

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH  
WELLINGTON

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REPORT

OF THE

Kirk Session and Managers

FOR

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1913

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			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
HOWITT, A., Austin Terrace	...	...	1913
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
LOMAS, E. K., Abel Smith Street	...	...	1913
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
MORICE, G. W., Terrace	...	...	1913
MITCHELL, J., Roxburgh Street	...	...	1897
RAMSAY, W., Wright Street	...	...	1913
SCLATER, J., Thompson Street	...	...	1911
SMITH, A. P., Kelburne	...	...	1913
STONE, A. R., Bolton Street	...	...	1909
SNODGRASS, R. B., Hataitai	...	...	1911
THOMSON, A. D., Kelburne	...	...	1913
TROUP, G. A., F.R.I.B.A., Kelburne	...	...	1895

**MANAGERS—1913**

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
CRAWFORD, H.	...	...	Nairn Street
CRAWFORD, R. J.	...	...	Berhampore
DOUGLAS, D.	...	...	Dixon Street
ELLIFFE, G. H.	...	...	Kelburne
FINLAY, J. B.	...	...	Hawker Street
GILMOUR, G.	...	...	Willis Street
JENNINGS, W.	...	...	Willis Street
KIRKCALDIE, J.	...	...	Thompson Street
KNOX, J.	...	...	Cleremont Terrace
MCDONALD, J.	...	...	Maurice Terrace
MORICE, J. M., B.Sc.	...	...	Roseneath
REID, G.	...	...	Dixon Street
SMITH, H.	...	...	Terrace
WILSON, A. M.	...	...	Cambridge Terrace
ORR, J. A.	...	...	Island Bay

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Elder : Mr. R. B. Snodgrass.  
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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)

Elders : Messrs. J. S. Butler and A. Howitt.  
Collector for Missions : Mr. Wm. Badden.

No. 4—Kelburne.

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

No. 5—Talavera Terrace to Customhouse Quay ; Aurora Terrace  
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Elders : Messrs. G. A. Troup and F. F. Laurenson.  
Collector for Missions : Miss Gibb.

No. 6—General (Young Women)

Elders : Messrs. J. Boal and G. W. Morice.  
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.  
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 : Capt. H. Johnson.  
Collectors for Missions : Messrs. C. Chappell and R. Nichols.

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

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Collector for Missions : Miss C. Allan.

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Collector for Missions : Miss Allan.

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

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

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

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Elder : Mr. A. R. Stone.  
Collector for Missions : Miss Aitken.

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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.

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Collector : Mr. H. W. Kersley.  
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## ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1913-14

**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., in the Church.

**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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*General Secretary :*

MR. GEO. H. ELLIFFE.

*General Treasurer :*

MR. WM. MCKENZIE.

*Honorary Staff :*

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### WILLIS STREET SCHOOL.

MEETS EVERY SABBATH AT 2.30 P.M.

*Superintendent :*

MR. WM. HOPKIRK.

*Teachers :*

MRS. WHITEMAN	MISS D. WYLIE
MISS M. MCLEAN, M.A.	" E. WALLACE
" M. CLACHAN	MR. W. BADDEN
" J. GIBB	" A. EAST
" R. McRAE	" G. REID
" M. BALSTON	" J. H. KRAFT
" M. GIBB	" F. F. LAURENSEN
" S. GRANT	" G. W. MORICE
" E. MORRISON	" G. ELLIFFE
" C. ROGERS	" J. BENNETT
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*Cradle Roll Superintendent :*

MISS M. SCOTT.

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MEETS EVERY SABBATH AT 2.30 P.M.

*Superintendent:*

MR. ALEXR. JOHNSTON.

*Teachers:*

MRS. L. ANDREWS

MISS ALLEN

„ BALLINGALL

„ HOPKIRK

MISS McLEOD

„ SIMMONDS

MR. H. CRAWFORD

„ RAMSAY

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*President:*

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

*Leader:*

MR. AD. HOWITT

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*Committee:*

MISSIONS ...	...	...	...	W. E. SHAW
LOOKOUT ...	...	...	W. S. HOPKIRK AND A. ROSIE	
LIBRARY ...	...	...	J. S. MARTIN	
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BIBLE STUDY	...	...	H. LARKING	
TREASURER	...	...	J. B. WATSON	
ORGANIST	...	...	J. S. MARTIN	
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SOCIAL SERVICE	...	...	F. ROSS	
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**ST. JOHN'S LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY**

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

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**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.

*Secretary:*

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*Treasurer:*

MR. WM. FERGUSON.

*Librarian:*

MR. G. RENNER.

*Organist:*

MR. WM. ALLAN.

**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, F. W. CRAW-  
FORD, W. COPELAND, N. CLYDE, E. CHANT, M. CHAPPELL,  
D. DUTTON, B. FERGUSON, MAY HILL, MYRA HILL, K.  
HAY, M. HOLMES, C. HORRELL, G. JONES, W. MILLAR, R.  
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*Organists:*

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*Treasurer:*

MISS A. SMITH.

**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	...	...	...	...	MISS N. ALLAN
SOCIAL	...	...	...	...	MISS A. HOPKIRK
DISCUSSIONS	...	...	...	...	MISS E. STILL
LOOKOUT	...	...	...	...	MISS J. JOHNSTON
ORPHANAGE	...	...	...	...	MISS W. TURNER
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MISS N. ALLAN.

*Corresponding Secretary:*

MISS E. FALLOWS.

**JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY**

MEETS IN THE MANAGERS' ROOM EVERY SUNDAY AT 10.15 A.M.

*Leader:*

SISTER NORA.

*Sub-Leaders:*

MESSRS. W. S. HOPKIRK AND F. ROBERTSON.



## 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, 1913



THE year now ended has been one of steady, happy and successful labour. We have had our difficulties and discouragements. The work of the Church of Christ has not at any period been easy—how could it be in a world that has lost touch with God? The difficulty of the task is intensified by the number of those within the church who have only a name to live and give little signs of the spirit of Christ in their character. But in our own case in spite of outside foes and lukewarm friends, the history of this year has been one of sustained prosperity. The finance is satisfactory. The contribution to missions and philanthropy is very large. The Sunday attendance, especially in the evening, fills the church. The prayer meeting secures week by week the presence of a large number of earnest men and women. The membership roll contains the names of close on 800 communicants, and the attendance at communion has outdistanced anything previously known. We have indeed great reason to thank God and take courage.

### THE MINISTER.

We would again record our great appreciation of the services rendered to the church by our Minister. He is a very busy man and the claims upon his time by the wider work of the church as a whole are many in number—the wonder is often expressed how he manages to get through so much. But his other tasks are never permitted to interfere with his preparation for the pulpit, the work of the pastorate,

and the supervision of the organisations of the congregation. His sermons are highly appreciated, always stimulating and helpful; his addresses at the Prayer Meeting bring comfort and inspiration to many; his visits to the sick and bereaved are full of consolation. His influence among us grows with the years and our hope is that he may be long spared to the congregation and the work to which he is so deeply devoted.

