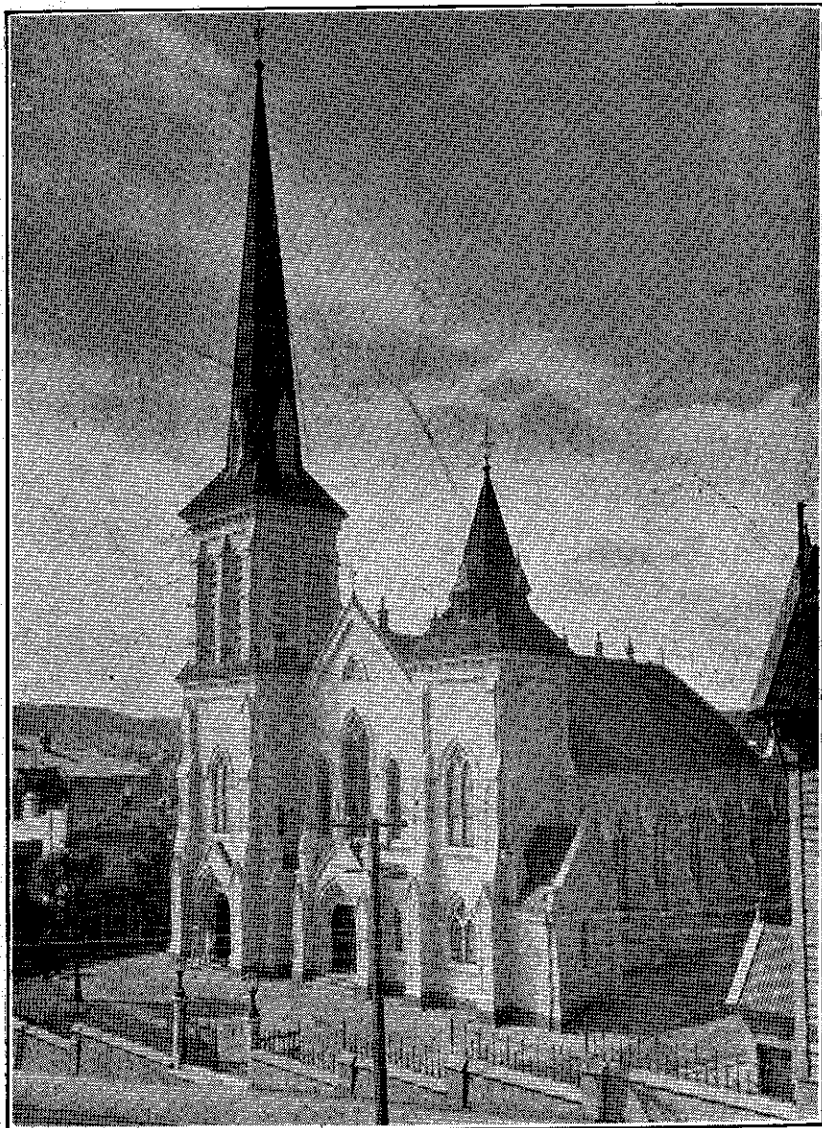


The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

St. John's Church

Willis Street, Wellington.



Annual Report, 1937.

ESTIMATES, 1937-1938.

CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
.. .. .	600	0	0			
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bit Supply, and Substitutes and Church Officer	60	0	0	950	0	0
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Renewals	100	0	0			
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Building Society (provision repainting etc.)	90	0	0	345	0	0
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WELLINGTON, N.Z.



Eighty-fourth Report

Covering period from

July 1st, 1936

to

June 30th, 1937.

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
Church Hymnary adopted	1937
St. John's Memorial Hostel closed	1937

FOREWORD.

For the past ten years it has been a pleasure to me to write a brief foreword to the Annual Report. It gives me particular pleasure to do so on this occasion. The year that has closed has been interrupted by extended absence on my part; yet the record of work and achievement, as disclosed in the following reports, shows that the effects of that interruption have been reduced to a minimum. To all whose steadfast loyalty and faithful service have made this possible, my grateful appreciation is most warmly extended. Above all, I join with you in rendering thanksgiving to Him, by Whom we have been sustained and guided.

We are living in a changing world. That fact calls the Church to consider her ways and to examine her methods, in order that she might minister adequately to the needs which a new world presents. The city church is particularly affected by this new situation. There is evidence that this is being felt in other lands and efforts are being made to meet it. A Presbyterian minister of note in one large city, for example, declares that "the days of single ministries in the towns . . . are over. If the average large town church is to fulfil its complex function in a complex world, only a group with well defined spheres of labour can break up the diversity of duties, without themselves breaking down." Such a suggestion is certainly in line with the trend of modern life, where the tendency is towards "mergers" and towards larger units of common action than that of the individual. I recognise, however, that all this is beyond one congregation to think out and to decide.

The city wherein we are placed is growing. As it extends, the problems for such a church as St. John's will increase in number and in complexity. Each congregation in the city is striving, in its own sphere, to keep up with its task. Hence there is overlapping in effort, undue strain upon the man-power involved, and multiplication of expense incurred. If the time is not now opportune, it soon will be, when the city congregations should put their hearts and heads together to face the situation and to consider what can be done within the range of that which is practicable.

In the meantime, we have entered another year of fellowship and service in the cause of God. Let us expect great things of God; let us attempt great things for God. He has given us a work to do in the place where we are set. Let us give our best to that work, in terms of faith and hope, of love and prayer. They who so trust God shall not be disappointed. I ask each and all to join with me in marching into the new year with that spirit deep in our hearts.

J. R. Blanchard.

MINISTER.

Office Bearers of St. Johns

MINISTER:

REV. J. R. BLANCHARD, B.A.

9 Wai-ti-ata Road.

Telephone: 42-635.

MISSIONARY:

REV. GEORGE H. McNEUR, Canton.

KIRK SESSION.

Inducted

Troup, Sir G. A., C.M.G., F.R.I.B.A., 5 Cluny St, Kelburn	1895
Mainland, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn	1903
Johnston, A., 33 Central Terrace, Kelburn	1911
Sclater, J., Donald Street, Karori	1911
Howitt, A., 100 Lyall Parade, Lyall Bay (Session Clerk, 1931-1937)	1913
Smith, A. P., 12 Burnham Street, Seatoun	1913
Martin, A., Messines Road, Karori	1919
Fraser, Malcolm, C.V.O., O.B.E., 29 Rawhiti Tce., Kelburn	1921
Cresswell, T. R., M.A., 64 Raroa Road, Kelburn	1921
Glover, H., 91 Karori Road	1921
South, H. C., 21 Willis Street	1921
Ferguson, W. J., 3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai	1928
Spratt, F. C., 69 Pitt Street, Wadestown	1928
Johnston, A. D., Featherston	1929
Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen, 92 Inglis Street, Seatoun	1931
Wilson, J. M., 58 Glen Road, Kelburn	1931
Cameron, P. M., F.I.A.N.Z., 2 Kowhai Road, Kelburn	1933
Blake, L. D., B.Sc., 62 Harbour View Road, Northland	1933
Purdie, A., 81 Fairlie Terrace	1933
Fowler, R. B., 1 Don Street	1933
Corkill, Dr. T. F., 319 Willis Street	1935
McLeod, D., 1 Durham Crescent	1935
Moore, R. D., c/o Head Office, Bank of N.Z.	1935
Jupp, G. C., 35 Adams Terrace, Kelburn	1937
Cook, J. B. I., 28 Tirangi Road, Rongotai	1937

Session Clerk:

Brown, D. B., 66 Hawker Street. Phone 53-439 1935

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Armour, W. A., M.A.	Wellington College
Anderson, P. H.	59 Hawker Street
Bilby, M.	17 Portland Crescent
Brodie, J. P.	4a Watson Street
Fleming, R. N.	6 Wesley Street
Glover, N. J.	Standan Street, Karori
Hunter, J.	13 Bidwell Street.
Ivory, A. H.	14 Springfield Terrace, Kelburn
Johnston, R.	179 Cuba Street
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
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

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Miss Brodie	Mr. Park	Mr Watt
Miss Chappell	Mr. Pumfrey	

Life Members:

Mr and Mrs F. S. Pope.	Mrs Kerry.
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Sopranos (15)

Mrs. Gleeson	Miss Brodie	Miss Hanchet
„ Jacobs	„ Chappell	„ Johnston
„ Jupp	„ Clifford	„ MacKenzie
Miss Bennie	„ Clyde	„ Mills
„ Bowen	„ Flett	„ Nichols

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Mrs Pumfrey	Miss Baird	Miss McKenzie
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„ M. Strong	„ Lees	„ Reid.

Tenors (4)

Mr. Jupp	Mr Park	Mr Pumfrey
„ McKay		

Basses (9)

Mr. Boyd	Mr F. A. Strong	Mr Wall
„ Parton	„ T. B. Strong	„ Watt

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr. R. B. Fowier.

Teachers:

Senior Department: Mrs Bilby and Miss Stoddart; Messrs Hooper
 and Fowler.

Intermediate Department: Miss Paton; Messrs. J. Bilby and
 Bunckenberg.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

Junior Department: Misses Glover, McNeill, Bell, Cunliffe and Mr. M. Bilby.

Primary Department: Misses M. MacKenzie, M.A., McLeod, and Butler.

Teachers with leave of absence: Misses E. MacKenzie, D. Chappell, A. Troup, P. Lees and Mr. A. Wiren.

Librarian: Mr. W. Kraft.

Treasurer: Mr. W. Bilby.

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Pianiste: Mrs M. Bilby.

Secretaries:

School: Mr. H. Bunckenberg. Recording: Mr H. B. Smith.

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President: Mrs J. M. Wilson.

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Corresponding Member:	Mrs Fowler.
Philatelic Secretary:	Mrs D. S. Wilson.
Busy Bees:	Mrs Baden Smith
Tea Convener:	Mrs Marshall
Young Women's Evening Guild:	Miss J. Hanchet.
Mothers' Meeting:	Mrs P. M. Cameron, Mrs C. Kerr.
"Review" Correspondent:	Mrs P. M. Cameron.

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R. D. Moore, 200 Oriental Parade, E1.

