

# St. John's Church

Wellington



## Seventy-Third Annual Report

JULY 1st, 1925

— TO —

JUNE 30th, 1926

WELLINGTON:  
N.Z. BOOK DEPOT, WILLIS STREET.

1926

## OFFICE-BEARERS.

### Minister:

**Interim Moderator:**  
Rev. A. BRUCE TODD, B.A.

**Missionary:**  
Rev. GEORGE H. McNEUR, Canton.

**Session Clerk:**  
Mr. M. D. MENELAUS, 43 Ellice Avenue. Telephone 22-745.

**Assistant Session Clerk:**  
Mr. A. R. STONE, 29 Wadestown Road. Telephone 41-991.

**Clerk of Management Committee:**  
Mr. W. A. RAMSAY, 44 Duncan Terrace, Kilbirnie.

**Treasurer:**  
Mr. J. T. PETTIGREW, 44 Matai Road, Hataitai. Telephone 20-191

**Envelopes:**

<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Treasurer:</b>
Mr. J. M. WILSON, 58 Glen Road, Kelburn.	Mr. H. GLOVER, 60 Kent Terrace.

**Convener of Church Extension Committee:**  
Mr. W. J. FERGUSON, 3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai.

**"Own Missionary" Fund:**  
Mr. L. J. WATKIN, Treasurer, 10 Glasgow Street, Kelburn.

**Convener Seat-Letting Committee:**  
Mr. Wm. HOPKIRK, 104 Majoribanks Street.

**Organist and Choirmaster:**  
Mr. C. W. KERRY, 34 Tirangi Road, Kilbirnie.

**Church Officer:**  
Mr. H. I. APLIN, Willis Street. Telephone 28-334.

## ELDERS.

### INDUCTED

Hopkirk, W., 104 Majoribanks Street .. ..	1888
Menelaus, M. D., 43 Ellice Avenue .. ..	1895
Troup, G. A., F.R.I.B.A., 60 Raroa Road, Kelburn	1895
Mitchell, J., 57 Roxburgh Street .. ..	1897
Gill, T. H., M.A., LL.B., 71 Ellice Street ..	1903
Mainland, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn ..	1903
Stone, A. R., 29 Main Road, Wadestown ..	1909
Johnston, A., 33 Central Terrace, Kelburn ..	1911
Macfarlane, J. B., 65 Devon Street, Kelburn ..	1911
Selater, J., Donald Street, Karori .. ..	1911
Howitt, A., 100 The Parade, Lyall Bay .. ..	1913
Ramsay, W. A., 44 Duncan Terrace, Kilbirnie ..	1913
Smith, A. P., Pearce Street, Seatoun .. ..	1913
Bary, C., 28 Waitoa Road, Hataitai .. ..	1919
Corkill, T. E., 200 Dewsbury Tce., Oriental Bay	1919
Martin, A., Day's Bay .. ..	1919
Cullen, W., 43 Miro Street, Miramar .. ..	1920
Austin, W. S., 23 North Terrace, Kelburn ..	1921
Cresswell, T. R., M.A., Wellington College ..	1921
Glover, H., 60 Kent Terrace .. ..	1921
Kraft, J. H., 135 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn ..	1921
Pettigrew, J. T., 44 Matai Road, Hataitai ..	1921
South, H. C., 107 Austin Street .. ..	1921
Blake, E. M., F.R.I.B.A., 15 Kent Terrace ..	1923
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
"	Manager	Mr. D. J. DALGLISH
" 4a	Elder	Mr. A. JOHNSTON
" 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. M. BLAKE
"	Manager	Mr. M. B. ROSIE
" 8	Elder	Mr. H. C. SOUTH
"	Manager	Mr. A. M. WILSON
" 9	Elder	Mr. T. E. CORKILL
" 10	Elder	Mr. H. MAINLAND
" 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
"	Manager	Mr. A. D. JOHNSTON
" 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
" 22	Elder	Mr. T. H. GILL
" 23	Elder	Mr. W. S. AUSTIN
"	Manager	Mr. A. WALLACE

## MANAGERS, 1926.

Campbell, J., F.R.I.B.A.	21 Salamanca Road
Crawford, R. J.	18 Harbour View Road, Northland
Dalglish, D. J.,	306 Willis Street
Gilmour, G.	Jefferson Street, Brooklyn
Ferguson, W.	3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai
Johnston, A. D.	169 Riddiford Street
MacDonald, J.	31 Glen Road, Kelburn
Orr, J. A.	C/o Education Department
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

## YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

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

### Leader:

Miss M. CHAPPELL, 135 Brougham Street.

### Sub-Leader:

Miss M. HILL.

### Secretary:

Miss W. MILLAR, 10 Hamilton Road.

### Treasurer:

Miss A. CHAPPELL.

### Organists:

Misses R. NICHOLS and E. EDGELEY.

## GIRLS, JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

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

### Leader:

Miss R. NICHOLS, Austin Terrace.

### Secretary:

Miss V. GAMBLE.

### Treasurer:

Miss N. THOMSON.

## BOYS' JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

### Leader:

Mr. W. FERGUSON, 3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai.

### Secretary:

Mr. H. N. GUNN.

### Treasurer:

Mr. C. BILBY.

### Organist:

Mr. N. GLOVER.

## MAORI MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE.

### Secretary:

Mrs. A. M. WILSON, 268 Willis Street.

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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

### President:

Mrs. AUSTIN, 23 North Terrace, Kelburn.

### Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. HALLEY, Mrs. FULLARTON and MRS. PATTERSON.

### Secretary:

Miss REITH, 7 Buller Street.

### Treasurer:

Mrs. FRASER, 29 Rawhiti Terrace.

## P.M.W.U.

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

### President:

Mrs. AUSTIN.

### Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. FULLARTON and Mrs. PATTERSON.

### Secretary:

Miss REITH.

### Treasurer:

Mrs. FRASER.

### Oriental Work:

Mrs. MACKENZIE.

### Missions:

Miss AITKEN.

### "Harvest Field":

Mrs. KERRY and Mrs. GLOVER.

## THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.

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

### President:

Mr. G. A. TROUP.

## HOSTEL COMMITTEE.

### Acting-Chairman:

Mr. G. A. TROUP.

### Secretary:

Mr. A. R. STONE, 29 Wadestown Road.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLUBS.

MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY IN DIXON STREET HALL, AT 7 P.M.

**Patron:**

Mrs. R. PEARSON.

**Director:**

Mr. A. D. JOHNSTON.

**Secretary:**

Miss M. HILL.

## 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, 34 Tirangi Road.

**Life Members:**

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. POPE.

**Sopranos:**

Mesdames APLIN, KERRY, VERE, Misses BALLINGALL, BLAKE, D. CHAPPELL, CLYDE, DRUMMOND, HEATH, M. JENNINGS, JOHNSTON, NICHOLS, RASH, McLEAN, MOWATT.

**Contraltos:**

Mrs. WHITEMAN, Misses KERRY and RICHARDS.

**Tenors:**

Messrs. DALGLISH, GIBSON, M. B. ROSIE and MASSEY.

**Bases:**

Messrs. CRAWFORD, FRASER, ROTHWELL, McLELLAN, ENGELHARDT.

**Hon. Secretary:**

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

**Hon. Librarian:**

Miss BLAKE.

## 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 Clubs** meet in the Dixon Street Hall every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

**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 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 8.15 p.m.

**Gymnastic Classes** meet in the Gymnasium during winter months.

**Junior Young Men's Bible Class** meets in the Manager's Room on Sunday afternoons at 2.45.

Faced with a vacancy in the pulpit, the Presbytery was pleased to appoint the Rev. A. Bruce Todd, B.A., Interim Moderator. His help has been of great service both in the conduct of public worship, and in other ways. Part of the pastoral work has been in the hands of Mr. Todd, and his ministrations have been acceptable to the members.

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The Rev. James Paterson, at the great age of 96, passed quietly hence on the 21st July. His decease is of later date than that of the period under review, but inasmuch as the Report is not printed, it is fitting that reference should be made to it here.

Probably we cannot do better than quote some sentences from the tribute to his memory spoken by Dr. Gibb at the funeral service in the Church on the morning of the 23rd July.

"It is 23 years since he laid down the burden of the pastorate of St. John's Church, to which congregation he had ministered for 35 years, adding to this the eleven years of his ministry in the Motherland, his active service of the Church covered the long period of forty-six years. He arrived in New Zealand while it was still the day of small things in Church and State, and to the growth and development of both he made his own contribution, gaining the esteem of the general community for his industry, fidelity, and devotion. In the Church he filled many offices, notably the Conventership of the Church Extension Committee. Outside the Church he warmly espoused the cause of Education, and was a member of various Educational Boards, including the Senate of the University.

"In the pastorate of St. John's, his ministrations were highly appreciated, and even yet there are not a few whose hearts are warm with the memory of what he had been to them in their childhood and youth, and to the homes from which they sprang. His years of retirement were placid. He enjoyed a remarkable measure of health and vigour. The Psalmist's cry that at fourscore years our strength is but labour and sorrow, bore no application to him. Yet even to him, the day came when life became a burden, and he who had never known what illness meant, was put to the test of weariness and pain. He endured the test well and with dignity

and patience he bore the weight of his multiplied years and increasing infirmities—his end was peace. Now he rests from his labours, and won through the long gorge of life has reached the shining tablelands to which our God is Sun and Moon."

For his family, and especially for his daughter, who ministered so devotedly to his declining years, we tender our heartfelt sympathy. To us all the closing of this long life is like the removal of an ancient land-mark; to them it is the end of an earthly relationship most precious.

We commend them to God and to the Word of His Grace.

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### THE KIRK SESSION.

The numerical strength of the Session is 25. Mr. T. H. Gill has returned from his trip to the Homeland, and is again with us.

Mr. Mitchell was laid aside by illness for some months, but he has made a good recovery and is fit for duty once more. We greatly regret that as our year was drawing to a close, Captain Johnson, another of our highly esteemed Elders, after a severe illness, was removed by death. He was a man who ever sought to do the will of his Master, and he will be sorely missed by the whole congregation.

Mr. Mirams, owing to his removal to Khandallah, found it necessary to resign from the Eldership. He will be greatly missed as Superintendent of the Sunday School, and for his work in the Church generally.

"We have to record the resignation by Mr. H. W. Kersley of the Eldership, owing to his removal to the Lower Hutt. We regret this was found necessary, and assure him of our appreciation of his work in our Church during many years."

The seventy-second Anniversary of St. John's was commemorated on Sunday, November 8th, 1925, when the Rev. T. H. Armour, of Knox Church, Christchurch, preached to large congregations, and his services were greatly enjoyed.

## COMMUNION ROLL.

The attendance at the quarterly Communions was: September, 347; December, 307; March, 349; June, 270; the June Communion falling on a very boisterous day. The additions to the roll have been, by certificate 36, by profession 10, making a total of 46. The Session decided to purge the roll, and at the end of June the total membership was 572. Eleven members in full Communion were removed by death (see page 22), and our sincere sympathy goes out to all bereaved relatives and friends.

## PRAYER MEETING.

During the year the attendance at the Prayer Meeting has been disappointing. The Session hopes that in our present position, Office-bearers and Members will unitedly strive to do everything possible to carry on this important branch of our Church work. It is generally admitted that the Prayer Meeting is a reliable index of the spiritual life of a Church.

## PRAISE.

The praise of the Church has been ably led by our Organist, Mr. Ch. W. Kerry. The congregation owes much to the choir, and the Office-bearers cordially urge all who have musical ability to aid the present members, and thus make the services more helpful to the worshippers. The Choir desires to thank those members of our Church who so willingly provided new Anthems for use at the services. The repairing of the organ is now completed, and the instrument is giving every satisfaction.

## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

During the year three of our Managers were compelled to resign, owing to leaving the district, viz., Mr. D. Hogg, Mr. L. R. Blake and Mr. N. R. McKenzie. We were very sorry to part with these brethren, and wish to record our sincere thanks for valuable help so freely given at all times.

Since our last report, our greatly esteemed member, Mr. John Kirkcaldie, the oldest member of the Committee, has passed away. He will be greatly missed from his place in the pew, and for much help so generously given at all times.

## SELECTION COMMITTEE.

To meet the crisis caused by the resignation of Dr. Gibb, a Selection Committee was appointed, consisting of all the Office-bearers, together with 14 members of the congregation, representative of all branches of Church work. Meetings have been held, but little of a definite character has been accomplished. The Committee is now making the necessary enquiries.

## THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Association has this year suffered the loss of their esteemed Hon. President, Mrs. Gibb, and they part from her with sincere regret.

A very successful Sale of Work was held in the Hall on September 8th, 1925, which involved much previous labour. The congregation gave great support to the efforts of the members, and thus brought about a most satisfactory result, a total sum of £170 being raised for missions and other altruistic purposes. The total income of the Association was £262. With the money thus obtained a number of necessitous people were benefited either in cash or kind. The Association has had a most successful year. The Membership Roll contains the names of 51 honorary and 30 active members. The Association holds a meeting once a month as the Congregation's Branch of the P.W.M.U. The amount contributed each year is on behalf of the Missions of our Church. The Secretary, Mrs. Moyes, had to resign owing to leaving Wellington. Mrs. Moyes has been most capable, and members were sorry to lose her. There are 60 subscribers to "The Harvest Field," and the M.M.B.L. has a membership of 84.

## MOTHERS' MEETING.

This meeting is carried on once a fortnight by the members of the Women's Association. Many mothers are helped spiritually and materially, and the assistance given is highly prized by the recipients.

## **THE HOSTEL.**

The Young Men's Hostel has had a most successful year, the accommodation at times being severely taxed. It is supplying a distinct need, and the Sunday morning service at the Hostel, taken in turn by those in residence, has been well attended this year.

## **QUEEN MARGARET COLLEGE.**

We are pleased to know that this College, under the capable management of Miss Wilson, the Principal, is flourishing.

It is a source of much satisfaction to see so many boarders in their places in Church every Sunday.

## **THE BIBLE CLASSES.**

### **Young Men's Class (Senior).**

The roll number has increased from 56 to 59. Of this number 36 are members of the Church, in full Communion, 21 joined the class during the year, and 18 names were removed from the roll. Sixteen members joined the Church during the year. The class owes a great deal to its Leader, Mr. Webber, and the Sub-Leaders, Messrs. Graham and Rosie, who have not spared themselves in the interests of the class. One of our members, Mr. Keogh, has joined the Sunday School staff, and is doing good work also in connection with the Boys' Club. Visits are paid to the Ohio Home, and are highly appreciated by the old folk. Much good work has been done at the Orphanage by the members.

The class has held a meeting at the Boys' Institute every week. The attendance at these services has shown a marked increase on last year.

Chinese Mission: After three years, the interest shown in this branch of social service is still very encouraging. The Chinese pupils are enthusiastic and very regular in their attendance.

Finance: A review of the class's work in this important sphere shows that, while we are well above the standard, our figures show a shortage of £10, compared with that received last year. Subscriptions for the year amounted to £39 9s. 7d.

Debates have been of a varied nature and have succeeded in stimulating bright and interesting discussions.

The social side of the class has been well maintained, and tennis, swimming and football have all been carried on during the year.

The total income of the class amounted to £134 10s., of which nearly £40 was donated to Home and Foreign Missions.

### **YOUNG MEN'S CLASS (Junior).**

The roll of the class of lads under 16 years of age now numbers 17; five were in full communion, of whom three joined during the year.

The Class now meets in the Managers' Room, and all the agencies at work in the Senior Class are highly successful here also. Excellent work is being done under the leader, Mr. Ferguson.

The total income for the year was £59. Of this sum upwards of £13 was devoted to Missions.

### **YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS (Senior).**

The year began with a membership of 56, and ends with 35. No fewer than 24 members left the district during the year to take up teaching.

The meetings have been well attended, and members have been keenly interested in all the work of the Class. The Class does work at the Orphanage, Ohio Home, and Seamen's Mission.

Tennis, Basket Ball, and other sports are indulged in, and the usual class teas and social meetings have been held.

The income of the Class amounted to over £100, of which £70 was donated to Home and Foreign Missions, the Orphanage and Bible Class Union schemes. Over £32 was handed to the Treasurer of the Maori Girls' New College Fund.

### **YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS (Junior).**

The year ended with a membership of 13. The attendance has been good, and the work carried out helpful and stimulating. Three of the members of the Class are members of the Church in full communion.



The methods adopted are much the same as in the other classes. The total income was £16, and of this amount £7 was given to the various Bible Class Funds and Missions, and £9 towards the Building Fund of the Maori Girls' College.

### THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The school roll now contains 140 names, of which 60 are boys and 80 girls. The teachers number six men and 16 women.

The income of the school (exclusive of the annual contribution of the congregation) was £45, of which £13 was donated to Home and Foreign Missions.

The year's work has been carried on regularly, and considerable progress has been achieved. The average attendance showed a small increase on last year. We are called on to part with our worthy Superintendent, who, through his removal to Khandallah, has been compelled to resign, after four years' strenuous work for the school.

The Office-bearers tender their thanks to Mr. Mirams and all the teachers and helpers in the school, for such faithful work in face of many difficulties, chiefly through lack of male teachers. A pressing invitation is given for assistance in this most necessary work.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLUBS.

These classes have met regularly on Wednesday evenings during the winter months, and every effort has been made to cater for various members, both in work and in recreation, and this opportunity of social intercourse is greatly appreciated. Thanks are due to Mr. Hopkirk for six pairs of clubs, donated through the Club, for the use of the girls in the Island Bay Home.

### THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.

Steps have been taken to bring 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 Hon. President, and certain officials are members of Committee ex-officio.

The Church Officer, Mr. H. I. Aplin, has now settled down to his numerous duties, and it is desired that anyone requiring special services will notify the Managers

in good time, so that any arrangements out of the ordinary may be made. We thank Mr. Aplin for the courteous and obliging manner with which he has met the many calls necessarily laid upon him.

### FINANCE.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO EXTERNAL OBJECTS.

Home and Foreign Missions ..	£295	
Maori Mission .. .. .	14	
Budget Schemes .. .. .	141	
	<hr/>	£450

#### OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS.

Orphanage .. .. .	£170	
Poor .. .. .	71	
Youth of the Church .. ..	20	
Theological Hall .. .. .	14	
	<hr/>	£275
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		£725

#### CONGREGATIONAL FINANCE.

Collections and Envelopes ..	£1,360	
Seat Rents .. .. .	321	
Interest on Capital .. ..	170	
Rents (Hall and Manse) ..	382	
Other Items, not included in the		
Treasurer's Statement ..	263	
	<hr/>	£2,496
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Total .. .. .		£3,221

The annual statement of accounts is shown in this report, and will repay the careful study of members of the congregation.

### CONCLUSION.

Thus ends our record of another year, but behind the cold print something of the loyalty of the workers, and of the ideals which inspire them, should be read. The year has brought great changes, testing the loyalty of all, and at its close we still lack a pilot of our own. Most certainly, however, the call to a larger service, and to a deeper faith is, in itself, part of God's plan for us. Are we not thrown back still more upon Him Who is sufficient unto every need? It is in the spirit of closer companionship with the Master that we must resolve to face the dawn of a new year, which will bring its new claims, its new anxieties, and, with His help, its new triumphs.

# In Memoriam

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Mr. J. KIRKCALDIE  
Mrs. WOODMAN  
Mrs. SIMMONDS  
Mr. J. KINNEAR  
Mrs. A. ORR  
Mr. W. J. SKILTON  
Mrs. WINSTANLEY  
Capt. H. JOHNSON  
Mrs. J. McKENZIE  
Mr. G. FORSYTH  
Rev. JAMES PATERSON

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH REVENUE ACCOUNT.

### Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended 30th June, 1926.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance on Revenue A/c bt. forward—			For Church Purposes—		
Balances from last year as under—		34 17 1	Rev. Dr. Gibb, Salary ..	641	13 4
Mothers' Meeting Money ..	6	5 9	Rev. Dr. Gibb, Retiring allowance ..	12	10 0
Women's Association for Box Anzac Collection (Soldiers' Memorial) ..	0	10 0	Rev. J. Paterson, Retiring Allowance ..	300	0 0
Organ Repair Fund ..	7	5 3	Pulpit Supply ..	103	14 6
	100	0 0	Organist's Salary (C. W. Kerry)	125	0 0
For Church Purposes—			Church Officers' Salary (H. I. Aplin) ..	156	0 0
Collections ..	958	6 7	Stationery, Printing and Advertising ..	65	10 11
Envelopes ..	402	6 10	Postage and Receipt Stamps ..	2	14 10
Seat Rents ..	1360	13 5	Insurance—Fire and Accident ..	49	10 2
Rents from School Rooms ..	321	5 6	Telephones ..	14	16 0
Beneficiary Fund (collection) ..	101	3 0	Communion Wine ..	13	4 0
Fees from Pupils for use of Organ ..	15	9 3	Manse, Repairs, etc. ..	5	16 6
Interest on J. G. W. Aitken's Legacy ..	3	8 3	Rev. Dr. Gibb, Motor Car Allowance ..	91	13 4
Interest on Capital from Sale of Manse Section ..	57	10 0	Rates ..	129	13 4
Painting Class Room Halli Share from Snr. Y.M.B.C. ..	112	1 0	Beneficiary Fund Assessment ..	17	10 0
	8	10 0	Presbytery Expenses ..	5	5 0
Carry forward ..	£1980	0 5	Assembly Expenses ..	28	0 0
			Electric Light ..	1	18 6
				£1764	10 5

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward .. ..	1980	0	5	148	18	1
Sabbath School, Third Share						
Cartage Account .. ..	0	12	6			
Senior Y.M.B.C., Third Share,						
Cartage Account .. ..	0	12	6			
Organ Recital (proceeds) ..	6	5	0			
Women's Association (refund) ..	0	3	5			
Queen Margaret College ..	0	15	3			
Society of Musicians (gas) ..	0	5	0			
Dr. Gibb's Farewell Social						
(refund) .. ..	1	0	0			
Manse Rent .. ..	11	8	6			
Garage Rent .. ..	1	16	10			
				2002	19	5
Manse and Garage Rent Account—						
Manse Rent .. ..	248	11	6			
Garage Rent .. ..	19	14	0			
				268	5	6
Received for Other than Church Purposes—						
Congregation—	£	s.	d.			
Foreign Missions ..	79	0	0			
Rev. G. H. McNeur's						
Salary .. ..	49	16	6			
Home Missions ..	34	17	0			
Youth of Church ..	14	19	8			
Theological Hall ..	13	13	2			
Church Missions						
Schemes .. ..	1	0	0			
				193	6	4
Women's Association—						
Budget Schemes of						
Church .. ..	120	0	0			
Rev. G. H. McNeur's						
Salary .. ..	30	0	0			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward .. ..	1764	10	5			
Electric Power, for Organ ..	8	13	0			
Gas .. ..	85	16	4			
Gas Fittings, Repairs and Sup-						
plies .. ..	13	15	10			
Sabbath School, ex Collection	41	10	2			
Cheque Books .. ..	1	10	0			
Sundry Small Accounts ..	12	8	10			
Bank, Collecting Debenture						
Interest .. ..	0	6	0			
Bank, Keeping Account ..	0	10	0			
Annual Meeting Expenses ..	4	11	3			
Organ Motor Repairs ..	2	12	6			
Schoolroom Repairs ..	1	9	9			
Rev. A. B. Todd Allowance						
for Expenses .. ..	5	0	0			
Painting Y.M.B.C. Classroom	17	0	0			
Gravel, Concrete and Tiles for						
Paths .. ..	9	12	0			
Cups and Saucers .. ..	10	15	0			
Two Rimu Palm Stands for						
Church .. ..	1	8	0			
Gymnasium Repairs ..	3	13	6			
Youth of Church Mr. Hopkirk	1	0	0			
Organ Repairs and Overhaul	105	0	0			
Church Officers' Requirements						
for Cleaning, etc. ..	9	16	10			
Repairing Lawn Mower ..	1	2	11			
Dr. Gibb's Farewell Social Ex-						
penses, less Refund £1 (see						
contra) .. ..	6	19	8			
				2109	2	0

Maori Missions Birth-						
day League .. ..	5	0	0			
				155	0	0
Senr. Young Women's Bible Class—						
Rev. G. H. McNeur's						
Salary .. ..	14	5	0			
Bible Class, Nurse						
Fund .. ..	4	0	0			
Student Bursary Fund	2	0	0			
Y.W. Travelling Sec-						
retary .. ..	3	0	0			
Home Missions, North						
Island .. ..	1	0	0			
				24	5	0
Junr. Young Women's Bible Class—						
B.C. Nurse Fund ..	2	0	0			
B.C. Bursary Fund	0	10	0			
B.C. Maori Mission-						
sionary Fund ..	2	0	0			
B.C. Travelling Sec-						
retary Fund ..	2	0	0			
				6	10	0
Senr. Young Men's Bible Class—						
Maori Missions ..	0	14	0			
New Hebrides Mission	0	14	0			
Home Missions ..	0	14	0			
				2	2	0
Junr. Young Men's Bible Class—						
Foreign Missions ..	9	15	6			
Secretaries' Fund ..	3	5	0			
				13	0	6
Carry forward .. ..	£394	3	10	2420	3	0

Manse and Garage Rent Account—						
Rev. Dr. Gibb, Manse Rent ..	248	11	6			
Rev. Dr. Gibb, Garage Rent	19	14	0			
				268	5	6
For Other than Church Purposes—						
Presbyterian Church Treasurer	393	9	10			
Missions Treasurer, Mr. A. R.						
Stone .. ..	13	0	6			
B. & F. Bible Society, Rev. W.						
J. Comrie .. ..	1	0	0			
Wellington Presbyterian Or-						
phanage .. ..	167	15	9			
Dorcas, for Poor of Congrega-						
tion .. ..	67	11	6			
Poor, per Rev. Dr. Gibb ..	3	1	10			
Prisoners' Xmas Tea, per Mr.						
T. P. Mills .. ..	2	0	0			
Anzac Soldiers' Memorial ..	7	5	3			
Women's Association, for Box	0	10	0			
Mothers' Meeting Money ..	6	5	9			
				662	0	5
Cash in Bank of New Zealand ..				28	14	6
Carry forward .. ..	£3068	2	5			

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JOHN T. PETTIGREW,  
Hon. Treasurer.

