gratitude to God that, notwithstanding unceasing and strenuous labours, our beloved minister has been preserved in

health and vigour. The influence of Dr. Gibb's heart-searching sermons goes deep, and cannot fail to bear fruit in the lives of those who are privileged to listen to them. The work of the extensive pastorate has been faithfully performed, and the visits of our minister to the sick, the dying, and the bereaved, have brought consolation and gladness to many hearts. With the numerous organisations of the congregation Dr. Gibb maintains the closest contact, and his sympathy, counsel and assistance are freely given to all. The minister's manifold labours outside the congregation ought also to be borne in mind and acknowledged here; and especially his untiring efforts by speech and pen to promote the cause of the Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, and the services he has rendered to the Orphanage now securely established in this city, and which owes much to his wisdom and foresight. He is always ready to help on any public cause which makes for righteousness, and to strike, when occasion demands it, any public evil. It would be difficult to enumerate the manifold calls on his time and talents. His work receives our warmest appreciation and thanks, and we pray that he may be granted long years of continued service in the vineyard of the Lord.

During the minister's annual holiday the pulpit was occupied for one Sunday by Mr. J. W. Black, whose sermons were much appreciated. For the remaining Sundays the congregation were indebted to the Rev. Professor Dickie, of Knox College, Dunedin, who kindly agreed to take Dr. Gibb's place for a month, and whose services were well attended and highly esteemed.

#### KIRK SESSION.

The Session has had to face a number of regrettable losses—losses of members who could ill be spared. Mr. W. T. Glasgow, who for many years rendered praiseworthy service in many directions, has gone to live in Dunedin. Mr. H. B. Chapman, whose advice was always as welcome as valuable, found it necessary, through residence at Karori, to connect himself with the church at Kelburne. To that congregation we have also lost Mr. J. Sloan, one of our oldest and most faithful elders. Mr. G. L. Stewart has removed to Wadestown, and will be greatly missed in many ways. Death has taken from us Mr. T. Mackenzie, whose connection with the congregation exceeded in length of years that of any other office-bearer. For a long time he had been unable to render any active service to the church, though formerly and for many years one of its busiest members. Mr. F. H. Fraser, another of the "fathers" of the

congregation, has been long laid aside by illness, and Mr. J. Ferguson still remains seriously ill. To the ailing brethren we convey our sincere sympathy. Minutes expressing the Session's appreciation of the services rendered by the departed, and by those who have left our district, were adopted and inscribed in the records.

It became necessary owing to these losses to add some new members to the Session, and in June last the following, who had been duly elected by the congregation, were solemnly ordained and inducted into the office of the eldership, namely, Messrs. A. Johnston, F. F. Laurenson, L. L. Paul, J. B. Macfarlane, J. Sclater and R. B. Snodgrass. There are now 30 members in this court.

The Session has exercised due supervision over all the work of the congregation, and transacted with care and diligence the matters which lie especially within its purview. The quarterly visitation of the people in their respective districts has been systematically carried out.

*The Communion Roll.*—The roll now contains the names of 738 members, making a net increase of 31 in the numbers reported last year. The particulars are as follows:—

Total Roll in June, 1910	...	...	...	707
New members, added by examination	...	53		
New members, by certificate...	...	58		111
				818
Removed by death	...	5		
By certificate	...	60		
Otherwise	...	15		80
				<u>738</u>

The death roll has happily not been heavy, only 9 in all having passed away from our fellowship. The names of the members in full communion who have died are, Mrs. Chisholm, Mrs. McKerrow, Mr. T. Mackenzie, Mr. Schultze, Miss McGhee. To Mr. Mackenzie reference has already been made. Mrs. Chisholm, who had not long been a member of the congregation, passed away while still in the mid-time of her days. Mrs. McKerrow, the wife of our fellow elder, had been a sufferer for many years, and she was glad to go home. Of Miss McGhee the same may be said, though her illness was not so protracted. Mr. Schultze was taken away unexpectedly. Of all our departed it may

be affirmed that they were ready for the great change. To their relatives we tender our heartfelt sympathy.

*The Quarterly Communions.*—The attendances were: September, 410; December, 378; March 438; June, 335. The June attendance, though smaller than the others, was perhaps the most gratifying of all—the day was one of heavy rain and tempest.

The Sacrament of Baptism, as noted above, was administered to eight children and one adult.

*Attendance at Public Worship and the Prayer Meeting.*—In spite of the drawback due to the topographical position of the church, the attendance at public worship has been steadily maintained. The church is always well filled in the morning when the weather is good, and the evening congregation continues to fill the whole building.

The attendance at the Prayer meeting has been exceedingly satisfactory. Every Wednesday evening almost without exception the place of meeting has been full.

*Anniversary Services.*—The Church Anniversary was celebrated on the third Sunday of October, the morning service being conducted by the Rev. J. J. North, whose ministrations were much appreciated. The evening service was taken by the minister, who preached an appropriate sermon to a crowded congregation. The social meeting on the Wednesday following was well attended and proved a very homely and enjoyable function. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation to the church, by the widow and family of the late Mr. James Smith, of three handsome pulpit chairs made of oak and upholstered with excellent taste. The presentation was made by Mr. A. P. Smith on behalf of the family, in memory of their father, and was accepted by the minister on behalf of the congregation as a fitting memorial of a true and faithful servant of Christ, and a devoted member and office-bearer of St. John's. It was also intimated that in further commemoration of their father, arrangements had been made by the family for the payment of an annual benefaction to the funds of the Orphanage.

#### THE SERVICE OF PRAISE.

It has always been recognised that ours is a congregation that sings well, but it may be without fear of contradiction affirmed that during the past year the singing has been

better than ever. The new hymn book has contributed to this for it contains many hymns of rare excellence both as to words and music. But it is to the fine work done by the choir that the credit is chiefly due. The members attend the services well both morning and evening. Thanks to Mr. Maughan Barnett's handling of them and the organ they have become a very effective instrument, both in leading praises of the congregation and in their rendering of the anthems. It is an interesting and suggestive fact that save once or twice on very wet days anthems have been sung at both services the year through. The week-night practices are well attended. The choir numbers 34 members: soprano 13; alto 8; tenor 7; and bass 6. New members are constantly required and are always welcome if they possess good voices and have even a slight knowledge of music. Additional sopranos would be especially welcome.

#### MISSIONS—FOREIGN AND HOME.

*The Women's Missionary Association.*—The monthly meetings of this Association have not been among the successes of the year. As a matter of fact they have been very poorly attended and late in the year it was found necessary to blend them with the Dorcas Society. There has not yet been sufficient lapse of time to show how this will work out, but inasmuch as the Dorcas meetings are well attended it is thought that the new departure will result in interesting a larger number of the women in the missions of our church. Letters from our missionaries in the various fields have been regularly received, and a beginning has been made with the study of Dr. Mott's book "The Decisive Hour of Christian Missions."

The Association, assisted by a number of collectors, continues to collect the direct contributions of the congregation to missions, amounting, together with the proceeds of a lecture by Mr. Mawson (£8 15s.), to £149; further congregational contributions £22; total £171.

*Young Women's Missionary Guild.*—The Guild meets during the greater part of the year on alternate Monday evenings. The average attendance has been 12. The primary object of the Guild is to prepare articles for a sale of work, the proceeds being usually devoted to the Turakina Residential School for Maori girls, and to foreign missions. The last sale in September, 1909, realised close on £90. The next sale, assisted by the Dorcas Society, is to be held in a few weeks from the date of writing, and it is hoped that the congregation will show their sympathy with

the Guild and still more with missions by making it even more successful than the last.

*St. John's Branch Layman's Missionary Movement.*—

At the conclusion of a sermon delivered by the Minister on March 19th, on the subject of missions, the men of the congregation were invited to remain with a view to the formation of a branch of a movement which is spreading through all English-speaking lands, and which, especially in America and Canada, is revolutionising the missionary work of the churches. A considerable number stayed behind and, after discussion, it was resolved to form a St. John's branch. The movement aims not so much at new work as at inspiring the men of the church to help existing mission agencies and stimulating them to take a deeper interest in the "King's business." The platform is (a) prayer, (b) study of missionary literature, (c) giving as opportunity may offer, and (d) personal service along church lines. Some 40 men, after pledging themselves to this platform, became enrolled in the branch. It meets every Sunday morning at 10.30 for prayer, and arrangements are being made for the study of Dr. Mott's book, already referred to. The interest of the men of the congregation is earnestly solicited in this new and helpful agency.

*Total Contribution to Foreign and Maori Missions.*—

Collected chiefly by the Women's Missionary Association, £171; contributed by the Bible Classes, £86; by Sabbath Schools, £10; total, £267.

*Home Missions, etc.*—The Home Missions' fund is used by the General Assembly in making grants to the needy home mission stations of the church, and to supplement the stipends of the many poorly paid ministers in rural and scattered districts. This year, we are happy to say, we have established a record, the giving by very much exceeding any previous contribution, the congregational amount being close on £148, the while the amount received from the Bible classes is close on £30. Without stretching imagination the contributions of the church and its agencies to the Orphanage, the Boys' Institute and the Youth Fund may be regarded as made in aid of Home Missions. These amounted to £112 (Orphanage £54, Boys' Institute £26, Youth Fund £32), total £290.

At this point attention may be called to various other contributions, namely the poor of the congregation £72, to Knox College £36, British and Foreign Bible Society £33.

Adding all these contributions together (Foreign and Home Missions, etc.) a total of close on £700 is reached. But the altruistic giving of the congregation exceeds this by a considerable sum. No account, for example, has been taken in the above figures of the contributions in aid of the Bible Class Camp—upwards of £50—nor of many other contributions to any other philanthropic object. It may safely be asserted that the beneficence of the congregation this year to outside objects other than the maintenance of ordinances, property, etc., has gone well beyond the sum of £800, by much the largest figure yet reached.

THE LADIES' DORCAS AND VISITING SOCIETY.

This Society has had a successful year's work. After the midsummer holidays it received a number of new members and the average attendance has been very satisfactory, especially in view of the fact that the meetings have for several months been held every week instead of once a fortnight. We are glad of this for the Society is not only indispensable to the effective discharge of our duties to the poor, but it helps to bring the women of the congregation together in pleasant relationships which react with happy consequences on the life of the church.

The income has been close on £80, of which the greater part has been expended in direct pecuniary contributions to the poor, and the balance in the purchase of materials for garments, of which 202 were made. Of these the Deaconess received 146 for distribution, and 56 went to the Orphanage. Parcels of clothing, etc., received from a number of friends, who are heartily thanked for their timely gifts, enable the Society to give a helping hand to a still larger number of persons. In addition to all this in response to an appeal from the Boys' Institute a supply of khaki coats for the cadet corps of the Institute was provided in the early part of the year. For some time past the Society has been busily engaged in preparing a stall for the sale of work which is presently to be held under the auspices of the Missionary Guild.

Newcomers to the congregation have also been called on by delegated members of the Society.

We again commend this most helpful Institution to the sympathies of the women of the church. The bare recital of its labours during the past year shows at once the wide scope of its beneficence, and the important place it fills in the economy of the congregation. The membership is

higher than it has ever been, but it is not as large as it ought to be and might easily be. We hope that in the year now opening it will receive to the full the support which it certainly merits.