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Assistant Secretary: M. Highet.

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EIGHTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

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Missions: A. Wiren

Social Service: E. McPherson

Social: J. P. Brodie

Lookout: G. Russell, T. Williams, C. McDonald.

Organists: G. C. Jupp, W. S. Austin.

Four Square & Badge:

H. A. Parton.

Library: H. B. Middleton

Athletics: G. M. Ross

Rooms: J. H. Miller

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Leader: Miss H. Clyde

Secretary: Miss I. Troup

Sub-Leader: Miss P. Brodie

Treasurer: Miss M. Johnston.

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" M. Martin

" G. Stewart

" M. Marshall

" M. Fraser

" A. McKay

Miss A. Mourant

" B. Johnstone

" J. Brown

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" D. Lees

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KIRK SESSION.

In presenting the 84th Annual Report, Session gratefully acknowledges that the good hand of our God has been upon us throughout another year. The year has been broken by the Minister's absence on leave from September 14th to December 8th. This break has had its effect on the year's work. We were fortunate, however, in having the Rev. A. B. Kilroy, M.A. (St. Andrew's) as our Interim Moderator, to whom, along with those who so generously assisted us with pulpit supply, whose names are listed elsewhere, Session extends its warmest thanks. The wise guidance of the Interim Moderator, the loyal co-operation of all who have the good of St. John's at heart, the services of those who supplied the pulpit, and the freshness and vigour with which the Minister has returned to his task, have combined, in spite of this regrettable break, to make possible a report which compares favourably with that of last year. Amid much which gives good cause for thankfulness, Session is particularly gratified by the marked progress of the Bible Classes. The future is full of hope, when young men and women press into the fellowship and service of the Church as they are doing in St. John's to-day. Session is confident that those who study the following reports will unite with it in thanking God and taking courage.

OUR MINISTER: It was with deep thankfulness and much gladness that we welcomed our Minister on his return from America and found that he had regained his health and strength. It gives pleasure also to record that this year our Minister has completed 10 years of service as Minister of St. John's. The occasion was suitably marked at a gathering of the congregation on March 17th.

We must place on record the power of his pulpit ministrations and the deepened insight and insistence of his message. The services of the Sanctuary have been an inspiration and we are delighted that the attendances have been so well maintained.

In his pastoral work of visiting the sick, the infirm and those in trouble, Mr. Blanchard's services have been equally appreciated. In a scattered congregation like our own, this is a heavy task and notwithstanding three months spent on holiday he has managed to make 397 pastoral visits during the year. During this period there have been 22 baptisms, including 4 adults, 29 funerals and 45 marriages (36 conducted by the Minister and 9 by deputies in his absence).

We regret to record that Mrs Blanchard's health still gives cause for anxiety, but trust that she soon may enjoy a complete recovery. We pray that the Divine blessing may continue to rest on them both and that their efforts may be increasingly blessed and that they may have the joy of seeing the work prospering in their hands.

OUR OWN MISSIONARY: The Rev. George and Mrs. McNeur continue their good work in China. They have completed 35 years of signal service in the field; a record which has won the esteem of the Chinese people, and the appreciation of the Church at Home. In addition to his work as Principal of the Union Theological Seminary, Canton, and as a Pastor in the Seventh District, Mr McNeur has been appointed mission treasurer, and has had extra duties as delegate from the Canton Synod to the General Assembly of the Church of Christ in China, which met in July at Tsingtao. Thus his burdens increase, and are made all the heavier by the anxieties arising from the Sino-Japanese problems with which China is afflicted. Session urges the congregation to unite with it in praying that strength of body, mind and spirit may be vouchsafed these servants of Christ, and that amid the dangers of their situation they may be kept in the shadow of the Almighty.

SESSION MEMBERS: Session warmly congratulates its Senior Elder, Sir George Alexander Troup, C.M.G., F.R.I.B.A., on the honour of knighthood conferred upon him by His Majesty the King, in recognition of his many services in all that pertains to the welfare of his fellow man. In doing so, Session includes Lady Troup, whose gracious co-operation with Sir George in every good work has been a helpful factor in his many achievements. Session prays that he may be long spared to wear this honour of knighthood and that Lady Troup may be long spared also to share it with him.

Deeply regretting the condition of health which occasioned it, Session accepted the resignation of Mr. Ad. Howitt from the position of Session Clerk, which office he had held since October 1931. Session records its appreciation of Mr. Howitt's lavish expenditure of time and energy as Session Clerk, his unfailing concern for the sick and needy, his genial welcome of visitors at the door of the Church, his research into the history of the congregation, and the exemplary neatness with which he kept all records. Session also appreciates the sacrifices made by Mrs. Howitt in this connection, and prays that, in His good providence, God will crown their years with health and every good thing.

The matter of a suitable memorial to the late William Hopkirk received special attention and steps are being taken to erect a memorial Lectern brass memorial tablet in the Church. In addition to the Lectern tablet it is proposed that a memorial be instituted to provide an annual prize for the Sunday School.

Session welcomes Mr. D. B. Brown to its Clerkship, commends him to the congregation, and expresses the confidence that his gifts of nature and of grace will enable him effectively to uphold the best traditions of the high office to which he has been called.

COMMUNION ROLL: Session has given attention to the difficult matter of keeping the Communion Roll in accurate order. It reports as follows:—

The effective roll number on June 30th., 1937:—675, number on supplementary roll: 69. Total: 744.

Admissions during the year:—On profession of faith: 30, on certificate: 64. Total: 94.

Removals:—By death (see page 29): 7, by disjunction, etc.: 52. Total: 59.

COMMUNION SERVICES: An increase in the numbers attending Holy Communion is again reported. The only exception was in September last, when the weather affected the attendance. It is interesting to record that the March Communion, which was the closing Sunday of Mr Blanchard's 10th year of Ministry among us, was also the largest Communion service in his Ministry in St. John's, as well as the largest ordinary Communion service in the history of the congregation.

The figures for the last three years are:—

	Sept.	Dec.	March.	June.	Average.
1934-5	496	511	496	513	504
1935-6	517	528	484	546	518
1936-7	476	530	550	546	525

A Presbytery Communion was observed at the first meeting of the Presbytery in 1937; and a special service of Communion was held, Wednesday, November 25th. This was for the benefit of 7 Wellington College Boys, who were making profession of their faith and whose term holidays began prior to the December Communion. In the absence of the Interim Moderator it was conducted by the Rev. P. J. Wainwright of Island Bay.

MID-WEEK SERVICES: These services continue to be a source of inspiration and help to those who exercise their privilege of attending. Our Minister there gives of his best; taking the deep things of God, and dealing with them in a way not possible at the Sunday services.

Prior to going on holiday, Mr. Blanchard gave a series of devotional studies on the "Life of Christ." Whilst Mr. Blanchard was in America, the services were taken by Rev. A. B. Kilroy, A. J. Parker, W. G. Carpenter, Messrs. M. Fraser, F. C. Spratt, A. Johnston and W. Ferguson. To all these gentlemen the Session is deeply indebted. Since his return, Mr. Blanchard has been giving a series of addresses on "Consecration." These addresses have been extremely helpful. It is a pity that more of our number do not make time to attend these meetings and Session would urge that all engagements on Wednesday evening be subordinated to the high engagement of prayer and fellowship at the mid-week service.

SPECIAL SERVICES: The Annual United Broadcast College service, attended by students of Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges, was held on the evening of August 2nd. A Calvin Commemoration service (1536-1936) was held on the evening of August 9th, when a special order of service, modelled on that followed by Calvin in his Church at Geneva, was used. The Jubilee of the opening and dedication of the Organ was observed at both services on August 16th, when Mr. J. Maughan Barnett, senior surviving past organist of St. John's (1895-1912), came from Auckland and presided at the organ. The Sunday School Anniversary was held in October 4th., when the children again excelled themselves to the pleasure and profit of large congregations, reflecting great credit upon the organisations of the Superintendent and Staff, and upon those who had trained the children. St. Margaret Day was observed on November 15th, when the students, old girls, parents, and staff of Queen Margaret College attended the morning service. A campaign of churchmanship was also held during November. A Christmas choral service was held in the evening of December 20th and a short service on Christmas morning. During Lent, the Choir rendered anthems specially suitable to the season, the organist gave recitals of lenten music at 6.45 each Sunday evening, and the Minister preached on lenten themes. On the Sunday evening prior to Easter, the Choir rendered, for the first time in St. John's, Harold Moore's impressive cantata "The Darkest Hour," while a service was held on Good Friday morning. On the morning of April 25th, His Excellency the Governor-General attended the morning service and read the lessons. On May 9th services of prayer and dedication in view of the coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth were held.

VISITING MINISTERS: During the year our public worship has been conducted by the very Rev. D. D. Scott and Revs. George Carpenter, Ian Fraser, M.A., Th.D., A. B. Kilroy, M.A., J. S. Murray, M.A., A. H. Nordmeyer, M.P., Morton Ryburn, M.A. (Punjab Mission), A. J. Parker, B.A., (Chatswood, Sydney); while Rev. P. J. Wainwright (Chaplain of Scots College), offered the prayers at the United College Broadcast service.

VERY REV. J. H. MacKENZIE.—At the last Assembly, the Very Rev. J. H. MacKenzie, a member of St. John's for the past twenty years, retired from the office of Assembly Clerk. For 25 years Mr MacKenzie had held that high office and had served therein with high distinction. Session unites with the whole Church in the grateful regard in which Mr. MacKenzie is held, for his long and fruitful labours as preacher, pastor and ecclesiastic; and unites also with the prayer of the whole Church that there may rest upon his eventide the peace of God which passeth all understanding.