Early in the current year Dr. Gibb suffered from a rheumatic affection of the knee which for a time made locomotion difficult and painful. Although the malady has not entirely disappeared it has very much abated, and there is good reason to think that it will not in any way interfere with the Minister's work. In spite of this disability he has this year succeeded in overtaking a larger amount of pastoral visitation even than formerly, thanks to the gift of a motor car presented by some members of the congregation—a gift appreciated by the Minister as much for the kindness which inspired it as for the great assistance it has rendered him in the discharge of his duties.

Our prayer is that the divine blessing may ever rest on our Minister and his work.

#### KIRK SESSION.

There are 25 elders, one fewer than at this time last year, Mr. L. L. Paul having taken up his residence in Melbourne. He took his full share of the work of the congregation, and as leader of the Young Men's Junior Bible Class rendered praiseworthy service. A minute to this effect was entered in the records at the time of his departure.

The Communion Roll.—There are now the names of 790 communicants on the roll, an increase of 71 on last year's figures. The particulars are as follows:—

Total roll in June, 1912	...	...	719
New members added by examination	66		
New members added by certificate	97		
			163
			882
Removed by death	...	...	2
By certificate	...	...	76
Otherwise	...	...	14
			92
			790

The death roll is mercifully small, containing only the names of two members in full communion. Mrs. J. B. Finlay was called away suddenly in the midst of a career of beneficent activity, inflicting upon the congregation a loss not easily measured. Mr. Whitehouse died full of years; he was the oldest member of the congregation and one of the oldest settlers in Wellington.

The Quarterly Communion.—The attendances were: September, 445; December, 486; March, 458; June, 521. The attendance in June surpasses any previous record by a considerable figure.

The Sacrament of Baptism was administered to 22 infants and 1 adult.

Attendance at Public Worship and the Prayer Meeting continues to be highly satisfactory. This means that the church is as a rule well filled at the morning services and still fuller at night. But it does not mean that all our members have a conscience in the matter of church attendance. Many persons are attracted to our worship who are not definitely attached to us either as communicants or adherents. Their presence hides the blanks that would otherwise be frequently evident in our pews. It were heartily to be wished that all our people realised that not inclination but duty should determine their relations to the church and participation in its services and work.

The attendance at the prayer meeting has been good. The class room is always well filled and the exercises are of great profit to those who attend regularly. The meeting helps to intensify the spirit of brotherhood so essential to successful church work.

Anniversary Services.—The congregational anniversary was conducted by the Rev. R. E. Davies, M.A., Knox Church, Dunedin, on the 27th October. Mr. Davies also assisted at the annual social meeting, and his services on both occasions were much appreciated. The collection amounted to £138.

The social life of the congregation has been cared for to the utmost of our opportunity. The minister has diligently visited the people, and new comers have been called on not only by him but by members of the Women's Association and by the elders in their respec-

tive districts. The organizations of the church have their own social meetings and are always eager to entertain strangers. An "At Home" given by the minister and office-bearers to new comers within a certain period did at least something to promote the feeling of fellowship and unity in the congregation.

#### THE SERVICE OF PRAISE.

The most noticeable incident in the period under review was the departure of Mr. J. Maughan Barnett, who for 18 years occupied the position of organist and choir master. It is not necessary to emphasise here the ability with which Mr. Barnett discharged his duties. It is universally recognised that as a musician his work entitles him to the highest rank, and under his leadership the singing of the choir and congregation reached a high level of excellence. We were exceedingly sorry to part with this valued helper of the church.

After careful consideration of a large number of applications for the position thus vacated. Mr. C. E. Kerry, organist of St. George's Church, St. Kilda, Melbourne, was chosen to succeed Mr. Barnett. Mr. Kerry was highly commended not only as a musician but as a Christian man, and his work during the comparatively short period he has filled his present office verifies this testimony. The choir has been strengthened in numbers and we are hopeful that ere long every seat in the choir stalls will be occupied at both services.

The weekly practices are held in the church on Thursday evenings and are well attended. Members and adherents possessing a good voice and some measure of musical ability are heartily invited to connect themselves with the choir. However tastefully the anthems may be rendered and however vigorously well-known tunes may be sung, new hymns are apt to drag unless there is a powerful as well as cultivated body of singers in the choir. The number of members is: Sopranos, 13; contraltos, 8; tenors, 6; and bass, 7.

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

*The Women's Missionary Association.*—Once a month the Women's Association give the first hour of their meeting to prayer for foreign missions and to dis-

cussion of missionary news. In this connection the Women's Association is the congregational branch of the P.W.M.U. It is with great content we record the deepened interest which has been shown by our women folk in the glorious work of evangelising the heathen. The attendance at the meetings has far surpassed anything previously known; and that a spirit of strong enthusiasm has been quickened is in many ways manifest. During the year the society was privileged to receive a visit from Dr. and Mrs. Bowie, of Ambrim, which bore fruit in various practical directions. China has been engrossing much of our attention of late, and that is well. But it is not well to forget our missions in our absorption in the work of evangelising that great land. Dr. Bowie's visit was a timely reminder of the importance of our agencies in the New Hebrides, and the women this year have added Dr. Bowie's hospital in Ambrim to those of Dr. Kirk in Canton and of Dr. Porteous in Jagadhri to their list of recipients of clothing and surgical necessaries.

The Association, assisted by volunteers from the Young Women's Missionary Guild, collect the direct quarterly contributions of the congregation to missions, and this year have obtained in this way a sum of upwards of £120. In addition to this a sum of over £8 was contributed by the Association for various missionary purposes, making a total contribution of nearly £129.

*The Young Women's Missionary Guild.*—The Guild has met once a fortnight throughout the year. It is in these days a singular association, for no speeches are ever delivered, no reports ever presented. The girls spend all their time in working, and they work well. They prepare articles of clothing, etc., for an annual sale which, in October last, brought in £48, of which £35 were allocated to Home and Foreign Missions and the Orphanage.

*Bible Classes' Missionary Department.*—The contribution of the Young Men's Bible Class to Missions was £32; the Young Women's Class, No. 1, £31; Young Women's Class, No. 2, £11; Mt. Cook Young Men's Class, £4. The Sunday Schools contributed £15 10s. Various other contributions were made to Missions, including a sum of £22, a retiring collection to the British

and Foreign Bible Society, making a total contribution to Missions (Foreign and Maori) of £260.

*Home Missions.*—For the Home Missions of the church and the augmentation of the smaller stipends in sanctioned charges, upwards of £125 was collected by means of quarterly envelopes. The Young Women's Guild donated £10 and the Young Women's Bible Class No. 1 £4, making a total of over £139.

