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ELDERS.

INDUCTED.

AUSTIN, W. S., Kelburn	1921
BARY, C., Hataitai	1919
BOAL, J. Brooklyn	1903
CORKILL, T. E., Oriental Bay	...	...	1919
CRESSWELL, T. R., M.A., Wellington College	...	...	1921
DOUGLAS, D. A., Dixon Street	...	...	1919
FRASER, MALCOLM, Kelburn	...	...	1921
GILL, T. H., M.A., LL.B., Ellice Street	...	...	1903
GLEN, G. F., Brougham Street	...	...	1909
GLOVER, H., Kent Terrace	...	...	1921
GREER, J COURTNEY, Aurora Terrace	...	...	1910
HOPKIRK, W., Majoribanks Street	...	...	1888
HOWITT, A., Lyall Bay	...	...	1913
JOHNSON, CAPT. H., Church Street	...	...	1902
JOHNSTON, A, Central Terrace	...	...	1911
KERSLEY, H. W., Hutt	...	...	1902
KRAFT, J. H., Kelburn	...	...	1921
LEUCHARS, J. Lyall Bay	...	...	1919
MACFARLANE, J. B., Devon Street	...	...	1911
MAINLAND, H., Fairlie Terrace	...	...	1903
MARTIN, A., Ohio 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
PETTIGREW, J. T., Hataitai	...	...	1921
SCLATER, J., Karori	...	...	1911
SMITH, A. P., Seatoun	...	...	1913
SOOTH, H. C., Austin Street	...	...	1921
STONE, A.R., Willis Street	...	...	1909
TROUP, G. A., F.R.I.B.A., Raroa Road	...	...	1895

MANAGERS—1921

ANDERSON, J. D.	...	...	Talavera 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
CRAWFORD, R. J.	...	...	Berhampore
GILMOUR, G.	...	...	Brooklyn
HORE, S.	...	...	Rolleston Street
JOHNSTON, A. D	...	...	Kelburn
KIRKCALDIE, J.	...	...	Kelburn
LESLIE, D. E.	...	...	Dixon Street
LOMAS, J. S., M.A.	...	...	Kelburn
MACDONALD, J.	...	...	Kelburn
ORR, J. A	...	...	Willis Street
RAMSAY, W. A.	...	...	Brooklyn
ROBERTSON, W. A.	...	...	Hawker Street
ROSIE, A. M.	...	...	Moana Road
TROUP, G. S., M.A.	...	...	Kelburn
WALLACE, A. H.	...	...	Kelburn
WILSON, A. M.	...	...	Willis Street
WILSON, J. M.	...	...	Kelburn

MANAGERS' COMMITTEES.

Property Committee:

MESSRS. BARY, CAMPBELL, GLOVER, KRAFT, A. P. SMITH, and
MENELAUS (Convener).

Seat Letting Committee

MESSRS. GILL, RAMSAY, STONE, J. M. WILSON, WALLACE, and
HOPKIRK (Convener)

Financ Committee:

MESSRS. CORKILL, GILL, HOPKIRK, MACFARLANE, MENELAUS,
PETTIGREW, KIRKCALDIE, and LEUCHARS (Convener).

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MESSRS. HOWITT, HORE, A. JOHNSTON, BLAKE, CAPT. JOHNSON,
MARTIN, G. S. TROUP, DOUGLAS and STONE
(Joint Conveners).

Choir Committee:

MESSRS. BOAL, ROBERTSON, SOUTH, WALLACE, A. M. WILSON,
and CRAWFORD (Convener).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MEETS EVERY SUNDAY AT 2.30 P.M.

Hon. Superintendent:

MR. W. HOPKIRK.

Superintendent:

MR. E. S. MIRAMS.

Teachers:

MISSSES E. GIFFORD, C. WOODHOUSE, C. HARVEY, N. MAC-
KENZIE, S. HOPKIRK, M. GRAY, E. WATT, H. BLAKE, M. CLACHAN,
M.A., C. HUTTON, E. HOPKIRK, C. E. MACKENZIE, J. MAC-
KENZIE, M.A., D. CHAPPEL, K. THOMPSON, L. LESLIE, M. HILL,
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Secretary:

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

Treasurer:

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Organist:

MISS M. CLACHAN, M.A.

Librarian:

MRS. WHITEMAN.

Assistant Librarian:

MISS GIFFORD.

Cradle Roll Superintendent:

MISS SIBYL HOPKIRK.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS & INSTITUTE.

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

President:

REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

Joint Leaders:

MISSSES G. S. TROUP, M.A., and S. W. WEBBER.

Secretary:

MR. J. S. MURRAY.

Treasurer:

MR. J. TURNBULL.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

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

President:

REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

Leader:

MR. J. BOAL.

Sub. Leader:

MISS M. CHAPPELL.

Secretary:

MISS W. MILLER.

Treasurer:

MISS P. KITCHING.

GIRLS' JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

Leader:

MISS M. GORE.

Secretary:

MISS J. A. LESLIE.

Treasurer:

MISS H. SHORT.

Social Convener:

MISS E. BALLINGALL.

BOY'S JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

Leaddr:

MR. G. W. MORICE, M.A. B.Sc.,

MAORI MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE.

Secretary:

MISS M. MACKENZIE.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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Vice-Presidents:

MRS. ALLAN and MRS. MACKENZIE.

Secretary: MRS. MOYES.

Treasurer—Missions:

MISS GIBB.

Treasurer—Dorcas:

MISS STEEL.

P.W.M.U.

President: MRS. BORRIE.

Vice-Presidents:

MRS. AUSTIN and MRS. FRASER.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY GUILD

MEETS IN BASEMENT PARLOUR EVERY ALTERNATE MONDAY AT 7.30

President: MISS ALLAN.

Vice-Presidents:

MISS BADDEN and MISS McLEOD.

Secretary:

MISS DAVIDSON.

Treasurer:

MISS HEATH.

THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.

Sunday Evening Services 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.

HOSTEL COMMITTEE.

Chairman:

DR. GIBB.

Secretary:

MR. A. R. STONE.

BOYS' CLUB.

Director : *Secretary :*
MR. A. D. JOHNSTON. MR. J. S. MURRAY.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

Superintendents :
MRS. AUSTIN and MRS. FRASER.

CHOIR.

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

Sopranos :

MESDAMES ANDREW, BLAKE, KERRY, POPE, VERE, WILLIAMS,
MISSSES ALLAN, D. CHAPPELL, DRYDEN, DIXON, M. JENNINGS,
GEORGE, HOPKIRK, HEATH, MOWATT, NICHOLS.

Contraltos ;

MRS. WHITEMAN, MISSSES M. GIBB, DAVIDSON, DUNN, BROWN,
S. HOPKIRK and SHEARER.

Tenors :

MESSRS BOAL, DALGLEISH, and MURRAY.

Basses :

MESSRS. CRAWFORD, CUMBERWORTH, F. S. POPE, ROBERTSON and
GIBB.

Hon. Secretary :

MR. R. J. CRAWFORD.

CONGREGATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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

SACRAMENTS : (1) Baptism in the Church as arranged for.
(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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOYS' CLUB in Gymnasium, Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7.30.

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 Manager's Room, on Sunday afternoons at 2.45.

PRAYER MEETING every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION meets in the schoolroom, 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 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 Street Classroom.

THE SESSION meets as arranged after the Prayer Meeting.

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

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 Minister's 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



A survey of the work and contributions of the congregation during the twelve months now ended, shows that in the face of grave losses and difficulties not a few, we have at least held our own. If statistics of membership count for anything we have indeed gained rather than lost. The membership in full communion numbers thirty-two more names than it did last year; but against the numerical increase we have again to put the loss of several members who were as a tower of strength to the congregation, and whose places are not likely to be soon filled. At the beginning of the year Mr. J. G. W. Aitken and Mr. W. Allan were too evidently hastening to the end; and early in August Mr. Aitken passed to his rest, to be followed a few months later by Mr. Allan. Coming, as these bereavements did, on the loss by death and removal from Wellington, during the immediately preceding year, of a number of our strongest supporters, it would not have been surprising if our efficiency had been greatly impaired. But we have fought our way through and the record of the year's work assuredly calls for gratitude and thanks to Him whose mercy endureth for ever.

THE LATE JOHN G. W. AITKEN.

When Mr. Aitken died it is not too much to say that the whole city was moved. Not only the Church but the community felt that a great man had fallen in Israel. His funeral service held in the Church and conducted by the minister with the assistance of some members of Presbytery will not soon be forgotten. Instead of the memorial minute of the session we record here the resolution of the General Assembly which was drafted and proposed by Dr. Gibb, supported in a touching speech by A. Howitt and adopted by a deeply moved House.

"The Assembly desires to record its sense of the profound loss the Church and community have sustained in the death of the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken. Mr. Aitken was a notable man, shrewd beyond most, tirelessly active and inspired by a zeal into which no thought of self seemed to enter. His life was one of signal usefulness in the service of his fellow men and the furtherance of the Kingdom of God. As a public man

Mr. Aitken's labours were abundant; in Parliament, in the municipality, in the sphere of education, and in countless philanthropic enterprises and agencies he strove incessantly to serve his day and generation. His private charities were as numerous as his public services. At his funeral the whole city came together to testify to their esteem for a great-hearted citizen and public benefactor.

"But Mr. Aitken's devotion was above all to the Church, and in her work he found his chief joy. To his own congregation and to the Church in general he was indeed a tower of strength. In the Church Property Trustees and in Assembly Committees too numerous to name, his unfailing sagacity and singleness of purpose was a priceless asset to the work. The New Century Fund was his own creation. The affection and esteem in which he was held by the Church found expression in his unanimous call a few years ago to the chair of the General Assembly. In honouring him the Church honoured herself.

"Mr. Aitken's final illness was long continued and painful, but he toiled almost to the end. When he could no longer work, and it became evident that his Lord was calling him to a still higher service, he submitted with entire resignation to the Divine will. He fell on sleep on 17th August 1921. The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand has never had, it is not too much to say it can never have a more devoted servant. The Assembly gives thanks to Almighty God for this strong and beautiful life. It prays that some mantle of his, some portion of his great spirit may fall upon those who must now carry on his task, and that the Church may find in his memory an abiding inspiration to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

MEMORIAL WINDOW.

The office-bearers unanimously resolved to commemorate the life and services of Mr. Aitken by replacing the window in the front of the Church with a stained glass design representing the Good Samaritan. No appeal was made for funds beyond an intimation from the pulpit and a circular letter setting forth the proposal. The window will cost £420 and as the bulk of the money is now in hand or in sight, the work will be proceeded with almost at once.

THE LATE WILLIAM ALLAN.

Mr. Allan passed away in November only ten weeks after the friend with whom he had almost for a lifetime been so closely linked. Of them it may be said, as in David's lament over

Saul and Jonathan: "They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided." To the Church and to his own congregation Mr. Allan was deeply attached, and the loss both have suffered is not easily measured. A shrewd and successful business man, he never became so absorbed in business affairs that no time was left for the service of higher interests. He was a member of many public bodies, but most of all did the Church benefit by his devoted labours. In the Sunday School, the Committee of Management, the Session, and indeed in every activity of the congregation he gave a good account of himself. The minute adopted by the Session truly says that by his death the congregation has sustained the loss of one of its most honoured members, the office-bearers a brother esteemed not less for his kindliness than his devotion, and the minister a most loyal, sympathetic and helpful friend. It concludes thus: "As the best tribute the elders can pay to his memory they pledge themselves as far as possible to take up the burdens of the Church so long and so willingly borne by him who has now fallen asleep in the Lord."

Mr. HOPKIRK'S RESIGNATION FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Among the more notable events of the year which ought to be recorded in these opening paragraphs is the resignation of Mr. William Hopkirk from the superintendency of the Sunday School. His has been a noble record, a record indeed seldom equalled. For nearly 50 years, 27 of them as superintendent, Mr. Hopkirk served the Sunday School with tireless fidelity and zeal. He was the recipient of a number of presentations from the staff, the children and members of the congregation, including a gold watch and an enlarged portrait of himself, which has been hung in the Sunday School hall. A presentation was also made to Mrs. Hopkirk, to whose self denial and steady encouragement Mr. Hopkirk, and through him the Sunday School, are greatly indebted.

THE MINISTER.

The strain to which a spiritual leader is subjected in these unrestful times is without question very heavy. To meet the demands of the hour a minister must needs be a strong man, strong in body and in mind, and of much wisdom and discernment. Such a minister we have in Dr. Gibb. After 19 years of service in St. John's and a ministry of 40 years, his power as a preacher, his fidelity and sympathy as a pastor, his leadership in philanthropy and in all that makes for the righteousness that exalteth a nation, are an asset of great value to the

church, and the community. We tender him our heartfelt thanks, and claim for him the prayers, the sympathy, and practical co-operation of all the congregation.

THE KIRK SESSION.

There are 31 elders, of whom 29 are effective. Mr. G. Glen is we fear, permanently invalided; and Mr. H. W. Kersley is at present residing at the Hutt and is, therefore, unable to take part in the work.

The attendance at the Sunday services for the greater part of the year was in the morning good. Since the cold weather commenced the attendance has been only moderate. The evening attendance has fluctuated and could very easily be improved. There is very little conscience on the part of many Church members in the matter of Church attendance.

A very pleasant feature of the attendance both morning and evening has been the number of young men and women in evidence. The galleries in the morning are well filled by the boys and girls of the Sunday School, the lads from the Boy's Institute and the girls from Queen Margaret College. Besides these both morning and evening young men and women form no small part of the attendance.

The additions to the communion roll have been 95, of whom 74 joined by certificate and 21 by profession of faith. Removals have been 63: by certificate 52, by death 8 and otherwise 3. The roll has, therefore, increased by 32 and now stands at 780.

The death register, besides the names of Mr. Aitken and Mr. Allan already referred to, includes the names of Mr. Harper, Miss Ballingall, Mrs. J. D. Anderson, Mrs. MacNicol, Mrs. Saunders, and Mrs. McLeod, several of whom had been for many years in the fellowship of the Church. A number of adherents also passed away. To all who have suffered bereavement the session offer their heartfelt sympathy.

The Attendance at the prayer meeting has been satisfactory.

The service of praise has been maintained at the high level of former years. Mr. Kerry's constant effort is to make his art subservient to the spirit of worship, and in this he is well supported by the members of the choir; to both the congregation are much indebted.