SERVICE OF PRAISE: Session gratefully acknowledges the work done by the Choir under the very able leadership of our Choir-master and Organist, Mr. W. Lawrence Haggitt. The praise portion of our services combines musical efficiency with reverence and the true spirit of worship. Visitors frequently comment on the high standard maintained. Congratulations are extended to Mr. Haggitt and the Choir, on winning first place in the Choir Contest at the Wellington Competitions in September last. Appreciation is also recorded of Miss Bowen's service at the organ and with the Choir, during the leave of absence granted Mr. Haggitt on the occasion of his marriage. On that occasion, Session united with the Managers in extending good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Haggitt, and in making a suitable presentation. For some time, a new supply of hymn books has been needed. The Revised Church Hymnary has generally commended itself throughout the Church as a superior manual of praise, and the Church Praise is gradually going out of use. Session has therefore decided to introduce the Hymnary to replace the Church Praise in our public worship. Session cannot emphasise too strongly the importance of the service of praise in our public worship, and the privilege it is to assist in leading the same. This avenue of service, which the Choir presents, is earnestly commended to those who have been entrusted with the gift of song.

STUDENTS: Messrs. I. Dixon and J. Linton, two students for the Ministry who left this congregation for Knox Theological Hall, sit for their final examinations shortly. We wish them success. Rev. R. C. Lamb, B.A., another St. John's young man, who was licensed last year, has received his first appointment to Onerahi, in the Whangarei outfields. We pray that God will abundantly bless his labours in this pioneer field. It is a pleasure to Session to note that the Presbyterian students in residence at Wellington College now number 30, and to record appreciation of their regular attendance at the morning service and the reverent manner in which they participate in our public worship.

LITERATURE: The vestibule Bookrack, under the management of the Senior Y.M.B.C., continues its valuable work in providing pamphlets and brochures on aspects of life and religion, at cost. This important provision is earnestly commended. Special mention is made of the Pointing Finger series of essays issued by the Publications Committee of the Y.M.B.C. These have had a wide circulation in New Zealand and Australia, while they have been read in England, Europe, and even more remote parts. Session congratulates those who have managed this venture and assures them of its interest in the future occasional essays which they intend to publish.

The monthly "Review" continues its useful mission in disseminating knowledge of the congregation's life and work throughout our scattered membership. In congratulating the editor and his com-

mittee on the quality of the reading matter provided, Session would stress the need for practical contributions to enable this monthly to continue and its distribution to remain "gratis."

The "Wayside Pulpit" continues to sow the seed of faith and hope, in the minds and hearts of countless passers by. Signs are not wanting that many appreciate this silent service. Session thanks those who have it in hand for this effective contribution to the cause of Christ.

INTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP: The annual bowling match between the men of St. John's and Kelburn Church was played in January, and resulted in a win for St. John's. The Bible Classes of the city and suburbs continue to be drawn together by the inter-class harrier runs, in which our young men play a prominent part. During the year, this fellowship was extended by a visit of a team of harriers from the Auckland classes.

OBITUARY: During the year, ten of our members in full communion fell on sleep (see page 29). Numbered among them were several of very long standing in St. John's, whose presence among us was a strong support to the fellowship and service of the congregation. We are the poorer indeed for their passing. To the homes and families thus bereaved Session extends its deepest sympathy, with the prayer that the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, will keep their hearts in the love of Christ.

THANKS: In a congregation so large as St. John's, more than can be mentioned are, under God, responsible for the success of the work of the Church, year after year. To all, therefore, without whose work of faith, labour of love and patience of hope, the good record of this year would not have been possible, Session extends its thanks. Mention should be made, also, of the resignation of Mr. D. S. Wilson, as Clerk to the Managers, who had held that office since 1928, and was compelled to relinquish the same by pressure of other duties. He gave himself unsparingly to the work of his office and to the oversight of the Hostel. Session expresses its grateful appreciation of his devotion to St. John's throughout the years. Session would especially thank those who from week to week have attended to the work of placing flowers in the Church. Thanks are also extended to the Press for space given in its columns to the affairs of St. John's, to the Broadcasting Board for the provision of its facilities in relaying Church services, and to Messrs. Fletcher Bros. for again providing the platform for the Sunday School Anniversary.

CONCLUSION: To all who unite with us in worship of the great Head of the Church, Session tenders greetings and encouragement in every good word and work. May the beauty and peace of the Lord our God be upon us through the coming year, preserving day by day our going out and our coming in, and establishing the work of our hands upon us.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

During the period under review the Board has endeavoured to give careful attention to the variety of matters coming under its jurisdiction and feels that it has made some small contribution to the work for the Master.

During the year we lost the services of Messrs. J. Wood and L. J. Watkin. Mr. D. S. Wilson, for many years Clerk to the Board resigned and a motion of thanks and sincere appreciation of his faithful and arduous services was placed on record in the Minutes. Mr. Wilson was succeeded in his office by Mr. J. A. Orr.

The work of the various sub-committee has been performed faithfully during the year and the thanks of our members are due to them.

During the latter part of 1936 when our Minister was on extended leave of absence, the work of Chairman of the Board fell to the lot of Mr. Malcolm Fraser, who continued in this position till his departure for the Homeland. The Board extended to him and also to Mr. A. Johnston who is overseas its best wishes for a pleasant holiday.

During the year the Board made the necessary financial arrangements for the purchase of supplies of the New Church Hymnary and the arrival of the new stock is expected at an early date.

It was considered that the St. John's Memorial Hostel was not fulfilling its intended function so the Hostel was closed and the property is now being leased. An endeavour to sell the property was made but was not successful.

CHURCH OFFICER: Recently the Church Officer, Mr. J. R. Simpson resigned and the Board was able to appoint to the position Mr. J. Thompson.

The Board continues to be represented on the Committee of Management of the Boys' Institute and thus associate itself with this important work among the boys in the Wellington district.

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

When reviewing the accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1936, it was thought that it could reasonably be expected that with the general return of more prosperous times together with higher wages and salaries, more particularly dating from 1st. July, 1936, that the revenue for the Church year commencing on that date would show a corresponding improvement, but so far the extra money does not seem to be coming the way of the Church.

Compared with last year, both the Plate Collections and Envelope system show decreases and although Seat Rents are £3 above the low level of last year, the total revenue from these three sources is the lowest for several years and is rather difficult to reconcile with the apparently prosperous conditions ruling outside. The average individual contributions to the Plate Offerings and Envelope System both showed a slight decimal increase and it is felt that bedrock has surely now been reached and that an upward movement will start and gain momentum during the new Church year.

In order to meet our obligations it became necessary to issue a special appeal and Sunday, 27th June was observed as Thanksgiving Day. With numerical donations slightly fewer, the response was excellent from those who gave, and from all sources, approximately the same amount was raised as at last year's Thanksgiving. Sufficient was realised to clear all our business liabilities and also to pay in full our Assembly Budget Assessment of £522, which represents our portion of the sum required to carry on the work of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand at Home and abroad. Attention is directed to the table on page 43 showing how this comparatively large sum has been obtained. The young people's organisations contribute quite a material portion and the Senior Young Women's Bible Class deserve mention for the success of their effort which produced £33 this year.

Allowing for the £100 loaned to St. John's Memorial Hostel Committee and which will be repaid on a sale being made, the receipts and payments balance one another and we once again have the good fortune to start the new Church year without the incubus of a debit balance. This is much to be thankful for and we are not unappreciative of this particular one of our many blessings.

So that our financial requirements for the ensuing year (1937-1938) may be generally known, the Estimates are shown on the inside cover. The Board of Managers trusts that its expectation of increased revenue will this year be realised so that it may be possible to carry out several desirable improvements and renovations (entailing no structural alterations) in both church and school buildings.

Should any member or adherent of the Congregation desire further information on any point, on due notice being given before the holding of the Annual Meeting, it will be gladly given by the Hon. Treasurer, the acting Convener, (Mr. F. S. Pope) or any member of the Finance Committee.

The opportunity is taken again of tendering our warmest thanks to Mr. Harold K. Douglas, A.R.A. (N.Z.) for his valued services as Honorary Auditor. These are always made available freely and ungrudgingly and are fully appreciated by the Board.

CHOIR REPORT.

At 30th June, 1937, the roll stands at 34—a decrease of 4 on last year's roll. Nevertheless a good attendance has been maintained throughout the year and on three occasions only has it been necessary to abandon the anthem on account of insufficient representation of the four parts.

In all, 88 anthems were sung, including 64 separate works, many of them new to both choir and congregation and in addition a very fine rendering of Moore's Cantata "The Darkest Hour" was given at Easter. On May 9th, on the occasion of His Majesty's Coronation Willan's Coronation Ode was sung at both Morning and Evening Services.

A notable event during the year was the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the present organ, to mark which special services were held on August 16th. Mr. J. Maugham Barnett, who occupied the position of Organist in St. John's from 1895 to 1912, came from Auckland to preside at the organ.

Last year we were pleased to record that on a first venture we secured second place and a cash prize of £5 in the Wellington Competitions. This year we are delighted to place on record that we were successful in winning first place with a cash prize of £15, and also the honour of holding Messrs. Chas. Begg and Co.'s Shield for one year. Part of the prize money was spent on a choir photograph, copies being given to Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Haggitt, the Church and one retained for ourselves. (We hope some day to have a real practice room of our own in which to display it!). A further sum was spent on new anthems to re-stock our library and the balance is being held over in the meantime.

Towards the close of 1936, congratulations were extended to Mr. Haggitt on the occasion of his approaching marriage to Miss Burge and at a very happy social evening held at the home of Rev. J. H. and Mrs. MacKenzie a suitable presentation was made. During Mr. Haggitt's absence for several weeks, Miss Bowen very acceptably filled the position of Choirmistress and Organist.

The Annual Picnic was held at Butterfly Creek and although involving a strenuous walk was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We are glad to have the opportunity of recording short newsy items each month through the medium of the "Review."

On the 15th May, the Choir held its annual social and were, on this occasion, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wall of Seatoun. The guest of honour was Miss Pearl Brodie, who was presented with a morocco-

bound copy of the New Hymnal in appreciation of her very efficient work as Secretary of the Choir for the past four years, a position she found it necessary to relinquish through taking over the Leadership of the Senior Young Women's Bible Class.

In conclusion we would express our appreciation to Mr. Haggitt for his patient and untiring efforts to train us up in the way we should go, and we would also thank our President, Mr. Blanchard, for his pre-service devotional period and for the interest he takes in us at all times.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The total number of scholars on the roll during the year was 119 as compared with 139 for the previous year; the average attendance was 79 as against 84 for the preceding year.