#### THE DEACONESS.

Sister Mabel has again given a good account of herself in the various agencies of the congregation. She is leader of one of the Young Women's Bible Classes, and conducts the Junior Endeavour Society and the Mothers' Meeting. She has rendered valuable assistance to the Minister in visiting the sick, and outside the congregation has done much visiting, especially among the very poor. The latter frequently includes help in nursing and ministering to the bodily needs of the sick and infirm. The Wellington Hospital is visited regularly once a week. The Deaconess acts as the almoner of the Dorcas Society in the distribution of the large quantity of clothing which, as already stated, they prepare for this purpose. Hearty thanks are tendered to the firms who placed the sums of money amounting to upwards of £19 at her disposal for her work among the poor; to Drs. Hogg and McGavin who have attended patients too indigent to pay for the services of a medical attendant; and to Mr. Len Mackenzie for a large supply of medicines. Members of the congregation are assured that any gifts they make in cash or kind are always welcome, are much needed, and will in every instance be wisely expended.

#### THE MOTHERS' MEETING.

This meeting is conducted by Sister Mabel in the Boys' Institute. It meets once a fortnight throughout the year. 15 Mothers comprise the membership, the average attendance being 10. The meeting takes the form of a religious service, at the close of which tea is served, the cost being defrayed by certain ladies of the congregation. A picnic, for which donations were received from the Dorcas Society, was given to members in November. Clothing is also given to those who have need of it, and altogether a quiet but very useful work is done by means of this agency.

#### JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY.

This Society, which has been in existence only during the last twelve months, reports itself as having an average attendance for the year of 12. It meets on Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock and is conducted by Sister Mabel. The age limit on the lower side is 10 years. The children take

much interest in the studies, which are either from the Bible or on missions. Efforts are made to give the children tasks to do for which they are fitted and amongst these may be specified the sending of a box of toys valued at £1 to Sister Alison last Christmas for the Maori children in her school. A stall has also been prepared as a contribution to the Sale of Work presently to be held by the Young Women's Guild and the Dorcas Society, on behalf of the Turakina Maori School and the Foreign Missions of the Church. The work of supervising this was carried out by Miss Myra Scott.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is to be expected that the dearth of children in the congregation should make itself evident in the work and statistics of the Sabbath Schools, and such is the case. Last year we recorded a loss of 22 scholars, this year there was again a loss—this time of 23. The older scholars move up into the Bible Classes and there are but few recruits to be found for the junior classes. This is especially noticeable in the infant department, which is steadily ebbing. But in spite of drawbacks which are in the circumstances inevitable, a very sound work is being carried on both in Willis Street and Mount Cook and all the workers are in good heart.

Particulars of attendance of scholars and teachers are given in the following tables:—

<i>Scholars.</i>					
		Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Average.
Willis Street	...	102	112	214	163
Mount Cook	...	43	39	82	66
		145	151	296	229

<i>Teachers and Officers.</i>					
		Men.	Women.	Total.	Average.
Willis Street	...	12	15	27	24
Mount Cook	...	4	9	13	11
		16	24	40	35

The Willis Street scholars' roll is 3 fewer than last year, the Mount Cook roll has lost 20. The teachers' roll is 4 fewer: Willis Street accounting for 3, and Mount Cook for 1. The Willis Street Cradle Roll contains 41 names—13 of a decrease; the Mount Cook Cradle Roll has 20 names—16 fewer than last year.

The teachers have stood steadily to their task, and there have been few changes in the staff. The most



notable loss was that of Mr. Caldow, for several years superintendent of Mount Cook. He was reluctantly compelled by bad health to surrender a task in which he acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the teachers and the Kirk Session. Mr. A. Johnston, for many years a teacher in this school, was nominated by his fellow-workers to succeed Mr. Caldow, and the appointment was duly ratified by the Session.

*Other Items.*—The anniversary services conducted by the Minister were very successful—the children giving a good account of themselves in leading the praise and the collection, about which a circular was addressed to the people of the church, yielding close on £70. The usual mid-winter socials were held and were much appreciated by the young folk. 5 scholars were admitted to the membership of the church on profession of faith. Upwards of £10 were contributed to foreign missions. A fair number of scholars entered for the General Assembly's examinations.

*Teachers Training Class.*—This class, conducted by Mr. W. Gray, M.A., met during two months of last winter on Sunday afternoons and was attended by 12 persons, many of whom were from the Bible Classes. This was as it ought to be, for it is to these classes we look to find the future teachers of our Sunday Schools. The course of instruction consisted of a series of demonstrations in teaching, with short talks on various aspects of Sunday School work, including the management of children. The work proved exceedingly interesting and instructive, and the resumption of the class is eagerly anticipated. It will open shortly for another session.

#### BIBLE CLASSES, BOYS' INSTITUTE AND OTHER AGENCIES.

The total roll of the senior Bible Classes last year was 280 (men's 109, women's 171). This year the roll numbers 261 (men's 101, women's 160).

The record of work which follows is a convincing testimony to the vitality of the classes and their determination to give a good account of themselves among the agencies of the church.

#### WILLIS STREET YOUNG MEN'S CLASS.

It will be seen from the statistics that it has experienced a shrinkage both in the roll number and the average attendance. The wonder is, in the face of the circumstance, that the shortage is not greater. During the earlier part of the

year the leadership devolved entirely on Mr. Butler, who had single-handed to perform a task which has always required the utmost energies of two men. Then Mr. Butler's health gave way and he had to take a three months' leave of absence. During this period the work was placed in the hands of Messrs. A. Howitt and T. M. Crawford, to whom the class were indebted for many good offices and effective leadership of the Sunday meetings. On Mr. Butler's return Mr. Howitt was elected to the joint-leadership but owing to conditions over which he had no control, he had after a brief period to lay down this office. Again Mr. Butler was without assistance. Happily late in the year a joint-leader was found in Mr. E. K. Lomas, M.Sc., vice-principal of the Training College, and the class will doubtless speedily regain its former numerical position. It is gratifying that with all the changes of the past twelve months the class did not suffer more. That it did not is due to the manner in which the temporary officials stood to their task, and the loyal co-operation of the older and more experienced members.

The roll contains the names of 88 members as against 99 last year, the average attendance being 59 as against 65. There are 48 members in full communion with the church and of those 11 joined during the year.

The Sunday afternoon meetings continue to enlist the interest of the young men, and the discussions, always tend to the enforcement of one or other of the great truths of the evangel. The direct study of the Bible is diligently cultivated in two well-attended Bible study circles meeting during the week. The attendance is between 30 and 40.

Apart from the immediate agencies of the class the sphere of philanthropic service in which the members chiefly devote themselves is the Boys' Institute. The Sunday evening service at the Institute is conducted once a month by the class, and no fewer than six of the positions as honorary instructors in the educational department of the Institute were held by class members, who have also done a good deal in helping the social side of the work among the boys.

The contributions of the class have this year exceeded any previous record. Of a total income of £154, no less than £125 have been denoted to objects outside the class, namely, Boys' Institute £26, Easter Camp £42, (about £9 of this was obtained from members of the church not class members), reduction of Church Debt £6, Foreign Missions £41, other Missions £3, Youth of the Church Fund £8.

The library contains 1178 volumes as against 1070 for last year. Frequent social meetings and "strangers' teas" have been held.

The recreations of the class consists of football teams (both Association and Rugby) tennis club, swimming baths at Karori, gymnastic classes and athletics. Full advantage has been taken of all these means of preserving the sound body in harmony with the sound mind, which it is the main object of the class to cultivate.

#### THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

This Society, which is held under the auspices of the Bible Class, meets during the winter months and consequently this report covers a part of two sessions. The last half of the session of 1910 was highly successful, the attendance being larger and the debates as a rule displaying considerable powers of speech and argument. The first half of the session 1911 has not been perhaps so successful in point of the numbers attending, but the Minister who presides and acts as judge of the debates, reports that this year the Society has without question reached the highest point of efficiency yet achieved. Several of the young men have so profited by their connection with this institution that they have become first-class debaters, who would give a good account of themselves anywhere. The general level too is rising. The attendance varies from 25 to 35, rather less than half the number usually present, being young women who, however, seldom or never take part in the debates.

#### THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.

The Institute which for several years was carried on by the Young Men's Bible Class has, owing to the foresight and enthusiasm of the responsible officers, become a very great organisation with manifold agencies and operations. From the first it was conducted on an undenominational basis, and with the entry on the new buildings in Arthur Street in 1904 a constitution, ratified by the Kirk Session, was prepared by which the undenominational character of the work was fixed for all time, and provision made for its government by members of committee and officials appointed by general subscribers in addition to the *ex-officio* Church representatives. The Bible Class still continues to take a deep interest in its affairs and, as indicated in the relevant paragraph, not a few members of the class, are strenuously engaged in its active service. The work done during the past year has been admirable. 267 boys, or an increase of 67 on the previous year, were enrolled, and

altogether 296 boys came under the influence of various departments of the work. These are many in number: Religious, Educational, Physical, Aquatic, Social, Rifle Cadets and Scouts. Largely through the generosity of an unknown donor, followed by the proceeds of a canvassing campaign, a large sum has been collected. Presently new and much larger buildings will be erected, and a programme of work embarked upon which will, when given effect to, place this institution in the front rank of the philanthropies of the Dominion.

#### WILLIS STREET YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS.

The long-continued indisposition of Mr John Boal, the esteemed leader of this class, has during the period under review militated to some extent against its prosperity. Happily Mr. Boal is again back at his task and the work is proceeding with its accustomed vigour. The roll still stands at 100, though the average attendance has dropped from 60 last year to 50 this year. In the circumstances this record must be considered satisfactory and is a tribute to the zeal and wisdom of the sub-leader and the secretary, upon whom in the leader's absence, the burden of the work fell heavily. How hard the Bible Classes have to strain to keep up their membership in our fluctuating population may be seen in the fact that a loss of 46 members had to be made good.

Of the 100 members no fewer than 75 are in full communion with the church—67 belonging to St. John's and 8 to other churches. The addition made to the communion roll by the class during the year was 9. One member has joined the Sunday School staff.

As usual the class has been well in evidence in philanthropic work. The Boys' Institute, the Victoria Hospital, the Orphanage, the Ohiro Home, have all been in various ways benefacted by the class. By means of a sale of work a sum of over £22 was raised and the proceeds devoted to the funds of the Orphanage and the Maori Girls School at Turakina. £20 more were raised for missions, yielding altogether the very satisfactory missionary revenue of over £42. The total revenue of the class has amounted to upwards of £56.

The customary athletics—tennis, gymnasium, ramblers' club—have been in full evidence.

The report from which these particulars are extracted makes inspiring reading. The year has been one of unusual difficulty and trial, but these have been bravely faced and

surmounted. The class is doing a good work and it is gratifying to know that in ever increasing measure the Sunday afternoon studies are centre in the Bible. Of not a few of its members it may with simple truth be affirmed that they abound in the patience of hope, in the work of faith and the labour of love. May their bow long abide in strength.

WILLIS STREET YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS, NO. 2.

