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For the purpose of war-time economy the pages containing lists of office-bearers and other workers, etc., are omitted this year.

REPORT

For Year Ending
June 30th, 1918

TWELVE months ago the hope was well-nigh universally entertained that in less than another year the horror of the war would have passed away. It is with us still, and no man knows when the end shall be. We have indeed ceased to speculate, perhaps even to hope for its speedy close—hope deferred maketh the heart sick, and the mood, at least of the moment, is one of grim determination to endure to the end come how and when it may. We have our duty to do, and though church life and agencies are dislocated and sorely strained this is but the common lot in all departments of human affairs. The absence of most of our young men makes a difference to the work and is especially felt in the Bible Class, Choir and Sunday School. Even the Sunday services must suffer, and the pinch will be harder later on, for quite a number of our younger married men are shortly going into camp.

But, in spite of these drawbacks, the work has made good progress. It has been found possible somehow to supply the lack of men in the organisations of the church, and the congregations assembling on Sunday have, as a rule, been very large. The Communion roll shows an increase.

For these things we thank God and take courage. We have indeed much to be thankful for, we, the people of New Zealand and the members of the New Zealand churches. The shadow of the war lies deep on homes that have suffered bereavement; but the shadow on New Zealand is slight compared with that on the Mother Land; and when we think of the misery endured by the people of France, Belgium and other countries, we feel almost ashamed of our state of exceeding comfort. Surely the Lord's mercies should deepen our gratitude and intensify our desire to serve Him.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

The number of men and women we have from first to last given to the service of their country is 252. Of these 27 have been killed—13 during the year under review. Sixty have been wounded, and of the wounded 37 have returned to New Zealand, most of them now discharged as unfit for further military service. A few of the wounded have been able to return to the ranks.

From the men at the front many letters have been received breathing a spirit of fortitude and steadfast resolve that puts to shame the megrims with which we who "remain by the stuff" are too often visited. They do not, of course, speak of their valour, but others do and the military honours that have been bestowed on a number of them testify to their qualities as soldiers; while chaplains and others in a position to judge speak warmly of their equal steadfastness in the faith of Christ. We are told again and again how slight a hold the Church has upon the soldier, and indeed the young manhood of the Empire seem to be largely beyond the pale. But one thing is certain: we may be justly proud of the men of the church, and of the men of our own congregation. None exceeds them in courage on the field of battle, and they stand equally firm against what one of them has described as "the fierce temptations of a soldier's life." We may in face of much that is depressing find comfort in the testimony the war has yielded to the value of the Christian Church and the Christian home. The service these render to the moralisation of the nation is incalculable.

To the men at the front we send a message of keen appreciation and good cheer. We tell them that we are proud of their courage and endurance, and that they are never

forgotten in our prayers. To the wounded men in hospital in England and the wounded who have returned to New Zealand we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and trust that they will suffer no permanent impairment from their injuries. The relatives of the men who have died we commend to the compassions and sufficient grace of the Most High. These brave lads have passed beyond their care, but God has them in His keeping, and there is surely consolation in the thought that they died not for Empire only but for the rights of men and the Kingdom of God.

Special reference is due to the office-bearers of the church who are engaged in the war. Of one of them Gavin Reid, a member of the Committee of Management, the past tense must be used. He was wounded in the knee but had struggled back to shelter and safety, when looking round he saw a comrade struck down and badly wounded some distance behind him. He stepped out into the arena of death, picked the wounded man up, struggled back with him, and had again almost reached safety when he fell, shot through the spine. It was a V.C. deed, but would have remained for ever unknown had not the man he saved found himself in a hospital cot next to that occupied by Gavin's brother who had also been wounded in the fight.

R. J. Crawford and J. A. Orr, also members of the Management Committee, are somewhere in France; Mr. Crawford having thus far escaped injury, and Mr. Orr having recovered from a wound received some months ago.

Two elders of the church, G. W. Morice and A. R. Stone, are in active service. Mr. Morice, who has been in perils many, has thus far happily met with no wound; and Mr. Stone, at the time of writing, is rapidly nearing his destination. Both were stalwarts, and of Mr. Stone it may with reason be said that he was one of the men whom the church could least spare. His sympathy reached to every branch of the work, and his energy was inexhaustible.

These men, with the others of our fellowship, and their anxious-hearted relatives we commend to the continual succours of the Most High, praying that He may lift upon them the light of His countenance.

The following list, while carefully prepared, may not be free of errors; we shall be more than thankful to have our attention called to any omissions or inaccuracies.

Roll of Honour.

THE FALLEN

Nearly all these were in authentic connection with the Church. Two or three were near relatives of Church Members.

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| Adair, V. | Howard, F. | Rosie, D. |
| Arcus, W. M. | Jennings, W. | Stevens, F. |
| Chirnside, W. | Johnston, C. G. | Still, C. |
| Clachan, W. J. | Lusk, R. | Wardrop, C. L. |
| Dodson, R. H. | McLeod, K. | Weston, G. |
| Drummond, W. G. | Millar, W. C. A. | Whelan, A. |
| Haase, G. | North, — | Wilson, C. H. |
| Hogg, N. H. | Pope, A. | Wilson, D. C. |
| Hopkirk, W. S. | Reid, G. | Wilson, J. |

INVALIDED—Wounded and returned to New Zealand

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| Archibald, J. A. | Finlay, J. G. | McLeay, R. |
| Ainslie, J. | Gendall, J. W. | Macfarlane, J. A. J. |
| Aird, J. | Gow, I. B. | McMillan, C. H. |
| Baker, W. A. | Hoddy, W. R. | Macmorran, G. B. |
| Bishop, R. F. | Hopkirk, W. A. | Parkin, H. B. C. |
| Chappell, F. E. | Johnson, G. C. | Petrie, E. R. V. |
| Chapman, W. L. | Johnson, H. J. | Petrie, F. N. |
| Coad, H. E. R. | Kirker, W. A. | Rosie, A. M. |
| Copland, R. | Kirker, R. | Saxton, A. M. |
| Cottrell, H. C. | Mawson, J. B. | Thompson, H. W. |
| East, A. | Menard, P. D. | White, J. |
| Easton, M. G. | MacDougall, H. | |
| Ferguson, W. | Mackley, C. | |

INVALIDED AND WOUNDED—who have not returned to New Zealand

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| Andrew, N. C. | Halvorsen, H. | Little, G. |
| Chapman, V. G. | Hamilton, W. | Macmorran, J. |
| Cooper, R. W. | Hannah, R. | Tott, F. T. |
| Donkin, S. H. | Johnson, N. S. | Whalley, G. |
| Galloway, M. S. | Jolly, F. L. G. | Watson, J. B. |

At present at the Front or in Camp in New Zealand

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| Abbott, Miss | Beaumont, J. H. | †Bruce, R. M. |
| Agar, J. | Bennett, T. E. | Carson, M. |
| Aitken, C. R. | Bird, A. W. | Carter, C. |
| Allan, J. A. | Black, A. E. | Carter, R. |
| Allan, W. R. S. | Blair, H. | Chappell, E. |
| Anderson, S. J. | Blake, L. R. | Chirnside, — |
| Andrew, F. P. | Boyce, A. | Christie, Dr. |
| Armour, F. D. | Brewer, R. V. T. | Clark, G. |
| Armstrong, H. | Brown, W. E. | Clark, G. S. |
| Bates, W. H. | †Browne, R. B. | Clark R. P. |

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| †Clater, T. A. | Holder, H. S. | Murray, C. |
| Claughton C. | Hooker, G. B. | Nelson, E. N. |
| Copeland, C. | Hopkirk, J. A. D. | Nicholson, A. |
| Coad, A. E. | Hopkirk, J. J. | Nicol, L. S. |
| †Corkill, Dr. T. F. | Hore, A. | Orr, J. A. |
| Corkill, F. M. | Hutchen, E. | Pierard, H. A. W. |
| †Corkill, H. K. | Hutchen, J. W. | Pope, E. |
| Crawford, E. J. | Ince, J. | Reid, W. |
| Cuddie, J. R. | Jaffrey, J. | Ricketts, J. E. |
| Davis, G. W. | Jameson, K. J. | Robertson, Dr. G. H. |
| †Davis, J. B. | Johnson, Dr. F. D. | Robertson, N. |
| Davis, N. F. | Johnson, W. H. | Robinson, F. |
| Davis, A. G. | Johnston, A. D. | Rodgers, Miss |
| †Dick, C. K. | Johnston, Dr. W. H. | Ross, A. H. |
| Dick, P. T. | Johnstone, J. R. | Rowe, H. |
| Diggie, W. W. | Johnston, W. D. | Rowe, H. C. |
| Dow, J. | Kennedy, R. | Russell, J. L. |
| Donkin, H. | Kelly, E. L. | Saxton, F. W. |
| Drummond, W. | Kirker, H. R. | Scadden, W. L. |
| Duncan, F. A. | Lake, A. E. | Scarr, W. |
| Duncan, J. F. | Lane, J. P. | Scarr, S. |
| Duncan, R. | London, R. P. | Slater, D. C. |
| Dunlevy, W. | †Mace, W. G. | Slater, J. R. |
| Farquhar, W. | Mackail, A. H. | Scott, H. V. |
| Ferguson, R. | Mackall, J. | Scott, B. H. |
| Forsyth, S. | Macdonald, A. D. | Shannon, A. |
| Foy, N. R. | MacGregor, L. | South, H. C. |
| Gadsby, N. | Mackay, R. A. | Stoee, A. R. |
| Galloway, G. M. | Macmorran, R. G. | Storn, A. A. |
| Gandar, M. | McCaskie, P. | Taylor, C. H. |
| Gill, A. M. | McClymont, W. D. | Thompson, R. J. L. |
| Ginn, A. R. | McDonald, Miss | Trevetick, A. S. |
| Glen, G. W. | McKinnon, H. J. | Trim, H. C. |
| Godkin, E. | McLean, D. J. | Turner, F. A. |
| Gray, Miss | McLean, N. D. | Turnbull, W. J. |
| Gray, T. | McNeill, F. A. | Troup, G. S. |
| Guise, E. | McQuarrie, R. S. | Wakelin, B. R. |
| Guise, H. | McRea, J. W. | Wakelin, E. F. |
| Guy, C. M. | Martin, J. | Wakelin, W. |
| Halley, A. | Martin, J. S. | Walker, E. S. |
| Halliburton, G. L. | Massey, L. | Wardrop, K. N. |
| Hay, W. L. | Mathers, E. L. | Webb, S. H. |
| Hay, C. J. | Mathies, G. H. | Whiteman, C. F. |
| Haydon, W. E. | Millar, A. | Williamson, G. |
| Hewitt, G. R. | Miller, D. W. | Williamson, R. J. |
| Hogg, Dr. W. A. | Mitchell, C. M. | Williamson, W. |
| Hogg, W. F. | Mitchell, R. L. | Wilson, Miss Jean S. |
| Holden, H. | Morice, G. W. | |

†Wounded but recovered and returned to duty, in a few cases after a spell in N.Z.



KIRK SESSION.

The Session numbers 26 elders, of whom, as has been stated, two are at the front, most of the others being past military age. Mr. John Mackay, who was absent on business in England for a lengthened period, returned during the year and was warmly welcomed by the brethren.

A signal honour befell the Session and congregation in the call to the moderatorship of one of their number, the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken, the first layman moderator in the history of New Zealand Presbyterianism. The Session, by appropriate resolution, congratulated Mr. Aitken on this honour and presented him, in the form of a small brochure, with a sketch and appreciation of his career written by the minister. The prefatory letter, in which Mr. Aitken was asked to accept of this gift, may be here quoted:

To the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken, M.L.C.

Dear Mr. Aitken,

Your fellow elders in St. John's have singular pleasure in asking your acceptance, in more permanent form, of the sketch written by the Minister to commemorate your Moderatorship, and which appeared first in the "Outlook" of November 20th. They do so in token of their sense of the well-merited honour conferred upon you by the General Assembly, and as a mark of the affection and esteem in which you are held by St. John's Session, who, in their appreciation of you, are truly representative of the congregation, and indeed of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Praying that God may long spare you to carry on that work of faith and labour of love which have made your life one unbroken record of beneficent service.

We are,

For the Session,

Jas. McKerrow
Wm. Allan
Wm. Hopkirk
M. D. Menelaus

Mr. Aitken not only discharged the duties of the moderatorship while actually in the chair, to the entire satisfaction of the Assembly, but he has also been exceedingly busy during the ensuing months in visiting, especially the outlying parts of the Church and smaller charges, which have benefited much by his wise counsel and good cheer.

The routine duties of the Session, which are numerous and important, have been diligently carried out. Besides these there is nothing of special importance to chronicle this year.

The Communion Roll.—The roll now contains 887 names, an increase of 10 since last year. The particulars are as follows:—

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| Total roll in June, 1917 | 877 |
| New members added by examination | 38 |
| New members added by certificate | 65 |
| | 103 |
| | 980 |
| Removed by death | 9 |
| „ by certificate | 53 |
| „ otherwise | 31 |
| | 93 |
| | 887 |

The death roll includes 4 soldiers (V. Adair, W. J. Clachan, G. Reid and C. L. Wardrop) and Mrs. Burns, Mr. Quee, Mrs. McLean, Mr. Farquharson and Mr. W. Simm, senr., 9 in all. These were members in full communion. There have been besides a number of adherents who have passed away, including 8 soldiers. Their names are on the Roll of Honour. The office-bearers tender to all the relatives of the departed an expression of their sincere sympathy.

The Quarterly Communion.—The attendances were:—September, 485; December, 480; March, 485; June, 533. The June commemoration marks the highest attendance at the Communion with the exception of the Jubilee service which, for various reasons, does not stand in comparison. It should be remembered, too, that of our young men serving at the front, about 100 are in full communion with the church. We shall keep their names on the roll till the end of the war, though it is highly probable, apart from the risk of battle, that quite a number of them will not again settle in Wellington.

The Sacrament of Baptism has been administered to 20 infants and 3 adults.

Attendance at Public Worship and the Prayer Meeting.—The Sunday services have been largely attended throughout the year, both morning and evening, but especially the evening. The Prayer Meeting attendance during part of the year was also good, but of recent months it has not been so satisfactory. Other churches complain of the difficulty of maintaining their prayer services at the level of former

years. "War," wrote one of our members who has distinguished himself at the front, "is a deadly thing." Can there be any greater proof of its influence that just when prayer is most needed it is least exercised?

The visitation of the congregation has been carried out by the minister to the limit of his opportunities. The sick and those in trouble have been diligently cared for, and district visiting has also, as far as possible in the time at Dr. Gibb's disposal, been attended to. His visits altogether again reach a large total.

The Service of Praise.—The heartiness of the congregational singing is, as in previous years, worthy of note. But the choir which, for its numbers, does very good work indeed, is too small. Men are not easily found as new recruits to-day; but why should there be any difficulty in getting women? We trust to see a large increase of the membership this year.

Mr. Kerry and the choir gave a combined recital of organ music and choruses, at which both organist and the singers displayed their qualities in a pleasing and impressive fashion. Mr. Kerry is a master of his craft, and we have never heard the choir at greater advantage than in dealing with the by no means easy music rendered on this occasion.

The proceeds were in aid of the Orphanage, and the object, as well as the programme, merited a much larger attendance.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

There are 24 members in this Committee, of whom, as already recorded, one has fallen in France and two are still doing their duty there.

The ordinary business of the Committee relates to the finances of the Church, care of the properties, and so forth. In addition to this the Committee, during the past twelve months, took into serious consideration the question of erecting a hostel for young women, and finally decided to proceed with the work. It is to be built on the vacant piece of ground between the hall and MacDonald Crescent, which it will face. Plans were prepared by Mr. Turnbull of a building to accommodate 80 girls, and the managers were prepared to call for tenders when an unhappy arrest was put upon their venture: the money required simply could

not be got. No bank, loan, or building society could be persuaded to advance the £10,000 necessary for the structure, and it is improbable that any way out of this impasse will be found before the end of the war. The hostel would, the managers are persuaded, pay its way if it were once erected; but how to get it erected is a problem of which there seems, just at present, to be no solution. Donations are evidently not to be looked for to any great extent. Last year the General Assembly appealed for a large sum on behalf of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund; and this year an active canvass is to be carried out on behalf of the Assembly's £20,000 Home Mission Fund. Scots College, too, a purely local venture, has taxed many of us, and there is a limit to the possibilities of money raising. At the very first moment, however, at which the money can be found the work will go on.

In this connection it may be mentioned that a scheme is under consideration by the Presbytery of Wellington to obtain a hostel for young men. This, though not a congregational matter, is of much interest to not a few of the young men connected with the congregation. The Presbytery's Committee intends to begin by renting a house, and is now engaged in looking for a suitable building.

At the suggestion of a deputation from the Bible Classes the Committee of Management appointed a sub-committee to act in conjunction with the Classes in financing and making arrangements for entertaining soldiers and their friends at the close of the evening service. Refreshments are provided and an hour spent in conversation, hymn singing, and a brief address on some suitable religious topic.

Owing to the continuance of the war and the prevailing unsettlement, the Session has again resolved to postpone the usual annual election of managers; those now holding office will continue to do so for another year.

THE DEACONESS.

We have not now a salaried deaconess, but Miss Steel continues to discharge the duty of visiting the sick and needy in their homes and at the hospital. She is the almoner of the Women's Association for the poor; and besides the work done on her own initiative, she renders no little assistance to the minister, both in informing him of cases of sickness, and in helping with the visiting. The minister and office-bearers are grateful for her manifold labours.