Promotion Day was held on the 18th October. The Rev. J. H. MacKenzie delivered the address, presented the class and Assembly Examination prizes, and made the promotions.

The Young Worshipper's League now has a roll of 48 which is 4 more than last year. Miss D. Glover now assists Miss McNeill as Mr. A. Wiren has undertaken responsibilities in the Senior Bible Class.

Owing to the epidemic of infantile paralysis the school was closed over the period when annual picnic, Mother's Day, Sunday School Union Examinations and our turn for service at 2YA are held so these functions had to be missed.

The 83rd. Anniversary of the School was commemorated on Sunday, 4th October and the thanks of the school are again due to Miss Cray and Mr. Pumfrey for their excellent work in training the children and to Miss E. MacKenzie for her considerable share in this work as pianiste.

The co-operation of the Bible Classes throughout the year is greatly appreciated. Their good support has been a source of inspiration to both scholars and staff.

In accord with the practice of past years the total offerings of the children was contributed to Missions and the amount of £17/10/- was forwarded to the Church treasurer.

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

The Association has just completed another successful years' work. There are 46 active members and 56 honorary members on the roll. Meetings have been held regularly, with an average attendance of 30.

We regret to have to report the loss sustained by the Association, through the passing of the following members:—Mrs. D. Scott, Mrs. McCulloch, Mrs. Parton, and Miss 'gnes Scott. To their relatives we tender our sincerest sympathy.

During the year special efforts in aid of the sale of work were held. A coin afternoon held in the Young Men's Bible Class room realised £10/14/3. Another at the residence of Mrs. Malcolm Fraser resulted in an amount of £18 being raised, and a Jumble Sale was the means of raising £7.

The Annual Sale of Work was held on Friday, October 30th, 1936. The opening ceremony was performed by Her Excellency, Viscountess Galway, who offered her congratulations to the members of the Association on the success that had attended their efforts, in providing such an attractive display of goods for sale. As the result of this effort £175/2/6 was handed to the Church Treasurer. The thanks of the Association are due to the Busy Bees, the Young Women's Evening Guild, the Managers, the Bible Classes, and all those who in any way assisted to make this function a success.

In recognition of the generosity of the Young Men's Bible Class in granting the use of their classroom from time to time, an amount of £10 raised by a special effort was handed to them.

The work of providing garments for the Boys' and Girls' Orphanages is still carried on with interest by Association members, and during the year 12 girls' hand-knitted jumpers, 34 singlets, 34 suits of pyjamas, and 23 pairs of stockings were sent to the Homes.

The visiting of the homes of needy families and the relieving of necessitous cases is still continued by Mrs. Brodie. The valuable work done in this connection has been much appreciated.

The accession of new communicant members during the past year has been considerable, and the task of visiting and welcoming these has been conscientiously carried out by Miss Anderson and Miss Badden. A pleasing result of this work has been the addition of a number of these members to the roll of the Association.

The Mothers' meeting continues to be held fortnightly and the attendance is well maintained. The work carried on is much appreciated by its members.

The thanks of those responsible for this work are due to the Two Garment Society, also to members of the Women's Association for gifts of clothing and money for this purpose.

EVENING GUILD.

It is with pleasure that the Evening Guild reports a year of progress in several ways. There has been an increase in membership, increased interest and co-operation have been shown by members and these factors have been apparent in the increased results reported for the year.

The membership now stands at 30 with an average attendance of twenty at the monthly meetings, which continue to be held in the homes of various members of the Women's Association and Evening Guild. Six meetings were held and the following ladies acted as hostesses:—Mesdames Marshall, Martin, J. M. Wilson, D. S. Wilson, Misses Ferguson and Helliwell. To these ladies the Evening Guild expresses sincere appreciation of their warm and cheery hospitality. The spiritual and missionary significance of these meetings has been kept before members and appropriate devotions have been conducted at the commencement and conclusion of each meeting.

The thanks of the Evening Guild are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Glover, who lent their home for a "Coin" Evening which resulted in the sum of £8/8/- being handed over to the Women's Association. The Guild feels that this evening function is a valuable contribution to the social life of the Church and is much heartened by the expressions of appreciation received from several sources.

The Guild is pleased and thankful for the privilege of assisting the Women's Association to a greater degree this year in the preparatory work of the Bazaar and also in the actual business of selling articles from the Work Stall, there being two guild members on duty both afternoon and evening.

As we can look back on a year of happy and profitable fellowship, so we look forward to the coming year in confidence that another season will find us all ready and willing to work for our Master in whatever way may seem best.

Regular monthly meetings of the P.W.M.U. have been held during the year, and we wish to thank the following who have given addresses:—Mrs. R. Inglis, Mrs. Waddell, Mrs. Gorrie, and Miss Mitchell.

The Busy Bees under the direction of Mrs. Baden Smith still continue their activities, and, as usual have given valuable assistance at the Annual Sale of Work.

The Maori Mission Birthday League was in the capable hands of Mrs. C. Kerr until March 1937, when it was taken over by Mrs. Marshall. The number of contributors is 100, and the total amount subscribed £4/11/9. Mrs. H. Glover has attended to the distribution of the "Harvest Field." The number of subscribers is 71 and the amount of subscription is £5.

Mrs. D. S. Wilson still continues her very useful work as Philatelic Secretary.

Three sacks of clothing have been sent to the following Maori Mission Stations:—Nuhaka, Taumaranui, and Te Teko.

The usual parcels of groceries were distributed amongst needy families during the 1935-36 Christmas season.

The Association is deeply grateful to the Board of Managers for carrying out the extension to the Basement Parlour. The additional space and lighting provided thereby is much appreciated.

An important decision has been arrived at as a result of a conference with the Board of Managers. For some time past, it has been thought that instead of holding a sale of work, a scheme of direct giving should be instituted in order to provide the amount usually handed over by the Association for Mission purposes. After a full discussion this policy was unanimously adopted, and details of the scheme are now under consideration.

The Association desires to express its thanks to the Honorary Auditor, Mr. R. Fleming, and to all those who in other ways have helped in its activities during the year.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The Class year ends at the 31st March and most of the figures in this report are as at that date this year.

Membership: There has been an increase in the membership during the past year. The number on the roll is now 67, but there are at least 20 more prospective members who are qualifying for membership. The average attendance is now over 50. A letter has been sent to Ministers throughout New Zealand asking them to let us know of young men coming to Wellington. We have 53 communicant members.

MISSIONS: The total amount collected for the year is as follows:—Travelling Secretary, £8/12/1; Foreign, £31/0/3; Boys' Institute 19/4; New Hebrides, 3/-; Maori, 3/-; Home, 3/-; Orphanage, £3/1/6. Total £44/2/2.

SOCIAL SERVICE: The support given to distressed families during the depression has been found to be no longer necessary and has been withdrawn. A number of members are taking an interest in the Boys' Institute and the Orphanage by organising games and club work each week. One member is leading a Bible Class at the Boys' Institute and others are on the Management Committee. The Wayside Pulpit is still maintained.

SOCIAL: The Social Committee organised 16 social functions during the year, including socials, social clubs, teas, a picnic and a banquet. Members took part in the Inter-Bible Class music and elocutionary competitions. Some also attended the Retreats held during Labour Day week-end and at the beginning of June.

SPORT: The Cricket team played in the Junior C Grade. The Tennis Club was well supported and appreciated the new pavilion and the five-day week. The Badminton Club now has two courts and this has led to increased membership and an improved standard of play. In athletics, the class lost the Easter Camp Cup, but won the District Shield and the Inter-denominational Banner. The Harrier Club is popular and the Martin Shield was won for the class teams' race, while the cup presented for the Club Championship was won by one of our members (Jack Armstrong). During the winter the Saturday Night Club is held. The Class won the Basketball Banner at the Indoor Sports. Teams were entered in the seven-a-side Football and Swimming Sports. The annual class camp was held at Wallaceville during Anniversary Day week-end. A number of members attended the District Easter Camp at Waikanae.

DISCUSSION: The standard of papers and discussion has been fairly high, but there are still a large number of silent members. The syllabus has been made up partly of subjects suggested by members and partly of studies taken from the Union Syllabus. A number of Group Studies were held during the year dealing with "Foundation Truth" by J. M. Bates. Six addresses were given by Ministers of different Churches about Wellington.

The Class attended two rallies—the Youth Rally addressed by The Bishop of Wellington, and the Missionary Rally addressed by Rev. Morton Ryburn. A combined meeting was held with the Young Women's Senior Class. The Class adjourned to the Sunday School for Promotion Sunday.

BIBLE STUDY: During the months of June and August meetings were held on Sunday mornings before Church to study J. M. Bates's "Foundation Truth." In July and September certain members formed themselves into a "flying squad" to visit weaker classes and take service as needed in various places. As from January, 1937, Scripture Union Daily Reading Cards have been made available, and most of our members are now in possession of a copy. A combined prayer meeting is held on the first Sunday of each month.

GENERAL: Over 50 members subscribe to "Four Square." One of our members, N. S. Jardine, won the Fred Kersley Essay Competition and Cup. A 25 years' Distinguished Service Badge has been presented to Mr W. J. Ferguson. Autographed copies of photographs of Dr. James Moffatt and Rev J. R. Blanchard have been hung in the classroom.

MINISTRY OF HEALING: The following motion passed by the Class Committee was conveyed to the Assembly, and as a result of discussion there the position is now being investigated by the Assembly's Life and Work Committee. The motion reads:—

"That investigations be instituted for the purpose of re-establishing the Church's ministry of healing through faith and prayer in co-operation with the medical profession and with the aid of modern scientific knowledge."

JUBILEE: The 50th anniversary of the founding of the Class occurs in August, 1938 and preparations are being made to celebrate the occasion. The Committee would appreciate it if Old Boys willing to co-operate by supplying names, address, and other information, would get in touch with them.

The honour of Knighthood conferred by His Majesty the King upon the Founder of our Class and Life Hon. Leader, Mr G. A. Troup, C.M.G., gave immense pleasure to present members and Old Boys alike.