During the winter the minister devoted several of the evening services to evangelistic effort; the Gospel was also sung by the choir, and solos were rendered by choir members and others. The services were helpful and much appreciated.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

There have been no changes in the personnel of the committee which numbers 21. Besides the routine business, care of the finances and general supervision of the "secular" affairs of the congregation, the Committee has had in hand during the year a number of special matters. The urgently required repairs to the manse have been carried out at a cost of £332 of which £166 was contributed by collection last year and the balance by direct contribution this year. The manse property is now in good order.

An electrical engine costing £108 has replaced the worn-out hydraulic instrument as wind blower for the organ; the installation is fulfilling expectations.

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

This very effective organization again reports a year of successful work. The membership is 46 active and 53 honorary, and the meetings have throughout been well attended, harmonious and profitable.

The work falls into two sections Dorcas and Missionary.

DORCAS WORK.

The sum of over £94 has been spent in relief of need, at the Mothers' Meetings, and the Orphanage and in material made into garments and donated to the poor. The stock of clothing was further increased by gifts from the Two-Garment Society and other good friends. These also have been distributed among needy folk.

MISSIONARY WORK.

Once a month the weekly meeting concerns itself entirely with missions and serves as a congregational branch of the P.W.M.U. The object of this meeting is to deepen the interest of our women in missions to the heathen, to increase their knowledge of the church's missionary operations and stimulate liberality in their support. A large part of the sewing prepared at all meetings, both Dorcas and Missionary, is disposed of at the annual sale, which this year realized £146. Members subscriptions (£22) and various collections and donations brought the amount to the disposal of the Association for missions up to the satisfactory figure of £186. Gifts of clothing were made to the New Hebrides.

THE MOTHERS' MEETING.

Connected with the Association is The Mothers' Meeting, a very useful organization which brings together once a fortnight quite a number of struggling folk who are cheered by a

bright little religious service and a cup of tea. Goods, chiefly clothing, are sold at nominal prices or freely distributed. The Mothers' Meeting aims at helping the souls and bodies of those who attend, and succeeds in doing both.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY GUILD.

Preparations for the annual sale of work in the interests of Maori missions and in particular of the Maori Girls' school at Turakina, occupied most of the attention of the girls at their fortnightly meetings during the months of winter. The sale realised £25

THE HOSTEL.

The Hostel has now been in existence for nearly 3 years. In some respects the venture has been a disappointment. The congregation made a large contribution to the cost of the building and shouldered a heavy debt for the balance; and it did so in the hopes that the Hostel would prove ancillary to the Church and thereby to the Bible Class. This hope has been only very partially realized. It is, however, no small matter to be in a position to offer nearly 40 young men a residence at moderate charges in a home where the standard of comfort is high and the atmosphere, both physical and moral, is wholesome.

A brief and, of course, non-compulsory religious service is held on Sunday morning; family worship, it might be termed: and is attended by about one-third of its inmates. The minister and Bible Class leaders have begun an effort to utilise this Sunday morning meeting to press the claims of Christ and personal religion on the young men. A beginning has also been made with a week evening social entertainment. We fain would make the bond between the Church, and the men of the Hostel much other than the mere cash nexus, and would spare no efforts to make them feel the reality of the interest we have in them from every point of view.

The Hostel is always full save during the University recess; it is paying, or almost paying its way.

QUEEN MARGARET COLLEGE.

The boarders of the College continue to show their interest in the Church and its work in various ways. They made their own special contribution to the collection for the Orphanage, accompanying it with a beautiful letter to their little sisters at the Orphanage. A number of them have come forward to the Lord's table, and Miss Haydon reports that the influence of the girls who have taken this great step tells distinctly for

good on the others, and so helps in keeping up the tone of the College. We congratulate Miss Haydon and her staff on the excellent work they are doing.

THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.

There is on the part of many too much of a disposition to ignore the social work of the Church, and to claim for "outside" effort a practical efficiency which, say the critics, they do not find in the Church itself. It would not be difficult to show that of every organisation which aims at the moral welfare of the community of the Church is the Alma Mater—the ultimate source. Directly or indirectly these institutions trace their origin to the Church of Christ. The Boys' Institute grew directly out of our congregation, and we are glad that this is reflected in our official representation on its directorate, and by the fact that the boarders of the Presbyterian persuasion now worship with us. It is a cheering sight to note not only the number of lads present every Sunday morning, but also their reverent demeanour and manifest interest.

The Institute grows, one might say, by leaps and bounds, and is the most important work of the kind not only in Wellington but in New Zealand. How much it owes to its far-seeing and indefatigable president, our elder Mr. G. A. Troup, it would be difficult to measure.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The outstanding event in the recent history of the Sunday School is the resignation of the greatly loved superintendent, Mr. Hopkirk. The resignation and Mr. Hopkirk's services through nearly a quarter of a century have, however, been fully dealt within the opening paragraphs of this report. It was only after prolonged and solicitous consideration that choice was made of a successor. The choice fell on Mr. E. S. Mirams; the Session confirmed the teachers' nomination, and Mr. Mirams accepted the position. He was introduced to the school by the minister on the 2nd of May. It is enough to say that Mr. Mirams is justifying the confidence reposed in him, and the work will be well cared for in his hands.

The school roll now stands thus:—

SCHOLARS

Boys 128; girls 84. Total 212. Average attendance 143. In the Primary Department there are 37 scholars; in the Intermediate 146, and Senior 29. There are 52 names on the Cradle roll 75.

TEACHERS AND OFFICERS.

Men, 9; women, 18. Total, 27.

The devotion of the teachers and the regularity of their attendance are all that could be desired. The new superintendent is indeed supported by a band of willing consecrated workers.

Earnest efforts are made to induce the scholars to attend Church regularly. It is to be remembered that the bulk of the school is now composed of children of non-church going parents. There are few families with children connected with the congregation which is now in the category of "down-town" Churches; and the children of families still connected with us attend the Sunday-Schools in the neighbourhood of their homes. Our Sunday School task lies largely with children whose parents have unhappily no Church connection. The difficulty of getting these young folk into Church is, therefore, no small one. But the attendance is increasing, and the Boys' Club, to which reference will be found in the next section of the report, is in this respect as well as many others of great service.

Twenty-four scholars sat for the Wellington Sunday School examination and twenty for the Assembly's, with satisfactory results.

The usual socials have been held, and the picnic at Khandallah was very successful.

Youth of the Church Day was duly commemorated, and the Anniversary services were memorable as signalling the last Sunday of Mr. Hopkirk's superintendence. Appreciative reference was made to him in Dr. Gibb's sermons both morning and evening. The collection amounted to £46.

The Busy Bees meet on Monday evenings. They have attended well, and are much interested in missions.

The school income amounted to £127 (including the anniversary collection, and donations, £20). Of the total, £18 were donated to missions and the balance to the upkeep of the school, the picnic, etc..

BOYS' CLUB.

This Club is really an auxiliary of the Sunday School, but its work is already so extensive that it requires a statement to itself. It began operations late in 1920 with a membership of 7, which has now grown to 52.

The meetings were at first held in the gymnasium, and after a thorough drilling in the use of the apparatus there the boys were given little lecturettes on interesting subjects illustrated by lantern slides. The lantern was by and by replaced by a cinematograph machine which was purchased at a cost of

£80 about a year ago, and has been in constant use ever since. Needless to say, only pictures of the best sort are shown. The cost of the instrument was defrayed by donations from members of the congregation, but, as £28 are still required of the purchase price, further contributions will be thankfully received. Occasionally the cinematograph is used in larger entertainments open to people generally in the Sunday School hall. By its means also the old people in the Ohiro Home, and the children of the Orphanage have been entertained; indeed a weekly entertainment is given at the Boys' Institute.

The Club has various recreations connected with it, including football, and full advantage is taken of these by the boys.

Entertainment and clean sport are thus strong factors in the life of the Club; but all is subordinated to the effort to attach the boys to the Church. Every meeting is closed by 10 or 15 minutes spent in devotional exercises, and the members of the Club are regular in their attendance at Church on Sunday morning. The aim is to bind the boys to the Sunday School, to link them on presently to the Junior Bible Class, and it is succeeding well in this admirable purpose. It is interesting to note that steps are now being taken to form a similar Club for the Sunday School girls and the girls of the Junior Bible Class.

There have been many willing helpers in this fine but arduous work, chief of whom is Mr. D. Johnson, to whose unsparing toil the Club largely owes its origin and success.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

This Class has a membership of 50, with an average attendance of 30. Of the Class members 36 are in full communion with the Church. The additions to the Church membership during the year by profession of faith were 3. Two members have joined the teaching staff of the Sunday School.

Owing to an accident which befell Mr. A. Martin, the much esteemed leader of the Class, his health was so impaired that, greatly to the regret of the members, he had to resign. Mr. Gordon Troup, M.A., and Mr. Stanley Webber were nominated to the leadership, the nomination being unanimously sustained by the session; a wise choice has been made.

A Bible study circle meets on Sunday morning from 10 to 11 in the Social Parlour, the average attendance being 10. The intercessory prayer meeting at the close of the Class on Sundays is well attended, and once a month the meeting is widened to

include the Young Women's Class and the Sunday School teachers. These gatherings have been well attended and have proved helpful and stimulating.

Assistance is at stated intervals given by members of the Class at Sunday evening services in the Ohio Home; on Sunday mornings on ships in port: at the Boys' Institute and the Hostel.

Steady and successful effort has been made to promote the social efficiency of the Class by social meetings, combined rambles, boating excursions, picnics and so forth. A Saturday night Club affords a sphere of wholesome recreation which many of the members take advantage of. In debating contests with other Bible Classes and with the Hostel the Class has more than once won the event.

The gymnasium, tennis courts, football club, and swimming club have all been largely utilised, and in competition with other teams a number of cups and trophies have been gained during the season. The use made of the library indicates a growing interest in books.

The income of the Class has been £137, including a credit of £12 from the preceding year. Of this sum £20 has been spent in class expenses, £30 donated to missions, £20 to the Assembly's Bible Class Travelling Secretary, £12 to the Assembly's Maori and Home Mission Fund, £33 to the Boys' Institute, Orphanage, and Hostel. The total contribution of the Class, exclusive of the amount spent in self-support, has amounted to £109.

BOYS' JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

The Class has a membership of 30, an increase of 12 for the year. The average attendance is 24. Of the members, 7 are in full communion with the Church, 5 of the 7 having come forward this year.

The Class is conducted very much on the lines of the Senior Classes. They have their own sports and recreations, and have been in evidence in various events.

A serious study is made on Sunday afternoons of passages of the Bible or some book like "The Leadership of Jesus," which occupied them the greater part of the year.

The contributions amounted to £12, of which half was used in support of missions (through the Sunday School) and half in self-support. Besides this, assisted by the Girls' Junior Bible Class, they raised £12 by a sale of produce, the proceeds being donated to the Orphanage.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The Class has a roll of 41 members, of whom 36 are in full communion with the Church. The average attendance has been 27. Three members joined the teaching staff of the Sunday School, and the same number joined the Church by profession of faith.

The tone of the Sunday meetings of the Class has been good, especially of late, and the promise of the immediate future is bright with hope. Large place has been given to prayer, both after the Class meetings and in combination with the Sunday School teachers and the Young Men's Bible Class. Bible study circles have helped to a better acquaintance with the word of God.

The Class is primarily concerned with the religious welfare of its members, but it by no means neglects their social and physical needs. The gymnasium and the various clubs provide abundant facilities for wholesale recreation. The library is well stocked with helpful and instructive books, and members make good use of it.

The Ohio Home, the Sailors' Friend Society and the Orphanage have been the scene of philanthropic and religious effort rendered by members of the Class. The Orphanage in particular receives valued help from the sewing club as well as from cash donations. From time to time also entertainments are arranged, which help to brighten the lot of the children.

The income of the Class has amounted to £84, of which £9 have been spent in self-support, £38 donated to Foreign Missions, £7 to the Orphanage, and £10 to Home Missions.

GIRLS' JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS

has a membership of 12, with an average attendance of 9. Two girls are members of the Church in full communion, of whom 1 joined this year. Contributions amounted to £3 which were applied to the support of the Bible Class Travelling Secretary. As related above, the Class helped in carrying out a sale of produce on behalf of the Orphanage. This Class, like the others, has its own social agencies, all of which are fully taken advantage of by its members.

FINANCE.

Contributions to Missions and Special Funds (details, of sources are set forth in the paragraph relating to the different collecting organisations.)

Missions to the Heathen	...	£280	0	0
Maori Missions	...	29	0	0
Home Missions	...	168	0	0
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		£477	0	0

Other contributions: Youth of the Church, £22; Theological Hall, £21; Orphanage, £155; St. John's Hostel, £75; Sunday School, £46; Russian Famine Fund (second contribution) £49; Boys' Club, £80; For the Poor, £98; Aitken Memorial Fund, £301.

The contribution under this head is thus £847.

The total contributions to objects other than the maintenance of ordinances is £1,324, but to this various items of giving not passed through the Treasurer's hands, bring the amount up to £1,350.

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE.

The collections (including a small number of envelopes) amount to £1,328 an average of £25 10s. per Sunday, adding to this the amount received by the Sunday offertories for special altruistic purposes, viz., £391, the total collections amount to £1,719, or £33 per Sunday. Seat rents amount to £370.

The total is only slightly less than last year, a gratifying fact in face of the existing financial stringency. There is, however, a deficit of £70 on the year's revenue. It does not seem possible to reduce the expenditure, and the office-bearers are considering how the income may be increased. The general adoption of the envelope system, or still better, of the Budget system, would certainly solve the problem, and it seems the only solution available.

A sum of £322 was contributed for Manse repairs. This, with the £166 collected in the previous year, makes a total of £488, a sum sufficient to defray the cost of the repairs and pay for the new electric engine for the organ blower, leaving a credit balance of over £9.

The income for all purposes amounts, with certain items not included in the Treasurer's statement, to £3,700.