*Contributions in Aid of Various Objects.*—The Wellington Presbyterian Orphanage: To this the congregation contributed £116 by retiring collection; Young Women's Guild, £15; Young Men's Bible Class, 13s., making a total of nearly £132. In this connection it should be noted that the Women's Association devotes a very large part of its energies to the fashioning of clothing, etc., for the Orphanage which is greatly benefited by these gifts. For the poor £76 were collected on Communion Sundays. For the Youth of the Church Fund, £22, Bible in Schools League, £30; General Assembly local expenses, £27; and to many other objects contributions of varying amounts have been made. The donations to the special Missionary Fund which is to be devoted to paying the stipend of Miss Christensen when she goes into the foreign field have not been included in this statement, though a portion of the amount promised was in hand before the year closed. Even without this the altruistic giving of the congregation has amounted to £800 for the year.

#### THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The report from this society is the best that has yet been presented. The membership is now 52, with an average attendance of 30 for the year. The gratifying growth of the society necessitated removal from the room in which the meetings had previously been held. A part of the main hall was curtained off, carpeted and a gas stove provided, the cost of all these things being defrayed by the generosity of a few members of the congregation in response to an appeal made by the women, among whom the late Mrs. J. B. Finlay was the most active and successful. A new sewing machine was obtained through the efforts of the same indefatigable lady at cost price. The death of Mrs. Finlay was a heavy blow to the Association, and indeed to the church, which

could ill spare a worker so capable, energetic, and devoted.

The activity of the Association in the department of Missions has been alluded to in a previous paragraph. In the Dorcas Department no fewer than 248 garments were made, many members taking work home with them, thus increasing the society's usefulness and output. Of these garments 157 were given to the Orphanage, and of the remainder most were distributed among the poor by Sister Nora.

The income of the Society is derived from the quarterly communion collections (£76) and the annual subscription of members. £13 10s. are paid per quarter by way of help to certain beneficiaries and the balance left in hand is insufficient to purchase the quantities of material required by the work. Various friends, notably Messrs. Morrison, Allan, Smith, and Kersley made donations of large quantities of material and to them the Society returns its grateful thanks.

The Visiting Committee has diligently carried out the task of calling on new members and adherents of the congregation.

In order to extend its usefulness and in view of the fact that there are many women in the congregation who for various reasons cannot attend the meetings of the Association, an effort is being made to secure a large list of honorary members at a fee of 5s. per annum.

The Association has greatly helped the mothers' meeting conducted by the Deaconess in the Boys' Institute, and in many other ways confirmed its title to be regarded as one of the most beneficent agencies connected with the congregation.

We are thankful indeed for so good a tale of work attempted and accomplished, and press the claims of the Society on the women of the congregation who have not yet connected themselves with its membership.

#### THE DEACONESS.

Sister Nora has given an excellent account of herself in many departments of the church's work. She has helped the minister with the visiting of the sick, the aged, and the infirm. She has a large sick list of her own

among the poor outside the congregation. She has occasionally helped in the nursing of some of these as well as ministered to their spiritual needs. She is the almoner of the Women's Association for the distribution of their charities among the needy. She conducts the Mothers' Meeting in the Boys' Institute and is leader of the Young Women's No. 2 Bible Class. She is able to lighten the minister's burden in other directions. In a congregation such as our own there is a multitude of matters to be attended to, matters that do not readily suggest themselves to those not intimately acquainted with the nature of church work. Sister Nora has helped to economise Dr. Gibb's time in connection with these administrative details. altogether the Deaconess is well worthy of the esteem with which we are sure she is regarded by the people of the church.

#### THE MOTHERS' MEETING.

This meeting is held once a fortnight in the Boys' Institute, and is well attended, some 30 or 40 mothers, often with little children accompanying them, being regularly present. Afternoon tea is provided through the kindness of various friends, garments are given away or sold at nominal rates, and a bright, helpful address with the singing of well-known hymns comprise the afternoon's programme. Thanks are due to Dr. Hogg and Dr. Platts-Mills for medical attention freely given to poor people at the request of the deaconess, and to Mr. L. Mackenzie for medicines gratuitously supplied.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The work in this important department has been carried on with praiseworthy diligence by superintendents and teachers, and with no small measure of success. The roll does not indeed show any sign of increasing, the total this year being 7 less than last. But the circumstances under which the Sunday school work is conducted in our parish are well known, and an increasing roll of children is not to be looked for. The schools, however, have been in good heart. The teachers have been regular in their attendance, deeply interested in their task, and it is safe to say that in respect of discipline and equipment the work was never in a better condition. Particulars of attendance of scholars and teachers are given in the following tables:—

#### Scholars.

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Average.
Willis Street ...	104	105	209	148
Mount Cook ...	39	37	76	52
	—	—	—	—
	143	142	285	200

#### Teachers and Officers.

	Men.	Women.	Total.	Average.
Willis Street ...	14	16	30	
Mount Cook ...	5	8	13	
	—	—	—	
	19	24	43	

There have been a number of resignations from the staff owing chiefly to removal from the city, but these have been more than made good, the teachers' roll numbering 4 more than last year. Among the resignations may be noted those of Miss Reid, leader of the Junior Girls' Bible Class, and Miss Rash, librarian and organist, both of whom married and left Wellington; Mr. L. L. Paul, leader of the Boys' Junior Bible Class. Miss McLean, M.A., has taken up the work of the girls' class and Mr. G. Elliffe the Boys' Class. Of the 43 teachers and officers 41 are members in full communion with the church and 5 are office bearers.

The anniversary services conducted by the minister were held on the last Sunday of May and were well attended. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion and the services of song led by a children's choir. The collection was £43, a sum, however, not equal to the needs of the work. The annual social was held 3 days later, and the usual sectional socials have been held at intervals through the winter. The total revenue of the Sunday schools amounted to £108. The contributions to missions were £15; to the Youth of the Church Fund, £5; for self-support, £70; and other objects, £15.

Comparatively few scholars presented themselves for the Assembly's Sunday School Examinations and the local Sunday School Union's Examinations, but of those who entered only 5 failed.

Fourteen of the scholars on the roll are members in full communion, and of these 10 joined during the year.

The two junior Bible Classes, lads' and girls', do not present separate reports, thus the statistics, etc., given above cover these classes as well as what may be called the Sunday School proper. The work done in these classes has been effective, and they have supplied during recent years not a few of those who have joined the church as young communicants.

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

There are 4 senior Bible Classes, with a total roll of 225 (men's 83, women's 142) against a roll last year of 246 (men's 101, women's 145), a decrease of 21. The classes are still large but they have been fighting a rather a stiff battle. The Bible Class movement is no longer a novelty and all over the church a certain strain has been felt in the work. This agency, however, has not only been signally useful in the past but it is fraught with possibilities of a still greater usefulness in the future, and we trust that through the coming year the reports will show that the work has more than regained its former bouyancy not only in our own congregation but throughout the church. We earnestly urge young men and women not connected with these classes to avail themselves of the many privileges which membership in them secures.