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE OF Y.M.B.C.: The series of essays which have been issued under the sign of the Pointing Finger, has been brought to a close. The essays have had a wide circle of readers, not only in this part of the world, but also, occasionally, in the British Isles and in even more remote places. Largest circulation extending to 4500 copies was reached with the eighth issue. In future the essays will appear as occasional pamphlets. The publications this year have been No. 9: Christianity and Communism, by John A. Allan, M.A. No. 10: Remember Now, by St. John's Y.M.B.C.

THE BOOKRACK (in Vestibule): 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.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS.

Once again we are passing through the difficult period of transition from the old order to the new. Our beloved Leader, Miss Clyde, is laying down the task of leadership after a record of outstanding service. Miss Clyde has guided the destinies of the Class over a period marked by increased membership, considerable activity in social service, and deep spirituality. We know that her influence will live on in the hearts of the girls. We are confident that our new Leader, with her fine qualities of leadership will maintain the highest traditions of St. John's.

ROLL: The present roll number stands at 60, thus showing an increase of 19 since June 1936; 56 members are in full communion with the Church.

SUBJECT: The Sunday afternoon meetings are the centre of our activities. The syllabus which forms the basis of our study has for its main theme "The Story of the Christian Church." The subjects have been well taken, and the more informal method of treatment has resulted in freer discussion.

PRAYER: A special time for prayer is set apart during the Class meeting. The combined prayer meeting held each month and the pre-class devotional period are sources of spiritual power.

MISSIONS: We have sent several parcels of clothing and toys to mission districts, and mission letters have kept us informed of the work being carried on. The total amount donated by the Class to Mission funds is £35/11/5.

SOCIAL SERVICE: The families in whom we are interested have been visited regularly, and parcels of clothing, groceries and Christmas hampers have been sent. The amount collected for social service is £10/8/2. The Class has visited the Borstal Institute and the contacts made seem to be worth while.

ORPHANAGE: The annual donation of £5 for the "John Boal Memorial Cot" was paid and 27 calendars sold. We have visited the Homes to assist with the mending and have sent parcels of clothes and a quilt.

SOCIAL: We have enjoyed the fellowship of socials, teas, club-meetings, and the annual banquet. The Sports Club's tennis and badminton are very popular.

ROOM: The Class was presented with a fine oak table by three of our honoured members who for many years have presided at the table. A runner for the table worked with the B.C. badge was a further gift which was greatly appreciated.

PLAYS: During the Christmas season the Class presented two religious plays, "The Chimes" and "Youth's Awakening," the players performing their parts with dignity and reverence.

OUR MINISTER: We take this opportunity of expressing our deep appreciation of Mr Blanchard's ministry in St. John's. Mr Blanchard has been a source of great spiritual strength and practical help. We are fortunate in having for our Minister one who understands so well the needs and interests of youth.

INA TROUP,

Hon. Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S CLASS.

The work of the Junior Young Men's Class has to a certain extent been hindered by the restrictions imposed by the Health Authorities on the outbreak of Infantile Paralysis. For this reason our Christmas vacation was extended for two weeks and we closed down for the period from 18th April to 23rd May. In spite of this we are happy to be able to report on a year that has shown progress in several ways.

Attendance at Class has averaged 17.5 which is the highest for some years. We have welcomed 15 new members, 6 coming from the Sunday School, while 9 were transferred to the Senior Class, 3 have left Wellington and 2 names have been struck off the roll for non-attendance. Our membership is now 31.

The Class takes a keen interest in the Missionary activities of the Church and this year the amount of £4/1/1 was collected for this purpose.

Our social and athletic activities have been well supported by members and we have had many enjoyable times together. Our representatives have competed very successfully in the various athletic contests arranged by the District Committee. Our associations with the other Bible Classes in St. John's and with the Sunday School have been most cordial and we appreciate their continued goodwill.

This year we have been using the Union Syllabus "Followers of Jesus," and have found the studies interesting and helpful.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS.

After a broken year, owing to the Infantile Paralysis epidemic restrictions, we are now happily united again. During the year the Class roll has decreased to 16, 9 girls having been transferred to the Senior Class, 5 girls joined us from the Sunday School and 3 from outside sources; but several have left us, 2 having gone to live in the South Island, one joined another class and two proved disinterested.

As in former years we have combined with the Senior Class in the opening exercise. Last year at the Annual Sale of Work we had charge of the sweet stall in the evening. We have co-operated with the Junior Young Men's Class several times for socials and picnics, especially in assisting the Sunday School in their Anniversary celebrations. Six of our members attended the Easter Camp at Otaki.

The evening service is faithfully attended by most of the girls. The amount raised for Missions during the year by class collections and one penny a week extra amounted to £5/10/-.

To our Leader, Miss Nichols, who has given much help and wise counsel we extend our deepest thanks, and pray that she may be spared for long years to come to continue her good work.

MARGARET BLANCHARD,

Hon. Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

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

The following members of St. John's Church and Bible Class are connected with the Institute: Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Hon. President; Sir George Troup, President; Dr. T. F. Corkill, Hon. Physician; Messrs. Ad. Howitt, A. Johnston, W. I. Gibson, Ian Stevenson, Hugh Smith, R. D. Moore, W. J. Ferguson, M. Fraser, members of Management Committee; Mr. T. Barrett, Son Treasurer; Lady Troup and Mrs A. Wilson, Ladies' Auxiliary; Miss Bowen, Matron. The Sunday morning Bible Class is conducted by Mr Clifford Webster, under whose able leadership the attendance sometimes numbers over 20, out of a total boarder's list of 30. Messrs. R. Buchanan and Eric McPherson also render valuable help in the various activities of the Institute on behalf of the Young Men's Bible Class.



In Memoriam

MRS. A. W. PARTON.
MRS. C. S. McCULLOCH.
MR. NICOL McNICOL.
MR. J. H. MENTIPLAY.
MISS AGNES SCOTT.
MR. A. BALLINGAL.
MR. W. S. WALL.
MR. A. WILSON.
MR. W. D. MILLER.
MR. A. DUNCAN.

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

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1937.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance brought forward from 30th June 1936, held on account of Davys Bequest	47 13 11	For Church Purposes—	
For Church Purposes—		Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Stipend ..	600 0 0
Plate Offerings	801 19 2	Organist, W. Lawrence Haggitt ..	125 0 0
Envelope System	513 7 2	Church Officer, J. R. Simpson ..	165 0 0
Seat Rents	166 17 8	Minister's Car Allowance (9 mths.) ..	75 0 0
	1482 4 0	Stationery, Printing and Advtg. ..	86 17 3
Sabbath School 83rd Anniversary Collections (2) 4/10/36	36 8 8	Postages	3 0 0
Beneficiary Fund, etc. Retiring Collection 9/5/37	12 18 4	Insurances, Fire	65 10 2
Church Review and Bookrack Retiring Collection 26/7/36 ..	6 8 4	Insurance, Earthquake	46 7 3
Jubilee Organ Recital 20/8/36 ..	8 7 3	Insurance, Employers Liability ..	1 13 2
Special Thanksgiving Offering, 27/6/37 (Part)	15 0 3	Insurance, Rev. J. R. Blanchard ..	6 0 0
	79 2 10	Telephones, Church and Manse ..	19 7 6
Donations to Hall Account	25 4 0	Repairs, Church and Manse ..	11 12 9
Donations to Revenue Account ..	4 6 0	Organ Tuning Contract	15 15 0
Organ Practice Fees	14 1 6	Organ Repairs	5 3 0
Interest on Deposit with General Treasurer	16 8 2	Rates, Caretaker's Cottage ..	15 7 10
Interest on Legacies and Endowment Fund	116 8 2	Rates, Manse, McKenzie Terrace ..	18 9 5
	176 7 10	Electric Light	26 16 4
For Missions and other Altruistic Purposes—		Electric Heating	27 14 11
Foreign Missions	61 2 0	Electric Power for Organ	5 3 0
Home and Maori Missions	17 0 4	Upkeep Electrical Installation ..	6 15 6
Rev. G. H. McNeur Mission	1 7 0	Gas	3 2 7
Knox Theological College	12 12 8	Cleaning Requisites	2 11 7
		Sabbath School 83rd Anniversary	36 8 8
		Metropolitan Society	90 0 0
		Social Expenses	11 17 6
		Assembly Expenses Assessment ..	21 12 0
		Wgton. Presbytery Assessment ..	4 10 0
		Beneficiary Fund Assessment ..	30 0 0
		Pulpit Supply	57 0 0
		Organ Supply	4 4 0
		Endowment Fund	116 8 2
Presbyterian Orphanages	165 0 0		
Benevolent Fund	85 8 5	Jubilee Organ Expenses	12 12 0
Special Thanksgiving Offering, 27/6/37 (Part)	141 8 11	Review and Bookrack	6 8 4
From St. John's Women's Assn.—		Loan to Hostel	100 0 0
Proceeds Sale of Work 30/10/36 ..	175 2 6	Sundry Small Accounts	11 6 9
	663 3 10	Interest on O/D. and Charges ..	3 0 0
	2448 12 5		1837 14 8
Church Revenue Account, Debit balance	100 0 0	For Missions and other Altruistic Purposes—	
		Foreign Missions	61 2 0
		Home and Maori Missions	17 0 4
		McNeur Mission	1 7 0
		Knox Theological College	12 12 8
		Budget Schemes of Church	141 8 11
		St. John's Women's Association—	
		Rev. G. H. McNeur, Salary ..	80 0 0
		Home Missions	90 0 0
		Budget Schemes of Church ..	5 2 6
			408 13 5
		Benevolent Fund, Women's Assn.	67 8 5
		Benevolent Fund, Rev. J. R. Blanchard	18 0 0
		Presbyterian Orphanages	169 2 0
		Ex. Davys Bequest	15 0 0
			269 10 5
		Davys Bequest, Unexpended Bal. ..	32 13 11
	£2548 12 5		£2548 12 5

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30th JUNE, 1937.