So we bring the year's report to a close. Much has been done and given, and from an external point of view, especially considering the difficulties that have faced us and the losses we have been called to endure, the record is on the whole inspiring. And we humbly hope that we have made some contribution to the great purposes of the Kingdom of our Lord. Of that we are not the judges. He alone from whom no secrets are hid can assess the real value of our work. May He forgive all that has been amiss in our endeavours, baptise us anew with His spirit, and help us with ever deepening fidelity to bear witness to His grace and truth.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ending 30th June, 1922.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance forward from last year being—		For Church purposes:	
Mother's Meeting Money	6 5 9	Rev. Dr. Gibb	700 0 0
Women's Association for Box	0 10 0	Rev. J. Paterson—Allowance	800 0 0
Manse Repairs, etc.	128 0 5	Pulpit Supply	27 6 0
		Organist's (C. W. Kerry) Salary	125 0 0
		Church Officer (J. W. Whiteman)	
Less Overpaid on Soldiers Memorial Tablet	134 16 2	Salary	158 0 0
		Assistance during Church Officer's Illness	8 0 0
		Gas	84 19 7
Less Overdrawn on Revenue A/c.	129 12 7	Stationery, Printing, Advertising, Stamps, etc.	71 16 10
		Insurance—Fire and Accident	67 18 5
		Telephones	13 10 0
For Church Purposes—		Communion Wine	13 16 0
Collections, including envelopes	1327 11 3	Gardener	4 4 0
Seat Rents	369 15 6	Repairs, etc., including re Gas Presbytery Dues	29 13 9
Rents, etc.	172 2 6	Rev. Dr. Gibb re Motor Car	5 5 0
Sundries	1 16 4	Tuning Organ	100 0 0
		Annual Meeting Expenses	15 15 0
		Water	12 14 3
Received for other than Church purposes—		Rates	14 8 0
Youth of the Church	21 17 3	Sundries	124 7 4
S.S. £5	21 4 8	Minister's W. and O. Fund Assessment	13 0 0
Theological Hall		Assembly Expenses Fund	17 10 0
Church Extension and Sustentation Fund, including from Y.M.B.C. 10/-, and Women's Association, £50	161 19 10	Electric Light	26 0 0
		Anniversary Trav. Exs.	2 10 6
		Electric Power	6 7 6
			16 1
Carried forward	£205 1 9		1,942 18 3
		Carried forward	£1,942 18 3

Brought forward	£205	1	6	£1,959	14	4
Maori Missions—						
Turakina Maori Girls' College Scholarship Fund per Y.W.B.C.	3	0	0			
Turakina Maori Girls' College, per Young Women's Guild	20	0	0			
Birthday League	5	2	0			
Per Y.M.B.C.	0	8	0			
Foreign Missions—						
Women's Association	93	16	0			
Per Sunday Schools	7	0	0			
New Hebrides Teacher "Albert," per Women's Association	6	0	0			
New Hebrides per Y.M.B.C.	0	8	0			
For Salary Rev. G. H. McNeur including from Women's Association £40, Y.W.B.C., £20, per S.S. £4	120	10	6			
Per Y.W.B.C.—						
Y.W.B.C. Secretary Fund	3	0	0			
Y.W.B.C. Bursary Fund per President Women's Training Institute, Dunedin	5	0	0			
Y.W.B.C. Nurse Fund	5	0	0			
Y.W.B.C. Own Maori Missionary—Sister Dorothy	5	0	0			
Home Missions—North Island	6	10	0			
Per Women's Association—Miss Henderson, India	7	0	0			

Brought forward	£1,942	18	3
For other than Church Purposes—			
(A) Presbyterian Church Treas.	485	16	8
(B) Direct,			
Presby. Orphanage Tres.	187	0	0
St. John's Hostel	75	0	0
Dorcas for Poor of Congregation	56	19	2
Sunday School Treas.	45	19	0
Direct per W.A.			
Miss Henderson, India	7	0	0
Nuhaka Hospital	6	0	0
Miss Doull	6	0	0
Sister Allison	6	0	0
Miss Kinross—Maori Girls' School, Turakina	8	0	0
Aitken Memorial Fund	1	4	6
S.S. Boys' Club	79	13	10
Easter Poor Collection per Rev. Dr. Gibb	3	19	1
Poor—Special per Rev. Dr. Gibb	22	0	0
Manse Repairs, etc.	440	15	7
Children's Play Fund	2	2	0
Russian Famine Fund	46	12	5
	939	5	7
	1,425	1	10
	3,368	0	1

Balance on hand for other than Church purposes—			
Russian Famine Fund	2	3	0
Mothers' Meeting Money	6	5	9
Women's Association for Box	0	10	0
Manse Repairs etc	9	11	8
Women's Association Sale of Work, less paid over on account £4	12	11	7

Nuhaka Hospital	6	0	0
Miss Doull	6	0	0
Sister Allison	6	0	0
Miss Kinross Maori Girls' School Turakina	3	0	0
	513	16	3
Orphanage	143	12	3
St. John's Hostel	75	0	0
Sunday School	45	19	0
Manse Repairs, etc.	322	6	10
For Poor of Congregation	71	16	8
Children's Play Fund	2	2	0
Russian Famine Fund	48	15	5
Aitken Memorial Fund	300	14	0
Poor Fund, Good Friday Collection	9	19	1
Poor Fund, special per Rev. Dr. Gibb	22	0	0
S.S. Boys' Club	79	13	10
Sale of Work (Young Women's) for Orphanage	12	1	7
Women's Association Sale of Work £17 11 7			
Less paid £5	12	11	7
	1,140	12	3
	1,654	8	6
	£3,614	2	10

Sale of Work (Young Women) for Orphanage	12	1	7
Orphanage	6	12	3
Poor	14	17	6
Aitken Memorial Fund	299	9	6
	364	2	10
Less Overpaid on Soldiers Memorial Tablet	5	3	7
	358	19	3
Less Overdrawn Revenue account	112	16	6
	246	2	9

Audited and found correct,

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

Hon. Auditor.

23-8-22.

JAMES LEUCHARS,

Hon. Treasurer.

£3,614 2 10

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 30th JUNE, 1922.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Outstanding Accounts and balances to pay over	...		408 19 3	Estimated value of Land, Church, School, Manse	..	25,000	0 0
Balance	24,847 3 6	and other buildings	..	10	0 0
				Unpaid Seat and other Rents	..	246	2 9
				Cash in hand	..		
			<u>£25,256 2 9</u>			<u>£25,256</u>	<u>2 9</u>

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OFFICE BEARERS.

Minister:

REV. JAS. GIBB, D.D., 17 Inglis Street, Seatoun.
Telephone—Vestry 2405.
House.....

Missionary:

REV. GEORGE H. MCNEUR, Canton.

Session Clerk:

MR. M. D. MENELAUS, 43 Ellice Avenue. Telephone 22-745.

Clerk of Management Committee:

MR. W. A. RAMSAY, 44 Duncan Terrace, Kilbirnie.

Treasurer:

MR. J. T. PETTIGREW, 44 Matai Road, Hataitai.

Envelopes:

Secretary:	Treasurer:
MR. J. M. WILSON,	MR. S. W. WEBBER,
58 Glen Road, Kelburn.	306 Willis Street

Convener of Church Extension Committee:

MR. R. J. CRAWFORD.

"Own Missionary" Fund:

MR. L. J. WATKIN, Treasurer.

Convener Seat-Letting Committee:

MR. WM. HOPKIRK, 104 Majoribanks Street.

Organist and Choirmaster:

MR. C. W. KERRY, 34 Tirangi Road, Kilbirnie.

Church Officer:

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

ELDERS.

INDUCTED.

AUSTIN, W. S., 23 North Terrace, Kelburn	....	1921
BARY, C., 28 Waitoa Road, Hataitai	....	1919
BLAKE, E. M., F.R.I.B.A., 122 Brougham Street	....	1923
CORKILL, T. E., 200 Dewsbury Tce., Oriental Bay	1919	
CULLEN, W., 43 Miro Street, Miramar	....	1920
CRESSWELL, T. R., M.A., Wellington College	....	1921
GILL, T. H., M.A., LL.B., 71 Ellice Street	....	1903
GLOVER, H., 60 Kent Terrace	....	1921
HOPKIRK, W., 104 Majoribanks Street	....	1888
HOWITT, A., 7 Resolution Street, Lyall Bay	....	1913
JOHNSON, CAPT. H., 10 Church Street	....	1902
JOHNSTON, A., 33 Central Terrace, Kelburn	....	1911
KERSLEY, H. W., Lower Hutt	....	1902
KRAFT, J. H., 135 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn	....	1921
MACFARLANE, J. B., 65 Devon Street, Kelburn	....	1911
MAINLAND, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn	....	1903
MARTIN, A., Day's Bay	....	1919
MENELAUS, M. D., 43 Ellice Avenue	....	1895
MIRAMS, E. S., 55 Waipapa Road, Hataitai	....	1912
MITCHELL, J., 57 Roxburgh Street	....	1897
PETTIGREW, J. T., 44 Matai Road, Hataitai	....	1921
RAMSAY, W. A., 44 Duncan Terrace, Kilbirnie	....	1913
SCLATER, J., Donald Street, Karori	....	1911
SMITH, A. P., Pearce Street, Seatoun	....	1913
SOUTH, H. C., 107 Austin Street	....	1921
STONE, A. R., 29 Main Road, Wadestown	....	1909
TROUP, G. A., F.R.I.B.A., 60 Raroa Road, Kelburn	1895	
WEBBER, S. W., 306 Willis Street	....	1923

4 ELDERS' DISTRICTS.

District No. 1 ..	Elder ..	MR. A. R. STONE
" 2 ..	Elder ..	MR J. B. MACFARLANE
" 3 ..	Elders ..	MESSRS. A. MARTIN and S. W. WEBBER
" 4A ..	Elder ..	MR. A. JOHNSTON
	Manager	MR. D. HOGG
" 4B ..	Elder ..	MR. J. H. KRAFT
	Manager	MR J. M. WILSON
" 4c ..	Elder ..	MR. J. SCLATER
	Manager	MR. L. J. WATKIN
" 5 ..	Elder ..	MR. G. A. TROUP
" 6 ..	Elder ..	MR. M. D. MENELAUS
" 7 ..	Elder ..	MR. E. S. MIRAMS
	Manager	MR. M. B. ROSIE
" 8 ..	Elder ..	CAPT. H. JOHNSON
	Manager	MR. A. M. WILSON
" 9 ..	Elder ..	MR. T. E. CORKILL
" 10 ..	Elder ..	MR. H. MAINLAND
	Manager	MR. A. D. JOHNSTON
" 11 ..	Elder ..	MR. W. CULLEN
	Manager	MR. D. S. WILSON
" 12 ..	Elder ..	MR. W. A. RAMSAY
" 13 ..	Elder ..	MR. H. GLOVER
" 14 ..	Elder ..	MR. H. GLOVER
	Manager	MR. T. A. CUNNINGHAM
" 15 ..	Elder ..	MR. H. C. SOUTH
	Manager	MR. G. GILMOUR
" 16 ..	Elder ..	MR. J. MITCHELL
	Manager	MR. W. A. ROBERTSON
" 17 ..	Elder ..	MR. C. BARY
	Manager	MR. W. FERGUSON
" 18 ..	Elder ..	MR. A. HOWITT
" 19 ..	Elder ..	MR. A. P. SMITH
" 20 ..	Elder ..	MR. J. T. PETTIGREW
	Manager	MR. R. J. CRAWFORD
" 21 ..	Elder ..	MR. W. HOPKIRK
" 22A ..	Elder ..	MR. T. H. GILL
" 22B ..	Elder ..	MR. E. M. BLAKE
	Manager	MR. N. R. MCKENZIE
" 23 ..	Elder ..	MR. W. S. AUSTIN
	Manager	MR. A. WALLACE

5 MANAGERS—1924.

ANDERSON, J. D.	34 Talavera Terrace
CAMPBELL, J., F.R.I.B.A.	21 Salamanca Road
CRAWFORD, R. J.	14 Morton Street, Berhampore
CUNNINGHAM, T. A.,	c/o Stamps Dept.
GILMOUR, G.	Jefferson Street, Brooklyn
FERGUSON, W.	3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai
HOGG, D.,	28 Central Terrace, Kelburn
JOHNSTON, A. D.,	33 Central Terrace, Kelburn
KIRKCALDIE, J.	2 Upland Road, Kelburn
LOMAS, J. S., M.A.,	12 Springfield Terrace, Kelburn
MACDONALD, J.,	31 Glen Road, Kelburn
MCKENZIE, N. R.	9 Brougham Avenue
ORR, J. A.,	c/o Education Dept.
ROBERTSON, W. A.,	3 Doctor's Common, Hawker Street
ROSIE, A. M.,	61 Moana Road, Kelburn
ROSIE, M. B.,	306 Willis Street
TROUP, G. S., M.A.	60 Raroa Road, Kelburn
WALLACE, A. H.,	5 Boundary Road, Kelburn
WATKIN, L. J.,	10 Glasgow Street, Kelburn
WILSON, A. M.,	268 Willis Street
WILSON, J. M.,	58 Glen Road, Kelburn
WILSON, D. S.,	41 Grove Road, Kelburn

MANAGERS' COMMITTEES.

Property Committee:

MESSRS. BARY, BLAKE J. CAMPBELL, GLOVER, KRAFT, A. P. SMITH,
and MENELAUS (Convener).

Seat Letting Committee:

MESSRS. RAMSAY, STONE, WALLACE, WATKIN, WEBBER, J. M. WILSON,
and HOPKIRK (Convener).

Finance Committee:

MESSRS. CORKILL, GILL, HOGG, MACFARLANE, MCKENZIE, MENELAUS,
PETTIGREW, KIRKCALDIE, WALLACE, and HOPKIRK (Convener).

Church Extension Committee:

MESSRS. CULLEN, FERGUSON, HOWITT, CAPT. JOHNSON, A. JOHNSON,
MARTIN, STONE, D. S. WILSON, and CRAWFORD (Convener).

Choir Committee:

MESSRS. BLAKE, CRAWFORD, CUNNINGHAM, HOGG, WALLACE, WATKIN,
A. M. WILSON, and ROBERTSON (Convener).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MEETS SUNDAY 2.30 P.M.

Hon. Superintendent:

MR. W. HOPKIRK.

Superintendent:

MR. E. S. MIRANS.

Teachers:

MISSSES. D. BLAKE, D. CHAPPELL, L. CHAPPELL, M. GRAY, M. HANLEY,
C. HARVEY, M. HILL, E. HOPKIRK, C. HUTTON, J. MACKENZIE, M.A.,
A. McLEAN, A. MUIR, M. E. WATT, M. MACKENZIE, S. HOPKIRK.

MESSRS. DUNCAN, A. D, JOHNSTON. J. H. KRAFT, A. WILSON.

Secretary:

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

Treasurer:

MR. J. H. KRAFT.

