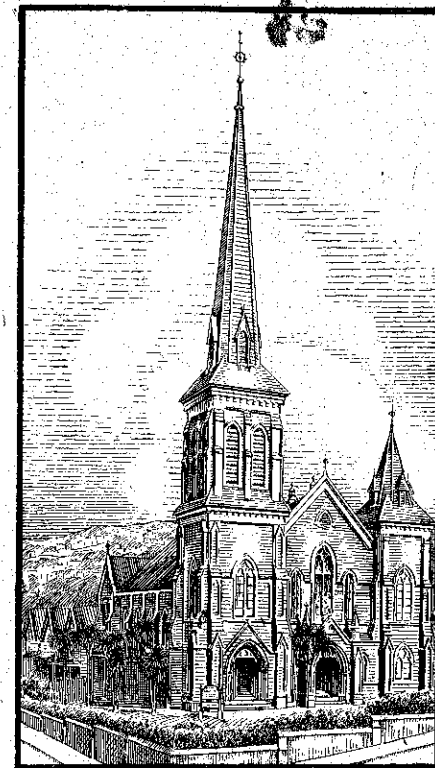


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HISTORICAL NOTES.

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| Presbyterian Services inaugurated | 1839 |
| Wellington Surveyed | 1840 |
| Congregation (now St. John's) formed, services held in Athenaeum.. | 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 (accommodation 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 |
| New 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 Bidwill 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.

"Our Missionary" Fund:

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

Convener Seat-Letting Committee:

Mr. Wm. HOPKIRK, 35 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 |
|--------------|--|----------|
| 20 | 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., Grass Street | 1903 |
| 12 | Mainland, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn | 1903 |
| 7 | Johnston, A., 33 Central Terrace, Kelburn | 1911 |
| 5 | Slater, J., Donald Street, Karori | 1911 |
| 19 | Howitt, A., 100 The Parade, Lyall Bay | 1913 |
| 14 | Ramsay W. A., 44 Duncan Terrace, Kilbirnie | 1913 |
| — | 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 |
| 18, 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 |
| 17 | Johnston, A. D., 69 Riddiford Street | 1929 |
| 14 | Macdonald, N., Vivian Street | 1929 |
| 10, 15 | Patterson, W. A., Fairlie Terrace | 1929 |

MANAGERS AND COMMITTEES—1930

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| Armour, W. A., M.A. | Wellington College |
| Bilby, M. | 62 Oriental Parade |
| Bowden, C. M. | Telford Terrace |
| Crawford, R. J. | 18 Harbour View Road, Northland |
| Dalglish, D. J. | 306 Willis Street |
| Down, J. | Mount Crawford |
| Fleming, R. | 25 Bidwell Street. |
| Hunter, A. W. | 64 Waipapa Road, Hataitai |
| Hunter, J. | 13 Bidwell Street |
| Hurley, W. E. | 19 Kensington Street |
| Johnston, R. | 179 Cuba Street. |
| Milroy, W. | Royal Terrace |
| Moore, R. D. | C/o. Bank of New Zealand |
| McLeod, D. | 168 Vivian Street. |
| Orr, J. A. | C/o. Education Department |
| Seber, F. | 1 Sidney Street |
| 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 Committee:

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

Seat-Letting Committee:

Messrs. Gill, A. W. Hunter, 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, Slater, Martin, Milroy, Patterson, Seber, Ferguson and Crawford (Convener).

Envelope Contributions Committee:

Messrs. Glover, A. W. Hunter, Torrance, J. M. Wilson.

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, D. S. Wilson, 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: Mrs. E. B. Wilson 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., and first and third Monday at 7.30 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.