LIABILITIES..			ASSETS.			
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Held on account of Davys Bequest	32	13 11	Property—			
Overdraft at Bank of New Zealand			Estimated value of Land, Church,			
Church Revenue A/c, Dr. Balance £100 0 0			Schoolrooms and Cottage ..	20000	0 0	
Less Davys Bequest,			Estimated value of Manse, Gar-			
Unexpended balance £32 13 11			age, and Land, McKenzie Ter-			
			race	3000	0 0	
Balance, being surplus of Assets over Liabilities 26750 5 11						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 securi-			
			ties authorised by Section 25 of			
			Trustee Act 1908.			
			Trust Account—			
			Investment in 30 "B" shares in			
			Metropolitan Permanent Build-			
			ing and Investment Society paid			
			up to £105 at cost			105 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 ad-			
			ministered 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.			
			Inscribed Stock and £455/5/11 in			
			the Common Fund of the Presby-			
			terian Church of New Zealand) ..			1955 5 11
			Loan to St. John's Memorial Hos-			
			tel Committee			100 0 0
						£26850 5 11
						£26850 5 11

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, 1937, as shown by its books.

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

Wellington, 11th August, 1937.

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Hon. Treasurer.

Hon. Treasurer.

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1937.

LIABILITIES.					ASSETS.				
				£ s. d.				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Orphanage Cot	..	..	..	3 12 2	Class Room Fittings	..	..	10 0 0	
New Hostel Fund	..	..	..	5 14 4	Social Room Fittings	..	..	54 0 0	
Social Service Fund	..	..	..	15 0	Additions	..	..	6 3 0	
Gymnasium Fund	..	..	..	1 13 0				60 3 0	
Club Funds	..	..	..	12 9	Less Depreciation	..	..	6 0 0	
Depreciation Fund	..	..	..	7 0 0				54 3 0	
Jubilee Fund	..	..	..	5 18 0	Library	..	..	24 13 6	
Donation to Purchase Furnishings	..	..	..	2 2 6	Additions	..	..	1 4 6	
Held on behalf of Social Committee	..	..	..	1 0 0				25 18 0	
				28 7 9	Less Depreciation	..	..	2 12 0	
Balance being excess of assets over liabilities	..	..	..	137 1 7	Gymnasium Fittings	..	..	5 17 0	
					Less Depreciation	..	..	12 0	
								5 5 0	
					Camp Equipment	..	..	6 3 0	
					Less Depreciation	..	..	12 0	
								5 11 0	
					Organ	..	..	10 0 0	
					Piano	..	..	20 0 0	
					B.C. Badges	..	..	6 0	
					Cash on hand 31:3:37—				
					Secretary	..	..	1 0 0	
					Balances in Bank 31:3:37—				
					Union Bank	..	..	11 8 1	
					P.O.S. Bank	..	..	24 10 3	
								35 18 4	
				£165 9 4				£165 9 4	

Examined and certified correct—

T. M. BARRET, Hon. Auditor. 12/4/1937.

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

5/4/1937.

Hon. Treasurer.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1937.

RECEIPTS.					PAYMENTS.				
				£ s. d.				£ s. d.	
To Cash on hand, 1/7/36	..	..	..	5 12 7	By District and Union Fees	..	..	1 4 3	
Offeratories	..	..	..	5 4 3	Stamps and Stationery	..	..	3 7	
Sale of badges	..	..	..	3 0	Purchase of Study Books	..	..	15 0	
Missions	..	..	..	4 1 1	Easter Camp Expenses	..	..	1 1 3	
Four-square	..	..	..	2 0 10	Missions	..	..	8 11 1	
Sale of Orphanage Calendars	..	..	..	18 0	Missions appropriation	..	..	1 0 0	
					Four-square	..	..	2 7 8	
					Class copy of Four-square	..	..	3 6	
					Purchase of Orphanage calendars	..	..	18 0	
					Sports entries	..	..	9 3	
					Socials and teas expenses	..	..	10 4	
								17 3 11	
					Balance, cash on hand, 30/6/37	..	..	15 10	
				£17 19 9				£17 19 9	

Audited and found correct—

M. R. BILBY, 7/7/37.

L. GOETZLOFF,

Hon. Treasurer.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1937.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balances brought forward—				By Painting of Class Room	3	10	0
Room Fund	3	13	3	Postages, Stationery, etc.	7	1	
Social Service	2	11	8	Library	3	6	
"Outlook"	2	8	6	Social Expenses	9	0	
General Fund	9	11					
			9 3 4	Syllabus A/c.			4 9 7
To Collections—				Presentations			1 4 0
General Fund	13	2	2	District Fees			2 14 6
Rev. G. H. McNeur's Salary	11	2	6	"Outlook"			1 13 9
Id. per week (Missions)	4	4	11	Cookery Books (Women Workers' Fund)			2 8 6
Mission Envelopes	5	5	6	"Church Review"			3 7 0
Annual Thank offering (1937)	7	1	9	Social Service Expenses			1 3 6
Balance Thank offering 1936		10	0	Thankoffering to Church 1936 (Bal.)	10	0	12 0 7
Donation Turakina College		10	0	Turakina College	10	0	
Social Service	10	8	2	Pres. Women's Tr. Inst. pound day	3	0	
			52 5 0	Mission Wool	5	0	
To Sale of Orphanage Calendars..	1	7	0				1 8 0
Sale of Orphanage Concert Tickets	1	5	0	Orphanage Calendars	1	7	0
			2 12 0	Orphanage Concert	1	5	0
Sale of Cookery Books			3 7 0	Orphanage Xmas Present	10	0	
Donations "Church Review"			1 3 6				3 2 0
Subscriptions "Outlook"			7 6	John Boal Cot (incl. £3 from proceeds Xmas Concert)	5	0	0
Sale of Syllabuses			1 0 0	Rev. G. H. McNeur's Salary	12	0	0
Proceeds of Xmas Concert			3 17 3	N.Z.P.Y.W.B.C. Own Workers' Fund	21	11	5
Room Fund			15 6	Pres. Women's Tr. Inst. Bursary Fund	1	0	0
Presentations			2 14 6	British and Foreign Bible Society	1	0	0
							40 11 5

Balance Room Fund	18	9	
"Outlook"	7	6	
Social Service (incl. 17/3 from proceeds Xmas conct.)	1	16	6
			3 2 9
			£77 5 7

MARGARET G. JOHNSTON,
Hon. Treasurer.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1st JULY, 1936 TO 30th JUNE, 1937.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance 1/7/36	14	8	½	To Y.W.B.C. Own Workers' Fund	5	0	0
Ordinary Class Collections	4	6	10½	" Bursary Fund			5 0
Special Mission Collection (1d. per week) ..	1	7	4	St. John's Own Missionary Fund			10 0
P.O. Savings Bank Interest			1 3	Y.W.B.C. District Committee & Council Fees			9 6
			£6 10 2	Balance on hand			5 8
To Balance			5 8				£6 10 2

JOYCE CORKILL,
Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

MISSION FUNDS—JULY 1st, 1936, TO JUNE 30th, 1937.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance brought forward 30/6/36 .. ..	..	22	0 4	Harvest Field Supplies .. ..	..	5	6 6
Hon. and Active Members' Subscriptions ..	..	15	15 0	Conference Levy, Affiliation Fees, Travelling	..	2	0 6
P.W.M.U. Collections .. ..	..	7	1 0	Secretary's Levy for P.W.M.U. Annual Report	..	4	11 9
Harvest Fields, 1936 .. ..	..	8	0 0	Maori Mission Birthday League .. ..	..	1	0 0
Harvest Fields, 1937 .. ..	..	5	0 0	Donation to Students' Institute .. ..	..	15	0 0
Maori Mission Birthday League .. ..	..	4	11 9	Present Mrs. McNeur .. ..	..	7	4 3
Proceeds from Sale of Work 1936 including Busy	..	175	2 6	Sale of Work Expenses .. ..	..	5	0 0
Bees £10 .. ..	..	31	16 5	Materials bought for Sale of Work, 1936 ..	..	175	2 6
Later Proceeds .. ..	..	2	15 2	Church Treasurer, Sale of Work .. ..	..	1	0 6
Refunds .. ..	..			Small Sundries .. ..	..	62	8 9
		£264	10 2	Balance on hand .. ..	..	
						£264	10 2

Audited and found correct—

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Auditor.

22nd July, 1937.

S. MARTIN,

Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

DORCAS FUNDS—JULY 1st 1936 TO JUNE 30th, 1937.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance brought forward from 30/6/36 .. ..	..	15	11 7	Relief to Needy Cases .. ..	..	12	0 0
From Church Treasurer—Collections,	..			Pensioner .. ..	..	16	4 0
Communion—	..			Materials for Orphanages and Relief	..	8	8 9
September, 1936 .. ..	..	14	5 11	Christmas Hampers for Poor .. ..	..	10	17 3
December, 1936 .. ..	..	17	18 0	Sundry Small Expenses .. ..	..	1	10 6
March, 1937 .. ..	..	17	17 10	Balance in hand .. ..	..	33	19 6
June, 1937 .. ..	..	17	6 8				
		67	8 5				
		£83	0 0			£83	0 0

Audited and found correct—

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Auditor.

22nd July, 1937.

S. MARTIN,

Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1937.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance, Cash in hand 1/7/37—			By Books and Supplies	21	17 3
Curtain Fund	1	7 6	Prizes	7	4 6
Parents & Teachers' Assn. ..	3	8 5	Anniversary Expenses (including		
Ordinary	4	8 0	concert and tea)	11	17 1
		9 3 11	Curtain Fund Expenses	1	6 3
Collections		16 8 11	Social Expenses	1	14 4
S.S. Anniversary Collections ..		36 8 8	Missions	17	10 0
Concert & Tea		6 16 3	Sundries	3	2 9
Mission Boxes and Break of Day			Balance, Cash in hand, 30th		
Fund		1 12 6	June, 1937—		
Donations		1 8 0	Parents & Teachers' Assn. ..	3	8 5
Refund—Deposit re Band of Hope		5 0 0	Ordinary Funds	9	2 10
Sundries		5 2		12	11 3
		£77 3 5			£77 3 5

I have examined the books and accounts of St. John's Presbyterian Sunday School, and in my opinion the above statement of receipts and payments sets out the position as disclosed by the records furnished to me. The balance of cash in hand is in agreement with Bank statement.

