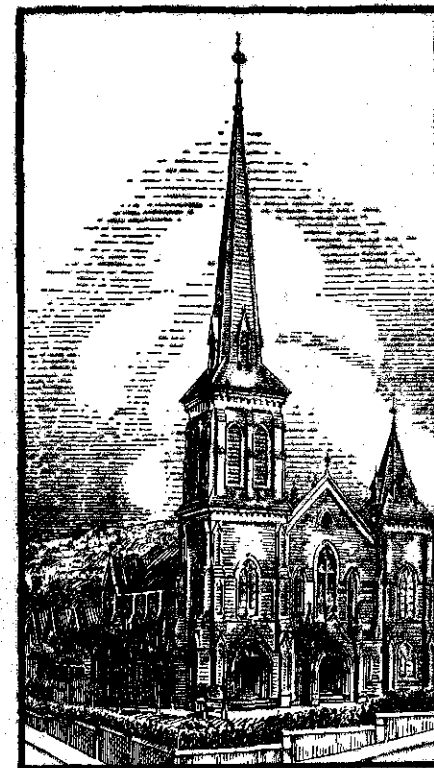




ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WELLINGTON, N.Z.



EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

Covering Period from
July 1st, 1935 to June 30th, 1936

To be submitted at the Annual Business Meeting, in the
Dixon St. Hall, on Wednesday, 30th September, 1936,
at 7.30 p.m.

BUDGET, 1936-1937.

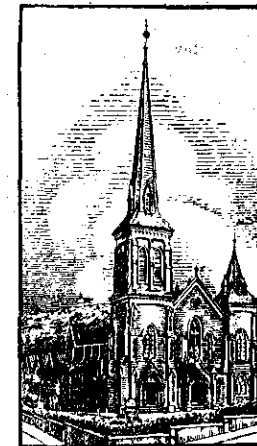
CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(1) Salaries—						
Our Minister	600	0	0			
Organist	125	0	0			
Church Officer	165	0	0			
Holiday Pulpit Supply, and Substitutes						
Organist and Church Officer	60	0	0			
				950	0	0
(2) Maintenance of Buildings—						
Repairs and Renewals	40	0	0			
Council Rates	35	0	0			
Insurances	70	0	0			
Metropolitan Building Society (provision						
periodic repainting etc.)	90	0	0			
Additional Lavatory Accommodation	250	0	0			
				485	0	0
(3) Miscellaneous—						
New Hymn Books for Congregation and						
Choir	120	0	0			
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	100	0	0			
St. John's Church Review	30	0	0			
Stocking Bookrack in Vestibule	2	0	0			
Telephones, £19/10/-; Postages, £5	24	10	0			
Lighting, Heating and Upkeep	100	0	0			
Minister's Motor Car Allowance	100	0	0			
Organ Tuning and Expenses	30	0	0			
Cleaning Requisites	5	0	0			
Communion Wine and Glasses	7	10	0			
Assembly Expenses Assessment	25	0	0			
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	30	0	0			
Wellington Presbytery Assessment	4	10	0			
Sabbath School Anniversary Offering	45	0	0			
Social Expenses	10	0	0			
Sundry Accounts	25	10	0			
				659	0	0
(4) Contingency Fund—						
To meet unforeseen Expenditure	25	0	0			
				25	0	0
(5) For Others—						
Budget Assessment for Missions, etc. (includ-						
ing Rev. G. H. McNeur's half Salary)	522	0	0			
Our Wellington Orphanages	125	0	0			
Benevolent Fund	80	0	0			
Sundry Altruistic Purposes	70	0	0			
				797	0	0
				£2916	0	0

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

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HISTORICAL NOTES.

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 Jun., 1854
First Church opened (accommodate 200), "Willis Street, Presbyterian Church"	31st Aug., 1856
First Church enlarged	1866
Rev. John Moir retired	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
Mt. Cook Branch Sunday School first opened in Francis Place ...	1872
First Service in Wadestown, by Rev. Jas. Paterson	1874
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
Band of Hope first formed—membership, 105	1878
Mission started at Newtown, now St. James', under Mr. Robt. Hopkirk	1879
Manse erected, Woolcombe Street	1880
Church Praise introduced	1884
New Church destroyed by fire	9th May, 1884
Sunday School Building, Dixon Street, opened	Nov., 1884
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
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened	1896
Extension of Sunday School Buildings in Macdonald Crescent ..	1902
Rev. James Paterson retired	1903
Rev. James Gibb, D.D., inducted	12th Aug., 1903
Services instituted at Brooklyn by Mr. John Reith (now Calvin Church)	1904
Individual Communion Cups first used	1904
New Church Praise adopted	1910
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, D.D., retired	1926
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., inducted	17th Mar., 1927
Present Manse erected McKenzie Terrace	1928
Young Men's Bible Class Social Parlour opened	14th Dec., 1931
Mural Brass Tablets to Revs. J. Moir, J. Paterson, Dr. J. Gibb and Mr. M. D. Menelaus. New Oak Communion Table. Memorial Chairs to Messrs M. D. Menelaus, A. Hopkirk, and W. Allan	1935

OFFICE-BEARERS.

Minister:

Rev. J. R. BLANCHARD, B.A.

Manse: McKenzie Terrace.

Telephone: 42-635.

Missionary:

Rev. GEORGE H. McNEUR, Canton.

Session Clerk:

MR. AD HOWITT, 100 Lyall Parade, Lyall Bay. Telephone 16-414.

Clerk to Board of Managers.

MR. D. S. WILSON, 11 Fairview Cres., Kelburn. Telephone: 27-220

Treasurer:

Mr. R. FLEMING, 6 Wesley Road.

Telephone: 40-808.

Envelope System:

Convener:

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

Telephone: 27-187.

Secretary:

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58 Glen Road, Kelburn,
Telephone: 26-707.

Treasurer:

Mr. H. GLOVER,
91 Karori Road,
Telephone: 53-824.

Convener of Finance Committee:

Mr. MALCOLM FRASER.

29 Rawhiti Terrace, Kelburn.

Telephone: 26-638.

"Our Missionary" Fund:

Mr. N. GLOVER, Treasurer, "Awatea Flats," Moxham Avenue.
Hataitai.

Convener Seat-Letting Committee:

Mr. H. B. Smith, 5 Robieson Street, Roseneath. Telephone 54-331.

Convener of Property Committee:

Mr. H. GLOVER, 91 Karori Road, Telephone: 53-824.

Convener of Choir Committee:

Mr. F. S. POPE, 34 Kelburn Parade. Telephone 26-493.

Convener Allocation of Rooms Committee:

Mr. J. A. ORR, Tennis Court Road, Khandallah. Telephone: 37-540.

Convener of St. John's "Review" Magazine:

Mr. A. B. LANE, 84 Upland Road, Kelburn. Telephone 26-237.

Organist and Choirmaster:

Mr W. L. HAGGITT, F.T.C.L., L.R.S.M. (Lon.), c/o St. John's Church

Church Officer:

Mr. J. R. SIMPSON, Willis Street.

Telephone: 54-299.

KIRK SESSION.

Moderator.

Rev. J. R. BLANCHARD, B.A.

District No.	ELDERS:	Inducted.
—	Troup, G. A., C.M.G., F.R.I.B.A., 5 Cluny St, Kelburn	1895
12.	Mainland, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn	1903
7.	Johnston, A., 33 Central Terrace, Kelburn	1911
5.	Sclater, J., Donald Street, Karori	1911
4, 24, 19.	Howitt, A., 100 Lyall Parade, Loyall Bay	1913
20.	Smith, A. P., 12 Burnham St., Seatoun	1913
18a, 22.	Martin, A., Messines Road, Karori	1919
6a.	Fraser, Malcolm, C.V.O., O.B.E., 29 Rawhiti Terrace, Kelburn	1921
6b.	Cresswell, T. R., M.A., 64 Karoa Road, Kelbn.	1921
16.	Glover, H., 91 Karori Road	1921
—	South, H. C., 21 Willis Street	1921
3.	Ferguson, W. J., 3 Zohrab St., Hataitai	1928
1.	Spratt, F. C., 69 Pitt Street, Wadestown	1928
17.	Johnston, A. D., Featherston	1929
—	Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen, 92 Inglis St., Seatoun	1931
8.	Wilson, J. M., 58 Glen Road, Kelburn	1931
18b, 21.	Cameron, P. M., F.I.A.N.Z., 2 Kowhai Road, Kelburn	1933
10.	Blake, L. R., B.Sc., 62 Harbour View Road, Northland	1933
9a, 15.	Purdie, A., 81 Fairlie Terrace	1933
2.	Fowler, R. B., 1 Don Street	1933
23.	Brown, D. B., 62a Hawker Street	1935
9b.	Corkill, Dr. T. F., 319 Willis Street	1935
1, 13, 14.	McLeod, D., 1 Durham Crescent	1935
3.	Moore, R. D., c/o Head Office, Bank of N.Z.	1935

MANAGERS AND COMMITTEES—FOR 1936-37.