THE MOTHERS' MEETING.

Last year Miss Steel made herself responsible for conducting this meeting; but finding the burden, added to her other tasks, too heavy for her strength, she resigned it early this year. Her place was for some months effectively filled by Mrs. Mirams, and when domestic circumstances compelled her to lay the work down, it was taken in hand first by Mrs. Anderson then by Mrs. M. Fraser, who is now in charge of the work and carrying it on successfully. The meeting is held on alternate Wednesdays in the Willis Street class-room, and is attended by a good many mothers. It is a welcome break in not a few lives that have not much sunshine; and while the chief emphasis is laid on the impartation of Bible teaching, the material needs of the members are not neglected. Assistance is given in the shape of garments, new and second-hand, sold at a nominal price, and afternoon tea is a function much appreciated. The Women's Association makes an annual cash donation to the meeting, and various friends from time to time make welcome contributions of divers sorts.

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

This Association records another year of fine work. The women connected with it are indeed laborious, and we are thankful and grateful for their labours. It is the custom in these reports to name individual workers only when they have resigned from, or are entering upon, any given position; but we shall be forgiven if for once we refer to the work of the secretary, Miss Sinclair. Her diligence, zeal and efficiency assuredly merit this recognition.

The active membership of the Association is 46, an increase of 8 on last year. The honorary membership is 37—members who subscribe to the funds but do not attend the weekly meetings. The average attendance has been high. The Society operates in two departments, of which one is concerned with

DORCAS WORK.

The number of garments made and distributed is 265, most of these going to the Orphanage, and the remainder to the Red Cross Society. The sale of garments this year is less than last, but socks and stockings are not evidently regarded by the members as garments, for the report records them as a separate item, 30 pairs of socks for the

soldiers and 20 pairs of boys' stockings for the Orphanage. The Association expresses its indebtedness to Messrs. Morrison and Davis for valuable gifts of remnants of material, and to the Two Garment Society for a large parcel of clothing. Among many others who have benefited were certain sufferers by the Ohakune fire last March, to whom a large parcel of clothing was sent. The funds of the Association were drawn upon in the purchase of blankets, clothes and boots, which were distributed among poor and deserving people by Miss Steel. The usual pensioners of the Association have been supplied regularly with milk and coal, and gifts of money were also made in some cases; £54 was expended in this way.

The Association has continued to take charge once a month at the Sydney Street Soldiers' Club, and in this task they have received much appreciated assistance from Mr. Snodgrass. The cost of entertaining the soldiers is defrayed partly from a special fund, but most of the cakes, etc., are made by members of the Association themselves.

The wounded soldiers in the Victoria Ward of the Hospital have also been in various ways cared for by the Association. Weekly motor drives have been paid for (£26) and a gift of books (£6) was forwarded to the Trentham Camp, and assistance (£5 10s.) was given to the Young Women's Guild in sending Christmas gifts to St. John's men at the front. A party of ladies go regularly to the Victoria Ward and entertain the soldiers there with music.

Responding to an appeal from the Y.M.C.A. the Association took charge of, and provided the materials for, a Cake Day at the Red Triangle Room, which realised upwards of £8.

The total cash expenditure of the Association in these services has been £92.

As in former years, the Association has done good service in visiting new members and adherents of the church.

MISSION WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meetings have been largely attended and profitable. A continuous study has been made of missionary literature. "Sunrise in the Sunrise Kingdom" is the book at which the Association has been for some time working, and in this connection Mr. Lomas kindly delivered a very interesting lecture on Japan, a country with which

he is personally familiar. The lecture was illustrated by a large number of fine views.

Gifts were made to the mission at Ambrim (£3), to Mr. McNeur (£9), to the Indian Mission (£5), to Sister Annie (Maori Mission, £4).

As far as money raising for missions is concerned the chief effort of the year was on behalf of Home Missions. The annual sale of work for this object, held in September last, was very successful, and resulted in £100 being handed to the Congregational Treasurer for the Assembly's Home Mission Fund. A gift in cash was also sent to one of the Home Mission stations to help in relieving the necessities of certain poor persons.

The total income of the Association under this head was £158, of which £144 9s. have been expended.

There is only one weak spot in the Association's report—the subscribers to the monthly magazine do not all pay up. A deficit of £1 7s. 6d. had to be paid out of the Association's funds. There are spots in the sun, but it would possibly be more luminous without them.

Such, then, is the year's work of the Association. Surely it is one which merits the sympathy and active help of a larger number of our women members, and we commend the question to their serious consideration.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY GUILD.

The Guild, which had been falling off in numbers, was at the beginning of the winter session reconstituted, and during the last three months the attendance has been good and a large amount of work done. It was thought that perhaps we might blend with the sewing and other work a programme of lectures, music, etc., and so develop the social side of the organisation, and an effort was made in this direction. It has not, however, amounted to very much, the mind of the majority apparently being that while the war lasts the energies of the members should be practically restricted to working for the Red Cross and other patriotic efforts. Accordingly it is to such work that the Guild has devoted itself, and a large amount of clothing has been prepared. In addition to this, the Guild provides the annual scholarship for the Maori Girls' School at Turakina, and this year the sum will be raised by individual appeals

instead of a sale of work. The Guild also undertook the despatch of the Christmas gifts for the St. John's soldiers and nurses at the front—a kindness which was greatly appreciated by the recipients.

As in former years the members of the Guild collect the congregation's contributions to foreign missions, the amount this year being some pounds in excess of last year.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

The school has experienced at times no small difficulty in "carrying on" owing to the extreme difficulty of securing men as teachers, but, thanks to our women, the work of the year indicates, on the whole, a prosperous condition of affairs. The school roll shows a gain of 32, as compared with last year. The following tables will be of interest.

Scholars.

Boys, 128; Girls, 131; total, 259; average, 162.

The Cradle Roll contains 53 names.

The average attendance may not seem so high as it might well be, but the increased roll is largely due to additions to the Primary Department, and regular attendance of scholars under eight years of age is difficult to secure. The older boys' classes also suffered through the inability to obtain men teachers.

The school is worked in three departments, the Primary with 64 pupils, the Intermediate with 150, and the Senior with 45. (The senior, also known as the Junior Bible Classes, is referred to in a separate paragraph below.)

Teachers and Officers.

Men, 9; women, 20; total, 29; average 26.

During the year two more of the teachers, Mr. John Allan and Mr. L. Blake, have gone to the front. Of those who previously went, Mr. G. Reid has been killed during the period under review.

An effort has been made to secure the regular attendance of the children at the Sunday morning services of the Church. This effort is practically limited to the Intermediate Department—the infants are pretty well out of the reckoning in this connection, and the Seniors are not supposed to need this kind of constraint. Taking the avail-

able number then as 150, the highest church attendance on one day was 75, the average for summer being 50, for winter 45. As is well known, many of the families connected with the congregation are compelled by distance from the church to send their children to Sunday schools nearer at hand than our own, and the parents of a good many children who attend our school have either no church connection or are members of other churches. The available number of children for the Sunday services is not great, but an average of 50 for a roll of 150 does not, to put it mildly, seem quite satisfactory. Superintendent, teachers and minister do their best. A record of church attendance is kept and the scholars are questioned about the children's address given every Sunday morning by the minister, and prizes are awarded to those who have evidently shown the closest attention.

The new lesson scheme approved of by the General Assembly—the Australian scheme—has been introduced into all Departments except the Primary, which still continues the Westminster graded course.

The usual socials, etc., have been held with good effect. A number of the children competed in the General Assembly and Wellington Sunday School Union examinations, in which they did very well.

The income of the school was £109, of which the congregation directly contributed £67 by a Sunday collection. To the Youth of the Church Fund the school gave £5; to Foreign Missions, etc., £13.

A review of the year's work in the school justifies a feeling of much thankfulness. The chief successes of Sunday school enterprise in Wellington are being secured in the suburbs. In the centre of the city the situation is difficult, but we face our task with good heart, determined to make the best of the situation.

JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

The Lad's Class.—This class has a membership of 19, with an average attendance of 14. Four of them are members of the church in full communion, and of these, 2 made their profession of faith this year. The income has amounted to £5, of which £2 was donated to the Travelling Secretary Fund, and the remainder to the Sunday School.

The leader, Mr. Mirams, who has done excellent work, will be going into camp in a few months. This problem of our organisations will be, before long, hard indeed of solution.

The Girls' Class.—The roll contains 26 names, with an average attendance of 19. Nine of the girls are church members, and of these 7 came forward during the period under review. The class income was £6, half of which went to the Sunday School and half to missions.

Both of these classes are included in the Sunday School statistics, and while they are largely run on independent lines, they are still regarded as the Senior Department of the Sunday School. Their size and the character of the work—almost identical with that of the Senior classes—merits this separate mention. It is very gratifying to find year after year so many of these young people making profession of their faith in Christ by taking their place at the Lord's Table.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Of all the organisations of the congregation the Men's Class is the one that must suffer most through the war. Every unmarried member of military age has either volunteered—and most of them did so—or been called up; and now the married men are going, or about to go; 63 members of the class are either at the front, or in camp, or have returned wounded or invalided. A year ago the number was 43; the number the class has lost this year is therefore 20. The losses have to some extent been made good by the return of a few men who have been discharged as no longer fit through wounds for military service, and by the addition of a number of lads under 20 years of age. The difficulties with which the class is contending are, however, not due merely to the shrinkage of the numbers, but to the fact that many of those who have left were men whose age and experience made them of great value to the work, especially to the Sunday afternoon meetings. Reference to their characteristics as soldiers and as followers of Christ has already been made, and no more need be said save this: we have reason to be very thankful for the testimony those men are bearing to the grace of God and the inspirational value of the Church of Jesus Christ.

The total membership, including the men an active service, is 113, or 11 more than last year. The available mem-

bership is 50, and the attendance on Sundays has maintained a good average—seldom less than 40, and often above that figure.

Of the total membership (including men on active service) 59 are in full communion with the church, and of these 11 became members during the year, 10 by profession of faith, and 1 by certificate. One class man left to join the teaching staff of the Sunday School.

The Sunday afternoon meetings continue to be of much profit, and the themes considered—mostly Scriptural—cannot fail to lead to increased knowledge of the things that really matter and to stimulate the desire to serve the Kingdom of God.

Bible Study Circles are held during the months of winter. They have this year achieved only a fair measure of success, at least in respect of the numbers who took advantage of them.

The Religious Activities of the Class have taken the form of:—(1) Deputing members to conduct services in suburban churches—24 services in all have been provided for. (2) Sending relieving teachers into the Sunday Schools to the number of 30. The absence of so many men at the front has, however, necessitated the closing down of this work. Every man of definite religious experience left to the class is needed if the interest of the meetings is to be sustained. (3) An intercessory service for our soldiers held at the close of the class meeting. The number attending this is 16.

The Social Service of the class has extended to the Boys' Institute, but beyond sending an occasional speaker to the Institute's Sunday evening service, and taking part in the work of management through their representatives on the Institute Committee, it has not this year been found possible to do much. The Orphanage at Berhampore secures the services of a number of members of the class on Saturday afternoons. From first to last they have done a good deal in helping to put the grounds of the Orphanage in order.

As an evidence of the willingness of the class to undertake "extra" duties it may be mentioned that, with the help of the Women's Class, they came to the assistance of the Protestant Principles Committee of the General Assembly in despatching 40,000 copies of the "Nation" (an edition written by ministers of our Church) to every Pres-

byterian congregation in New Zealand. Further, the engine connected with the church organ having struck work, and it being impossible under present conditions to replace it, relays of Class members take their turn at the bellows.

The library contains a large number of volumes, but is not (so says the Class report) made as much use of as it ought. Several new books, chiefly dealing with aspects of the war, were added during the year.

The social work of the Class, for the benefit of its own members, has taken the form of frequent week evening socials, a Social Club meeting on Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoon teas.

Athletics, as things are, can hardly have the place they formerly occupied. A Rugby football team was operated last winter, this winter it was found impossible to secure the requisite number of players. But the Tennis Club has been very successful. It is not perhaps generally known that the Club possesses a fine court of its own in Kelburn. Occasional All Day Rambles helped to promote at once a feeling of comradeship and physical well-being.

The income for the year has been £112 (inclusive of a balance of £6 from last year). Of this £21 has been spent in maintenance of the class—including £5 placed to the capital fund—purchase of "Outlooks," etc. Upwards of £80 was donated to the following:—Foreign missions, £26; Travelling Secretary, £18 10/; Easter Camp Assistance Fund, £24; cot at Orphanage £5; Home missions, £1 10/-, and close upon £5 to various objects.

A further sum, estimated at £20 for class teas, tennis, etc., has been raised by the class, but has not been entered in the Treasurer's accounts.

THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.

The Institute continues to prosper. As is well known the management is controlled by a Board, of whom the majority are elected at the annual meeting of the subscribers to its funds and the remainder are *ex officio* representatives of St. John's Church. But though not now wholly responsible for the supervision of the work we continue to take a very deep interest in its prosperity. And this has been very marked. The property and endowments are valued at £24,000, and a fine use is made of them in the educa-

tion and moral discipline of hundreds of boys who would otherwise be neglected. This year a new step has been taken in opening up the boarding department which had been deferred owing to the war. At practically cost price provision will be made for boarding lads who have come to the city for work, and whose wages make the problem of making ends meet one of no small difficulty. We congratulate the Institute on its beneficent labours, and wish for it a career of ever expanding usefulness.

SCOTS COLLEGE.

The College boarders continue to attend St. John's, and their reverent behaviour and manifest attention give much satisfaction both to the Principal, Mr. Uttley, and to the people of the church. The affairs of the College are, of course, outside our immediate concern, but that the College came into existence through the initiative of the minister and the munificence of a member of the Session is generally understood. We rejoice in the prosperity of the institution, and congratulate the Board on the fact that the school roll is now upwards of 160, with 71 boarders. With the first term of next year the College will take possession of the fine new buildings now in course of erection at Miramar at a cost (including the site) of £25,000.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The class records a membership of 87, or 5 more than last year, with an average attendance of 48, as against 45 last year. The number of members in full communion with the church is 65, of whom 13 joined this year by profession of faith and 6 by certificate. Two class members joined the teaching staff of the Sunday School.

The meetings on Sunday afternoon have maintained the high level of intelligent and devout interest that has for many years characterised the work of this organisation. The studies are centred in the Scriptures, and the syllabus adopted by the Assembly's Committee is closely followed. This is at it ought to be, and guarantees that the class will be exercised in the truth as well as the emotions of the faith.

The Bible Study Circles are held on Tuesday evenings and are well attended, those present taking a keen interest in the selected lessons. Many members wish to take part

in the Prayer meeting, which is held every Sunday at the close of the class. An institution which gives so large a place to prayer and the study of God's Word deserves to prosper, and the class does.

The class has always shown much enthusiasm in social efforts, and the Orphanage has as usual offered a sphere for much service. Parcels of clothing, hair-ribbons, handkerchiefs, and hand-knitted socks have been sent to the matron at intervals. The children have been given a picnic and the bigger girls entertained on several occasions.

In connection with the Young Men's Class, the Camp at Tauherenikau receives assistance in the form of frequent boxes of cake which are sent to the resident chaplain for a supper to the men at the close of the evening meetings. The class also renders valuable help to the effort to entertain soldiers at the close of the Sunday evening services of our own church.

The class continues to conduct a service at the Ohiro Home once a month; and at Christmas the residents of this and other charitable institutions receive a supply of good things as well as a song entertainment suitable to the season.

In order to promote the social life of the members of the class frequent group social meetings are held, and the end desired is to a large extent realised. Tea is provided at the expense of the leader (Mr. Boal) every second Sunday for girls who are in board and lodgings. The gymnasium does not secure a large attendance, but it fills a useful place in the economy of the class, as do various other forms of physical culture open to the members. The Tennis Club is well patronised.

The income of the class has been £72, of which £12 has been spent in carrying on the work of the class and in payment of the Union and Conference fees, cost of "Outlooks," etc. The amount donated to Missions is £57, allocated thus: Foreign Missions, £29; Bible Class Travelling Secretary, £7; Home Missions, £8; Maori Missions, £5; Orphanage, £7; Soldiers' Christmas Fund, £1/7/-.

Most of the girls connected with the class are on small salaries, and it is really wonderful that they are able to do so much in the way of giving. If generosity is a mark of spiritual life—and who will dare say it is not?—then the class is assuredly a living organisation. The cash contri-

butions are only a part of their donetics, for many of the gifts they make to the Orphanage and other agencies find no reflection in their balance sheet.

FINANCE.

(1) CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSIONS AND SPECIAL FUNDS.

Missions to the Heathen.—Women's Association, £144; collected for our own missionary, £125 (including £16 from W.B. Class); Bible Classes, £39; Sunday School, £9. Total, £317.

Maori Missions.—Women's Association, £7; Bible Classes, £12. Total, £19.

Home Missions.—Collected by quarterly envelopes, £147; Women's Association, £101; special collection, £25; Bible Classes, £8. Total, £281.

The total contribution to missions—Home and Foreign—thus amounts to £617, against £678 last year. The giving through the ordinary channels has slightly increased, and the apparent decrease is due to there having been this year no appeals for special objects.

Other contributions connected with the war (Red Cross, Chaplains' Fund, Christmas gifts) £98; the Orphanage, £165; the poor £87; B. and F. Bible Society, £52; Scots College scholarship, £20; Ohakune church (damaged by cyclone), £30; Youth of the Church Fund, £50; Theological Hall, £21; sundry contributions, £45. Total, £568.