The report of this class, which is under the leadership of Sister Mabel, shows that good work has been done in manifold directions. The Sunday afternoon attendances have been satisfactory, the average being 30 out of a roll at the year's end of 46, or six fewer than at its beginning. The interest of the girls in their various studies, chiefly from the Scriptures, has been well sustained and the number who have joined the membership in full communion with the church (8), and the increase in the contribution to missions (from £3/15/- to £7/7-), is evidence of prosperity. Twenty-one of the members of the class are now members of the church. Assistance in the shape of entertainments, socials, etc., has been given to the Orphanage, the Mothers' Meeting, and other charities. For the sale of tickets for the concert promoted by the Young Women's Bible Class Union on behalf of the Orphanage, the class gained the prize offered to the class which disposed of the largest number. By means of an entertainment a sum of £13 was raised for the purchase of a new organ to replace the ancient instrument that hindered rather than helped the singing. The social life of the class has been cared for and a tennis club has provided them with necessary recreation. The total income amounted to over £27. The contribution for missions was divided between the Turakina Maori Girls' School, and the Church Missions in Canton.

MOUNT COOK YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS.

This class is fighting a good fight in the face of many difficulties. The situation of Mount Cook School does not make it easy to secure fresh recruits, and the room in which it meets is far from suitable. But in spite of a decrease in membership (19 to 14) the following tale of work accomplished shows how vital the class is and how heartily the young people have striven to give a good account of themselves. Nine of them are members in full communion, one having joined during the year. One member joined the Sunday School staff. The Sunday meetings, with an average attendance of 10, have been interesting and helpful,

all the members taking part in the exercises and contributing papers as they were required. On the second Sunday of each month prayer meetings have been held. A sale of work, organised by Mrs. Kersley, wife of the leader, was held in September in the interests of Home Missions, and resulted in adding £25 to the congregation's contribution to that cause. A further sum of £1 10s. was raised for the same purpose, and to the Foreign Missions of the church £4 5s. was donated. Other charities, including the Orphanage, received from the class the sum of £2. The total contributions of the class to outside purposes thus amounted to the very handsome sum of £32 15s. The income for all purposes was upwards of £47.

The benevolent activities of the class were not limited to these contributions. Concerts have been frequently given to the inmates of the Home for Aged and Needy; a Christmas Tree was provided for 50 poor children, and assistance rendered in a variety of ways to the Orphanage, including many gifts in kind.

Tennis and Croquet have provided recreation for the members of the class.

MOUNT COOK YOUNG MEN'S CLASS.

The membership is 13, 3 more than last year, with an average attendance of 10. Three are members of the church in full communion, of whom one joined during the year. One member joined the Sunday School staff. The total income was upwards of £12, of which £2 were donated to Youth Fund, £3 to Foreign Missions, and £5 to the Young Men's Camp fund.

The class is small in numbers compared with the other Bible classes connected with the congregation, but the average attendance, the contributions for various objects, as well as the interest manifested from week to week by the lads in the subjects studied on Sunday afternoons, all go to show that this is a very live and vigorous little organisation. Like the Young Women's class meeting, in another room of the same building, this class is sadly handicapped both by the character of the room they meet in, and by the dearth of young people in the neighbourhood. But they give an excellent account of themselves, and we heartily congratulate them on a good year's work.

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The personnel of the Committee has undergone a good deal of change during recent months. Mr. E. P. Cowles

and Mr. D. Jones have removed from Wellington, and Mr. R. Hannah, who retired by effluxion of time, declined re-election. As stated above, Messrs. A. Johnston, J. B. Macfarlane, L. L. Paul, and J. Selater, have become members of the Kirk Session. The filling of the vacancies thus occasioned falls within the current year, but it may be mentioned here that at the election held recently the following former members of the Committee were re-elected, namely, Messrs. J. Campbell, T. H. Hustwick, W. Jennings, J. Knox, and Messrs. W. Badden, J. L. Bruce, E. K. Lomas, G. W. Morice and N. Ross became members for the first time.

Besides the transaction of the considerable routine business of the Church, the Committee had to deal with the question of the much-needed re-painting and repairs of the properties, including the organ. This work involved the large expenditure of £731—the organ improvements costing £135, re-painting £380, and the balance for repairs. The task of putting the properties in thorough order has been effectively carried out, and the expenditure under this head should for some time be of small amount. The organ has not only been put in thorough order but greatly improved in tone and effectiveness for the purposes of public worship.

#### FINANCE.

It will be seen by glancing at the Statement of Accounts that the sum spent on repairs, etc., has exceeded the contribution to the Debt Reduction and Repairs Fund by some £70. Of the £1500 promised to this fund £1038 has been paid up, leaving a balance of about £500 wherewith to meet the total indebtedness of the church—£1652. It is highly desirable, and indeed necessary, in the interests of our finance, that this debt should be liquidated, and we trust that some method of dealing with it may presently be devised.

The ordinary collections total £1095 as against £1020 the previous year—an increase of £75. The average ordinary collection thus works out at over £21 per Sunday. Seat rents show a decrease of £28 (£477 against £505). The attention of the regular worshippers is drawn to this means of supporting the revenue of the church, and wherever possible they are urged to avail themselves of the same.

The total revenue of the church amounts to upwards of £3000. Of this sum £662 has been derived from the Debt

Reduction Fund. It has already been stated that the contributions to outside objects—missions, philanthropy, etc.—amounts to £800.

We close this report, as it began, with an ascription of praise to Him who has caused goodness and mercy to follow us. To His service we would anew dedicate ourselves with the prayer that He may continue to bless us and to use us in ever growing measure for the advancement of His kingdom and the promotion of His glory.



### St. John's Presbyterian Church Revenue Account.

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 1st July, 1910, to 30th June, 1911.**

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Audited and found correct—JNO. PAUL  
W. E. NICHOLS } *Hon. Auditors.*

14th Sep., 1911.

JOHN G. W. AITKEN,  
*Hon. Treasurer.*

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 30th JUNE, 1911.**

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Amount of Mortgage on Property ..	1300	0	0	Estimated Value of Land, Church, School, Manse, and other buildings ..	17,332	0	0
Balance Dr. Revenue Account ..	215	4	10	Unpaid Seat Rents, estimated ..	20	0	0
Balance .. .. .	15,689	5	3				
	<u>£17,342 0 0</u>				<u>£17,342 0 0</u>		

JOHN G. W. AITKEN,  
*Hon. Treasurer.*

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 30th June, 1911.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward from June 30th, 1910 ..			1 3 8	Periodicals and Supplies .. .. .			58 2 3
COLLECTIONS, Willis Street				Libraries .. .. .			8 17 7
General .. .. .	26	10	0	Prizes .. .. .			3 8 8
Missions .. .. .	8	3	8	Caretaker, Mt. Cook .. .. .			6 0 0
			34 13 8	Deficit, Anniversary Social .. .. .			0 8 1
COLLECTIONS, Mount Cook—				Scholars' Socials .. .. .			7 13 10
General .. .. .	8	11	9½	Expenses, Anniversary Services .. .. .			2 1 0
Missions .. .. .	1	16	0½	Printing .. .. .			2 11 6
			10 7 10	Certificates Presb. Assemb. Exam. .. .. .			1 4 1
Church Anniversary Collections .. .. .			67 0 4	Order of Service, "Youth of Church," Sunday .. .. .			0 18 6
Contribution, Y.W.B.C., Willis Street, No. ..	0	10	0	Cheque Book .. .. .			0 5 0
Donations .. .. .	1	12	0	Bank Charge .. .. .			0 19 0
			3 2 0	Insurance Organ, Mt. Cook .. .. .			0 5 0
				Sundries .. .. .			0 7 6
				Half Fare Delegates to Sunday School Convention at Nelson .. .. .			2 14 0
				Subscription Wellington Sunday School Union .. .. .			1 0 0
							96 7 0
				Church Treasurer:			
				"Day Spring" Mission .. .. .			6 18 6
				New Hebrides Mission .. .. .			3 9 4
				Assemblies "Youth of Church" Fund .. .. .			5 0 0
							15 7 10
				Balance Carried Forward .. .. .			3 12 8
							£115 7 6
			£115 7 6	LIABILITY—Amount Outstanding for Periodicals Undelivered, Sunday School Supplies, etc. ..			32 5 2

Audited and found correct—JNO. PAUL  
W. E. NICHOLS } *Hon. Auditors.* 14th Aug., 1911.

WM. R. H. MCKENZIE,  
*Hon. Treasurer.*

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

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash in Hand .. .. .			13 3 7	Sewing Material .. .. .			14 7 9
September Collection for Poor .. .. .			15 19 8	Milk, etc. .. .. .			5 15 11½
December .. .. .			18 8 0	Distribution to Poor .. .. .			49 0 0
March .. .. .			17 14 4				69 3 8½
June .. .. .			18 13 11	Balance in Hand .. .. .			14 15 9½
			£83 19 6				£83 19 6

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# REPORT

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SISTER NORA, 4 Athol Crescent. Telephone 2210.

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MR. WM. HOPKIRK, 104 Majoribanks Street.

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**Church Officer:**

MR. J. WHITEMAN, Willis Street.

# 4 **ELDERS:**

	INDUCTED
AITKEN, J. G. W., Levy Street ...	1884
ALLAN Wm., Willis Street ...	1884
ATKINSON, JAS., Burnell Avenue ...	1903
BOAL, J. Willis Street ...	1903
BLACK, J. W., Kelburne ...	1909
BUTLER, J. S., Kelburne ...	1909
CALDOW, R. T., Ellice Street ...	1906
GILL, T. H., M.A., L.L.B., Ellice Street ...	1903
GLEN, G. F., Botanical Gardens ...	1909
HOPKIRK, Wm., Majoribanks Street ...	1888
JOHNSON, CAPT. H., Church Street ...	1902
JOHNSON, S. CLARKE, Karori Road ...	1902
JOHNSTON, A., Kelburne ...	1911
KERSLEY, H. W., Kelburne ...	1902
LAURENSEN, F. F., Murphy Street ...	1911
MACKAY, J., Brougham Street ...	1897
MACFARLANE, J. B., Stafford Street ...	1911
McKERRROW, JAS., Ghuznee Street ...	1881
MAINLAND, H., Kelburne ...	1903
MENELAUS, M. D., Ellice Avenue ...	1895
MITCHELL, J., Roxburgh Street ...	1897
PAUL, L. L., Boulcott Street ...	1911
SCLATER, J., Thompson Street ...	1911
STONE, A. R., Bolton Street ...	1909
SNODGRASS, R. B., Hataitai ...	1911
TROUP, G. A., F.R.I.B.A., Kelburne ...	1895

# 5 **MANAGERS — 1912**

ANDERSON, J. D. ...	Talavera Terrace
ANDREW, R. L. ...	Kelburne
BADDEN, W. ...	Pirie Street
BRUCE, J. L. ...	Kilbirnie
CAMPBELL, J., F.R.I.B.A. ...	Cleremont Terrace
DOUGLAS, D. ...	Dixon Street
FINLAY, J. B. ...	Hawker Street
HUSTWICK, T. H. ...	McDonald Crescent
HOGG, A. W., M.B., Ch.B. ...	Willis Street
JENNINGS, W. ...	Willis Street
KIRKCALDIE, J. ...	Thompson Street
KNOX, J. ...	Cleremont Terrace
LOMAS, E. K., M.A., M.Sc. ...	Abel Smith Street
MCDONALD, J. ...	Maurice Terrace
MORICE, J. M., B.Sc. ...	Roseneath
MORICE, G. W., M.A. ...	Terrace
RAMSAY, W. ...	Wright Street
SMITH, A. P. ...	Kelburne
SMITH, H. ...	Terrace
WILSON, A. M. ...	Cambridge Terrace

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RAMSAY, A. P. SMITH, H. SMITH, SNODGRASS,  
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## ELDERS' DISTRICTS.