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

The roll last year numbered 90, it is now 73, a loss of 17, with an average attendance of 50. 4 members left to join the Sunday school staff. 38 members are in full communion with the church, and of these 8 joined by examination.

The work may be grouped under three headings:—

(1) Study and Service.—The Sunday afternoon meetings have in quality been up to the usual level, and to quote from the class report "at times really first-class."

Bible study circles meeting on week nights have been attended by 20 members and have proved helpful and stimulating.

The Wellington Elders' Association has been under obligation to a number of the young men connected with this class who have frequently conducted public worship in various suburban churches.

The Boys' Institute as in former years has received much assistance from the Bible Class, whose members have once a month conducted the Sunday evening religious service for the boys, and rendered assistance in various other departments of the Institute's activities. This year the class has made itself responsible for the social work of the Institute and has therefore before it a somewhat extensive programme.

The library contains over 1000 volumes and is used by members, though not to the extent that is deemed desirable.

(2) Social and Recreational.—The Social Parlour is still in evidence; but to be candid it is not much used, "Owing," says the class report from which we glean these particulars, "to the increasing number of outside attractions, it is getting more and more difficult to keep the social side of the class work strong and vigorous." This applies not only to the Social Parlour but to other efforts made by the committee to promote the social welfare of the class. The same phenomenon may be noted in many directions. Time was when complaint was frequent that the church did not sufficiently regard the social needs of its youth. But at all events in a city like our own it is more and more evident that our young men find abundant opportunity for social recreation in other directions. Nevertheless it is regrettable that this phase of the work should show signs of deterioration. A warm social atmosphere unquestionably is of great value in furthering the more spiritual aims of an agency like the Men's Bible Class.

The report speaks in very much the same strain concerning the athletics and sports. Football, Tennis, swimming baths and gymnasium are all provided for the members and receive a fair amount of patronage, but there does not seem to be the eagerness known aforetime to signalise this aspect of the class's activities. This, too, seems a pity, though these things have never been regarded by us as other than adjuncts desirable but by no means indispensable. And if our men only stand up for their Lord and Master in the outside football and athletic

clubs with which they may be connected there will be the less to regret in the apparently diminishing interest in those connected with the Bible Class.

(3) Donetics.—The total revenue of the class for the year has been £96. Class collections amounted to £28, and special collections for missions and other purposes £60. The following allocations have been made:—Foreign Missions (including donation to the salary of Mr. Davis, the Young Men's Missionary in Canton), £30; Youth of the Church Fund, £17; Boys' Institute, £10. The total contribution to outside objects amounted to nearly £63. The contribution to missions is £11 better this year than last.

THE LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

The session of this Society is held during the winter months. Last winter the attendance was on the whole good. This winter it has fallen off considerably. The work is of the usual character and some of the young men promise to achieve considerable distinction in the art of public speech and debate.

THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.

The Institute, it is needless to say, is not now under the control of the church authorities, but is managed by a committee consisting of certain ex-officio church representatives and members elected at the annual meeting of the subscribers. The work carried on on behalf of the boys is wholly undenominational and there are many workers besides those supplied by St. John's. The work is of the most valued sort, the aim being to make good men of the boys, good in every sense of the term. There is now in hand a sum of £5,860 for the new building and an effort is at present being made to raise a further sum of £2000 required to defray the contemplated cost. Great things have been done by this organisation in the past and still better things may be anticipated in the future. It is indeed likely to prove one of the most beneficent of the philanthropic agencies of the city.

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

This class, owing largely to the long-continued indisposition of the leader, has had to contend with difficulties not a few, but it has emerged from them all very successfully. The roll stands at 90 as against 95 last year, 32 members having severed their connection and 27

joined. Of these 90 young women no fewer than 72 are in full communion with the congregation, and some others are members of other churches. There are only 10 girls not in full communion with the Church of Christ.

The Sunday afternoon meetings—the pivot of the class—have proved profitable in a high degree. The Bible is the chief text book and the discussions indicate on the part of many of the members of the class a spirit of reverent enquiry and commendable acquaintance with the Word of God.

The income of the class amounted to upwards of £51, and of this sum £44 were donated to objects other than self-support. To Missions—Home, Foreign and Maori—£34 were donated; to the Orphanage, £6; and the Boys' Institute, £1.

The class, as in former years, has laboured assiduously in various philanthropies—the Orphanage, the Boys' Institute, the Ohiro Home, not to mention other agencies, have all been generously assisted with donations of cash and wearing apparel. Entertainments, religious services, etc., etc., have also been provided. The class report leaves on the mind an impression of wonder and thankfulness—wonder at the extent of these beneficent operations and thankfulness to God for the unselfish services these girls are rendering to the cause of Christ and humanity.

The department of athletics does not receive much mention in the report, and it will be enough to say here that tennis and hockey clubs, a gymnasium and so forth are all at the disposal of the girls and are used by them, though perhaps not to the extent of former years.

The record of work attempted and work done contained in the annual report of the class is exceedingly gratifying. They have been in labours abundant, and their labours have manifestly not been in vain for the Lord.

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

This class reports a roll of 40 members with an average attendance of 29. Of the total number 35 are members are in full communion with the church, and of these 4 took their first communion during the year. 4 girls left the class in order to take up work in the Sunday school. The total income was close upon £27, and most of it was

donated to Missions (Home and Foreign) and the Orphanage. In addition to their direct cash contributions to the latter, they have provided a large supply of useful articles of clothing, etc. The matron of the Orphanage often speaks in terms of warm appreciation of the help given by the Women's Bible Classes in St. John's.

The usual social meetings were held and a concert was provided for the inmates of the Home for the Aged and Needy.

The library was improved by a number of new books at a cost of £5.

Altogether the class has had a useful and happy year's work, and all the members unite in testifying that the Sunday afternoon meetings have been in a high degree instructive and profitable.

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

This little class is hard pressed by the conditions which have so long been working against the interests of the Sunday school meeting in the same building. It can hardly increase in numbers and year after year shows a diminution. This year, however, the roll is only one fewer than last year. There are 10 members, with an average attendance of 7. The income of the class amounted to upwards of £9, of which nearly £8 was donated to Home and Foreign Missions and the Youth Fund.

#### JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR SOCIETY.

This Society meets on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock under the presidency of Sister Nora, who is assisted in the work by 3 or 4 young men who, having passed the average age of membership in the Society, still retain their connection with it in order to help their juniors. The roll contains 20 names. The exercises are purely scriptural and the income, amounting to a few pounds, is almost wholly devoted to Missions.

#### THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

The committee has had few things to transact this year outside the routine business of the church, the only important exception has been the appointment of a successor to Mr. Barnett as organist, and this has been fully dealt with in another paragraph.