Armour, W. A., M.A.	Wellington College
Anderson, P. H.	59 Hawker Street
Bilby, M.	10 Percival Street
Brodie, J. P.	4a Watson Street
Fleming, R.	6 Wesley Road
Fleming, R. N.	6 Wesley Road
Glover, N.	"Awatea" Flats, Moxham Avenue, Hataitai
Hunter, J.	13 Bidwell Street
Ivory, A. H.	14 Springfield Terrace, Kelburn
Johnston, R.	179 Cuba Street
Jupp, G. C.	35 Adams Terrace, Kelburn
Martin, J. S.	91 Eden Street, Island Bay
Marshall, J. R.	64 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn
Matthews, J.	18 Hapua Road, Hataitai
Moore, W.	23 Chilka Street, Island Bay
Orr, J. A.	C/o Education Department
Pope, F. S.	34 Kelburn Parade
Reid, W.	8 Huia Road, Hataitai
Ritchie, D.	22 Flers Street, Karori
Scott, G. H.	3 Wilkinson Terrace
Sclater, J. R.	Vera Street, Karori
Smith, H. B.	5 Robieson Street, Roseneath
Smith, H. McK.	14 William Street, Hataitai
Stevenson, I. D.	22 Disley Street, Kelburn
Strong, F.	55 Overtoun Terrace
Wall, A. L.	Seatoun Heights
Watkin, L. J.	10 Glasgow Street, Kelburn
Wilson, D. S.	11 Fairview Crescent, Kelburn
Wood, J.	33 Waipapa Road, Hataitai

Property Committee:

Messrs. W. J. Ferguson, J. Hunter, A. H. Ivory, A. Johnston, H. Mainland, J. R. Marshall, A. Martin, W. Moore, D. Ritchie, I. D. Stevenson, J. P. Brodie, J. Wood and H. Glover (Convener).

Seat-Letting Committee:

Messrs. P. H. Anderson, J. Matthews, D. McLeod, W. Reid, L. J. Watkin, J. M. Wilson and H. B. Smith (Convener).

Finance Committee:

Messrs. P. M. Cameron, R. B. Fowler, R. Fleming, H. Glover, A. D. Johnston, R. Johnston, J. A. Orr, F. S. Pope, G. H. Scott, A. P. Smith, H. McK. Smith, F. C. Spratt, G. A. Troup, A. L. Wall and M. Fraser, (Convener).

Envelope Contributions Committee:

Messrs. L. R. Blake, R. B. Fowler, H. Glover, N. Glover, J. S. Martin, A. Purdie, J. R. Sclater, J. M. Wilson and P. M. Cameron (Convener).

Choir Committee:

Messrs. M. Bilby, Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen, N. Glover, G. C. Jupp, R. Johnston, R. D. Moore, F. Strong, A. L. Wall, L. J. Watkin, R. N. Fleming, and F. S. Pope (Convener).

St. John's "Review" Magazine Committee:

Messrs. A. Purdie, R. B. Fowler, J. R. Sclater, I. D. Stevenson, J. R. Marshall (Editor), Misses M. MacKenzie (Sub-Editor), E. Thompson (Secretary), Mr. A. B. Lane (Convener).

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MANAGERS AND COMMITTEES (Cont.)

Allocation of Rooms:

Mr. J. A. Orr (Convener),

Session Clerk, and Clerk to the Board of Management are members of all committees, ex-officio.

St. John's Memorial Hostel.

General Management Committee:

Representing Church Managers: Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., Messrs. G. A. Troup, A. Martin, H. Glover, D. S. Wilson, A. Howitt, A. P. Smith,

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

Representing Ladies' Auxiliary: Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Mrs. A. M. Wilson and Miss W. Millar.

OFFERINGS, SEAT-LETTING, ETC.

The Ordinary Sunday Offerings by plate and weekly envelope, together with Seat Rents and other general receipts, appointed by the General Assembly, and including Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Assessments for Assembly Expenses, the chief of which are the Minister's stipend, salaries of the Church officials, etc.

Special Offerings are made from time to time: (1) As appointed by the General Assembly and including Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, Assessments for Assembly Expenses, Maori Missions, etc.; (2) As appointed by the Office-bearers, and including Sunday School, Relief of Poor (quarterly) and other approved objects.

The Church Extension Fund which is wholly devoted towards establishing new charges and assisting others throughout the Dominion, is raised by means of the envelope system. Envelopes for the purpose are placed in the pews quarterly. Many of the settlers in remote districts would be without religious ordinances but for the facilities provided by the Home Mission Funds of the Church.

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

Seat Letting: A number of the Seat-letting Committee is in attendance at the close of the mid-week service to let sittings to applicants. Many find the payment of seat rents a convenient method of contributing to the Church revenue. Those desirous of renting sittings or requiring further information, should apply to the Pew Rent Treasurer, Mr. H. B. Smith.

CHURCH CALENDAR.

Sacraments: Holy Communion is observed on Second Sunday of March, June, September and December. Baptisms are administered in the Church by arrangement with the Minister.

Sunday: Public Worship, 11.0 a.m. and 7.0 p.m.
Sunday School, Dixon Street Hall, 2.30 p.m.
Bible Classes—Young Women, Class Room, Dixon Street 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, Class Room Dixon Street Hall, 2.45 p.m.

Tuesday: Women's Association, Basement Parlour, fortnightly, 2.30 p.m. and first and third Monday at 7.30 p.m.
Evening Guild, 4th Monday at 7.30 p.m.
Women's Missionary Union, Basement Parlour, fourth Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday: Mid-week Service, each week, Willis Street Class Room, 7.30 p.m.
Session, first Wednesday in month, 8.30 p.m.
Managers, second Wednesday in month, 8.15 p.m.
Mothers' Meeting, every second Wednesday, Dixon Street Hall, 2.45 p.m.

Thursday: Choir Practice, each week, 7.30 p.m.
Sunday School Clubs, Dixon St. Hall, 7 p.m.

Saturday: Y.M.B.C Social Club, every week, Willis Street Class Room.

Gymnastic Classes meet in Gymnasium during winter months.

Band of Hope meets in Primary Department room every Monday evening from June to August

PASTORAL LETTER.

To the Members and Adherents of the Congregation.
My Dear Friends,

At the forefront of the report which follows, I would sound the note of thanksgiving. Once again we have come to the end of a year in our work for God through His Church, and we thank Him that He has enabled us to achieve what is here recorded. The devotion of many hearts, the labours of many hands, and the will to work together have, under God, brought us through.

Death has been active in our midst. In deepest sympathy we commend those for whom that has meant deep, personal sorrow, to the encouragement of God's comfort. As a congregation, we remember that, while death brings a sense of loss, it multiplies the ties that bind us to the Unseen, wherein our resources lie and whence cometh our help. It adds to our responsibilities and stimulates our endeavour, for we must make our work for Christ in His Church worthy of those who have gone before.

The Church stands to-day in the midst of an unsettled world, in which the worst is constantly threatening. That has come to pass because people have become so absorbed in this present world as to neglect and forget God's spiritual world. Hence there are divisions on the earth instead of unity; strife instead of peace. The task of the Church is to make her witness accordingly. It is her function, through her public worship, to bring home to people the reality of God's spiritual world; and so to build them up in the qualities of that world as to make its desirability felt by others. Each and every member is involved in that function. But who are we to deem ourselves sufficient for that high task? We do not deem ourselves sufficient. All we can do is to place ourselves in God's hands, that He may amend our faults and make us according to His likeness in Christ. It is a slow process. But it is God's way, and He is very patient.

In that spirit, then, let us come together in our Church fellowship and set out in the work that lies ahead. As we do so, we may confidently go forward without fear of what the consequences will be. But if we fail to do so, we shall go forward only to fall short of the good which God has in store. I am confident that we are not going to let ourselves fail in this call to consecration.

Your sincere Minister and Friend,

J. R. Blanchard.

KIRK SESSION REPORT.

The Session, in presenting the 83rd Annual Report, for the year ending June 30th, 1936, rejoices that the All-wise Heavenly Father has been with the Congregation throughout, blessing His faithful people as they have sought, in His name, to extend His Kingdom. Otherwise such a report of attainment could not be presented—"for who is it that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord commandeth it not?"

A deep feeling of gratitude and thankfulness to Almighty God fills our hearts for past mercies and blessings, and for the increasing spirit of adventurous faith and endeavour which is so apparent in the congregation, the possibilities of which are unlimited when the service is undertaken in the spirit which cries "Ah Lord God! behold, Thou has made the Heavens and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for Thee."

The thanks of the Session to all who have served are recorded elsewhere.

The Sick.

To the many sick members in the congregation and to those upon whom the years have thickened, bringing with them the infirmities of age which prevent attendance at the Services they love, the Minister and Session extend their sincerest sympathy and pray that the Great Physician may lay upon them His loving hand in physical and spiritual healing, and that His Presence and Consolations may abide with them in richest measure.



THE MINISTER.

On the 17th of March last the Minister, the Rev. J. R. Blanchard B.A., commenced the 10th year of his ministry in St. John's. In the minds of the great majority of the congregation his induction to the important charge and the marked impression he immediately made by his finely constructed, carefully reasoned and eloquently delivered pulpit utterances, placed him in the highest order as a preacher.

The intervening years have been crowded with strenuous endeavour to build up the congregation and the Kingdom of Christ, with the gratifying measure of success recorded in previous and the present reports.

As Minister of St. John's, and possessing unusual energy and organising ability, Mr. Blanchard continues to have many unavoidable demands made upon his time in the interests of Presbyterianism generally and in assisting in the direction of other branches of Christian activity, and at present holds the following offices:—Convener of the General Assembly's Publication Committee (Wellington); Convener of the Wellington Presbytery's Committees on Broadcast and Public Interests; Chairman of Scots College Board; Member of Queen Margaret College Board; Member of Y.M.C.A. Board; Vice-Chairman of P.S.S.A.; President of the New Zealand Alliance (fifth successive year).

During the year he received several invitations to conduct Church anniversaries in other parts of the Dominion, and on March 15th last he was the special preacher at the Service of Thanksgiving in the Christchurch Cathedral in connection with the Diamond Jubilee of the Christchurch Y.M.C.A.

As the result of these activities added to his work in St. John's, the Minister's strength has been overtaxed; and after the close of the Church year in June last, the Session intimated to Mr. Blanchard their desire that he should take a three months' holiday and the Managers having approved the financial arrangements, Mr. Blanchard left for Vancouver on the 15th Sept. with the best wishes and the earnest prayers of St. John's for a pleasant holiday, and a speedy restoration to health.

Mrs. Blanchard left for Australia last February, on an extended visit in search of health, and returned on the 10th Sept. much improved. All join in the wish that Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard may soon be restored to a full measure of health.