Brought forward	£	s.	d.
	3068	2	5

Audited and found correct.  
P. M. CAMERON, F.I.A., N.Z.  
Hon. Auditor.  
Wellington, July 16, 1926.

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities, 30th June, 1926.**

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance .. .. .	26,982	7	10	Estimated value of Land, Church, School Manse and other buildings .. .. .	24,000	0	0
				Sum invested in hand of Presbyterian Church Treasurer .. .. .	1,953	13	4
				Loan on Debentures .. .. .	1,000	0	0
				Cash in Hand .. .. .	28	14	6
	<u>£26,982</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£26,982</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>10</u>

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

**Statements of Receipts and Payments from 1st April, 1925, to 31st March, 1926.**

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M. BILBY,  
Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.

### Financial Statement for the Year ended 30th June, 1926.

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J. H. KRAFT,  
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.  
P. M. CAMERON, F.I.A., N.Z.

St. John's Church

Wellington



Seventy-Fourth  
Annual Report

*JULY 1st, 1926*

— TO —

*JUNE 30th, 1927*

WELLINGTON:

N.Z. BOOK DEPOT, WILLIS STREET.

1927.

## OFFICE-BEARERS.

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### **Minister:**

Rev. J. R. BLANCHARD, B.A.  
Residence: 10 Church Street. Telephone: 40-636.

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### **Missionary:**

Rev. GEORGE H. McNEUR, Canton.

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### **Session Clerk:**

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

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### **Clerk of Management Committee:**

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

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### **Treasurer:**

Mr. J. T. PETTIGREW, 44 Matai Road, Hataitai. Telephone 20-191

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### **Envelopes:**

Secretary:	Treasurer:
Mr. J. M. WILSON,	Mr. H. GLOVER,
58 Glen Road, Kelburn.	60 Kent Terrace.

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### **Convener of Church Extension Committee:**

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

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### **"Own Missionary" Fund:**

Mr. L. J. WATKIN, Treasurer, 10 Glasgow Street, Kelburn.

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### **Convener Seat-Letting Committee:**

Mr. Wm. HOPKIRK, 34 Munro Street, Seatoun.

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### **Organist and Choirmaster:**

Mr. Ch. W. KERRY, 34 Tirangi Road, Kilbirnie.

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### **Church Officer:**

Mr. H. I. APLIN, Willis Street. Telephone 28-334.





## ELDERS.

	INDUCTED
Hopkirk, W., 34 Munro Street, Seatoun..	1888
Menelaus, M. D., 43 Ellice Avenue ..	1895
Troup, G. A., F.R.I.B.A., 60 Raroa Road, Kelburn	1895
Mitchell, J., 57 Roxburgh Street ..	1897
Gill, T. H., M.A., LL.B., 71 Ellice Street ..	1903
Mainland, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn ..	1903
Stone, A. R., 29 Main Road, Wadestown ..	1909
Johnston, A., 33 Central Terrace, Kelburn ..	1911
Macfarlane, J. B., 65 Devon Street, Kelburn ..	1911
Sclater, J., Donald Street, Karori..	1911
Howitt, A., 100 The Parade, Lyall Bay ..	1913
Ramsay, W. A., 44 Duncan Terrace, Kilbirnie ..	1913
Smith, A. P., Pearce Street, Seatoun ..	1913
Bary, C., 28 Waitoa Road, Hataitai ..	1919
Corkill, T. E., 200 Dewsbury Tce., Oriental Bay	1919
Martin, A., Day's Bay ..	1919
Cullen, W., 43 Miro Street, Miramar ..	1920
Austin, W. S., 23 North Terrace, Kelburn ..	1921
Fraser, Malcolm, 29 Rawhiti Terrace, Kelburn	1921
Cresswell, T. R., M.A., Wellington College ..	1921
Glover, H., 60 Kent Terrace ..	1921
Kraft, J. H., 135 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn ..	1921
Pettigrew, J. T., 44 Matai Road, Hataitai ..	1921
South, H. C., 107 Austin Street ..	1921
Blake, E. M., F.R.I.B.A., 15 Kent Terrace ..	1923
Webber, S. W., B.Com., 306 Willis Street ..	1923
Moir, W. A., 111 Austin Street ..	1924
Ironside, A., 17 May Street ..	1927
Wallace, A. H., 5 Boundary Road, Kelburn ..	1927

## ELDERS' DISTRICTS.

District No. 1	Elder	Mr. A. IRONSIDE
" 2	Elder	Mr. J. B. MACFARLANE
" 3	Elders	Messrs. A. MARTIN and S. W. WEBER
" 4	Elder	Mr. M. D. MENELAUS
" 5	Elder	Mr. J. SCLATER
" 6	Elder	Mr. MALCOLM FRASER
" 7	Elder	Mr. A. JOHNSTON
" 8	Elder	Mr. J. H. KRAFT
" 9	Elder	Mr. T. E. CORKILL
" 10	Elder	Mr. E. M. BLAKE
" 11	Elder	Mr. H. C. SOUTH
" 12	Elder	Mr. H. MAINLAND
" 13	Elder	Mr. W. CULLEN
" 14	Elder	Mr. W. A. RAMSAY
" 15	Elder	Mr. W. A. MOIR
" 16	Elder	Mr. H. GLOVER
" 17	Elder	Mr. J. MITCHELL
" 18	Elder	Mr. C. BARY
" 19	Elder	Mr. A. HOWITT
" 20	Elder	Mr. A. P. SMITH
" 21	Elder	Mr. J. T. PETTIGREW
" 22	Elder	Mr. W. HOPKIRK
" 23	Elder	Mr. T. H. GILL

## MANAGERS, 1927.

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Campbell, J., F.R.I.B.A.	21 Salamanca Road
Crawford, R. J.	18 Harbour View Road, Northland
Dalglish, D. J.	7 Mount Street
Gilmour, G.	Jefferson Street, Brooklyn
Ferguson, W.	3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai
Johnston, A. D.	169 Riddiford Street
Orr, J. A.	C/o Education Department
Rosie, A. M.	61 Moana Road, Kelburn
Watkin, L. J.	10 Glasgow Street, Kelburn
Wilson, A. M.,	12 Talavera Terrace, Kelburn
Wilson, J. M.	58 Glen Road, Kelburn
Wilson, D. S.	41 Grove Road, Kelburn

## MANAGERS' COMMITTEES.

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### Property Committee:

Messrs. BARY, BLAKE, CAMPBELL, FERGUSON, A. JOHNSTON, KRAFT  
MENELAUS, MAINLAND and GLOVER (Convener).

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### Seat-Letting Committee:

Messrs. GILL, MACFARLANE, MOIR, RAMSAY, STONE, WALLACE,  
WATKIN, WEBBER, D. S. WILSON, J. M. WILSON  
and HOPKIRK (Convener).

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### Finance Committee:

Messrs. FRASER, GLOVER, MENELAUS, PETTIGREW, A. ROSIE,  
A. D. JOHNSTON, ORR, SMITH, TROUP and HOPKIRK (Convener).

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### Church Extension Committee:

Messrs. CULLEN, HOWITT, SCLATER, MARTIN, STONE, D. S. WILSON,  
WEBBER, FERGUSON and CRAWFORD (Convener).

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### Choir Committee:

Messrs. AUSTIN, BLAKE, CRAWFORD, WATKIN, A. M. WILSON,  
DALGLISH, HOWITT, SOUTH and IRONSIDE (Convener).

## SUNDAY SCHOOL.

MEETS SUNDAY, 2.30 P.M.

**Hon. Superintendent:**  
Mr. W. HOPKIRK.

**Acting Superintendent:**  
Mr. A. D. JOHNSTON.

### Teachers:

Mrs. APLIN, Misses D. BLAKE, D. CHAPPELL, M. GRAY, M. HANDLEY,  
C. HUTTON, E. PURDIE, A. TROUP, A. MUIR, M. MACKENZIE, E.  
MACKENZIE, MCGREGOR, NICHOL, Messrs. A. D. JOHNSTON, J. H.  
KRAFT, G. GLOVER, A. KEOGH, W. A. MOIR and B. MASSEY.

**Secretary and Treasurer:**  
Mr. J. H. KRAFT.

**Librarian:**  
Miss A. McLEAN.

**Assistant Librarian:**  
Miss K. HUME and Mr. D. McLEAN.

**Cradle Roll Superintendent:**  
Miss M. MACKENZIE.

## YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS AND INSTITUTE.

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

**President:**  
Rev. J. R. BLANCHARD.

**Leader:**  
Mr. S. W. WEBBER, 306 Willis Street.

**Sub-Leaders:**  
Mr. D. J. DALGLISH, 7 Mount Street, and Mr. D. ROBERTS,  
C/o "Donbank".

**Secretary:** Mr. W. I. GIBSON, 306 Willis Street. **Treasurer:** Mr. M. BILBY, 5 Sidey Street.

**CONVENERS OF COMMITTEES:**  
**Missions**—Mr. D. J. DALGLISH  
**Inspiration**—Mr. F. ANDERSON  
**Library**—Mr. Ian TAYLOR  
**Social**—Mr. L. ROTHWELL  
**Athletics**—Mr. D. JONES  
**Look-out**—Messrs. A. LONG and F. THOMPSON  
**"Four Square"**—Mr. M. BILBY  
**Rooms**—Mr. B. MASSEY  
**Social Service**—Mr. S. GALLUS  
**Bible Study**—Mr. D. ROBERTS

**Class Elder:**  
Mr. A. MARTIN.

**Organist:**  
Mr. R. J. CRAWFORD.

## YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

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

**Leader:**  
Miss M. CHAPPELL, 135 Brougham Street.

**Sub-Leader:**  
Miss CLYDE.

**Secretary:**  
Miss W. MILLAR, 10 Hamilton Road.

**Treasurer:**  
Miss A. CHAPPELL

**Organists:**  
Misses R. NICHOLS and E. EDGELEY.

## GIRL'S JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

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

**Leader:**  
Miss R. NICHOLS, Austin Terrace.

**Secretary:**  
Miss N. THOMSON.

**Treasurer:**  
Miss M. SCHEELE.

## BOYS' JUNIOR BIBLE CLASS.

MEETS IN MANAGERS' ROOMS, SUNDAY, AT 2.45 P.M.

**Leader:**  
Mr. W. J. FERGUSON, 3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai.

**CONVENERS OF COMMITTEES:**  
**Look-out**—J. LONG  
**Social**—P. MACGREGOR  
**Athletic**—L. JOHNSTON  
**Library**—N. FLEMING.  
**Missions**—R. LAMB.  
**Rooms**—A. PORTER

**Secretary:**  
R. D. WILSON.

**Treasurer:**  
C. R. BILBY.

## MAORI MISSION BIRTHDAY LEAGUE.

**Secretary:**  
Mrs. A. M. WILSON, 12 Talavera Terrace.

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

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

### President:

Mrs. J. R. BLANCHARD, 10 Church Street.

### Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. AUSTIN and Mrs. FRASER.

### Secretary:

Miss REITH, 7 Buller Street.

### Treasurer:

Mrs. J. M. WILSON, 58 Glen Road, Kelburn.

## P.M.W.U.

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

### President:

Mrs. J. R. BLANCHARD.

### Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. AUSTIN and Mrs. FRASER.

### Secretary:

Miss REITH.

### Treasurer:

Mrs. J. M. WILSON.

### Oriental Work:

Miss E. WALLACE.

### Missions:

Miss AITKEN.

### "Harvest Field":

Mrs. KERRY, Mrs. GLOVER and Mrs. AUSTIN.

## THE BOYS' INSTITUTE.

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

### Hon. President:

Rev. J. R. BLANCHARD.

### President:

Mr. G. A. TROUP.

## HOSTEL COMMITTEE.

### Chairman:

Rev. J. R. BLANCHARD.

### Secretary:

Mr. A. R. STONE, 29 Wadestown Road.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLUBS.

MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY IN DIXON STREET HALL, AT 7 P.M.

### Patron:

Mrs. R. PEARSON.

### Director:

Mr. A. D. JOHNSTON.

### Secretary:

Miss M. HANLEY.

## MOTHERS' MEETING.

MEETS IN THE HALL MONTHLY AT 2.30 P.M.

### Superintendents:

Mrs. AUSTIN and Mrs. FRASER.

## CHOIR.

PRACTICE IN YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS ROOM EVERY  
WEDNESDAY AT 8.30 P.M.

### Organist and Choirmaster:

Mr. Ch. W. KERRY, 34 Tirangi Road.

### Life Members:

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. POPE.

### Sopranos:

Mesdames APLIN, IRONSIDE, KERRY, VEAR, Misses BALLINGALL,  
BLAKE, D. CHAPPELL, CLYDE, M. JENNINGS, JOHNSTON,  
NICHOLS, RASH, McLEAN and MOWATT.

### Contraltos:

Mesdames BURTON, PUMFREY and WHITEMAN, Misses DAVIDSON,  
GILCHRIST and KERRY.

### Tenors:

Messrs. DALGLISH, GIBSON, MASSEY, JOHNS and ROTHWELL.

### Bases:

Messrs. CRAWFORD, ENGELHARDT, IRONSIDE and WILSON.

### Hon. Secretary:

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

### Hon. Treasurer:

Mr. S. ENGELHARDT.

### Hon. Librarian:

Miss BLAKE.

## 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.

**Mid-week Services** every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

**The Session** meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 8.30. p.m.

**The Managers** meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 8.15 p.m.

**Bible Class for Young Women** meets in the Class Room, Dixon Street Hall, Sunday afternoons, at 2.45.

**Bible Class for Young Men** meets in the Class Room, Willis Street, on Sunday afternoons, at 2.45 p.m.

**Social Club** every Saturday evening in Willis Street Class Room.

**Junior Young Men's Bible Class** meets in the Manager's Room on Sunday afternoons at 2.45.

**Sunday School** meets in the hall adjoining the Church on Sunday afternoons at 2.30.

**Sunday School Clubs** meet in the Dixon Street Hall every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

**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 Young Women's Class Room.

**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. Many of the pioneers in remote districts would be without religious ordinances for themselves and their children but for the Home Mission Funds of the Church.

**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. Many find this a convenient method of contributing to our funds. Those desirous of having sittings allocated, or any requiring further information, should apply to the Pew Rent Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Hopkirk.

## PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Members and Adherents of the Congregation—

It is now a little over four months since you welcomed me as your Minister, and I desire to thank you most heartily for the cordial reception you have given me. With the exception of a few calls which have yet to be paid, a complete visitation of the Congregation has been made. In addition, many newcomers have been called on and brought into our fellowship.

I would draw special attention to the Mid-week Service, the average attendance at which has been 53. Some think that this is good, but with a membership of over 600 it ought to be better. Those who attend this service find it an inspiration. The majority of the Congregation, however, know nothing whatever about it. I would urge all to put its promise of helpfulness to the test by their personal attendance.

Plans for the reconstruction of the organ are being carefully considered, so as to enable the organist and choirmaster to make the Praise of our Public Worship more efficient. This is necessary. The fact that our services are now being broadcasted from time to time makes it more necessary. In this, as in all matters connected with the Church, let us walk by the rule that church-membership pledges us to "approve the things that are excellent."

Dr. John Watson ("Ian McLaren"), after a long ministry in Sefton Park, Liverpool, England, said: "If you ask me what have been the conditions of the success God has given us, they may be stated in order of importance from the least to the greatest thus: A good site, no debt, hearty liberality, a cheerful service, making strangers welcome, active work, no drones, wise office-bearers, internal peace, external charity, Wednesday services, and a desire to do God's will." Heartily do I commend these words, asking each one to ponder them well, and then to rise up and take the path to which they point.

Thanking every organisation of the Church for its splendid service, beseeching of you continued personal loyalty to Christ, and commending you warmly to His grace that the joy of His service may flood your hearts.

I am, your Minister,

J. R. BLANCHARD.

## 1926-1927 REPORT.

THE year just closed has been of more than ordinary interest in the life of the Congregation, the chief event being the advent of our new Minister, Mr. J. R. Blanchard, B.A. It is no secret that his name was mentioned at the first meeting of the Selection Committee entrusted with the work of securing a worthy successor to those Ministers who had served St. John's so faithfully and well in the past. And it was inevitably led to the conclusion that Mr. Blanchard was the man chosen by God to be the Minister of St. John's.

The Congregation heartily endorsed the findings of the Committee, and addressed a unanimous call to Mr. Blanchard. This was accepted (as we know reluctantly and diffidently) only, when the conviction was forced upon him that God had a work for him to do in St. John's.

On March 17th, 1927, the Induction Service took place in the Church, and was largely attended by the members of Presbytery and the Congregation. The Rev. A. Bruce Todd, B.A., presided, the Rev. J. E. Lopdell preached, the Rev. R. J. Howie, B.A., delivered the charge to the Minister, and the Rev. Jas. Baird, B.A., to the people. At the close of the service, Mr. Blanchard was introduced to the members as they retired.

On the following Sunday (March 20th) the Rev. W. Gray Dixon, M.A., who had been acting as locum tenens for some months during the vacancy, conducted the opening exercises at the morning service, and introduced Mr. Blanchard, who thereafter preached his first sermon as Minister of St. John's.

At a welcome social meeting, held on March 23rd, members of the Presbytery, representative Ministers from sister churches, and others joined with the Congregation in expressing great satisfaction at the settlement.

Mr. Blanchard brings great gifts to the service of God in St. John's—the vigour of youth, the freshness of outlook, and the spell of a forceful personality, with a deep sense of the need for reverent worship, and for the realisation of all that the Church of Christ should stand for in the lives of men and women. His great task calls for the sympathy and prayers of the Congregation, and for their loyal support and devoted co-operation, and it is gratifying to note the enthusiasm with which the young men and young women have rallied round him. It is an augury full of hope for the future, and we have the greatest confidence in looking forward to the life and work of our Church during the coming years. Since Mr. Blanchard's arrival there has been a marked improvement in attendance at the Church.

Mr. Blanchard does not come alone—Mrs. Blanchard has entered into the life of the Congregation with a natural grace and simplicity which has endeared her to all. She has entered fully into congregational activities, and has willingly exercised her talents in the service of the various organisations. Her advent is exceedingly welcome to St. John's. Our earnest prayer is that Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard may be long spared in health and strength to carry on successful work in our Church.

It is fitting at this point to refer to the work of the Rev. A. Bruce Todd, B.A., interim Moderator during the vacancy, and to all whose toil and self-sacrifice led to this happy settlement, and we wish to convey to all the Ministers who so acceptably occupied our pulpit during the time, our grateful thanks, but more especially to the Rev. W. Gray Dixon, M.A., whose work and interest in St. John's for over six months, and also that of Mrs. Gray Dixon was most highly appreciated.

At the welcome social to our Minister, suitable presentations were made to Mr. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Gray Dixon, and the Session Clerk, Mr. Menelaus.

### **THE KIRK SESSION.**

The numerical strength of the Session is 29.

### **COMMUNION ROLL.**

The attendance at the Quarterly Communion was: September, 252; December, 209; April, 411; June, 455. During the year 37 new members were admitted on profession of faith, and 92 by certificate; five were removed by death, and 82 by disjunction and other causes. At the close of the year (June 30th, 1927), (which included over eight months of the vacancy), our total number of members on the roll was 614, an increase of 42.

Six members in full Communion were removed by death (see page 25), and our sincere sympathy goes out to all bereaved relatives and friends.

### **PRAYER MEETING.**

During the latter part of the year, the mid-week service has been well attended. At this service Mr. Blanchard has taken a course of addresses on the Gospel of St. Mark. The wealth of exposition and illustration exhibited has made these addresses very helpful to the many hearers.

### **COMMUNION.**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed on four occasions at the morning service, and once at the evening service during the year. These have been times of searching of heart, the greatness of the Lord's sacrifice, and of the fellowship of believers in the Sacrament has been presented with vivid and awakening reality.

Prayer meetings have been held before each service during the past months, attended by members of the Session and Choir, and the prayers of those who attend have surely been blessed of God to the Congregation.

A tribute of thanks is due to the ladies, whose gifts of flowers have added beauty to the Sanctuary, and to the young worshippers, who each Sunday morning, leave flowers for the Minister's vestry.