The portion of the Manse site which the managers resolved to dispose of last year is still unsold, and the

heavy city rates are still a drag on the finances. It is to be hoped that this piece of land may be disposed of shortly.

The election of new managers falls within the current year, but it will be convenient to mention here that the retiring managers, namely, Messrs. W. Badden, W. Jennings, J. Knox, and H. Smith, were re-elected, and the Committee further strengthened by the addition of Messrs. H. Crawford, R. J. Crawford, G. H. Elliffe, G. Gilmour, J. A. Orr and G. Reid. Messrs. E. K. Lomas, W. Ramsay, G. W. Morice, and A. P. Smith have by the call of the congregation passed from the management to the ranks of the session. Mr. Hustwick and Dr. Hogg have resigned, the former having left the district and the latter gone on an extended furlough to Europe.

#### FINANCE.

The ordinary collections total £1137, £13 more than last year. Special collections realised over £317, making a total of upwards of £1454. The ordinary collections work out at £21 17s. 4d. per Sunday, and adding the specials the average has been £27 19s. 3d.

Seat rents also show a slight increase, being £487 12s. 4d., against £484 5s. 4d. last year. It is altogether desirable that our members and adherents should note the importance of this source of revenue. A sum of £96, being the unpaid balance of the debt reduction fund, was contributed during the year. The total revenue of the congregation amounts to £2718.

The proportion of the total income spent in the service of others has already been detailed. It is close on £800.

This brings to a close the report of the work attempted and the work done during the last twelve months. The report makes good the claim advanced in the opening paragraph in which we said, "we have indeed great reason to thank God and take courage." It has been said that there is nothing more wonderful under the sun than the Church of Jesus Christ: human systems have their day and cease to be, but the church has an indestructible life. This fact is reflected in the experience of almost every congregation, and assuredly in our own case we have profound reason for gratitude to that living Lord who is continually with us and through Whose gracious guidance and inspiration alone our labours are crowned with success.



# ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 1st July, 1912 to 30th June, 1913.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To balance from previous year			4 0 8	Rev. Dr. Gibb, Stipend	700	0	0
Collections	1,137	1	1	Rev. J. Patterson, Allowance	300	0	0
Pew Rents	487	12	4	Pulpit Supply	18	18	0
Special Donations	13	12	0	Anniversary Services, Expenses	9	10	0
Rents from Class Rooms, etc.	84	2	0	J. Maughan Barnett, Organist (9 months)	93	15	0
Balance from Anniversary Social	4	9	0	C. W. Kerry, Organist (3 months)	31	5	0
Bequest from late Mr. F. H. Fraser for S. Schools	15	0	0	Deaconess, Sister Nora	100	0	0
Refund for gas from General Assembly	9	0	6	Church Officer, J. Whiteman	120	0	0
Collected for Deaconess	100	0	0	Gas	65	7	7
			1,850 16 11	Printing, Stationery, Stamps, etc.	61	18	5
Collected for Debt Reduction Fund			96 0 0	Insurance—Fire and Accident	56	14	9
Collected for Dorcas Society and Poor of the Congregation			75 15 11	Interest	65	18	6
Collection for Orphanage and Social Service Assn. per Young Women's Sewing Guild	116	4	8	City Rates	57	18	4
Collected for Young Women's Sewing Guild per Willis Street Y.M.B.C.	15	0	0	Water	9	1	6
			0 13 0	Builders' and Plumbers' Repairs	39	3	11
Collection for Knox College	13	12	10	Engine Repairs	16	11	3
General Assembly Local Expenses	27	6	0	Wine for Communion	7	16	0
Bible in State Schools League	29	16	2	Telephone	5	0	0
"Iona" College	28	9	5	Chairs	14	8	11
Collected by Willis St. Y.M.B.C. for Boys Institute	10	8	10	Tuning Organ	19	13	9
Collected for "Youth of the Church," per Sunday Schools	5	0	0	Daisy Cleaner	6	6	0
"Youth of the Church," per Y.W.B.C. No. 1	5	0	0	Ladder	2	2	0
"Youth of the Church," per Y.M.B.C.	17	1	4	Music for Choir	2	11	2
"Youth of the Church," per Mt. Cook Y.M.B.C.	3	12	3	Presbytery Dues	3	10	0
Bursary Fund, per Y.W.B.C. No. 1	3	0	0	Gravel	3	0	0
"Break-of-Day" Xmas' Fund per Sunday Schools	3	10	0	Gardener	2	15	2
			145 4 4	Cheque Book (30/-), Bank Charge (10/-)	2	0	0
Collected for Church Extension and Susten'n Fund	125	4	6	Treasurer, Sunday Schools	43	11	9
Collected for Church Extension and Susten'n Fund per Willis Street Y.W.B.C. No. 1	4	2	9	" " Fraser Bequest	15	0	0
Collected for Church Extension and Susten'n Fund per Y.W. Sewing Guild	10	0	0	" " "Day Break" Fund	3	10	0
			130 7 3	" (Church) for Youths of the Church	7	0	0
Maori Missions, Turakina Girls' School, per Y.W. Sewing Guild	10	0	0	Fund " Aged and Infirm Ministers'	13	0	0
" per Boxes, W.M.A.	0	16	0	Sundries	0	10	6
" per Y.W.B.C. No. 2	0	10	0				1,897 17 6
" per Y.W.B.C. No. 1	5	0	0	Treasurer Ladies' Association	68	4	8
Birthday League, per W.M.A.	2	13	0	" Special Poor Fund	8	13	9
			6 18 0	" Local Assembly Expenses Fund	27	6	0
per Willis Street Y.M.B.C.			19 17 0	" Orphanage and Social Service Assn.	129	11	8
Foreign Missions, per Women's Missionary Assoc.	120	3	9	" Bible in State Schools League	29	16	2
Rice Money	2	10	6	" Bible Class Union	62	17	6
H'vest Field	2	11	6				326 9 9
Rev. Mr. Davies' Salary, per Willis Street Y.M.B.C.	27	12	10	General Treasurer, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand	416	12	9
Rev. Mr. Davies' Salary, per Mt. Cook Y.M.B.C.	4	2	3	Balance in hand for Miss Christensen Fund	28	14	0
per Young Women's Sewing Guild	10	0	0	Balance held in hand for Debt Reduction	96	0	0
Ko Tong Hospital, per Y.W.B.C. No. 1	6	8	10				£2,765 14 0
Forward Movement, per Y.W.B.C. No. 2	2	0	0				By Balance .. .. . 47 10 11
For Miss Christensen, per Y.W.B.C. No. 2	6	0	6				
For Miss Christenson, per Y.W.B.C. No. 1	10	16	0				
For Miss Christenson, collected	9	17	6				
New Hebrides, per Willis Street Y.M.B.C.	1	13	0				
Indian, per Willis St. Y.M.B.C.	2	0	0				
C.V.M. (Building) Y.W.B.C.	2	0	0				
New Hebrides, per Sunday Schools	3	18	7				
"Day Spring," per Sunday Schools	7	17	2				
For Badges, Ambrym Hospital, per W.M.A.	1	2	6				
Nurse for India, per Y.W.B.C., No. 2	2	9	0				
China Inland Mission, per Willis Street Y.W.M.B.C.	4	0	0				
United Bible Class Rally, for Dr. Kirk's Hospital	6	0	0				
Collection for B. & F. Bible Society	21	19	5				
			355 3 4				
Balance			47 10 11				
			£2,765 14 0				

Audited and found correct—JNO. PAUL  
W. E. NICHOLS

Hon. Auditors.