Organist:

MRS. WHITEMAN.

Librarian:

MRS. WHITEMAN.

Assistant Librarian:

MRS. AUSTIN

Cradle Roll Superintendent:

MISS SIBYL HOPKIRK.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS & INSTITUTE.

MEETS IN THE WILLIS STREET CLASS ROOM,
SUNDAY, AT 2.45 P.M.

President:

REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

Leader:

MR. S. W. WEBBER.

Deputy Leaders:

MESSRS. T. A. CUNNINGHAM, and M. B. ROSIE.

Secretary:

MR. K. H. COUPER.

Treasurer:

MR. M. B. ROSIE.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

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

President:

REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

Leader:

MISS M. CHAPPELL

Sub-Leader:

MISS M. HILL

Secretary:

MISS W. MILLAR

Treasurer:

MISS A. CHAPPELL

GIRLS' JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

MEETS IN SOCIAL PARLOUR, SUNDAY, AT 2.45. P.M.

Leader:

MISS R. NICHOLS

Secretary:

MISS V. GAMBLE

Treasurer:

MISS J. MENTIPLAY

BOYS' JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

Leader:

MR. W. FERGUSON

Secretary:

MR. B. MASSEY

Treasurer:

MR. M. BILBY

MAORI MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE.

Secretary:

MRS. WHITEMAN.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

MEETS IN BASEMENT PARLOUR EVERY TUESDAY AT 2.30 P.M.

Hon. President: MRS. GIBB.

President:

MRS. AUSTIN.

Vice-Presidents:

MRS. J. H. MACKENZIE and MRS. HALLEY.

Secretary:

MRS. MOYES.

Treasurer:

MRS. FRASER.

P.W.M.U.

MEETS FOURTH TUESDAY IN EACH MONTH IN BASEMENT PARLOUR AT 2.30 P.M.

Hon. President: MRS. GIBB.

President: MISS SINCLAIR.

Vice-Presidents:

MRS. FULLARTON and MRS. N. R. MCKENZIE.

Secretary:

MRS. MOYES.

Treasurer:

MRS. FRASER.

Oriental Work—MRS. FULLARTON.

Missions—MISS GIBB.

"Harvest Field"—MRS. KERRY.

YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY GUILD.

President: MISS ALLAN.

Vice-Presidents:

MISS BADDEN and MISS MCLEOD.

Secretary:

MISS DAVIDSON

Treasurer:

MISS HEATH

THE BOY'S INSTITUTE.

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

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

President: MR. G. A. TROUP.

HOSTEL COMMITTEE.*Chairman:*
DR. GIBB.*Secretary:*
MR. A. R. STONE.**BOYS' CLUB.**

MEETS IN GYMNASIUM EVERY MONDAY AT 7 P.M.

Directors:
MESSRS. A. D. JOHNSTON and A. WILSON.**GIRLS' CLUB.**

MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY, DIXON STREET HALL AT 7 P.M.

Leaders:
MISSSES D. BLAKE M. GRAY, S. HOPKIRK, and C. HUTTON.**MOTHERS' MEETING.**

MEETS IN THE HALL MONTHLY AT 2 30 P.M.

Superintendents:
MRS. AUSTIN and MRS. FRASER.**CHOIR.**

PRACTICE IN CHURCH EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 8.30 P.M.

Organist and Choirmaster:
MR. CH. W. KERRY.*Life Member:*
MR. F. S. POPE.*Sopranos:*
MESDAMES BLAKE, KERRY, VEAR, WILLIAMS, MISSSES D. CHAPPELL,
HEATH, E. HOPKIRK, M. JENNINGS, JOHNSTON, MOWATT, NEILSON,
NICHOLS, OLSEN, RASH, M. WILSON.*Contraltos:*
MRS. WHITEMAN, MISSSES F. W. ALLAN, BROWN, DAVIDSON,
S. HOPKIRK, MILLER.*Tenors:*
MESSRS. DALGLEISH, McEWEN, M. B. ROSIE.*Basses:*
MESSRS. CRAWFORD, HODDER, ROBERTSON.*Hon. Secretary:*
MR. R. J. CRAWFORD.*Librarian:*
MR. W. A. ROBERTSON.**CONREGATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.**PUBLIC WORSHIP every Lord's Day, morning at 11,
evening at 7.SACRAMENTS (1) Baptism in the Church as arranged
for. (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.SUNDAY SCHOOL BOYS' CLUB in Gymnasium, Monday
and Wednesday evenings at 7.30.SUNDAY SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB in Gymnasium, Wednesday
evenings at 7.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, Dixon Street Hall, Sunday afternoons, at
2.45.

PRAYER MEETING every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION meets in the Basement Par-
lour every Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m.WOMEN'S MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION, fourth Tuesday in the
month.MOTHERS' MEETING every alternate Thursday at 2.45
p.m., in the Dixon Street Hall.CHOIR PRACTICE, Wednesday evenings at 8.30 p.m., in the
Church.THE SESSION meets as arranged after the Prayer
Meeting.THE MANAGERS meet on the second Wednesday of each
month at 8.30 p.m.GYMNASTIC CLASSES meet in the Gymnasium during
winter months.

COLLECTIONS, SEAT-LETTING, ETC.

THE ORDINARY SUNDAY COLLECTIONS, by plate and weekly envelope, together with the Seat Rents, etc., provide the funds for defraying the congregational expenses, the chief of which are the Minister's Stipend, the 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 Minister's 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 objects as it may be deemed necessary to help.

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

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

A member of the Seat-letting Committee is in attendance at the close of the prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings to let sittings to new applicants.

REPORT

For Year Ending 30th June, 1924.

FOR the manifold mercies of another year the office-bearers, for themselves and the congregation, give thanks to the bountiful Giver of all good. As will be seen from these pages the various organisations of the Church have been abundant in labours, and in the case of most some measure of success has been achieved. The problem of finance, though difficult, has been satisfactorily solved. The promise "as thy day so thy strength" has been richly fulfilled, and with a spirit of hopefulness and courage we face the new year now opening before us.

THE MINISTER.

Dr. Gibb's bow abides in strength. His ministrations both in the pulpit and by the sick-bed are charged with power to teach, inspire and comfort. We thank him for these and for his many other efforts to advance the kingdom of God in the community.

We deeply regret that the state of Mrs. Gibbs's health has compelled the abandonment of the Manse for a smaller house, and the Minister with his family are now resident at Seatoun. It is a source of much satisfaction that the change has already proved beneficial to Mrs. Gibb, and we pray that ere long she may make a perfect recovery.

By the use of the vestry as a church office, where the Minister spends certain hours every day, the difficulty, as far as his accessibility is concerned is largely removed; but the change has not made his task lighter. He has our full sympathy and prayers for the success of all his work.

THE KIRK SESSION.

The Session numbers 28 elders. During the year Mr. G. F. Glen, who had been invalided for a long period, passed away. Mr. Glen was a quiet unobtrusive man, but a man of faith and zealous of good works. From over the seas tidings were received of the death of Mr. John Boal, who last year left us to reside in his native country, Ireland. Though happening after the end of the year the death of Mr. J. Courtenay Greer

occurred so early in the new year that mention may be made of it here. His unexpected removal was deeply regretted. Appropriate minutes regarding these brethren were entered in the Session's records.

The effective strength of the Session has been diminished through the absence of Messrs. T. H. Gill, H. Glover, H. C. South, and G. A. Troup, who are visiting the mother land. They could ill be spared but we trust to get most of them back again in a few months. Mr. Gill, however, contemplates a longer residence abroad and will probably be absent altogether for some two years.

The attendance at public worship has been in the morning good. The evening attendance has fluctuated—sometimes satisfactory and sometimes not. Most of the stated members of the Church are "oncours." Owing to distance of residence from the Church not a few of them cannot well be anything else, but in any case they leave the evening congregation to be made up of those who probably have no fixed place of worship, and are swayed in their attendance, not by principle, but by inclination. A gratifying feature of the evening service is the presence of a considerable number of university students.

The Prayer Meeting is faithfully attended by a number of devout folk who would gladly welcome a larger representation of the congregation at a meeting which they find helpful and, indeed, indispensable.

The attendance at the quarterly communions was: September, 385; December, 390; March, 348; June, 365.

The Sacrament of baptism was administered to 13 infants and 1 adult. The additions to the Communion Roll have been 72 of whom 53 joined by certificate and 19 by profession of faith. The numbers removed have been: by death, 10; by certificate and purging the roll, 79. The communicant members now number 659.

The members in full communion who have passed away are Mr. W. Clachan, Mr. P. Drummond, Miss Drummond, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Urie, Mrs. W. Allan, Mr. G. F. Glen, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Miss M. Schultz. Mrs. Mitchell was the wife of our highly esteemed elder, Mr. James Mitchell. Mrs. Allan, widow of Mr. W. Allan (a pillar of the Church) had been for many years not only for the congregation but for the Church in general as a mother in Israel. The pathos of Mrs. Allen's death—she was not old as age is

counted now-a-days—was intensified by the return a few hours before the end, of her son, Mr. John Allan, M.A., from Scotland, where he recently completed a distinguished career as a student for the ministry. These and all the other bereaved households, the Session commend to the unfailing compassions of the Most High.

The Service of Praise continues to manifest the commendable qualities which have been characteristic of it for many years. The choir under Mr. Kerry's guidance, does excellent work both in leadership and in anthem singing. It would do still better with a larger membership and a fuller attendance, especially at the morning service.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The Committee has suffered a number of losses. Mr. J. L. Bruce resigned owing to his frequent absences from home on business. Mr. D. B. Cowie resigned because of the distance of his home from the Church. Mr. D. E. Leslie, head-master of the Terrace School, having been promoted to an inspectorship of schools—on which we heartily congratulate him—has been transferred to Auckland. Mr. G. S. Troup, M.A., having gained with distinction a travelling scholarship, has left for two years' study in France. The vacancies thus occasioned have been filled by the election of Messrs. Cunningham, Ferguson, McKenzie and Wilson.

Apart from routine work the Committee carried out during the year a visitation of members of the congregation in the interests of a more regular and more generous contribution to the funds. The effort met with only partial success. The problem of Church finance will never be satisfactorily solved till the congregation following the happy example of many other Churches faces a complete budget system.

The Manse site of one acre has been costing the Church a heavy expenditure in rates, especially of recent years. Even apart from the costliness of the rates, the site in the Minister's opinion was much too large to be kept in proper order. After due consideration it was resolved to sell a part of it amounting to about one-fourth of the whole. A sum of £1,800 was received and has been capitalised. The interest amounting to £65 comes as a welcome addition to the congregation's finance.

The Minister, having found it necessary to give up the Manse, a tenant had to be found for the building.

This was done immediately after the Manse was vacated by Dr. Gibb and his household at rental of £5 per week on a two years' lease.

A good deal of money was spent by the Committee in the repair and maintenance of the various properties—Manse, Church and School.

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The membership of the Association is 63—active members 33, honorary 30. Honorary members subscribe to the funds but do not regularly attend the meetings. Much useful work has been put through. The revenue, amounting to £85, has been expended in assisting needy people and in gifts to the Orphanage and other institutions. A large amount of clothing has been prepared and distributed. The Association reports the loss of a number of its more prominent members. The Hon. President (Mrs. Gibb) has had to suspend active participation in the Association's business through ill health, and Mrs. Gill, the President, has left on a two years' furlough in Britain. Warm appreciation of the services rendered by both these ladies is expressed. The death of Mrs. Allan made a great blank in the ranks. She had been a member from the initiation of the Association, and ever took the keenest interest in its welfare. In its missionary department she will be especially missed, for she had a very full knowledge of all the missions and the missionaries of the Church, and her enthusiasm was an inspiration to all. Mrs. W. S. Austin, happily for the Association, has accepted the post of President.

MISSIONARY WORK.

At regular intervals the Association meets as the congregational branch of the P.W.M.U. The President of this department, Mrs. D. Borrie, had to tender her resignation through indifferent health, thereby inflicting another serious loss on the work. The year has, however, been one of very fruitful service. The sum raised amounted to upwards of £161, of which £109 came from the Sale of Work. The donation to Missions of Home and Foreign was £154. Miss Sinclair, whose enthusiasm for missions is well known, is now President of this branch.

Notwithstanding the losses and changes now recorded the Association is strong and vigorous. Very fortunately there has been no change in the secretaryship, and to Mrs. Moyes, whose burden has this year

been specially heavy, no small part of the credit of the year's success is due.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

This is an undertaking carried on in connection with the Women's Association. The meeting takes place every two weeks in the main hall. Two members of the Association are responsible for the work—Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Fraser—and by their instrumentality quite a number of indigent women of the district receive assistance both of a material and spiritual sort.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY GUILD.

The Guild has continued its efforts on behalf of the Turakina Maori Girls' School. A contribution of £20 was made to the funds of that institution.

THE HOSTEL.

The Hostel has now happily passed the stage of experiment. It is its fifth year and is manifestly meeting a real need. It is paying its way and something more. The house is at present full, and save during the holidays, has been full through the year. Provision is made for close on 40 men.

QUEEN MARGARET COLLEGE BOARDERS.

The boarders of the College, some of whom are members in full communion with the Church, and nearly all of them in regular attendance at the Sunday services, have again signalled their interest in missions and general beneficence by their contributions to the schemes of the Church. In order to make a contribution to the Starving Children of Europe Fund they gave up their annual picnic and donated the money raised for this purpose to that fund. The College is to be congratulated on the appointment of Miss I. Wilson, M.A., to succeed Miss Haydon (now Mrs. Ulrich) in the principalship. Miss Wilson is in every way proving equal to the important and responsible position she holds.

THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.

The office-bearers, who are represented ex-officio on the Committee of the Institute by the Minister and several others, note with deep satisfaction that the Institute, every succeeding year, makes good its claim to be one of the most effective and meritorious of the moral and social agencies of the community. It has had a record year. The Young Men's Bible Class and the Boys' Club have rendered a good deal of assistance to the work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Of all the agencies of the congregation the Sunday School is hardest hit by our position in the centre of the city. Such young people of Sunday School age as exist in connection with the Church—and there are not altogether many—attend Sunday School, in the suburbs where their homes are situated. This is inevitable, but it makes the task of the superintendent and the teachers difficult. There are still left some children in the neighbourhood, but they unhappily belong to families without Church connection. Our Sunday School has largely ceased to be a congregational school. The work is not easy but it has been carried on with zeal and devotion by a band of 23 teachers and officers, 6 men and 17 women. The number of pupils on the roll is—boys 72, girls 91; total 163. The cradle roll contains 30 names.