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

**TABLE SHOWING HOW GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUDGET ASSESSMENT
 OF £522 WAS SUBSCRIBED.**

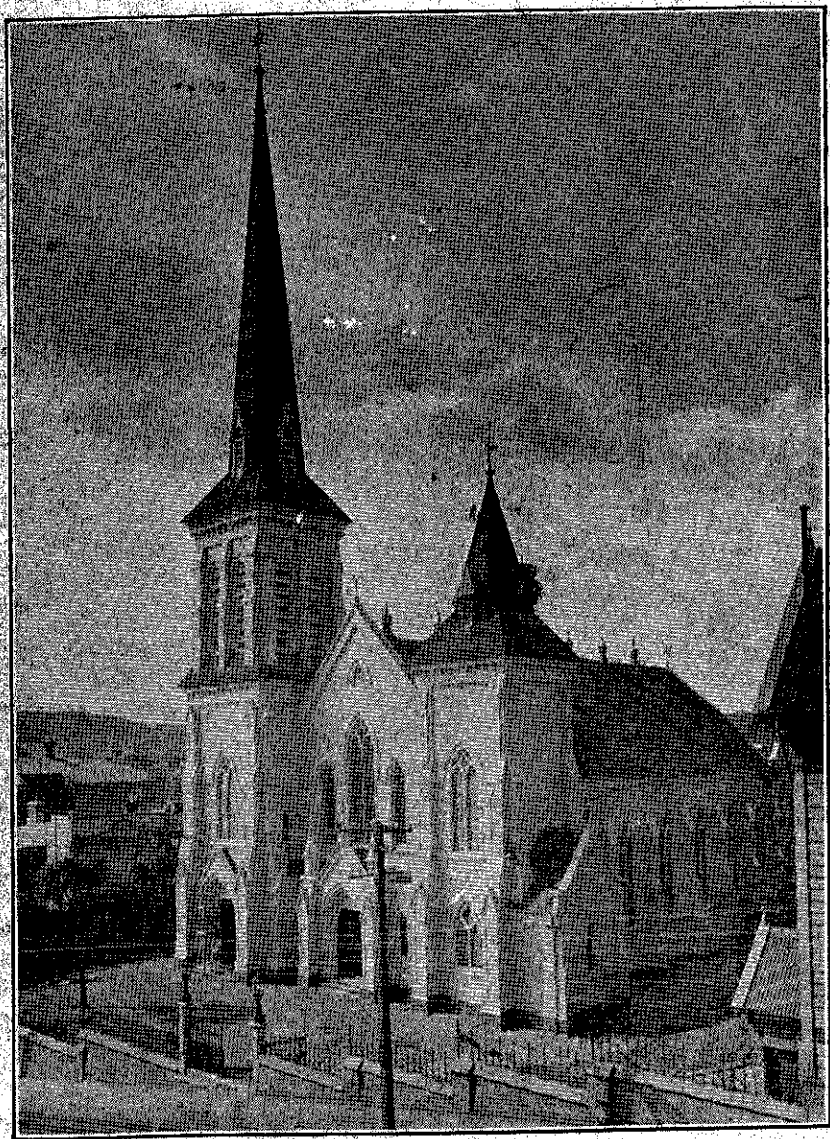
	£	s. d.
St. John's Special Collections and Collectors ..	233	10 11
St. John's Women's Association	175	2 6
Senior Young Men's Bible Class	43	12 4
Junior Young Men's Bible Class	8	11 1
Senior Young Women's Bible Class	33	11 5
Junior Young Women's Bible Class	5	10 0
St. John's Sunday School	17	10 0
Maori Mission Birthday League	4	11 9
	£522	0 0

ROBT. FLEMING,
 Hon. Treasurer.

The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

St. John's Church

Willis Street, Wellington.



Annual Report, 1938.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WELLINGTON, N.Z.



Eighty-fifth Report

Covering period from

July 1st, 1937

to

June 30th, 1938.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

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 Jan., 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
Church Hymnary adopted	1937
St. John's Memorial Hostel closed	1937
Mural Brass Tablet and Memorial Lectern to Mr. W. Hopkirk ..	5th Dec., 1938

FOREWORD.

Once again it is my privilege to write an introduction to the Annual Report. The past year has been an interesting one, marked by the visits of notable ministers from abroad, by services that have been unique, and by certain changes in policy. As a congregation, we have held our ground amid the growing difficulties which beset the work of the Church. In some respects we have advanced slightly. For these and all other mercies we thank the Giver of all Good.

The Church stands to-day in a darkening world. Each year Anti-Christ seems to be more real, more demonstrative and more strong. Many are finding faith difficult. Faith never has been easy. In all ages it has been a good fight that has had to be fought. When the fight has been most severe, faith has shone all the more brightly. The present world-situation is the proof, rather than the denial, of our faith. Just as it means certain disaster to build a tower in defiance of God's law of gravity, it means certain disaster to try to rear the fabric of civilisation in defiance of the laws of God revealed supremely in Jesus Christ. Our present distress proves that Christ was right.

The times being what they are, the more imperative it is for the Church to close up her ranks. We need to do that in our own congregation. It has been most encouraging to see larger attendances and to sense a deeper spirit of devotion at the services of Holy Communion. But this should have a more marked effect upon the attendances at public worship week by week. He who "loved us and gave Himself for us" also "loved the Church and gave Himself for her." Both these truths should lay strong hold upon us in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. As they do, the weekly call to worship will become more real and will be obeyed more faithfully. It is my hope that we shall make that advance during the coming year.

It is fitting that I should briefly commend to you all the General Assembly's Centenary Appeal. As a Church we have much for which to thank God. We also have a trust to maintain. The Assembly's Appeal is broad-based on both those facts. The achievement of its five-fold objective will be a fitting thanksgiving, as well as an equipment for our Church to develop that which has been committed to her charge. Let us all unite in giving to it our loyal and generous support.

For all the services that have been rendered to the Church by so many and the personal kindnesses received my appreciation is gratefully extended. To all for whom the year has been one of trial and sadness my sympathy and prayers are again given. Let us all fall into step and march forward into the coming year to the song, "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth!"

J. R. Blanchard

Office Bearers of St. Johns

MINISTER:

REV. J. R. BLANCHARD, B.A.

9 Wai-te-ata Road.

Telephone: 42-635.

MISSIONARY:

REV. GEORGE H. McNEUR, Canton.

KIRK SESSION.

Inducted

Troup, Sir G. A., C.M.G., F.R.I.B.A., 5 Cluny St, Kelburn	1895
Mainland, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn	1903
Johnston, A., 33 Central Terrace, Kelburn	1911
Sclater, J., Donald Street Karori	1911
Howitt, A., 100 Lyall Parade, Lyall Bay	1913

(Session Clerk, 1931-1937)

Smith, A. P., 12 Burnham Street, Seatoun	1913
Martin, A., Messines Road, Karori	1919
Fraser, Malcolm, C.V.O., O.B.E., 29 Rawhiti Tce., Kelburn	1921
Cresswell, T. R., M.A., 64 Raroa Road, Kelburn	1921
Glover, H., 91 Karori Road	1921
South, H. C., 21 Willis Street	1921
Ferguson, W. J., 3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai	1928
Spratt, F. C., 69 Pitt Street, Wadestown	1928
Wilson, J. M., 58 Glen Road, Kelburn	1931
Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen, 92 Inglis Street, Seatoun	1931
Johnston, A. D., Featherston	1929
Cameron, P. M., F.I.A.N.Z., 2 Kowhai Road, Kelburn	1933
Blake, L. R., B.Sc., 62 Harbour View Road, Northland	1933
Purdie, A., 81 Fairlie Terrace	1933
Fowler, R. B., 1 Don Street	1933
Corkill, Dr. T. F., 319 Willis Street	1935
McLeod, D., 1 Durham Crescent	1935
Jupp, G. C., 35 Adams Terrace, Kelburn	1937
Cook, J. B. I., 28 Tirangi Road, Rongotai	1937
Hight, D., 55 Waipapa Road, Hataitai	1938

Session Clerk:

Brown, D. B., 66 Hawker Street.	Phone 55-439	1935
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THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Armour, W.A., M.A.	Wellington College
Anderson, P. H.	59 Hawker Street
Bilby, M.	17 Portland Crescent
Brodie, J. P.	4a Watson Street
Duthie, W.	185 Onepu Road, Lyall Bay
Fleming, R. N.	6 Wesley Street
Glover, N. J.	Standen Street, Karori
Hunter, J.	13 Bidwell Street
Ivory, A. H.	14 Springfield Terrace, Kelburn
Johnston, R.	179 Cuba Street
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
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

Secretary of the Board of Managers:

J. A. Orr, Tennis Court Road, Khandallah. Phone, 37-540.

Treasurer of the Board of Managers:

R. Fleming, 6 Wesley Road. Phone 40-808.

GENERAL COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee:

Convener: Mr. Malcolm Fraser, 29 Rawhiti Terrace, Kelburn.
Telephone: 26-638.

Mr. P. M. Cameron	Mr. R. Johnston	Mr. F. C. Spratt
" R. B. Fowler	" F. S. Pope	" A. L. Wall
" R. Fleming	" G. H. Scott	" H. Glover
	" A. P. Smith	

Property Committee:

Convener: Mr. H. Glover, 91 Karori Road. Telephone: 26-059.
Mr. W. J. Ferguson Mr. A. Martin Mr. W. Duthie
" J. Hunter " W. Moore " Ad. Howitt
" A. Johnston " D. Ritchie " I. D. Stevenson
" H. Mainland

Seat-Letting Committee:

Convener: Mr. H. B. Smith, 5 Robieson St., Roseneath. Tel. 54-331.
Mr. P. H. Anderson Mr. D. McLeod Mr. J. M. Wilson
„ J. Matthews „ W. Reid

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Treasurer: A. Fowler.

Look-out: J. Lemmon.

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Missions: J. Kean.

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Athletic: B. Corkill.

Foursquare and Badge: B. Garlic.

Discussions: R. Gall.

Organist: B. Corkill.

Asst. Organist: R. Blanchard.

Rooms: N. Scott, R. McNeill.

Look-out: R. Jenkins and P.

Missions: R. McNeill.

KIRK SESSION.