14th August, 1913.

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
Dr. Balance Revenue Account	47	10	11	Unpaid Seat Rents, estimated	25	0	0
Balance	15,899	9	1				
			£17,347 0 0				£17,347 0 0

JOHN G. W. AITKEN,  
Hon. Treasurer.

# ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SABBATH SCHOOLS.

## Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ending 30th June, 1913.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance brought forward from June 30th, 1912 ..			3 13 6	CHURCH TREASURER—MISSIONS—			
COLLECTIONS, Willis Street—				“Break-of-Day” Xmas Contributions ..	3 10 0		
General .. .. .	£21 10 3½			“Day Spring” Fund .. .. .	7 17 2		
Missions .. .. .	9 14 11			New Hebrides Mission .. .. .	3 18 7		
Books .. .. .	0 7 9			“Youth of the Church” Fund ..	5 0 0		
“Break-of-Day” Xmas Box ..	3 7 6					20 5 9	
			35 0 5½	PERIODICALS AND SUPPLIES—			
MOUNT COOK SCHOOL—				N.Z. Bible, Book and Tract Depot ..	45 11 3		
General .. .. .	5 4 1½			Library Books, % F. H. Fraser Bequest	10 10 0		
Missions .. .. .	2 0 10			Sundries .. .. .	0 11 8		
Books .. .. .	0 11 11			A. H. Reid .. .. .	1 13 6		
“Break-of-Day” Xmas Box ..	0 2 6					58 11 5	
			7 19 4½	Scholars' Winter Socials .. .. .			78 17 2
F. H. Fraser Bequest, per Church Treasurer ..			42 19 10	Subscription to Sunday School Union ..			5 8 5
Church Collection, S.S. Anniversary .. .. .			15 0 0	Caretaker, Mount Cook School .. .. .			1 0 0
% Lecture, Rev. Dr. Gibb .. .. .			43 11 9	Brown and Johnston, Forms for Choir ..			6 0 0
Proceeds Anniversary Tea .. .. .			1 1 0	Expenses, Anniversary Services and Church			3 15 0
			5 12 0	Decorations .. .. .			1 3 8
				Bible Class Syllabus .. .. .			7 4 11
				Sundries—Repairs Cupboard 8s 3d, Bell 3s 5d,			1 1 0
				Bank Charge and Cheque Book 12s 6d,			
				Insurance Organ 6s, Examination Cer-			1 15 8
				tificates and Christmas Cards 6s 5d ..			6 15 11
				Balance carried forward .. .. .			
			£111 18 1				£111 18 1
Balance brought down .. .. .			£6 15 11	LIABILITY—Balance of Periodicals and			
				Yearly Requisites up to Dec. 31, 1913 ..			£30 11 10

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

Hon. Auditors.

14th Aug., 1913.

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

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH  
WELLINGTON

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REPORT

— OF THE —

Kirk Session and Managers

— FOR —

Twelve Months ended June 30th  
1914

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## ELDERS :

	INDUCTED
AITKEN, Hon. J. G. W., M.L.C., Levy Street ...	1884
ALLAN, Wm., Willis Street ...	1884
ATKINSON, Jas. ...	1903
BOAL, J., Willis Street ...	1903
BLACK, J. W., Grove Road ...	1909
BUTLER, J. S., Upland Road ...	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
HOWITT, A., Austin Terrace ...	1913
JOHNSON, Capt. H., Church Street ...	1902
JOHNSON, S. CLARKE, Karori Road ...	1902
JOHNSTON, A., Central Terrace ...	1911
KERSLEY, H. W., Kelburne Parade ...	1902
LAURENSEN, F. F., Murphy Street ...	1911
MACKAY, J., Brougham Street ...	1897
MACFARLANE, J. B., Hadfield Terrace ...	1911
McKERROW, Jas., Ghuznee Street ...	1881
MAINLAND, H., Kelburne ...	1903
MENELAUS, M. D., Ellice Avenue ...	1895
MORICE, G. W., M.A., Terrace ...	1913
MITCHELL, J., Roxburgh Street ...	1897
RAMSAY, W., Wright Street ...	1913
SCLATER, J., Thompson Street ...	1911
SMITH, A. P., Kelburne Parade ...	1913
STONE, A. R., Bolton Street ...	1909
SNODGRASS, R. B., Hataitai ...	1911
THOMSON, A. D., Central Terrace ...	1913
TROUP, G. A., F.R.I.B.A., Kelburne ...	1895

## MANAGERS—1914

ANDERSON, J. D. ...	Talavera Terrace
ANDREW, R. L. ...	Central Terrace
BADDEN, W. ...	Pirie Street
BRUCE, J. L. ...	Kilbirnie
CAMPBELL, J., F.R.I.B.A. ...	Cléremont Terrace
CRAWFORD, R. J. ...	Berhampore
DOUGLAS, D. ...	Dixon Street
ELLIFFE, G. H. ...	Northland
GILMOUR, G. ...	Willis Street
JENNINGS, W. ...	Willis Street
KIRKCALDIE, J. ...	Thompson Street
KNOX, J. ...	Cleremont Terrace
LEUCHARS, J. ...	Lyall Bay
MARTIN, A. ...	Tawera Crescent
McDONALD, J. ...	Maurice Terrace
MORICE, J. M., B.Sc. ...	Roseneath
PEARSON, R. ...	Terrace
REID, G. ...	Dixon Street
SMITH, H. ...	Terrace
WILSON, A. M. ...	Cambridge Terrace
ORR, J. A. ...	Island Bay

## MANAGERS' COMMITTEES

### *Property Committee:*

MESSRS. CAMPBELL, GLEN, JENNINGS, MCKERROW, H. SMITH, A. P. SMITH AND MENELAUS (Convener).

### *Seat-Letting Committee:*

MESSRS. ANDERSON, BADDEN, DOUGLAS, ELLIFFE, McDONALD, G. W. MORICE, MENELAUS, PEARSON, REID, RAMSAY, A. P. SMITH, H. SMITH, SNODGRASS, STONE, AND HOPKIRK (Convener).

### *Finance Committee:*

MESSRS. AITKEN, BRUCE, GILMOUR, KIRKCALDIE, LEUCHARS AND MCKERROW (Convener).