The grand total of contributions thus stands at £1,185, or some £8 more than last year. All the sums collected by the organisations do not, however, pass through the Treasurer's hands. The total contributions of the congregation for other purposes than its immediate work is well upwards of £1200.

SPECIAL MISSIONARY FUND.

This year the sum provided under this head fully met our obligations. We have, in honour to our pledge, to furnish £125 yearly towards the stipend of the Rev. G. McNeur, the senior missionary to the Canton villages, China, and there should never be any difficulty in raising the amount. Mr. Kersley, the treasurer, will be glad at any time to enrol new contributors to this fund, excellent

in itself as an additional gift to missions to the heathen, and equally so that it is devoted to the maintenance of one who was not only the Church's first missionary to China, but is on all hands regarded as one of the most effective and devoted of the servants of the Church in the foreign field.

(2) CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE.

The ordinary collections last year amounted to £1334, this year to £1354; but this year happened to have 53 Sundays. The amount per Sunday is £25 10s. 11d.

Special collections amounted to £350, making a total collection of £1700, or £32 1s. per Sunday.

Seat rents £438, or £7 less than last year. Rent from class rooms £59.

The total receipt for congregational purposes are £1850; the total expenditure for such purposes is £1854 15s. The expenditure on maintenance and repairs included in this account is £100 more than last year. But in addition to these expenditures, upwards of £100 has been spent in necessary repairs to the properties and in part payment of the cost of the installation of electric light in the manse. These belong to the department of what the Treasurer terms "major repairs" and for which, it goes without saying, no provision is made in the ordinary revenue. The cost has, therefore, been added to the debt which now stands at £310. A further sum of considerable amount will have to be faced this year under the same head, "major repairs," and it will be necessary to make a special effort to meet the need and at the same time to pay off the existing debt of £310. At the least a sum of £800 will be required, and it will be a good deal more if the question of lighting the church with electricity, which is now under consideration, is decided in the affirmative.

May we once again add that the solution of the problem of ordinary, as distinguished from special finance—the sum raised for altruistic purposes—is the envelope system. Is it unreasonable to expect our members and adherents to adopt this method more generally than has thus far been the case?

The income of the church for all purposes, as shown in the Revenue Account, is £2981, to which must be added

the sums raised by the organisations both for their own maintenance and for "outside" objects. A modest estimate of these amounts is £80, which brings the year's givings up to the total of £3061.

So we bring to a close the report of another year's work. We are conscious of many defects in our service and of weak points in our organisation. The report is a true record, neither over-estimating nor under-estimating the work in any particular. Where success has been achieved it has been noted. Where flaws exist they too are noted. But surely no one can read this record without a feeling of thankfulness to the great King and Head of the Church by Whose gracious help alone we have been enabled to do even what we have done for the advancement of His Kingdom.

BALANCE-SHEETS

For the year ending 1917-18

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure from 1st July, 1917, to 30th June, 1918.

| RECEIPTS. | | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | EXPENDITURE. | | £ s. d. |
|--|-------|------------|-------------|---|-------|----------|
| Collections, Envelopes, etc. | .. .. | 1,353 17 5 | | By Balance from Previous Year | .. .. | 195 2 8 |
| Pew Rents | .. .. | 437 11 4 | | Rev. Dr. Gibb, Stipend | .. .. | 700 0 0 |
| Rent from Class Rooms, etc. | .. .. | 59 1 7 | | Rev. J. Paterson, Allowance | .. .. | 300 0 0 |
| | | | 1,850 10 4 | Pulpit Supply | .. .. | 7 12 0 |
| Collected for Poor of the Congregation, etc. | .. .. |  | 87 4 6 | C. W. Kerry, Organist—Salary | .. .. | 125 0 0 |
| " Orphanage and Social Service Assn. | .. .. | 135 18 9 | | J. Whiteman, Church Officer—Salary | .. .. | 132 0 0 |
| " " " " for Xmas Gifts | .. .. | 12 7 0 | | Gas | .. .. | 82 0 9 |
| " " " " per Choir | .. .. | 11 9 0 | | Stationery, Printing, Stamps, etc. | .. .. | 62 18 2 |
| " Xmas Gifts for Soldiers | .. .. |  | 159 14 9 | Insurance—Fire and Accident | .. .. | 54 4 3 |
| " Camps and Chaplains' Fund | .. .. |  | 38 6 8 | Gardener, Gravel, etc. | .. .. | 4 10 0 |
| " "Our Day" Red Cross Society | .. .. |  | 39 13 5 | Expenses Annual Meeting | .. .. | 6 2 2 |
| " British and Foreign Bible Society and | .. .. |  | 26 0 6 | Telephones | .. .. | 13 0 3 |
| " National Bible Society of Scotland | .. .. |  | 52 5 4 | Organ Tuning and Repairs | .. .. | 42 6 6 |
| " Scots College Scholarship Fund | .. .. |  | 20 0 0 | City Rates | .. .. | 100 8 7 |
| " Ohakune Church (damaged by Cyclone) | .. .. |  | 50 0 0 | Water | .. .. | 7 1 6 |
| " Protestant Principles Committee | .. .. |  | 3 0 0 | Addition to Honours Board | .. .. | 2 14 0 |
| " Theological Hall | .. .. |  | 50 15 6 | Communion Wine, etc. | .. .. | 18 0 0 |
| " "Youth of the Church" Fund | .. .. | 17 11 3 | | Laundry | .. .. | 3 9 6 |
| " " " " per Y.M.B.C. | .. .. | 20 5 9 | | Bank Interest and Charges | .. .. | 3 0 2 |
| " " " " per Y.W.B.C. | .. .. | 7 0 0 | | Builders' Repairs | .. .. | 22 1 0 |
| " " " " per S.S. | .. .. | 5 1 7 | | Plumbers' Repairs | .. .. | 23 19 9 |
| " Church Extension and Sustentation Fund | .. .. | 147 8 3 | 49 18 7 | Repairs to Water Engine | .. .. | 8 12 9 |
| " Church Ext. and Sust. Fund, per W.M.A. | .. .. | 100 12 6 | | Allowance for upkeep and running of motor car | .. .. | 20 16 8 |
| " Church Ext. and Sust. Fund, per Y.M.B.C. | .. .. | 0 14 0 | | Presbytery Dues | .. .. | 3 10 0 |
| " Church Extension and Sustentation Fund | .. .. | 24 17 6 | | Sundries | .. .. | 1 2 6 |
| Māori Missions Birthday League, per Miss J. McGowan | .. .. | 6 15 0 | 278 12 3 | Treasurer, Orphanage and Social Service Association | .. .. | 150 10 9 |
| " " " " per Junior Y.W.B.C. | .. .. | 0 8 0 | | Sunday Schools | .. .. | 67 8 11 |
| For Turakina Girls' School, per Y.W.B.C. | .. .. | 3 0 0 | | " W.M.A. and Dorcas Society for Poor | .. .. | 87 4 6 |
| " " " " per Junr. Y.W.B.C. | .. .. | 0 15 6 | | " Xmas Gifts for Soldiers | .. .. | 38 6 8 |
| " Sister Jessie, per Y.W.B.C. | .. .. | 2 0 0 | | " Red Cross "Our Day" Fund | .. .. | 20 0 0 |
| " " " " per Y.M.B.C. | .. .. | 0 16 0 | | " Scots College for Bursaries | .. .. | 20 0 0 |
| | | | 13 14 6 | General Treasurer, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand | .. .. | 751 17 0 |
| | | | | Treasurer, Y.M.B. Classes | .. .. | 51 16 4 |
| | | | | " Ohakune Church | .. .. | 30 0 0 |
| | | | | Convener Protestant Principles Committee | .. .. | 3 0 0 |
| Foreign Missions, per W.M.A. | .. .. | 127 1 0 | | | | |
| " " " " for Ambrim | .. .. | 3 0 0 | | Treasurer, Bursary Fund Y.W.B.C. | .. .. | 3 0 0 |
| " " " " for Jagadhri Hospital | .. .. | 5 0 0 | | Miss D. Gibb for Crockery for Orphanage | .. .. | 5 0 0 |
| " " " " per H. W. Kersley, for Our Own Mis- | .. .. |  |  | Miss I. T. Aitken for Ambrim | .. .. | 3 0 0 |
| sionary | .. .. | 109 0 0 | | | | |
| Foreign Missions, per Y.W.B.C., for Our Own Missionary | .. .. | 16 0 0 | | | | |
| " " " " Sunday Schools | .. .. | 9 4 2 | | | | |
| " " " " Y.M.B.C., for Bible Class Mis- | .. .. |  |  |  |  |  |
| sionary | .. .. | 31 10 7 | | | | |
| Foreign Missions, per Y.W.B.C., for Canton Hospital | .. .. | 2 10 0 | | | | |
| " " " " for Jagadhri Hospital | .. .. | 2 10 0 | | | | |
| " " " " per Y.M.B.C. for New Hebrides | .. .. | 0 14 0 | | | | |
| Y.W.B.C., for Nurse Fund | .. .. |  | 306 9 9 | | | |
| " " Bursary Fund | .. .. |  | 5 0 0 | | | |
| " " Crockery for Orphanage | .. .. |  | 3 0 0 | | | |
| W.M.A. for Training Institute | | | 5 0 0 | | | |
| Balance | | | 2 0 0 | | | |
| | | | 199 17 4 | | | |
| | | | 43,180 2 11 | | | |

Audited and found correct.
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29th July, 1918.

JOHN G. W. AITKEN,
Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 30th JUNE, 1918.

| LIABILITIES. | | ASSETS. | |
|---|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. |
| Dr. Balance Revenue Account and Repairing | 309 9 4 | Estimated Value of Land, Church, School, | |
| Balance | 24,715 10 8 | Manse, and other buildings | 25,000 0 0 |
| | | Unpaid Rent Rents, estimated | 25 0 0 |
| | <u>£25,025 0 0</u> | | <u>£25,025 0 0</u> |

JOHN G. W. AITKEN,
Hon. Treasurer

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH RESTORATION AND MAJOR REPAIRS ACCOUNT.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|----|---|-----|----|----|
| June 30th, 1918, To Balance | 109 | 12 | 0 | June 30th 1918. By new ventilators and renewing plumbing work on buildings and erecting electric wires from street to Manse | 109 | 12 | 0 |
| | 109 | 12 | 0 | | 109 | 12 | 0 |

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9th July, 1918

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Organist and Choirmaster :

MR. C. W. KERRY, Tirangi Road, Kilbirnie.

Church Officer :

MR. J. WHITEMAN, Willis Street. Telephone 4123.

ELDERS.



| | INDUCTED |
|--|----------|
| AITKEN, HON. J. G. W., M.L.C., Levy Street | 1884 |
| ALLAN, W., Willis Street | 1884 |
| BARRY, C., Hataitai | 1919 |
| BOAL, J., Oriental Bay | 1903 |
| BLACK, J. W., Glen Road | 1909 |
| CORKILL, T. E., Oriental Bay | 1919 |
| DOUGLAS, D. A., Dixon Street | 1919 |
| GILL, T. H., M.A., L.L.B., Ellice Street | 1903 |
| GLEN, G. F., Brougham Street | 1909 |
| GREER, J. COURTENAY, Abel Smith Street | 1910 |
| HOPKIRK, W., Majoribanks Street | 1888 |
| HOWITT, A., Lyall Bay | 1913 |
| JOHNSON, CAPT. H., Church Street | 1902 |
| JOHNSON, S. CLARKE, Karori Road | 1902 |
| JOHNSTON, A., Central Terrace | 1911 |
| KERSLEY, H. W. Rawhiti Terrace | 1902 |
| LEUCHARS, J., Lyall Bay | 1919 |
| MACKAY, J., Brougham Street | 1897 |
| MACFARLANE, J. B., Ghuznee Street | 1911 |
| MAINLAND, H., Fairlie Terrace | 1903 |
| MARTIN, A., Ohiro Road | 1919 |
| MENELAUS, M. D., Ellice Avenue | 1895 |
| MIRAMS, E. S., Maurice Terrace | 1912 |
| MORICE, G. W., M.A., Brougham Street | 1913 |
| MITCHELL, J., Roxburgh Street | 1897 |
| PEARSON, R., The Terrace | 1908 |
| RAMSAY, W., Tanera Crescent | 1913 |
| SCLATER, J., Karori | 1911 |
| SMITH, A. P., Seatoun | 1913 |
| STONE, A. R., Bolton Street | 1909 |
| THOMSON, A. D., Central Terrace | 1913 |
| TROUP, G. A. F.R.I.B.A., Raroa Road | 1885 |

MANAGERS—1919.



| | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|------------------|
| ALLAN, W. R. S. | - | - | - | Willis Street |
| ANDERSON, J. D. | - | - | - | Talavera Terrace |
| ANDREW, R. L. | - | - | - | Central Terrace |
| BLAKE, E. M. | - | - | - | Mein Street |
| BRUCE, J. L. | - | - | - | Naughton Terrace |
| CAMPBELL, J., F.R.I.B.A. | - | - | - | Salamanca Road |
| CAMERON, P. M. | - | - | - | Shannon Street |
| CRAWFORD, R. J. | - | - | - | Berhampore |
| GLOVER, H. | - | - | - | Kent Terrace |
| GILMOUR, G. | - | - | - | Willis Street |
| GIBSON, W. W. | - | - | - | Pirie Street |
| HORE, S. | - | - | - | Rolleston Street |
| KIRKCALDIE, J. | - | - | - | Thompson Street |
| KNOX, J. | - | - | - | Clermont Terrace |
| KRAFT, J. H. | - | - | - | Fairlie Terrace |
| LINES, H. | - | - | - | Roseneath |
| MACDONALD, J. | - | - | - | Kelburn |
| LOMAS, J. S., M.A. | - | - | - | Kelburn |
| MORICE, J. M., B.Sc. | - | - | - | Wadestown |
| ORR, J. A. | - | - | - | Island Bay |
| PETTIGREW, J. T. | - | - | - | Hataitai |
| ROSIE, A. M. | - | - | - | C/o G.P.O. |
| SMITH, H. | - | - | - | Wadestown |
| WILSON, A. M. | - | - | - | Willis Street |
| WILSON, J. M. | - | - | - | Kelburn |

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1919-20

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 second Sunday of March, June, September, and December.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets in the hall adjoining the Church on Sunday afternoons at 2.20.

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

SOCIAL CLUB every Saturday evening in Willis Street class-room.

BIBLE CLASS FOR YOUNG WOMEN meets in the class-room adjoining the Church, and in the Managers' Room, on Sunday afternoons at 2.45.

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 Dixon Street Hall.

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 Willis St. Class-room.

THE SESSION meets on the first 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, Tasman Street, every evening at 7.

GYMNASTIC CLASSES meet in the Gymnasium during winter months.

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 the 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 object 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 Woman'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.

1918-1919.

The year now ended saw in November the close of the war, and for this we gave God our fervent thanks. For a brief space we felt as if our difficulties were also at an end, and that the work of the Church, much hindered during the four years of the conflict, would swiftly come into its own again. But it was not to be, and we ought to have been prepared for what has happened. All history shows that war is followed by a period of restlessness, almost a feverishness, of mind distinctly inimical to the cause of the Church and the spread of the evangel. We have had our full share of this. And the difficulties were intensified by the epidemic of influenza, which suspended Church services for several Sundays, postponed the Communion, and prevented the usual preparation for gathering in of communicants for that event. For the June communion again no preparation was possible owing to the illness of the Minister, who was laid aside for several weeks by influenza and the overstrain of his manifold labours.

The year has thus, from the congregational point of view, been one of the most trying we have ever passed through, and the circumstances have hindered our growth in some directions. And yet, as the following paragraphs will show, we have very much to be thankful for. With the general community, we rejoice that the war, which seemed at times interminable, is over, and we equally rejoice that a growing hatred of this barbarous method of settling international differences gives some hope that the League of Nations will prove a veritable bond of brotherhood and assured peace among the peoples of the earth. There is reason to hope also that now that our statesmen and rulers find it possible to direct their energies to the solution of domestic and industrial problems, a better day may dawn for human society.

The Churches are everywhere rousing themselves to face the new situation, and if those who are called Christians will only truly re-dedicate themselves to the

service of our Lord, a better day will surely come. In regard to our own congregational life, there is reason to say that we are mastering, by God's grace, the difficulties of the past months, and in spite of them the year's "output" is of gratifying dimensions. For one thing, the congregational funds have reached the highest point ever known in altruistic beneficence. The record in this and in other respects is exceedingly creditable, and gives promise, if we but face our task in a spirit of hope and prayer, that the new day may be brighter than any we have hitherto known.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR.

For the last time we publish in the Annual Report the roll of the men who have been on active service or preparing for the front in the New Zealand camps. In all, the Roll contains 274 names. Of these, 9 paid the last great price of their devotion since last Report, namely: J. Macmorran, J. W. McRae, R. Forsyth, E. L. Kelly, L. Marsey, J. Williamson, S. Scarr, Dr. Tennent, and J. L. Howie, who were killed between the months of July and November. The total death list is 36. In all, 80 were wounded. The greater number of our lads have returned to New Zealand, though a good many, and among them well-known men like Mr. Stone, one of our elders, are still in Europe. We hope to welcome them all safely back ere long.

To our soldiers, one and all, we tender our heartfelt thanks and admiration, and we ask the wounded, especially those of them still suffering as the result of their injuries, to accept our deep sympathy. The relatives of the men who have died in the service of their country and the Kingdom of God, we commend to the compassions of the Most High, and pray that He may strengthen them to bear with uncomplaining fortitude the heavy burden resting on their hearts.