No. 1—Thorndon, Kaiwarra, and Wadestown.

Elder: Mr. R. B. Snodgrass.  
Collector for Missions: Miss Stark.

No. 2—Talavera Terrace to Customhouse Quay; Aurora Terrace  
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Elder: Mr. J. B. Macfarlane.  
Collector for Missions: Miss Glen.

No. 3—General. (Young Men.)

Elder: Mr. J. S. Butler.  
Collector for Missions: Mr. Wm. Badde.

No. 4—Kelburne.

Elders: Messrs. J. W. Black, and S. Clarke-Johnson.  
Collector for Missions: Mrs. McCullough.

No. 5—Talavera Terrace to Customhouse Quay; Aurora Terrace  
to Dixon Street.

Elders: Messrs. G. A. Troup and F. F. Laurensen.  
Collector for Missions: Miss Gibb.

No. 6—General. (Young Women.)

Elder: Mr. J. Boal.  
Collector for Missions: Miss M. Chappell.

No. 7—Willis Street to Woolcombe Street; Dixon Street to  
Ingestre Street.

Elder: Mr. J. McKerrow.  
Collector for Missions: Mrs. F. S. Pope.

No. 8—Dixon Street to Ingestre Street; Cuba Street to Willis  
Street.

Elder: Capt. H. Johnson.  
Collection for Missions: Mrs. F. S. Pope.

No. 9—Willis Street to Cuba Street; Ingestre Street to Webb Street.

Elder : Mr. J. Mackay.  
Collector for Missions : Miss Ballingall.

No. 10—Woolcombe Street to Willis Street; Ingestre Street to Wordsworth Street.

Elder : Capt. H. Johnson.  
Collectors for Missions : Messrs. C. Chappell and R. Nichols.

No. 11—Aro Street, Taitville, and Mitchelltown.

Elder : Mr. H. Mainland.  
Collector for Missions : Mrs. J. Wilson.

No. 12—Ohiro Road, Maarama Crescent, Brooklyn, and Vogel-town.

Elder : Mr. A. Johnston.  
Collector for Missions : Miss C. Allan.

No. 13—Webb Street, Arthur Street to Rolleston Street.

Elder : Mr. R. T. Caldow.  
Collector for Missions : Miss Allan.

No. 14—Buckle Street to John Street.

Elder : Mr. J. Slater.  
Collector for Missions : Miss Wallace.

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Elder : Mr. W. Allan.  
Collector for Missions : Miss Badden.

No. 16—Cambridge Terrace and South of Basin Reserve.

Elder : Mr. J. Mitchell.  
Collector for Missions : Misses Myra Scott and G. McLeay.

No. 17—Clyde Quay : Oriental Bay and Roseneath.

Elder : Mr. A. R. Stone.  
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No. 18—Clyde Quay and Majoribanks Street to Shannon Street.

Elder : Mr. W. Hopkirk.  
Collector for Missions : Mrs. Menelaus.

No. 19—Majoribanks Street to Elizabeth Street; Kent Terrace to Austin Street.

Elder : Mr. T. H. Gill.  
Collector for Missions : Miss McLeod.

No. 20—Elizabeth Street to Pirie Street, and Kent Terrace to Austin Street.

Elder : Mr. J. G. W. Aitken.  
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No. 21—Pirie Street to Ellice Street; City Boundary to Kent Terrace.

Elder : Mr. G. F. Glen.  
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No. 22—Ellice Street and Brougham Street to College Reserve.

Collector : Mr. Mr. H. W. Kersley.  
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## ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1912-13.

**PUBLIC WORSHIP** every Lord's Day, morning at 11, evening at 7.

**SACRAMENTS**:—(1) Baptism in the Church on the first Sunday of every month. (2) Lord's Supper on the second Sunday of March, June, September, and December.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS** meet in hall adjoining the Church and in the Mount Cook School on Sunday afternoons at 2.30.

**BIBLE CLASSES FOR YOUNG MEN** meet in the class-room, Willis Street, and in the school-room, Mount Cook, on Sunday afternoons at 2.45.

**BIBLE CLASSES FOR YOUNG WOMEN** meet in the class-room adjoining the Church, in the Managers' Room, and in Mount Cook School, on Sunday afternoons at 2.45.

**JUNIOR ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY**, Sunday mornings at 10.

**PRAYER MEETING** every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

**THE ST. JOHN'S LADIES' ASSOCIATION** meets in the school-room, on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 2.30 p.m.

**MOTHERS' MEETING** is held every alternate Thursday at 2.45 p.m., in the Boys' Institute, Arthur Street.

**YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY GUILD** meets from March to November, in Members' Homes, at 7.30 p.m.

**CHOIR PRACTICE**, Thursday evenings at 8 p.m., Willis Street class-room.

**THE SESSION** meets on the third Wednesday of every alternate month after the prayer meeting.

**THE MANAGERS** meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 8.30 p.m.

**THE BOYS' INSTITUTE** meets in the rooms, Arthur Street, every evening at 7.

**GYMNASTIC CLASSES** meet in the Gymnasium during winter months.

**THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY** meets in the Willis Street class-room every Tuesday evening (from April to September), at 7.45.

## ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION.

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Vice-Presidents:  
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General Secretary:  
MR. L. L. PAUL.

General Treasurer:  
MR. WM. MCKENZIE.

Honorary Staff:  
MESSRS. J. G. W. AITKEN AND WM. ALLAN.

### WILLIS STREET SCHOOL.

MEETS EVERY SABBATH AT 2.30 P.M.

Superintendent:  
MR. WM. HOPKIRK.

#### Teachers:

MRS. CAMPBELL	MISS C. ROGERS
" LEWIS	" I. SCOTT
" WHITEMAN	" J. SCLATER
MISS J. BADDEN	" E. WALLACE
" N. CLACHAN	MR. W. BADDEN
" J. GIBB	" J. CAMPBELL
" G. GENDALL	" A. EAST
" N. MCCULLOUGH	" J. H. KRAFT
" R. MCRAE	" F. F. LAURENSEN
" M. RALSTON	" J. S. MACKENZIE
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Assistant Librarian:  
MISS B. BADDEN.

Cradle Roll Superintendent:  
MISS M. SCOTT.

Cradle Roll Visitor:  
MISS J. BADDEN.

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MEETS EVERY SABBATH AT 2.30 P.M.

Superintendent:  
MR. ALEXR. JOHNSTON.

## Teachers:

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" BALLINGALL  
" HOPKIRK  
" McLEOD

MISS SIMMONDS  
MR. P. BURBIDGE  
" H. CRAWFORD  
" RAMSAY

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Assistant Secretary:  
MISS MCKENZIE.

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Organist:  
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**ST. JOHN'S BIBLE CLASS ASSOCIATION.**

President:  
REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

**WILLIS STREET YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS AND INSTITUTE.**

MEETS IN THE WILLIS STREET CLASS-ROOM EVERY SABBATH AT 2.45 P.M.

## Leaders:

MESSRS. J. S. BUTLER AND E. K. LOMAS, M.A., M.Sc.

## Committee:

MISSIONS ...	...	N. JOHNSTON
LOOKOUT ...	...	W. HOPKIRK AND F. ROSS
LIBRARY ...	...	H. COTTELL
ATHLETICS ...	...	F. ANDREW
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BOYS' INSTITUTE ...	...	C. THORNTON
BIBLE STUDY ...	...	R. L. ANDREW
DISCUSSIONS ...	...	D. PATTERSON
TREASURER ...	...	W. MILLIER
ORGANIST... ..	...	G. H. ELLIFFE
SECRETARY ...	...	J. A. ORR

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MEETS EVERY TUESDAY EVENING, FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER,  
IN THE CLASS-ROOM AT 7.45.

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## Treasurer:

MR. W. MILLIER.

## Committee:

MESSRS. N. ANDREW, D. DOUGLAS, W. MILLIER,  
AND D. PATTERSON.

**MOUNT COOK YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.**

MEETS IN MOUNT COOK SUNDAY SCHOOL EVERY SABBATH  
AT 2.45 P.M.

**Leader :**

MR. A. R. STONE.

**Committee :**

MESSRS. W. FERGUSON AND E. RENNER.

**Secretary :**

MR. D. JOHNSTON.

**Treasurer :**

MR. WM. ALLAN

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MR. G. RENNER.

**Organist :**

MR. D. JOHNSTON.

**ST. JOHN'S YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS, No. 1**  
(Willis Street).

MEETS IN THE GIRLS' PARLOUR EVERY SABBATH AT 2.45 P.M.

**Leader :**

MR. J. BOAL

**Sub-Leader :**

MISS M. CHAPPELL.

**Committee :**

MISSSES N. BURNS, H. D. BROWN, A. CHAPPELL, C. CHAPPELL, M. CHAPPELL, D. DUTTON, B. FERGUSON, F. FERGAN, C. HANDS, MAY HILL, MYRA HILL, W. MILLAR, A. MACE, A. PATERSON, M. PULLMAN, E. ROWNTREE, A. STARK, A. SMITH, L. THOMPSON, AND M. WILSON,

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**Assistant Secretary :**

MISS E. K. HAY.

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MISSSES N. CLYDE AND F. CRAWFORD.

**Organists :**

MISSSES R. NICHOLS AND C. HORRELL.

**Treasurer :**

MISS D. MILLAR.

**ST. JOHN'S YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.—No. 2.**

MEETS IN THE MANAGERS' ROOM EVERY SUNDAY AT 2.45 P.M.

**Leader :**

SISTER NORA.

**Sub-Leader :**

MISS N. MITCHELL.

**Conveners of Committees :**

MISSIONS	...	MISSSES P. MCKENZIE AND E. FALLOWS
SOCIAL	...	MISS S. ANDERSON
DISCUSSIONS	...	MISS C. GRANT
LOOKOUT	...	MISSSES A. HOPKIRK AND A. ALLAN
ORPHANAGE	...	MISS E. JANES
PRAYER	...	MISS N. MITCHELL
SUNDAY SCHOOL	...	MISS E. WIREN
FLOWER	...	MISS J. JOHNSTON

**Secretary :**

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**Treasurer :**

MISS P. KITCHING.

**Organist :**

MISS N. ALLAN.

**Corresponding Sec. and "Outlook" :**

MISS J. McDONALD.

**JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY.**

MEETS IN THE CLASS-ROOM EVERY SUNDAY AT 10.15 A.M.

**Leader :**

SISTER NORA.

**Committee :**

LOOKOUT ... EDNA SCOTT AND W. HOPKIRK, JUNR.  
COMMITTEE—MISS EDNA SCOTT, MESSRS. S. MCKENZIE,  
AND F. AND R. ROBERTSON.