### *Home Mission Committee:*

MESSRS. AITKEN, ALLAN, ANDREW, HOWITT, JOHNSTON, CAPT. JOHNSON, MARTIN, ORR, THOMSON AND STONE (Convener).

### *Choir Committee:*

MESSRS. CALDOW, R. J. CRAWFORD, DOUGLAS, JENNINGS, CLARKE JOHNSON, SNODGRASS, WILSON AND MACFARLANE (Convener).

## ELDER'S DISTRICTS

No. 1—Thorndon, Kaiwarra, and Wadestown.  
Elder: Mr. R. B. Snodgrass.  
Collector for Missions: Mrs. Forsyth.

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.)  
Elders: Messrs. J. S. Butler and A. Howitt.  
Collector for Missions: Mr. Wm. Badden.

No. 4—Kelburne.  
Elders: Messrs. J. W. Black, S. Clarke-Johnson and A. P. Smith.  
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. Laurenson.  
Collector for Missions: Miss Urie.

No. 6—General. (Young Women.)  
Elders: Messrs. J. Boal and G. W. Morice.  
Collector for Missions: Miss M. Chappell.

No. 7—Willis Street to Woolcombe Street; Dixon Street to Ingestre Street.  
Elder: Mr. J. McKerrow.  
Collectors for Missions: Mrs. F. S. Pope and Miss C. Allen.

No. 8—Dixon Street to Ingestre Street; Cuba Street to Willis Street.  
Elder: Capt. H. Johnson.  
Collectors for Missions: Mrs. F. S. Pope and Miss C. Allen.

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

Elder: Mr. J. Mackay.

Collector for Missions: Miss Wallace.

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

Elder: Capt. H. Johnson.

Collectors for Missions: Miss Clara Chappell.

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 Vogeltown.

Elders: Messrs. A. Johnston and W. Ramsay.

Collector for Missions: Miss Gendall.

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

Elder: Mr. R. T. Caldwell.

Collector for Missions: Miss Allan.

No. 14—Buckle Street to John Street.

Elder: Mr. J. Selater.

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: Mrs. Kerry and Miss G. McLeay.

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

Elder: Mr. A. R. Stone.

Collector for Missions: Miss Aitken.

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.

Elders: Messrs. J. G. W. Aitken and A. D. Thomson.

Collectors for Missions: Mrs. Kerry and Miss McLeay.

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

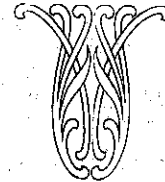
Elder: Mr. G. F. Glen.

Collector for Missions: Miss Sinclair.

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

Collector: Mr. H. W. Kersley.

Collector for Missions: Miss Sinclair.



## ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1913-14

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 CLASS FOR YOUNG MEN meets in the class-room, Willis Street, on Sunday afternoons at 2.45.

BIBLE CLASS FOR YOUNG WOMEN meet in the class-room adjoining the Church, and in the Managers' Room, 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 WOMENS' ASSOCIATION meets in the school-room, on the first and third Tuesday of every month at 2.30 p.m.

WOMENS' MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, first Tuesday in the month.

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 Basement Room, at 7.30 p.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE, Thursday evenings at 8 p.m., in the Church.

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

*President:*

REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

*Vice-Presidents:*

MESSRS. ALLAN AND HOPKIRK.

*General Secretary:*

MR. GEO. H. ELLIFFE.

*General Treasurer:*

MR. W.M. BADDEN.

*Honorary Staff:*

HON. J. G. W. AITKEN AND MR. W.M. ALLAN.

### WILLIS STREET SCHOOL.

MEETS EVERY SABBATH AT 2.30 P.M.

*Superintendent:*

MR. W.M. HOPKIRK.

*Teachers:*

Mrs. WHITEMAN	Miss D. WYLIE
Miss M. MCLEAN, M.A.	" E. WALLACE
" M. CLACHAN, B.A.	Mr. E. WILLIAMS
" J. GIBB	" A. EAST, B.A.
" E. MCRAE	" G. REID
" N. ALLAN	" J. H. KRAFT
" D. CHAPPELL	" F. F. LAURENSEN
" D. N. ALLAN, M.A.	" G. W. MORICE, M.A.
" S. GRANT	" G. ELLIFFE
" E. MORRISON	" J. BARNETT
" C. ROGERS	" J. MACFARLANE
" L. TAYLOR	" D. McLYMONT
" E. PAXTON	

*Secretary:*

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

*Assist.-Secretary:*

MR. W.M. BADDEN.

*Organist and Librarian:*

MR. JAS. HOPKIRK.

*Assistant Librarian:*

Miss B. BADDEN.

*Cradle Roll Superintendent:*

MISSES I. SCOTT. AND T. ALLAN.



## MOUNT COOK SCHOOL.

MEETS EVERY SABBATH AT 2.30 P.M.

*Superintendent:*

MR. ALEXR. JOHNSTON

*Teachers:*

Mrs. L. ANDREW	Miss McLEOD
Miss ALLAN	„ SIMMONDS
„ BALLINGALL	Mr. RAMSAY
„ HOPKIRK	„ A. D. JOHNSTON

*Superintendent Cradle Roll:*

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*Delegate to S.S. Union:*

Miss HOPKIRK

*Secretary:*

Mr. ERNEST GUISE

*Librarian:*

Miss McMORRAN.

*Organist:*

Mr. A. D. JOHNSTON.

## 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.

*Leader:*

Mr. J. A. ORR.

*Sub Leader:*

Mr. R. L. ANDREW

*Committee:*

MISSIONS ...	...	...	WALTER HOPKIRK
LOOKOUT ...	...	...	„ J. S. MARTIN
LIBRARY ...	...	...	D. A. MACDONALD
SOCIAL ...	...	...	A. R. GOODMAN
BIBLE STUDY ...	...	...	„ W. ALLAN
TREASURER ...	...	...	C. T. ANDREW
ORGANIST ...	...	...	J. S. MARTIN
SECRETARY ...	...	...	WILL HOPKIRK
SOCIAL SERVICE ...	...	...	N. WILLIAMSON
EVANGELISTIC ...	...	...	L. BASTING
ATHLETICS ...	...	...	H. BLAIR
DISCUSSIONS ...	...	...	A. MARTIN

### 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:*

MISSES N. BURNS, H. D. BROWN, A. CHAPPELL, W. COPELAND, N. CLYDE, E. CHANT, F. FERGAN, B. FERGUSON, MAY HILL, MYRA HILL, K. HAY, M. HOLMES, R. MAGILL, Y. MURRAY, NICHOLS AND M. WILSON.

*Secretary:*

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Miss W. MILLAR

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MISSES N. CLYDE AND C. HORRELL.

*Organists:*

MISSES R. NICHOLS AND F. CRAWFORD.