## **PRAISE.**

The praise of the Church is still being ably led by our organist, Mr. Kerry. We thank him, and the members of the Choir, for their devotion to their work, and their success in leading the praise of the Church. But we want a still larger choir, and appeal to members of the Congregation who have a good voice, and a little knowledge of music, to rally to the help of the organist and his fellow-workers. The Choir meets for practice every Wednesday evening, and new-comers will be heartily welcomed.

## **COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.**

During the year electric lighting and heating have been installed in the Church and other buildings, and although the cost has been considerable, it is felt by all to have been a most necessary work, and a very great improvement on the former method of lighting and heating. Other work carried out included the erection of strong-room, and improvements to buildings and grounds.

Owing to removal from our city, two of our managers—Messrs. G. S. Troup, M.A., and M. B. Rosie—were compelled to resign from that office. We record our thanks to these brethren for help so freely given at all times.

## **WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.**

A most successful Sale of Work was held in our Hall on October 8th, 1926. The Congregation gave great support to the efforts of the members, and this brought about a most satisfactory result, a sum of over £200 being raised for attruistic purposes.

The ordinary income of the Association was £150. With the money thus obtained a number of necessitious people were helped in cash and kind. The Association has had a most successful year, and the attendance of members has been good throughout. The membership roll contains the names of 60 honorary and 32 active members. The Association holds a meeting once a

month, as the Congregation's branch of the P.W.M.U. The amount contributed each year is on behalf of the missions of our Church.

There are 62 subscribers to the "Harvest Field," and the M.M.B. League has a membership of 104. During the year one of our Vice-Presidents—Mrs. Fullarton—had to resign owing to her removal from Wellington. We were very sorry to lose her from our Association.

Several months of the year are devoted to sewing for our Orphanages, and parcels of garments have been sent to them of the value of £34. On March 22nd, Rev. and Mrs. Blanchard paid their first visit to the Association, and were heartily welcomed by the members.

In reviewing the year, we lift grateful hearts to our Heavenly Father for the work we have been permitted to do, and for the spirit of friendliness and harmony that has prevailed, enabling us to attain the end for which we, as an Association, exist, viz., to clothe the orphan and help the Home and Foreign Missions of our Church. In June, Mrs. Blanchard was elected President, and was warmly welcomed to her new office.

## **MOTHERS' MEETING.**

This meeting is held once a fortnight by the members of the Women's Association, and the help given is greatly appreciated by all.

## **YOUNG MEN'S ST. JOHN'S HOSTEL.**

During the past year, the Hostel has been fully occupied by young men, and is continuing to meet the object for which it was started, viz., to provide accommodation for young fellows resident in Wellington, in an environment conducive to the maintenance and building up of a strong Christian character. The tariff is fixed at rates which just meet the charges incidental to the proper maintenance of the Hostel.



## QUEEN MARGARET COLLEGE.

We are pleased to know that this College, under Miss Wilson, the Principal, is flourishing. It is a source of great satisfaction to the Minister and Session that so many of the boarders have joined the fellowship of our Church during this year.

### THE BIBLE CLASSES.

#### Young Men's Bible Class (Senior).

During the year ended March 31st, 23 names were added to the roll, and 29 removed, leaving the present roll members 53. Regret is expressed at the loss to the class of Mr. Martin Rosie, one of the sub-leaders, through his removal from Wellington, and also Mr. W. Aldis, a member of Committee. Since Mr. Rosie's departure, Mr. D. J. Dalglish has been the sole sub-leader.

The leadership is still in the capable hands of Mr. S. W. Webber, who has sacrificed much time and strength for the class and its members.

There has been an influx of new members into the class recently. These will, in some measure, fill the gaps caused by the departure of some of our stalwarts. Thirty-four members are in full communion with our Church.

### OUR MINISTER AND PRESIDENT.

The extending of a call to the Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., of Perth, and formerly of Sydney, was clearly in accordance with the leading of the Holy Spirit. That the prayers of the Congregation and its various organisations were answered, was shown by the manner in which difficulties that arose were overcome, and the way opened up, together with the extraordinary unanimity in the endorsement of the call by every section of the Congregation. On Mr. Blanchard's first Sunday 54 members were present to extend a welcome to him at our afternoon meeting. With general acclamation, Mr. Blanchard was declared President of the class. Members feel that Mr. Blanchard is the right man in

the right place. His friendly disposition, his practical sympathy, his organising ability, and more especially his pulpit gifts, will undoubtedly enable Mr. Blanchard to carry out the heavy duties of his high office in complete realisation of the keen expectation that was created by the very favourable reports received prior to his arrival in the Dominion.

In ministering to his flock, Mr. Blanchard has the capable assistance of Mrs. Blanchard. We all join in expressing the wish that Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard and their two children may be long spared, and pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon them. We look on the work of the past 12 months as on a successful year; the spiritual tone has been good, and the standard at meetings has been high. Old Boys' Sunday was a feature of the year. This was a great success in every way. The social side of the class has been well maintained—tennis, cricket and football have been carried on during the year. The annual camp was held on Anniversary Day, as usual, and was most successful, 34 seniors and 14 juniors being present.

The outstanding functions of the year were the annual banquet and the welcome social to the Rev. J. R. Blanchard and Mrs. Blanchard. The assistance given by the members at the services held in the Boys' Institute, Ohiro Home, and the Chinese Mission have been greatly appreciated.

### MISSIONS.

During the year an improvement will be observed in this important class activity, the amount raised being £63, an increase of £24 over last year's total. In addition, over £14 was collected for objects not directly connected with our Church.

#### YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS (Junior).

The class has more than doubled its membership during the year, the number on the roll now being 37. During the year five members joined the Church on profession of faith.

Sunday, September 19th, was Spring Sunday. At the close of the afternoon meeting the flowers were taken to the sick and aged members of the Congregation, "Eventide Home," the patients in the Public Hospital, who had no friends, and to the prisoners in the Terrace Gaol.

Fourteen members attended the Senior-Junior Camp at Haywards. A class camp was also held at Wallaceville at Easter, when 26 of our members were present. There are now 119 books in the Class Library; an average of 30 books are taken out per Sunday. Books were presented by friends during the year, and further gifts of books will be appreciated by the class. The class now uses the Junior Syllabus, known as "Pioneer Trails." A paper is read by a member each Sunday, after which a discussion follows. All the agencies at work in the Senior Class are carried on in our class. Football, cricket, tramping, swimming, and basketball teams have been in full swing during the year. All the work in connection with the class is being faithfully carried out by the leader, Mr. Ferguson.

The total income for the year was £50. Of this sum, £15 was devoted to Missions, the balance being spent in the purchase of books for the library and necessary class expenses.

### **YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS (Senior).**

On the whole a successful year is chronicled by this class, the number of members on the roll being 34. The usual activities have been engaged in. The members have taken the service at the Ohiro Home each month, and help given to the Missions to Seamen, and the Orphanages assisted in money and kind. The statement of receipts and expenditure shows that £64 was raised during the year, of which £33 was devoted to Missions and £16 to the Orphanages. Twenty-three members are in full communion with St. John's, and seven belong to other churches.

### **YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS (Junior).**

This year we are able to report an increase in our membership, which now numbers 16. One member left to join the Sunday School staff, and two to join the senior class. Interest and enthusiasm in the class work has been well sustained; a weekly Club has been formed, and is proving helpful. Combined socials have been held, and these have been appreciated very much, owing to the spirit of cordial fellowship manifested. Six of our members are in full communion with the Church; three have joined this year. The sum of £10 has been donated to the Mission Funds. The year's work has been successful and encouraging.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

The school roll now contains 156 names, of which 68 are boys and 88 girls—an increase of 16. A good average attendance has been maintained throughout the year. The school is now graded into departments, viz., Primary, Intermediate, Junior and Senior classes. The teachers and officers number 24 (16 women and 8 men). The income of the school (exclusive of the Anniversary collection) was £73. Over £10 of this amount was donated to Home and Foreign Missions. The library has been augmented by several suitable books. The magazines are now only distributed to the Junior Department. Since Mr. Mirams' retirement, Mr. Douglas Johnston has been acting Superintendent, and under his guidance the year's work has been carried out successfully. The Wellington Sunday School examination was held in July; 17 of the scholars entered, and 7 of these gained prizes. The 73rd Anniversary Services were held on Sunday, September 26th, and the social on the following Wednesday. The annual picnic was held at Belmont in February, when an enjoyable day was spent. The teachers gave a warm welcome to our new Minister, Mr. J. R. Blanchard and Mrs. Blanchard, at a Sunday tea. Mothers' Day was on May 8th. Scholars invited their parents, and a white flower was worn in their honour. Mr. J. M. Morice, who has now retired, after acting as Secretary for 30 years, was the recipient of a gift from the past and present teachers, at a social held

in the parlour. Regret was expressed at his being compelled to resign, and he was heartily thanked for all his past services to the school.

A strong appeal is made to members of the Congregation for more helpers in the school.

### **JUNIOR GIRLS' CLUB.**

Since last Annual Report, the Girls' Club has met regularly and helped by gifts and entertainments at the Orphanage. A good average attendance is maintained, and much useful work is being done. The roll number is 16. Meetings are held every Wednesday from 7.15 to 8.30 p.m.

### **WOLF CUB PACK.**

A Wolf Cub Pack has recently been formed in connection with St. John's. Although only in existence a short time, the attendance has been encouraging. Under the guidance of Mr. Gordon Glover, the Pack should go forward, and the youths now joining will later be called on to connect themselves with the Boy Scouts, a patrol of which is being formed. The Cubs meet in the primary room every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m., and boys from eight to twelve years of age will be heartily welcomed.

### **BOYS' INSTITUTE.**

The Boys' Institute, although not under the control of the Presbyterian Church, is still, on account of its connection with St. John's in its early days, a work in which the Church and the Bible Classes take a great interest. The young men of the Bible Classes assist in the Sunday services, and help in many other ways. Several of our members are on the committee, and the Minister of our Church is the Hon. President.

### **CHURCH OFFICER.**

The Church officer, Mr. H. I. Aplin, has carried out his many duties during the year to the satisfaction of the Minister and office-bearers.

At the close of another year the office-bearers desire to express their heartiest thanks to all the workers in the various organisations of our Church who have so willingly given their help in making the year's work so successful.

### **FINANCE.**

	£	s.	d.
For Church purposes .. .. .	3,383	17	6
For other than Church purposes ..	660	6	10
Other items, not included in the Treasurer's Statement .. .. .	206	0	0
Total ..	<u>£4,250</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>7</u>

The Annual Statement of Accounts is, as usual, given as an appendix to this Report, and will repay the careful study of members of the congregation. During a year which embraced many months of a pastoral vacancy, congregational finance cannot quite fairly be regarded as normal.

### **CONCLUSION.**

In conclusion, this Report cannot deal adequately with the incidents of the settlement of the new Minister—so important an event in St. John's history; nor does it do more than touch upon the activities of the congregation. Much less can it record the intangible things which form the fabric of the congregation's spiritual life. These are outside its purview: they belong to the hidden life of the soul, which is known only to the Master.

It should, however, suffice to awaken in the minds and hearts of all who love the Lord Jesus Christ a renewed sense of the magnitude of the task, and the privilege which is ours as a congregation. We look back on the past year with thankfulness to God for His mercies, and to the great responsibilities of the New Year with confidence and hope.

# In Memoriam.

Miss KING

Mrs. J. FERGUSON

Mr. J. CLARKE

Mrs. H. F. DAVIS

Mrs. KERSLEY, Senr.

Mrs. J. H. POPE

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH REVENUE ACCOUNT.

### Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year ended 30th June, 1927.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance on Revenue A/c bt. forward—	28 14 6	For Church Purposes—	
For Church Purposes—		Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Stipend (4 months) .. ..	200 0 0
Plate Collections .. £1022 6 4		Rev. Dr. Gibb, Retiring Allowance .. ..	195 16 8
Envelopes .. .. 343 18 4	1366 4 8	Late Rev. J. Paterson, Retiring Allowance .. ..	25 0 0
Seat Rents .. ..	329 12 0	Pulpit Supply during Vacancy .. ..	322 13 6
Rents from School Rooms .. ..	139 15 0	Organist's Salary (C. W. Kerry) .. ..	125 0 0
Fees from Pulpits for use of Organ .. ..	14 0 3	Church Officer's Salary (H. I. Aplin) .. ..	156 0 0
Beneficiary Fund (Collection) .. ..	12 0 0	Stationery, Printing, Advertising, etc. .. ..	62 10 2
Interest on late J. G. W. Aitken's Legacy .. ..	57 10 0	Insurance, Fire and Accident .. ..	4 2 0
Interest on Capital from Sale of part of Manse Section .. ..	109 3 6	Insurance, Fiat Motor Car .. ..	51 3 5
Special Contributions during year to Revenue .. ..	246 7 0	Telephones, Church and Manse .. ..	8 16 0
Pulpit Supply (Rebates) .. ..	6 0 0	Communion Wine and Glasses .. ..	13 10 5
Presbyterian General Assembly, for Sundry Expenses .. ..	8 3 2	Additions & Repairs to Properties: Church, Schools, Manse and Cottage .. ..	16 10 0
Communion Wine .. ..	2 0 6		250 4 11
Church Officer's House, Electric Light .. ..	2 2 6	New Strong Room .. ..	82 0 2
Carried forward .. ..	£2292 18 7	Carried forward .. ..	£1513 7 3
	£28 14 6		

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	..	..	..	2,292	18	7	28	14	6
Rev. A. B. Todd, Refund of Balance of Expenses	..	..	..	1	15	0			
Y.W.B.C., Senr., for Church Debt Redemption	..	..	..	3	0	0			
Y.M.B.C., use of Gas at Concert	..	..	..	0	5	0			
N.Z. Alliance, use of Gas, etc.	..	..	..	0	8	3			
Manse Rent (54 weeks)	..	..	..	270	0	0			
Garage Rent (52 weeks)	..	..	..	22	2	0			
							2590	8	10
Received for Other than Church Purposes—									
Congregation—									
Foreign Missions	..	..	..	76	2	0			
Rev. G. H. McNeur's Salary	..	..	..	79	12	0			
Presbyterian Jubilee Scholarship Fund, collected by Dr. Gibb	..	..	..	63	1	0			
Home Missions	..	..	..	35	2	6			
Presbyterian Church Deficit Fund	..	..	..	16	14	8			
Youth of Church	..	..	..	7	0	0			
							277	12	2
Women's Association—									
Budget Schemes of Church	..	..	..	120	0	0			
Rev. G. H. McNeur's Salary	..	..	..	30	0	0			
Missionary Rest Homes	..	..	..	30	0	0			
							180	0	0
Carried forward	..	..	..	£457	12	2	£2619	3	4

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	..	..	..	1513	7	3
Y.W.B.C. Room, Painting and Varnishing	..	..	..	10	10	0
Electric Light Installation, on Account	..	..	..	600	0	0
Church Notice Board, Sign-writing, etc.	..	..	..	11	1	5
Survey Plan, McDonald Crescent Section	..	..	..	15	0	0
New Hose for Church	..	..	..	1	13	6
Gardening Work at Church	..	..	..	3	0	0
Vestry Furnishings	..	..	..	24	12	7
General Assembly Furnishings	..	..	..	7	15	6
Repairing Organ Motor	..	..	..	1	15	0
Tuning Organ (15 months)	..	..	..	18	15	0
School Room, Tablecloths	..	..	..	1	15	2
School Room, Curtain	..	..	..	15	3	0
Hymn Books	..	..	..	17	15	0
Choir—Anthems, etc.	..	..	..	4	0	10
Land & Survey Dept., Map	..	..	..	1	17	6
City Rates	..	..	..	139	4	6
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	..	..	..	17	10	0
Presbytery Expenses (2 years)	..	..	..	10	10	0
Assembly Expenses (2 years)	..	..	..	52	0	0
Electric Light	..	..	..	26	7	2
Electric Power for Organ	..	..	..	10	16	4
Gas	..	..	..	42	14	1
Gas Fittings, etc.	..	..	..	5	14	0
Sabbath School (ex Collection)	..	..	..	40	17	6
Cheque Books	..	..	..	2	0	0
Sundry Small Accounts	..	..	..	8	14	8
Bank—Interest	..	..	..	0	2	3
Carried forward	..	..	..	£2,604	12	3

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	..	..	..	457	12	2	2619	3	4
Young Women's Bible Class, Senr.—									
Rev. G. H. McNeur's Salary	..	..	..	15	0	0			
Y.W.B.C. Nurse Fund	..	..	..	4	0	0			
Y.W.B.C. Travelling Secretary	..	..	..	4	0	0			
Presb. Women's Training Institute for B.C. Bursary	..	..	..	3	0	0			
Home Missions, North Island	..	..	..	2	0	0			
							28	0	0
Young Women's Bible Class, Junr.—									
Y.W.B.C. Nurse Fund	..	..	..	3	0	0			
Y.W.B.C. Travelling Secretary	..	..	..	3	0	0			
Y.W.B.C. Maori Missionary Fund	..	..	..	3	0	0			
Y.W.B.C. Bursary Fund	..	..	..	0	10	0			
Rev. G. H. McNeur's Salary	..	..	..	0	10	0			
							10	0	0
Young Men's Bible Class, Senr.—									
Church Home	..	..	..	0	12	0			
New Hebrides	..	..	..	0	12	0			
Maori Missions	..	..	..	0	12	0			
							1	16	0
Carried forward	..	..	..	£497	8	2	£2619	3	4

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward .. ..	2,604	12	3			
Bank—Keeping Account.. ..	0	10	0			
Bank—Collecting Debenture Interest .. ..	0	6	0			
Annual Meeting Expenses .. ..	7	4	7			
Church Officer's Cleaning Requisites .. ..	5	19	2			
Cleaning and Washing Out Church and Schools .. ..	10	0	0			
Holiday Substitute for Organist .. ..	4	4	0			
Holiday Substitute for Church Officer .. ..	5	5	0			
Cable to South Africa .. ..	2	1	9			
Taxi Hires during Vacancy .. ..	15	12	9			
Young People's Day, Form of Service .. ..	1	0	0			
Welcome Social, Rev. J. R. Blanchard .. ..	15	1	8			
Removal Expenses, Rev. J. R. Blanchard .. ..	156	11	6			
Minister's Residence, Rev. J. R. Blanchard .. ..	65	0	0			
Motor Car Allowance, Rev. J. R. Blanchard .. ..	19	8	10			
Fiat Motor Car .. ..	465	0	0			
Fiat Motor Car, Registration Fees .. ..	3	2	6			
Fiat Motor Car, Hutt Road Fee .. ..	1	10	0			
Anzac Day—Wreath .. ..	1	7	6			
				3383	17	6
Carried forward .. ..				£3383	17	6

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	..	..	..	497	8	2	2619	3	4
Sabbath School—									
Rev. G. H. McNeur's									
Salary .. ..	3	0	0						
Foreign Missions ..	3	0	0						
Youth of Church ..	3	0	0						
				9	0	0			
							506	8	2
Sundry Other Purposes—									
Congregation—									
Poor of Congregation	64	17	9						
Wellington Presbyterian									
Orphanage ..	76	0	5						
Zenana Bible and									
Medical Mission..	3	7	3						
Prisoners' Xmas Tea	3	2	6						
				147	7	11			
30 Young Women's Bible Class, Senr.—									
Welln. Presbyterian									
Orphanage, J. Boal,									
Cot .. ..	5	0	0						
B. & F. Bible Society	1	10	0						
				6	10	0			
							153	17	11
Bank of New Zealand Overdraft..							764	14	2
							£4044	3	7

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	..	..	..	3383	17	6
For other than Church Purposes—						
Miss B. Campbell, Hon. Treasurer						
Welln. Presbyterian Assn.	30	0	0			
Presbyterian Church Treasurer	476	8	2			
Wellington Presbyterian Or-						
phanage Treasurer ..	81	0	5			
B. & F. Bible Society ..	1	10	0			
Dorcas for Poor of Congregation	58	5	0			
Poor, per Rev. J. R. Blanchard	6	12	9			
Prisoners' Christmas Tea, per						
T. P. Mills .. ..	3	2	6			
Zenana Bible & Medical Mission	3	7	3			
				660	6	1
				£4044	3	7

JOHN T. PETTIGREW,  
Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.  
P. M. CAMERON, F.I.A., N.Z.  
Hon. Auditor.  
Wellington, 12th July, 1927.

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities, 30th June, 1927.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
31 Due on Electric Light Installation .. ..	195	10 6	Estimated Value of Land, Church, Schools,		
Due on McKenzie Terrace Section .. ..	975	0 0	Cottage, Manse and other Buildings ..	26,100	0 0
Due to Bank of New Zealand (overdraft) ..	764	14 2	Sum Invested in hand of Presbyterian Church		
Balance, being Surplus of Assets over Lia-			Treasurer .. ..	1,953	13 4
bilities .. ..	28,093	8 8	Loan on Debentures .. ..	1,000	0 0
			McKenzie Terrace Section .. ..	975	0 0
	£30,028	13 4		£30,028	13 4

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

**Statement of Receipts and Payments from 1st April, 1926, to 31st March, 1927.**

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H. K. DOUGLAS,  
Hon. Auditor.

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

## Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 30th June, 1927.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand brought forward—				By Orphanage .. .. .			11 3 9
Room Fund .. .. .	12	6	6	Expenses, Room .. .. .			10 0 9
"Outlook" .. .. .	1	0	8	Social Expenses .. .. .			1 16 4
				"Outlook" .. .. .			0 13 0
To Collections, General .. .. .			13 7 2	Study Books .. .. .			0 15 6
"Thank Offering .. .. .			9 4 1	Don. Committee for R.T. Conf.			0 12 0
"Proceeds Jumble Sale .. .. .			10 9 7	General Expenses .. .. .			5 10 1
"Study Books .. .. .			0 15 9	Salary Rev. G. H. McNeur ..	15	0	0
"Subscription, "Outlook" .. ..			0 8 6	John Boal Cot, Orphanage ..	5	0	0
"Collections, Social .. .. .			1 8 10	Y.W.B.C. Nurse Fund .. ..	4	0	0
34 "Missions, per Self Denial .. ..	2	0	6	Y.W.B.C. Travelling Secretary..	4	0	0
"Collections, Rev. G. H. McNeur ..	12	10	0	President, Women's Training In-			
"Collections, per Envelopes .. ..	3	15	4	stitute for B.C. Bursary ..	3	0	0
"Collections, per Birthday Book ..	1	4	6	Home Missions, North Island ..	2	0	0
			19 10 4	British & Foreign Bible Society	1	10	0
"Sale Rug .. .. .			0 15 0	St. John's Church Debt Reduc-			
"Collections, Orphanage .. .. .			10 13 9	tion Fund .. .. .	3	0	0
							37 10 0
				To Balance .. .. .			9 7 0½
			£77 8 5½				£77 8 5½
To Balance—Room .. .. .	3	0	9				
"Outlook" .. .. .	0	16	2				
Cash in Hand .. .. .	5	10	1½				
			£9 7 0½				

MISS CHAPPELL,  
Hon. Treasurer.