We pray that the rich treasures of spiritual and temporal health may ever abide upon Mr and Mrs Blanchard and family.

OUR OWN MISSIONARY.

The Rev. George and Mrs. McNeur resumed their duties in China early in March last year after an absence on furlough in New Zealand of 12 months.

Mr McNeur has been asked by the Canton Synod to give part of his time to the Union Theological College, of which he is the Principal, and part to pastoral work in the Seventh District, consisting of 4 counties—a territory in which our Church has for over 30 years had a special interest.

The Kong Chuen compound there, is still the main centre of the activities of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. The Hospital and the Tak Kei Girls' School are there; it is from there also that the evangelistic missionary goes forth on his rounds; and it is thither that the workers of the District repair for retreat, conference, and Presbytery meeting.

Mr McNeur's duties must, with the dual responsibility, entail a heavy burden.

We pray that the rich blessing of God, endowing him with the necessary health, strength and spiritual power may be upon him as he goes in and out on the Master's work in the Canton villages, and that he and his family may be preserved in safety in these troublous times.

THE SESSION.

The ranks of the Session have been reduced by the loss of three members—one by death and two by removal from Wellington. Mr Wm. Hopkirk, our beloved Senior Elder, was called to his rest after serving the Session with rare fidelity for 48 years, wherein his practical interest and help extended into every section of the work of the Church. The memorial minute passed by the Session is included in this section of the Report and steps are being taken by the congregation to place a suitable memorial to his memory in the Church.

Mr W. A. Patterson removed to Khandallah, and Mr W. G. Wohlmann to Auckland. Mr Patterson served for 7 years with energy and zeal. His willingness to undertake service was exceptional, no task ever being refused, his District visitation often covering as many as five Elders' Districts. He was also convener and collector for the Home Mission Committee and carried out all his duties with care and thoroughness.

Mr W. G. Wohlmann was a most faithful and conscientious Elder over a period of three years. His service was one

of quiet earnestness, the call to discharge which was ever accepted and undertaken from a keen sense of duty, and completed with courtesy and efficiency.

All three will be greatly missed in the Session.

No addition to the membership of the Session has been made during the year.

The Session extend a hearty welcome to the incoming members of the Board of Management, including the two new members, Mr. J. P. Brodie and Mr R. N. Fleming.

MR WILLIAM HOPKIRK.

The following minute has been adopted by the Session of St. John's Church, Wellington:—

“The Session of St. John's Church records with deep sorrow the passing hence of Mr William Hopkirk, who, for the past 14 years, has been the honoured and beloved senior elder of Session. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to find a longer record of faithful service to Christ and His Church than that which stands to the credit of the late Mr William Hopkirk.

“Arriving in New Zealand with his father and brothers in 1873, he immediately joined St. John's Church, and at the end of 1875 became a Sunday School teacher therein. He conducted Infant Class in the Mount Cook School from 1886 to 1895, was secretary to the Willis Street and Mount Cook Sunday Schools from 1885 to 1894, was appointed deputy-superintendent of the Willis Street Sunday School in 1895, superintendent in 1904, and honorary superintendent in 1922, which position he held until the day of his lamented decease. He became a manager in 1876, and was ordained an elder in 1888, his father and his Uncle Robert being members of the same Session along with himself for many years. From 1922 to the day of his passing he was chairman of the Finance Committee, and was a member of the Seat-Letting Committee for nearly 60 years, being its convener from 1903 until he died. Practically all the records of this committee in our keeping, going back 56 years, are in his handwriting. For many years he was a member of the choir, and took a special interest in the training of the children, being so anxious that they should learn to sing aright the praises of the sanctuary that he held special classes for that purpose. Appreciation of his services in this connection is expressed in annual reports from 1889 to 1903. For many years he was the superintendent of the Band of Hope which was formed in 1878, and a faithful member of both the Literary Society and Fellowship Association.

“Mr William Hopkirk did not confine his service to the church of his fathers simply to the congregation of St. John's. He gave of his time and substance as a member of the Board of Queen Margaret and Scots Colleges, and also as a member of the Orphanage Committee. He was an active worker as well in the early days of the Wellington Boys' Institute. As a representative elder to both Assembly and Presbytery, he was ever faithful in his attendance upon the duties of such, and gave good service on many committees of both courts. Other congregations in the Presbytery of Wellington than that of St. John's, the British and Foreign Bible Society, the New Zealand Alliance, the Young Men's Christian Association, and other like bodies have good reason to be thankful for the interest he showed in them and for the liberality he exercised towards them.

“In the busines of life of the community Mr Hopkirk was well known and highly respected. He trod the way of commercial endeavour not only with industry, but also with an unquestioned personal rectitude, ever keeping himself unspotted by what is known as the commercial spirit.

“The large congregation which gathered in St. John's, filling the body of the church, on the day of his funeral, will long be remembered as a singularly impressive tribute paid by the church and the community to one who had served his God faithfully and well.

“Mr William Hopkirk leaves a fragrant memory which many within the church and without will long and affectionately cherish. His life being fed from unseen sources, he was as a tree near planted by a river; the leaf of his spirit did not wither, and he did not fail to bring forth in its season the fruit of good works. Thus was he ever cheerful in the face of difficulties, wise amid practical problems, charitable in his judgment of his fellows, and particularly kind in his love for children. His example is a challenge and an inspiration to those who succeed him, reminding them that so long as such simplicity towards Christ as was his continues, the glory and the strength of the Church will not fail, but grow from more to more.

“With deepest sympathy we commend his wife and family to the God of all comfort, praying that He will keep them in His perfect peace, and in unbroken fellowship of spirit with their loved one, until the day break and the shadows flee away, and in the place of light perpetual they rejoice together before Him Who sitteth upon the throne and Who spreadeth His tabernacle over all His faithful children.”

FINANCE.

A most satisfactory financial report has been placed before us by our esteemed Treasurer, Mr R. Fleming. The members have, by their liberality, enabled the Treasurer to meet the church's financial obligations for the year, but this has been accomplished only by a strict scrutiny of all proposed expenditure to a point wherein the efficiency of the work of Christ has been somewhat restricted.

The liberal have been again liberal in the recent special thank offering appeal to meet our obligations, but what is required is a more equitable distribution of the giving over the whole of our membership so that the burden may press heavily on none, but that a sufficiency of finance may result, thus enabling the managers to carry on a progressive policy of church work which would return a rich harvest in efficiency and blessing.

In the recent thank offering appeal it was gratifying to note the increased number of individual contributions, indicating that the burden of St. John's is becoming more widely distributed. There is still room for this distribution to grow, and we confidently look forward to that coming to pass. When each and every member of a congregation does just what he and she can, financial burdens are easily borne, and their problems easily solved.

COMMUNION ROLL.

Owing to the fluctuating nature of a city population the Roll of St. John's is very difficult to keep accurately. This year special attention has been given to this, and the supplementary roll has been increased.

At the end of last year the number on the roll stood at 720, exclusive of a number on the supplementary roll, which now stands at 89. This number, however, will be an ever fluctuating one. Last year there were 20 "Invitation" communicants. This year they number 31.

The effective roll number on June 30th, 1936 is 665

The supplementary roll number is .. 89

754

Admissions during the year were:

On profession of faith 33

On certificate 60

93

Removals—

By death (see "In Memoriam" page 43) .. 6

By disjunction, etc. 73

79

Showing an increase in new membership over removals of 14

COMMUNION SERVICES.

It is a pleasure to report the 3rd successive annual increase in the numbers attending Holy Communion. The only exception occurred in March last, when owing to an unusually stormy Sunday, the numbers were only 484, a decrease of 12 compared with the previous March. Moreover, the attendance of 546 in June was the largest in Mr Blanchard's ministry, and also the largest ordinary communion attendance in the history of the church. The record attendance, however, was at the special Jubilee service in December 1913 when 586 communicated.

The figures for the last two years are:

	Sept.	Dec.	March	June
1934-5	496	511	496	513
1935-6	517	528	484	546

A Presbytery Communion was dispensed at the first meeting of the Presbytery in 1936. During the year the Minister has officiated at 25 baptisms (including 6 adults), and 26 funerals, and has made 487 pastoral calls; 60 marriages were conducted by deputies in the Minister's absence. 10

CHURCH SERVICES.

It is encouraging to state, that notwithstanding the prevailing general conditions so inimical to full attendance at divine worship on the Sabbath, the attendance at the Lord's Day services, during the year, shows a slight increase as compared with that of the previous year. Members are exhorted to keep a careful watch on all insidious influences which adversely affect regular church attendance, and to realize not only their obligation, as Christians, to attend, but also their privilege of so doing in obedience to the Scriptural injunction "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." Thus, to the spiritual benefits constantly emanating from able and

earnest pulpit ministrations supported by reverent and sympathetic choral work, will they add the further blessing which inevitably accrues when God's people are 'all with one accord in one place.'

The members of the Young Worshipers' League are to be commended for their regularity of attendance and the attentive manner in which the great majority of them listen to the minister's arresting and helpful talks.

MID-WEEK SERVICES.

The mid-week service is eagerly looked forward to by those who attend. It is a matter of wonder, and even comment by them, that many more do not take advantage of the privilege to meet for quiet meditation and prayer wherein the power of Christ is ever present as a renewing influence and a living and abiding presence.

The minister's addresses included "Waiting on God," and "Lenten Studies," following the Church calendar.

Minister and Session cordially invite members to join in this mid-week service of refreshment so necessary in the week's busy turmoil and care.

CHOIR.

The Session congratulates the Organist and Choir on the high standard maintained in the service of praise, and extends its thanks for the reverent and artistic rendering of the hymns, solos, and music at the Sunday services.

A welcome source of strength would be an additional increase in the bass and tenor sections.