**Secretary and Treasurer :**

W. S. HOPKIRK, JUNR.

**Organist :**

S. MCKENZIE.

# ST. JOHN'S LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

## President :

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## Vice-President :

MRS. GILL AND SISTER NORA.

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MISS SINCLAIR.

## Treasurer—Missions :

MISS GIBB.

## Treasurer—Dorcas :

MISS STENHOUSE.

# ST. JOHN'S YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY GUILD.

MEETS IN MEMBERS' HOMES EVERY ALTERNATE TUESDAY AT 7.30.

## President :

SISTER NORA.

## Hon. President :

MRS. BUTLER.

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MISS HOPKIRK AND J. BADDEN.

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# THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.

Sunday Evening Service and Week-night Classes are now conducted in the Institute Building, Arthur Street.

## Hon. President :

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## President :

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## Hon Physician :

DR. A. W. HOGG, M.B., CH.B.

## Committee :

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# CHOIR.

MEETS FOR PRACTICE IN WILLIS STREET CLASS-ROOM ON THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 8 P.M.

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## Sopranos :

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" CAMPBELL  
" CHAPMAN  
" F. S. POPE  
MISS ALLAN  
" HEATH  
" HARROWBY

MISS MANNING  
" M. MOWATT  
" McLEOD  
" C. PETRIE  
" A. SMITH  
" H. SMITH

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" WHITEMAN  
MISS GENDALL  
" KING

MISS RASH  
" STENHOUSE  
" E. SMITH  
" D. WOODMAN

## Tenors :

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" INCE  
" JOHNSON  
" JAS. B. MARTIN

MR. J. MARTIN  
" SNODGRASS  
" WILSON

## Bass :

MR. CALDOW  
" ELLIFFE  
" MACFARLANE  
" MITCHELL

MR. F. S. POPE  
" R. POPE  
" WARDROP

## Hon. Secretary :

MISS RASH.

## Hon. Librarian :

MR. J. B. McFARLANE.



## MEMORANDA.

### COLLECTIONS, SEAT-LETTING, Etc.

THE ORDINARY SUNDAY COLLECTIONS, together with the Seat Rents, etc., provide the funds for defraying the congregational expenses, the chief of which are the Minister's Stipend, and retiring allowance to the late Minister, salaries of Church officials, etc.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS. — (1.) As appointed by the General Assembly are made from time to time, including Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Assessments for Assembly Expenses, Maori Mission, etc. (2.) As appointed by the office-bearers for Sunday School, relief of poor (once a quarter), and such other objects as it may be deemed necessary to help.

The Church Extension Fund, which is wholly devoted to help in planting new charges and assisting weak ones throughout the bounds of the Church, is taken up by the envelope system. The envelopes are placed in the pews once a quarter.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. — The regular contributions of the congregation to Missions are collected quarterly by the Women's Missionary Association.

The Seat-Letting Committee is in attendance at the Church at the close of the prayer-meeting on Wednesday evenings to let sittings to new applicants.

## Report

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30th, 1912.



RELYING on the abiding faithfulness of our Lord we began the year in a spirit of confidence and hope; we end it with thanksgiving and praise to Him whose hand has very signally, throughout these twelve months, been upon us for good. The work of the Christian church is in these days nowhere easy, and the difficulties are in our case intensified by certain local conditions, to which attention has been drawn in more than one of these annual reports. The number of children connected with the congregation continues to decrease, and the Sunday School cannot, save to a very slight extent, be regarded as a reservoir whence we may draw our supplies of future members. But happily we have more than made good the loss to the membership due to the removal of many families to the suburban church. The morning attendance, which for a year or two suffered on this account, same diminution, has regained its normal dimensions. The evening congregation continues to fill the church. The attendance at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has out-distanced previous records. The liberality of the congregation to outside objects has been strikingly shown, and the tale of service in many directions is impressive in its volume and vigour. How far there has been a corresponding development in the spiritual life of the church, of its interior allegiance to Christ, who shall say? Yet we humbly believe that the work of grace is steadily deepening in the hearts and lives of not a few of our people; and there are many signs that the claims of Christ are being felt by a large number of those who worship regularly with us, but who thus far have made no open profession of their faith. We give thanks to God for His abundant mercies and gird ourselves for the tasks

of the coming year, praying that the joy of the Lord may be our strength as we labour for the advancement of that kingdom which is the one enduring reality in this world of shadows.

#### THE MINISTER.

We desire to express our deep gratitude to God that our Minister has been enabled, without a day's illness and with unfailing vigour, to continue his strenuous and invaluable labours for the welfare of the congregation as well as for the many other good causes to which he so willingly gives his much appreciated services. The prosperity of the church, to which in the preceding paragraph we have referred—its growing membership, its augmented finances, its deepened spiritual life—is under God largely due to the instrumentality of Dr. Gibb.

For our part we find it difficult to compare any one of the Minister's good offices with another, but we cannot refrain from recording what is said on every hand, that in time of trouble and in the home of affliction Dr. Gibb has brought, through his benign ministrations, a solace and comfort which no words can appraise or time efface.

We thank God for our Minister and pray that his bow may long abide in strength, and that by the Divine blessing on his labours not only the congregation but the community may be stimulated to a better life and truer service of the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### KIRK SESSION.

At the beginning of the year there were 30 elders, now there are 26. Three, namely: Mr. F. H. Fraser, Mr. John Ferguson, and Mr. John Wislon, have passed to the regions beyond. Mr. Fraser had been a member of the congregation for many years and he was the doyen of the Session. Though latterly incapacitated by age and infirmities from taking an active share in the work of the church, he was for a long period a strenuous worker in the Sunday School and to the end retained the position of honorary superintendent. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Wislon also earned a good degree in Sunday School work, and were held in honour by their brethren as earnest, warm-hearted Christian men ever zealous about the Master's business. Suitable minutes were prepared commemorating the departed and engrossed in the records. Mr. A. P. Webster severed his connection with the Session to join another congregation. Mr. W. Gray, M.A., having

received the appointment of Principal of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Melbourne, left with his family for that city in January last. Mr. Gray's departure was much regretted. He was a diligent worker in more than one department of the congregation's activities, and the help given by him to the Sunday School, to the service of which he willingly dedicated his specialised knowledge of the psychology of the child and the art of teaching, will be much missed.

The Session has diligently carried out the routine business of the church, and its members have visited the families in their respective districts once a quarter.

*The Communion Roll.*—The roll now contains the names of 719 members, making a seeming decrease of 19 on the number reported last year. As a matter of fact the number of authentic members of the church is 57 more than at this date in 1911. The roll was subjected to a very close examination, and it was found that a large number of names—76 in all—were those of persons who during a considerable stretch of time had left Wellington without asking for their lines. It is not a happy symptom that so many members of the church cease their connection without indicating their impending departure. The privileges of the church can be but slightly valued by those who act in this fashion, and besides there is always a risk that, leaving without certificates, they will fail to connect themselves definitely with the church in the district to which they have removed. We ask our people kindly to note these things and in the event of their departure from Wellington, to make application for their certificate either to the Minister or the Session Clerk.

The particulars of the roll are as follows:—

Total roll in June, 1911	...	...	...	738
New members added by examination	...	...	36	
New members by certificate...	...	...	117	
			—	153
				891
Removed by death	...	...	9	
By certificate	...	...	87	
Otherwise	...	...	76	
			—	172
				719

The death roll it thus appears contains the names of 9 members in full communion. Their names are the three elders referred to above and Mrs. Paterson, wife of the Rev. James Paterson, Miss Steadman, Mr. Macdougall, Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. M'Bean, and Miss M'Donald. The Session deeply sympathised with Mr. Paterson in the loss of his wife who through so many years had borne with him the burden and heat of the day in St. John's, and a suitable minute was entered in the records. Miss Taylor, though her last illness was brief, had been long invalided and was glad to go home. By the death of Mr. Macdougall not only the congregation but the community lost a man of great ability and sterling integrity. He had been for many years a member of this church to which he was ever a steadfast friend. Mrs. Cameron was one of the oldest members of the congregation and though age and distance prevented her from taking a share in the activities of the church, she was to the end warmly interested in its affairs. Mrs. M'Bean's connection with the church was of recent date and long continued illness debarred her taking part in the worship of the sanctuary which she greatly loved. Miss Macdonald had been connected with the church for a very long period and was highly esteemed for her personal worth and devotion to her church. To the relatives of the departed we tender our deep sympathy and commend them to the compassions of the Most High.

*The Quarterly Communion.*—The attendances were: September, 471; December, 449; March, 323; June, 377.

The September attendance was gratifying—the largest in the history of the congregation; but the attendance in March and June, though so much smaller, afforded even a better ground of satisfaction. Both days, and especially that in March, were among the wildest we ever get even in Wellington—a deluge of rain driven before a gale of wind. The presence of so many devout men and women in church, under the circumstances, to commemorate the death of our Lord was a sight that led one to thank God and take courage. Yet it raised a question: Is the thinning of the church in bad weather, when it does not happen to be communion Sunday, really necessary?

The Sacrament of baptism was administered to 23 children.

*Attendance at Public Worship and the Prayer Meeting.*—The attendance at the services on Sunday has been referred to in the opening paragraph. Wet and stormy weather has

marked a much larger number than usual of the Sundays during the last twelve months, and this has interfered with the attendance, though a gratifying feature of these wet days has been the large number of men in evidence. On fine days the morning congregation is good, the evening better than good.

The attendance at the Prayer meeting during the part of the church year which fell in 1911 was exceedingly satisfactory. This winter it has not been so good. There has hardly been a fine Wednesday evening since the meeting was resumed after the holidays. But whenever the elements have been propitious the class room has been filled to the door.

*Anniversary Services.*—The congregational anniversary was celebrated on the last Sunday of September, the services being conducted by the Rev. J. Macaulay Caldwell, of Timaru. Mr. Caldwell also assisted at the annual Social meeting held on the following Tuesday. The services were largely attended and much appreciated. The Sunday's collections constituted a record—they amounted to £150.

The Social life of the congregation has been promoted by a large number of gatherings held under the auspices of the various societies and organisations, by the annual social meeting, and by a very enjoyable "At Home" given by the Minister and Office-bearers to the church workers and the new members and adherents within a certain period. The expense of this function was borne by a member of Session.

#### THE SERVICE OF PRAISE.

The thanks of the congregation are again due to Mr. Maughan Barnett and his choir who have done excellent work during the period under review. The selection of anthems has been wide and their rendering has been excellent both from a musical and a devotional point of view. The congregational singing has been characterised by heartiness and good taste. Many new hymns have been introduced and while these are not sung with the vigour displayed when the older hymns are chosen, there is good reason the hope that many of them will shortly become favourites too. Care is taken to have at every service at least some hymns well known by the congregation.

The week-night practices of the choir have been well attended and the members stand by their Sunday's task with

praiseworthy fidelity. But the choir requires strengthening in all the parts, and especially in the soprano and bass. Members of the church with some measure of musical knowledge are earnestly invited to report themselves at the practice in the Willis Street Class Room on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock. The number of members to date is: Soprano, 13; alto, 8; tenor, 7; and bass, 7.