# ST. JOHN'S JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

## Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 30th June, 1927.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1/7/26 .. .. .	4	13	1	Union Fees .. .. .			0 12 9
"Collections (Class) .. .. .	6	17	1	New Books for Library .. .. .			0 19 0
"Proceeds Annual Fair .. .. .	11	10	1	Flowers for Spring Sunday ..			0 17 6
"Cheerful Giver" Envelopes .. ..	1	1	9	Expenses Cricket Team .. .. .			3 18 5
"Fees, Haywards and Wallaceville Camps	11	10	6	"Fair" Expenses .. .. .			1 10 0
"Donations, Members, for Socials ..	6	13	5	Jumble Sale Expenses (2) .. ..			0 17 0
"Subscriptions for Cricket Team .. ..	3	16	8	Donations to Junior Y.W.B.C., from Proceeds of			
35 "Proceeds two Jumble Sales .. .. .	6	19	9	Fair .. .. .	3	0	0
"Donations, Members for Spring Sundays	0	17	6	Donations to Missions .. .. .	15	0	0
"Class Photos .. .. .	0	6	0	Class Photos and Framing Pictures			0 13 6
				Camp Fees, Haywards and Wallaceville	10	12	0
				"Four Square," Subscriptions ..	0	3	6
				Expenses, Club Socials, Teas, etc.	8	0	10
				Secretary's Expenses .. .. .	0	11	3
				Printing Syllabus .. .. .	0	12	0
				Sundries .. .. .	1	7	0
			£54 5 10	Balance in Hand .. .. .	5	13	11
							£54 5 10

C. R. BILBY,  
Hon. Treasurer.



ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.

**Financial Statement for the Year ended 30th June, 1927.**

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J. H. KRAFT,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,

14th July, 1927.

Audited and found correct.

P. M. CAMERON, F.I.A., N.Z.,

Hon. Auditor,



# St. John's Church

Wellington, N.Z.



## The Secret of Success

**"I**f you ask me what have been the conditions of the success God has given us . . . they may be stated in order of importance from the least to the greatest thus: A good site, no debt, hearty liberality, a cheerful service, making strangers welcome, active work, no drones, wise office bearers, internal peace, external charity, Wednesday services, and a desire to do God's will."

Dr. JOHN WATSON (late McLaren)  
died 22nd Oct. 1917  
Sutton Court, Liverpool  
England

## Seventy-Fifth Annual Report

*JULY 1st, 1927*

— TO —

*JUNE 30th, 1928*

## Office - Bearers.

### Minister:

Rev. J. R. BLANCHARD, B.A.  
Residence: 10 Church Street. Telephone: 40-636.

### Missionary:

Rev. GEORGE H. McNEUR, Canton.

### Session Clerk:

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

### Clerk of Management Committee:

Mr. D. S. WILSON, 41 Grove Road, Kelburn. Telephone: 26-285.

### Treasurer:

Mr. R. FLEMING, 25 Bidwell Street. Telephone: 22-222.

### Envelopes:

Secretary:  
Mr. J. M. WILSON,  
58 Glen Road, Kelburn.  
Telephone: 26-707.

Treasurer:  
Mr. H. GLOVER,  
Main Road, Karori.  
Telephone: 21-788.

### Convener of Church Extension Committee:

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

### "Own Missionary" Fund:

Mr. L. J. WATKIN, Treasurer, 10 Glasgow Street, Kelburn.

### Convener Seat-Letting Committee:

Mr. Wm. HOPKIRK, 34 Munro Street, Seatoun.  
Telephone: 40-269.

### Organist and Choirmaster:

Mr. Ch. W. KERRY, 34 Tirangi Road, Kilbirnie.

### Church Officer:

Mr. H. I. APLIN, Willis Street. Telephone: 28-334.

## ELDERS.

District No.		Inducted
—	Hopkirk, W., 34 Munro Street, Seatoun ---	1888
4, 24	Menelaus, M. D., 43 Ellice Avenue ---	1895
—	Troup, G. A., F.R.I.B.A., 60 Raroa Road, Kelburn ---	1895
17	Mitchell, J., 57 Roxburgh Street ---	1897
23	Gill, T. H., M.A., LL.B., 71 Ellice Street ---	1903
12	Mainland, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn ---	1903
—	Stone, A. R., 29 Main Road, Wadestown ---	1909
7	Johnston, A., 33 Central Terrace, Kelburn ---	1911
2	Macfarlane, J. B., 65 Devon Street, Kelburn ---	1911
5	Sclater, J., Donald Street, Karori ---	1911
19	Howitt, A., 100 The Parade, Lyall Bay ---	1913
14	Ramsay, W. A., 44 Duncan Terrace, Kilbirnie ---	1913
20	Smith, A. P., Pearce Street, Seatoun ---	1913
18	Bary, C., 28 Waitoa Road, Hataitai ---	1919
9	Corkill, T. E., 200 Dewsbury Terrace, Oriental Bay ---	1919
22	Martin, A., Messines Road, Karori ---	1919
13	Cullen, W., 43 Miro Street, Miramar ---	1920
—	Austin, W. S., 23 North Terrace, Kelburn ---	1921
6	Fraser, Malcolm, 29 Rawhiti Terrace, Kelburn ---	1921
—	Cresswell, T. R., M.A., 64 Raroa Road, Kelburn ---	1921
16	Glover, H., Main Road, Karori ---	1921
8	Kraft, J. H., 135 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn ---	1921
11	South, H. C., 107 Austin Street ---	1921
10	Blake, E. M., F.R.I.B.A., 15 Kent Terrace ---	1923
—	Webber, S. W., B.Com., Knox College ---	1923
15	Moir, W. A., 111 Austin Street ---	1924
21	Torrance, R., Oriental Bay ---	1926
1	Ironside, A., 17 May Street ---	1927
—	Wallace, A. H., 5 Boundary Road, Kelburn ---	1927
3	Ferguson, W. J., 3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai ---	1928
—	Spratt, F. C., 7a Boundary Road, Kelburn ---	1928

## MANAGERS AND COMMITTEES—1928.

Armour, W. A., M.A.	Wellington College
Bowden, C. M.	6 Telford Terrace
Campbell, J., F.R.I.B.A.	21 Salamanca Road
Crawford, R. J.	18 Harbour View Road, Northland
Dalglish, D. J.	306 Willis Street
Down, J.	Wellington Terrace
Fleming, R.	25 Bidwell Street
Hunter, A. W.	64 Waipapa Road, Hataitai
Johnston, A. D.	169 Riddiford Street
Johnston, R.	179 Cuba Street
Orr, J. A.	C/o Education Department
Rosie, A. M.	61 Moana Road, Kelburn
Watkin, L. J.	10 Glasgow Street, Kelburn
Wilson, A. M.	12 Talavera Terrace, Kelburn
Wilson, J. M.	58 Glen Road, Kelburn
Wilson, D. S.	41 Grove Road, Kelburn

**Property:** Messrs. Blake, Ferguson, Howitt, A. Johnston, Kraft, Menelaus, Mainland and Glover (Convener).

**Seat-Letting:** Messrs. Down, Gill, Hunter, Macfarlane, Moir, Ramsay, Stone, Torrance, Wallace, Watkin, D. S. Wilson, J. M. Wilson and Hopkirk (Convener).

**Finance:** Messrs. Bowden, Fraser, Fleming, Glover, Menelaus, A. Rosie, R. Johnston, A. D. Johnston, Orr, Smith, Spratt, Troup and Hopkirk (Convener).

**Church Extension:** Messrs. Cullen, Howitt, Selater, Martin, Stone, D. S. Wilson, Ferguson and Crawford (Convener).

**Choir:** Messrs. Austin, Blake, Crawford, Watkin, A. M. Wilson, Dalglish, Howitt, South, Torrance, Wallace and Ironside (Convener).

## CHURCH CALENDAR.

**Sacraments:** Holy Communion is observed on second Sunday of March, June, September, and December.

Baptisms in the Church by arrangement with the Minister.

**Sunday:** Public Worship, 11.0 a.m., and 7.0 p.m.  
 Sunday School, Dixon St. Hall, 2.30 p.m.  
 Bible Classes—Young Women, Class Room, Dixon St. Hall, 2.45 p.m.  
 Young Men, Class Room, Willis St., 2.45 p.m.  
 Junior Young Men, Managers' Room, 2.45 p.m.  
 Junior Young Women, Social Parlour, 2.45 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Women's Association, each week in Basement Parlour, 2.30 p.m.  
 Women's Missionary Union, fourth Tuesday, Basement Parlour, 2.30 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Mid-week Service, each week, Willis St. Class Room, 7.30 p.m.  
 Session, first Wednesday in the month, 8.30 p.m.  
 Managers, second Wednesday in month, 8.15 p.m.  
 Choir Practice, each week, 8.30 p.m.  
 Mother's Meeting, every second Wednesday, Dixon St. Hall, 2.45 p.m.  
 Wolf Cubs Pack, each week, 6.0 p.m..  
 Sunday School Clubs, Dixon St. Hall, 7 p.m.

**Saturday:** Social Club, every week, Willis St. Class Room.

**Gymnastic Classes** meet in Gymnasium during winter months.

## COLLECTIONS, SEAT-LETTING, ETC.

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**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. Many of the pioneers in remote districts would be without religious ordinances for themselves and their children but for the Home Mission Funds of the Church.

**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. Many find this a convenient method of contributing to our funds. Those desirous of having sittings allocated, or any requiring further information, should apply to the Pew Rent Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Hopkirk.

## PASTORAL LETTER.

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To the Members and Adherents of the Congregation:

My Dear Friends,—

One cannot read this Report without thankfulness to God that our labours have not been in vain. The year has been a good one, and by that we are encouraged. But we do not rest satisfied, for in Christ we have surely learned to covet for His Church the things that are excellent. Yesterday's achievement is our responsibility for a greater to-morrow. Let us therefore face the new year in the confidence that as we continue our work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in Christ, He will continue to reward our service.

People talk too much nowadays of the difficulties with which the Church is confronted. The Church has always had difficulties, and in the long run has always triumphed over them. It is better in all our thought and endeavour to let the accent fall not so much upon our difficulties as upon our privileges, responsibilities, and opportunities. God is greater than our difficulties. And in Christ we are the people of God.

This year St. John's celebrates its seventy-fifth birthday. That is an epoch in her history. It is our custom on birthdays to present our friends with tokens of our love and affection. That happy custom does much to strengthen and enrich friendship. Let us treat our Church as we do our friends. Through her worship, service and fellowship the Divine Friend has come to us with those manifold gifts to which the heart of each of us bears witness. What gift shall we render His Church of St. John's on her seventy-fifth birthday? It may be a new member brought by us into the fellowship of His people here; or our enlistment in the service of one or other of the various activities of the Church; or it may be a gift which will enable provision to be made for some of the many things which still need to be provided in St. John's. Let each one decide the form his gift will take.



I commend to your careful thought the recommendation of the Managers on page 17. It is the fruit of their consecrated time and thought and care, and represents their matured and able conviction. It is for me to emphasise the fact that in Christ we are stewards of what we have, accountable to Him for how we obtain it and how we use it. I believe that the Managers' recommendation will enable us to exercise that stewardship most effectively.

May I refer you to what is printed on the inside of the front and back covers of this report, asking you each one to ponder it prayerfully and, with that austere self-honesty which we learn in Christ, to test the effectiveness of your membership in His Church by it.

Together with me you regard it as an inestimable privilege to be permitted to serve Christ in and through His Church. In that spirit may I offer and will you accept my sincere and personal "thank you" for the loyal service rendered in each department of the Church's work during the past year. Let us all renew our personal devotion to Christ, that in our Christian fellowship here we may continue to find that which will enable us to make an effective witness for Him in the world where our life has to be lived and our work has to be done.

Your sincere Minister and Friend,

*J. R. Blanchard.*

## KIRK SESSION.

IN presenting their report for another year the Session desire to express their deep gratitude to God for the many tokens of His Divine Grace and blessing experienced during the past twelve months.

We realize that not only the ability, but also the will, to serve our Gracious Father, through our Church fellowship comes through the impulses of His Spirit, and so with much thankfulness we also acknowledge the ready services of so many of our members, and the success which has attended their varied efforts. For this we again thank God and take fresh courage.

## THE MINISTER.

We especially wish to record our high appreciation of the work and labours of our Minister, the Rev. J. R. Blanchard, who with much acceptance has guided the affairs of the congregation in all its interests. We give special commendation to his pulpit ministrations, and are delighted that the attendances have so largely increased, whilst the additions to our membership, of whom a considerable number are young communicants, have also shown much progress, showing that the Gospel message, faithfully and lovingly proclaimed, has not lost its ancient power. Mr. Blanchard has also given his pastoral work much attention. Visits to the sick and aged have been greatly appreciated, and the sad hearts of many bereaved and mourning have been comforted and inspired by his sympathies and kindly counsels. We assure Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard of our esteem and affectionate regard, and our earnest prayers on their behalf.

During the year the Minister has officiated at 16 Baptisms, 37 Marriages and 21 Funerals.

#### SESSION CLERK.

The Session would again place on record their deep appreciation of the services of the Session Clerk, Mr. M. D. Menelaus. For 26 years Mr. Menelaus has occupied this responsible and difficult office. In the conscientious way in which he has discharged his duties, in his untiring zeal in labours of love for the Master and His Church, and in his kindly encouragement to all who seek to serve, he has been faithful to the Scriptural command that an Elder should be an "example to the flock."

#### SPECIAL SERVICES.

During the year several special services were held. In addition to those usually held on Good Friday, Christmas Day, the Church Anniversary, Anzac Day and Armistice Day, we have to record the following: A service to mark the opening of Parliament was held in July, His Excellency the Governor-General (Sir Charles Fergusson), Her Excellency the Lady Alice, the Prime Minister (the Rt. Hon. J. G. Coates), members of the Cabinet, and many members of Parliament attending. The official Church Service in connection with the World Student Christian Federation Universal Day of Prayer, as well as that in connection with the University Easter Tournaments, were held in St. John's, the Minister preaching on each occasion, assisted in the conduct of the service by several of the students. A Memorial Service to the late Earl Haig, and a Special Praise Service by the Choir were also held. All these Services were largely attended.

Visiting ministers, representing various branches of the Church's service for the Kingdom of her Lord also occupied the pulpit during the year. Among these were Dr. Howard Taylor (China Inland Mission), Revs. P. Leonard, D.S.O., M.C. (Toc. H.), R. J. Grundy (Mission to Lepers), E. O. Blamires (Bible in Schools), James Barr, B.D., M.P.

On the invitation of the Minister, the Rev. Dr. Gibb occupied the pulpit on the Sunday morning before Christmas Day, and on the Sunday morning which marked the first anniversary of the Minister's induction to the pastoral charge of St. John's. On each occasion Dr. Gibb preached powerful sermons which were deeply appreciated.

In connection with the Evangelistic Mission instituted by the Wellington Presbytery, special services were held during the month of June. Many were led thereby to make their decision for Christ, and many others to re-consecrate their service to His cause in and through His Church.

#### SOCIAL.

A special feature of the year's activity has been the after Church suppers in the Basement Parlour every second Sunday evening, members and adherents receiving personal invitations according to districts. In all cases the invitation, whenever possible, was warmly accepted, approximately 600 attending the suppers during the year. Not only has this arrangement provided the Minister and his wife with an additional means of meeting the congregation personally, but it has enabled the members and adherents of the congregation to meet and know each other, thereby deepening the spirit of homeliness in our Church fellowship.

#### STUDENTS.

During the year two of our young men, Messrs. Stan. Webber, B.Com., and Ian Fraser, M.A., proceeded to Knox College to enter upon their training for the Ministry. We rejoice in their decision so to dedicate their lives to the Church of Christ, congratulate them on the progress they have made, and assure them that our prayers follow them in their preparation for this High Service of our Lord.

We are pleased to have with us at the Sunday Morning Services the Presbyterian boys from among the boarders at Wellington College, the attendance averaging about ten during the year; we also welcome the regular attendance of students from Queen Margaret College.

#### OBITUARY.

The Session record with deep regret the death of Mr. J. T. Pettigrew, one of our Elders. Mr. Pettigrew was for many years an office-bearer in the congregation, and in the discharge of the duties of his office displayed a fidelity which secured for him the esteem of his brethren.

"He rests from his labours, and his works do follow him."

To his widow and family the Session extend their deepest sympathy.



### THANKS.

The Session would place on record their thanks to the ladies for providing the serviceable and beautiful bookmarks for the pulpit Bible and hymn book, for their regular arrangement of flowers for the Communion Table, and also to the young worshippers who each Sunday morning place flowers in the Minister's vestry.

The numerical strength of the Session is 31.

### COMMUNION ROLL.

The attendance at the quarterly Communion was: September, 479; December, 467; April, 480; June, 511. The June attendance is the largest since June, 1918, when 533 sat down to Communion, and ranks sixth in the attendances at Communion during the history of the congregation, the largest attendance on record being that in December, 1913 (Jubilee year) when 586 partook.

During the year 27 new members were admitted on profession of faith, and 105 by certificate. Nine were removed by death, and 44 by disjunction and other causes. At the close of the year (June 30th, 1928) our total number of members on the roll was 694—an increase of 80. This is the highest the roll has stood at since 1922, when the total membership was 730.

It is encouraging to note that when the roll was purged for the purpose of issuing a Call to our present Minister there were 512 members in full standing. Thus there has been an increase of 182 in the fifteen months of the present ministry.

There is still a long way to go ere St. John's roll recovers its former numerical strength, but if similar progress is made each year, and if each member will be instant in season and out of season in prayerful endeavour to bring new members into the fellowship enjoyed in St. John's it shall be accomplished.

Nine members in full communion were removed by death, see page 28, and our sincere sympathy goes out to all bereaved relatives and friends.

The following Elders were elected during the year, viz.:—Messrs. W. J. Ferguson, F. C. Spratt and R. Torrance.

### PRAYER MEETING.

The average attendance at this Service during the year was 58. While this is gratifying, the Session consider it reasonable to expect that, with nearly 700 members on the roll, a greater number should avail themselves of this privilege of spending one hour each week in prayer and meditation. Our Minister gives of his best at this mid-week service, which he regards as an opportunity for more intimate communion than the Sunday Services afford. Session are entirely in accord with this, and would urge each member to make it a personal duty, as far as it can conscientiously be done, to subordinate all engagements on Wednesday evening to the high engagement of prayer and fellowship at the mid-week Service.

### CHOIR.

Organist and Conductor: Mr. Ch. W. KERRY.

Life Members: Mr. and Mrs. F. S. POPE.

Sopranos: Mrs. Aplin, Mrs. Ironside, Mrs. Kerry, Misses Balingall, Bell, Blake, Carmichael, Chappell, Clyde, Flett, Handley, Johnston, McKay, McKay, Mowatt, McGregor, McLean, Nichols, Pirie, Williams.

Contraltos: Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Pumphrey, Mrs. Whiteman, Misses Davidson, Kerry, Gilchrist, Gray, Hill, Wilson.

Tenors: Messrs. Dalglish, Gibson, Massey, Murray, Parr, Pollock.

Basses: Messrs. Clarke, Crawford, Edgar, Engelhardt, Ironside, Murch, Wilson.

#### Hon. Secretary:

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

#### Hon. Treasurer:

Mr. S. ENGELHARDT.

#### Hon. Librarian:

Miss D. BLAKE.

We rejoice in the progress made in the choral work of the choir and in the increased heartiness shown in the congregational singing, and in the promise of still further improvement in this direction for the coming year. We also commend the very fine spirit which exists in the choir, and the regular social activities which they have engaged in during the year.

The Service of Praise under the leadership of Mr. Kerry, as Choirmaster and Organist, has been faithfully interpreted by the choir, and our appreciation of the hard, consistent and loyal work of Mr. Kerry and the choir during the year is hereby expressed.

Welcome additions to the ranks of the choir have taken place, and the attendance of members at the Services has been good. There is still room for some more members, particularly contraltos, and those having the gift for this service are asked to send in their names to Mr. Kerry.

The proposal to bring out the console of the organ, and place the Conductor and Organist in his proper position in front of the choir, is a matter requiring attention, and is recommended as a work that should be carried out when opportunity offers.

The Choir numbers 42: sopranos, 20; contraltos, 9; tenors, 6; basses, 7.

The Choir meets for practice every Wednesday evening and newcomers will be heartily welcomed.

#### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Since last Annual Meeting the Managers have disposed of the Manse property in Woolcombe Street, and also the vacant section of land in McDonald Crescent. At present a new manse is in course of erection in McKenzie Terrace, and will be ready for occupation at an early date.

The Managers have decided to have the Church and buildings re-painted. This is an urgent work and will be carried out as soon as possible.

During the year Mr. Ramsay, who has held the position of Hon. Secretary to the Board for seven years, was compelled to resign on account of change of business taking him away so much from home. Appreciation of Mr. Ramsay's services was recorded, and Mr. Don Wilson was unanimously appointed to the vacancy. Mr. Wilson brings gifts to his new office which assure us that in him we have a thoroughly efficient secretary.

Owing to the lamented death of Mr. J. T. Pettigrew, the office of Hon. Treasurer also fell vacant. Mr. R. Fleming has been unanimously appointed to this vacancy; his gifts and experience also carry with them the assurance that the financial affairs of the congregation will prosper under his care.

During the year the Church and Committee have suffered loss in the death of Mr. G. Gilmour, who for many years was a helpful member of the Committee.

Eight new members have been elected, viz.: Messrs. W. A. Armour, C. M. Bowden, J. Down, R. Fleming, A. W. Hunter, R. Johnston, F. C. Spratt and R. Torrance.

At the close of another year of work the Managers appeal to the congregation once again for loyal co-operation, that the welfare of our Church may be furthered, as it has been in the past.

#### THE CHURCH'S FINANCES.

The amount received from all sources for the Year ended 30th June, 1928, was as follows:—

For Church Purposes	---	---	---	£4175	4	5
For other than Church Purposes	---	---	---	695	17	11
Other Items not included in Treasurer's Statement	---	---	---	236	12	2
				£5,107	16	6

The Annual Statement of Accounts is, as usual, given as an appendix to this report. It has been made as clear and concise as possible, but for the better information of those to whom Balance-Sheets convey no very clear conception, but represent more or less a mass of figures, the following explanatory remarks may be of interest.

Compared with the previous year, the Revenue Account shows an increase—

In Plate Collections	---	of	£301	15	1
In Envelope Contributions	---	of	14	9	5
In Seat Rents	---	of	2	5	8
In Rents from School-rooms	---	of	21	2	6

With the sale of the Old Manse, no further Rent from this source, nor from the Old Manse Garage, will of course be received. Other non-recurring items which very considerably swell this year's Ordinary Revenue, are £120 received from the Public Trustee for encroachment on the McDonald Crescent Section, proceeds of Sale of same, viz.: £981/12/8, and Refund from No. 2 Account of £429, being comprised of amounts advanced from Ordinary Revenue Account in connection with the New Manse Section, McKenzie Terrace. This item is really only a cross-entry, as it

will be noticed it appears on both sides. These three items alone total over £1,530, and constitute Extra-Ordinary Revenue, which it is necessary to keep in mind when comparisons are made.

The Revenue for Other than Church Purposes (including £154/2/—notification of which arrived too late for inclusion) shows an increase of £189/13/10.

It is gratifying to be able to report these increases in every department, which the Finance Committee confidently believe to be a forerunner of further expansion.