With such a reserve of young men in the Church and Bible Classes the present lack of full strength should be easily remedied. With a Choir of the standing of St. John's there should be a waiting list of persons anxious to join its membership.

DIVINITY STUDENTS AND COLLEGIANS.

Messrs I. Dixon and J. Linton two of the Students for the Ministry who left from this congregation to enter the Theological Hall at Knox College are due to complete their course this year.

Mr Robert Lamb, B.A., completed his course last year and was duly licensed by the Wellington Presbytery in St. John's Church. We pray that rich spiritual and temporal blessings may rest upon these young men in their respective spheres of Christian duty.

COLLEGIANS.

The Presbyterian students in residence at Wellington College have been present, in increased numbers, at the Sunday morning service throughout the year.

RADIO BROADCASTS.

Our Minister's radio broadcast of Sunday services and Thursday morning devotionals continue to be greatly appreciated, as evidenced by the large number of visitors of all denominations who attend St. John's when in Wellington, as well as by the numerous appreciations expressed in letters received by him.

The broadcast of the impressive and reverent communion service in March enabled many in remote parts to thankfully participate with us in spirit in a sacred service long denied to them as the result of their isolation.

VISITING MINISTERS.

For the 3rd year in succession the pulpit has been most acceptably supplied by the Rev. L. M. Rogers, M.A., during our Minister's Annual holiday. During the year we had the pleasure of hearing pulpit messages from the following Wellington Ministers: Revs. A. E. Hunt, A. B. Kilroy, M.A., S. J. Murray, M.A., and the Rev. J. T. Macky of Lower Hutt. Visiting Dominion Ministers included the Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right. Rev. H. H. Barton, M.A., Revs. D. C. Herron, M.C. M.A., of Dunedin, J. Lawson Robinson B.A. and Alan C. Watson M.A., Dip. Soc. Sc., of Christchurch; and from abroad the Rev. Dorothy Wilson, M.A., Bac. Litt., of England, and Mr L. G. Blanchard, who is a candidate for the Australian Inland Mission.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

The Parliamentary (broadcast) service held on September 1st was attended by His Excellency the Governor-General, Viscount Galway, Viscountess Galway and family. His Excellency read the lessons. Representatives of the Ministry,

members of both Houses, Judges, Consuls, Heads of Government Departments, Local Body representatives and others were present. The Vice-Regal party also attended the morning service on Sunday, April 26th last, when His Excellency, the Governor-General again read the lessons. On January 26th, 1936, a special service of mourning on the occasion of the death of our late beloved sovereign, King George V., was held. On November 24, 1935, a special service at which a new Scottish oak Communion table was dedicated and a mural brass plate was unveiled in memory of our late esteemed Session Clerk, Mr M. D. Menclaus, was held. At this service memorial chairs were also dedicated to the memory of three Elders; Messrs A. Hopkirk, Wm. Allan and M. D. Menclaus. At the special service on December 8th, commemorating the Jubilee of the Church building, memorial brass tablets were dedicated to the three previous ministers of the church, viz., Rev. John Moir, Rev. James Paterson and Rev. James Gibb, D.D. Both these services were most impressively conducted by our minister. The Social Gathering and Re-union on the following Monday evening, was well attended and highly successful. Additional special services comprised the Christmas Day and Good Friday morning services; the Lenten services, during which the choir rendered the cantata "From Olivet to Calvary;" the licensing of the Revs. Lamb and Mackenzie, two old Bible Class members; the Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges (broadcast) service attended by over 200 pupils; and the two services for the Women's Lodge of the order of the Eastern Star.

Special Memorial Services were also conducted for Dr Gibb, Mr Wm. Hopkirk, and the Hon. James Craigie.

OBITUARY.

During the year the Rev. J. Gibb, D.D., our revered and distinguished former minister and six of our members, whose names are recorded in the "In Memoriam" notice at the end of the Report, have been called to higher service in the Father's Home of many mansions. Regarding the Rev. James Gibb, D.D., and our widely esteemed late senior elder, Mr. Wm. Hopkirk, extensive reference has already been made. Of the others, the Misses Campbell, Glen, Fraser and Robertson were fine Christian characters who loyally supported the services of the Sanctuary whilst Mrs D. Scott, our oldest member after Mr W. Hopkirk, by her kindly smile, gentle nature and faithful service, endeared herself to all. She loved her Church and leaves a fine example and a fragrant memory.

The members of the Session extend their deepest sympathy to all the bereaved, and pray that the God of all comfort may be very near to them in their sorrow.

OTHER ACTIVITIES.

The cricket match hitherto held annually, between the Ministers' team and the Young Men's Class side did not take place this year.

The annual bowling match between the teams representing St. John's congregation and that of the Kelburn Presbyterian Church was duly held and resulted in a win for Kelburn.

The Y.M.B.C. Harrier runs continue to be very popular. They are a source of increasing fellowship between the young men and young women of the Presbyterian Churches of the city and suburbs.

Many of the runs start from the various Church halls, where the young ladies of the B.C. dispense afternoon tea at the conclusion of the run.

ORPHANAGES.

The Annual round day on July 14th, 1935, resulted in the receipt of 105 parcels of various weights, and cash donations of £6/7/9. On July 6th, a special offering was taken up. A jam day was also held when a good supply was received at the Church, or sent direct to the orphanages.

Furthermore, the Women's Association have also supplied a large number of children's garments and have assisted with the mending of clothing.

ASSISTANCE TO THE DISTRESSED.

The various Church Organisations are still assisting distressed families attached to the Church, but generally in a decreased measure due to the improved position of the majority of the recipients.

The offering of £3/17/3 from the Good Friday service, together with donations from charitably disposed members, are also being wisely used for this purpose. Thanks are extended to all who contributed, either direct, or through offering boxes "for the poor."

MURAL TABLET.

A mural brass tablet to the memory of Mr John Kirkcaldie and members of his family has been placed in the Church. Mr Kirkcaldie was a member of the Board of Management for nearly half a century and ever rendered liberal financial assistance; and, with his family, was always regularly in attendance at his church.

The tablet, the gift of Mrs. A. F. Rattray, contains the names of Mr and Mrs J. Kirkcaldie; and their sons, Herbert A. and Norman, and Mr Arthur F. Rattray, son-in-law.

AN HISTORICAL RELIC.

As a result of the Celebration of the Jubilee of the Church Building during the year an interesting relic has been received in the form of the mallet, and silver and ivory trowel presented to Sir Jas. Prendergast, Chief Justice of New Zealand by the Contractor, and used by him over 50 years ago at the laying of the foundation stone of our present church building. They have been very kindly presented to the Church by Mrs Helene Hall, a relative of the late Chief Justice to whom our deep appreciation has been expressed.

CHURCH OFFICER.

The Church Officer, Mr. J. R. Simpson has, as anticipated, proved himself to be most courteous, obliging and efficient in the discharge of his manifold duties.

It is unanimously agreed that the Church, Sunday School, Bible Class Rooms, and the Church grounds, have never been kept in more excellent condition. Mrs Simpson is an able willing assistant.

THE "REVIEW."

The Session welcomes the publication this year of St. John's second Church Magazine, the "Review"; believing that it has a distinct mission of usefulness and unity to fulfill in a congregation such as ours where the homes are well distributed over the city and every suburb.

It will make the activities of our organisations, and the interests, claims, and the message of our church more widely known to the members.

The previous magazine was a quarterly named the "Record," and was first issued in 1892 and continued for a few years afterwards.

THE BOOKRACK.

The Vestibule Bookrack, under the management of the Senior Y.M.B.C., continues its valuable educative work by the display of pamphlets and brochures on aspects of our faith. In ever popular demand is the Pointing Finger Series of booklets issued by the Publications Committee of St. John's Y.M.B.C. All pamphlets may be obtained at cost.

WAYSIDE PULPIT.

The Willis St. "Wayside Pulpit" continues to display its ever changing silent message of faith hope, courage and cheer. Evidence of the appreciation of its good work is constantly coming in. The Session expresses its thanks to the Young Men's Bible Class to whom they are indebted for carrying on this continuous service for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

THANKS.

As we review the recent celebration of the Jubilee of the Church building and the accomplished work of the last 83 years, we accept with gratitude to our Heavenly Father the heritage bequeathed to us by the Ministers, officebearers, and members of other days, who have now joined "the great cloud of unseen witnesses" and we pray, that as a congregation of the Lord's people, we may be true to the trust we have received from them. May we emulate their spirit and service, rendered while "seeing that which is invisible," and ever strive by loyal co-operation, faith and prayer to pass on to the coming generations an enhanced heritage to the Glory of God.

The Session's thanks are extended, not only to all those whose activities contributed to the very gratifying results of the year's work in the various organisations of the Church, as detailed in their respective reports, but to the Board of Managers, the clerk to the Management Board, Mr. D. S. Wilson, and the Treasurer, Mr. R. Fleming for their faithful services during a year of busy endeavour. The thanks extend to all others who have co-operated in any way in the life and work of the Church. In particular we heartily thank all, of whom it may be said that they have done what they could.

The cordial thanks of the minister and office-bearers are extended to the Press for its unfailing courtesy and sympathetic attitude. The encouraging publicity given to the more important incidents of the life and work of the congregation, both in the printed column and the photographic section is greatly appreciated.

The Services of the Broadcasting Board and the unfailing courtesy of the officials of 2YA are also deeply appreciated.

Hearty thanks are also extended to Messrs. Fletcher Bros. for the continued loan of the material for erecting the children's platform in the church for their Sunday School Anniversary.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

At the close of another year your Board lift grateful hearts to God in thanksgiving for the guidance and blessing He has bestowed on us who labour in this part of His Vineyard.

With the passing hence of Mr William Hopkirk, for whom a Memorial Minute passed by the Office-bearers will be found elsewhere, the Board loses not only its oldest member, convener of Finance and Seat-Letting Committees, but a most loyal and sincere friend. The Statement of Accounts appended to this report reflect in some measure the general improvement in the economic position of our Dominion and we trust that this may continue.