A PERMANENT MEMORIAL.

It is intended to erect a permanent memorial to the men of our congregation who have so nobly done their duty. A final decision as to its exact form has not yet been reached, but the suggestion has been made to erect in the vestibule of the church a structure containing the names of all the soldiers connected with the congregation. In the church itself the suggestion is to place a

brass tablet containing the names of the men who have been killed, with a further proposal that one of the church windows be replaced by coloured glass with suitable devices. The formation of the church does not readily lend itself to the latter, but a decision will soon be reached in respect to these things, and the work immediately thereafter put in hand.

The Fallen.

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| Adair, V. | McRae, J. W. |
| Arcus, W. M. | Massey, L. |
| | Millar, A. C. H. |
| Chirnside, W. | |
| Clachan, W. J. | North, — |
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| Dodson, R. H. | Pope, A. |
| Drummond, W. G. | |
| | Reid, G. |
| Forsyth, S. | Rosie, D. |
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| Haase, G. | Scarr, S. |
| Hogg, N. H. | Still, C. |
| Hopkirk, W. S. | Stevens, F. |
| Howard, F. | |
| Howie, J. L. | Tennent, Dr. |
| Jennings, W. | |
| Johnston, C. G. | Wardrop, C. L. |
| | Weston, G. |
| Kelly, E. L. | Whelan, A. |
| | Wilson, C. H. |
| Lusk, G. H. | Wilson, D. U. |
| McLeod, K. | Wilson, J. |
| Macmorran, J. | Williamson, J. |

At the Front or on Service Overseas.

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| Abbott, Miss | Baker, W. A. |
| Agar, J. | Bates, W. H. |
| *Ainslie, J. | Beaumont, J. H. |
| *Aird, J. | Bennett, T. E. |
| Aitken, C. R. | Bird, A. W. |
| Allan, J. A. | *Bishop, R. F. |
| Allan, W. R. S. | Black, A. E. |
| Anderson, S. J. | Blair, H. |
| Andrew, F. P. | Blake, L. R. |
| *Andrew, N. C. | Boyce, A. |
| *Archibald, J. A. | Brewer, R. V. T. |
| Armour, F. D. | Brown, W. E. |
| Armstrong, H. | *Browne, R. B. |
| Anderson, P. | *Bruce, R. M. |
| | Browne, E. B. |

The wounded are marked *

Carson, M.
 *Carter, C.
 *Carter, R.
 *Chappell, F. E.
 *Chapman, W. I.
 *Chapman, V. G.
 Christie, Dr.
 Chirnside, J.
 Clark, G.
 Clark, G. S.
 Clark, R. P.
 *Clater, T. A.
 *Claughton, C.
 *Coad, H. E. R.
 Coad, A. E.
 Copeland, C.
 *Copeland, R.
 *Corkill, Dr. T.
 Corkill, F. M.
 *Corkill, H. K.
 *Cottrell, H. C.
 Crawford, R. J.
 Cooper, R. W.

Davis, G. W.
 *Davis, J. B.
 Davis, N. F.
 Davis, A. G.
 *Dick, C. K.
 Dick, P. T.
 Diggie, W. W.
 Donkin, H.
 *Donkin, S. H.
 *Drummond, W.
 Duncan, F. A.
 Duncan, J. F.
 *Duncan, R.
 Dow, J.

*East, A.
 *Easton, M. G.
 Ewan, H.

Farquhar, W.
 Ferguson, R.
 *Ferguson, W.
 *Finlay, J. G.
 Foy, N. R.

Gadsby, N.
 *Galloway, M. S.
 Galloway, G. M.
 Gandar, M.
 *Gendall, J. W.
 *Gill, A. M.
 Ginn, A. R.
 *Gow, I. B.

*Glen, G. W.
 Godkin, E.
 Graham, P. A.
 Grant, W.
 Gray, Miss
 *Gray, T.
 *Grymes, —
 Guise, E.
 Guise, H.
 Guise, C. N.
 Guy, C. M.
 Guy, W. H.
 Halley, A.
 Halliburton, G. L.
 *Halvorsen, H.
 *Hamilton, W.
 *Hannah, R.
 Hay, W. L.
 Hay, C. J.
 Hewitt, G. R.
 Hogg, W. F.
 Holden, H.
 Holder, H. S.
 Hooker, G. H.
 Hopkirk, W. A.
 *Hopkirk, J. A. D.
 Hore, A.
 Hutchen, E.
 Hutchen, J. W.
 *Hoddy, W. R.

Ince, J.

Jaffrey, J.
 Jameson, J. K.
 Johnson, Dr. F. D.
 *Johnson, G. C.
 *Johnson, H. J.
 *Johnson, N. S.
 *Johnson, W. D.
 Johnston, Dr. W. H.
 Johnstone, J. R.
 *Jolly, F. L. G.
 Jolly, G. E.

Kennedy, R.
 Kirker, H. R.

*Lake, A. E.
 Lane, J. P.
 *Little, G.
 London, R. P.

*Mace, W. G.
 *Mackail, A. H.
 Mackail, J.

- *MacDougall, H.
 *Macfarlane, J. A. J.
 *Macmorran, G. B.
 *Macmorran, R. G.
 Macdonald, A. D.
 *MacGregor L.
 Mackay, R. A.
 *Mackley, C.
 *McCaskie, P.
 McClymont, W. D.
 McDonald, Miss
 McKinnon, H. J.
 *McLeay, R.
 McLean, D. J.
 McLean, N. D.
 *McMillan, C. H.
 McNeill, F. A.
 McQuarrie, R. S.
 Martin, J.
 Martin, J. S.
 *Mathers, E. L.
 *Mawson, J. B.
 *Menard, P. D.
 Menzies, G. H.
 Millar, A.
 Miller D. W.
 Mitchell, C. M.
 *Mitchell, R. L.
 *Morice, G. W.
 Murray, C.
 Nelson, E. N.
 Nicholson, A.
 Nicol, L. S.
 *Orr, J. A.
 *Parkin, H. B. C.
 *Petrie, E. R. V.
 *Petrie, F. N.
 Pierard, H. A. W.
 *Pope, E.
 Rowe, N.
 Reid, W.
 Ricketts, J. E.
 *Robertson, Dr. G. H.
 Robertson, N.
 Robertson, F.
 Rodgers, Miss
 *Rosie, A. M.
 Ross A. H.
 Rowe, H. N.
 Rowe, H. C.
 Russell, J. L.
 Ritchie, J. A. D.
 Robinson, C. H.
 Seagar, Dr.
 *Saxton, A. M.
 Saxton, F. W.
 Scadden, W. L.
 *Scarr, W.
 Sclater, D. C.
 Sclater, J. R.
 Scott H. V.
 Scott, B. H.
 Shannon, A.
 Simm, W.
 Sims, C.
 Stone, A. R.
 Storm, A. A.
 Scott, J. D.
 Smith, A. E.
 *Taylor, C. H.
 *Thompson, H. W.
 Thompson, R. J. L.
 *Tott, F. T.
 *Trevetick, A. S.
 Trim, H. C.
 Turnbull, W. J.
 Turner, F. A.
 Tuce, J.
 Wakelin, B. R.
 Wakelin, E. F.
 Wakelin, W.
 Walker, E. S.
 Wardrop, K. N.
 *Watson, J. B.
 Webb, S. H.
 *Whalley, G.
 *White, J.
 *Whiteman, C. F.
 Williamson, R. J.
 Williamson, W. D.
 Wilson, Miss J. S.

In Camp or Serving in New Zealand.

- Cuddie, J. R.
 Hiddleston, J. S.
 Hogg, Dr. W. A.
 Hopkirk, J. J.
 Johnston, W. D.
 Mazengarb, C. R.
 Mirams, E. S.
 McMillan, W. F.
 Rowe, N.
 South, H. C.
 Scott, J. D.
 Smith, A. E.
 Troup, G. S.
 Whiteman, H. L.

It is extremely probable that, though much care has been given to the preparation of these rolls, they may contain errors of various kinds. Inasmuch as these lists will be used in making up the permanent Roll of Honour to be placed in the Church vestibule, the office-bearers will be thankful to have their attention called to any mistakes, omissions, etc.

THE MINISTER.

Owing to the exigencies of war-time economy, last year's Report was shortened, and the usual paragraph about the Minister was, at his special request, omitted. We desire, therefore, the more heartily and emphatically to express our deep appreciation of Dr. Gibb's strenuous and devoted work during the period under review, and our grateful acknowledgment of the continued power and inspiration of his pulpit utterances.

We wish also to refer particularly to the pastoral work our Minister, notwithstanding his multifarious other duties, has been able to perform. May it encourage him to know how greatly his visits have cheered and comforted the many sufferers and afflicted folk who in these days of bitter trial and in the Valley of the Shadow have learned the value of his sympathetic voice and loving hand-clasp. We thank God for our Minister.

Dr. Gibb's store of strength and energy, on which we have often commented as seemingly inexhaustible, reached at last a breaking point in the extra heavy work of last year, coming as it did to a climax with the epidemic of influenza. The office-bearers hoped that with the help of his annual holiday, he would get over the strain, but with the approach of winter, and for the first time in his sixteen years' pastorate of St. John's he was for a brief period laid aside from work. A severe chill, followed by an attack of influenza, coming upon a physical frame already taxed to the utmost, not merely by the work of St. John's, but by his labours for Home Missions, the Orphanage, the Colleges, and the new campaign for Church Union, necessitated a furlough of several weeks. This, by the blessing of God, effected a satisfactory recovery, and Dr. Gibb was able to resume duty on the occasion of the June communion, to the delight and profit of a large congregation.

Our heartfelt prayer is that God's blessing may ever rest on our Minister and his work, and that he may be long spared to break the Bread of Life to a people who so sincerely esteem him.

KIRK SESSION.

The Kirk Session has now 32 members. By an election held in April last, eight were added to the Roll. The names are these: Messrs. J. Courtney Greer, E. S. Mirams, and R. Pearson, who, having been elders in

other congregations, were inducted without ordination; and Messrs. C. Bary, T. E. Corkill, D. Douglas, A. Martin, and J. Leuchars, who were ordained and inducted on the same occasion.

During the year one of the Elders, Mr. G. W. Morice, returned from the war. He had been severely wounded, but is happily making a good recovery, and will before long resume his work in Wellington College.

Mr. Stone is still in Europe, but is expected back in a few months. He will be very heartily welcomed, for he has been badly missed.

A notable loss of the Session and the congregation was occasioned by Mr. Snodgrass's change of residence to Dunedin. His departure was regretted not only by his fellow-elders and the people of St. John generally, but also by many poor, distressed folk not connected with the Church at all. His constant visits, his cheery word, his ready charities, all helped to endear him to a wide circle of friends. We were indeed very sorry to part with him, and shall be as glad to see him back again.

By the death of Mr. W. Badden the congregation lost a member of the Committee of Management, and the Church and community a young man whom they could ill spare. It may be truly said of him that he abounded in the work of faith and labour of love, all his spare time being devoted to the furtherance of religion and philanthropy. In the Y.M.C.A. he was regarded as one of the most reliable and effective workers. His death was sudden and unexpected, and much sympathy was felt and expressed for his mother and other relatives.

Just as the period under review was closing, the Session, the congregation, and the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand experienced a heavy loss in the death of Mr. James McKerrow. The minute adopted by the Session is rather long for inclusion in this Report, but in view of the place filled by the deceased, room must be made for it. It was in these terms:—

"It may without hesitation be affirmed that the Session and congregation have not for many years experienced as great a loss as that which has been incurred in the death of Mr. James McKerrow. He had been a member of the Church for a period exceeded by only two or three of those still connected

with its membership, and his length of service as an elder outdistanced by several years the next oldest member of the Session. As an elder he did his duty with steadfast fidelity, manifesting always the deepest interest in all the affairs of the congregation, to which he was most strongly attached. As the years thickened there was no diminution of his zeal, and it was both a pathetic and inspiring sight to see the old man, even when hardly able to walk, making his way in all weathers to the house of God. The congregation owes his memory a debt of gratitude for services very cheerfully rendered, stretching over a period approaching half a century.

"In the Church, as distinguished from the congregation, Mr. McKerrow was also a strenuous and faithful worker, and in his capacity as chairman for many years of the Church Board of Property, he laid the whole denomination under an obligation of appreciation and esteem. His keen business instinct, his invincible integrity, were an asset of high value to the Church of his faith and baptism. In many other Committees of the General Assembly, notably the Home Mission Committee, he rendered conspicuous service, retaining his position in them and taking a keen interest in their welfare until a year or two before his death.

"It is not needful that much should be said here concerning his work for the public, but as a Civil servant, holding various positions of trust—amongst them that of Surveyor-General, and later, Chief Commissioner of Railways—he did not a little to promote the well-being of the community. By his work in the Survey Department, especially in the early days, he may be said to have helped in making the history of the new country, and there is none who will gainsay the assertion that the Government of New Zealand was never served with greater singleness of eye or more scrupulous integrity.

"Mr. McKerrow was a man of good mental parts, and in his own special department of activity an expert of tried judgment. Shrewd, richly dowered with common-sense, he was distinctly a personality, but the dominating characteristic and the secret of his success was his rectitude. His

word was ever as good as his bond, and his path life was one of straightforward and undeviating honesty.

"A Scotsman of the Scots, he was reticent in expressing his deeper religious convictions, but principles were made manifest in his life. During his closing days he grew much more mellow in his outward bearing, and his last illness was borne with exemplary patience. He departed this life humbly looking for acceptance with God through the sole merits and mediation of our Saviour, Jesus Christ."

"With his widow and the members of his family the Session express their sincere sympathy. Mr. McKerrow was an aged man—in a few weeks more he would have seen his 85th birthday, and for some time past it had been evident that the end was swiftly coming. Grief under such circumstances is robbed of its sting, but his death is a serious loss to the congregation, and to his relatives occasions a blank which will not soon be filled. With his passing it is as if an ancient landmark had been removed."

The death register for the year has been heavy, the epidemic accounting for 12 of the 17 who have passed away. Only seven of these, however, were members in full communion, the names being Mrs. Scott, Mr. Bad-den, Mr. Paul, Mr. James, Mrs. Trevetick, Mrs. Staff, and Mr. McKerrow. The relatives of these and of the departed adherents of the Church Session commend to the consolations of the Most High, and pray that their affliction may work in them the peaceable fruits of righteousness.

THE EPIDEMIC.

This visitation merits recognition, not only because of the severity of the sickness and the large number of our members who suffered from the malady, but because of the congregation's contribution to the forces which eventually overcame the disease. The whole of our ecclesiastical structures were placed at the disposal of the Health Authorities, some 80 patients being provided for in the school hall and class rooms. The Willis Street class room was the seat of the District Committee, the vestibule of the church was the dining-room for the

nurses, orderlies, and general staff. Besides this, a large number of our women volunteered as nurses and as assistants in the kitchen, and the people of the congregation sent in large supplies of food materials and of cooked food for the staff and comforts for the patients. We did only our duty, but we are thankful that the duty was so readily embraced and heartily carried out.

The Communion Roll.—Last year the Roll showed a membership of 877 communicant members of the Church. This included the Church members who were engaged in war service—about 100 out of the names on the Roll of Honour. It is now evident that a great many of these will not return to us. Not a few of them did not belong to Wellington, and a percentage of those who did have settled on the land in other parts of the Dominion. The Roll is at present undergoing a very careful purgation, and it is impossible at the moment to state the exact number of bona fide members—members on whom we can for the future depend. The loss by certificate has been large—70—and owing to the circumstances already set forth—only two opportunities of gathering in members instead of four—the gains number only 57. The full membership of the congregation will probably be found when the Roll is once more set to rights, to be about 750. The highest attendance at the Communion for the year was in September when 505 were present.

Attendance at Public Worship and the Prayer Meeting.

The attendance at Church has fluctuated, and while in fine weather the morning congregation has been large, the evening attendance has left something to be desired. Of late, however, there has been a marked improvement, and the prospect is hopeful. It must be remembered that there have been much sickness, many changes, and that in ever-growing numbers our people are moving to the suburbs. These things add to our difficulties, but difficulties exist to be overcome, and we are, we hope, overcoming them.

The Prayer Meeting attendance has been good, the class-room being usually well filled.

The visitation of the congregation, apart from the visitation of the sick, and of new comers, has not been carried out to any extent this year. The visitation of the sick has been very heavy. The Minister's list numbers upwards of 1,000 calls.

Social Meetings.—Besides the sectional social gatherings of the organisations, the Session gave two socials, to one or other of which every member and adherent of the congregation was directly invited. The functions were well attended, and besides being enjoyable helped to reach the end for which they were devised—the promotion of a social and friendly feeling among the people of the Church.

The Service of Praise.—Although the number of singers in the choir is much below that which it ought to be and could very easily be, the work they have done has merited and secured the sincere appreciation of the office-bearers and the congregation. Anthems have been rendered at almost every service, and usually with excellent effect, and the lead given to the congregation in the hymns has been equally satisfactory. We are very glad to note that recently there has been an addition to the membership of the choir in all the parts, which now total as follows: Sopranos, 14; Altos, 6; Tenors, 3; and Basses, 7.

Mr. Kerry is to be congratulated, both on his own immediate work at the organ and on his handling of the choir.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

There are 26 members of this Committee. Mr. Waldie, much to our regret, removed his residence to the Hutt, and perforce resigned from the Church and the choir, in both of which he done good service. The membership of the Committee was further reduced by the election of a number of the members to the Session. By the recent election, 12 new members were added. They are: Messrs. W. R. S. Allan, E. M. Blake, P. M. Cameron, J. W. Gendall, W. W. Gibson, H. Glover, J. H. Kraft, H. A. Lines, J. S. Lomas, J. T. Pettigrew, A. M. Rosie, and J. M. Wilson.