*Treasurer:*

Miss Y. MURRAY

**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.

*Committee:*

MISSSES M. ANDERSON, J. ANDREW, E. FRASER, D. GIBB,  
A. GREENING, J. JOHNSTON, W. LAUGHLAN, P. MCKENZIE,  
E. MACDONALD, M. NEILANDS, E. STILL.

*Secretary:*

MISS E. WIREN.

*Treasurer:*

MISS P. KITCHING.

*Organist:*

MISS D. GIBB.

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

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MRS. GIBB.

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MRS. GILL AND SISTER NORA.

*Secretary:*

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

*Hon. President:*

MRS. BUTLER.

*President:*

SISTER NORA.

*Vice-Presidents:*

MISSSES HOPKIRK AND SMITH.

*Secretary:*

MISS C. ROGERS.

*Treasurer:*

MISS ALLAN.

**THE BOYS' INSTITUTE**

Sunday Evening Service and Week-night Classes are now conducted  
in the 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. R. L. ANDREW, C. DICK, G. W. MORICE, M. D. MENE-  
LAUS, WILL. HOPKIRK, J. A. ORR and N. WILLIAMSON.

# CHOIR

MEETS FOR PRACTICE IN THE CHURCH ON THURSDAY EVENINGS  
AT 8 P.M.

*Organist and Choirmaster :*

MR. CH. W. KERRY

*Sopranos :*

MRS. KERRY  
MISS ALLAN  
" D. GIBB  
" HEATH  
" HORE  
" JENNINGS

MISS MANNING  
" M. MOWATT  
" C. PETRIE  
" A. PETRIE  
" H. SMITH  
" J. WALLACE

*Contraltos :*

MRS. BEVERIDGE  
" WHITEMAN  
MISS M. GIBB  
" S. GRANT  
" J. JOHNSTONE

MISS KING  
" STENHOUSE  
" E. SMITH  
" M. TAIT  
" D. WOODMAN

*Tenors :*

MR. J. INCE  
" J. R. JOHNSTONE  
" JAS. B. MARTIN  
" J. R. MARTIN

MR. R. B. SNODGRASS  
" G. SOLLY  
" A. J. SMITH

*Bass :*

MR. R. J. CRAWFORD  
" GANN  
" MACFARLANE  
" A. M. MILLER

MR. R. S. POPE  
" J. H. WARDROP  
" E. WALDIE  
" A. M. MILLER

*Hon. Secretary :*

MR. RAY POPE

*Hon. Librarian*

MR. R. J. CRAWFORD

# 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,

:: :: 1914 :: ::

**I**N the good providence of God we have reached the end of another year of happy and successful service of the Kingdom. Successful the work has been at least in outward appearance, and, as we humbly hope, in deed and truth. Spite of the confessed difficulties with which the cause of the Evangel is encompassed to-day and the special hindrances due to our being now a "down town" church, we end the year with a considerably increased membership in full communion, with our organisations in vigorous working order, and with a record of altruistic giving far beyond anything we have thus far accomplished. For this we give all praise to God Whose hand has indeed been upon us for good.

## THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.

A feature of the year of great interest was the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the congregation—our Diamond Jubilee. The event was commemorated at three services on the 2nd of December—services impressive and memorable in every point of view. In the morning, after a sermon by the Rev. A. Cameron, B.A., Moderator of the General Assembly, the communion was dispensed, Dr. Gibb being assisted by Mr. Cameron and the Rev. James Paterson, for many years the highly esteemed minister of the church. In the afternoon a children's service was conducted by Mr. Cameron, and in the evening Dr. Gibb delivered an historic sermon. The

attendances densely crowded the church, and altogether the services fitly commemorated an important epoch in the history of the congregation. On the following Monday a meeting was held in the church and addresses given by representatives of the Presbytery and ministers of other churches. On Tuesday evening the Town Hall was the scene of a Jubilee Conversazione which was largely attended and highly successful. Numerous representatives of our own and other churches as well as civic and state functionaries were present to grace the occasion and to congratulate the congregation. A very large number of congratulatory letters and telegrams from representative ministers and others all over the Dominion were received.

A pleasing feature of the Jubilee celebrations was the publication of a brief history of the congregation from its beginning in 1853 down to the present time, and enriched by a series of excellent pictures of the ministers and chief office-bearers and workers throughout the whole period of its existence.

An appeal had been made to the congregation to wipe out the debt on the property, and the response on Jubilee Sunday yielded the magnificent sum of £1260, since increased to £1600. This is a record collection for St. John's, and probably for the Presbyterianism of New Zealand.

The text of the sermon preached by the Minister on Jubilee Sunday evening was "Ebenezer, hitherto hath the Lord helped us"; and as we survey the marvellous way through which God has led us during all these 60 years, or rather 61, for the year now ended is as full of blessing as any we have known, there is no member of St. John's who will not feel that the psalmist's words truly summed up our experience. The Lord hath indeed been our helper.

#### THE MINISTER.

We desire once more to express our gratitude to God for the faithful services of our Minister. We confess to a sentiment of just pride that a man of his eminent gifts and ability occupies the pastorate of St. John's. We know that the service rendered to our congregation and the church generally by Dr. Gibb is not to be measured by words. The day will declare it. But we would most heartily testify to our appreciation of his manifold labours in the cause of Christ and his fellowmen.

It would be impossible here to detail our minister's work. No man probably bears so large a part of the burden of the General Assembly's schemes, and his abundant and self-sacrificing toil on behalf of Home Missions are known throughout the length and breadth of the church. Happily his efforts in this cause are promising to bear much fruit. The cause of Bible in Schools has in our minister a tireless champion, and the Wellington Orphanage continues to receive from him whole-hearted support.

But it is as preacher and pastor we know him best. In the general community many respect and admire him for his strenuous advocacy of all that makes for righteousness. His own people love him, especially those who in time of trial and sorrow and the shadow of death have been cheered and strengthened by his pastoral ministry and intense human sympathy.

We are very thankful for the health and vigour God has given him and on which he makes so constant a demand. We pray that he may be long spared to the church and the community and that the blessing of Almighty God may continually rest on him in the discharge of his manifold and important duties.

#### KIRK SESSION.

Early in the year it was deemed necessary to strengthen the Session by the addition of a number of new elders, accordingly the following were, after due election, added to the roll, namely:—

Messrs. A. Howitt, E. K. Lomas, M.Sc., G. W. Morice, M.A., W. Ramsay, A. P. Smith, and A. D. Thomson.

This addition brought the number of elders up to 31. There are now 30, Mr. Lomas having left for the distant land of Korea. He was called to the eldership not so much with a view to the service of the congregation, as to give him this standing in view of his appointment by the Presbyterian Church of Victoria to organise the higher education scheme connected with their Korean missions. In parting with him the Session recorded their warm appreciation of his labours in St. John's, especially as joint leader of the Bible Class, and their earnest desire that he might be signally blessed in his great work in the mission field.

At the same time the Session recorded their equal appreciation of the labours of Mr. J. S. Butler, who though