Social meetings and the annual picnic have been among the week day means employed to foster interest in the work proper. The clubs (of which a separate report is given below) are also of much value in this connection.

Twenty-eight pupils entered for the Sunday School Examinations promoted by the local union.

The School raised for self-support £20, and for missions £13.

Youth of the Church day was duly commemorated, but the anniversary services have been postponed in the hope of better weather till the third Sunday of September next. It may not be amiss to emphasise this date and to remind members of the Church that a generous contribution to the Sunday School funds is looked for on the occasion.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLUBS.

A joint committee operates these clubs and some of the functions are held in common. Besides providing wholesome entertainment and recreation the clubs aim steadily at the development of the moral and spiritual character of their members. As an adjunct to the Sunday School and a means of linking the boys and girls with the Church they are of no little value.

THE BOYS' CLUB.

The Director of this Club, Mr. S. Murray, having in the pursuit of his studies for the ministry, left Wellington, the Club was fortunate in again securing the services of Mr. A. D. Johnston, the originator of

the movement, but who had retired owing to physical overstrain. Mr. Murray for nearly a year devoted himself with unqualified enthusiasm to the work.

The number of boys enrolled is about the same as last year—60.

The Club is self-supporting. The cinema used mostly for the entertainment of members is sometimes employed to give pleasure to others, notably at the Returned Soldiers' Hospital, Hobson Street, at the Ohiro Home and the Orphanage. The cinema is only one of the agencies of the Club which provides instruction in gymnastics and trains the boys in football and other games.

THE GIRLS' CLUB.

The year began with an average attendance of 26, now the attendance is 50. The ages of the girls range from 9 to 17, and it has been found necessary to form a senior and junior section. Among the items of the weekly programme are physical culture, handwork, training in simple home nursing, and first aid. The attendance of the members at Church is satisfactory.

The toil involved in the superintendence of these various activities covering four nights every week is heavy, and we are much indebted to the band of young men and women, all of them Sunday School teachers, who for the sake of Christ and the children abound in these labours of love.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The class records a year of highly successful work. The roll contains the names of 43 members with an average attendance of 30. Thirty-four are members of the Church in full communion. That the class has kept up its numbers and indeed slightly added to them is highly satisfactory in view of the many losses recorded during the year. Most notable of these is the departure of Mr. Gordon S. Troup, M.A., to continue his studies in France. For some years Mr. Troup served as joint leader, and in this office rendered conspicuous service to the class. Mr. S. W. Webber is now sole leader—a heavy responsibility which he bears with a brave heart. To lighten his burden somewhat two sub-leaders have been appointed. The arrangement is working well.

The Sunday afternoon meetings continue to be educative and inspiring. The aim is to root the members in the faith and following of Christ, and in the active service of the kingdom of God. Special meet-

ings for prayer and study of the Scriptures are frequently held. The members assist often in conducting religious services at the Ohiro Home, the Boys' Institute, and the Chinese Mission, where on Sunday evenings after Church a band of from 14 to 18 members of the class undertake the task of teaching Chinese youths to read and understand the English Bible.

The social and recreational activities of the class have been as much in evidence as in any year of its history. The Bible Class District Union's Athletic Shield and the Dominion Shield were won, the former at the District Sports Meeting and the latter at the Easter Camp. The gymnasium is in constant use, and in their football, cricket, tennis, and swimming clubs they show the eagerness of their desire to have the healthy body as well as the sound mind.

The income of the class for all purposes has amounted to £201—a fine record. Of this sum £47 has been spent in self-support, and £154 in contribution to missions, the Hostel, and schemes of the Church.

BOYS' JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

Mr. J. Turnbull was compelled to give up the leadership of this class owing to his removal from Wellington. He had not occupied this position for very long, but long enough to show that he was the right man for the work. It was a great regret that the boys parted with one who had shown himself a true friend and eager worker. He has been succeeded by Mr. W. Ferguson, under whom the class continues to make good.

The number on the roll is 21, of whom 12 are members in full communion with the Church, 4 having joined this year. The class has contributed £3 to missions to the heathen.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The class closed the year with 48 members, of whom no fewer than 47 are in full communion with the Church, 5 for the first time. Three joined the teaching staff of the Sunday School.

Last year the class was called to part with its long-time leader, Mr. John Boal, who returned to the land of his birth, Ireland. Now it is called to mourn his death. With the sorrow is mingled thankfulness that his many illnesses are ended and his rest won. In grateful memory of him and his work the class has resolved to establish and maintain a cot in the Orphanage to be named the "John Boal Cot."

The leader of the class, Miss M. Chappell, received from the B.C. Union the "Life Members' Badge"; a well merited honour which gave much satisfaction to the class and all her many friends.

The Sunday afternoon discussions are mostly keyed to the Scriptures and are a fruitful source of interest and inspiration. Arrangements are made for frequent gatherings for special prayer. It can indeed be truly said that all the work is carried on in an atmosphere of Christian devotion.

Philanthropic efforts are always to the fore in the activities of the class. Much help, spiritual and material, was given to the Ohiro Home, the Seamen's Mission, and the Orphanage. The members of the class delight in serving the last-mentioned, and come into helpful contact with the children as often as they possibly can.

A solid addition was made to the Library through the gift of the late Mr. Boal of £17 to be spent as the class thought fit. The shelves now contain 161 volumes and a considerable number of books of reference.

The social life of the class is assiduously fostered by frequent social meetings and by the contact of members one with another in the Tennis Club and other means of recreation.

The income of the class amounted to £73. Close on £50 was donated to missions and other external objects. In addition to this, parcels of clothing and Christmas gifts were sent to various institutions. It is gratifying to note that these young women show a never failing spirit of liberality in their contributions to the cause of Christ. Most of them have little to spare. Students—and a good many of them are students—are proverbially hard up. The other girls are nearly all earning their own living with a very slight margin over absolutely necessary expenses, and yet they find it in their heart to give what is for them a great sum in aid of the Lord's work.

JUNIOR GIRLS' BIBLE CLASS.

This class has 29 members of whom 8 are in full communion with the Church, one having joined this year. The average attendance is good and under the capable guidance of Miss R. Nichols. The meetings are helpful and instructive, and the work goes forward with a swing. The class contributed upwards of £6 to missions.

FINANCE.

CONTRIBUTION TO EXTERNAL OBJECTS.

Missions to the Heathen	...	\$297
Maori Missions	...	43
Home Missions	...	116
		<u>\$456</u>

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.

Youth of the Church	...	\$45
Orphanage	...	185
Starving Children of Europe...	...	79
The Poor	...	171
The Hostel	...	56
Aitken Memorial Fund	...	95
Other Items	...	20
		<u>\$651</u>

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE.

Collections and Envelopes	...	\$1451
Seat Rents	...	338
Interest on Legacy, etc.	...	158
Other Items—Rents, etc.	...	128
In support of organisation work not included in Treasurer's statement	...	118
		<u>\$2193</u>

\$3300

The total income thus shown is less by \$252 than the figures in the Treasurer's Revenue Account. The amounts brought forward from last year, chiefly for the Aitken Memorial Fund, have been omitted from this summary. A credit balance of \$25 has been carried forward to next year.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended 30th June, 1924.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance on Revenue A/c brought forward			8 13 10	For Church Purposes—			
Balances forward from last year as under—				Revd. Dr. Gibb	700	0	0
Mothers' Meeting Money	6	5	9	Revd J. Paterson—Allowance	300	0	0
Women's Association for Box	0	10	0	Pulpit Supply	23	2	0
Manse Repairs, etc.	9	11	8	Organist's (C. W. Kerry) Salary	125	0	0
Organ Fund	8	19	9	Church Officer (J. W. Whiteman)			
Anzac Collection	7	5	3	Salary	158	0	0
Poor	16	14	1	Church Officer (Temporary)	13	4	0
Aitken Memorial Fund	337	0	0	Stationery, Printing and Advertising	58	16	0
	386	6	6	Postage and Receipt Stamps	1	17	3
Less. Overpaid on Soldiers Memorial				Insurance—Fire and Accident	50	14	10
Tablets	5	3	7	Telephones	22	7	6
				Communion Wine	6	18	0
Nett Balances brought forward	381	2	11	Gardener	6	12	0
Less Manse Repairs, etc.	£9 11 8			Repairs, etc., Church, Manse and			
Organ Fund	8 19 9			Schools	67	15	11
	18 11 5			Revd Dr. Gibb, re Motor Car	100	0	0
			362 11 6	Tuning Organ	11	5	0
For Church Purposes—	£	s.	d.	Rates	146	18	8
Collections	1007	8	5	Sundries	3	8	4
Envelopes	406	8	9	Net Guards for Church Pendants	13	3	9
	1413	17	2	Matting for Church	7	8	3
Seat Rents	337	18	0	Painting Roofs of Church and Schools	57	6	6
Special Revenue Appeal, 1923	37	3	0	Cleaning and Washing Schools etc.	5	5	0
Rents	105	18	0	Choir Hymn Books	2	8	0
Wine	0	6	0	Annual Meeting Expenses	5	8	5
Surplus Soldiers' Memorial Tablets	2	18	0	Interest on Thames Debentures	3	3	0
Surplus Aitken Memorial Fund	1	4	0	Bank Interest	0	11	0
Interest on Legacy	95	11	11	Beneficiary Fund Assessment	17	10	0
				Presbytery £5 5s. and Assembly			
Carried Forward	1994	16	1	Expenses £28	33	5	0
	£371	5	4	Carried Forward	1941	8	5

Brought Forward	£1994 16 1	£371 5 4	
Interest (Sale of Manse Section ..	61 13 9		
Manse Repairs, etc. ..	9 11 8		
Organ Fund ..	8 19 9		
		2075 1 3	
Received for other than Church Purposes.			
Home and Foreign Missions, etc.			
Congregation—	£ s. d.		
Home Missions ..	63 7 7		
Foreign Missions ..	89 10 6		
Youth of Church ..	14 10 3		
Rev'd. G. H. McNeur	57 0 0		
		224 8 4	
Women's Association—			
Home Missions ..	50 0 0		
Nuhaka Hospital ..	8 0 0		
Sister Allison (Maori)	3 0 0		
Maori Missions Birth-day League ..	4 19 0		
New Hebrides ..	6 0 0		
.. (Mr Mansfield)	4 0 0		
.. (Albert)	6 0 0		
Miss Henderson, India	5 0 0		
Kotong Hospital, China	5 0 0		
Canton Building Fund	5 0 0		
Rev'd. G. H. McNeur	35 0 0		
		131 19 0	
Young Women's Bible Class—			
Y.W.B.C. Nurse Fund	5 0 0		
Y.W.B.C. Travelling Secretary Fund ..	5 0 0		
Presbyterian Women's Training Institute ..	3 0 0		
Home Missions, North Island ..	2 0 0		
Maori Missions Fund	3 0 0		

Brought Forward	£1941 8 5	
Electric Light and Power ..	9 4 8	
Gas ..	109 0 4	
		2059 13 5
For other than Church Purposes—		
Presbyterian Church Treasurer ..	461 10 7	
Mission Treasurer, A. R. Stone ..	40 16 0	
Presbyterian Orphanage Treasurer ..	185 3 4	
Dorcas for Poor of Congregation ..	66 0 8	
Poor—Special per Rev'd. Dr. Gibb ..	105 0 0	
Starving Children of Europe ..	78 13 0	
Women's Association Expenses ..	3 0 0	
British & Foreign Bible Society ..	1 2 0	
Prisoners' Xmas Tea per T. P. Mills	2 5 0	
Aitken Memorial Windows ..	432 0 0	
St. John's Hostel Committee Treas.	56 0 0	
Boys' Institute Treasurer ..	3 8 6	
		1434 19 1
Balances on Hand for other than Church Purposes—		
Poor of Congregation ..	19 12 11	
Mothers' Meeting Money ..	6 5 9	
Woman's Association for box	0 10 0	
Anzac Collection ..	7 5 3	
		33 13 11
Cash in Bank of New Zealand ..		24 1 8

Turakina Maori Girls' School ..	2 0 0	
Rev'd. G. H. McNeur	15 0 0	
		35 0 0
Young Women's Missionary Guild—		
Turakina Maori Girls' School ..	20 0 0	
		20 0 0
Young Women's Junior Bible Class—		
Nurse Fund ..	2 0 0	
Travelling Secy. Fund	1 10 0	
Maori Missionary Fund	1 6 0	
Bursary Fund ..	0 10 0	
Rev'd. G. H. McNeur	1 0 0	
		6 6 0
Young Men's Bible Class		
New Hebrides ..	0 13 0	
Church Home ..	0 13 0	
Maori Mission ..	0 13 0	
		1 19 0
Sunday School—		
Youth of Church ..	4 0 0	
Foreign Missions ..	4 0 0	
		8 0 0
Sunday School Club—		
Proceeds of Concert:		
Rev'd. G. H. McNeur ..	3 18 3	
Queen Margaret Col. Christian Union—		
Proceeds of Bazaar:		
Miss Hancock's School, Canton	30 0 0	
		461 10 7
Young Men's Bible Class—		
Foreign Missions ..	22 1 3	
Secretary Fund Y.M.B.C. Union ..	18 14 9	
		40 16 0
Carried Forward		2948 13 2

Carried Forward £3552 8 1

	Brought Forward	£2948 13 2	
Sundry Other Purposes --			
Congregation :			
Poor	173 19 6		
Presbyt'r'n Orphanage	175 3 4		
Starving Children of			
Europe	63 13 0		
Prisoners, Xmas Tea	2 5 0		
Soldiers' Meml. Tablets	5 3 7		
Aitken Memorial Fund			
£96 4s. Less Surplus			
Trans. Revenue A/c			
£1 4s.	95 0 0		
		515 4 5	
Young Women's Bible Class --			
Presbyt'r'n Orphanage	5 0 0		
B. & F. Bible Society	1 2 0		
		6 2 0	
Young Men's Bible Class --			
Boy's Institute ..	3 8 6		
Presbyterian Orphan-			
age (Cot)	5 0 0		
Proceeds of Sale on			
account St. John's			
Memorial Hostel ..	56 0 0		
		64 8 6	
Queen Margaret College --			
Starving Children of Europe ..	15 0 0		
Womens' Association --			
Working Expenses of Association	3 0 0		
		608 14 11	
		£3552 8 1	

Brought Forward £3552 8 1

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Audited and found correct,

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

Hon. Auditor. August 14th, 1924.