The Finance and Property committees of the Board have experienced a strenuous year. When it was realised that the Jubilee of the opening of the present Church Building for public worship almost coincided with the maturity of our investment with the Metropolitan Permanent Building and Investment Society, for the periodic re-painting of the Church and Buildings and repairs, it was decided to have the work on the Church completed in time for the Jubilee Celebrations on the 6th December. This entailed considerable work for the Property Committee but due to a will to do, although many difficulties arose, the undertaking was completed in time. Later the Sunday School Buildings, Cottage, Bible Class Rooms and the Manse were attended to. We can say that so far as exteriors are concerned all our buildings are in thorough order. A further improvement undertaken was the addition to the Basement Parlour so as to provide more light and space. This alteration is very much appreciated by members of the Women's Association who use this room for their meetings. The installation of a coal grate in the kitchen of the cottage, occupied by the Church Officer is a welcome comfort.

It was felt that a Church Magazine would be an acceptable innovation in St. John's and to this end a strong committee was set up to investigate the possibilities with the result that it was decided to proceed with publication. The first issue, entitled St. John's Review, was brought out in February. The magazine is distributed free to as wide a circle as possible and

the cost of publication is met by voluntary subscription. The committee is fortunate in having in its convener Mr A. B. Lane, a journalist of high standing in the Dominion.

During the year the personnel of the Board remained unchanged. Nine members, eligible for re-election, Messrs M. Bilby, J. Hunter, R. Johnston, W. Moore, J. A. Orr, W. Reid H. M. Smith, L. J. Watkin and J. Wood, retired by rotation. Session called a meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of electing managers, those retiring being re-elected and two new members Messrs R. N. Fleming and J. P. Brodie, were elected to office.

It is with a deep thankfulness to God that we record the recovery from serious illness of our treasurer Mr Robert Fleming and we pray that the progress of his restoration to health and strength manifest in the past month or two may in the very near future see him fully restored.

To those organisations, who by loyal co-operation and service in the interests of St. John's have assisted the Board to again achieve a worthy endeavour, we would express our most grateful thanks.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The usual Statement of Accounts is given as an appendix to this report.

The total revenue for the year shows a considerable increase over the previous twelve months of approximately £1000, largely accounted for (1) by the maturing of the provision made during the last seven years for the repainting and reconditioning of the Church and Manse buildings, which with items related thereto totalled £798; (2) by donations to Memorials £147; and (3) by premiums on conversion to lower interest rates of local body legacy debentures £56. These items, in the main, are non-recurring.

Plate collections show an increase of £80, but the Envelope System of contribution did not sustain the advance recorded last year and has gone back £63. Seat Rents are also £76 behind. It is hoped that contact and reorganisation during the new church year will remedy the decline in both these items.

Although revenue came in fairly well throughout the year, it was insufficient. It became necessary to issue a special appeal and Sunday 28th June was observed as Thanksgiving Day. The response was excellent and realised sufficient to clear all our business liabilities and also to pay in full our

CHOIR.

Organist and Choirmaster:

Mr. W. Lawrence Haggitt, F.T.C.L., L.R.S.M. (Lon.)

President:

Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A.

Vice-Presidents:

Miss Nichols, Mr. Haggitt.

Hon Librarian

Miss M. Clifford.

"Review" Notes:

Miss J. Hanchet.

Hon. Secretary:

Miss P. Brodie.

Hon. Treasurer:

Miss J. Curtis.

Committee:

Mrs. F. Strong, Misses Baird, Hanchet, Clyde, Messrs. Park, Jupp, F. Strong and Austin.

Life Members:

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pope; Mrs Kerry.

Sopranos (16):

Mesdames Gleeson and Jupp, Misses Bennie, Bowen, Brodie, Chappell, Clifford, Clyde, Flett, Hanchet, Johnston, D. Lees, Mills, McKenzie, Nichols and Paton (on leave).

Altos (9):

Mesdames Pumfrey, Blundell Strong, F. A. Strong; Misses Baird, Curtis, P. Lees,, M. Parton, Purdey and Sims.

Tenors (6):

Messrs. Brown, Jupp, McKay, Park, Pumfrey and Stevenson.

Basses (7):

Messrs. Austin (on leave), Bennett, Parton, T. B. Strong, F. A. Strong, Wall and Watt.

The membership of the choir has increased from 32 to 38, and it is pleasing to note that the increase has been in the alto, tenor and bass sections, usually more difficult to fill than the soprano. Attendance also shows a higher average, and under the capable and artistic conductorship of Mr Haggitt, a high standard of work has been maintained.

At Christmas time a Carol service was given instead of the usual Oratorio, and at Easter the beautiful Cantata "Olivet to Calvary" was performed with Mr Binet Brown and Mr Chas. Edwards as assisting soloists. In addition to a large selection of anthems, solos have been rendered by choir members, and we have also had several guest soloists--Misses Lester, Lowe, Langdon, Davidon and Mr Mitchell (all from

Australia), Miss Jeanette Briggs, Miss Saunderson and Mr. Roy Hill, whose numbers were most acceptable.

Last year a new venture was undertaken in entering for the Wellington Competitions. Second place was won and with the prize money of £5 in hand, the managers were asked for a subsidy to enable us to purchase new Anthem books. The Church Office bearers decided to subscribe the money privately, however, and their response exceeded our asking. We are very grateful indeed to them for their practical interest and generosity.

Suppers have been held on one or two occasion after practice to give members an opportunity of meeting socially.

The annual picnic was held at Plimmerton at the end of February and was a most enjoyable outing.

In closing we would express our appreciation of the interest and encouragement we have received from our minister throughout the year.

Hon. Secretary.

P. BRODIE,



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND P.W.M.U.

Hon. President:

Mrs. J. R. Blanchard.

President:

Mrs. Hugh Wilson.

Vice-Presidents:

Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Mrs. Berry, Mrs. C. Kerr.

Secretary:

Mrs. P. M. Cameron.

Treasurer:

Mrs. A. Martin.

Visiting Committee:

Miss Anderson, Miss Badden.

Relief Committee:

Mrs. Brodie, Miss Howden.

Collectors, Association Fees:

Mrs. D. McLeod, Mrs. Baden Smith.

Harvest Field:

Mrs. H. Glover.

Maori Mission Birthday League:

Mrs. C. Kerr.

Corresponding Members:

Mrs. Fowler.

Philatelic Secretary:

Mrs. Don. Wilson.

Busy Bees:

Mrs. Baden Smith.

Tea Convener:

Mrs. Hunter.

Mothers' Meeting:

Mrs. W. A. Patterson, Mrs. P. M. Cameron, Mrs. C. Kerr.

The work of the Association has been steadily carried on during the year. Much time and energy have been devoted to its various activities. There are 62 active members and 49 honorary members on the roll. Meetings have been held regularly with an average attendance of thirty-five.

We regret to have to record the death of the Rev. Dr. Gibb, who was our esteemed Minister for so many years. To Miss Gibb and other members of the family we tender our sincerest sympathy.

During the year special efforts in aid of the Annual Sale of work were held. A coin afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Troup realized £18/15/9. Another at the residence of Mrs. Malcolm Fraser was responsible for the raising of £14/-/. An evening arranged by the Young Women's Evening Guild and held at Miss Chappell's home, resulted in an amount of £6/11/- being raised and an afternoon organized by the cake and flower stall's committee held in the Young Men's Bible Class room realized the sum of £10/-/.

The Sale of Work, opened by Mrs. G. W. Forbes on October 4th, 1935, proved to be a great success, realizing a total of £181/13/3.

After the opening ceremony Mrs. Forbes, accompanied by Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Troup and Mrs. H. Wilson, visited all the stalls and made a number of purchases. Once again we wish to thank Mrs. Greville Wiggs for arranging a programme for the evening of the Sale of Work.

We wish to thank the "Busy Bees," the Junior and Senior Women's Bible Classes and the Managers for organizing stalls.

In addition to the routine business carried on at our meetings, many useful garments are made for the Orphanages and sent to the Boys' and Girls' Homes. 19 pairs of bloomers, 12 aprons, 14 petticoats, and 63 flannel shirts and 74 pairs of stockings, a total of 108 garments and 74 pairs of stockings were sent during the year.

Mrs. Brodie continues her good work of relieving necessities—many homes have been visited and food and clothing dispensed where required.

Another important activity carried on by the Association is the visiting of the new church members.

Miss Wallace and Miss Acheson are to be commended for the splendid work in this connection.

The Young Women's Evening Guild meets regularly each month. The membership has greatly increased during the year, and members are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. The following ladies kindly acted as hostesses for the meetings:

Mesdames H. Wilson, J. H. McKenzie, A. Purdie, A. Martin, P. M. Cameron and Miss Hanchett

The Mothers' meeting is held fortnightly and is well attended. The regular attendance of members shows their appreciation of the work carried on. We have again to thank the Two Garment Society for their gift of sacks of clothing for the Mothers' meeting.

P.W.M.U. meetings have been held each month from March 1935, to June, 1936, and we have to thank the following ladies who have given addresses: Miss McClay, Prohibition; Mrs Patterson, Maori Mission Field; Miss Barry, Her Visit to Tokaanu; Mrs Smail, Daily Round of a Missionary's Life; Mrs Lopdell, "I had rather be a doorkeeper in the House of my God"; Mrs Barry, Her recent travels to the East; and Mrs Gilmour, The value of Mission Work in the past and present day.

Letters from the following missionaries in connection with our church have been listened to with great interest. Miss Violet Sutherland, Miss Jean McNeur, Mrs Patterson, Mrs Milne, Mrs Nottage, and Miss Lorraine Saunders.

The Busy Bees are still under the capable leadership of Mrs Baden Smith and have given substantial assistance at our annual Sale of Work.