#### MISSIONS—FOREIGN, MAORI AND HOME.

*The Women's Missionary Association.*—It was stated in last report that this Association had been merged in the Dorcas Society. Once a month the Dorcas Society devotes the first hour of its meeting to missionary concerns. The average attendance has been 19. Letters from missionaries are read, prayer is offered for our workers in the foreign fields, and generally an earnest effort is put forth to interest our women in the enterprise of missions, and to lead them to feel their personal responsibility for the great cause of the spread of the kingdom among the heathen. The new departure has, thus far, worked well, and we are hopeful that the problem how to secure a live missionary meeting of our womenfolk once a month is on the way to solution.

The Association, with the help of a band of collectors, calls once a quarter on members of the congregation for their contributions to the mission schemes of the church. The amount thus obtained this year is upwards of £127, an increase of £15. A further sum of £5 was collected in various ways; a box of useful articles was sent to Dr. Porteous, North India.

*The Young Women's Missionary Guild.*—The Guild meets once a fortnight during the greater part of the year, to sew and prepare articles for a sale of work, the proceeds of which are devoted to Maori Missions and such other missionary causes as may from time to time be determined on. The last sale was held in August, and yielded £65. Of this sum £40 was donated to the Turakina Maori Girls' School, £13 to the Dr. Porteous hospital in Jagadhri, North India, and £7 to Dr. Kirk's hospital, Canton Villages.

The Missionary contributions of the Bible Classes may be specified here. Young Men's Bible Class, £34 (Foreign and Maori); Young Women's Bible Class, £18 (Foreign and Maori); the Young Women's Class, No. 2, £4 (Foreign and

Maori); Young Women's Class, Mount Cook, £3 10s. (Foreign); Young Men's Class, Mount Cook, £3 (Foreign). The Sunday Schools contributed £13 (Dayspring).

To these sums should be added the church collection of £34 8s. 3d. to the British and Foreign Bible Society, £9 retiring collection for Maori Missions, and £9 collected at a weeknight meeting in the church in the interests of the Mission to the Lepers of India. There were, besides, various other sums collected in different ways. Total contribution to Missions, £326 11s. 7d. (Foreign, £266 8s.; Maori, £60 3s. 7d.).

*Home Missions.*—For the Home Missions of the church and the augmentation of the smaller stipends in sanctioned charges, £127 was collected by means of quarterly envelopes. The Willis Street Young Women's Class contributed £2 8s. 6d. to the same object. Total £129 18s. 2d.

*Contributions in aid of various objects.*—The Wellington Presbyterian Orphanage: To this the very fine sum of nearly £155 was contributed as a retiring collection on Orphanage Sunday. The Bible Classes, including Mount Cook Girls' Class prior to its dismemberment, contributed upwards of £12, making a total of close on £166. It should also be mentioned that a steady stream of gifts flows into the Orphanage from the organisations of the congregation, as well as from individual members. For the poor, by special collection on communion Sundays, etc., £77 was obtained. For the Hepple Family Fund, £18 10s. was collected. For the Ragged School Union, London, £15. For relief of the sufferers from the Titanic disaster, £42 7s. For the Chapman-Alexander Mission Fund, £20. For the Youth of the Church Fund, close on £43.

These are by no means a complete list of the congregation's contributions to objects outside its own immediate sphere. The General Treasurer's statement shows that £828 were donated to such objects, but there are many items in the finances of the various organisations which cannot well find a place in the congregational balance sheet. It is safe to say that the giving of the congregation during the last twelve months to missions, charity, etc., etc., comes very near, if it does not actually go beyond, the sum of £900, or almost a third of the total income. It is a record for which we may be very thankful to the gracious Lord who has enabled us thus to serve Him. It is also an inspiration to attempt in the

coming year still better things for Him who loved us and gave Himself up for us.

#### THE LADIES' DORCAS AND VISITING SOCIETY.

The report presented by this Society is full of encouragement. The membership has grown to 40, and the attendance, with an average for the whole year of 18, has been as high as 33. The place of meeting "from time immemorial" has become too small, and a move has been made to the main hall of the church, Dixon Street. This is, of course, much too large, but a portion has been curtained off and carpeted, the cost of these comforts being defrayed by the gifts of several friends. A gas stove has been procured and adjusted so that the ladies can now meet for their beneficent work without discomfort in the coldest weather.

The labours of the Society have included the following : (1) The allotting of grants of money, food and clothing to the poor ; the total income provided chiefly by the quarterly communion collections, £84, of which £73 have been expended on charity. (2) The preparation of a large number of garments, the bulk of which have gone to the children of the Orphanage, and the remainder to the Deaconess for distribution among the poor. (3) Assistance rendered to the Mother's Meeting, including gifts of money, materials for the fortnightly teas to the mothers, and clothing for the more needy among them. (4) Contribution of a stall of work to a sale, promoted by the Young Women's Guild on behalf of the Turakina Maori Girls' School, and other missionary objects. This stall realised £13. (5) The duty of visiting new members of the church has been carried out by a number of the ladies to whom this work has been allocated.

We are very genuinely glad that the Society has had so good a year. The work it does is second in importance to none carried on by the organisations of the church, and we bespeak for it a still larger support from the women of the congregation during the coming year. It meets once a fortnight except in the months of January and February.

#### THE DEACONESS.

Shortly after the opening of the period under review, Sister Mabel was called to the sickbed of her father and found that his condition demanded her presence at home during a period of many months. In the end, she very reluctantly tendered her resignation, which was as reluctantly accepted. The Session expressed its sense of the value of her

work in a minute, which, among other things, said: "She has been a tireless worker. As leader of one of the Young Women's Bible Classes, she endeared herself to the members by her unfailing solicitude for their welfare. Her ministrations to the sick and infirm were greatly esteemed. The Minister found her, in every respect, a loyal and zealous helper."

Sister Mabel is now serving as deaconess in First Church, Dunedin, where we are sure she will find a congenial sphere of labour, and in which we wish her all happiness and success.

The question of the appointment of a successor turned on two other questions: Was a suitable worker available, and how was the stipend to be provided? The ordinary revenue of the congregation, though large, is taxed to the utmost, apart from a salary for a deaconess, and even when it was known that a suitable successor was to be had in Miss Nora Dick, the office-bearers were in something of a quandary. The difficulty was, for the present, happily solved by the kindness of two members of the congregation who became responsible for the stipend of £100 for two years. The thanks of the office-bearers and the congregation are due, and we are sure are heartily accorded to the donors of this gift. Miss Dick was accordingly appointed by the Minister to the post, and in April she was ordained and inducted by a commission of the Wellington Presbytery. Miss Dick, who will be known as Sister Nora, has begun work in a very promising fashion. Trained in the Deaconess Institute, Dunedin, she brings to the discharge of her duties, common sense, an energetic disposition, some faculty of initiative, and a sincere devotion to the cause of Christ. She has started well and very satisfactory reports reach us from the Dorcas Society, the Bible Class, and other agencies in connection with which she especially labours. Her assistance is appreciated by the Minister in visiting the people, and especially in looking after the poor. In other ways, too, she helps to lighten the heavy burden resting on Dr. Gibb's shoulders.

The deaconess acts as the almoner of the Dorcas Society, but further assistance in the work of helping the needy is always welcomed. Donations in cash or kind may be made to the Sister Nora directly, or per medium of the Minister.

#### THE MOTHERS' MEETING.

This meeting was continued for some time after Sister Mabel's departure, but ultimately lapsed. Immediately after

the appointment of the new Deaconess it was resumed, and meets once a fortnight in the Boys' Institute. The women attending much appreciate the help and encouragement this agency affords. A brief religious service is held after which tea is served, and the more pressing needs of the members inquired into and provided for. A nominal charge is made for the garments supplied. The cost of the tea, etc., is provided for by members of the congregation and especially the Dorcas Society. The number attending is 20 and about 26 mothers are connected with its agency.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

In an earlier part of this report we have alluded to the decrease in the children's roll. It is a tribute to the energy and enthusiasm of the superintendents and teachers that the schools end the year with practically the same numbers as they began it. The households connected with St. John's contain fewer children year by year, and the gaps occurring in the ranks of the schools, as the children pass beyond the school age, are not to be made good, save to a very small extent, from the ranks of the congregation. There are still children, though not of families connected with our church in the neighbourhood—that number, too, is decreasing—but the Sunday schools which these children may easily attend are numerous. It may very safely be affirmed that our Sunday-school workers have done their very best, and it is also unquestionable that the schools are in an excellent state of discipline and equipment. The work done during the past twelve months has been deserving of all commendation.

Particulars of attendance of scholars and teachers are given in the following tables:—

<i>Scholars.</i>				
	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Average.
Willis Street ...	109	105	214	153
Mount Cook ...	44	34	78	54
	153	139	292	207
<i>Teachers and Officers.</i>				
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Average.
Willis Street ...	10	16	26	23
Mount Cook ...	5	8	13	11
	15	24	39	34

The Willis Street roll is exactly the same as last year. The Mt. Cook roll shows a slight decrease—4. The aver-

age attendance is 22 fewer—a decrease easily accounted for by the excessive number of wet Sundays. The teachers' roll is less by one than last year. The Willis Street School has a cradle roll of 43, an increase of 2; and Mt. Cook of 18, a decrease of 2.

There have not been many changes in the staff, the most notable loss being that of Mr. W. Gray, whose interest in the schools and assistance of the teachers are referred to elsewhere in this report.

The Anniversary Services were held over till June. "The church," says the report from which we extract this information, "was tastefully decorated; the services conducted by our minister were inspiring; the weather was fine, and a children's choir led the praise very satisfactorily." The collection was taken this year without a previous circular appeal. It amounted to £46, being £21 less than last year. The amount was nevertheless creditable in view of the many special appeals which had about that time been made to the congregation. The annual social was held a fortnight later, and the usual sectional socials have been held at intervals through the winter.

The total revenue of the Sunday Schools amounted to close on £100. The contribution to missions was £16, and £5 were donated to the Youth of the Church Fund.

Only a small number of scholars presented themselves for the Assembly's Sunday School examinations, though the matter was pressed on their attention by the superintendents and teachers. 5 scholars joined the church in full communion.

Included in these statistics, etc., are the two junior Bible Classes, which, though part of the Sunday School, are conducted on much the same lines as the senior Bible Classes. No separate report is presented by them, but we are aware that the work done in them has been highly meritorious—a goodly percentage of the "young communicants" of the last two or three years have come up from these classes.

#### BIBLE CLASSES, BOYS' INSTITUTE AND OTHER AGENCIES.

Last year we had five senior Bible Classes, this year we have four. It was found impossible to continue the Mt. Cook Young Women's Class. The population of the

neighbourhood is steadily decreasing; and this, as well as the existence of two vigorous classes for young women meeting in the Willis Street buildings, at last rendered the burden of the Mt. Cook class greater than could be borne. It was therefore, with the consent of the Session, abandoned. Mr. Kersley, the conductor, was heartily thanked for his services, and a number of the girls found their way into the senior class, meeting in the Girls' Parlour, Dixon Street. The funds in hand (£9) on the breaking-up of the class were given to missions and the orphanage. The total roll of the senior classes thus shows some diminution. It is 246 (men's 101, women's 145), against last year's 261 (men's 101, women's 160)—a decrease of 15.

The following brief summary of the work attempted and the work accomplished by these agencies will show their significance in the life of the congregation, and that they possess a vigorous vitality.