JNO. T. PETTIGREW,

Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 30TH JUNE, 1924.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Outstanding Balances to pay over ..	33 13 11	Estimated value of Land Church,	
Balance	25,024 1 8	School, Manse and other build-	
		ings	23,000 0 0
		Sum vested in hand of Presby-	
		terian Church Treasurer ..	2000 0 0
			25,000 0 0
		Cash in Hand	57 15 7
	£25,057 15 7		£25,057 15 7

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ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1924.

RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance B.F. June 30th, 1923 ..		25 10 7	By Periodicals and supplies ..	43 6 1	
„ Collections ..	31 14 6		„ Sand Table A/c. ..	1 15 0	
„ Break of Day Fund ..	1 13 3		„ Wellington S.S. Union Sub. ..	0 15 0	
„ Sales of Books ..	0 7 10		„ Bank Commission ..	0 10 0	
„ Special Donation ..	2 0 0		„ Sundry Accounts ..	1 18 2	
„ Picnic Donation and Fares ..	21 15 10		„ Social Accounts ..	0 19 9	
		57 11 5			49 4 0
			„ Break of Day ..		1 13 3
			„ Annual Picnic Accounts ..		18 6 2
			„ Revd. G. H. McNeur's Fund ..	4 0 0	28
			„ Youth of the Church Fund ..	4 0 0	
			„ Foreign Mission Fund ..	4 0 0	
					12 0 0
					81 3 5
			„ Credit in Bank ..		1 18 7
					£83 2 0
		£83 2 0			
Liability Balance Periodicals and supplies to December, 1924.		£33 0 10			

Audited and found correct.
W. E. NICHOLS, F.I.A., N.Z., Hon. Auditor.
12th July 1924.

J. H. KRAFT
Hon. Treasurer.

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(For the Minister's hours in the Vestry see page 12.)

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MR. WM. HOPKIRK, 104 Majoribanks Street.

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MR. C. W. KERRY, 34 Tirangi Road, Kilbirnie.

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ELDERS.

INDUCTED.

AUSTIN, W. S., 23 North Terrace, Kelburn	1921
BARY, C., 28 Waitoa Road, Hataitai	1919
BLAKE, E. M., F.R.I.B.A., 15 Kent Terrace	....	1923
CORKILL, T. E., 200 Dewsbury Tee., Oriental Bay		1919
CULLEN, W., 43 Miro Street, Miramar	....	1920
CRESSWELL, T. R., M.A., Wellington College	....	1921
GILL, T. H., M.A., LL.B., 71 Ellice Street	....	1903
GLOVER, H., 60 Kent Terrace	....	1921
HOPKIRK, W., 104 Majoribanks Street	....	1888
HOWITT, A., 7 Resolution Street, Lyall Bay	....	1913
JOHNSON, CAPT. H., 10 Church Street	....	1902
JOHNSTON, A., 33 Central Terrace, Kelburn	....	1911
KERSLEY, H. W., Belmont	....	1902
KRAFT, J. H., 135 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn	....	1921
MACFARLANE, J. B., 65 Devon Street, Kelburn	....	1911
MAINLAND, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn	....	1903
MARTIN, A., Day's Bay	....	1919
MENELAUS, M. D., 43 Ellice Avenue	....	1895
MIRAMS, E. S., 55 Waipapa Road, Hataitai	....	1912
MITCHELL, J., 57 Roxburgh Street	....	1897
PETTIGREW, J. T., 44 Matai Road, Hataitai	....	1921
RAMSAY, W. A., 44 Duncan Terrace, Kilbirnie	....	1913
SCLATER, J., Donald Street, Karori	....	1911
SMITH, A. P., Pearce Street, Seatoun	....	1913
SOUTH, H. C., 107 Austin Street	....	1921
STONE, A. R., 29 Main Road, Wadestown	....	1909
TROUP, G. A., F.R.I.B.A., 60 Raroa Road, Kelburn		1895
WEBBER, S. W., B.Com., 306 Willis Street	....	1923

ELDERS' DISTRICTS.

District No. 1	..	Elder	..	MR. A. R. STONE
"	2	Elder	..	MR. J. B. MACFARLANE
"	3	Elders	..	MESSRS. A. MARTIN and S. W. WEBBER
"	4A	Elder	..	MR. A. JOHNSTON
		Manager		MR. D. HOGG
"	4B	Elder	..	MR. J. H. KRAFT
		Manager		MR. J. M. WILSON
"	4C	Elder	..	MR. J. SCLATER
		Manager		MR. L. J. WATKIN
"	5	Elder	..	MR. G. A. TROUP
"	6	Elder	..	MR. M. D. MENELAUS
"	7	Elder	..	MR. E. S. MIRAMS
		Manager		MR. M. B. ROSIE
"	8	Elder	..	CAPT. H. JOHNSON
		Manager		MR. A. M. WILSON
"	9	Elder	..	MR. T. E. CORKILL
"	10	Elder	..	MR. H. MAINLAND
		Manager		MR. A. D. JOHNSTON
"	11	Elder	..	MR. W. CULLEN
		Manager		MR. D. S. WILSON
"	12	Elder	..	MR. W. A. RAMSAY
"	13	Elder	..	MR. H. GLOVER
"	14	Elder	..	MR. H. GLOVER
"	15	Elder	..	MR. H. C. SOUTH
"	16	Elder	..	MR. J. MITCHELL
"	17	Elder	..	MR. C. BARY
		Manager		MR. W. FERGUSON
"	18	Elder	..	MR. A. HOWITT
"	19	Elder	..	MR. A. P. SMITH
"	20	Elder	..	MR. J. T. PETTIGREW
		Manager		MR. R. J. CRAWFORD
"	21	Elder	..	MR. W. HOPKIRK
"	22A	Elder	..	MR. T. H. GILL
"	22B	Elder	..	MR. E. M. BLAKE
		Manager		MR. N. R. MCKENZIE
"	23	Elder	..	MR. W. S. AUSTIN
		Manager		MR. A. WALLACE

MANAGERS—1925.

CAMPBELL, J., F.R.I.B.A.	21 Salamanca Road
CRAWFORD, R. J.	18 Harbour View Road, Northland
GILMOUR, G.	Jefferson Street, Brooklyn
FERGUSON, W.	3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai
HOGG, D.,	28 Central Terrace, Kelburn
JOHNSTON, A. D.,	169 Riddiford Street
KIRKCALDIE, J.	2 Upland Road, Kelburn
MACDONALD, J.,	31 Glen Road, Kelburn
MCKENZIE, N. R.	9 Brougham Avenue
ORR, J. A.,	c/o Education Dept.
ROSIE, M. B.,	306 Willis Street
TROUP, G. S., M.A.	60 Raroa Road, Kelburn
WALLACE, A. H.,	5 Boundary Road, Kelburn
WATKIN, L. J.,	10 Glasgow Street, Kelburn
WILSON, A. M.,	268 Willis Street
WILSON, J. M.,	58 Glen Road, Kelburn
WILSON, D. S.,	41 Grove Road, Kelburn

MANAGERS' COMMITTEES.

Property Committee:

MESSRS. BARY, CAMPBELL, GLOVER, KRAFT, MENELAUS, SMITH,
and BLAKE (Convener).

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MESSRS. GILL, RAMSAY, STONE, WALLACE, WATKIN, WEBBER,
J. M. WILSON, and HOPKIRK (Convener).

Finance Committee:

MESSRS. CORKILL, GILL, HOGG, MACFARLANE, MCKENZIE, MENELAUS,
PETTIGREW, KIRKCALDIE, WALLACE, and HOPKIRK (Convener).

Church Extension Committee:

MESSRS. CULLEN, FERGUSON, HOWITT, CAPT. JOHNSON, A. JOHNSTON,
MARTIN, STONE, D. S. WILSON, and CRAWFORD (Convener).

Choir Committee:

MESSRS. BLAKE, CRAWFORD, HOGG, WATKIN, A. M. WILSON,
and WALLACE (Convener).

SUNDAY SCHOOL

MEETS SUNDAY 2.30 P.M.

Hon. Superintendent:

MR. W. HOPKIRK.

Superintendent:

MR. E. S. MIRAMS.

Teachers:

MRS. APLIN, MISSES D. BLAKE, D. CHAPPELL, L. CHAPPELL, M. GRAY,
M. HANLEY, M. HILL, E. HOPKIRK, C. HUTTON, J. MACKENZIE, M.A.,
A. MUIR, M. MACKENZIE, S. HOPKIRK, M. E. TERRIS.

MESSRS. DUNCAN, A. D. JOHNSTON, J. H. KRAFT, G. GLOVER.

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

Treasurer:

MR. J. H. KRAFT.

Librarian:

MISS MCLEAN.

Assistant Librarian:

MISS MCCULLOCH.

Cradle Roll Superintendent:

MISS SIBYL HOPKIRK.

YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS & INSTITUTE.

MEETS IN THE WILLIS STREET CLASS ROOM,
SUNDAY, AT 2.45 P.M.

President:

REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

Leader:

MR. S. W. WEBBER.

Deputy Leaders:

MESSRS. L. M. GRAHAM, and M. B. ROSIE.

Secretary:

MR. W. I. GIBSON.

Treasurer:

MR. D. S. WILSON.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

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

President:

REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

Leader:

MISS M. CHAPPELL

Sub-Leader:

MISS M. HILL

Secretary:

MISS W. MILLAR

Treasurer:

MISS A. CHAPPELL

GIRLS' JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

MEETS IN SOCIAL PARLOUR, SUNDAY, AT 2.45. P.M.

Leader:

MISS R. NICHOLS

Secretary:

MISS V. GAMBLE

Treasurer:

MISS N. THOMSON.

BOYS' JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

Leader:

MR. W. FERGUSON

Secretary:

MR. RUSSELL FRASER.

MAORI MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE.

Secretary:

MRS. N. R. MCKENZIE.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

MEETS IN BASEMENT PARLOUR EVERY TUESDAY AT 2.30 P.M.

Hon. President: MRS. GIBB.

President:

MRS. AUSTIN.

Vice-Presidents:

MRS. HALLEY and MRS. FULLARTON.

Secretary:

MRS. MOYES.

Treasurer:

MRS. FRASER.

P.W.M.U.

MEETS FOURTH TUESDAY IN EACH MONTH IN BASEMENT PARLOUR
AT 2.30 P.M.

Hon. President: MRS. GIBB.

President: MRS. AUSTIN.

Vice-Presidents:

MRS. FULLARTON and MRS. N. R. MCKENZIE.

Secretary:

MRS. MOYES.

Treasurer:

MRS. FRASER.

Oriental Work—MRS. CULLEN.

Missions—MISS GIBB.

"Harvest Field"—MRS. KERRY.

THE BOY'S INSTITUTE.

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

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

President: MR. G. A. TROUP.

HOSTEL COMMITTEE.

Chairman:

DR. GIBB.

Secretary:

MR. A. R. STONE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLUBS.

Patron:

MRS. R. PEARSON.

Director:

MR. A. D. JOHNSTON.

Secretary:

MISS M. HILL.

BOYS' CLUB.

MEETS IN GYMNASIUM EVERY MONDAY AT 7 P.M.

Leader:

MR. A. KEOGH.

GIRLS' CLUB.

MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY, DIXON STREET HALL AT 7 P.M.

Leader:

MISS M. GRAY.

MOTHERS' MEETING.

MEETS IN THE HALL MONTHLY AT 2.30 P.M.

Superintendents:

MRS. AUSTIN and MRS. FRASER.

CHOIR.

PRACTICE IN CHURCH EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 8.30 P.M.

Organist and Choirmaster:

MR. CH. W. KERRY.

Life Members:

MR. and MRS. F. S. POPE.

Sopranos:

MESDAMES KERRY, VERE, MISSES D. CHAPPELL, CLYDE, HEATH,
M. JENNINGS, JOHNSTON, BALLINGALL, BLAKE, NICHOLS, RASH,
MCLEAN, SMYTHE.

Contraltos:

MISSES DAVIDSON, DUNN, S. HOPKIRK, KERRY.

Tenors:

MESSRS. DALGLISH, M. B. ROSIE.

Basses:

MESSRS. CRAWFORD, FRASER, V. HOPKIRK, ROTHWELL, McLELLAN.

Hon. Secretary:

MR. R. J. CRAWFORD, 18 Harbour View Road, Northland.

CONGREGATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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

SACRAMENTS (1) Baptism in the Church as arranged for. (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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOYS' CLUB in Gymnasium, Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7.30.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GIRLS' CLUB in Gymnasium, Wednesday evenings at 7.

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 Classroom, Dixon Street Hall, Sunday afternoons, at 2.45.

PRAYER MEETING every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION meets in the Basement Parlour every Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m.

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

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

CHOIR PRACTICE, Wednesday evenings at 8.30 p.m., in the Church.

THE SESSION meets as arranged after the Prayer Meeting.

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

GYMNASTIC CLASSES meet in the Gymnasium during winter months.

COLLECTIONS, SEAT-LETTING, ETC.

THE ORDINARY SUNDAY COLLECTIONS, by plate and weekly envelope, together with the Seat Rents, etc., provide the funds for defraying the congregational expenses, the chief of which are the Minister's Stipend, the 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 Minister's 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 objects as it may be deemed necessary to help.

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

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

A member of the Seat-letting Committee is in attendance at the close of the prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings to let sittings to new applicants.

MEMORANDUM.

The Minister may be communicated with by telephone: House 25-713, Vestry 28-334.

Arrangement may be made in this way to meet him in the Vestry at any time.

He will also be found in the Vestry most afternoons from 5-6, and on Thursday evenings from 7-8.

REPORT

THE year now ended has been one of good cheer in most departments of the congregation's work.

The Lord has been mindful of us and for the manifold mercies of which we have been the recipients we lay on His altar our tribute of gratitude and thanksgiving.

THE MINISTER.

After 22 years of devoted service in St. John's and a ministry extending over the long period of 43 years, Dr. Gibb continues to discharge his many and varied tasks in the congregation and outside it with unabated zeal and efficiency. Physically and mentally his bow abides in strength. We gladly testify to the power of his pulpit ministrations and to the steadily deepening insight and insistence of his message. The services of the sanctuary are an inspiration.