On the Expenditure side, Salaries, Retiring Allowance, Rents of Temporary Manse and Temporary Garage, and Car Allowance, amount to £1513/10/-. When the New Manse is occupied, the Rents at present being paid for Temporary Manse and Garage will, of course, cease.

Stationery, Printing, Advertising, etc., show an increase of £72, largely accounted for by the Printed Order of Service, which is now a feature of St. John's. It may be mentioned that owing to the placing of a favourable Printing Contract, this item will show a material reduction for next year.

Additions and Repairs to Properties show a substantial reduction of close on £220, this item having been kept down to the bare minimum by the Property Committee during the year, in view of the financial position. It will be apparent that all the Church Properties, being built entirely of wood, will need increasing expenditure from time to time as the buildings become older each year, but such expenditure is largely governed by the finance available.

The cost of the Installation of Electric Light and Heating Radiators has now been paid right off, and in this connection it may be of interest to note that the cost of lighting and heating (including gas, so as to make a fair comparison) for the current year is £72/4/4 as against £65/5/6 last year, when both gas and electricity were used.

Interest on Overdraft, £74/14/9, is an item which it is hoped will not again be necessitated. The net result of the Year's Financial Operations is that the Overdraft of £764/14/2, with which the year was commenced, has been wiped out, and has ended with a Credit Bank Balance of £216/10/2. While this in

itself is gratifying, it must not be forgotten that it was only made possible by the receipt of £1100 from the proceeds of the McDonald Crescent Section.

The purpose of No. 2 Account is to keep the Manse Building Accounts entirely separate from Church Revenue Account. When the sum of £4000 from the sale of the Old Manse is paid (due date 17th August), it will be lodged to the credit of No. 2 Account, and will then be available for progress payments to the building contractor, and for Interest and Payments on account Principals of McKenzie Terrace Section, as they become due.

Should any members or adherents of the Congregation desire further information on any point, it will be gladly given by the Hon. Treasurer, or any member of the Finance Committee.

The thanks of the Congregation are due to Mr. P. M. Cameron, F.I.A., N.Z., for his willing and generous services as Honorary Auditor. Mr. Cameron is one of those silent gentlemen, whose work, by its nature, is largely hidden under a bushel, and a tribute to, and appreciation of his services is herewith gladly expressed.

#### THE WEEKLY FREE-WILL OFFERING SYSTEM.

The Board of Managers has had under consideration the placing of our finances on a more definite and stable basis. A Special Committee was appointed to consider known methods, and after much research recommended the adoption of the Weekly Free-will Offering system. This recommendation was unanimously adopted at a special meeting of the Managers. The Special Committee was instructed to continue its work and bring the proposals before the congregation.

The Weekly Free-will Offering is practically an extension of the present envelope system. The fundamental principle underlying the Committee's recommendation is the application of thought, foresight and system to the financial support of the Church's work. The recommendation is eminently a rational and sensible one. It is being made the special business of the Annual Meeting of the congregation, when it is hoped there will be a full and free discussion. In preparation for the discussion at the Annual Meeting an explana-

tory circular has been sent to all members, and after the meeting a personal canvass of the congregation will be undertaken by the Managers. It is confidently anticipated that this effort to put the finances of St. John's on a sound and stable basis will enlist the interest and support of all loyal members and adherents. The date of the adoption of the scheme will depend on the measure of response received to the canvass.

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND MISSIONARY UNION.

### President:

Mrs. J. R. BLANCHARD, 10 Church Street.

### Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. AUSTIN and Mrs. FRASER.

### Secretary:

Mrs. TORRANCE,  
Oriental Bay.

### Treasurer:

Mrs. J. M. WILSON,  
58 Glen Road, Kelburn.

### Oriental Work:

Miss E. WALLACE.

### Missions:

Miss AITKEN.

### "Harvest Field":

Mrs. KERRY, Mrs. GLOVER and Mrs. AUSTIN.

During the year 31 meetings of the Association have been held, presided over by the President, Mrs. Blanchard, and the Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Austin and Fraser. These meetings have been largely attended. The roll now numbers 110 (honorary members, 70, and working members, 40).

The work of the Society resulted in many useful garments, to the value of £45, being sent to the Orphanages, which were gratefully acknowledged by the matrons in charge of the Homes. Our thanks are due to members of the congregation and friends for gifts of money and clothing.

The Association and the Missionary Union continued as usual to organise and conduct the Annual Sale of Work, which was opened on October 7th by Her Excellency, The Lady Alice Fergusson. It proved a record, the amount raised being over £250, of which £50 was allocated to the Rev. G. H. McNeur's salary, and £157/10/3 to the Budget schemes.

The meetings of the P.W.M.U. have been held monthly with an average attendance of 24. Letters from Home and Foreign Mission Fields have been read, and interest stimulated in Mission Work generally. During the year Oriental Work to the value of £4/4/9 has been sold, and £9/6/- given to other Missions.

Subscribers to the "Harvest Field" now number 63, and the Maori Mission Birthday League now numbers 145 members.

The members have taken an active part in all social functions of the Church, and have visited new members as their names have been forwarded by the Session Clerk.

On April 3rd, our Secretary, Miss Reith, owing to ill-health, was compelled to tender her resignation, which was received with very great regret. At all times Miss Reith's service as Secretary was faithfully, gladly and efficiently given. Mrs. Torrance was elected to fill that office, and we consider ourselves fortunate in having her as our Hon. Secretary.

## MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

### Superintendents:

Mrs. AUSTIN and Mrs. FRASER.

Mothers' Meetings are held fortnightly—from March to October, with an average attendance of 20. Service of prayer and praise is held. Jumble sales are held monthly, the proceeds being used to help necessitous cases.

This is a Home Missionary effort, in which the Church comes into intimate touch with outsiders. Some of the mothers come from Lyall Bay, Island Bay, Tai-Tai, and Brooklyn, so that a little candle is lit in many centres. To some it is their only Church, and to others a mid-week help along the way. The Jumble Sale of Old Clothes has been a great boon to parents of large families, and help them to supplement their husband's income in a way they much appreciate. This is a work which we most heartily commend to the sympathies and prayers of the congregation.

## THE BIBLE CLASSES.

### YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS (SENIOR).

#### President:

Rev. J. R. BLANCHARD.

#### Leader:

Mr. W. J. FERGUSON, 3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai.

#### Sub-Leaders:

Mr. D. J. DALGLISH,                      Mr. D. ROBERTS,  
306 Willis Street.                      C/o "Donbank."

#### Secretary:

Mr. W. I. GIBSON, 7 McKenzie Tce.

#### Treasurer:

Mr. M. BILBY, 5 Sidey St.

#### CONVENERS OF COMMITTEES:

Missions—Mr. D. J. DALGLISH      Look-out—Messrs. A. LONG  
Inspiration—Mr. F. ANDERSON      and H. GALLUS  
Library—Mr. L. CLARKE      Rooms—Mr. G. HALL  
Social—Mr. D. ROBERTS      Social Service—Mr. L. ROTH-  
Athletics—Mr. J. CARLYNON      WELL

Bible Study—Mr. J. SMITH

#### Discussion and Syllabus:

Mr. J. A. ORR.

#### Class Elder:

Mr. A. MARTIN.

#### Organists:

Messrs. R. J. CRAWFORD and P. D. WILSON.

### 41st Annual Report.

The Class has much to be thankful for at the close of another year of strenuous work. The energy and enthusiasm usually devoted to the various activities have been maintained, and we have every reason to be proud of the general solidity of the Class's organisation.

We were very unfortunate in losing the services of Mr. Webber, who resigned the leadership of the class in February in order to enter Knox College, Dunedin, to study for the ministry. The Class regrets the loss of such a loyal leader, but rejoices that he goes to a greater service. Since Mr. Webber's departure the leadership has been in the hands of Mr. Dalglish and Mr. Roberts, who have very ably filled the position, and to whom our thanks are due. The Class extended a call to Mr. W. J. Ferguson, of the Junior Young Men's Class, who was actively engaged in the work of this

Class for many years before he assumed leadership of the Junior Class. We are very pleased that Mr. Ferguson has been able to see his way clear to accept the position, and we look forward with confidence that under his able guidance we will continue to advance along the desired lines.

An inspiring feature of the year's work was the special addresses given by our Minister and President, the Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., to combined meetings of the Young Men's and Women's Classes. These were given on the first Sundays of September, October and November, on the subjects—"What it means to be a Christian," "Why did Jesus die?", and "The Christ of to-day." These addresses were found to be so helpful that typed copies of them were widely distributed among the members, both present and past, of both Classes.

The fine spirit of good fellowship which exists between the various youth movements of our Church is no doubt due in some measure to the active social programme carried out during the past year. A most successful function was held to bid farewell to Ian Fraser, and our late leader, Stan Webber, on the occasion of their departures for Dunedin in order to study for the ministry of the Church. The Annual Class Banquet and the Tea on Old Boys' Sunday were much enjoyed.

During the winter surprise parties were taken to the homes of some of the members of our Church, and we desire to express our thanks to those who have made these enjoyable evenings possible.

The activities of the Class for the year have been confined to the Boys' Institute and Ohiro Home, and these services have been greatly appreciated.

During the year £62/18/4 was raised for Missions, and over £14 was collected for objects not directly connected with our Church.

The Class is responsible for 42 copies monthly of "Four Square," the B.C. Union magazine.

During the year 30 names were added to the roll and 24 removed, leaving the present roll number at 60, of whom 34, are in full communion, 7 having joined during the year.

## JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

### Leader:

Mr. D. J. MOORE, 7 McKenzie Terrace.

### Conveners of Committees:

Look-out—H. BUNCKENBURGH Library and "Four Square"—

Social—P. HUNTER M. ELIAS

Athletic—R. DENNISON Missions—W. KRAFT

### Secretary and Discussions:

A. WIREN.

### Treasurer:

R. MACGREGOR.

Mr. Ferguson, who has so ably filled the position of Leader for the past four years, left us at the end of May to take over the leadership of the Senior Class. We congratulate the Seniors on obtaining for their Leader one who enters so whole-heartedly into the service of his fellows. At a Farewell Tea we presented Mr. Ferguson with an attache case and writing outfit.

Mr. R. D. Moore, of the Senior Class, has been appointed in Mr. Ferguson's place, and we are looking forward to a very successful term under his leadership.

The usual Camps and Socials were held, and all were very successful. Nine members subscribed to "Four Square," and several books have been added to the library. A special feature of the year was a challenge cricket match with the Minister and Office-bearers. The Principal of Scots' College kindly lent us the College grounds and provided us with afternoon tea. We won by two wickets and 53 runs. We are looking forward to a similar match next year.

We have contributed £9/10/- to Foreign Missions during the year, and five of our members joined the Church. Church attendance of members has greatly improved, and we are glad to see the Class pews filling each Sunday. Eight names were added to the roll during the year; 13 were transferred to the Senior Class, leaving us a membership of 20.

On 25th September we held our Spring Sunday. The flowers were massed together inside the Communion Rail of the Church, and made a fine show. In the afternoon a service was held in the Church, when Rev. J. R. Blanchard addressed a combined meeting of the Junior Bible Classes.

After the meeting the flowers were taken to the Wellington Public Hospital, the Terrace Gaol, the Ohiro Home, the Salvation Army Workmen's Home, and to the sick and aged members of the congregation, numbering 20.

On 10th July, some 25 of the Scots' College Bible Class met with us to hear an inspiring address by Mr. Blanchard entitled "My Church and I—A Comradeship."

On another occasion Mr. Blanchard addressed a combined meeting of the Junior Girls and Boys on the subject, "Remember Jesus Christ."

We thank God for the many mercies He has bestowed upon us. May He give us strength for the ensuing year, and everything we do be for His honour and glory.

## YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS (SENIOR).

### Leader:

Miss M. CHAPPELL, 135 Brougham Street.

### Sub-Leader:

Miss CLYDE.

### Secretary:

Miss W. MILLAR, 10 Hamilton Road.

### Treasurer:

Miss A. CHAPPELL.

### Organists:

Misses R. NICHOLS and SUTHERLAND.

A year of strenuous effort in connection with the Senior Young Women's Class has resulted in an increase of members, and the roll now stands at 41, an increase of 7 for the year.

During the year, our Minister, the Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., gave several special addresses, one being on the Old Testament, which made the Book much clearer to us and many difficulties disappeared. Mr. Blanchard also gave an address on Mark's Gospel, much helpful information being obtained therefrom; and he also answered questions on Question Box Sunday, dealing with such questions as the Divinity and Resurrection of Christ, the Sacrament of Baptism, and Christianity and Modern Psychology. As part of our studies during the year we also used Mr. Blanchard's little book "The Friend on the Road."

The finances reveal a spirit of self-sacrifice and general interest in the various obligations of the Church. The sum of £12 was subscribed towards the salary of Our Own Missionary, the Rev. G. H. McNeur; £5 for the "John Boal" cot in our Orphanage; £8/3/2 for the Maori Girls' College at Marton, and £13 was divided amongst the Mission obligations of the Bible Class Union.

An enthusiastic Basket-ball team acquitted itself well in the games of the Association, and as the result of a special effort to raise money for equipment the sum of £7/15/3 was realised.

Social activities have extended to the Sailors' Friend Society, the Orphanage and the Ohiro Home; a Service has been conducted at the latter institution on the third Sunday of each month. Seven of our members joined the Church during the year, making a total of 30 who are in full communion with our Church.

#### YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS (JUNIOR).

##### Leader:

Miss R. NICHOLLS, Austin Terrace.

##### Secretary:

Miss E. HUTCHINSON.

##### Treasurer:

Miss M. JOHNSTON.

Although we cannot show a great increase in numbers this year, we are glad to be able to report that there is a good spirit of fellowship existing in the Class.

We join in most of the activities of the Senior Class.

The Junior Classes again co-operated on Spring Sunday, and after a meeting addressed by our Minister, the flowers were distributed to sick folks in their homes, and in several institutions.

The Girls' Club is proving a great help to Class work, and we are endeavouring to open some channels of service through its activities.

During the year we have contributed £7 to Bible Class and Mission Funds.

Many of our members attend Church and mid-week Service regularly. There are 18 girls on the roll, five of whom are in full Communion with the Church.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL.

##### Hon. Superintendent:

Mr. W. HOPKIRK.

##### Acting Superintendent:

Mr. A. D. JOHNSTON.

##### Teachers:

Mrs. APLIN, Misses D. BLAKE, C. BALLINGALL, D. CHAPPELL, M. HANDLEY, HUME, C. HUTTON, E. PURDIE, A. TROUP, A. MUIR, M. MACKENZIE, E. MACKENZIE, A. MACLEAN, M. MARTIN, Messrs. A. D. JOHNSTON, J. H. KRAFT, W. A. MOIR and B. MASSEY.

##### Secretary and Treasurer:

Mr. J. H. KRAFT.

##### Librarian:

Miss A. McLEAN.

##### Assistant Librarian:

Miss C. BALLINGALL.

##### Cradle Roll Superintendent:

Miss M. MACKENZIE.

##### Sunday School Clubs.

##### Patron:

Mrs. R. PEARSON.

##### Director:

Mr. A. D. JOHNSTON.

##### Secretary:

Miss HANDLEY.

The School Roll now contains 127 names—75 girls and 52 boys, a decrease during the year of 29, owing to removals to the suburbs. There are 18 teachers and officers—14 women and 4 men.

The income of the school, exclusive of the Anniversary collections, was £57/10/-, and upwards of £17 was donated to Home and Foreign Missions. The Library has also been augmented by several books.

The Wellington Sunday School Union examination was held in July; 12 scholars entered and five of these gained prizes.

The 74th Anniversary Services were held on September 18th, and a tea and entertainment the following month. An enjoyable picnic, also, was held at Maidstone Park in February.

On October 30th—Promotion Day—9 girls were sent on to the Young Women's Bible Class, and 4 boys were transferred to the Junior Young Men's Bible Class.

Mothers' Day was held on May 13th, and a Social was held later, when our Minister and Teachers met the parents of the children.

Mr. Douglas Johnston was nominated by the Teachers for the office of Superintendent, which action was unanimously endorsed by the Session, and Mr. Johnston was elected to this important office.

The School has been doing steady work during the year. Men teachers are few, and we again appeal to the members of the congregation for their sympathy and help in this part of the Master's Vineyard.

### ST. JOHN'S HOSTEL.

Chairman:

Rev. J. R. BLANCHARD.

Secretary:

Mr. A. R. STONE, 29 Wadestown Road.

The Hostel has continued to provide accommodation for 38 young men, and the maximum number of boarders are now in residence. During the year it was found necessary to carry out extensive repairs at a considerable cost.

Towards the end of 1927, Mrs. Benn, who had acted as matron since 1920, resigned. During her period of service she carried out her duties to the entire satisfaction of the Committee, and succeeded in providing a homely atmosphere for the residents. The present matron, Mrs. Harrison, takes a keen interest in the work, and seeks to make the Hostel a pleasant home for the young men.

### QUEEN MARGARET COLLEGE.

We take this opportunity of congratulating the Principal (Miss Irene Wilson, M.A.) and staff of Queen Margaret College upon the successful year the College is enjoying. Securely entrenched as it now is in the good opinion of the public, the regard of parents, and the love of its pupils, past and present, we heartily offer our prayers and good wishes for the increasing achievement of its aim:—"to provide for girls an education that will enable them to fulfil, with Christian grace, intelligence, and dignity, their responsibilities to the home and the community." We rejoice in providing some contribution to that end by having with us so many of the students of the College at the morning Service.

### BOYS' INSTITUTE.

The members of our Bible Classes still assist in the Sunday Services, and help in many other ways. Our Minister is the Hon. President, and Messrs. Dalglish, Ferguson, Gill, Gibson, Johnston, Moir and Moore, are members of the Committee.

### WOLF CUBS PACK.

The Wolf Cubs Pack, under the leadership of Mr. G. Glover, assisted by Messrs. Long and McGregor, is still doing good work. The roll number is 35. Early in the year a successful camp was held at Silverstream. In order to raise funds for the camp a concert was held, at which Sir Alfred Robin presented Stars and Badges to the members who had earned them. Later a jumble sale was held and, with the concert, realised sufficient to pay off all liabilities, leaving a small credit balance in hand. On Anzac Day the Cubs attended the Special Service in our Church.

All boys from 8 to 12 years of age are cordially invited to attend on Wednesday evenings, from 6 to 7 at the Dixon Street Hall.

### CHURCH OFFICER.

Mr. H. I. Aplin still continues his important duties of Church Officer. As the work of the various committees increases, and the engagements of the Church organisations and outside bodies multiply, it is apparent that strict attention to the proper care and oversight of the different buildings under his charge is most imperative; we trust, therefore, that the several organisations will help to keep the different rooms and meeting places in good order.



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## In Memoriam.

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Miss Lockie  
Mrs. Garnham  
Mrs. G. Scott  
Mr. T. Simmonds  
Mrs. N. MacNicol  
Mr. G. Gilmour  
Mrs. Sinclair  
Mr. J. T. Pettigrew  
Mr. R. C. Lamb

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'Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.'

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## ACCOUNTS

### 1928

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	£	s	d	£	s	d
<b>For Church Purposes—</b>						
Plate Collections .....	1324	1	5			
Envelope System .....	358	7	9			
				1682	9	2
Seat Rents .....	331	17	8			
Rents from School-rooms .....	160	17	6			
Rent from Old Manse (Final) .....	242	12	4			
Rent from Garage (to May) .....	20	5	2			
Organ Pupils Fees (9) .....	22	14	0			
Interest on late J. G. W. Aitken's Legacy .....	57	10	0			
Interest on Capital from Sale of Manse land .....	118	15	8			
Electric Light Refund Church Officer's House .....	5	9	3			
Rebate Carriage Rev. J. R. Blanchard's Furniture .....	1	0	0			
Public Trustee, McDonald Crescent Section Encroachment .....	120	0	0			
Public Trustee, half Valuation Fee .....	1	1	0			
Proceeds Sale of McDonald Crescent Section .....	981	12	8			
Refunds Amounts Paid A/c. New Manse Section—						
McKenzie Terrace 410 13 11						
Interest to 30/6/28 18 6 1						
	429	0	0			
				2492	15	3
				£4,175	4	5

	£	s	d	£	s	d
<b>EXPENDITURE.</b>						
Bank Overdraft 30/6/27 brought forward .....						764 14 2
<b>For Church Purposes—</b>						
Rev. J. R. Blanchard Stipend—						
Nine months 450 0 0						
Three months 175 0 0						
	625	0	0			
Rev. Dr. Gibb Retiring Allowance .....	200	0	0			
Organist's Salary (C. W. Kerry) .....	125	0	0			
Church Officer (H. I. Aplin) .....	156	0	0			
Rent: Temporary Manse (10 Church St.) to 1/7/28 .....	275	0	0			
Minister's Car Allowance .....	100	0	0			
Rent: Garage for Minister .....	32	10	0			
Stationery, Printing, Advertising, etc. ....	134	12	4			
Postages .....	10	10	0			
Insurance, Fire and Accident .....	64	15	8			
Insurance, Fiat Motor Car .....	8	4	6			
Registration Fees Fiat Car .....	2	9	2			
Telephones, Church and Manse .....	17	5	0			
Communion Wine and Glasses .....	10	6	8			
Additions and Repairs to Properties: Church, School, Manse and Cottage .....	110	14	6			
Cleaning Church Buildings and Grounds .....	2	8	0			
Cutting Gorse round Old Manse .....	5	8	0			
Tuning Organ (12 months) .....	15	0	0			
Repairing Organ Motor .....	1	17	6			

# For other than Church Purposes—

## From Congregation—

Foreign Missions .....	94	17	0			
Church Extension (Home Missions) .....	60	18	9			
Rev. G. H. McNeur's Salary .....	45	14	9			
Maori Girls' School .....	1	0	0			
				202	10	6
Wellington Unemployed Fund .....	18	11	3			
Benevolent Fund .....	81	3	8			
N.Z. Alliance .....	10	13	0			
Wellington Presbyterian Orphanage .....	112	16	0			
Prisoners' Xmas Tea .....	3	7	6			
Wellington Presbyterian Visitation .....	3	5	3			
Special Collection carried over .....	2	7	6			
				232	4	2

## From St. John's Women's Assn.—

Budget Schemes of Church .....	157	10	3			
Rev. G. H. McNeur's Salary .....	50	0	0			
P. W. M. U. Mission Fund .....	5	0	0			
				212	10	3

Carried Forward ..... 647 4 11 475 4 5

Choir: Anthems, etc. ....	5	10	3			
City Rates .....	141	19	1			
Electric Light .....	69	17	3			
Electric Power for Organ .....	12	19	11			
Gas .....	7	16	4			
Church Officer: Cleaning Requisites .....	3	14	8			
Assistance Cleaning (1926/27) .....	9	18	0			
Assistance Cleaning to 27th July, 1928 .....	17	8	0			
Sabbath School (Special Collections 18/9/27) .....	44	10	2			
Electric Light Installation (Balance) (Total Cost £795 10/6) .....	195	10	6			
Electric Radiators .....	136	3	1			
Two-burner Arabic Hot-Plate .....	4	12	6			
Vacuum Cleaner .....	2	17	6			
Bath Heater for Church Cottage .....	10	1	4			
Half Cost Renovating Organ (St. John's B.C.) .....	1	10	0			
Enlargement Rev. J. Paterson and Frames .....	4	17	0			
Annual Meeting Expenses .....	14	13	7			
Anniversary Social Expenses .....	16	13	1			
Bank Interest on Overdraft .....	74	14	9			
Bank: Keeping Account .....	10	0	0			
Bank: Collecting Debenture Interest .....	6	0	0			
Bank: Cheque Books .....	2	0	0			
Holiday Substitute for Organist .....	4	4	0			
Holiday Substitute for Church Officer .....	3	3	0			

Carried Forward ..... 2682 11 6 764 14 2

# Revenue Account—Continued

	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Brought Forward	.....	.....	.....	647	4	11	4175	4	5
From St. John's Sunday School—									
Youth of Church Fund	2	0	0						
Foreign Missions	3	0	0						
Maori Missions	5	0	0						
				10	0	0			

From St. John's Y.W.B.C.—									
Y.W.B.C. Nurse Fund	1	0	0						
Y.W.B.C. Traveling Secy.	1	0	0						
Y.W.B.C. Maori Missionary	1	0	0						
Y.W.B.C. Home Missionary	1	0	0						
Y.W.B.C. Bursary Fund	10	0							
Rev.G.H.McNeur's Salary	1	10	0						
				6	0	0			

From St. John's Y.M.B.C.—									
Maori Missions	1	3	0						
New Hebrides Mission	15	0							
Home Missions	15	0							
				2	13	0			

From St. John's Senior Y.W.B.C.—									
Y.W.B.C. Nurse Fund	3	9	0						
Y.W.B.C. Traveling Secy.	2	10	0						
Y.W.B.C. Maori Missionary	2	0	0						

Y.W.B.C. Home Missionary	2	0	0						
Y.W.B.C. Bursary Fund	2	0	0						
Rev.G.H.McNeur's Salary	12	0	0						
"John Boal" Cot Orphanage	5	0	0						
British and Foreign Bible Socy.	1	1	0						
				30	0	0			
							695	17	11

Memó.—In addition to the amounts shown as Contributed for other than Church purposes, the sum of £154/2/- was donated by Members of St. John's Congregation, to 30th June, 1928, in response to Dr. Gibb's Appeal for the Maori Girls' School Building Fund.