The Maori Mission Birthday League still maintains its membership, the number of contributors being 108 and the total amount subscribed £5/9/3. Mrs Kerr is still ably carrying on this branch of our work. Mrs Glover is responsible for the distribution of the Harvest Field. The number of subscribers is now 67, and the subscriptions amount to £4/10/-. Mrs Don Wilson as Philatelic Secretary continues her good work and has sent in 7700 stamps. During the 1934-35 Christmas season parcels of groceries and money were distributed among needy families.

The Association wishes to thank one and all for willing assistance rendered during the year.

H. R. CAMERON,
Secretary.

BIBLE CLASSES.

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

President:

Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A.

Leaders:

W. J. Ferguson, 3 Zohrab Street, E.2.
R. D. Moore, 236 Oriental Parade, E.1.

Secretary:

J. R. Marshall, 64 Kelburn Parade, W.1.

Treasurer:

N. G. Robertson.

Committee:

Discussion: I. D. Stevenson.
Bible Study: G. C. Jupp.
Missions: N. G. Robertson and R. G. Buchanan.
Social Service: D. Carson.
Social: J. P. Brodie.
Four Square and Badge: R. G. Buchanan.
Library: A. McDonald.
Athletic: G. M. Ross.
Rooms: H. Middleton.
Lookout: H. A. Parton and A. Taylor.
Organists: G. C. Jupp and W. S. Austin.

The Class year ends in March and most figures are as at the 31st March, 1936.

Membership: The class roll now stands at nearly 60. There has been a marked increase in the number of young men coming to Wellington recently and the class has benefitted by increased attendances. Thirty-six members are in full-communion. The average attendance last year was 34.5.

Missions: The total amount collected for the year ended 31st March, 1936, was as follows:—Home (Travelling Secretary) £10/0/2, Foreign £32/13/10, Boys' Institute £2/5/-, Maori 15/-, Church Home 15/-, New Hebrides 15/-, Orphanage £3/6/-. Total £50/10/-.

During the year a further £2/12/- was collected to help to purchase a typewriter for the Home Missionary at Kaitia.

Social Service: Assistance to three families whom we used to help during the depression has been tapered off as the circumstances of the people improved. Members of the

Class are represented on the Boys' Institute Committee and a St. John's man is also leading a Bible Class there. The Wayside Pulpit is still maintained.

Social: Three big combined socials were held during the year. Throughout the winter the Social Club met every three weeks. Several Sunday Teas were held. A Moonlight Picnic was held at Plimmerton during February. St. John's Classes came second in the Inter-Bible Class Competitions.

Sport: During the winter the Saturday night Club for-gathered for badminton, handball and basketball.

The St. John's Cricket team came second equal in the Junior C. Grade.

The Tennis and Badminton Clubs are well patronised. A new pavilion has been erected at the Tennis Courts.

A number of our members are in the Presbyterian Harrier Club. In athletics St. John's won the Edgar Cup at Easter Camp and the District Shield and Inter-Bible Class Banner.

No class camp was held on Anniversary Day this year, but full delegation attended the Easter Camp.

Meetings: During 1935 most of the subjects for discussion on Sunday afternoon were taken from the Union Syllabus which consisted largely of studies taken from the Gospel of St. John, interspersed with studies of the lives of the leading men of the Old Testament. From the beginning of 1936 we reverted to our former system of compiling our own syllabus from subjects suited to our needs and suggested by members. We have also had four addresses by outside ministers. The discussion varies between two and 14 speakers.

Between July and October, Bible Study on the Gospel of St. Matthew was held on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. A combined prayer meeting is held on the first Sunday in each month. On the 13th October, 1935, an Old Boys' rally was held to mark the presentation to the Class of a large framed photograph of Mr. G. A. Troup.

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

Lookout: D. Fowler.

Rooms: A. Newnham.

Organist: E. Wall.

Librarian: R. Newnham.

Social: J. Gale

Athletic: J. Moneriff

Discussion: K. Johnston.

Four Square: A. Crawford.

Missions: O. Howarth.

Treasurer: L. Goetzloff.

Secretary: E. Wall.

During the year the Class roll-number has increased to 28, for although 5 members were transferred to the Senior Class, 10 new members were admitted; and the average attendance at Class meetings on Sunday Afternoons has been maintained.

Very happy associations have been enjoyed with the other Youth Organisations of the Church; and many social events have been well attended by our members. As in former years, we have co-operated in many activities with the members of the Junior Young Women's Class; and have enjoyed being associated with the Sunday School in their Anniversary Celebrations. It is pleasing to record that on several recent occasions, when the Senior Young Men's Class has arranged addresses from prominent city ministers, we were privileged to attend.

Our athletic activities have been popular and the Class has acquitted itself well in all competitions arranged by the District Committee, while our own Saturday night club is well attended. Ten of our members were present at the District Easter Camp at Waikanae.

During the year we have followed the Studies in the Union Syllabus "Life Worth Living," and feel that the discussion and class meetings have done much to bring members to realise the opportunities, privileges and responsibilities of the Christian life.

N. J. GLOVER, Leader.

EDGAR WALL, Secretary.

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

President:

Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A.

Leader:

Miss H. Clyde, 90 Kelburn Parade (Telephone 27-233)

Sub-Leader:

Miss P. Brodie, 4a. Watson Street.

Secretary:

Miss I. Troup, 5 Cluny Avenue, Kelburn.

Treasurer:

Miss M. Johnstone, 33 Central Terrace.

Organists:

Misses R. Nichols and E. Thomson.

Committee:

Misses L. Kraft, A. McKay, M. Clifford, E. Norrie, A. Mourant, D. Lees, M. Martin, B. Johnstone, E. Thomson, S. Stewart, N. Todd, L. Halliwell, R. Phypres, G. Stewart.

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new,
And God fulfills Himself in many ways."

During the past year the Class has been submitted to the trying experience of change. It was with very sad hearts that we said good-bye to our beloved leader and secretary. Miss Mary Chappell and Miss Win Millar who resigned on the 30th September, after a long period of loyal and faithful service to the Class. Their lives have been an inspiration to all who have enjoyed their fellowship, and their spiritual influence will live on after them. The period of change has been a time of testing, and we have learned through this experience that "God fulfills Himself in many ways." Our new leaders have fully justified our confidence in them, and members have shown the utmost loyalty and co-operation. We are deeply conscious that we have laboured not in our own strength, but with the guidance and power of God.

Membership: At 30th June, 1936, we had a membership of 41 and in addition we have 4 isolated members in the Hawke's Bay district. 12 members left during the year and 15 joined. 37 members of the Class (90 per cent.) are communicants of St. John's, and 2 of other Churches. The average attendance is 25.

Bible Study and Prayer: The Class meets every Sunday at 2.45 p.m. The Union Syllabus is used and the studies have been well taken, the discussion being free and each member taking her share of the assignments. We have had three very fine addressers, the speakers being Miss Chappell, Rev. J. H. MacKenzie, and Rev. J. R. Blanchard. A combined prayer meeting with the other Classes and the Sunday School teachers, and a pre-Class prayer meeting are held respectively on the first and third Sundays of the month, in addition to which a special part of the Class meeting is set apart for the quiet time of worship.

Missions: Interest has been well maintained, and parcels of clothing, toys, and knitted baby garments have been sent to the Maori Mission Stations. Apart from the general collections which amount to £16/13/11, the total amount collected by special funds for missions was £19/16/4, and in addition a special thank-offering of £4/4/6 was given to the Church funds. Assistance was also given at the annual sale of work organised by the Women's Association.

Orphanage: The annual donation of £5 for the "John Boal" memorial cot was paid, and 51 calendars were sold. Parcels of handkerchiefs, books and jam have been sent to the Homes, and a quilt was given towards the refurnishing of the Boys' Home. Parties have visited the Girls' Home to entertain and also help with the darning.

Social Service: Regular visits have been paid to the two families in whom we are interested. Groceries have been sent each week and parcels of clothing given at various times. Christmas hampers were also sent. The amount donated for this work was £7/14/6.

Social and Sports: Many happy social gatherings have done much to promote that warm spirit of Christian fellowship within the Classes, and we have opportunities of getting to know each other through the Tennis Club, Badminton Club, Herewea Club, Social Club Class teas, picnics, socials and the annual banquet. The inter Bible Class competitions are not yet completed. At present we hold third place and are only 4 points behind the leading Class. We are very grateful to Mr F. Pope who undertook the training of the choir at very short notice and led us into second place.

Room; Freshly painted walls, new curtains and a new organ stool have done much to improve the appearance of our Class room, and we hope to make further improvements during the coming year.

Our Leaders: To our Leaders who have given to the Class

such wise guidance and devoted service we express our very deep appreciation, and we assure them of our continued loyalty.

INA TROUP,
Secretary.

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

Leader:

Miss R. Nichols, 83 Austin Street.

Secretary:

Miss J. Marshall, 64 Kelburn Parade.

Treasurer:

Miss M. Blanchard, McKenzie Terrace.

Committee:

Social: L. McNeill.
Library: J. Killeen, R. McNeill.
Lookout: J. Knox, J. Corkill.
Orphanage: M. Parton.
Rooms: J. Knox, H. Sinclair.
Review: J. Harper.

The Class commenced the year with a roll number of 23, and the membership is now 24, several girls have left, one having gone to teach in the Sunday School, and one to be married, whilst others have gone to other classes, or have left for various reasons. The average attendance is 15. On Promotion Sunday we were pleased to welcome 4 new members from the Sunday School.

The fine spirit of comradeship which exists between the two Junior Classes is a pleasing feature of our Class life. Two or three socials and teas have been held, and a "club" is held every alternate Friday night. Six of our members attended the Easter Camp at Otaki.