In the pastoral work of visiting the sick, the infirm and the aged the Minister's services are equally appreciated. In a scattered congregation like our own the task is heavy, but it is faithfully performed with unflinching sympathy and good cheer.

Residence in Seatoun entails an additional burden, but the change from the Manse has happily been of benefit to Mrs. Gibb's health. We extend her our true sympathy and trust that as time passes she may experience a complete recovery.

We pray that the Divine blessing may rest upon them both and that in our Minister's hands the work of the Lord may increasingly prosper.

The Rev. James Paterson, who retired from the active ministry of the congregation twenty-two years ago, recently celebrated his 95th birthday. Though showing signs of the infirmities of his great age he still enjoys wonderful health, and is able to attend Church every Sunday morning. We congratulate the veteran and commend him to the unflinching grace of God.

THE KIRK SESSION.

The oversight of a congregation such as ours, with no parish and a membership scattered all over the city and its suburbs, is no easy task, but the Session has done its best. The people have been visited in their homes on the occasion of the quarterly communions, and with a view to establishing a closer contact with the young folk, delegations from the Session have attended meetings of the Bible Classes. These visits are greatly welcomed, and a source of all round benefit.

The numerical strength of the Session is 28. There has been no alteration during the year. Mr. T. H. Gill is still absent on furlough. Mr. Menelaus, the much esteemed Session Clerk, was laid aside by sickness for several months, but is now happily well recovered and fit for work again.

The Attendance at Public Worship has been well maintained at the morning service. Usually a large congregation assembles at this diet. This is the more gratifying that we cannot now depend, as formerly, on family connection with our Church. Families move steadily to the suburbs, and our chief resources are rather in young men and women. The evening congregation is as a rule smaller than the morning and shows a good deal of fluctuation.

The seventy-first anniversary of St. John's was commemorated at the services on November 9th. The preacher on the occasion was the Rev. E. N. Merrington, Ph.D., of First Church, Dunedin. There were large congregations, who listened with much appreciation to helpful sermons. We were glad to welcome Dr. Merrington on this his first appearance in a Wellington pulpit and indebted to him for coming to our assistance.

The attendance at the Quarterly Communions was: September 388, December 390, March 365, and June 187. The June Communion fell on a day in which even Wellington surpassed itself in a southerly buster.

The additions to the Roll have been—by certificate 58, by profession 26, making a total of 84. The Roll has been drastically purged and now contains the names of 618 communicants.

The following members in full communion attained their final rest:—Mr. J. C. Greer, Mr. J. D. Anderson, Miss Macdonald, Mr. N. McLean, Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Burns. To the bereaved the Session tender their heartfelt sympathy.

The Service of Praise has maintained its customary high level of heartiness and melody. The choir, though fewer in numbers than need be, is distinctly efficient, and its work in the rendering of the anthems and the leadership of the general praise merits the hearty thanks of the congregation. Mr. Kerry continues to discharge his duties as organist and choir-leader with the skill and devoutness which are characteristic of all his work.

The Prayer Meeting ought to secure a larger representation of the congregation than is usually to be found there. Most part of the year, however, the meeting was fairly well attended, but quite recently the attendance has fallen off. All over the Church the weekly prayer meeting is a problem whose solution is hard to find. It ought to be one of the bright spots of every congregation's work. If the oft-repeated statement that the prayer meeting is "the spiritual pulse of the Church" is true, the health of that body justifies anxiety.

The Session would thank the numerous band of workers for their tireless labours and devotion to the Church and the great cause for which the Church stands. It will not be thought invidious if mention is made of Mr. William Hopkirk, who is the doyen of the elders, and who gives all his spare time and time that he cannot well spare to the service of the congregation. It is not too much to say that he is taking the place in our fellowship which our late lamented John G. W. Aitken so long filled.

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

One of the oldest and most esteemed members of the Committee, Mr. J. D. Anderson, passed hence after a long and trying illness borne with patience and fortitude. He was a true-hearted friend of the Church and faithful in the performance of every duty.

The number of managers is 17.

Among the special items of business transacted by the Committee reference should be made to the decision to give the organ a thorough overhaul. For some time past it has occasioned the organist no small difficulty in its manipulation, and the borer has invaded some of its timbers. Appeal was made to the congregation for the considerable sum needed to effect the necessary repairs. The appeal was successful and the work will be presently put in hand. It may be added that while the organ is out of commission certain alterations will be made which are expected to add to the effectiveness of the instrument.

Much to the Committee's regret and the regret, indeed, of every one connected with the congregation, the Church officer, Mr. J. Whiteman, found it necessary to tender his resignation. For some years past he has been feeling the strain of his duties, and release from these had become imperative. While recognising this the Committee were very sorry to part with a servant of the Church so willing and faithful. It is not too much to say that during the 18 years in which he held the office he won not only the esteem, but also the affection of everyone by his kindness and readiness to oblige. He was the recipient of various gifts from the young people's organisations, and the Women's Association similarly expressed their appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Whiteman's services to them. The Managers have arranged for an expression of the congregation's appreciation of Mrs. Whiteman's work and worth at the annual meeting to be held in a few week's time.

The vacant post has been filled by the appointment of Mr. H. I. Aplin, who was highly commended, and has taken up his duties with a zeal and thoroughness which promise well for his success.

The thanks of the congregation are due to Mr. J. B. Macfarlane, who for a long period cheerfully undertook the Church officer's duties in connection with the Sunday services.

The manse is still occupied by the tenant secured last year on Dr. Gibb's removal to Seatoun.

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Association has had a very successful year. The membership has increased, the roll now containing the names of 45 honorary and 32 ordinary members. The average attendance has been upwards of 20. Honorary members do not attend the meetings but work for the Association and contribute to its funds.

Three much esteemed members died during the year—Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Burns, and Miss MacDonald. The Association's report pays a high tribute to their worth.

Sincere regret is expressed that Mrs. Gibb is still deterred by infirm health from taking part in the work, and warm sympathy is extended to her with an earnest hope for her complete recovery.

The total income of the Association was £270, of which the annual sale of work produced £126. The contribution to missions was £160. A large part of the remainder was expended in Dorcas work, by which a number of necessitous people were benefited either in cash or kind.

Once a month the Association functions as the congregation's branch of the P.W.M.U., and the afternoon meeting is devoted to missionary studies and the like. The sum which year by year is contributed to the missions of the Church shows that the Association's interest is of a very practical sort.

THE MOTHERS' MEETING.

This meeting is carried on under the auspices of the Women's Association and is held once a fortnight. It is a very helpful bit of work. Indigent mothers come to it from far and near, and are cheered by a helpful talk and a refreshing cup of tea. Garments are distributed as seems needful, and from time to time a jumble sale enables the mothers to get second-hand clothing at merely nominal prices. The workers of the meeting seek thus to assist the poor both spiritually and materially, and it is not too much to say that they succeed largely in both efforts.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S MISSIONARY GUILD.

The Guild has again contributed a sum of £20 to the Maori Girls' School at Turakina. The organisations connected with the Young Women's Bible Classes so completely cover the ground occupied by the Guild that it has been resolved to disband it. The friends who helped the Guild to make their annual contribution to Maori Missions must be prepared to make it now through the Bible Class or in some other way. It is hardly realised that for some years past the congregation has done nothing for such missions save per medium of the Guild and the Bible Class.

THE HOSTEL.

This institution has had a flourishing year. The debt on the property is in course of steady reduction, and will, it is hoped, by and by disappear. The House, whose accommodation is usually taxed to about its limit, maintains its merited reputation in respect of domestic comfort, and the character of its residents. The Hostel has manifestly supplied a distinct need.

QUEEN MARGARET COLLEGE BOARDERS.

The congregation has always for a variety of reasons been greatly interested in this college, and rejoice to know that it has successfully emerged from the difficulties in which it was for some time involved, in common with all church schools, owing to the financial stress through which the Dominion was passing. The accommodation for boarders is now fully occupied, though additional dormitory space was provided by the Board at the beginning of the present year. Miss Wilson, the Principal, is to be heartily congratulated on the excellent work she is carrying on in this institution.

Our immediate interest is, however, with the boarders who attend our services. Some of them are members in full communion with the Church, and we hope more of them may soon come forward. It is a source of much satisfaction to see them in their places in Church on wet days as well as fine days, and to note their reverent demeanour in the public worship of God.

THE BIBLE CLASSES.

YOUNG MEN'S CLASS (SENIOR).

The roll number has increased from 43 to 54. Of these 37 are members of the Church in full communion. Eight joined during the period under review.

The Sunday afternoon meetings have been well attended and undoubtedly productive of much good. The tone of the meetings is excellent and the contributions of members to the discussions indicate an intelligent appreciation of the truth under consideration, and an eager desire to obey its call.

In active service the class as in former years has a good record. In co-operation with the Young Women's Class service has been conducted once a month at the Ohio Home. The class has also helped once a month at the Boys' Institute, and, after evening service in Church, a number of them repair to the Chinese mission where they teach young Chinese to read the English Bible. Sunday morning worship is conducted in the Hostel by members of the class resident there. The Orphanage receives assistance of a very practical sort. Every Saturday a number find their way to Berhampore to help in putting the grounds in order, and in cutting firewood. Assistance was also given to the aged church-officer in keeping the Church grounds in good order.

The social endeavours of the class have been equally in evidence. The year's activities include 7 socials, 2 banquets, 3 Sunday afternoon teas and 2 debates. The report tells us of Tennis, Cricket, and Football clubs and the Gymnasium—all of them in vigorous operation.

Complaint is made that the library is not sufficiently up-to-date. Here is an opportunity for friends of the young men to present them with copies of works of a stimulating and informative character. Good, reliable fiction will also be welcomed.

The income of the class amounted to £148, of which £50 were donated to Home and Foreign Missions, the Orphanage, etc.

The reports of the class make cheerful reading.

YOUNG MEN'S CLASS (JUNIOR).

A number of the lads being under 16 years of age the class was closed during the epidemic, but as soon as the prohibition was removed the lads set to work with a will. The roll contains 21 names, the average attendance being 17. Six members are in full communion, of whom two joined this year.

Application was made to the Minister for the use of the Manager's Room as a place of meeting, and was of course at once granted. The class is bent on the adornment of their meeting place. It has been re-painted, the class bearing half the expense, and some pictures have been purchased for the walls.

The boys are shaping well in the Sunday afternoon discussions, and all the agencies at work in the Senior class are in full swing here also. As ought to be, the Seniors and the Juniors pull admirably together and share some tasks in common. In one respect the younger fellows proved superior to the older. In the annual cricket match between the two classes the Juniors won the game.

The total income of the class was £43. Of this sum upwards of £8 was devoted to missions, the bulk of the balance being spent in the purchase of a much-needed cabinet organ.

It is a fine thing to see these lads identifying themselves so thoroughly with the cause of Christ and His Church.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS (SENIOR).

A perusal of the reports presented to the annual meeting of the class leaves on the mind an impression of sincere thankfulness for the remarkable quantity of work undertaken, and the devoted spirit animating these young women in their manifold labours.

The year began with a membership of 48, and ends with 56. The Sunday afternoon meetings have been well attended and the discussions characterised by a growing insight into the truth of the evangel and increased powers of expression.

No fewer than 47 of the members of the class are members in full communion with the Church. Of these 11 joined during the year, 7 by certificate, and

4 by profession. Two members joined the staff of the Sunday School.

The class abounds in labours for the good of others. The Orphanage profits in more ways than one from its efforts. Monthly Sunday evening services are conducted at the Ohiro Home for the aged and needy, and occasionally a concert is arranged for the old folk followed by a much appreciated supper provided by the visitors. The Seamen's Mission also secures the occasional services of the class.

The social life is sustained by frequent gatherings for social intercourse, by Tennis and Basket-ball clubs and other agencies. These things serve not only for their physical benefit but heighten their affection for one another and the institution with which they are connected.

The income of the class amounted to upwards of £58, of which £48 was donated to Home and Foreign Missions and similar beneficences.

YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS (JUNIOR).

The class roll numbers 19, with 5 Church members, 3 having joined this year. The average attendance is satisfactory and the work interesting and profitable. The methods adopted and the efforts put forth are much the same as in the other classes. The total income was £16, and of this they parted with £13 to missions and the Orphanage. This is a fine spirit and worthy of emulation.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Compared with the account now given of the work and prosperity of the Bible Classes, the report of the Sunday School is sober-tinted. The Classes are holding their own, in most instances they are doing a good deal more. The Sunday School is decreasing. The roll this year records 15 fewer names than last year, and there is not much likelihood of an increase this or any other year. Needless to say, this is due to no shortcoming on the part of either superintendent or teachers. A more devoted band of workers will not be found in any school. But you cannot make bricks without clay, and you cannot build up a Sunday School where there are few children and growing fewer year by year.

The plain fact is that St. John's has, as has already been said, largely ceased to be a family Church. Such of our members as have young children in their families are simply compelled by the distance of their residence from the Church to send their youngsters to the Sunday School in their own neighbourhood. The Bible Class men and women are of an age that makes a long Sunday walk no hardship. For the Sunday School children the distance is prohibitive.

Further, as might be expected, we have very few families anywhere containing young people under 16 years of age. In the whole congregation only two babes were born during the twelve months under review. The Sunday School for the most part depends on pupils recruited from children still residing in the neighbourhood of the Church, and unhappily their parents are not church-going folk. And these children are decreasing in number, month by month business premises encroach on the once residential area and the dwelling-houses that remain are swiftly changing into boarding-houses destitute of children. We must face the facts.

The school roll now contains 138 names, of whom 51 are boys, and 77 girls. The teaching staff numbers 7 men and 16 women.

Every possible effort was made not only to interest and instruct the children on Sunday afternoon but also to attach them to the school by social meetings, kinema entertainments and picnics, etc.

Youth of the Church Day was duly commemorated, there being large congregations on the occasion. The anniversary was celebrated in September, when the Rev. Bower Black, LL.B., conducted the services, which were highly appreciated.

The income of the school, exclusive of the annual contribution of the congregation, was £30, of which £3 was donated to the Youth Fund and £8 to missions.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLUBS.

These institutions, designed to afford both recreation and instruction to the children of the Sunday School and the young folk of the Junior Bible Classes,

have had a prosperous year. The week-night meetings have been largely attended and a band of workers have given themselves with zeal and devotion to carrying out the varied programme of the meetings. Physical exercises, instruction in hygiene, in reading and sewing (for the girls) are some of the items. An additional meeting is held on Saturday evenings for the exhibition of cinema pictures. This meeting is common to the boys and girls.