(An intimation to this effect from the General Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church of N.Z. was received after the Statement of Accounts for the Year had been made out and Audited)

£4,871 2 4

	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Brought Forward	.....	.....	.....	2682	11	6	766	14	2
Pulpit Supply during Minister's Vacation	25	10	0						
Pulpit Supply—Rev. A. H. Collins (20/11/27)	5	5	0						
Gift of Service—to Upper Hutt P.C.	6	14	10						
Sundry Small Accounts	16	6	11						
Fee for two New Titles Church and Manse	2	10	0						
Cost of submitting McDonald Crescent Section by Public Auction 1/12/26	6	14	6						
Paid on A/c. New Manse Section McKenzie Terrace	410	13	11						
				3156	6	8			

For other than Church Purposes—									
Paid General Treasurer Pres. Church of N.Z.—									
Foreign Missions	94	17	0						
Church Extension (Home Missions)	60	18	9						
Rev.G.H.McNeur's Salary	45	14	9						
Maori Girls' School	1	0	0						
				202	10	6			
Wellington Unemployment Fund	18	11	3						
Beneficiary Fund	30	0	0						
Assembly Expenses Assessment due 1/6/28	24	0	0						
				72	11	3			
A/c. St. John's Women's Assn.	212	10	3						
A/c. St. John's Sunday School	10	0	0						

A/c. St. John's Junior Y.W.B.C.	6	0	0						
A/c. St. John's Y.M.B.C.	2	13	0						
A/c. St. John's Senior Y.W.B.C.	23	19	0						
				255	2	3			

Total paid General Treasurer	£530	4	0						
Benevolent Fund (Unexpended (£18/9/1))	62	14	7						
N.Z. Alliance	10	13	0						
Wellington Presbyterian Orphanage	112	16	0						
Wellington Presbyterian A/c. Senior Y.W.B.C.	5	0	0						
"Jno. Boal" Cot Prisoners' Xmas Tea	3	7	6						
Wellington Presbytery Visitation of Congregation	3	5	3						
Expenses Assessment	4	10	0						
British and Foreign Bible Soc. A/c. Senior Y.W.B.C.	1	1	0						
				203	7	4			

Cash in Bank New Zealand				733	11	4			
				216	10	2			
				£4,871	2	4			

ROBT. FLEMING,  
Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,  
P. M. CAMERON, F.I.A., N.Z., Hon. Auditor.  
Wellington, 12th July, 1928.

## No. 2 ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Cash from General Treasurer Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, being portion of funds invested from Sale of Sections at Old Manse	1000	0	0	1st Instalment Lawrence Driscoll, Contractor	500	0	0
Deposit Sale of Old Manse (£4250) (Balance £4000 due 17/8/28)	250	0	0	Architects Fee (on account)	100	0	0
				Agents Commission on Sale of Old Manse	111	5	0
				Refunded to Church Revenue Account			
				Amounts Paid on Account McKenzie Terrace New Manse Section, and Interest	429	0	0
				Cash in Bank New Zealand No. 2 A/c.	109	15	0
	£1,250	0	0		£1,250	0	0

ROBT. FLEMING,

Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

P. M. CAMERON, F.I.A., N.Z., Hon. Auditor.

Wellington, 12th July, 1928.

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities, 30th June, 1928.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Due on McKenzie Terrace Section	633	15	0	Estimated Value of Land, Church, Schools, Cottage, Manse and other Buildings	24625	0	0
Balance, being Surplus of Assets over Liabilities	27246	3	6	Sum Invested in hands of Presbyterian Church Treasurer	953	13	4
				Debentures J. G. W. Aitken's Legacy	1000	0	0
				McKenzie Terrace Section	975	0	0
				Cash in Bank of New Zealand	216	10	2
				Cash in Bank New Zealand (No. 2 A/c.)	109	15	0
	£27,879	18	6		£27,879	18	6

## ST. JOHN'S YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

## Statement of Receipts and Payments from 1st April, 1927 to 31st March, 1928.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s	d		£	s	d
To Balance—				By Library Books		1	13 4
Cash in Hand	14	0		„ "Four Square"		7	14 0
Cash at Union Bank Aust.	5	1	1	„ Badges		7	6
Cash at G.P.O. Sav. Bank	8	10	11	„ Missions—			
				Home	19	10	5
„ Collections			14 6 0	Foreign	22	15	5
„ "Four Square"			17 19 7	Church Home	15	0	
„ Interest Deposit G.P.O. Sav. Bank (2 years)			7 19 3	New Hebrides	15	0	
				Maori	1	3	0
„ Missions—			15 0	„ Donations—			44 18 10
Home	19	10	5	Orphanage Cot	5	0	0
Foreign	22	15	5	Boys' Institute	1	15	0
Church Home				Ohau Camp Expenses	2	0	0
New Hebrides				Mayor's Unemploy. Fund	3	13	6
Maori	1	3	0	Rev. Gray's Appeal—Indian Industrial School	11	5	0
			44 18 10				23 13 6
Carried Forward			85 18 8	Carried Forward			78 7 2

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

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MISS CHAPPELL, Hon. Treasurer.

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R. MACGREGOR, Hon. Treasurer.

**Financial Statement for the Year ending June 30th, 1928.**

J. H. KRAFT, Hon. Secretary, and Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

P. M. CAMERON, F.I.A., N.Z.,  
Hon. Auditor.

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## Our Church Aims At

1. The personal salvation and spiritual culture of every member of the congregation.
2. The development of Christian work by means of individual effort and of Church organisation.
3. The enlistment of childhood and youth in the service of Christ through Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.
4. The salvation of our homes through Christian parental influence, and attendance of all upon the means of grace.
5. The preservation of the Lord's Day and the prayerful study of the Scriptures.
6. The moral improvement of our city by the removal of every public temptation, the development of public conscience, and the encouragement of all who seek to apply Christian principles to the many-sided interests of city life.
7. The cultivation of connexional loyalty to our own Church, and of Christian fellowship and co-operation with every other Church.
8. Aggressive Christianity, and earnest support of the great Missionary cause of the Church in our city and beyond.

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 FOR IT!

# St. John's Church

Wellington, N.Z.



## Seventy-Sixth Report

for Sixteen Months Ended

October 31st 1929

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Wellington, N.Z.



## *Seventy-Sixth*

## *Report*

*for*

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*Ended*

*October 31st, 1929.*

## HISTORICAL NOTES.

Presbyterian Services inaugurated .....	1839
Wellington Surveyed .....	1840
Congregation (now St. John's) formed, services held in Athenæum .....	6th Nov., 1853
Rev. John Moir inducted .....	6th Nov., 1853
Sunday School opened .....	1853
First Session and Deacons' Court constituted .....	5th Jan., 1854
First Communion Service .....	4th June, 1854
First Church opened (accommodate 200), "Willis Street Presbyterian Church" .....	31st Aug., 1856
First Church enlarged .....	1866
Rev. John Moir retired on superannuation .....	4th July, 1867
Number of Members on Communion Roll: 67 .....	1868
Rev. James Paterson inducted .....	26th Nov., 1868
Church further enlarged and re-opened for public worship .....	7th May, 1871
Foundation Stone of Second Church laid by Marquis of Normanby, Governor of New Zealand .....	20th June, 1875
Second Church, fronting Willis Street, opened (accommodate 600), 12th Dec., 1875	
Mission started at Newtown, now St. James', under Mr. Robert Hopkirk .....	1879
Manse erected, Woolcombe Street .....	1880
New Church Praise introduced .....	1884
Second Church destroyed by fire .....	9th May, 1884
Sunday School building, Dixon Street, opened .....	1885
Foundation Stone present Church laid by Sir James Prendergast, Chief Justice of New Zealand .....	14th May, 1885
Present Church opened (accommodate 900) .....	6th Dec., 1885
Organ installed in Church .....	1886
The Bible Class Movement, now so generally established in connection with the various denominations throughout New Zealand, had its origin in the Class formed by Mr. Geo. A. Troup in connection with St. John's .....	1888
Branch Sunday School opened Mt. Cook .....	1888
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened .....	1896
Rev. Jas. Paterson retired on superannuation .....	1903
Rev. James Gibb, D.D., inducted .....	12th Aug., 1903
Services instituted at Brooklyn by Mr. John Reith .....	1904
Individual Communion cups first used .....	1904
St. John's Memorial Hostel opened .....	1919
Memorial Window to soldiers who fell in the Great War 1914-18, unveiled .....	1920
Memorial Window in memory of Hon. J. G. W. Aitken unveiled .....	1922
Rev. James Gibb retired on superannuation .....	1926
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., inducted .....	17th March, 1927
Present Manse erected McKenzie Terrace .....	1928

## OFFICE-BEARERS.

### Minister:

Rev. J. R. BLANCHARD, B. A.  
Residence: McKenzie Terrace. Telephone: 42-635.

### Missionary:

Rev. GEORGE H. McNEUR, Canton.

### Session Clerk:

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

### Clerk of Management Committee:

Mr. D. S. WILSON, 41 Grove Road, Kelburn. Telephone: 26-285.

### Treasurer:

Mr. R. FLEMING, 25 Bidwell Street. Telephone: 22-222.

### Envelopes:

#### Secretary:

Mr. J. M. WILSON,  
58 Glen Road, Kelburn.  
Telephone: 26-707.

#### Treasurer:

Mr. H. GLOVER,  
Main Road, Karori.  
Telephone: 21-788.

### Convener of Church Extension Committee:

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

### "Own Missionary" Fund:

Mr. L. J. WATKIN, Treasurer, 10 Glasgow Street, Kelburn.

### Convener Seat-Letting Committee:

Mr. Wm. HOPKIRK, 34 Munro Street, Seatoun.  
Telephone: 40-269.

### Organist and Choirmaster:

Mr. Ch. W. KERRY, 34 Tirangi Road, Kilbirnie.

### Church Officer:

Mr. H. I. APLIN, Willis Street. Telephone: 28-334.

## ELDERS.

District No.		Inducted
—	Hopkirk, W., 34 Munro Street, Seatoun .....	1888
4, 24	Menelaus, M. D., 43 Ellice Avenue .....	1895
—	Troup, G. A., F.R.I.B.A., 60 Raroa Road, Kelburn ..	1895
23	Gill, T. H., M.A., LL.B., 71 Ellice Street .....	1903
12	Mainland, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn .....	1903
—	Stone, A. R., 29 Main Road, Wadestown .....	1909
7	Johnston, A., 33 Central Terrace, Kelburn .....	1911
2	Macfarlane, J. B., 65 Devon Street, Kelburn .....	1911
5	Sclater, J., Donald Street, Karori .....	1911
19	Howitt, A., 100 The Parade, Lyall Bay .....	1913
14	Ramsay, W. A., 44 Duncan Terrace, Kilbirnie .....	1913
20	Smith, A. P., Pearce Street, Seatoun .....	1913
18	Bary, C., 28 Waitoa Road, Hataitai .....	1919
9	Corkill, T. E., 200 Dewsbery Terrace, Oriental Bay	1919
22	Martin, A., Messines Road, Karori .....	1919
13	Cullen, W., 43 Miro Street, Miramar .....	1920
—	Austin, W. S., 23 North Terrace, Kelburn .....	1921
6	Fraser, Malcolm, 29 Rawhiti Terrace, Kelburn ....	1921
—	Cresswell, T. R., M.A., 64 Raroa Road, Kelburn ....	1921
16	Glover, H., Main Road, Karori .....	1921
8	Kraft, J. H., 135 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn .....	1921
11	South, H. C., 107 Austin Street .....	1921
—	Webber, S. W., B.Com., Knox College .....	1923
21	Torrance, R., Oriental Bay .....	1926
1	Ironside, A., 17 May Street .....	1927
—	Wallace, A. H., 5 Boundary Road, Kelburn .....	1927
3	Ferguson, W. J., 3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai .....	1928
—	Spratt, F. C., 109 Upland Road, Kelburn .....	1928

## MANAGERS AND COMMITTEES—1929.

Armour, W. A., M.A. ....	Wellington College
Bowden, C. M. ....	Telford Terrace
Crawford, R. J. ....	18 Harbour View Road, Northland
Dalglish, D. J. ....	306 Willis Street
Down, J. ....	Wellington Terrace
Fleming, R. ....	25 Bidwell Street
Hunter, A. W. ....	64 Waipapa Road, Hataitai
Johnston, A. D. ....	69 Riddiford Street
Johnston, R. ....	179 Cuba Street
Orr, J. A. ....	c/o Education Department
Watkin, L. J. ....	10 Glasgow Street, Kelburn
Wilson, A. M. ....	12 Talavera Terrace, Kelburn
Wilson, J. M. ....	58 Glen Road, Kelburn
Wilson, D. S. ....	41 Grove Road, Kelburn
Bilby, M. ....	5 Sidey Street
Hunter, J. ....	13 Bidwell Street
Hurley, W. E. ....	67 Abel Smith Street
Moore, R. D. ....	c/o Bank of New Zealand
Milroy, W. ....	Royal Terrace
McLeod, D. ....	168 Vivian Street
McDonald, N. ....	Vivian Street
Seber, F. ....	1 Sidey Street

### Property Committee:

Messrs. Ferguson, Howitt, Hurley, J. Hunter, A. Johnston, Kraft, McDonald, Menelaus, Mainland and Glover (Convener).

### Seat-Letting Committee:

Messrs. Gill, A. W. Hunter, Macfarlane, Stone, Torrance, Wallace, Watkin, McLeod, J. M. Wilson and Hopkirk (Convener).

### Finance Committee:

Messrs. Bowden, Fraser, Fleming, Glover, Menelaus, R. Johnston, A. D. Johnston, Orr, Smith, Spratt, Troup and Hopkirk (Convener).

### Church Extension Committee:

Messrs. Down, Howitt, Sclater, Martin, Milroy, Seber, Ferguson and Crawford (Convener).

### Choir Committee:

Messrs. Austin, Bilby, Crawford, Watkin, A. M. Wilson, Dalglish, Howitt, South, Torrance, Wallace and Ironside (Convener).

The Hon. Secretary to Management Committee, ex officio member of all Committees.

## ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL HOSTEL.

### General Management Committee:

Representing Church Managers: Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., Messrs. G. A. Troup, A. Martin, M. D. Menelaus, A. R. Stone, Ad. Howitt, A. P. Smith, and M. Fraser.

Representing St. John's Y.M.B.C.: Messrs. W. J. Ferguson, D. J. Dalglish, J. A. Orr and Ian Gibson.

Representing Ladies' Auxiliary: Mesdames E. B. Wilson and Kerr, and Miss W. Millar.

## CHURCH CALENDAR.

*Sacraments:* Holy Communion is observed on Second Sunday of March, June, September, and December.

*Sunday:* Public Worship, 11.0 a.m., and 7.0 p.m.  
Sunday School, Dixon St. Hall, 2.30 p.m.  
Bible Classes—Young Women, Class Room, Dixon St. Hall, 2.45 p.m.  
Young Men, Class Room, Willis St., 2.45 p.m.  
Junior Young Men, Managers' Room, 2.45 p.m.  
Junior Young Women, Social Parlour, 2.45 p.m.

*Tuesday:* Women's Association, in Basement Parlour, 2.30 p.m.  
Women's Missionary Union, fourth Tuesday, Basement Parlour, 2.30 p.m.

*Wednesday:* Mid-week Service, each week, Willis Street Class Room, 7.30 p.m.  
Session, first Wednesday in the month, 8.30 p.m.  
Managers, second Wednesday in month, 8.15 p.m.  
Choir Practice, each week, 8.30 p.m.  
Mothers' Meeting, every second Wednesday, Dixon St. Hall, 2.45 p.m.  
Sunday School Clubs, Dixon St. Hall, 7 p.m.

*Saturday:* Social Club, every week, Willis St. Class Room  
*Gymnastic Classes* meet in Gymnasium during winter months.

## COLLECTIONS, SEAT-LETTING, ETC.

*The Ordinary Sunday Collections*, by plate and weekly envelope, together with 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 Ministers' Fund, Assessments for Assembly Expenses, Maori Missions, etc. (2) As appointed by the office-bearers for Sunday School, relief of poor (once a quarter) and such other 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. Many of the pioneers in remote districts would be without religious ordinances for themselves and their children but for the Home Mission Funds of the Church.

*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. Many find this a convenient method of contributing to our funds. Those desirous of having sittings allocated, or any requiring further information, should apply to the Pew Rent Treasurer, Mr. Wm. Hopkirk.

## PASTORAL LETTER.

*To the Members and Adherents of the Congregation:—*

My Dear Friends,—

The following Report reviews another period of service in our history as a congregation and shows that steady progress is being made. While that is a cause of satisfaction to us all, let us be careful to acknowledge that, but for the good hand of God upon us, we could never have stood where we stand to-day.

As we pause to look back over the way along which we have come, let us each ask God to forgive whatever has been faulty in our past service, to confirm all that has been good, and to renew our wisdom and strength that in the following year we may do even better than we have yet done. There is much land for us yet to possess. Let us not grow weary in well doing.

The full peace and prosperity of Christ's Church depend upon the devotion of each individual member. As each and all contribute their gifts, both spiritual and material, to the full scope that God prompts and enables, the Church of God stands in the world as a tree planted by the rivers of water, "bringing forth fruit in season and bearing the leaf that does not wither." Let that be our achievement for Christ's sake.

May I express my deep appreciation of the way in which an increasing number have taken their share of work in the labours of the past year and warmly thank all who have done so. May God's benediction of peace and power rest upon you all and enable you to reap those rich rewards of the Spirit awaiting you in the work that lies ahead.

Your sincere Minister and Friend,

*J. R. Blanchard.*

## KIRK SESSION.

We have abundant reason to express our gratitude to Almighty God for the large measure of temporal and spiritual blessing which He has vouchsafed to us as a congregation throughout another year.

The way in which our Membership has increased, and the interest shown in the Public Worship, especially at the evening services, are an inspiration to the Minister and Members of Session.

## THE MINISTER.

The Rev. J. R. Blanchard has now firmly established himself as our esteemed and respected Minister, and to his ability and wise leadership must be attributed much of the progress which has attended the Church work of the past year.

We desire to acknowledge the many and sterling efforts of our Minister and the arduous and faithful work which he has done in St. John's, and we can assure him of our warm appreciation and satisfaction with the results attained.

Our Minister's pulpit ministrations are of a very high level, and command the attention and interest of very many hearers. He is also a faithful Pastor, and his visitations, particularly amongst the sick and afflicted, are much cherished. To the bereaved his message of consolation is most comforting and gratefully acknowledged.

We cannot close this short appreciation without recording the valued services of his work amongst the Youth of the Church. Mr. Blanchard has been manifestly successful in, and has a peculiar aptitude for this phase of his work, and, as is to be expected, is greatly sought after by the young men and women of the congregation. The children are also delighted with the short sermons every Sunday morning.

To our Minister we offer our hearty thanks for the inspiring and kindly words of admonition so faithfully given from week to week, and our appreciation of the support given to him by Mrs. Blanchard in her labour of love.

We wish that the increasing attachment to them may encourage and inspire them to go forward on a New Year, and our prayers are that they and their family may be sustained by the Divine Grace, which alone will make their labours successful.

We rejoice heartily with our Minister and Mrs. Blanchard in the added blessing to their family life, a little daughter having recently been born to them. May she and the other children be spared to be a source of comfort and joy in their home for many years to come.

#### SESSION CLERK.

Session again records its deep appreciation of the services of the Session Clerk, Mr. M. D. Menelaus, who has completed 27 years' service in that responsible and difficult office. In his fidelity to the interests of St. John's, both spiritual and temporal, his kindly personal touch with the various organisations of the congregation, his willingness at all times to spend and be spent for the peace and prosperity of the Church, Mr. Menelaus not only sets an example to all and enriches our fellowship, but also reaps that rich reward of the Spirit which we know to be the deep joy of his life.

#### COMMUNION ROLL.

The attendance at the quarterly Communion was: September, 474; December, 434; March, 506; June, 542; September, 389. The June attendance is the second largest during the history of the congregation, the largest attendance on record being that in December, 1913 (Jubilee year), when 586 partook. The September Communion was observed on a very boisterous day.

During the year 32 new members were admitted on profession of faith, and 128 by certificate. Eleven were removed by death, and 77 by disjunction and other causes. At the close of the year (October 31st), 1929, our total number of members on the roll was 767—an increase of 73.

It is encouraging to note that when the roll was purged for the purpose of issuing a Call to our present Minister, there were 512 members in full standing. Thus there has been an increase of 255 during the present ministry.

The numerical strength of the Session is 28.

The following have been elected members of Session, the Ordination and Induction Service taking place on Sunday, December 1st, 1929, viz.: Messrs. A. D. Johnston, N. McDonald, and W. A. Patterson.

During the period under review the Minister has officiated at 28 Baptisms, 58 Marriages and 30 Funerals.

Eleven members in full communion were removed by death, see page 29, and our sincere sympathy goes out to all bereaved relatives and friends.