#### YOUNG MEN'S CLASS, WILLIS STREET.

The roll last year numbered 88—it is now 90—a gain of 2. The average attendance has been 50.25. Forty-two names were removed from the roll and 44 added. The losses this year were exceptionally trying, a large percentage of those who removed to other districts having occupied positions of responsibility as conveners of the various committees.

Forty-two members are in full communion with the church, and of this number 8 joined during the year: 4 by examination and 4 by certificate.

The work of the class may be grouped under three headings:—

(1) Study and Service: The Sunday afternoon meetings are to the class what the Sunday services are to the church to which the class belongs. It is there that worship is offered to God, His praises sung, and His word studied, and the claims of Christ pressed home to the heart and conscience. The report, while speaking commendatorily of these afternoon meetings, regrets that a larger number do not take part, and indicates the possibility of improvements in various directions.

Bible study circles meeting on week-nights were attempted last year, with only moderate success. The attendance averaged 12.

A number of the senior members have done good work in assisting the Elders' Association of the Wellington Presbytery to carry on the services of the church in outlying and new districts. Our suburban ministers find it absolutely essential to operate a larger number of services than they can themselves conduct, and they are greatly indebted to the Elders' Association for help freely rendered. The Elders' Association, in its turn, is under obligation to a band of young preachers connected with this class.

The Boys' Institute provides the chief outlet in the department of active service. The class is responsible for the Sunday evening service there once a month, and in many other ways the class members render valued assistance.

The Library, we suppose, hardly comes under the heading of "Study and Service"—at least, not of "Service," but it may be briefly referred to here. It contains 1,118 volumes, of which 18 are for reference only. Most of the members take advantage of this valuable part of the class's equipment.

The Debating Society has a separate paragraph of its own.

(2) Social and Recreational: The Social Parlour is well-furnished, well-lit, well-warmed, and well-equipped with magazines, books of reference, and various devices for spending a pleasant evening. Its situation (upstairs in the main building) is regarded as inimical to its use, and the question has been suggested whether a new social room should not be built at the back of the Willis Street class room.

Social meetings have been of frequent occurrence, and occasional class teas on Sunday afternoons do much to bind the members together and to attract fresh recruits.

Athletics: Under this heading brief mention may be made of the Tennis Club; the two Football Clubs—Soccer and Rugby—with three teams each; the Swimming Club, who possess a swimming pond of their own situated in Mr. Troup's property in Kelburne. All of these are well patronised, and in competition with other clubs of a similar sort our men have given a good account of themselves.

(3) Donetics: The total revenue of the class for the year has been upwards of £260, including a balance of nearly £16 brought over from the previous period. This sum has been derived from ordinary Sunday collections (£30), Drummond legacy (£108), Redgrave Memorial contributions (£32), and contributions to Home and Foreign Missions, etc. The Memorial contribution was expended in erecting a tablet in the class room to the memory of Charles Redgrave, late joint leader of the class, and the balance is to be used in the purchase of books for the library. It will be known as the Redgrave section. An honours board has also been erected in the class room, and contains the names of men who have rendered the class distinguished service.

The following contributions have been made to Missions, etc.:—Foreign Missions, £30 10s.; New Hebrides, 17s.; Youth of the Church Fund, £19 5s.; Maori Mission, £1 5s.; Boys' Institute, £13 7s.; Social Service League, £2 4s.; Easter Camp, £8 5s.; Church Debt Reduction, £10; sundry donations, £1 8s.—making a total contribution to objects outside the class of close on £87.

This is an unvarnished record of work and giving, and it is a record of good work and liberal giving. The aim of the class is to bring men to Christ and to fit them for the larger work of the congregation and the church. May their efforts in these directions be ever more abundantly crowned with success!

#### THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

We refer to this agency here because, while its membership is open to anyone, the prime supporters are the men and women of the Bible classes, and especially of the Willis Street Young Men's Class. The session runs from April to September inclusive, so it is not easy to tabulate figures at this juncture, the middle of the 1912 session. The attendance of late has been from 30 to 40, about half the number being men. The work is of the sort usually attempted in such societies, an occasional literary or social evening relieving the strenuousness of the debates, which occupy the larger part of the programme. The minister, who presides and acts as judge of the speeches, refers in appreciative terms to the quality of the work. A few of the young men are becoming effective debaters, and could, with credit to themselves,

appear on any platform. The juniors are tackling their task with praiseworthy industry, and with promise, in a number of cases, of good results before long.

#### THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.

The Institute, as is well known, is managed by a committee comprising not only certain ex-officio office-bearers of the church and the Bible Class, but by representatives of the subscribers elected at each annual meeting. The work is done on a broad, undenominational basis, and not only is the question of creed under-raised when a lad is admitted, but even in the Sunday religious services there is absolutely no effort made to identify the lads with any one church in preference to another. The Young Men's Bible Class, however, of which the Institute in its present form is an offshoot, continues to take a deep interest in its welfare, and supplies a large number of the workers. The work is varied and of a highly useful description. The bodies of the boys are cared for by a physical department; their social instincts are met by a social department; their minds are developed by evening classes in English, drawing, etc., and by a reading-room and library; their patriotism is quickened by Scout and Cadet corps; and their religious needs are ministered to by the Sunday services. The number of boys connected with the Institute is 252. The ordinary revenue for the year amounted to £300, and upwards of £5,000 is in hand to erect the new structure on the very fine site presented to the Institute by a generous-hearted and open-handed lady of this city. The present buildings have served the Institute well, but the work has outgrown their capacity, and the new structure is eagerly anticipated. Wisely, however, the committee has resolved that they will not begin the work of erecting the new buildings until the whole sum necessary to enable them to enter their new home free of debt is in hand. £2500 is wanted, and the excellence of the work done by the Institute for lads otherwise much neglected, and the past readiness of the public to subscribe the funds needed to carry on the work, leave it in little doubt that the sum required will presently be forthcoming.

#### WILLIS STREET YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS.

This class continues to give an excellent account of itself. That it maintains its roll numbers at a high figure notwithstanding the fact that there is another



young women's class meeting at the same time in the church structures is very gratifying. The roll was at the beginning of the year 100; now it is 95. The average attendance throughout a period of phenomenally wet weather was 60, an increase of 10 on the preceding year. Among the losses were two or three which the class could ill afford. Miss Christensen, M.Sc., the gifted deputy-leader, left to join the Training Institute in Dunedin, where she is preparing to go as a missionary to the Canton villages. Miss Gwen Millar, assistant secretary, entered the estate of matrimony, as also did Miss Clara Nichols, the convener of the missions department.

Of the 95 members of the class 70 are in full communion with the church, 67 belonging to St. John's and 3 to other churches. 20 of the 67 were added to the church roll during the period under review, 11 by examination, and 9 by certificate.

The Sunday afternoon studies have centred mostly in the Bible, and indicate a growing depth and intensity of religious conviction. This has been manifest in the discussions as well as the papers that prepared the way. The motto of the class is "Study and Service," and in both respects it does well.

The activities of the class have included: (1) Work for the Orphanage. A quantity of clothing was provided, and the children have been entertained to tea on several occasions. Tea has also been provided for the lads of the Boys' Institute. (2) A large quantity of clothing was sent to Sister Alison for the backblocks Maoris. (3) Assistance has been given in the Sunday evening Institute services. (4) Monthly services have been conducted at the Ohiro Home, and carol and other services supplied to various public institutions. (5) A picnic was provided for the women attending the Mothers' Meeting. These are only samples of the activities of a body of young women many of whom abound in the work of faith and the labour of love.

The money raised directly and indirectly amounted to nearly £85. It should, however, be clearly understood that about one-half of this sum (£42), which was collected to furnish a piano for the Victoria Ward of the General Hospital, did not pass through the hands of the class treasurer. The girls took the matter up, supplied the names of donors, and generally carried the thing

through; but the actual recipient of the donations was Miss Minnie Brown, a former member of the class, and now herself a patient in the Victoria Ward. Mr. Aitken presented the piano to the Hospital authorities in Miss Brown's name and the name of the class, and Dr. Hardwicke Smith characterised it as the finest gift the Hospital had so far received, save donations for the erection of buildings. The class gave a concert in the ward at this interesting function.

The rest of the £85, save the sum of £10 spent in carrying on the work of the class, was devoted to Missions, Home and Foreign. £8 were donated to the Maori Girls' School, £7 to the Canton Villages Mission, £5 to the Youth of the Church Fund (travelling secretary), £3 to the Bursary Fund, £2 8s. to Home Missions in the North Island, and £1 6s. to the Orphanage.

Self-help, as well as the help of others, characterises the work of this class. Their efforts at independence of aid from the general congregational funds led them to pay this year for the re-painting of their own room.

The only department which does not appear to have been as much in evidence as usual is that of athletics, but we are not disposed to grieve greatly over this. We welcome these tennis and hockey clubs, and so forth, as adjuncts of more or less value; but they are nevertheless of quite subordinate importance, and the class does not seem to have suffered any great hardship though the hockey teams were not this year forthcoming.

The report from which we condensed these items of information closes with a question: Have we made progress, or gone back? The office-bearers will answer it, and the answer is: You have done exceedingly well, and we are confident that you will do better still.

#### WILLIS STREET YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS NO. 2.

During the last twelve months this class has had a chequered experience. Early in the year, as related in another paragraph, Sister Mabel, the conductor, had to leave Wellington, and for the greater part of the year the class was without a leader. In the face of this it is gratifying that the membership, which twelve months ago was 46, is now 50.

Hearty thanks are due to those who assisted in tidying over the interregnum, especially to Miss M'Lean, of the

Girls' College, who took charge for a good while of the Sunday afternoon meetings, much to the satisfaction and profit of the girls. A complimentary soical was tendered Miss M'Lean and a small presentation made her in token of the appreciation felt for her services. Thanks are also due to Miss Anderson, a member of the class, who stepped into the breach and held the young folk together for some time after Sister Mabel's departure. On Sister Nora's election as deaconess she was appointed leader.

The following items will be of interest:—26 members are in full communion with the church, and of these 4 joined during the year, 3 by examination, and 1 by certificate; 1 member joined the Sunday School staff, and 1 or more members are told off every Sunday afternoon to give any help that may be needed in the school. This is as it should be.

The total income of the class has been over £30, and of this £5 has been donated to Foreign Missions. Other contributions of a similar kind, £5. The girls take a deep interest in the Orphanage. They help with the darning of the children's clothes, and collected £2 11s. for the building fund. A much-needed new organ cost £13. There is a class library, but a supply of new books is urgently needed. Perhaps some kind friends who read these lines will come to the help of the literary tastes of the girls by presenting them with some suitable volumes.

The social and recreational department has been well seen to. Frequent social meetings have been hold, and class teas on Sunday afternoons. Altogether the report is hopeful, and of good augury for the future.

#### MOUNT COOK YOUNG MEN'S CLASS.

This little class is at least holding its own in respect of numbers and otherwise. The roll is the same as at the beginning of the year, 11, with an average attendance of 8. The total income of the class was upwards of £9, of which £3 was donated to Foreign Missions, and nearly £4 to Home Missions and the travelling secretaryship. The library has been strengthened by the addition of several volumes. The Sunday afternoon discussions have improved in quality, and though only one member is in full communion with the church, the aim of the conductor, as set forth in the report, is to lead these lads to a definite surrender to Christ, and an open profession of faith by membership in the church.