In addition to the discharge of the routine business, the Committee has carried out a number of works, involving a very considerable outlay. The roof of the Church had to be repainted, and the ventilators renewed. The gas service in the Manse had, through long age become very defective, the pipes being corroded and leaky. The electric light was therefore substituted.

It was with very great regret that the Committee was compelled to defer the erection of a Girls' Hostel, referred to in last report. It was to be built on the vacant space at the rear of the Church grounds, and plans were prepared of a building to cost £10,000. There is no doubt that an institution of this kind would prove thoroughly solvent, and the moment at which the money can be raised on loan the work will be put in hand. But it was found impossible to effect a loan under existing conditions. We hope before the new year ends to raise the necessary funds, and to see the building well in hand if not completed.

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

This Association, which has another year of highly successful work to its credit, has a membership of 50, an increase of four on the preceding year. There are, besides, 37 honorary members.

Dorcas Work.

About 200 garments have been made up, most of them for the Orphanage children, the rest for the Red Cross Society and the poor. Much sewing was also done in preparation for the Sale on behalf of missions last September.

The Association expresses its thanks for a large parcel of clothing received for distribution from the Two Garment Society, and for many parcels of second-hand clothes sent in by members of the congregation, which have been distributed mostly through the Mothers' Meeting.

New clothes have been purchased and given to deserving recipients, and milk and coal have been provided for the Association's usual pensioners.

The Association continued to provide supper one night a month at the Soldiers' Club, Sydney Street, and for the soldiers' function at the close of the Sunday even-

ing service, until the armistice and the epidemic put an end to these efforts. Sick soldiers were visited in the hospitals until the men were removed to Trentham. An effort is now being made to welcome and entertain the wives of soldiers as they arrive in the transports.

The Mothers' Meeting.

This meeting is now worked as a department of the Association. It is attended by a large number of mothers, who, in addition to the religious instruction imparted, are entertained to tea, and for a small sum obtain a large variety of useful clothing, etc., etc.

Mrs. Hamilton was in charge of the meeting, on behalf of the Association, until her removal to Dunedin. Since then Mrs. M. Fraser and Mrs. J. H. MacKenzie have been in charge of the work.

The income of the Association in the Dorcas department was £110, of which £74 were provided by the retiring collections for the poor on Communion Sundays. A sum of £34 was spent in donations of cash, £26 in the purchase of coal and milk, and £12 in the entertainment of soldiers.

Miss Steel has continued her good work as a voluntary deaconess, acting as the almoner of the Women's Association, and rendering welcome help to the minister in visiting the aged and infirm.

Missionary Work of the Association.

Once a month the Association meets as the congregational branch of the P.W.M.U. A book on missions is studied—this year Mr. Don's book on the New Hebrides. As the outcome of an address delivered by Sister Christabel, a Busy Bee Hive has been begun in the Sunday School. This organisation having just commenced operations, has no report to make, but it may be said that it promises well. We are thankful for this effort to enlist the more active sympathies of the children for Christ's cause among the heathen.

In September, a Sale of Work, in aid of Home and Foreign Missions, was very successful, the sum of £121 being realised. Of this, £55 was donated to Home Missions, £20 to Maori Missions, and the balance to Foreign Missions. Preparations for the next Sale were

begun by a Gift Afternoon, when quite a number of gifts of money and materials were forthcoming.

The Maori Mission Birthday League has a membership of 107, who subscribe the small sum of one shilling on their birthday. Over £5 have been obtained in this way. Seventy members subscribe to the Harvest Field.

The Quarterly Contributions of the Congregation to Foreign Missions have been collected by members of the Association. The amount this year is £127 9s. The other contributions to Missions are: Canton Mission, £47; India, £5; New Hebrides, £7; Maori Missions, £20; Home Missions, £55—a total of £266 14s.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY GUILD.

The meetings of this Guild, held once a week from July last till December, were not very well attended, but at the meetings held once a fortnight from February to the end of June, the attendance greatly improved, and the Guild has manifestly taken a new step forward.

During the earlier period the Guild worked for the Red Cross; now it has resumed its work on behalf of Missions. The report says that the Guild will be glad to receive orders for Fancy Work. All the proceeds, needless to say, go to help the cause of Missions, especially Maori Missions.

By various means, including a sale of flowers and sweets, a sum of £43 was raised, which enabled the Guild to supplement for two years the promised contribution of a yearly scholarship of £20 to the Turakina Maori Girls' School.

A retiring collection of £33 was given by the congregation to the Guild in order that Christmas parcels might be sent to our soldiers. One hundred and forty-three parcels were sent, and numerous letters of thanks and appreciation were received from the recipients. The Guild also assisted in the Sunday evening entertainment of the soldiers up to the date of the armistice. They have, in conjunction with the Women's Association, taken a hand in the entertainment of relatives of returning soldiers, awaiting in town the arrival of their friends.

The Guild during the year parted with two of their most strenuous workers—Miss Morrison, who went Home to be married to Dr. Corkill, and Miss Heath, who has gone for a spell to her native country, Scotland.

The work of the year has been distinctly successful, and the Guild is to be congratulated on the steadfastness and devotion with which it pursues its beneficent labours.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

The work in this school has been carried on throughout the year in the face of no small difficulties, occasioned chiefly by the absence of several of the men teachers at the war. The situation is now easier, for some of the teachers have returned, and, we are happy to say, have once more taken their place in the ranks.

Two teachers died of influenza during the epidemic, Mr. W. Badden and Mr. J. C. James. The supply of children of Presbyterian households steadily lessens. Year after year Presbyterian folk are going to live in the suburbs, and recruits for a Presbyterian Sunday School connected with a down town church are hard to discover. But there should be a future before this school. If there are few Presbyterians in our immediate neighbourhood, there are many children of homes that have no church connection of any kind, and a steady effort should be made to bring in these little ones into the fold. We hope to see an organised attempt of this kind in the near future.

Thanks to the labours of the Superintendent and a devoted band of teachers, the work of the year has been well done. The following particulars of attendance, etc., will be of interest:—

Scholars.

Boys, 114; girls, 131; total, 236; average, 160. The School is divided into three departments, the Primary with 68 pupils, the Intermediate with 147, and the Senior with 21. The Senior Classes are also termed the Junior Bible Classes, and reference is made to them in a further paragraph.

Teachers and Officers.

Men, 8; women, 24; total, 32; average 26.

The attendance of the scholars at the Sunday morning services of the Church has greatly improved, being about 50 per cent. better than last year. To encourage them in this laudable habit, each scholar is furnished with an album and a stamp to attach for every attendance. A definite effort is also made by the Minister to interest them. There are very few Sundays in the year in which a short talk to the young does not form a part of the morning service.

The syllabus is the same as that used last year, namely, the Australian scheme. It has been criticised in various quarters, but for our purpose the general opinion is that it is the best available. It is costly, but well worth the money.

The usual social meetings were held, and attracted large attendances. Only a small number of the children entered for the General Assembly and the Sunday School Union examinations. Most of them succeeded in securing passes.

A new effort to instruct the children in missions has been the institution of a Busy Bees' Hive, under the supervision of the women teachers.

The income of the school was £85, of which the congregation contributed by a retiring collection the sum of £41. The school gave to the Youth of the Church Fund, £5, and to Foreign Missions, etc., £13. The retiring collection was taken on a wet day, and was quite inadequate to the needs of the school.

JUNIOR BIBLE CLASSES.

There are two of these, one for lads, the other for girls. Their statistics are included in those of the Sunday School, but their method of work corresponds closely to that of the Senior Bible Classes. The Boys' Class has, unhappily, decreased in membership from 19 to 10. The Girls' Class, too, has decreased, though not to the same extent, from 26 to 20. A strong effort will be made during the coming year to make these institutions useful in many ways, and especially in bridging the span between the Sunday School and the Senior Bible Class.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

From first to last the war necessarily placed a heavy burden on this agency. Between 60 and 70 of its members have been on active service, and the class is to be congratulated on having steadfastly faced the many difficulties and discouragements involved in the depletion of its ranks. Now that the men are returning from the front, the worst of the troubles should be over, but it is already evident that not a few former class men will be no longer available. The homes of many of the members were not in Wellington, and it is doubtful whether more than a small percentage will find their way back to the Empire City. Moreover, several of the men whose parents were here have gone on to the land, and the gaps

in the ranks will mostly have to be filled by new men. The number of returned men who have found their way back to the Class is about 10. They were heartily welcomed, and being even before the war experienced Class men, their presence is doubly welcome.

Most of the names of the soldiers are as yet retained on the Roll, and it is too soon to be quite certain how many of them are gone for good. Including the soldiers, the average roll for the year has been 105, the average number of men on service 58, leaving an average effective membership of 47. Of these, again, the average attendance at the Class has been 32.

Of the total membership (including soldiers), 50 are in full communion with the Church. There were no additions from the Class by profession of faith, but a few joined by certificate from other churches.

During the year the Class was called to part with a number of the members—other than soldiers—who left Wellington during the period under review. The Class report refers especially to Mr. Allan Bryce, who has gone to the United States, and to Mr. Elliffe, one of the joint leaders. Mr. Elliffe was indeed a notable loss. Connected with the Class through a long period of years, he has always been one of its most faithful and devoted workers; and as joint leader for the last few years, he placed the Class under a still greater debt of gratitude. Happily, as we write these lines, we have learned that Mr. Elliffe, who holds an important position in the Civil service, has been transferred again to Wellington. We very gladly welcome him back.

The Sunday afternoon meetings have been maintained at a high level of interest and profit. Several of the members are men of ripe experience, and their contributions are of value to the younger lads, who are nevertheless, always encouraged to take a full part in the discussions.

Bible Study Circles are held on Sunday mornings between 10 and 11. A fair number of the members take advantage of this means of increasing their knowledge of the Word of God. While the war lasted an intercessory service was held at the close of the Sunday afternoon meeting, with an average attendance of 11.

Members of the Class give help from time to time in supplying the pulpits of outlying churches, ranging from Seatoun to the Upper Hutt. Seventeen of these services have been conducted during the year.

As in former years, not a little has been done by the Class, or by various of its members, in the form of Social Service. Assistance on Sundays and week days has been given at the Boys' Institute; on week days at the Orphanage; and on Sundays at the Ohoro Home for aged and needy. The Class, too, played a large part in making the after-church Sunday evening supper to soldiers in the Basement Parlour successful.

Many efforts have been put forth during the year to promote social intercourse among the members' class teas on Sunday afternoons, picnics and socials in combination with the Young Women's Class, and a Saturday Night Club, all helped to bring the members together and to promote that sympathetic mutual understanding without which an agency of the kind can achieve no true success.

The department of athletics, at least as far as football is concerned, could not flourish during the war period. No team was entered for last season's competitions, but a number of inter-class matches were played.

A successful gymnasium class was conducted by Mr. Christie, to whose efforts the Class is much indebted.

Tennis was the "athletic" most in demand, and instead of renting a court, it was resolved to renovate the St. John's courts, which had fallen somewhat into disorder. This work happily was done, and much subsequent use was made of the courts, especially of the upper one, situated in Kelburn.

The income of the Class for the year has been £74 (inclusive of a balance of £13 from last year). Of this, £18 has been spent in maintenance of the Class. Upwards of £36 was spent on objects beyond the immediate necessities of the Class. The chief contributions were: Foreign Missions, £17; Travelling Secretary, £10; Boys' Institute, 32s.; Orphanage, £6.

To these amounts has to be added a sum of not less than £20 raised and spent in connection with Class teas, entertainment of soldiers, and so forth—an expenditure not reflected in the financial statement.

The work of the year thus summarised is unquestionably of good augury. That we should have been able to hold on and do so much under existing conditions—conditions absolutely inimical to the prosperity of a young men's movement—promises well for the coming years. We hope the augury will be more than fulfilled.

THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.

This Institute, controlled by a Board, of whom certain officials of St. John's are *ex officio* members, continues its beneficent career with success, not only undiminished, but steadily increasing. The number of boys enrolled is 500, of whom 17 are boarded at specially reduced rates.

The Institute originated in the Church, but the Church has now no control over its affairs, except through the representation it has on the Board, but we rejoice in its prosperity; thank those of our number, especially the members of the Men's Bible Class, who have rendered assistance in the work, and invite others to share in carrying a burden which will surely prove to them a blessing. It is sometimes complained that the Church does not provide a sufficiently broad basis of effort for its members. Not all men are fitted to teach in the Sunday School and so forth, yet they ought to be doing something. The Boys' Institute provides a fine field of labour for any who are unfitted for distinctively church work. The platform of the Institute is educational and athletic, as well as religious, and no one willing to help the boys will fail to find suitable employment as soon as his services are offered.

SCOTS COLLEGE.

To our great regret, and the equal regret of the teachers and boys of Scots College, it was found impossible to continue the connection with St. John's after the new buildings at Miramar were occupied. They are now attending the Home Mission Church at Miramar, but the Principal is anxious to bring them in once a term to their former congregation.

How deep is the interest of St. John's in the College is manifest from the fact that of the £5,000 of donations, £4,000 came from members of the congregation. We rejoice in the prosperity of the College, and

congratulate the Board, of which our Minister is chairman, on the prosperity it has achieved. The number of pupils enrolled is 177, of whom 113 are boarders. All the accommodation provided by the new buildings is already occupied, and under the exceedingly able control of Mr. Uttley, the College promises to become ere long one of the largest schools of its kind in the Dominion, and we are sure that in the excellence of its output it will be second to none.

A word regarding Queen Margaret College may not be amiss, inasmuch as it is under the same Board as Scots College, and many of the people of St. John's have taken a deep and generous interest in its creation and development. It occupies the house in Hobson Street vacated by the boys at the end of last year. The house has been renovated throughout, and as a place of residence will now compare favourably with any girls' school in Wellington or beyond it. Miss Jobson, M.A., formerly at the head of the Southland Girls' High School, was appointed Principal, and under her direction the school is already, in the second term of its first year, distinctly flourishing. The number of pupils is close upon 80, of whom 24 are boarders.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The Class has encountered during the year a good many obstacles to the success of its work, the chief being the epidemic, which kept them out of their class room, even after the services had been resumed in the Church. The fact, too, that the class room had been used as a hospital ward was inimical, for though rendered absolutely safe by disinfection, the sentiment persisted; but in spite of this and other difficulties, there has been a good year's work, as the following paragraphs will show.

The membership of the class is now 57, showing a drop of 30 members for the year. The average Sunday afternoon attendance is 36. Fifty-six, or all but one, are members in full communion with the Church. Of these, 1 joined by profession of faith, and 8 by certificate. Two members joined the teaching staff of the Sunday School.

The meetings on Sunday afternoon have been of average quality: according to the report, sometimes be-

ing full of inspiration and sometimes not so helpful. Unquestionably, religious work was never so difficult—thanks to the war and the seethe and restlessness it has engendered. But the class has a very considerable percentage of steady-goers who believe in Christ and the power of prayer, and they have, by God's grace, carried the class successfully through the worst of it, and presently the full issue of their labours will be seen.

The Bible Study Circles are well attended and of much profit. The prayer meeting at the close of the class is also well attended.

The activities of the class are partly of the nature of social service. Under this head may be included the work done for the Orphanage. Parcels of clothing, hair ribbons, handkerchiefs, have been sent up at intervals, and the children have been several times entertained by the members.

There have been a number of social gatherings much appreciated, especially by the girls, who are in lodgings in the city. Assistance was given in carrying out the social supper to the soldiers on Sunday evenings until the end of the war.

More distinctly religious service is rendered by the Class in conducting the Ohio Home service once every month. The choral singing in the Ohio Home, Hospital Ward, etc., was once more one of the features of the Christmas activities of the Class.

Advantage was taken to some extent of the Gymnasium, and the Tennis Club courts were largely used. As stated under the heading of the Young Men's Class, the St. John's Tennis Courts were put in order at the beginning of the season, and it was on them the games were played.

The income of the Class has been £58, of which £6 has been spent in the work of the Class itself. The amount donated to Foreign Missions is £22; Maori Mission, £17; Bible Class Travelling Secretary, £5; Home Missions, £5; Orphanage, £2; Soldiers' Cake Fund, £1—£52 in all. The Class is assuredly altruistic, 10 per cent. of the income for themselves, 90 per cent. for others is a record of which they may be justly thankful.

FINANCE.

Contributions to Missions and Special Funds.

Missions to the Heathen.—Women's Association, £178; for Our Own Missionary, £88; Bible Classes, £29; type-writer for Own Missionary, £15; Sunday School, £11. Total, £321.

Maori Missions.—Women's Association, £25; Young Women's Guild, £32; Bible Classes, £19. Total, £76.

Home Missions.—By quarterly envelopes, £146; Women's Association, £55; Y.W.B. Class, £5; donations for the General Assembly's Special Home Mission fund, £625. Total, £831.

The total contributions to Missions (Home and Foreign) thus amount to £1,228.

Other Contributions.—For the Orphanage, £152; Red Cross Society, £20; Christmas Gifts for Soldiers, £41; French Red Cross Day, £47; London Hospital, £26; N.Z. Alliance, £24; Scots' College Scholarships, £20; Queen Margaret Scholarships, £20; Queen Margaret's Furnishing Fund, £630; Theological Hall, £17; Youth of the Church Fund, £30; for the Poor, £81; Sundry Contributions, £20. Total, £1,128.