#### SPECIAL SERVICES.

Special services were held during the year in connection with the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Students' Christian Movement, the St. John Ambulance Association, and the Caledonian Society. At Special Youth Services the Minister has been assisted by the Leaders of the four Bible Classes and the Secretaries of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A.. The pulpit was also occupied by visiting Ministers, viz.: Revs. J. M. McKenzie (N.Z. Presbyterian Mission in China), A. Leader (Russian Missionary Society), and "Catch-My-Pal" Paterson, of Ireland. The Rev. Dr. Gibb occupied the pulpit in the morning of the Anniversary of the Minister's Induction, with great acceptance, when the infant daughter of the Manse, Lesley Jean, was baptised.

The Presbyterian boys from among the boarders at Wellington College continue to attend the morning service, the attendance averaging twelve during the year. We also welcome the regular attendance of students from Queen Margaret College.

#### PRAYER MEETING.

The average attendance at the Mid-week Service during the period under review was 45. This is a decrease of 13 on the average from last year. Several of the most faithful attenders have been away during the year travelling, sickness interfered with the attendance of others, death has also made several vacant places, while an unusual number of stormy Wednesday nights has affected the attendances. At the same time, a congregation like St. John's should triumph over such difficulties, and each member is again appealed to, that the duty of the Mid-week Service may be realised and fidelity to its cause observed.

#### BROADCAST.

St. John's Church has a place on the 2.Y.A. Church Rota, the evening service being broadcast about every eight weeks. We have received many letters from far and near

acknowledging the helpfulness of the services. One communication from Honolulu is particularly interesting, and we give an extract from it:—

"On Saturday night, October 5th, 1929, we were listening-in to stations over in California, when we had a rather severe earthquake. Of course, we turned the radio off, and started calling different members of our family on the telephone to find out whether or not they had felt the 'quake. In about fifteen minutes I thought I would tune in on another California station, but just as the dial got to number 740, we heard a prayer just as clearly as if it were in the same room. We were a little taken back to hear this prayer just after the 'quake, so we listened to find where it came from. After the prayer, we listened to your sermon, "Personal Immortality." The sermon was so interesting and clear that we decided to listen-in to the end, which we did. The sermon was beautifully given and the singing and organ were wonderful."

#### THANKS.

The Session would again place on record their thanks to the ladies for their regular arrangement of flowers for the Communion Table, and also to the young worshippers who each Sunday morning place flowers in the Minister's vestry.

#### OBITUARY.

The Session record with deep regret the death of two of our Elders, Messrs. James Mitchell and E. M. Blake. Mr. Mitchell was a member of our Church for 56 years, and an Elder for 31 years. Mr. Blake was a member for 25 years and an Elder for 6 years. In the discharge of the duties of their office, both displayed a fidelity which secured for them the esteem of their brethren. To all relatives and friends the Session extend their deepest sympathy.

#### CHOIR.

##### Organist and Conductor:

Mr. Ch. W. Kerry.

##### Life Members:

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pope, Mrs. Kerry and Mrs. Whiteman.

##### Sopranos:

Mrs. Aplin, Mrs. Ironside, Mrs. Jacobs, Misses Ballingall, Bell, Blake, Brooker, Brodie, Cave, D. Chappell, Clyde, Clifford, Ewing, Flett, E. Johnston, C. McKay, H. McKay, McGregor, A. McLean, R. Nichols, Parton, Stafford, Stewart.

##### Contraltos:

Mrs. Pumphrey, Misses Baird, Davidson, Gilchrist, Hill, Kerry, Scott, Tankersley, Walker, Wells.

##### Tenors:

Messrs. Dalglish, Gibson, Pumphrey.

##### Basses:

Messrs. Crawford, Engelhardt, Ironside, Jacobs, Mackie, Murch, P. Wilson.

##### Hon. Secretary:

Miss H. D. Clyde, c/o Education Department.

##### Hon. Treasurer:

Mr. R. J. Crawford.

##### Hon. Librarian:

Miss G. Kerry.

##### Committee:

Mrs. Ironside, Mrs. Pumphrey, Misses Blake and Gilchrist, Messrs. Ironside, Dalglish and Engelhardt.

The choral work of the Choir has been well maintained and has become a feature of the Sunday services. The leading of the Worship of Praise has also been a pleasing feature of the Choir work, and it is gratifying to note a manifest heartiness in the congregational singing. The attendance of the Choir members at both morning and evening services is indeed heartening, and the quality of the service rendered is sufficient index of the attendances at the weekly practices.

To Mr. Kerry, Organist and Choir Master, the thanks of the congregation are due for his enthusiasm and painstaking service, and to him, and the Choir, we now desire to record our very sincere appreciation of the loyal service which they have rendered. There are a few vacancies at

present, particularly in the tenor section, and any intending new members, having the gift for this service, are asked to send in their names to Mr. Kerry or any member of the Committee.

The Choir membership is 43—sopranos 23, contraltos 10, tenors 3, basses 7.

The Choir meets for practice every Wednesday evening and newcomers will be heartily welcomed.

### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Since the last Annual Meeting the new Manse in McKenzie Terrace has been completed and is now occupied by the Minister and his family.

The re-painting and repairs to the Church and buildings have been satisfactorily completed. The Managers decided during the year to defer for the present the introduction of the Weekly Freewill Offering System, and undertook an energetic canvass of the congregation to increase contributors to the present Envelope System. This resulted in a marked increase. The thanks of the Managers are due to the congregation for their ready response. The Envelope System is commended to those who have not yet become contributors, for their earnest consideration.

During the year two Hymn Boards were kindly donated by one of the Office-bearers, while another provided the Minister's vestry with a rich carpet of ecclesiastical design. To both of these our thanks are due.

Eight (8) new members have been elected during the year, viz.: Messrs. M. Bilby, W. E. Hurley, J. Hunter, R. D. Moore, F. Seber, W. Milroy, D. McLeod and N. McDonald.

At the end of another successful year of work the Board appeals to the congregation once again for loyal co-operation, that the welfare of our Church may be furthered by the grace of God, as it has been in the past.

### THE CHURCH'S FINANCES.

The amount received from all sources for the year ended 31st October, 1929, was as follows:—

For Church Purposes .. .. .	3,968	9	10
For other than Church Purposes .. .. .	787	11	5
Other Items not included in Treasurer's Statement .. .. .	218	10	0
	<u>£4,974</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>

### FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Annual Statement of Accounts is, as usual, given as an appendix to this Report.

In the past, the usual end of our financial year has been 30th June, but, in conformity with the decision of General Assembly, it was decided to close the year on 31st October, beginning from 1929. The year 1928-1929 is therefore extended to 16 months, which period is an inconvenient one for purposes of comparison. This handicap, however, is mitigated to some extent by the issue last July of a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1929, together with an Interim Financial Report, portions of which, for purposes of record, are incorporated in this present report.

The extended Envelope System of contributions being now in full swing, it is interesting to note that for the four months ended 31st October, 1929, an increase of no less than £77 9s. is shown, compared with the same four months in 1928, the figures being £185 14s. and £108 5s. respectively. This is a gratifying indication of the success of the system of regular giving, which will continue to improve as the number of contributors increase.

Satisfaction of this evidence of improvement is somewhat modified owing to the ordinary Plate Collections having gone back £47 17s. 4d. during the same period—£344 14s. 9d. for 1928, as against £296 17s. 5d. for 1929. This, however, is not an unexpected development, as it was recognised that the extended Envelope System would be almost certain to affect the ordinary Plate Collections, but the balance is all to the good. It should be noted that, compared



with the year July, 1927, to June, 1928, the increase in Plate Collections for the 12 months ended 30th June, 1929, was approximately £70, so that the decline in Plate Collections for July-October, 1929, still leaves an increase over the whole 16 months' period.

The four months' figures for Seat Rents are £74 5s. 6d. for 1929, and £87 14s. 6d. for 1928, a decrease of £13 9s. This leeway could very easily be made up by a few applications for Sittings, which the Seat-Letting Committee would be pleased to receive.

Although we commenced on 1st July, 1928, with a credit balance of £198 1s. 1d., to end up with a debit balance of £154 1s. 4d. is not at all discouraging, when the heavy expenditure of close on £1000, in painting and renovating the Church buildings, is taken into consideration. St. John's has done well and will continue to do so; the debit balance of £154 will be an incentive to one and all to assist in the liquidation of this amount before very long. To owe no man anything may be the counsel of perfection, but St. John's have the ability and capacity to reach this desirable state of affairs, the only thing necessary being the will to do it, and the Finance Committee and Board of Managers have no doubt on this score.

Rents from Schoolrooms, etc., show a substantial reduction, and have now ceased altogether, as the Hall, etc., are no longer used for letting purposes. For this the tremendous increase in Unimproved Value is responsible, it having risen from £1825 to £4300. The Managers thereupon decided that, as from 31st March, 1929, the Hall, etc., be no longer let, but used for Church and educational purposes only, and is therefore not now liable for the payment of rates, which, under the new valuation, would have come to more than the revenue derived.

The No. 2 (Manse) Account gives a record of the monies received from the sale of the Old Manse in Woolcombe Street and expended on the New Manse in McKenzie Terrace, and will be of interest to all members and adherents. Since March last there has been expended in repairs and improvements £48 17s. 9d. The Manse and grounds are now in perfect order, and it is not anticipated that anything further will require to be expended for some considerable time.

Expenditure for the period under review has been heavy, but, with the completion of the Manse, and the painting and renovating of the Church and buildings, the next 12 months should be more normal. The expenses of running the Church show an increasing tendency, but every care is being exercised by the Finance Committee and Managers in closely watching expenditure. The financial position of the Church depends entirely on the measure of support accorded by the congregation, and a continued realisation of this will ensure the well-being of the financial side so necessary to the satisfactory and successful managerial administration of St. John's.

Should any Member or Adherent of the congregation desire further information on any point, on due notice being given it will be gladly accorded by the Hon. Treasurer or any member of the Finance Committee.

Once again our thanks are due to Mr. P. M. Cameron, F.I.A., N.Z., for his services as Hon. Auditor. Although a busy man, Mr. Cameron, as an old member of St. John's, now resident at Lower Hutt, is always pleased and willing to give his professional services, which we much appreciate.

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND MISSIONARY UNION.

### President:

Mrs. J. R. Blanchard, McKenzie Terrace.

### Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Fraser.

### Secretary:

Mrs. Torrance, Oriental Bay.

### Treasurer:

Mrs. J. M. Wilson, 58 Glen Road, Kelburn.

### Oriental Work:

Miss E. Wallace.

### Missions:

Miss Aitken.

### "Harvest Field":

Mrs. Kerry, Mrs. Glover, and Mrs. Austin.

The work of the Association has been steadily carried on during the year, and much time and effort has been given to the various activities. Twenty-eight sewing meetings have been held, with large attendances of members. Sewing

for the Orphanages resulted in many useful garments being made and sent to the Boys' and Girls' Homes. The total value of the goods supplied to them amounted to £33. Relief has been given also in needy cases, both in their own homes and in hospital. Our thanks are given to the "Two Garment Society" for their annual gift of clothing. The activities of the Association includes the visiting of new members, lists being supplied by the Session Clerk quarterly. The members gave valuable assistance at the various social functions held during the year.

On October 5th, 1928, the Annual Sale of Work proved a great success, the sum of £210 being realised. This year, also, a Sale was held on October 11th (owing to our financial year now closing on October 31st), and was again very successful and up-to-date, the amount received being £247.

The meetings of the P.W.M.U. have been held monthly, when the welfare of the Missionaries and other topics have been discussed. During the year Oriental work to the value of £12 has been sold.

Subscribers to the "Harvest Field" now number 63, and the Maori Mission Birthday League 142 members.

It is with grateful hearts that we review the past year's work and look forward hopefully to a new year of renewed effort in the service of Christ and His Kingdom.

#### MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

The meetings are held fortnightly during the months from March to October, the average attendance during the year being 22. A short service of prayer and praise is followed by afternoon tea and social intercourse. Once a month a Jumble Sale is held at the conclusion of the service, and the proceeds are used to help those in need, and provide a general entertainment at the close of the session, at which presents for the mothers and toys for the children conclude a happy afternoon.

Special addresses were arranged at intervals, and we are much indebted to Mesdames Calder, Chatfield, Inglis, Miss McLean and Mr. Ian Fraser for so willingly coming to our aid. Each address was most helpful and inspiring and delighted the members considerably.

A Baptismal Service was also held one afternoon by Mr. Blanchard who gave a most helpful address on infant baptism.

The meetings provide a social centre and Church connection to many who would otherwise have none.

The Jumble Sales are much appreciated by the mothers, and members of the congregation are asked to remember the movement when discarding old garments, etc.

We desire to again commend this service to the prayers and sympathy of all.

#### THE BIBLE CLASSES.

##### YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS (SENIOR).

President:

Rev. J. R. Blanchard.

Leader:

Mr. W. J. Ferguson, 3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai.

Conveners of Committees:

Social: N. Glover.

Athletic: R. Old.

Librarian: R. N. Fleming.

Bible Study: M. Bilby.

Discussion: F. Seber.

Rooms: L. Johnston.

Missions: H. Johnston.

Social Service: J. Brodie.

"Four Square": R. D. McBride.

Treasurer: D. J. Dalglish.

Secretary:

W. I. Gibson, 306 Willis Street, Wellington.

Organists:

Messrs. R. J. Crawford and P. D. Wilson.

The Committee has pleasure in submitting to you the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March, 1929.

The year has been one of continued activity and gratifying progress is recorded in a number of departments of classwork.

During the year the class has, as usual, lost several of its active workers owing to departure from the district. Our prayers and best wishes go with them in their new spheres of influence. We heartily welcome the new members who have joined our ranks during the year, and we trust that the class will prove a help to them and that they will avail themselves of opportunities afforded by the class for Christian service.

We have been helped and encouraged by the interest taken by our President, Rev. J. R. Blanchard, in the class work and place on record our appreciation of this fact.

**LEADERSHIP.**—The Leadership of the class has been in the hands of Mr. Ferguson, who has not spared himself in the interests of the class. Associated with him have been Messrs. Dalglish and Roberts, as Sub-Leaders. Mr. Roberts left the district in December, since when Mr. Dalglish has been sole Sub-Leader.

**HONOURS BOARD.**—The names of G. S. Troup and S. W. Webber were placed on the Honours Board. Both of these members rendered valuable services to the class. They were joint Leaders for a period and on the departure of Mr. Troup for France, Mr. Webber assumed the position of Leader, assisted by two Sub-Leaders.

The average attendance during the year has been 39.

During the year 28 names were added to the roll and 16 were removed, leaving a roll number of 58.

Deletions were made from the roll for the following reasons:—Left district, 9; non-attendance, 7.

The total income of the class amounted to £190 7s. 7d., of which £73 was donated to Home and Foreign Missions.

**LIBRARY.**—During the year 19 new books were added to the library. The library is not used to the extent that it should, although new books have been fairly well read. In order to interest members in the library, a number of "Book Studies" were included in the syllabus, and after a period of inactivity the Magazine Club has been revived.

**MISSIONS.**—We have to report that the amount raised for Missions is about the same as last year. There is one good feature, however, and that is that, though the year started with 22 regular subscribers and we lost nine during the year, we had 26 subscribers contributing regularly at the end of the year. There were also a number of others who made contributions, though not on a regular basis. The amount received this year amounted to £73.

**FOUR SQUARE.**—The class is responsible for 45 copies of the Union Magazine. Several copies are taken by friends of the class.

There are at present 39 members in full communion, of whom 17 joined the Church during the year.

**SOCIAL SERVICE.**—The class continues to provide a speaker monthly for the service at the Boys' Institute.

Services at the Ohio Home are now arranged by the Young Women's District Committee and the class renders support when required. The class arranged a Christmas Entertainment for the inmates of the Home.

At the suggestion of the District Committee, entertainments were given at the Homes connected with the Berham-pore Orphanage.

**JUNIOR CLASS.**—The two classes have worked well together and a spirit of good-fellowship exists between the members. We thank the Juniors for the help we have received throughout the year.

**CLASS EXTENSION.**—To enable the class work to be carried on more successfully, your Committee placed before members a proposal to extend the present classroom by adding a social room and kitchenette. The scheme, estimated to cost £350, was unanimously approved by members, who promised £130 towards the cost and agreed to certain other proposals to raise funds.

At the beginning of the Session Mr. Blanchard very kindly gave a lecture in aid of the funds of the Clubs associated with the men's classes.

**HOSTEL.**—It is regretted that the Hostel is not at present filling the place it should in the class. Only as it is supported by members can it become a telling factor in class life. There are at present six members in residence.

In conclusion, the Committee expresses its appreciation of those friends of the class who have been so helpful to us in our year's work.

Finally, we express our thankfulness to Almighty God for His rich blessing and pray that we may be worthy of its continuance in even greater measure.

### YOUNG MEN'S CLASS (JUNIOR).

#### Joint Leaders:

Messrs. M. Bilby and H. Murray.

#### Conveners of Committees:

Hon. Secretary and Discussions: Mr. P. L. Hunter.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. Wiren.

Look-out: Mr. R. D. Macgregor.

Social: Mr. M. Elias.

Athletic: Mr. E. Hatch.

Library and Rooms: Mr. S. Purdie.

Missions: Messrs. W. Kraft and H. Bunckenburg.

"Four Square": Mr. F. Stafford.

Organist: Mr. A. Blake.

During the year Mr. Moore, our former Leader, was compelled to be absent from Wellington, and Messrs. M. Bilby and H. Murray were elected joint Leaders, and we look forward to a successful term under their leadership.

Two camps and various socials have been held and all passed off successfully. A number of books for the library have been purchased and donated.

A very enjoyable function during the year was the cricket match which the Combined Young Men's Classes played against the Minister and Office-bearers, we losing by 11 runs.

Again this year we have to thank the Principal of Scots College for the use of the grounds.

The Missionary side of our work has not been lost sight of, and during the year we contributed £14 8s. to Home and Foreign Missions. Our membership now stands at 20, and we are continually on the lookout for new members.

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### YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS (SENIOR).

#### Leader:

Miss M. Chappell, 135 Brougham Street.

#### Sub-Leader:

Miss Clyde.

#### Secretary:

Miss W. Millar, 10 Hamilton Road.

#### Treasurer:

Miss A. Chappell.

#### Organists:

Misses R. Nichols and Stafford.

#### Conveners of Committees:

Prayer: Miss A. Chappell.

Orphanage: Misses D. Blake and M. Johnston.

Look-out: Misses E. McDowell and M. Godfrey.

Social: Misses L. Kraft and N. Thomson.

Missions: Misses B. Ferguson, S. Cranmer and M. Lochore.

Discussions: Miss H. D. Clyde.

Musical and Rooms: Miss N. Bell.

Outlook: Miss A. McKay.

Librarians: Misses N. Stewart and E. Johnston.

During the period July 1st, 1928, to June 30th, 1929, the class roll showed very little fluctuation, and although the closing date revealed a decrease of two members (39, against 41 last year), this was soon overtaken. The activities of the class comprise social gatherings, both in conjunction with the Young Men's Class and in the homes of the members, tennis and rambles during the summer, and entertainments at the Orphanage, Missions to Seamen and Ohio Home.

The spiritual side of the work is developed through the Sunday afternoon meeting, where Prayer and Bible Study are the main features, and an earnest effort is made to present the truth of the Gospel in such a way that members will be led to consecrate their lives to the service of Jesus Christ. Thirty-four members are in full communion with our Church, four joined during the year by certificate, and two by profession of faith.

The spirit of the class is distinctly missionary, due largely to the enthusiasm of the Mission Conveners.

The finances for the 12 months compare favourably with former years, the total amount raised being £61 6s. 2d. Of this sum £6 18s. went to the Orphanage and £31 10s. to Mission Funds.

In March last the two Senior Classes were privileged to listen to an inspiring address by the Rev. J. R. Blanchard on the "Atonement." At other times during the year Mr. Blanchard gave addresses which were an inspiration to all who attended, and by practical help encourages the Y.W.B.C. to "fight the good fight of Faith."

### YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS (JUNIOR).

**Leader:**

Miss R. Nichols, 2 Austin Terrace.

**Sub-Leader:**

Miss B. Macgregor.

**Secretary:**

Miss B. Gronbeck.

**Treasurer:**

Miss G. Hume.

We are very pleased to be able to report almost double the membership shown in last year's report, the roll having increased from 18 to 34. Eight of these members were received from the Sunday School. Five members have been promoted to the Senior Class.

The spirit of fellowship is keen, as is also that of co-operation with the work of other classes in our Church. Five of the members joined the Church this year.

The sum of £8/10/- was donated to the Bible Class Union Missionary Funds, £1/7/- to the Orphanage, and £2/10/- to St. John's Own Missionary Fund.

The Social life receives due attention and appeals strongly to the members.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL.

**Hon. Superintendent:**

Mr. W. Hopkirk.

**Superintendent:**

Mr. A. D. Johnston.

**Teachers:**

Misses D. Chappell, M. Gray, M. Hanley, C. Hutton, K. Hume, E. Mackenzie, M. Martin, M. Mackenzie, A. Muir, E. Purdie, A. Troup, Messrs. B. Lamb, G. Glover, and Chapman.

**Secretary and Treasurer:**

Mr. J. H. Kraft.

**Librarian:**

Miss A. McLean.

**Assistant Librarian:**

Miss Ballingall.

**Cradle Roll Superintendent:**

Miss A. Troup.

The School Roll now contains 116 names, 62 boys and 54 girls, a decrease of 11 for the year, owing to several families leaving the city to reside in the suburbs. There are 21 teachers and officers (14 women and 8 men), an in-

crease of three over last year. The Y.M.B. Class supplied two teachers, who are doing good work. The income of the School, exclusive of the Anniversary Collection, was £92 4s. 11d. The Wellington Sunday School Union Examinations were held in July, 1928. Eleven scholars entered and two gained prizes. At the July 1929 examinations 17 scholars entered, and four gained prizes.

The Seventy-fifth Anniversary Services were held on September 23rd, 1928, and a tea and entertainment the following Thursday. Both events were most successful.

Promotion Day was held on Sunday, December 16th. Eight girls were advanced to the Y.W.B. Class. The remaining boys and girls were moved to higher classes. Prizes are given to scholars for attendance at Church and School. The School is now fully graded, with four departments, each having a Leader.

The Annual Picnic was held in March. Scholars, teachers and Church members spent an enjoyable time.

Mothers' Day was held on May 12th, and a parents' social the following Thursday evening.

The Superintendent again appeals to the members of the congregation for their sympathy and help, as more teachers are urgently required for this great work.

We are sorry to relate that the School has lost three members of the staff, viz.: Miss S. Flett (Assistant Librarian), and Messrs. Bruce Massey and Winkel. Mr. Massey, who did excellent work in connection with our Anniversary services on Sunday, September 29th, was tendered an evening, and was the recipient of a gift from the teachers. Regret was expressed at the severe loss to the School owing to Mr. Massey's removal from Wellington.

Mission Funds from the School amounted to upwards of £19.

The Seventy-sixth Anniversary, held on Sunday, September 29th, 1929, was very successful. A tea and social meeting was held during the week, to which the parents of the scholars were invited.

## ST. JOHN'S HOSTEL.

### Chairman:

Rev. J. R. Blanchard.