A steady effort is made to notice the members to attend Church with regularity, and meets with considerable success.

It had for some time been the ambition of the Clubs to purchase a piano, of which they had much need. A piano fund was slowly accumulating when Mrs. Robert Pearson, with welcome generosity, solved the problem. She handed the Club a cheque for £100, stating that it was her late husband's wish that she should do something for the children of the Sunday School in which he had been for many years a devoted teacher. The gift was accepted with great thankfulness and an Estey piano was purchased on the advice of the Church Organist, Mr. Kerry. The piano has already been of marked service.

THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.

The Institute continues its prosperous career, all its manifold activities having been in full swing. It is unquestionably a great power for good in the community, and to its influence no small share is doubtless due of the creditable position held by Wellington last year in the matter of youthful offenders against the laws. The percentage of such offenders is much smaller here than in any other centre of population in the land.

Steps have been taken to place the Institute under the provisions of the Incorporated Societies' Act. Incorporation will not affect the relation between it and the congregation. The Minister of St. John's will continue to be Honorary President and certain officials of the congregation will continue to be ex officio members of the Institute Committee.

FINANCE.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EXTERNAL OBJECTS.

Home and Foreign Missions	...	£410
Maori Mission	...	42
		<u>£452</u>

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.

Orphanage	...	£208
Poor	...	126
Youth of the Church	...	42
Coptic Refugees	...	18
Theological Hall	...	12
Other Items	...	10
		<u>416</u>

£868

CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE.

Collections and Envelopes	...	£1448
Seat Rents	...	343
Interest on Capital	...	156
Rents (Hall and Manse)	...	359
Other Items	...	134
In support of organisational work not included in the Treasurer's statement	...	118
		<u>£2558</u>

£3426

The report began with an expression of thankfulness to the God of all grace. It must end on the same note. The old kirk once in the centre of Wellington's population, and now so remote from most of its own members and many others, who would gladly connect themselves with it if they could, has fought a brave and successful fight these last twelve months. The record of work and of giving is very gratifying. But we profoundly realise that we owe all to the goodness of Him whose mercies are over all His works. To His name be the praise.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended 30th June, 1925.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance on Revenue A/c brought forward					24	1	8	For Church Purposes—							
Balances forward from last year as under—								Rev. Dr. Gibb	..	700	0	0			
Poor of Congregation	..	19	12	11				Rev. J. Paterson—Allowance	..	300	0	0			
Mothers' Meeting Money	..	6	5	9				Pulpit Supply	..	25	1	0			
Women's Association for Box	..	0	10	0				Organist's (C. W. Kerry) Salary	..	125	0	0			
Anzac Collection (Soldiers' Memorial)	..	7	5	3				Church Officer's (J. W. Whiteman) Salary	..	153	0	0			
					33	13	11	Stationery, Printing and Advertising	..	58	18	10			
For Church Purposes—	£	s.	d.					Postage and Receipt Stamps	..	3	13	6			
Collections	..	994	11	1				Insurance—Fire and Accident	..	51	18	6			
Envelopes	..	453	5	11				Telephones	..	17	1	5			
					1447	17	0	Communion Wine	..	12	2	0			
Seat Rents	..	343	0	0				Gardener at Manse	..	0	14	0			
Special Revenue Appeal, 1923	..	6	17	0				Repairs, etc. Church and Manse	..	22	19	6			
Rents	..	106	8	6				Rev. Dr. Gibb, re Motor Car	..	100	0	0			
Fees for Use of Organ (Pupils)	..	0	16	6				Tuning Organ (14 months)	..	17	10	0			
Wine	..	1	13	0				Rates	..	127	6	8			
Interest on J. G. W. Aitken's Legacy	..	57	10	0				Sundries	..	11	15	11			
Interest on Sale of Manse Section	..	98	12	7				Bank Interest	..	1	10	9			
Donation from Solicitors	..	1	1	0				Beneficiary Fund Assessment	..	17	10	0			
Donation from Mrs. M. H. Pearson for Sunday School Club Piano	..	100	0	0				Presbytery £5 5s. and Assembly Expenses £28	..	33	5	0			
Annual Meeting Expenses, Surplus	..	3	0	4				Electric Light (£3/15/-) & Power (£5/11/2)	..	9	6	2			
Sales, "Value of Money"	..	0	10	0				Gas	..	96	7	3			
Painting Glass Room, Half Share, Jnr. Y.M.B.C.	..	1	6	3				Gas Fittings, Repairs and Supplies	..	16	9	2			
Repairs to B.C. Organ, Half Share Jnr. Y.M.B.C.	..	0	5	0				Presbytery Rally Expenses (Our Share)	..	1	4	2			
For Purchase of New Organ, Jnr. Y.M.B.C.	..	15	0	0				"Value of Money" Pamphlet	..	0	15	0			
Insurance, Books and Fittings, Half Share Senr. Y.M.B.C.	..	0	19	0				Assembly Expenses (Manse Land)	..	2	9	6			
Manse Telephone, refund	..	1	14	7				New Mat for Main Door Entrance	..	4	6	7			
					2186	10	9	Order of Service, Rev. R. M. Ryburn	..	1	0	0			
								Piano for Sunday School Club	..	100	0	0			
								Sabbath School, ex Collection	..	40	11	11			
								Cheque Books	..	1	0	0			
Carried Forward					£2244	6	4	Carried Forward		2057	16	10			

Brought Forward		£2244 6 4	
Manse and Garage Rent Account—			
Manse Rent	..	240 0 0	
Garage Rent	..	13 0 0	
			253 0 0
Received for other than Church Purposes.			
Home and Foreign Missions, etc.			
Congregation—		£	s. d.
Foreign Missions	..	84	0 0
Rev. G. H. McNeur	..	57	7 0
Foreign Missions Deficit Fund	..	2	0 0
Home Missions	..	47	17 0
Maori Girls' School	..	1	2 4
Youth of Church	..	12	14 8
Theological Hall	..	11	12 0
			216 13 0
Women's Association—			
Church Budget	..	95	19 6
Rev. G. H. McNeur	..	30	0 0
Maori Missions Birth-day League	..	5	5 0
Foreign Missions, Deficit Fund	..	32	14 6
			163 19 0
Young Women's Bible Class—			
Rev. G. H. McNeur	..	16	0 0
Y.W.B.C. Nurse Fund	..	3	0 0
Y.W.B.C. Travelling Secretary Fund	..	3	0 0
Y.W.B.C. Bursary Training Institute	..	3	0 0
Y.W.B.C. Own Maori Missionary	..	3	0 0
Home Missions, North Island	..	2	5 0
			30 5 0
Carried forward		£410 17 0	£2497 6 4

Brought forward £410 17 0 £2497 6 4

Received for other than Church Purposes			
Home and Foreign Missions (Contd.)			
Young Women's Missionary Guild—			
Turakina Maori Girls' College ..	20 0 0		
		20 0 0	
Young Women's Junior Bible Class—			
Rev. G. H. McNeur ..	1 0 0		
Y.W.B.C. Nurse Fund ..	2 0 0		
Y.W.B.C. Maori Missionary Fund ..	2 0 0		
Y.W.B.C. Travelling Secy. Fund ..	2 0 0		
Y.W.B.C. Bursary Fund ..	0 7 6		
Maori Missions ..	8 6 6		
		15 14 0	
Young Men's Bible Class—			
Maori Missions ..	0 13 0		
Home Missions ..	1 3 0		
Foreign Missions Deficit Fund ..	1 0 0		
New Hebrides ..	0 13 0		
Foreign Missions ..	21 8 1		
Y.M.B.C. Secty. Fund ..	18 2 4		
		42 19 5	
Young Men's Junr. Bible Class—			
Rev. Bert Davies, Chinese Mission Sabbath School—			
Youth of Church ..	3 0 0		
Foreign Missions ..	3 0 0		
		6 0 0	
Queen Margaret College—			
Maori Missions ..	1 4 2		
		505 1 1	
Carried Forward		3002 7 5	

Carried Forward

Brought Forward		£2057 16 10	
For Church Purposes (Contd.)—			
Bank, Collecting Debenture Interest	0 6 0		
Painting Class Room ..	2 12 6		
Y. Men's Junr. B.C. New Organ ..	15 0 0		
		2075 15 4	
Manse and Garage Rent Account—			
Rev. Dr Gibb ..	216 14 1		
Expenditure on Vestry Account ..	36 5 11		
		253 0 0	
For other than Church Purposes—			
Presbyterian Church Treasurer ..	448 17 8		
Mission Treasurer, Mr. A. R. Stone ..	47 16 11		
Maori Missions, per Miss R. E. Nichols ..	8 6 0		
British & Foreign Bible Society, per W. J. Comrie ..	2 0 0		
Wellington Presbyterian Orphanage, per W. J. Comrie. ..	5 0 0		
Wellington Presbyterian Orphanage Treasurer ..	203 6 4		
Dorcas for Poor of Congregation ..	76 4 0		
Poor—Special per Revd. Dr. Gibb ..	69 2 0		
Prisoners' Xmas Tea, per Revd. Dr. Gibb ..	2 5 0		
Coptic Refugees Fund, per Dr. Daniell ..	18 7 7		
Boys' Institute Treasurer ..	1 0 0		
Wellington Y. M. C. A. Treasurer ..	4 9 6		
		886 15 6	
Balances on Hand—			
Mothers' Meeting Money ..	6 5 9		
Woman's Association for box ..	0 10 0		
Anzac Collection (Soldiers' Memorial) ..	7 5 3		
Organ Repair Fund ..	100 0 0		
		114 1 0	
Cash in Bank of New Zealand ..		34 17 1	
Carried forward ..		£3364 8 11	

Brought forward .. £3364 8 11

Carried Forward

£3364 8 11

Brought Forward	£3302 7 5	Brought forward ..	£3364 8 11
Sundry Other Purposes—			
Congregation :			
Poor ..	125 13 1		
Wellington Presbyt'r'n			
Orphanage ..	198 6 4		
Prisoners, Xmas Tea	2 5 0		
Coptic Refugees Fund	18 7 7		
	344 12 0		
Young Women's Bible Class—			
Wellington Presbyterian			
Orphanage, J. Boal. Cot.	5 0 0		
B. & F. Bible Society	2 0 0		
	7 0 0		
Young Men's Bible Class—			
Wellington Presbyterian			
Orphanage (Cot) ..	5 0 0		
Well'gt'n Boy's Institute	1 0 0		
Wellington Y.M.C.A.	4 9 6		
	10 9 6		
	362 1 6		
	£3364 8 11		£3364 8 11

Jno. T. PETTIGREW,
Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
P. M. CAMERON, F.I.A. N.Z.
Hon. Auditor.
Wellington, August 27th, 1925.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, 30TH JUNE, 1925.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.			
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
Outstanding Balances to pay over ..	114 1 0	Estimated value of Land, Church, School, Manse and other buildings ..	24,000 0 0		
Balance ..	25,874 9 5	Sum vested in hand of Presbyterian Church Treasurer ..	1953 13 4	25,953 13 4	
		Cash in Hand ..		84 17 1	
	£25,988 10 5			£25,988 10 5	

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1925.

CASH.				PAYMENTS.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Birthday Book			0 16 0	By General Expenses			0 12 5
Self Denial Fund			4 12 6	.. Social Class Teas			3 19 9
McNeur, G. H. Fund			12 12 0	.. Mission to Seamen			1 0 0
Mission Envelopes			4 13 6	.. Conference Expenses			2 0 0
Majority Year			5 17 6	.. Orphanage (I.B.)			0 10 0
General Fund			28 13 6	.. Orphanage Stocking Fund			1 15 0
				.. Syllabus			0 13 4
				.. Union Fees			1 16 0
				.. B.C. Banquet			0 7 6
				.. Clothing R. O'Brien			0 8 0
				.. Hymn Books			0 19 6
				.. Majority Year Donation			5 17 6
				.. G. H. McNeur Salary			16 0 0
				.. B.C. Nurse Fund			3 0 0
				.. Travelling Secretary			3 0 0
				.. Bursary			3 0 0
				.. Own Maori Missionary			3 0 0
				.. Home Mission N.I.			2 5 0
				.. Orphanage (J. Boal Cot)			5 0 0
				.. British and Foreign B.S.			2 0 0
				.. Cash in Hand			0 1 0
			<u>£57 5 0</u>				<u>£57 5 0</u>

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1924-1925.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Balance, Union Bank (1/4/24)			16 7 9	By Printing Syllabus		£8 0 0	
.. Collections average 9/6 (1923-24 8/10)			21 8 2	.. Annual Report		0 10 0	
.. Missions—							8 10 0
.. Foreign			20 19 7	.. Bank Charges			0 15 0
.. Home			18 10 10	.. Miscellaneous Expenses			1 8 0
.. Maori			0 13 0	.. Union Fees			1 16 6
.. New Hebrides			0 13 0	.. District Fees			1 15 3
.. Church Home			1 3 0	.. Library Purchases			1 5 9
.. Church Deficit			1 0 0	.. Four-Square			7 1 0
.. Orphanage			5 12 0	.. Badges			0 7 6
.. Boys' Institute			1 0 0	.. Donations (Y.M.C.A., Pageant, etc.)			4 9 6
			<u>49 11 5</u>	.. Painting			5 9 7
.. Camp Delegation Concert			16 13 3	.. Insurance			1 3 3
.. Four-Square Subscriptions			6 12 0	.. Missions—			
.. Badges			1 1 3	.. Foreign		£ 20 19 7	
.. Presentations			1 13 7	.. Home		18 10 10	
.. Donations (Y.M.C.A., Pageant, etc.)			4 9 6	.. Maori		0 13 0	
.. Socials (per Social Convenor)			20 15 6	.. New Hebrides		0 13 0	
.. Haywards Camp			9 12 6	.. Church Home		1 3 0	
.. Miscellaneous			0 4 10	.. Church Deficit		1 0 0	
			<u>£148 9 9</u>	.. Orphanage		5 0 0	
				.. Boys' Institute		1 0 0	
							<u>48 19 5</u>
				.. Concert Expenses			1 0 6
				.. Hayward Camp Expenses			9 1 7
				.. Presentations			1 13 7
				.. Socials etc. (per Social Convenor)			20 15 6
				.. Balance Union Bank			32 17 10
							<u>£148 9 9</u>

Audited and found correct,
J. R. ORR, Hon. Auditor,