The grand total of contributions for other than purely congregational purposes has, therefore, amounted to £2,356, breaking by a very large amount the past record of altruistic giving of the congregation, at least as far as that giving has been reflected in the Statement of Accounts.

Special Missionary Fund.

We are as is generally known pledged to find £125 per annum towards the stipend of the Rev. G. H. M'Neur, of the Canton Village Mission. Properly this amount ought to be obtained by direct contribution without the help of the Women's Association or other organisations. This year the amount directly forthcoming was £88, the balance being obtained from the Women's Society and the Girls' Bible Class. We hope in the new year to see a number of new subscribers to this fund, of which Mr. H. Kersley is the Treasurer. He will be glad to enrol new contributors. The undersanding, when we took the work in hand, was that it should be a special effort quite apart from other sources of missionary revenue.

Congregational Finance.

It is rather difficult to estimate the amount of the ordinary collections this year. Several Sundays were lost through the epidemic, and for the same reason, the Anniversary Collection was dropped. The Special Thanksgiving Service collection, taken on a Sunday in April, to make up for these losses, and to defray the cost of somewhat extensive improvements and repairs to the properties, amounted to £1,104. The sum actually contributed on the Sunday was £1,007, the balance to be handed in in the course of the next few months. Adding this sum of £1,007 to the ordinary collections, the total for the year is £2,103, or £40 9s. per Sunday. Subtracting the Thanksgiving offering, allowing for the blank of three Sundays, and the loss of the Anniversary Collection, the collections for the year would have totalled £1,212, or £23 6s. per Sunday.

A certain proportion of the revenue for special purposes, missions, etc., already dealt with, was obtained by retiring collection on the Sundays. To get the total of Sunday collections, this proportion must be added to the ordinary collections. The amount was in the neighbourhood of £300, making a total Sunday collection of £2,403, or about £46 per Sunday. On the basis of the calculation that under normal circumstances, the ordinary collections would have been £1,212, the total would be £1,512, or close upon £30 per Sunday.

Seat rents have yielded £413 and Class-rooms, £47.

The total receipts for congregational purposes is £2,564, and the total expenditure for such purposes is £2,244. The expenditure covers the wiping out of the debit balance of £309, with which the year began, the installation of electric light in the Manse and various building repairs. It is a very safe estimate, however, that £1,856 are required year by year to defray the stipends, salaries, rates, gas, and general cost of maintenance of the Church. Besides that, there is facing us the repainting of the Church and Manse, and the possible installation of electric light into the Church. To meet these extra expenditures the Treasurer has only a credit of £239. Doubtless all that is necessary for these special purposes will be forthcoming in due season, but

the ordinary revenue from collections and seat rents requires strengthening.

Once more we plead for the adoption of the envelope system for ordinary finance. We raise so large a sum year by year for altruistic purposes, that it does not seem needful to press for the adoption of any methods other than those now in vogue for this kind of contribution. But the solution of the problem of congregational finance is unquestionably the envelope system. Will not some others add their names to the small band of those who make their Sunday contributions in this way?

The congregation's giving for all purposes for the year is £4,900. If account were taken of the sums raised for various objects not specified in the Statement of Accounts, the amount of the year's income would be at least £5,000

The reports now set forth show clearly that spite of all the quite special difficulties with which throughout the past year we have had to contend, a very large amount of work has been accomplished. For this we give thanks to God, take courage for the future, and move forward in the sure confidence that He who has so richly blessed us in the past will bless us still.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending 30th June, 1919.

| RECEIPTS. | | | | EXPENDITURE. | | | |
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| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| Collections, Envelopes, etc., including special Thank Offerings | 2,103 | 1 | 9 | Balance from Previous Year | 199 | 17 | 4 |
| Pew Rents | 413 | 11 | 6 | Balance at Dr. of previous year's Major Repairs Account | 109 | 12 | 0 |
| Rent from Class Rooms, etc. | 45 | 4 | 0 | Rev. Dr. Gibb, Stipend | 700 | 0 | 0 |
| Sundries | 2 | 2 | 0 | Rev. J. Paterson, Allowance | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 2,563 19 3 | Pulpit Supply | 38 | 3 | 0 |
| Collected for Poor of the Congregation, etc. | | | 81 3 10 | G. W. Kerry, Organist, Salary | 125 | 0 | 0 |
| Orphanage and Social Service Association | 147 | 14 | 11 | J. Whiteman, Church Officer, Salary | 132 | 0 | 0 |
| per Y.M.B.C. | | 0 | 6 | Gas | 96 | 12 | 9 |
| per Y.W.B.C. | | 0 | 13 | Stationery, Printing, Stamps, etc. | 56 | 10 | 4 |
| per W.A. | | 3 | 0 | Insurance, Fire and Accident | 59 | 4 | 0 |
| | | | 151 13 11 | Contribution towards expenses of running motor car | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| "Our Day" Red Cross Society | | | 20 0 0 | City Rates | 92 | 4 | 0 |
| Soldiers' Xmas Gifts | 32 | 14 | 1 | Installation of Electric Light and Heating in Manse | 120 | 8 | 8 |
| per Y.W.S.G. | | 7 | 6 | Painting roof of Church and General Building Repairs | 57 | 12 | 0 |
| | | | 40 0 9 | Water | 9 | 14 | d |
| French Red Cross Day | | | 47 3 4 | Repairs to Water Engine | 24 | 11 | 6 |
| London Hospital | | | 26 0 3 | Tuning Organ | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Camps and Chaplains | | | 0 10 0 | Telephones | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| New Zealand Alliance | | | 23 11 4 | Expenses Annual Meeting | 2 | 9 | 10 |
| Scots' College Scholarship Fund | | | 20 0 0 | Laundry | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| Queen Margaret College do. | | | 20 0 0 | Presbytery Dues | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| Collected from members of Congregation by Mr. S. Clarke | 580 | 0 | 0 | Wine, Wine Cups, etc. | 10 | 18 | 7 |
| Johnson for furnishing Queen Margaret College | | | | Extra for Substitute for Caretaker | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Collected from members of Congregation by Mrs. H. W. Kersley | 50 | 0 | 0 | Bank Interest | 12 | 16 | 6 |
| for furnishing Hall in Queen Margaret College | | | 630 0 0 | Cheque Book, £3; Bank Charge, 10s. | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | 17 9 3 | Treasurer, Sunday School | 41 | 5 | 9 |
| Collected for Theological Hall | | | | Dorcas Society and for Poor | 81 | 3 | 10 |
| Youth of the Church Fund | 13 | 11 | 0 | French Red Cross Society | 47 | 3 | 4 |
| per Y.W.B.C. | | 6 | 17 | London Hospital | 26 | 0 | 3 |
| per Sunday School | | 5 | 0 | Red Cross "Our Day" Fund | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 30 8 9 | Christmas Gifts for Soldiers | 40 | 0 | 9 |
| Church Extension and Sustentation Fund | 146 | 6 | 3 | Orphanage and Social Service Association | 151 | 3 | 11 |
| per W.A. | | 55 | 0 | New Zealand Alliance | 23 | 11 | 4 |
| per Y.W.B.C. | | 5 | 0 | Scots College, for Bursaries | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 206 6 3 | Queen Margaret College, for Bursaries | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| for special £20,000 effort | | | 625 0 0 | Queen Margaret College, for Furnishing | 630 | 0 | 0 |
| Maori Missions for Hospital, per W.A. | 20 | 0 | 0 | Bible Class Union | 18 | 3 | 0 |
| Birthday League, per W.A. | | 5 | 0 | for £20,000 effort for Church Extension | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| per Junior Y.W.B.C. | | 0 | 6 | Central Treasurer, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand | 796 | 6 | 9 |
| per Y.M.B.C. | | 0 | 6 | Sundries | 2 | 17 | 8 |
| Turakina Girls' School, per Y.W.S.C. | 32 | 3 | 0 | Balance (on account of Painting Buildings, etc.) | 239 | 0 | 6 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-----|----|-------------|--|--|--|-------------|
| | per Y.W.B.C. | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | per Junior Y.W.B.C. | 0 | 15 | 0 | | | | |
| Miss Webber, Waiohau, per Y.W.B.C. | | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Sister Annie, Ruatahuna | | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Sister Jessie, Nuhaka | | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | 67 15 0 | | | | |
| Y.W.B.C. for B/C Nurses Fund | | | | 5 0 0 | | | | |
| for Bursary Fund | | | | 3 0 0 | | | | |
| Foreign Missions, per W.A. | | | | | | | | |
| per Sunday School | | 127 | 9 | 3 | | | | |
| for Punjab, per W.A. | | 8 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| for Canton | | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| for Canton Hospital, per Y.W.B.C. | | 20 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| for New Hebrides, per Y.M.B.C. | | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| for Teacher in New Hebrides, per W.A. | | 0 | 6 | 0 | | | | |
| for Salary of "Our Own Missionary," per W.A. | | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | 20 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | per Y.W.B.C. | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | per Sunday School | 3 | 3 | 0 | | | | |
| | per Mr. Kersley | 88 | 7 | 0 | | | | |
| Typewriter for | | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| per Y.M.B.C. | | 11 | 5 | 3 | | | | |
| | | | | 321 10 6 | | | | |
| | | | | £4,900 12 5 | | | | £4,900 12 5 |

JOHN C. W. AITKEN,
Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES 30th JUNE, 1919.

| LIABILITIES. | | | | ASSETS. | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|----|-------------|---|--------|----|-------------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| Outstanding Accounts—say | | 35 | 0 | Estimated Value of Land, Church, School, Manse, and other | | | |
| Balance | 25,244 | 0 | 6 | buildings | 25,000 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Unpaid Pew and other Rents—say | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Credit Balance—Revenue Account | 239 | 0 | 6 |
| | | | £25,279 0 6 | | | | £25,279 0 6 |

JOHN C. W. AITKEN,
Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Financial Statement for the Year ending June 30th, 1919.

| RECEIPTS. | | | | DISBURSEMENTS. | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----|------------------|---|---|------------------|-------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| To Balance B.F. June, 1918 | - | - | 3 5 9 | By Church Treasurer, Missions— | | | |
| „ Collections— | | | | Foreign | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Ordinary | 19 | 13 | 8 | Youth of the Church | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Missions | 11 | 1 | 10 | Rev. G. H. McNeur | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Youth of the Church | 4 | 7 | 0 | | | 16 | 3 0 |
| Break of Day | 1 | 5 | 9 | „ Break of Day Fund | | 1 | 5 9 |
| | | | 36 8 3 | „ Periodicals and Books | | 45 | 13 4 |
| „ Donations— | | | | „ Wellington S.S. Union Subscriptions and | | | |
| Church Treasurer | 41 | 5 | 9 | Donations | | 5 | 10 0 |
| S.S. Teachers | 2 | 10 | 0 | „ Socials | | 10 | 17 11 |
| | | | 43 15 9 | „ Repairs to Organ | | 0 | 10 0 |
| „ Proceeds Sales of Books | | | 1 4 1 | „ Bank Commission and Cheque Book | | 0 | 15 0 |
| | | | | „ Rubber Stamp and Postage | | 0 | 11 7 |
| | | | | „ Credit Balance in Bank | | 3 | 7 3 |
| | | | <u>£84 13 10</u> | | | <u>£84 13 10</u> | |

Liabilities outstanding for Periodicals, Books, etc., £41 13s. 4d.

J. H. KRAFT,
Hon. Treasurer.

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OFFICE-BEARERS

Minister:

REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D., The Manse, 328 The Terrace.
Telephone 22-249.

Minister in Charge:

REV. H. W. BURRIDGE, M.A., B.D.

Missionary:

REV. GEORGE H. McNEUR, Canton.

Session Clerk:

MR. M. D. MENELAUS, 43 Ellice Avenue.
Telephone 1424.

Clerk of Management Committee:

MR. O. BARY, 28 Waitoa Road.

Joint Treasurers:

HON. J. G. W. AITKEN, M.L.C., 2 Levy Street.
MR. J. LEUCHARS, Freyberg Street, Lyall Bay.

Envelope Treasurer:

MR. A. M. ROSIE.

Joint Conveners of Church Extension Committee:

MESSRS A. R. STONE AND D. DOUGLAS.

Joint Conveners Seat-Letting Committee:

MESSRS WM. HOPKIRK AND W. R. S. ALLAN.

Organist and Choirmaster:

MR. C. W. KERRY, Tirangi Road, Kilbirnie.

Church Officer:

MR. J. WHITEMAN, Willis Street. Telephone 2405.

ELDERS

| | INDUCTED |
|--|----------|
| AITKEN, HON. J. G. W., M.L.C., Levy Street | 1884 |
| ALLAN, W., Willis Street | 1884 |
| BARY, G., Hataitai | 1919 |
| BOAL, J., Brooklyn | 1903 |
| BLACK, J. W., Glen Road | 1909 |
| CORKILL, T. E., Oriental Bay | 1919 |
| DOUGLAS, D. A., Dixon Street | 1919 |
| GILL, T. H., M.A., LL.B., Ellice Street | 1903 |
| GLEN, G. E. Brougham Street | 1909 |
| GREER, J. COURTNEY, Abel Smith Street | 1910 |
| HOPKIRK, W., Majoribanks Street | 1888 |
| HOWITT, A., Lyall Bay | 1913 |
| JOHNSON, CAPT. H., Church Street | 1902 |
| JOHNSON, S. CLARKE, Hill Street | 1902 |
| JOHNSTON, A., Central Terrace | 1911 |
| KERSLEY, H. W., Hutt | 1902 |
| LEUCHARS, J., Lyall Bay | 1919 |
| MACKAY, J., Island Bay | 1897 |
| MACFARLANE, J. B., Devon Street | 1911 |
| MAINLAND, H., Fairlie Terrace | 1903 |
| MARTIN, A., Ohiro Road | 1919 |
| MENELAUS, M. D., Ellice Avenue | 1895 |
| MIRAMS, E. S., Hataitai | 1912 |
| MORICE, G. W., M.A. B.Sc., Moana Road | 1913 |
| MITCHELL, J., Roxburgh Street | 1897 |
| PEARSON, R., The Terrace | 1908 |
| RAMSAY, W., Tanera Crescent | 1913 |
| SCLATER, J., Karori | 1911 |
| SMITH, A. P., Seatoun | 1913 |
| STONE, A. R., Willis Street | 1909 |
| TROUP, G. A., F.R.I.B.A., Raroa Road | 1895 |

MANAGERS—1919

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| ALLAN, W. R. S. | Willis Street |
| ANDERSON, J. D. | Talavera Terrace |
| ANDREW, R. L. | Central Terrace |
| BLAKE, E. M., F.R.I.B.A. | Seddon Terrace |
| BRUCE, J. L. | Rongotai Terrace |
| CAMPBELL, J., F.R.I.B.A. | Salamanca Road |
| CAMERON, P. M. | Shannon Street |
| CRAWFORD, R. J. | Berhampore |
| GENDALL, J. W. | Scarborough Terrace |
| GLOVER, H. | Kent Terrace |
| GILMOUR, G. | Willis Street |
| GIBSON, W. W. | Pirie Street |
| HORE, S. | Rolleston Street |
| KIRKCALDIE, J. | Thompson Street |
| KRAFT, J. H. | Fairlie Terrace |
| LINES, H. | Roseneath |
| MACDONALD, J. | Kelburn |
| LOMAS, J. S., M.A. | Kelburn |
| MORICE, J. M., B.Sc. | Wadestown |
| ORR, J. A. | Island Bay |
| PETTIGREW, J. T. | Hataitai |
| ROSIE, A. M. | Moana Road |
| WILSON, A. M. | Willis Street |
| WILSON, J. M. | Kelburn |

MANAGERS' COMMITTEES

Property Committee.

MESSRS. CAMPBELL, GLOVER, KRAFT, A. P. SMITH,
PEARSON AND MENELAUS (Joint Conveners).

Seat Letting Committee.

MESSRS. ANDERSON, PEARSON, RAMSAY, MORICE,
STONE, J. M. WILSON, ROSIE.
W. R. S. ALLAN AND HOPKIRK (Joint Conveners).

Finance Committee.

MESSRS. ALLAN, BRUCE, CORKILL, GILL, MACFAR-
LANE, PETTIGREW, KIRKCALDIE.
CAMERON AND AITKEN (Joint Conveners).

Church Extension Committee.

MESSRS. ANDREW, HOWITT, HORE, JOHNSTON,
LINES, CAPT. JOHNSON, MARTIN.
DOUGLAS AND STONE (Joint Conveners).

Choir Committee.

MESSRS. GREER, KERSLEY, CLARKE-JOHNSON, A. M.
WILSON AND CRAWFORD (Convener).

ELDERS' DISTRICTS

No. 1—Thorndon, Kaiwarra, and Wadestown.
Elder: Mr. J. Courtney Greer.
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. A. Howitt and A. Martin.

No. 4—Kelburn.
Elders: Messrs. H. W. Kersley, G. W. Morice
and A. P. Smith.
Collector for Missions: Miss Gibb.

No. 5—Talavera Terrace to Customhouse Quay; Aurora
Terrace to Dixon Street.
Elder: Mr. G. A. Troup.
Collector for Missions: Miss Urie.

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. E. S. Mirams.
Collectors for Missions: Mrs. F. S. Pope and
Miss C. Allan.

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. Allan.

No. 9—Willis Street to Cuba Street; Ingestre Street to
Webb Street.
Elder: Mr. T. E. Corkill.
Collector for Missions: Miss Allan.