### Secretary:

Mr. A. R. Stone, 29 Wadestown Road.

During the year the average number of boarders in residence has been 30. The total accommodation available is for 38, and it is desirable, in the interest of economic administration, that the house be fully occupied. The interest of Church members in advertising the claims of the Hostel is desired.

The Matron (Mrs. Harrison) interests herself in the welfare of the residents and seeks to make the Hostel an attractive home for them.

During the year a Constitution for the Hostel was submitted to, and adopted by, the Board of Managers. The new Hostel Committee was made representative of the Board of Managers, the Young Men's Bible Class, the Old Boys, and the Women's Auxiliary, and the formation of a House Committee has provided a definite link between the residents of the Hostel, the Young Men's Bible Class and the Hostel Committee. Our thanks are extended to all who have assisted in forwarding the work of the Hostel.

The Hostel was founded in 1919, in memory of those who gave their lives during the Great War, 1914-1918.

Property Purchased for	..	..	..	£3,400	0	0
Cost of Alterations	..	..	..	1,171	18	9
Furnishings and Equipment	..	..	..	1,084	18	6

Total Initial Cost .. .. . £5,656 17 3

Donations contributed to date, £1796 8s. 9d.

The first eight months of the Hostel's existence (30/6/1920) resulted in a loss of £262 3s. 8d., due principally to the board rate having been fixed rather low and to the Hostel not being full. For the next seven years the Hostel managed to pay its way, providing for reasonable depreciation, and building up a small reserve to provide for inevitable structural repairs. The last two years, however, have proved less successful, the net losses being £102 17s. and £219 1s. 2d. respectively, due principally to the Hostel not being full and to fairly heavy charges for the renewal

of furnishings. At 30/6/1929 the liabilities against the property consisted of:—

Mortgage	..	..	..	£1,500	0	0
Bank Overdraft	..	..	..	379	8	9
Total	..	..	..	£1,879	8	9

The financial position at the last-mentioned date is shown in the Hostel Accounts printed herein.

## BOYS' INSTITUTE.

The members of our Bible Classes still assist in the Sunday Services, and help in many other ways. Our Minister is the Hon. President, and Messrs. Dalglish, Ferguson, Gill, Gibson, Johnston and Moore are members of the Committee.

## INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLUB.

During the winter months a Club has been run for the purpose of getting the Intermediate girls together during the week. It was held on Wednesday evenings, from 7.15 to 8.30, and has done much to keep the girls interested in their Sunday School.

The evenings have been devoted to gymnastics, games and sewing of aprons, which we hope to forward to the Girls' Home. The latter part of the time has been taken up with practising for the S.S. Concert which was held recently.

Two of the Junior Bible Class girls, Misses M. Clifford and E. Hutchinson, have assisted this year with the Club work, and their services were much appreciated.

A social evening was held at the beginning of the year, and the winter programme was concluded this week with a party, which was much enjoyed by all.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL JUNIOR GIRLS' CLUB.

This Club, which was held during the winter months, under the leadership of Miss D. Chappell, provided interesting and instructive evenings for girls from 9 to 11 years of age. Miss Hutton was in charge of the Poster Work, Eva Hutchinson instructed in Needlework, Olga Robertson conducted the Physical Culture Class, and Elso Purdie organised the games.

## CHURCH OFFICER.

We desire to again record our appreciation of the manner in which the Church Officer, Mr. H. I. Aplin, has carried out his duties.

## In Memoriam



Mr. Jas. Mitchell.  
Mrs. Latham.  
Mr. J. Gordon.  
Mrs. Johnson.  
Mrs. J. McKerrow.  
Miss D. Mainland.  
Mrs. R. Ainslie.  
Mr. J. Mowat.  
Mr. Woodward.  
Mr. E. M. Blake.  
Mrs. J. Williamson.

*"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."*

# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH REVENUE ACCOUNT.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for 16 Months ended 31st October, 1929.

## RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward from 30/6/28 .. .. .				198	1	1
<b>For Church Purposes—</b>						
Plate Collections .. .. .	1368	15	10			
Envelope System .. .. .	514	19	4			
				1883	15	2
Sabbath School 75th Anniversary Collection, 23/9/28 .. .. .	44	13	9			
75th Anniversary Collections, 9th and 16th Dec., 1928 .. .. .	593	10	1			
Annual Special Collection, 23/6/29 .. .. .	345	0	8			
Sabbath School 76th Anniversary Collection, 29/9/29 .. .. .	47	18	0			
				1031	2	6
Beneficiary Fund Retiring Collection, 5/8/28 .. .. .	9	18	3			
Assembly Expenses Retiring Collection, 13/10/29 .. .. .	7	13	11			
				17	12	2
Seat Rents .. .. .	394	4	0			
Rents from Schoolrooms to 31/3/29 .. .. .	90	6	2			
Donations towards upkeep of Hall .. .. .	16	0	0			
Organ Pupils' Fees .. .. .	37	6	3			
Interest on late J. G. W. Aitken Legacy .. .. .	57	10	0			

Donation, Mr. G. A. Troup (cost Hymn Boards) .. .. .	10	15	6			
Donation, Cost Orders of Service to 27/10/29 .. .. .	19	0	0			
Refund by Bible Classes, Order of Service, 4/8/29 .. .. .	18	6				
Receipts Annual Social, December, 1928 .. .. .	9	3	6			
Fire Loss, Church Officer's House, 27/9/29 .. .. .	5	0	0			
Refund Electric Light, Church Officer's House .. .. .	7	3	6			
				647	7	5

## For other than Church Purposes—

<b>From Congregation:</b>						
Foreign Missions .. .. .	122	2	10			
Home Missions .. .. .	44	8	10			
Rev. G. H. McNeur's Salary .. .. .	40	15	8			
Chinese Famine Fund .. .. .	67	17	4			
Russian Missions .. .. .	2	0	0			
Prisoners' Xmas Tea .. .. .	2	4	6			
Presbyterian Orphanage .. .. .	80	12	0			
Benevolent Fund—						
Balance bt. fwd., 1/7/28 .. .. .	18	9	1			
Contributions .. .. .	81	18	6			
	100	7	7			
	460	8	9			

Carried forward .. .. £460 8 9 £3777 18 4

## PAYMENTS.

<b>For Church Purposes—</b>						
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Stipend .. .. .	933	6	8			
Rev. Dr. Gibb, Retiring Allowance .. .. .	266	13	4			
Organist's Salary (C. W. Kerry) .. .. .	166	13	4			
Church Officer (H. I. Aplin) .. .. .	208	0	0			
Minister's Car Allowance .. .. .	133	6	8			
Rent Temporary Manse (10 Church St.) to 2/12/28 (Final) .. .. .	110	0	0			
Rent Temporary Garage to 6/10/28 (Final) .. .. .	8	15	0			
Stationery, Printing, Advertising, etc. .. .. .	182	8	9			
Postages .. .. .	15	15	6			
Insurance Personal Accident, Rev. J. R. Blanchard .. .. .	6	0	0			
Insurance, Employer's Liability .. .. .	2	3	5			
Insurances, Church Buildings, Organ and Fittings .. .. .	50	19	8			
Telephones, Church & Manse, to 31/3/30 .. .. .	27	14	6			
Communion Wine and Glasses .. .. .	12	11	0			
Repairs and Renewals to Church Buildings, etc. .. .. .	219	1	11			
Repairs and Improvements to Manse .. .. .	48	17	9			

Painting Church Buildings .. .. .	791	7	0			
Cleaning Church after Painting .. .. .	2	17	0			
Cleaning Church Carpets, Cushions, etc. .. .. .	7	1	0			
New Door Mats (4) .. .. .	7	0	0			
Hymn Boards .. .. .	10	15	6			
Curtain for Stage in Hall .. .. .	7	12	3			
Platform for 1928 Sabbath School Anniversary .. .. .	3	10	0			
Tuning Organ to 31/10/29 .. .. .	20	0	0			
Repairing Organ Motor .. .. .	1	1	0			
Half Cost Tuning Organ, Sabbath School .. .. .	1	10	0			
Choir, Church Praise and Anthems .. .. .	4	6	2			
City Rates, Caretaker's Residence and Schoolroom to 31/3/29 .. .. .	91	3	9			
City Rates, Caretaker's Residence to 31/3/30 .. .. .	17	10	0			
City Rates, Manse, Mackenzie Terrace, to 31/3/30 .. .. .	16	6	9			
Electric Light .. .. .	60	4	0			
Electric Heating .. .. .	38	15	0			
Electric Power for Organ .. .. .	22	12	2			
Upkeep Electrical Installation .. .. .	13	16	4			
Gas .. .. .	6	15	2			
Church Officer, Cleaning Requisites .. .. .	7	13	0			
Assistance Cleaning .. .. .	21	0	0			

Carried forward .. .. £3545 3 7



## REVENUE ACCOUNT—Continued.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward .. ..	460	8	9	3777	18	4
From St. John's Women's Assn.—						
Proceeds Sale of						
Work, Oct., 1928	210	0	0			
Proceeds Sale of						
Work, Oct., 1929	247	5	8			
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Allocated as follows:—						
Budget Schemes of						
Church ..	142	5	8			
Rev. G. H. Mc-						
Neur's Salary ..	95	0	0			
Maori Missions ..	20	0	0			
Held pending allo-						
cation. ....	200	0	0			
	<hr/>			457	5	8
From St. John's Senior Y.W.B.C.—						
Rev. G. H. Mc-						
Neur's Salary ..	15	0	0			
Y.W.B.C. Nurse						
Fund ..	2	10	0			
Y.W.B.C. Travelling						
Secretary ..	2	10	0			
Y.W.B.C. Bursary	2	10	0			
Y.W.B.C. Home						
Missionary ..	2	10	0			
Y.W.B.C. Maori						
Missionary ..	2	2	6			
Orphanage "Jno.						
Boal" Cot ..	5	0	0			
British & Foreign						
Bible Society ..	2	10	0			
	<hr/>			34	12	6
From St. John's Y.M.B.C.—						
Home Missions ..	0	12	0			

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward .. .. .	3545	8	7			
Sabbath School Special Col- lection, 1928 .. .. .	44	13	9			
Sabbath School Special Col- lection, 1929 .. .. .	47	18	0			
Rent De Luxe Theatre and Screen Advertising .. .. .	44	5	0			
Metropolitan Building Society Annual Meeting Social Ex- penses, 22/8/28 .. .. .	37	10	0			
Annual Social, Dec., 1928 .. .. .	7	0	2			
Minister's Second Annual Social, 20/3/29 .. .. .	9	15	7			
Donation Expenses Moder- ator's Visit .. .. .	6	5	0			
Assembly Assessment Ex- penses, due 1/6/29 .. .. .	3	3	0			
Beneficiary Fund Assessment, due 1/9/28 .. .. .	33	12	0			
Beneficiary Fund Assessment, due 1/9/29 .. .. .	35	0	0			
Transferred to No. 2 A/c. .. .. .	35	0	0			
Pulpit Supply during Minis- ter's Vacation .. .. .	25	6	5			
Organist's Holiday Supply .. .. .	33	0	0			
Sundry Small Accounts .. .. .	4	4	0			
Bank Interest on Overdraft to 30/9/29 .. .. .	10	6	11			
Bank Charge, Keeping A/c. .. .. .	5	12	3			
Bank Collection, Debenture Interest .. .. .	15	0				
Cheque Books .. .. .	9	0				
	3	0	0			

Maori Missions	12	0	
New Heb. Missions	12	0	
			1 16 0
From St. John's Junior			
Y.W.B.C.—			
Rev. G. H. Mc-			
Neur's Salary ..	2	10	0
Y.W.B.C. Nurse			
Fund ..	2	0	0
Y.W.B.C. Travelling			
Secretary ..	2	0	0
Y.W.B.C. Bursary	10	0	
Y.W.B.C. Home			
Missionary ..	2	0	0
Y.W.B.C. Maori			
Missionary ..	2	0	0
			11 0 0
From St. John's Sabbath School—			
Rev. G. H. Mc-			
Neur's Salary ..	5	0	0
Foreign Missions	3	0	0
Maori Missions ..	5	0	0
			13 0 0
			978 2 11
Held on Account of St. John's			
Women's Association ..	200	0	0
Cash in Bank N.Z. ..	45	18	8
Church Revenue A/c. in debit	£154	1	4
			£4756 1 3

For other than Church Purposes—			
Paid General Treasurer Pres-			
byterian Church N.Z.:			
Foreign Missions .. ..	122	2	10
Home Missions .. ..	44	8	10
Rev. G. H. McNeur's Salary ..	40	15	8
A/c. St. John's Women's As-			
sociation .. ..	257	5	8
A/c. St. John's Y.M.B.C. .. ..	1	16	0
A/c. St. John's Senior Y.W.B.C. ..	27	2	6
A/c. St. John's Junior Y.W.B.C. ..	11	0	0
A/c. St. John's Sabbath School ..	13	0	0
		517	11 6
Benevolent Fund .. ..	100	7	7
Presbyterian Orphanage .. ..	80	12	0
Jno. Boal Cot A/c., Y.W.B.C. ..	5	0	0
Chinese Famine Fund .. ..	67	17	4
Russian Missionary Society .. ..	2	0	0
Prisoners' Xmas Tea .. ..	2	4	6
British and Foreign Bible			
Society A/c., Y.W.B.C. .. ..	2	10	0
		260	11 5
		£4710	2 7
Cash in Bank New Zealand .. ..		45	18 8
		£4756	1 3

ROBT. FLEMING,  
Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.  
P. M. CAMERON, F.I.A., N.Z.,  
Hon. Auditor.  
Wellington, 4th November, 1929.

# St. John's Church No. 2 Account (Manse).

## RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Sale of Sections (2) ..	1953	13	4	1953	13	4
Sale of Manse (Woolcombe Street) .. ..	4305	15	5			
Less Agent's Commission .. £111 5 0						
Less Solicitor's Costs .. 8 6 6						
	119	11	6	4186	3	11
Refund of Stamp Duty paid on Agreement for Sale and Purchase McKenzie Terrace Section ..	9	18	9			
Less Solicitor's Costs A/c., McKenzie Terrace Section ..	9	15	6			
				3	3	
Half Cost Fence on South Side Manse paid by Mrs. Allan .. ..	15	0	0			
Half Cost Fence on North Side Manse paid by G. E. Leighton .. ..	17	10	0			

## PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Purchase Price McKenzie Terrace Section .. ..	975	0	0			
Stamp Duty .. ..	10	0	0			
Rates .. ..	7	6	0			
Interest on Mortgage ..	82	17	2			
Sub-division Plan .. ..	12	6				
Drainage Extension, etc. ..	6	8	6			
Rates on Old Manse, Woolcombe Street .. ..	78	13	4			
Deposit P. & T. Dept., Telephone and Extension ..	1	15	0			
Insurance on New Manse ..	10	4	2			
Bank Charge Half-yearly (Sept. 30th) .. ..	5	0				
Contractor Lawrence Driscoll	4238	13	3			
Accounts paid by Managers	73	6	9			
Architect's Fees .. ..	210	0	0			
Letter-box for Manse ..	2	5	0			
Bank Interest on Overdraft	4	6	0			
Bank Charge on closing A/c., 21st March, 1929 ..	5	0				
				£5701	17	8

Discounts on A/cs. paid by Managers .. ..	4	0	9	36	10	9
				£6176	11	3
Transferred from Church Revenue A/c. .. ..				25	6	5
				£6201	17	8

Balance at Credit in hands of N.Z. Church Treasurer ..	500	0	0	£6201	17	8
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	£	s.	d.
Nett Cost of Manse—			
Paid Contractor .. ..	4238	13	3
Extras paid by Managers .. ..	69	6	0
Architect's Fees .. ..	210	0	0
Cost of Section .. ..	975	0	0
Stamp Duty and Legal Expenses ..	9	16	9
Sub-division Plan and Drainage Extension .. ..	7	1	0
	£5509	17	0
Less Half Cost Fences .. ..	32	10	0
	£5477	7	0

ROBT. FLEMING,  
Hon. Treasurer.

21st March, 1929.

Audited and found correct.  
P. M. CAMERON, F.I.A., N.Z.,  
Hon. Auditor.  
Wellington, 4th November, 1929.

**ST. JOHN'S YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.**

**Statement of Receipts and Payments from 1st April, 1928, to 31st March, 1929.**

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M. BILBY,  
Treasurer.

# Statement of St. John's Young Men's Bible Class. Assets and Liabilities, 31st March, 1929.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Funds—				Cash in Hand .. .. .	4	12	10
New Hostel .. .. .	4	6	2	Cash at Union Bank .. .. .	11	8	11
Gymnasium .. .. .	4	15	0	Cash at P.O. Savings Bank .. .. .	71	11	5
Club (Balance Lecture Proceeds) .. .. .	6	2	3				87 13 2
Camp Delegation .. .. .	4	9		B.C. Badges on hand .. .. .			8 9
Library .. .. .	7	2		Sundry Debtors for Four Square			14 0
Haywards Camp (for expenses in abeyance) .. .. .	10	0		Library .. .. .	41	5	0
Four Square .. .. .	4	9		Additions .. .. .	3	16	0
Extension Scheme .. .. .	62	17	6				45 1 0
	79	7	7	Depreciation .. .. .	4	10	0
General Account .. .. .	62	16	10				40 11 0
				Gymnasium Fittings .. .. .	9	8	3
				Depreciation .. .. .		18	10
							8 9 5
				Parlour Fittings .. .. .	4	17	10
				Depreciation .. .. .		9	9
							4 8 1
							£142 4 5
							£142 4 5

M. BILBY,  
Treasurer.

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

### Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for 16 Months ended 31st October, 1929.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Collections per Mission Convener and Collectors .. .. .	22	19	0	By Orphanage Convener .. .. .			1 18 0
Thankoffering .. .. .	6	8	8½	"John Boal" Cot—Orphanage .. .. .			5 0 0
Library Fund .. .. .	3	12	6	Hymn Books .. .. .			1 0 0
Collections—				Class Expenses .. .. .			5 9 9
Orphanage .. .. .	1	8	0	Outlook .. .. .			1 16 10
Room .. .. .	1	10	4	Library .. .. .			15 6
Outlook .. .. .	1	5	4	Sunday School .. .. .			1 0 0
Jumble Sale for Club Fund .. .. .	3	9	5	Conference Expenses .. .. .			2 0 0
Half Proceeds Lecture, per Rev. J. R. Blanchard .. .. .	4	12	4	District Fees .. .. .			1 10 0
Sale, "Friend on the Road" .. .. .			8 6	Syllabus .. .. .			1 2 6
Collections, General .. .. .	15	12	0½	Missions, Rev. G. H. McNeur .. .. .	15	0	0
				Y.W.B.C. Nurse Fund .. .. .			2 10 0
				" Travelling Secretary Fund .. .. .			2 10 0
				" Bursary .. .. .			2 10 0
				" Home Missionary .. .. .			2 10 0
				" Own Maori do. .. .. .			2 2 6
				British and Foreign Bible Society .. .. .			2 10 0
				Sundry Donations, Missions .. .. .			2 6 11
				Cash in Hand .. .. .			7 14 2
							£61 6 2
							£61 6 2

MISS A. CHAPPELL,  
Hon. Treasurer.

# ST. JOHN'S HOSTEL, WELLINGTON.

## Trading Account for Year ended 30th June, 1929.

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Dr.							Cr.		
	£ s. d.			£ s. d.					
To Groceries .. .. .	744	12	9	By Board .. .. .	2593	4	1		
Butcher .. .. .	321	15	11	Capital (Loss) .. .. .	219	1	2		
Baker .. .. .	146	4	1						
Fuel and Light .. .. .	210	14	3						
Household Renewals .. .. .	172	5	1						
Wages .. .. .	588	16	5						
Interest .. .. .	116	2	6						
Repairs .. .. .	102	10	11						
Sundries .. .. .	49	16	9						
Rates and Taxes .. .. .	69	2	3						
Insurance .. .. .	30	4	4						
Depreciation .. .. .	260	0	0						
	£2812	5	3		£2812	5	3		

## Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1929.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
£ s. d.							
Capital, 1/7/1928 .. .. .	1496	12	3	Land (at cost) .. .. .	1827	19	4
Add Donations .. .. .	2	10	0	Buildings at Cost, less Depreciation to 30/6/1928 .. .. .	1650	3	5
	1499	2	3	Add Improvements during year .. .. .	20	10	6
Less Loss on Year's Working .. .. .	219	1	2		1670	13	11
Capital at 30/6/1929 .. .. .	1280	1	1	Less Year's Depreciation .. .. .	140	0	0
Repairs Reserve .. .. .	300	0	0		1530	13	11
Sundry Creditors .. .. .	169	2	8	Furnishing at Cost, less Depreciation to 30/6/1929 .. .. .	214	11	8
Mortgage .. .. .	1500	0	0	Add Improvements during Year .. .. .	50	0	0
Bank Overdraft .. .. .	379	8	9		264	11	8
	£3628	12	6	Less Year's Depreciation .. .. .	120	0	0
					144	11	8
				Sundry Debtors .. .. .	119	7	7
				Cash in Hand .. .. .	6	0	0
					£3628	12	6

A. R. STONE,  
Treasurer.

# ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.

## Financial Statement for 16 Months ended 31st October, 1929.

RECEIPTS.				DISBURSEMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, June 30th, 1928 .. ..			27 7 11	By Books and Supplies .. ..	41	15	7
Ordinary Collection .. ..	28	18	0	Subscription, S.S. Union ..		15	0
Mission Funds .. ..	2	11	8	Bank Commission and Cheque Book .. ..	1	0	0
"Break of Day" Fund .. ..	1	12	6	Repairs Small Organ (half cost) .. ..	1	10	0
Sundry Amounts .. ..	3	10	4	Sundry Accounts .. ..	2	19	0
			36 12 6	Equipment Accounts .. ..	14	7	10
Anniversary Collection, 1928..	44	13	9	Collard & Collard—Piano ..	40	0	0
Anniversary Entertainment, 1928 .. ..	8	0	0	Expert Advice re Piano ..	1	1	0
Picnic Donation, Fares, etc. ..	16	2	7	Donation—Wolf Cub Pack ..	2	0	0
Surplus, Jumble Sale .. ..	11	10	6				105 8 5
			80 6 10	Anniversary Entertainment, 1928	6	18	11
Anniversary Collection, 1929	47	18	0	Anniversary Expenses, 1928 ..	2	6	0
Anniversary Entertainment, 1929 .. ..	10	0	0	Social Accounts .. ..	4	12	9
			57 18 0				13 17 8
				"Break of Day" Fund .. ..	1	12	6
				Mission Funds .. ..	2	15	8
				Picnic Accounts .. ..	13	2	7
							17 10 9
				Anniversary Expenses, 1929 ..	7	14	0
				Anniversary Tea Expenses 1929 .. ..	7	6	9
				Church Treasurer, for Missions	13	0	0
				Wellington S.S. Union Extension Fund .. ..	2	0	0
							30 0 9
				Balance at Bank .. ..			35 7 8
			<u>£202 5 3</u>				<u>£202 5 3</u>

J. H. KRAFT,  
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.  
P. M. CAMERON, F.I.A., N.Z.,  
Hon. Auditor.