Most of our members are faithful in attending the evening services, and five have joined the Church this year. The sum of £6/5/- has been contributed to Missions this year. The feeling of good fellowship, to which the inspiring leadership of Miss Nichols adds spiritual value, is always present at our Sunday afternoon meetings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent:

Mr. R. B. Fowler.

Teachers:

Senior Department: Misses E. Mackenzie and D. Chappel; Messrs. R. B. Fowler and A. Wiren.

Intermediate Department: Mrs Fowler and Miss V. Paton; Messrs. J. Bilby and H. Bunckenberg.

Junior Department: Misses P. McNeill, D. Glover, N. Bell and F. Cunliffe, and Mr. I. Purdie.

Primary Department: Misses M. Mackenzie M.A., A. Troup, P. Lees, H. McLeod and I. Butler.

Librarian:

Mr. W. Kraft.

Treasurer:

Mr. I. Purdie.

Visitation Officer:

Mr. A. H. Ivory.

Cradle Roll Superintendent:

Miss A. Troup.

Planiste:

Miss E. Mackenzie.

Secretaries:

School: Mr. H. Bunckenberg.

Recording: Mr. H. B. Smith.

The total number of scholars on the roll during the year was 139 as compared with 133 for the previous year; the average attendance was 84 as against 79.6 for the preceding year.

Promotion Day was held on the afternoon of Sunday, October 20th. The Rev. J. R. Blanchard delivered an address, presented the class prizes and made the promotions.

The Young Worshippers' League now has a roll of 44 compared with 65 for the previous year. The average attendance was 35. During the year Miss M. Mackenzie, owing to having joined the choir, relinquished her position with the League after several years of faithful work. Her place has been taken by Miss P. McNeill, who is now associated with Mr. A. Wiren.

The scholars assisted in the Childrens' Service from 2YA at a combined service in September and again in November and February.

Mothers' Day was celebrated as usual on the first Sunday of May. Special services were conducted, the speaker for the occasion being the Rev. J. R. Blanchard.

There was a considerable increase in the number of scholars sitting for the Assembly Examinations held during the year, the number being 73 against 41 in 1934. Thirty prizes were gained; 11 first class, 5 second class, 6 third class, and 8 in the Junior Division.

A number of scholars sat the Sunday School Union Examination and gained several prizes.

The Annual Picnic was held in February and notwithstanding inclement weather, a very enjoyable outing was spent.

The 82nd Anniversary of the School was commemorated on Sunday 22nd September. Great credit is again due to Mr Pumphrey and Miss Gray for their splendid services in training the children. The thanks of the school are also specially due to Miss E. Mackenzie for her services as pianiste and to Miss Clifford for rendering a solo.

It is desired to place on record the school's grateful appreciation of the services of the following teachers who resigned during the year: Miss Hanley, Mrs Singleton, Messrs W. Patterson and M. Buist.

The school again gratefully acknowledges the support of the Bible Classes of the Special Services throughout the period.

H. B. SMITH,
Recording Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S BAND OF HOPE.

Leader: Ian A. Purdie.

Pianist and Entertainment Convenor: R. N. Fleming.

Girls' Club: Miss M. L. McNeill.

Boys' Club: L. Bunckenburg and Pumfrey.

Treasurer: Ian A. Purdie.

The Band meets this year every Monday night at 7 p.m. from June to August. It is preceded by a Boys' Gym. Club at 6.15 p.m. and Girls' Papercutting and Scrap Book Club at the same time.

The programme for the meeting consists of twenty minutes opening devotions, followed by a twenty minute talk on some aspect of temperance education, then fifteen minutes of pictures, finishing with a hymn and the benediction at 8 p.m.

Our roll stands at 72 with an average attendance of about 57, mostly boys. The great majority are not children of our own school, while for many the Band is their only religious connection.

The Pledge was signed by some thirty last year, and later a certificate to the effect that the child has signed the Pledge is presented framed so that the child will attach some importance to it.

The Cine pictures are fairly expensive, and finance is our chief worry as collections will by no means defray expenses, but good friends in the Church assist us with donations and so we carry on, endeavouring to fortify tomorrow's men and women against the social and physical evils of strong drink.

ST. JOHN'S HOSTEL.

Chairman:

Rev. J. R. Blanchard.

Secretary:

Mr. D. S. Wilson, 11 Fairview Crescent, Kelburn.

The period of trial for the Hostel is not yet over and the establishment is being carried on at a loss. It was thought that with a return to better conditions a greater measure of prosperity would accrue but any advantage in this direction has been cancelled out by the increased cost of commodities, which together with a heavy repair bill is not in the best interests and very disheartening.

Miss Bowen is giving of her best in the interests of the Committee and the residents and the Ladies' Auxiliary is untiring in an effort to improve the position.

BOYS' INSTITUTE AND S.A. RHODES HOME FOR BOYS.

The following members of St. John's Church and Bible Class are members of the management committee: Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., Hon. President; Dr. T. F. Corkill, Hon. Physician; Mrs A. M. Wilson, Ladies' Auxiliary; and Messrs W. J. Ferguson, M. Fraser, A. Johnston, Ad. Howitt, R. D. Moore, W. I. Gibson, H. McK. Smith, and I. D. Stevenson.

The Committee has been investigating the possibility of an extension of its work to suburban areas where there are numbers of boys with little provision for recreational and educational improvement. This shows that the Institute is still a virile force in the community.

The Sunday morning Bible Class continues to do good work under the able leadership of Mr. H. McK. Smith.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE. Y.M.B.C.

The following essays were issued under the Sign of the Pointing Finger during the past twelve months:—(1) Sept., 1935, "The Meaning of the Cross," by Dr Toyohiko Kagawa; (2) Dec., 1935, "Then Christ Came," by J. R. Young, M.A.; (3) March, 1936, "Christianity and Home Life," by Alexander Hodge, B.A., B.D., Ph.D.; (4) June, 1936, "Spiritual Revolution," by Ivan Menzies.

This series of essays is now well known throughout New Zealand and is much appreciated by many people. Nearly 3000 copies of the last issue have already been disposed of.



MEMORIAL MINUTE TO THE REV. JAMES GIBB, D.D.

The Office-bearers of St. John's Church place on record their deep sense of loss in the passing hence of the Rev. James Gibb, D.D., who from 1903 to 1926 was the Minister of St. John's Church. Coming from First Church, Dunedin, in the Province of Otago, where his name had become a household word, Dr. Gibb quickly established himself in Wellington as a leader in the ecclesiastical and public life of the city.

Under his charge the pulpit of St. John's became widely known as a place of magnetic power, where the Word was preached with eloquent passion and challenging conviction. In the Press and on the public platform, as well as in the pulpit, Dr. Gibb unsparingly used his gifts as weapons to maintain the cause of social, national and international righteousness. Under his leadership the congregation of St. John's increased its activities far beyond its own immediate fellowship and became influential in good works of an institutional character, chief of these being the foundation of Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges, the establishment of Church Orphanages, and, in co-operation with the Church of England, the opening of a Hostel for Women Students. Both in the Assembly and Presbytery Dr. Gibb proved himself a leader of powerful influence being well to the fore in such works as Church Extension, Church Union, and Public Questions; while it is freely acknowledged on all sides that no single personality exercised such influence throughout the Dominion in arousing and strengthening the will of the people for peace as between nations as did Dr. Gibb.

To him, under God, many young men owe the fact that they are in the ministry of the Church to-day, and are indebted to him for many things as they have sought to make proof of their ministry. As a preacher, he had the fire of the prophet, the learning of the scholar and the fervour of the evangelist; as a pastor among the sick and sorrowing he always displayed kindness and sympathy; as an administrator, he had both prudence and driving power; as a counsellor, he exercised wisdom and understanding.

With his passing the Church acknowledges that a prince of Israel has fallen. The Office-bearers renew the sympathy expressed to his family in the Memorial Service held in St. John's on November, 3rd, and in the unveiling and dedication of a Mural Tablet in the Church to his memory on December 8th; and once again commends them to the God of all consolation in Whose comfort there is peace.



In Memoriam

Very Rev. Jas. Gibb D.D., Minister Emeritus

Miss A. W. Robertson

Miss E. Campbell

Mr. Wm. Hopkirk

Miss Alice Fraser

Mrs. M. L. Scott

Miss I. A. Glen

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1936.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30th JUNE, 1936.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Held on account of Davys Bequest	47	13 11	Property—		
Balance, being surplus of Assets over Liabilities	26543	17 9	Estimated value of Land, Church, Schoolrooms and Cottage ..	20000	0 0
			Estimated value of Manse, Garage, and Land, McKenzie Terrace	3000	0 0
				23000	0 0
			Investment with General Church Treasurer in Common Fund of Presbyterian Church		500 0 0
			Balance proceeds of the Sale of old Manse, Woolcombe Street, available in terms of Section 6, 2nd Schedule, Presbyterian Church Property Act 1885 and amendments, only for purchase of other land, and in meantime required to be invested in securities authorised by Section 95 of Trustee Act 1908.		
			Trust Account—		
			Investment in 30 "B" shares in Metropolitan Permanent Building and Investment Society paid up to £15 at cost		15 0 0
			Interest in Estate of E. J. Lockie—		
			One-half share income on Trust Fund of £400 (reduced to £380 net) under perpetual trust administered by Guardian Trust & Executors Company of N.Z. Ltd. say		190 0 0
			J. G. W. Aitken Legacy—		
			Investment in Thames County Council Debentures at 4½%, due 30/9/1942		1000 0 0
			Endowment Fund—		
			Comprising Hannah Legacy £1000 Menelaus Legacy £100 plus profit on Investment in Inscribed Stock, together with interest on same and on Aitken Legacy and Lockie Bequest £1500 invested in N.Z. Govt. 4% Inscribed Stock and £338/17/9 in the Common Fund of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand)		1838 17 9
			Cash at Bank of New Zealand ..		47 13 11
				£26591	11 8
				£26591	11 8

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the books, accounts, and vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church, and certify that the foregoing Statement of Receipts and Payments is correct, and that the Statement of Assets and Liabilities correctly sets out the position of the Church as at 30th June, 1936, as shown by its books.