No. 10—Woolcombe Street to Willis Street; Ingestre
Street to Wordsworth Street.
Elder: Capt. H. Johnson.
Collector for Missions: Miss Clara Chappell.

No. 11—Aro Street 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 A. Martin.

Collector for Missions: Miss Gendall.

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

Elder: Mr. D. A. Douglas.

Collector for Missions: Miss Allan.

No. 14—Buckle Street to John Street.

Elder: Mr. J. Schlater.

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, and Hataitai.

Elders: Messrs. J. Mitchell, C. Bary, and J. Leuchars.

Collector for Missions: Miss Cresswell.

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

Elder: Mr. R. Pearson.

Collector for Missions: Miss Aitken.

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

Elder: Mr. W. Hopkirk.

Collector for Missions: Miss Sinclair.

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: Hon. J. G. W. Aitken.

Collector for Missions: Miss McLeod.

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

Elder: Mr. J. Mackay.

Collector for Missions: Miss Sinclair.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOLS' ASSOCIATION

President:

REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

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MESSRS. ALLAN AND HOPKIRK.

General Secretary and Treasurer:

MR. J. H. KRAFT.

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WILLIS STREET SCHOOL

MEETS EVERY SABBATH AT 2.30 P.M.

Superintendent:

MR. W. HOPKIRK.

Teachers:

MESDAMES. MASSEY, M. FRASER, MISSES A. ALLAN, M. GORE, M. GRAY, E. WATT, H. BLAKE, M. CLACHAN, M.A., L. FINLAY, C. HUTTON, K. HAMER, E. HOPKIRK, E. KERR, J. MASSEY, E. MACKENZIE, J. MACKENZIE, D. CHAPPELL, M. STILL, K. THOMPSON, MESSRS. J. ALLAN, J. H. KRAFT, A. G. HARPER, G. W. MORICE, M.A., A. D. JOHNSTON, D. BLAKE.

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MISS GIFFORD.

Cradle Roll Superintendent:

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ST. JOHN'S BIBLE CLASS ASSOCIATION

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YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS AND INSTITUTE.

(Willis Street.)

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

Leader:
MR. A. MARTIN.

Committee:

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| MISSIONS | A. M. ROSIE |
| LOOKOUT | S. MURRAY AND K. MORRISON |
| LIBRARY | C. HENRY AND NEAS |
| SOCIAL | M. B. ROSIE AND R. ROBERTSON |
| BIBLE STUDY | H. GLOVER |
| TREASURER | A. SHANNON |
| ORGANIST | R. J. CRAWFORD |
| SECRETARY | G. S. TROUP |
| ASST. SECRETARY | W. BUSH |
| SOCIAL SERVICE | H. BURRELL |
| EVANGELISTIC | D. DOUGLAS |
| ATHLETICS | B. GIBSON AND N. THOMPSON |
| DISCUSSIONS | A. WILSON |
| EDITOR "CHRONICLE" | W. FERGUSON |

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

(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. J. ANDREW, H. D. BROWN, G. BECKLEY, M. BOYD, B. BOYD, A. CHAPPELL, L. CHAPPELL, A. COCKER, N. CLYDE, B. FERGUSON, R. GIFFORD, P. JOHNSTON, M. HILL, J. JOHNSTON, C. TAYLOR AND L. LESLIE.

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Treasurer:
MISS P. KITCHING.

Organist:
MISS R. NICHOLS.

YOUNG WOMEN'S JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

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Leader: MISS M. GORE. *Secretary:* MISS MELVYN WILSON.

Treasurer:
MISS D. BLAKE.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Treasurer—Missions:
MISS GIBB.

Treasurer—Dorcas:
MISS STEEL

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

MEETS IN BASEMENT PARLOR EVERY ALTERNATE MONDAY
AT 7.30 P.M.

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DR. GIBB.

President:
MRS. ALLAN.

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Secretary:
MISS DAVIDSON.

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MISS BLAKE.

THE BOYS' INSTITUTE

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

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

President:
MR. G. A. TROUP.

CHOIR

Organist and Choirmaster:
MR. CH. W. KERRY.

Sopranos:

MESDAMES. ANDREW, BLAKE, KERRY, POPE, VERE, WILLIAMS,
MISSSES ALLAN, D. CHAPPELL, FINLAY, JENNINGS, M. JEN-
NINGS, GEORGE, HOPKIRK, HORE, HEATH, MOWATT, H. SMITH,
NICHOLS.

Contraltos:

MRS. WHITEMAN, MISSSES M. GIBB, SHEARER, AND TAIT.

Tenors:

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Basses:

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ROBERTSON.

Hon. Secretary:

MR. R. J. CRAWFORD.

Hon. Librarian:

MR. H. M. CHISHOLM.

CONGREGATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

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 second Sunday of March, June, September, and December.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets in the hall adjoining the Church on Sunday afternoons at 2.30.

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

SOCIAL CLUB every Saturday evening in Willis Street class-room.

BIBLE CLASS FOR YOUNG WOMEN meets in the class-room adjoining the Church, and in the Managers' Room, on Sunday afternoons at 2.45.

PRAYER MEETING every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

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

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, first Tuesday in the month.

MOTHERS' MEETING is held every alternate Thursday at 2.45 p.m., in the Dixon Street Hall.

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 Willis St. Classroom.

THE SESSION meets on the first 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, Tasman Street, every evening at 7.

GYMNASTIC CLASSES meet in the Gymnasium during winter months.

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 the 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 Missions, etc. (2) As appointed by the office-bearers for Sunday School, relief of poor (once a quarter), and such other object 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..



FOR YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1920

The year under review has been in many ways a difficult one for our congregation, but by the help of Almighty God, and the devoted efforts of a large band of earnest workers, many of the difficulties have been met and overcome, and on the whole we feel justified in saying that the year has been one of progress.

The restlessness and spiritual lethargy, referred to in our last Annual Report, have by no means disappeared, and we fear it may be many years before the ill effects of the War on the moral fibre of the community are entirely obliterated.

This handicap we have, of course, shared with the Church at large, but we have had our own peculiar difficulties to face. The Assembly appointed our Minister to proceed to the United Kingdom in order to procure twenty Ministers and twenty Home Missionaries to fill the many gaps in the ranks of our Church. It need hardly be said that every member of St. John's knew that Dr. Gibb would be missed by the congregation, especially in these critical times, yet one and all freely consented to his going, and that for two reasons.

It was becoming very evident that Dr. Gibb's own health demanded for him a complete change and long rest from the arduous duties of congregational work, combined with the work of Home Missions, Orphanages, Colleges, etc. In the second place all who knew Dr. Gibb felt assured that if anyone were to succeed in the important and difficult mission Dr. Gibb would certainly do so.

Dr. and Mrs. Gibb left for England during the first week of January. Before their departure a farewell social was tendered to them by the congregation, and presentations made.

The Presbytery appointed the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken, M.L.C., to act as Moderator of St. John's during the

absence of the Minister. This action on the part of the Presbytery has been much appreciated by the remainder of the office-bearers, and the congregation generally. We were extremely fortunate in securing the services of the Rev. H. W. Burrige, M.A., B.D., as *locum tenens* during Dr. Gibb's absence. Mr. Burrige began his work here on the first Sunday in January, and his ministrations ever since have met with very great acceptance. Mr. Burrige has thrown himself so enthusiastically into the work of the Church, in every department, that all fear for the welfare of the congregation during the Minister's absence has disappeared. The office-bearers have thereby been relieved of very considerable anxiety. Mrs. Burrige also has entered most heartily into the work of St. John's, and given most valuable assistance to the many organisations.

During the year the return of our men who were absent on active service has been completed. Quite a number of our own young men have returned to their homes and to their Church. We extend to them a very hearty welcome, and would express our sincere hope that they may soon settle down in their various spheres, none the worse for their trying experiences abroad.

One of our elders, Mr. Stone, returned during the year, and lost no time in getting into Church work again. He is one of our most indefatigable workers.

That the memory of those who will never return may be kept green in our midst, a brass tablet containing their names has been erected in the church on the eastern side of the pulpit. The tablet was unveiled during the course of an impressive service, shortly before the departure of Dr. Gibb. It is a small tribute, for to these we can never repay what we owe. We are enjoying the fruits of the victory which they gave their all to win, but an even greater victory have they, who laid down their lives in the cause of King and Country—yea, verily, and we believe—in the cause of God, Himself. A similar tablet is to be placed on the other side of the pulpit, on which will be inscribed the names of all the men from our congregation who actually left New Zealand for the war.

Two stained glass memorial windows (a gift of a member of our congregation) are also to be placed in the south end of the Church, one on either side of the organ. These will be placed in position, but will not be dedicated till the return of Dr. Gibb.

KIRK SESSION.

The Kirk Session has now 31 members. During the year Mr. A. D. Thomson resigned owing to his removal to

the Lower Hutt. He will be greatly missed, having faithfully carried out the duties of the Eldership.

The death register contains the names of Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. Barber, Mrs. Dalgleish, Miss Mathie, Miss E. McGowan, Mr. John Steel, Mr. R. G. Thomson, Mr. H. F. Davis, and Mr. John Knox, all members in full communion. Mr. Knox was for many years a member of the Management Committee. The Session extends its sincere sympathy to all relatives and friends of the departed.

The Communion Roll.—The Roll last year showed a membership of 803. The loss this year, by certificate and otherwise—81, and the additions 84. The total number on the Roll at June 30, 1920, was 806. At least 25 of the young men who returned from the war during this year have not again taken up their residence in Wellington, and are therefore lost to our Young Men's Bible Class and St. John's. The highest attendance at Communion for the year was in June, when 452 were present. The visitation of the congregation has been faithfully carried out by Dr. Gibb prior to his leaving for Britain, and since that time by the Rev. H. W. Burrridge.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

There are now 24 members of this committee. Mr. H. Smith, much to our regret removed to Wadestown, and had therefore to resign from the Church and Committee. In addition to the discharge of routine business, the Committee has carried out a number of works, involving considerable outlay. The Church and buildings have been repainted, and the gas service—which was in a bad state—has been partly renewed and put in order.

ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The attendance at the Sunday Services has, of course, fluctuated considerably, but there can be little doubt that it shows an improvement on the previous year.

The most hopeful sign has been the return of the younger people, who, especially at the evening service, are beginning to make the galleries look almost as full as in former years.

The Prayer Meeting attendance has been good, the class room being usually well filled.

Service of Praise.—The Choir, though not nearly as large as it ought to be in such a congregation as ours, has done excellent work, and has earned the appreciation of both office-bearers and congregation. Anthems have been rendered regularly and the leading of the congregational singing has been very satisfactory. The membership at

present is, sopranos 18, altos 4, tenors 3, basses 6. Mr. Kerry is to be congratulated, both on his own work on the organ, and on his training of the Choir.

Social Meetings.—Besides the sectional social gatherings of the various organisations, the Session gave one social, to which every member and adherent of the congregation was invited. This function was well attended, and besides being enjoyed, and promoting a social and friendly feeling among the people, served as an introduction for many to Mr. and Mrs. Burrridge.

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

During the year thirty-two meetings have been held. Our worthy President, Mrs. Gibb, left us in January last for a trip to Britain. Mrs. Burrridge has ably filled the position since March. Dorcas meetings have been held regularly, when sewing for our Orphanage, the poor, the Young Men's Hostel, and our Annual Sale of Work for Missions has been most willingly undertaken by a band of faithful workers. Forty-five garments have been handed to the Orphanage during the year. The Association is very grateful for a parcel of clothing received from the "Two Garment Society." Many parcels of second-hand clothing have been sent in, and all have been used for those in need. Milk and coal are supplied regularly to the usual pensioners. Once a month the Association meets as the congregational branch of the P.W.M.U.

THE MOTHERS' MEETING.

This meeting has been held once a fortnight. Mrs. Malcolm Fraser and Mrs. J. H. MacKenzie were in charge till October, when both were obliged to resign. Miss Sinelair was then appointed, and has been assisted by Mrs. Whiteman and Miss Wiren. The roll numbers 20; with an average attendance of 10.

The meetings are quite informal, the mothers bringing their children.

Mrs. Burrridge and Mrs. Pearson gave addresses which were much enjoyed. Many ladies in the congregation have sent parcels of left-off clothing, and for these we are very grateful. These garments are sold at nominal prices to defray small expenses, but in most instances the clothing has been given away to those who are struggling to make ends meet.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY GUILD.

From June until November, 1919, regular fortnightly meetings were held with a good attendance of members.

Orders for work were executed. The session closed with a social evening at Mrs. Allan's on November 4th. The 1920 session opened on April 12th with a fair attendance of members, the Rev. H. W. and Mrs. BurrIDGE being present. Owing to ill-health Miss McCulloch was compelled to resign her position as treasurer. A sale of flowers, etc., was held on May 15th, at which the sum of £24 7s. 6d. was raised, £20 of this amount was handed to the Church Treasurer for the Turakina Maori Girls' College. On June 21st Rev. H. W. BurrIDGE lectured on the "Holy Land," on behalf of the Guild in aid of Missions. The proceeds of the lecture amounted to about £20.

The work of the year has been very successful, and the Guild is to be congratulated on the devotion with which it pursues its beneficent labours.

Miss Steel has continued her good work as a voluntary Deaconess, acting as the almoner of the Women's Association, and rendering welcome help to the Minister in visiting the aged and infirm.

Our Own Missionary.—It was with the deepest regret that the people of St. John's heard that their special representative on the Mission Field, the Rev. Geo. H. McNeur, had been so afflicted with eye trouble that it had been necessary for him to proceed to England to consult a specialist.

We hope and pray that ere long his vision may be completely restored, and that he may be enabled to again take up the important work he has been forced temporarily to abandon. He is such a one as can ill be spared, and the Canton Villages Mission must feel sorely the lack of his wise counsel and zealous help.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

As usual there have been both encouragements and disappointments during the year, but we gladly report a year of fairly successful work, and that an earnest spirit pervades the school, enabling us to look forward with hopefulness to the future. Our most serious drawback is the lack of children in the neighbourhood. It is naturally discouraging to find instances of families who have removed so far away that it is impossible for them to attend, yet this is the position we have to accept. We therefore cordially welcome and make strenuous efforts to retain any newcomers, and are generally successful, so we are able to report a good attendance, although our totals have not increased.

Following are details of attendance and of the different activities engaged in during the period under consideration:

Scholars.

Boys, 94; girls, 126; total, 220; average, 155. These are taught in three departments, Beginners and Primary, 58; Intermediate, 142; Junior Bible Class, 20. We have also a Cradle Roll which numbers 66, an earnest of early additions to the Primary Department.

Teachers and Officers.

Men, 8; women, 22; total, 30; average, 27. This high average attendance shows with what diligence the teachers carry on their work.

Besides business meetings of the whole staff, which are held when necessary, the Primary Teachers have a weekly meeting for mutual help and study. Much effort is made to induce a regular attendance of scholars at Church, but in spite of this we regret to say that many of them are seldom present. The Minister does his share by providing an interesting and helpful address and special hymns each Sunday morning, and we earnestly ask parents and others to help us to form in the children the Church-going habit.

We have ceased issuing the Young Worshipers' League albums and stamps chiefly on account of expense, but also to lead our young people to attend Church worship for its own sake, and not because of any outward consideration or reward. The Primary Department has been well attended, as many as 59 being present. The Junior Bible Class had an addition of 15, and 6 were transferred to the Senior Bible Class during the year. The leader, Miss Gore, will be very pleased to welcome further recruits. As the whole of the previous year's Boys' Bible Class has joined the Seniors, the boys who would in the ordinary course have been promoted to that class have not taken up B.C. methods this year, but, under Mr. Geo. W. Morice, have as No. 1 Class, done excellent work, and have been an example and encouragement to the younger scholars.

Sunday School Anniversary Services were held on May 16th, when Mr. BurrIDGE preached, with much acceptance, special sermons morning, afternoon and evening, and the exercises of the children, which included not only the hymns, but the reciting from memory of selected passages of Scripture, were much commended. The Church was decorated for the occasion.

The Sunday School Picnic was held after a lapse of some years, at Belmont, when teachers, scholars and friends spent a pleasant day.

The winter socials were well attended, and proved enjoyable.

The Busy Bees had a lengthy session, and much work was done on behalf of Missions. Special Peace Celebration Services were held, and also a Demonstration Sunday, when parents were specially invited to hear and see the work done, as at ordinary sessions of the School. Youth of the Church Day was also observed on the day appointed.

The S.S. Examinations secured very limited entrants, but all who presented themselves secured passes.

Our Library has been added to as far as funds would permit, and now contains 1100 volumes, which are freely used by the scholars.

The finances of the School are in a better position than for many years, thanks to the liberality of the congregation in giving an additional Sunday collection to pay off outstanding accounts.

The teachers were also greatly encouraged by the voluntary subscriptions to the Picnic Fund. The total income from all sources, which includes the scholars' contributions to ordinary and mission collections as detailed in the financial statement was £218 12s. 6d., and we are closing the year with a credit balance of over £20. The strictest economy is always maintained in our expenditure.

The Session feel they cannot but express their heartfelt thanks to the Superintendent, and faithful hands of teachers, who in the face of many difficulties have made so good a showing. Their earnest prayer is that God may follow with His richest blessing the efforts that have been put forth to bring the children into the fold of Jesus.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

During the year the work of the class has made good progress. The membership has increased from 53 to 67, and the average attendance from 32 to 38. A large number of members during the year have transferred from Wellington, but the aim has always been to fill their places with new arrivals. There are some 18 men returned from active service on the membership roll of the class. Thirty-six class members are in full communion with the Church, of whom 8 joined during the year. The Sunday afternoon meetings have continued to be of a bright and uplifting character. Members take a free part in the discussions which centre round Biblical questions, and modern problems in relation to Christ's teaching. Another Bible Study Circle, meeting at 10 o'clock on Sunday mornings, is well

supported by members. Some 12 or 15 men meet at this time to study John's Gospel. An Intercession Meeting is still held at the close of the Sunday afternoon meeting.