#### GIFTS.

We set down this heading to emphasise our thankfulness for various "presents" made to the church during the year, and by way of encouraging others to follow so good an example. Reference is made in the preceding pages to gifts in the shape of special contributions towards the Deaconess Fund, social gatherings, and the like. Quite recently a very welcome gift was received in the shape of a new covering for the floor of the church and vestry. The linoleum there had become shabby from much wear and tear; it was replaced the other day with a fine floor covering of strictly ecclesiastical pattern at a cost of £55. The donor's desire of anonymity is only equalled by his unwearied generosity.

#### THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The Committee has this year happily had few things to attend to outside routine business. We say "happily" because extra work for the Committee always spells out extra expenditure for the congregation. Repairs, etc., to property, which in last report totalled some £700, have been kept down to the small sum of £30.

The only special matter that has called for the Committee's consideration has been the proposed sale of part of the Manse site. There is an acre of ground attached to the Manse, much too large a section to keep in decent order, to say nothing of the fact that the City rates amount to the large annual sum of nearly £60. After careful consideration, it was resolved to part with a portion of this land, having a frontage of 100 feet, and its disposal was placed in the hands of Messrs. Bethune and Co. It is to be hoped that before long a suitable sale may be effected and the finances lightened, not only by a reduction in the annual rates, but by the addition of a sum to the exchequer which will go far to clearing off the debt still owing on the church properties.

The election of new managers falls within the current year, but it will be convenient to mention here that the retiring managers, namely, Dr. Hogg, Messrs. J. M. Morice, J. Kirkcaldie, and A. P. Smith, were re-elected, and the Committee further strengthened by the addition of Messrs. J. B. Finlay, D. Douglas, J. McDonald and W. Ramsay.

The election was larger than usual, three of the members having resigned during the year. Mr. N. Ross left Wellington; Dr. M'Gavin and Mr. J. L. Morison found their engagements rendered it impossible for them to continue holding the position.

#### FINANCE

The ordinary collections total upwards of £1124, as against £1095 last year, an increase of £29. Special collections are over £365. Ordinary and special collections reach nearly the large sum of £1490—to be specific, they amount to £1490 3s. 1d. There were 53 Sundays in the year, and it thus appears that the ordinary collection averaged £21 4s 4d. per Sunday; with the specials the average was £27 18s. 10d.

Seat rents amounted to £484 5s. 4d., an increase of £7 on last year. Once more the attention of the regular worshippers of the church is directed to this means of supporting the revenue of the church, and wherever possible they are urged to avail themselves of the same.

The revenue from the rent of the rooms amounts to £78, against £119 last year.

The total revenue of the church amounts to £3200. Of this sum £401 consists of subscriptions of the Debt Reduction Fund instituted two years ago. The debt on the properties now stands at £1300. There is still a sum not very large owing to the debt fund, but it is evident that some means must be devised to put the church in the position commended by the Apostle: "Owe no man anything save to love one another." The proportion of the total income spent in the service of others has already been detailed. It is close on £900.

Such, then, is the report of the work done during the last twelve months. The experiences of our congregation, like those of the church at large, are instructive, for they testify to the patience and kindness of a Lord who makes much of our little, and continually perfects His strength in our weakness. May He make us ever more worthy of our high calling, and throughout the year on which we have entered cause His face to shine upon us, and His work to prosper in our midst.

### St. John's Presbyterian Church Revenue Account.

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 1st July, 1911, to 30th June, 1912.**

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Collections ..	1,124	12	3	Balance from previous year ..	352	14	9
Pew Rents ..	484	5	4	Rev. Dr. Gibb, Stipend ..	700	0	0
Rents from Class Rooms, etc. ..	78	7	3	Rev. J. Patterson, Allowance ..	800	0	0
Balance from Anniversary Social ..	5	16	0	Pulpit Supply ..	18	18	0
Collected for Deaconsess ..	25	0	0	J. Maughan Barnett, Organist ..	125	0	0
Sums paid for Copies of Proceedings of Assembly ..	0	15	0	Deaconess, Sister Mabel and Sister Nora ..	37	10	0
Donation for Linoleum for Church ..	55	0	0	Church Officer, J. Whiteman ..	120	0	0
				Insurance—Fire and Accident ..	57	3	2
Collected for Debt Reduction Fund ..				Gas ..	58	17	0
Collected for Dorcas Society and Poor of the Congregation ..	76	15	10	Printing, Stationery, etc. ..	59	18	4
Collection for Hepple Family Fund ..	18	10	4	Interest ..	66	14	0
" Ragged School Union, London ..	15	0	7	Gardener and Grounds ..	7	13	7
" Relief of Sufferers from "Titanic" Disaster ..	42	7	3	Water ..	5	10	6
" Leper Mission in India ..	9	3	9	Communion Wine ..	1	19	0
Collected for Chapman and Alexander Mission ..	20	0	0	Plumbers' and Builders' Repairs ..	4	12	3
				City Rates ..	67	18	4
Collection for "Youth of the Church" Fund ..	8	10	0	Expenses, Anniversary ..	6	17	0
" "Youth of the Church," per Y.M.B.C. and Y.W.B.C. ..	2	3	2	Telephone ..	5	0	0
Collected for "Youth of the Church," per Sunday Schools ..	5	0	0	Music for Choir ..	1	2	6
" "Youth of the Church," per Willis Street Y.M.B.C. ..	19	14	9	Tuning Organ ..	14	8	9
" "Youth of the Church," per Y.W.B.C. No. 1 ..	5	0	0	Asphalting ..	24	8	6
" "Youth of the Church," per Y.W.B.C. No. 2 ..	0	10	0	Lawn Mower ..	1	16	0
" "Youth of the Church," per Mt. Cook Y.M.B.C. ..	3	0	6	Presbytery Dues ..	3	10	0
Collection for Orphanage and Social Service Assn. ..	152	15	0	Linoleum and cost of laying same ..	54	13	3
Collected for Orphanage and Social Service Assn., per Willis Street Y.M.B.C. ..	0	17	0	Treasurer, Sunday Schools ..	46	5	1
" Orphanage and Social Service Assn., per Mt. Cook Y.W.B.C. Bldg. Fund ..	3	12	0	Sundries (10/4), Bank Commission (10/-) ..	1	0	4
" Orphanage and Social Service Assn., for Maintenance Fund ..	1	18	9				
" Bursary Fund, per Y.W.B.C. No. 1 ..	3	0	0	Treasurer, Ladies' Dorcas and Visiting Society ..	68	16	4
" Deaconess Training Institute, per Y.W.B.C. No. 2 ..	0	10	0	" Special Poor Fund ..	7	19	6
				" Hepple Family Fund ..	18	10	4
Maori Missions, collection ..	7	13	1	" Ragged School Union, London ..	15	0	7
" Tarakina School, per Y.W. Guild ..	40	0	0	" Orphanage and Social Service Assn., Chapman and Alexander Mission Fund ..	159	8	6
" Y.M.B.C. " per Willis Street ..	1	4	8	Remitted for "Titanic" Relief Fund ..	20	0	0
				Treasurer, Mission to Lepers, India ..	43	3	9
Scholarship Fund ..							
per Y.W.B.C. No. 1 ..	8	0	0	General Treasurer, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand ..	523	7	0
Tarakina Sch'l per Y.W.B.C. No. 2 ..	1	0	0	Balance to following year ..	4	0	8
Birthday League ..	2	0	0				
Foreign Missions, per Women's Missionary Assoc. ..	127	3	9				
per Boxes, " " ..	0	3	7				
" Rice Money, " " ..	3	5	9				
" H'vest Field, " " ..	1	17	6				
" Dr. Porteous' Hospital, per Young Women's Guild ..	12	0	0				
" Dr. Kirk's Hospital, per Young Women's Guild ..	7	0	0				
" New Hebrides Mission, per Willis St. Y.M.B.C. ..	0	17	0				
" Rev. Mr. Davies' Salary, per Willis St. Y.M.B.C. ..	30	9	6				
" Dr. Porteous' Hospital, per Mt. Cook Y.M.B.C. ..	2	8	9				
" Dr. Porteous' Hospital, per W.M.A. ..	1	19	0				
" "Day Spring," per Sunday Schools ..	8	18	0				
" New Hebrides Mission, per Sunday Schools ..	4	9	1				
" Ko Tong Nurse, Y.W.B.C. No. 1 ..	6	15	10				
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Audited and found correct—JNO. PAUL  
W. E. NICHOLS } *Hon. Auditors.*

18th July, 1911.

JOHN G. W. AITKEN,  
*Hon. Treasurer.*

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 30th JUNE, 1912.**

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Amount of Mortgage on Property ..	1,300	0 0	Estimated Value of Land, Church, School, Manse, and other buildings ..	17,322	0 0
Balance ..	16,051	0 8	Unpaid Seat Rents, estimated ..	25	0 0
			Credit Balance, Revenue, &c. ..	4	0 8
		£17,351 0 8			£17,351 0 8

JOHN G. W. AITKEN.  
*Non. Treasurer.*

# St. John's Presbyterian Church Sabbath Schools.

## Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 30th June, 1912.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward from June 30th, 1911 ..			3 12 8	MISSIONS—			
COLLECTIONS, Willis Street				To Church Treasurer for "Day Spring"	8 18 0		
General .. .. .	£24	3	10	New Hebrides .. ..	4 0 1		
Missions .. .. .	14	1	5	" Youth of Church " Fund ..	5 0 0		
			38 5 3			18 7 1	
COLLECTIONS, Mount Cook—				Rev. Aitken for Ambrim Hos. Xmas			
General .. .. .	6	14	9	Box .. .. .		3 2 6	
Missions .. .. .	2	8	2				21 9 7
			9 2 11	Periodicals and Supplies to 31/12/11 ..		33 5 2	
			47 6 2	On a/c Periodicals and Yearly Requisites,			
Sunday School Anniversary, Church ..				1912 .. .. .		5 0 0	
Collection .. .. .			46 5 1	General Expenses N.Z. Bible Tract Soc.			
Surplus, Anniversary Tea .. .. .			0 0 1	and A. H. Reid complete to 30/6/12 ..		7 15 3	
							45 0 5
				Libraries .. .. .			3 11 8
				Prizes .. .. .			4 17 6
				Certificates General Assemb. Exam. ..			1 4 0
				Scholars' Socials .. .. .			7 11 4
				Caretaker, Mt. Cook .. .. .			6 0 0
				Subscription to Sunday School Union ..			1 0 0
				Expenses, Anniversary Services .. ..			1 3 6
				Bank Charge (10/-), Printing (£13/6) ..			1 13 6
				Insurance, Mt. Cook Organ .. .. .			0 5 0
				Sundries .. .. .			0 5 0
				Balance Carried Forward .. .. .			3 13 6
							£97 15 0
			£97 15 0	LIABILITY—Balance of Periodicals and			
				Yearly Requisites up to Dec. 31, 1912			£42 2 6

Andited and found correct—JNO. PAUL  
W. E. NICHOLS } *Hon. Auditors.*

14th Aug., 1911.

WM. R. H. MCKENZIE,  
*Hon. Treasurer.*