H. K. DOUGLAS, A.R.A. (N.Z.), Hon. Auditor.

Wellington, 26th August, 1936.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1936.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balances in Bank, 1/4/35		24 6 5	Syllabus		3 13 6
Cash in Hand, 1/4/35		2 16 9	Union and District Fees		3 16 10
Collections		25 0 10	Miscellaneous		8 18 8
P.O.S.B. Interest		14 6			16 9 0
Missions—			Missions—		
Travelling Secretary	10	0 2	Receipts contra	43	2 6
B.C. Foreign	30	17 4	P.O.S.B. Interest	0	6 6
New Hebrides		15 0	Class Funds	1	10 0
Maori		15 0			44 19 0
Church Home		15 0	Boys' Institute		2 5 0
		43 2 6	Orphanage Cot		5 0 0
Boys' Institute		2 5 0	Four Square Subs.		7 11 4
Orphanage Cot		3 6 0	Social Service		12 15 2
Four Square Subs.		6 1 10	"Pointing Finger"		32 13 6
Social Service		12 5 0	Payment to Rev. W. H. Nicholas ..		2 12 0
"Pointing Finger"		31 3 4	Basketball		16 6
Donation		10 17 0	Amount held on behalf of Band		
Collection Purchase Typewriter			of Hope	2	0 0
Rev. W. H. Nicholas, Kaitaia		2 12 0	Social Committee	1	10 3
Received on behalf of Social					3 10 3
Committee		3 0 6	Cash in Hand, 31/3/36		2 6 7
		£167 11 8	Balances in Bank, 31/3/36		36 13 4
					£167 11 8

N. G. ROBERTSON, A.R.A.N.Z.
Hon. Treasurer.

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1936.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Orphanage Cot		10 8	Class Room Fittings	10	7 0
New Hostel Fund	5	8 0	Less Depreciation		7 0
P.O.S.B. Interest		3 2			10 0 0
		5 11 2	Social Room Fittings	60	0 0
Social Service		1 6 7	Less Depreciation		6 0 0
Gymnasium Fund	2	7 2			54 0 0
P.O.S.B. Interest		1 4	Library	26	6 6
		2 8 6	Additions	1	2 0
Expenditure Basketball		16 6			27 8 6
		1 12 0	Less Depreciation		2 15 0
Club Funds		12 9			24 13 6
Depreciation Fund		5 11 0	Organ		10 0 0
Jubilee Fund		4 9 6	Piano		20 0 0
Publications		1 12 7	Gymnasium Fittings	6	10 0
Social Committee		1 10 3	Less Depreciation		13 0
Donation to Purchase Furnishings		10 17 0			5 17 0
		33 13 6	Camp Equipment	6	17 0
Balance being excess of assets over			Less Depreciation		14 0
Liabilities		136 5 11			6 3 0
			B.C. Badges		6 0
			Cash in Hand 31/3/36		
			Secretary	1	0 0
			Social Service	1	6 7
					2 6 7
			Balances in Bank, 31/3/36—		
			Union Bank	18	6 3
			P.O.S.B.	18	7 1
					36 13 4
		£169 19 5			£169 19 5

Examined and certified correct.
T. W. BARRETT. 20/4/1936.

N. G. ROBERTSON, A.R.A., N.Z.,
Hon. Treasurer.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1936.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance brought forward Room Fund	15 11	Class and General Purposes:	
Proceeds Concert Room Fund	6 0 0	General Expenses	1 3 3
		Flowers	1 1 6
	6 15 11	Postages and Telegrams	4 9
Collections—		Syllabuses and Text-books	1 5 7
General Fund	16 13 11	Curtains and Rods	3 2 8
Missions: McNeur Fund	10 6 0	Social Expenses	2 1 5
Penny per week	4 17 9	Council and District Com. Fees	1 10 0
Monthly Envelopes	4 12 7		
Special Thank-offering	4 4 6		10 9 2
Social Service Fund	7 14 6	Presentations as per contra	20 5 6
Orphanage	6 0	Orphanage Calendars	2 11 0
		Sunday School Hall Curtain	1 0 0
	48 15 3	Missions and Other Altruistic	
Sale of Orphanage Calendars	2 11 0	Purposes:	
Donations S.S. Hall Curtain	1 0 0	Y.W.C.A.	18 0
Subscriptions "Outlook"	2 8 6	Wool Missions	8 11
Subscriptions Socials	1 14 4	Social Service	5 2 10
Sale of Badges for Y.W.C.A.	18 0	Orphanage	0 16 0
Donations Presentations (including		Orphanage—John Boal Cot	5 0 0
two Life Members)	20 5 6	Women Workers' Suppn. Fund	3 9 3
		B.C. Own Workers' Fund	7 0 0
		B.C. Bursary Fund	1 0 0
		British & Foreign Bible Society	1 0 0
		Rev. G. H. McNeur's Salary	12 0 0
		Church Thank-offering	4 4 6
			40 19 6
		Balances in hand:	
		Room Fund	3 13 3
		General Fund	9 11
		Social Service Fund	2 11 8
		"Outlook"	2 8 6
			9 3 4
	£84 8 6		£84 8 6

M. G. JOHNSTON,
Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN BAND OF HOPE.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1st JULY, 1935, TO 30th JUNE, 1936.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Balance 1/7/35	1 13 0	By Pledge Cards	5 0
Collections	1 1 8	Social Expenses	2 15 0
Social Proceeds	3 2 6	Film Hire	3 12 6
Donations	1 5 4	Sundry Prizes	10 0
	£7 2 6		£7 2 6

IAN A. PURDIE,
Superintendent.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1st JULY, 1935, TO 30th JUNE, 1936.

IAN A. PURDIE,
Treasurer.

ROBT. FLEMING,
Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND P.W.M.U.

MISSION FUNDS—JULY 1st, 1935, TO JUNE 30th, 1936.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance brought forward, 30/6/35	19	11 10	Harvest Field Supplies	5	5 0
Hon. and Active Members' Subscriptions ..	10	10 0	Conference Levies, Affiliation Fees, Travel- ling Secretary's Levy for P.W.M.U. ..	5	9 6
P.W.M.U. Collections	2	19 3	Maori Mission Birthday League	5	9 3
Harvest Field Subscriptions, 1935	19	6	Donation to Women's Missionary Superannua- tion Fund	20	0 0
Harvest Field Subscriptions, 1936	4	10 0	Donation to Students' Training Institute ..	1	0 0
Maori Mission Birthday League	5	9 3	Present Mrs McNeur	1	0 0
Donations to Women's Missionary Superannua- tion Fund	15	5 0	St. John's Sunday School Curtain Fund ..	2	0 0
Proceeds from Sale of Work, 1935, including £10 from Busy Bees	204	13 11	Sale of Work Expenses, 1935	6	15 6
Later Proceeds	16	15 7	Church Treasurer, Sale of Work 1935 ..	181	13 3
Sale of Cakes and Tea for British and Foreign Bible Society	11	4	Retained by Busy Bees	1	0 0
			Retained by Men's Stall	2	0 8
			Materials bought for Sale of Work, 1935 ..	6	0 0
			Materials bought for Sale of Work, 1936 ..	20	0 0
			Sundry Small Expenses	1	12 2
			Balance in Hand	22	0 4
	£281	5 8		£281	5 8

Audited and found correct,
ROBT. FLEMING,
Hon. Auditor.
5th August, 1936.

S. MARTIN,
Hon. Treasurer

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

DORCAS FUNDS—JULY 1st, 1935, TO JUNE 30th, 1936.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance brought forward from 30/6/35	31	11 5	Relief to Needy Cases	24	0 0
From Church Treasurer—Collections ..			Rev. J. R. Blanchard for Needy Cases ..	18	0 0
Communion—			Pensioner	16	4 0
September, 1935	20	8 3	Materials for Orphanages and Relief ..	26	4 1
December, 1935	20	10 8	Christmas Hampers for Poor	11	2 7
March, 1936	19	0 0	Sundry Small Expenses	2	7 4
June, 1936	21	19 3	Balance in Hand	15	11 7
	81	18 2			
	£113	9 7		£113	9 7

Audited and found correct.
ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Auditor.
5th August, 1936.

S. MARTIN,
Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL HOSTEL.

WORKING ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1935.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Baker	58	15	9				By Board Account	1498	18	1
„ Butcher	146	3	0				„ Capital Account, Loss	404	16	11
„ Fuel and Light	123	3	11							
„ Grocer and Dairy	386	13	4							
„ Wages	497	14	3							
				1212	10	3				
To General Expenses, Household Re- newals, Insurance Interest, Rates, Repairs, Stationery, Postages, De- preciation				691	4	9				
				£1903	15	0				
										£1903 15 0

D. S. WILSON, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1935.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Repairs Reserve	260	0	0	Land at Cost			1827 19 4
Furnishings Reserve	119	11	8	Buildings less depreciation to 30/6/34	830	13	11
Mortgage	1500	0	0	Less depreciation for year 1934-35	140	0	0
Sundry Creditors	95	18	6				690 13 11
Bank Overdraft	769	11	9	Sundry Debtors			53 16 8
				Cash in Hand (Petty Cash)			10 0 0
				Unexpired Values			15 11 1
				Capital 1st July, 1934	257	16	0
				Loss on Working for year 1934-35	404	16	11
				Balance 30th June, 1935			147 0 11
	£2745	1	11				£2745 1 11

D. S. WILSON, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Form of Bequest

I bequeath to ..

**ST. JOHN'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WELLINGTON:**

the sum of £
to be applied towards the Endowment
Fund, and I declare that the receipt of the
Treasurer for the time being of the said
Church shall be a sufficient discharge for
the said legacy.