Members of the Class gave help from time to time in supplying the pulpits of outlying Churches; members also gave assistance with work at the Boys' Institute, the Orphanage, and the Ohio Home for Aged Needy.

The social side of the class work has been very active during the year. Frequent social evenings have been held with considerable success in establishing cordial relations among members and classes. Class teas have also had their place in the work of the year.

A Saturday Night Club is catering for the needs of members by means of games, tours, and debates. The issue of a monthly "Chronicle" has also played its part in keeping alive a corporate spirit. In athletics the class is represented by a football fifteen in the Wellington Rugby competitions, and also in inter-class fixtures. Two enjoyable events of the year were the class picnic and athletic tournament.

The Gymnasium and Tennis Courts have been well patronized.

The opening of the Young Men's Memorial Hostel has marked an epoch in class history. It has fulfilled all that was expected from its inauguration—36 young men have found a good, wholesome home environment in a strange city, and the class has found for its life a centre and a rallying point from which much of the strong spirit which has animated the class this year has been drawn. The Hostel figures most prominently on the balance-sheet, which totals over £520 for the year ending March 31st, 1920. To that date £393 had been paid to the Hostel account, and since then £75 has been added.

Class expenses totalled £14 14s. 9d., Mission subscriptions £37 13s., Foreign (Canton) £19 17s., Home Mission £17 16s., were the principal remaining items. Since March all members have greatly increased their subscriptions, and many new subscribers have been added. In Church work in general a movement has been started to promote closer co-operation among the young people's institutions connected with the Church. The men's class has given this its heartiest support, and a combined Sunday afternoon meeting and class tea in June, together with United Prayer Meetings and socials, will, it is hoped, pave the way for closer and more effectual union in this side of the Church's work.

YOUNG MEN'S HOSTEL.

One of the ambitions of both Minister and office-bearers has been fulfilled this year, in the establishment of a hostel for the boys and young men of the congregation who are living away from home. A large house conveniently situated in Upper Willis Street, having come under offer, was secured, largely owing to the generosity of some members of the congregation, and of the Young Men's Bible Class, to whom the thanks of all are due.

The Hostel is under the management of a capable Matron, and will, we feel sure, do much to help our boys by supplying suitable companionship, and many of the home comforts that are lacking in most boarding establishments. Although the Hostel was in occupation for some weeks previously, the formal opening did not take place until February, when it was opened by the Moderator, the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken, assisted by the Rev. H. W. Burridge.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

During the year which has just closed the work of the Y.W.B. Class has been carried out with steadfast persistence. The roll at June 30th, 1920, stands at 60, an increase of 3 on last year.

The afternoon meetings have proved interesting and helpful, and have been fairly well attended. A new department in the form of a Social Club, which meets once a fortnight, has been the means of promoting fellowship, and the combined socials with the Y.M. Class have also assisted in providing recreation.

The financial obligations of the Class have been more than met, and the statement of receipts and expenditure shows that the sum of £110 19s. 3d. was raised. Of this amount only £11 4s. 8d. was used for class expenses, the balance having been handed over to the Church Treasurer for distribution. The chief items include that of £26, which was raised for the Special Foreign Mission Fund, £17 10s. for St. John's Own Missionary, £13 for Orphanage piano, £7 for B.C. nurse in India, and £19 10s. for various Mission Funds.

The addition of six members from the senior class has been a source of inspiration to the whole class, and helped to compensate for the loss of five enthusiastic committee members, two of whom joined the Sunday School staff, two were transferred to other centres, and one left to be married. Services have been taken at the Ohio Home each month, and assistance given on several occasions at the

Mission to Seamen. Bible Study Circles, are well attended and of much profit. The Prayer Meeting at the close of the class is also well attended.

The activities of the class are partly of the nature of social service. Under this head may be included the work at the Orphanage. There have been a number of social gatherings much appreciated by the girls who are lodging in the city. During the year 10 members joined the Church, which brought our roll up to 52, in addition 4 are members of other Churches.

GIRLS' JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

The girls' class has a roll number of 20, and is carrying out its objects in bridging the space between the Sunday School and the Senior Bible Class.

FINANCE.

Contributions to Missions and Special Funds.

Missions to the Heathen.—Women's Association, £128; Do, Special Appeal, £110; for our Own Missionary, £125; Do, Special Appeal, £131; Y.W.B.C., Special Appeal, £27; Bible Classes, £64; Sunday School, £16; total, £601.

Maori Missions.—Women's Association, £13; Young Women's Guild, £20; Busy Bees, £3 10s.; Bible Classes, £22; Birthday League, £5 12s.; total, £69.

Home Missions.—By quarterly envelopes, £180; Women's Association, £55; Y.W.B. Class, £4 10s.; Donation to the General Assembly, Special Home Mission Fund, £530; total, £769 10s.

The total contributions to Missions (Home and Foreign) thus amount to £1439 10s.

Other Contributions.—For the Orphanage, £249; Soldiers' Memorial Tablets, £204; Scots College Scholarship, £20; Queen Margaret Scholarship, £20; Queen Margaret Library, £20; Theological Hall, £17; for the poor, £101; Youth of the Church Fund, £40; St. John's Hostel, £1,260; Sunday School, £129; sundry contributions, £219; total, £2,279.

The grand total of contributions for other than purely congregational purposes has therefore amounted to £3,718 10s., breaking by a very large amount the past record of altruistic giving by the congregation, at least as far as that giving has been reflected in the statement of accounts.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities, 30th June, 1920.

| LIABILITIES. | | ASSETS. | |
|--|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. |
| Outstanding Accounts and balances to pay out ... | 230 14 8 | Estimated Value of Land, Church, School, Manse and Other Buildings ... | 25,000 0 0 |
| Balance ... | 25,048 11 1 | Unpaid Seat and Other Rents ... | 10 0 0 |
| | | Cash on Hand ... | 329 5 9 |
| | <u>£25,339 5 9</u> | | <u>£25,339 5 9</u> |

JOHN G. W. AITKEN,
JAS. LEUCHARS,
Hon. Treasurers.

St. John's Church Sunday School. Financial Statement for the year ending June 30th, 1920.

| RECEIPTS. | | DISBURSEMENTS. | |
|---|------------------|---|------------------|
| | £ s. d. | | £ s. d. |
| To balance B.F. June, 1919 ... | 3 7 3 | By Library, Books ... | 9 9 7 |
| „ Collections:— | | „ Periodicals and Supplies (1919-1920) ... | 119 10 6 |
| Ordinary ... | 27 18 3 | „ Wellington S.S. Union Subs. ... | 0 15 0 |
| Missions ... | 10 17 0 | „ Social Accounts ... | 9 3 0 |
| Youth of the Church ... | 4 7 5 | „ Two Screens and Cartage ... | 3 10 0 |
| Break of Day Fund ... | 1 15 0 | „ Primary Dept. Picnic ... | 2 4 0 |
| „ Proceeds Sales of Books ... | 1 5 0 | „ Bank Charges ... | 0 10 0 |
| | | „ Stationery, Postage and Sundries ... | 1 12 8 |
| „ Church Collection, Special Appeal ... | 73 4 6 | „ Anniversary Expenses ... | 0 17 6 |
| „ Church Collection, S.S. Anniversary ... | 56 12 7 | | |
| | | „ Picnic Accounts ... | 138 2 8 |
| „ Picnic Donations and Sundry Sales ... | 129 17 1 | „ Break of Day Fund ... | 30 19 2 |
| „ Special Donations ... | 38 10 9 | „ Church Treasurer:— | 1 15 0 |
| „ Proceeds Sales of Church Photos ... | 3 0 0 | Foreign Mission General Fund ... | 7 0 0 |
| | | Rev. G. H. McNeur—our own Missionary Fund ... | 4 0 0 |
| | | Youth of the Church Fund ... | 5 0 0 |
| | | | |
| | | „ Balance in Bank ... | 16 0 0 |
| | <u>£221 19 9</u> | | <u>£221 19 9</u> |

Dated 14th July, 1920.

J. H. KRAFT,
Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

W. E. NICHOLS, F.I.A., N.Z.,
Hon. Auditor.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH REVENUE ACCOUNT. Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending 30th June, 1920.

| RECEIPTS. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------|-----|----|----|------|----|----|
| Balance forward from last year year, being | | 239 | 0 | 6 | | | |
| for Painting Church, etc., etc. | | 96 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| ADD: Since received for same objects | | | | | 335 | 2 | 6 |
| For Church Purposes:— | | | | | | | |
| Collections, including Envelopes | 1344 | 11 | 8 | | | | |
| Seat Rents | 413 | 5 | 0 | | | | |
| Rents | 97 | 15 | 0 | | | | |
| Interest (less paid 29/-) | 13 | 16 | 6 | | 1869 | 8 | 2 |
| Received for other than Church Purposes:— | | | | | | | |
| (A) To go through Presbyterian Church Treasurer: | | | | | | | |
| Youth of the Church Fund— | | | | | | | |
| Collection | 22 | 10 | 2 | | | | |
| Per Y.M.B.C. | 13 | 1 | 6 | | | | |
| Per Sunday School | 3 | 0 | 0 | | 40 | 11 | 8 |
| Theological Hall Collection | 17 | 14 | 11 | | | | |
| £20,000 Home Mission Appeal | 530 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Church Extension and Sustentation Fund | 235 | 3 | 9 | | | | |
| Includes:— | | | | | | | |
| Per Women's Assn. | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Per Y.W.B.O. | 4 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Maori Missions:— | | | | | | | |
| Turakina Maori Girls' School | | | | | | | |
| Scholarship per Y.W. Sewing | 20 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Guild | | | | | | | |
| Turakina Maori Girls' College | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| per Y.W.B.O. | | | | | | | |
| Ruatahuna Hospital per Women's | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Assn. | | | | | | | |
| Birthday League per Women's | 5 | 12 | 0 | | | | |
| Assn. | | | | | | | |
| Waiohau, per Y.W.B.C. | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Ruatahuna, per Y.W.B.O. | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Nuhaka, per Y.W.B.O. | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Per Y.M.B.C. | 0 | 11 | 0 | | | | |
| Nuhaka Hospital per Busy Bees | 6 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Te Whaita Mission (per Miss | | | | | | | |
| Jack) for Medicine per Wo- | | | | | | | |
| men's Assn. | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Foreign Missions:— | | | | | | | |
| Per Women's Assn, etc. | 118 | 11 | 9 | | | | |
| To Meet Extra Exchange | 110 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Per Sunday School | 7 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Per Y.M.B.O. | 19 | 17 | 0 | | | | |
| New Hebrides per Y.M.B.O. | 0 | 12 | 0 | | | | |
| Punjab per Women's Assn. | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Canton per Women's Assn. | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| For Salary of our own Mission- | | | | | | | |
| ary, Rev. G. H. McNeur | 125 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| To meet extra exchange thereon | 151 | 6 | 6 | | | | |

NOTE: Made up as follows:

| | | | |
|---------------------|-----|----|---|
| Per Women's Assn. | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| " Y.W.B.O. | 17 | 10 | 0 |
| " Sunday School | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| " Mr. H. W. Kersley | 194 | 16 | 6 |

256 6 6

Special Appeal for Foreign Missions 27 7 6

549 14 9

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|---|---|
| Per Y.W.B.C. | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| Per Jnr. Y.W.B.O. | 1 | 7 | 6 |
| Whangamoana Manse Fund, per Busy Bees | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Nurse Arnold, per Y.W.B.O. | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Travelling Secretary, per Y.W.B.O. | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Bursary Fund, per Y.W.B.C. | 3 | 0 | 0 |

1442 18 1

(B) Collected, Etc., for Other Objects:

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Turnbull Plans | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Women's Assn. for Box | 9 | 10 | 0 |
| Orphanage and Social Service Assn. | 249 | 0 | 2 |

NOTE: Includes—

| | | | |
|-------------------|---|----|---|
| Per Women's Assn. | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| " Y.M.B.O. | 0 | 11 | 0 |

| | | | |
|-------------------|------|----|----|
| St. John's Hostel | 1260 | 11 | 10 |
| Per Congregation | 768 | 14 | 0 |
| " Y.M.B.O. | 491 | 17 | 10 |

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Mothers' Meeting | 8 | 5 | 9 |
| Sunday Schools | 129 | 17 | 1 |
| Stained Glass Windows | 110 | 0 | 0 |
| Library Fund Queen Margaret | 20 | 9 | 0 |
| College | | | |

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|---|---|
| Scholarships— | | | |
| 2 for Queen Margaret College | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 for Scot College | | | |
| Soldiers' Memorial | 102 | 6 | 5 |

NOTE: Including—

| | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|---|
| Per Y.W.B.O. | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| " Y.W. Sewing Guild | 5 | 5 | 5 |

For Poor of Congregation ... 100 15 2

2121 6 5

3564 4 6

£5768 15 2

| PAYMENTS. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|
| For Church Purposes:— | | | | | | | |
| Rev. Dr. Gibb | 700 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Rev. J. Paterson—Allowance | 300 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Pulpit Supply | 7 | 18 | 0 | | | | |
| Organist's (G. W. Kerr) Salary | 125 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Church Officer (J. W. Whiteman) Salary | 145 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Gas Company | 96 | 15 | 6 | | | | |
| Stationery, Printing, Advertising, Stamps, | | | | | | | |
| Etc. | 64 | 9 | 5 | | | | |
| Insurance—Fire and Accident | 71 | 7 | 8 | | | | |
| Telephones | 10 | 15 | 0 | | | | |
| Communion Wine, Etc. | 8 | 14 | 10 | | | | |
| Gardener | 9 | 12 | 0 | | | | |
| Repairs, Etc. | 65 | 15 | 10 | | | | |
| Presbytery Dues | 3 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Rev. Dr. Gibb, re Motor Car | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Tuning Organ | 15 | 15 | 0 | | | | |
| Choir | 5 | 12 | 3 | | | | |
| Annual Meeting Expenses | 4 | 4 | 6 | | | | |
| Water (less received, £7 10s. 9d.) | 9 | 10 | 3 | | | | |
| Rates (Manse, £63 0s. 2d.; cottage, £13 10s. 6d.; | | | | | | | |
| school, £25 2s. 10d.) | 103 | 13 | 6 | | | | |
| Sundries | 6 | 13 | 4 | | | | |
| Minister's W. and O. Fund Assessment | 17 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Assembly Expenses Fund | 24 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | 1820 | 17 | 1 |
| For Other than Church Purposes:— | | | | | | | |
| (a) Presby. Church Treasurer | 1442 | 18 | 1 | | | | |
| (b) Other Objects: | | | | | | | |
| Treasurer Scot College for | | | | | | | |
| 2 Scholarships | 20 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Treasurer Queen Margaret Col- | | | | | | | |
| lege for 2 Scholarships | 20 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| For Library Fund | 20 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Treasurer Presby. Orphanage | 249 | 0 | 2 | | | | |
| St. John's Hostel | 1260 | 11 | 10 | | | | |
| Dorcas for Poor of Congregation | 85 | 15 | 2 | | | | |
| Sunday Schools | 129 | 17 | 1 | | | | |
| Soldiers' Memorial Tablet | 37 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Mothers' Meeting | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Turnbull Plans | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| On Account Painting Church | 250 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | 2175 | 14 | 3 |
| | | | | | 3618 | 12 | 4 |
| | | | | | 5439 | 9 | 5 |

Balance on Hand:—

For Church Purposes ... 48 11 1

For Other Purposes:—

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Mothers' Meeting Money | 6 | 5 | 9 |
| Women's Assn. for Box | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Dorcas for Poor of Congregation | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| Stained Glass Windows | 110 | 0 | 0 |
| Soldiers' Memorial Tablets | 64 | 16 | 5 |
| Painting Church, Etc. | 85 | 2 | 6 |
| | 280 | 14 | 8 |
| | 329 | 5 | 9 |

Audited and found correct.

W. E. NICHOLS, F.I.A.N.Z.

Hon. Auditor.

JOHN G. W. AITKEN,

JAS. LEUCHARS,

Hon. Treasurers.

SPECIAL MISSIONARY FUND.

We are, as is generally known, pledged to find £125 per annum towards the stipend of the Rev. Geo. H. McNeur, of the Canton Villages Mission. Owing to the rate of exchange we were compelled this year to make a special effort, with a very favourable result. We hope to see a number of new subscribers to this Fund, of which Mr. H. W. Kersley is the Treasurer. We shall be glad to enrol new contributors. This is a special effort quite apart from other sources of Missionary Revenue.

Seat rents have yielded £413, and class-rooms, £97.

The congregational giving for all purposes for the year amounts to £5,529.

Once more we plead for the adoption of the envelope system for ordinary finance.

We raise so large a sum year by year for altruistic purposes that it does not seem needful to press for the adoption of any methods other than those now in vogue for this kind of contribution.

But the solution of the problem of congregational finance is unquestionably the envelope system. Will not some others add their names to the small band of those who make their Sunday contributions in this way?

The reports now set forth that notwithstanding difficulties, a large amount of work has been accomplished. For this we give thanks to God, take courage for the future, and move forward in the sure confidence that He who has so richly blessed us in the past will bless us still.



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