It is with thankfulness to God, Who remains steadfast and sure through all our earthly years, that Session presents the 85th Annual Report. It presents a record of work quietly pursued and of service faithfully rendered. There is nothing spectacular in the progress which it relates; rather does it speak of the congregation steadily holding in its way. It reminds us all that they, who walk and do not faint, serve God as truly as they do, who mount on wings as eagles. From day to day, God quietly sustains His Church, and it is not always possible to trace in full the deepening work of His grace in the lives of its members. But each is better, stronger, purer through the fellowship and service of the Church, and thus does God bring the world a little nearer to Himself. For this gracious ministry of God in our midst, throughout another year, we thank Him and go forward in faith and hope into the year that lies ahead.

OUR MINISTER: It is with deep gratitude and thankfulness that we endorse the reference made in our last annual report to the able and devoted ministrations and pastoral care exercised by the Rev. Mr. Blanchard. That this is appreciated by the congregation is made evident by the continued attendance at Sunday services and notably by the steadily increasing attendance at Communion. Our Minister displays a very real interest in the youth work of the Church, and his attendance at youth gatherings is much appreciated.

Despite the many and onerous duties attaching to a busy city charge Mr Blanchard has found time to visit those of the congregation who are ill or in distress. During the year he has made 561 pastoral visits, performed 17 baptisms and 69 marriages (of these latter 11 were performed by deputies in his absence) and conducted 25 funerals.

OUR OWN MISSIONARY: It is with special interest that Session makes reference to the Rev. George and Mrs McNeur, who have now completed 36 years of service in Canton, China. Quietly and faithfully they have carried on their work during the past year amid the din and destruction, the suffering and sorrow of war. Session rejoices to know that, by the grace that is sufficient, they have been able to turn their trial into a testimony; and have been given strength to unite with the whole Christian Church in China in ministering unto the wounded, the bereaved and the homeless. Session urges the congregation to unite with it in prayer that God's

goodness and mercy may be continued to Mr. and Mrs. McNeur, together with all their fellow-workers for Christ in China; that the day may come speedily when the present war shall cease in that stricken land and a just peace be made; that by His over-ruling Providence God will cause this terrible wrath of man to praise Him.

SESSION MEMBERS: With his promotion to the London Office of the Bank with which he is associated, Mr. R. D. Moore had to resign his seat on the Session, of which he had been a member for three years. His resignation was accepted with very deep regret. For ten years Mr. Moore had been a leader in the Bible Class work of the congregation. He had also taken a prominent part in B.C. District Committee work and in the activities of the Christian Youth Council. As Captain of the Presbyterian Harrier Club, he had exercised a very fine influence among youth. Session records with appreciation the service he has given, congratulates him upon the preferment he has gained in his profession, prays that success may be his portion in his new sphere and that, in the Providence of God, he may some day return to Wellington and to St. John's.

St. John's Church has every reason to be proud of the service rendered in the public affairs of the City, by more than one of her elders in past years. Session is therefore pleased to record the election of one of its members, Mr. Malcolm Fraser, C.V.O., O.B.E., to the Council of the City of Wellington. In congratulating him, Session prays that he may be long spared, in health and strength, to devote his gifts to this civic service and to maintain the high tradition in this sphere, which former elders of St. John's have helped to make.

PROFESSOR J. A. ALLAN, M.A.: It is pleasing to record that the Rev. J. A. Allan, M.A., an old boy of St. John's, has been appointed to the chair of New Testament Studies in the Theological College. Professor Allan's family is well-known to St. John's, where his father was an honoured elder for 37 years. After a distinguished academic career at Victoria University College, where he gained the degree of M.A. with first-class honours in philosophy, Professor Allan pursued his theological studies at New College, Edinburgh, from 1921 to 1924. There he had the best all round record of his year, and won various prizes, not the least of which was the Cunningham Fellowship. Prior to his appointment to the chair in the Theological College, he held the charges of Seatoun-Miramar (Wellington), St. Ninian's, Riccarton (Christchurch), and

Mount Eden (Auckland). He had also taken an increasingly prominent part in Presbytery and Assembly affairs. At the close of the morning service, which Professor Allan conducted on January 9th, the Office-bearers met with him to convey their congratulations and good wishes, at the same time presenting him with a parcel of books as a token of esteem and good will from his boyhood's congregation. Session prays that he may be long spared to occupy the chair to which he has been appointed and to render that service to the Church for which his many gifts so eminently fit him.

MEMORIAL TO MR. W. HOPKIRK: On December 5th, a memorial to the late William Hopkirk, for 48 years a member of the Session, was unveiled and dedicated. It consists of a brass mural tablet with incised border and lettering and an oak Lectern, finished with the traditional cathedral wax finish, to harmonise with the Communion Table. Included in the memorial is a fund for the provision of a prize in the Sunday School, with which he was connected for many years, to be known as the Hopkirk Memorial Prize. At the same service a beautiful Bible to rest on the Lectern, with markers, was given by Mrs. Hopkirk; while Mr. A. Martin presented a set of eight oak offering plates, finished to harmonise with the Communion Table and Lectern. Mrs. Hopkirk has also presented a new set of Bible and Hymn Book markers for the pulpit. Session extends thanks to the donors of these handsome gifts.

COMMUNION ROLL: Session has given attention to the matter of the roll, which has shown an upward tendency during the year.

The effective roll number on June 30th, 1938, was 769, and on the supplementary, 64. Total: 833.

Admissions during the year: On profession of faith, 32; on certificate, 91. Total: 123.

Removals: By death (see page—), 11; by disjunction, 41. Total: 52.

COMMUNION SERVICES: A further increase in attendance at Holy Communion is recorded. The only attendance which fell below the average for last year was in June, when prevailing colds and unpromising weather accounted for certain absences. It is interesting to record that for the Church year of the Jubilee (1913-1914), during which the communion roll increased from 790 to 826, and the largest communion service in the history of the congregation was held (attendance 586), the average attendance at Holy Communion was 501. It is also interesting to record that for the first complete year of the present ministry (1927-1928) when the roll

stood at 694, the average attendance at Holy Communion was 484. The figures for the last four years are:—

	Sept..	Dec.	March.	June.	Average.
1934-1935	496	511	496	513	504
1935-1936	517	528	484	546	518
1936-1937	476	530	550	546	525
1937-1938	550	575	555	519	549

COMMUNION TABLE: To mark their fiftieth anniversary, the Women's Association presented to the Session a beautiful cloth for the Communion Table. It is of pure Irish linen and of proper ecclesiastical design, with scalloped ends, hemstitched and hand-embroidered in Roman Cut work. Session warmly thanks the Women's Association for this appropriate and handsome gift.

MID-WEEK SERVICES: These are held on each Wednesday, with a recess in summer months. Although the attendances have not been large, the services have been most helpful to those present.

During the earlier part of the year, the Minister gave a series of devotional addresses on "Consecration"; and in the latter part of the year a series of "Studies of New Hymns" from the Revised Church Hymnary. We thank our Minister for these clear and practical addresses and commend the mid-week services to members of the congregation as occasions of spiritual refreshment.

SPECIAL SERVICES: On the occasion of the visit of the Rev. John Laughton (Maori Mission Superintendent), on August 1st, the Ngati-Poneke Maori Choir occupied the Choir gallery and rendered two anthems in the Maori language. The fiftieth anniversary of the Women's Association was observed at the morning service on August 8th. The Annual United Broadcast College Service, attended by students of Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges, was held on the evening of August 15th, when the Principals of the Colleges read the Lessons and the Rev. P. J. Wainwright (Chaplain of Scots College) offered the prayers. The Napier Junior and Intermediate School Choir rendered anthems at the morning service on August 22nd. A service to mark the opening of Parliament was held on the morning of September 12th, when His Excellency the Governor-General (Viscount Galway) read the Lessons. The World-wide Day of Prayer of the World Sunday School Association was observed on the evening of October 17th, when members of the Wellington Sunday School Union were in attendance. A choral service to illustrate the place of the Scottish Metrical Psalms in Presbyterian life and worship was held on October 31st, when Descant and Faux Bourdon singing was introduced into the worship in St. John's. The St. John's Ambulance Brigade attended on the

evening of November 7th, and the Legion of Frontiersmen on the morning of November 14th. The World Week of Prayer in connection with the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., and Student Christian Movement was observed on the evening of November 21st, at which service representatives of these organisations read the Lessons. A Memorial Tablet and Lectern to the late William Hopkirk, Bible and Markers (given by Mrs Hopkirk), Oak Offering Plates (given by Mr. A. Martin) were dedicated at the morning service on December 5th. A Civic Churching Service, attended by His Worship the Mayor and Councillors, was held on the morning of May 22nd., and the Bible Class Day of Prayer was observed at the evening service of the same day, when the Bible Class Leaders took part in the conduct of the service. The Sunday School Anniversary was held on September 26th, when the work of the children did more than credit to the organisation of the Superintendent and Staff, as well as to those who had prepared them. During Lent, the Choir rendered lenten anthems, the Organist gave recitals of lenten music at 6.45 each Sunday evening, and the Minister preached on lenten themes. A Christmas choral service was held on the evening of December 19th, and a short service on Christmas morning. On the Sunday evening prior to Easter the Choir again rendered Harold Moore's impressive cantata "The Darkest Hour," while a service was held on Good Friday morning. The Grand Loyal Orange Lodge held a special service, conducted by the Minister, on the afternoon of Sunday, April 17th.

VISITING MINISTERS: During the year our public worship has been conducted by the Very Rev. John Dickie, D.D. (Principal of Knox Theological College), Professor J. A. Allan, M.A. (New Testament Studies, Knox Theological College), the Very Rev. J. A. Graham, C.I.E., MA., D.D. (Hon. Superintendent St. Andrew's Colonial Homes, Kalimpong, India; former Moderator of the Church of Scotland), the Revs. D. P. Macdonald (Mosman, Sydney, N.S.W.), John Flynn, O.B.E. (Australian Inland Mission), D. Calder, B.A., A. G. Gardiner, Th.L., W. Gilmour, B.A., D. Hercus, B.A., J. St. Murray, M.A., W. H. P. McKenzie, B.A., P. J. Wainwright, John Laughton, W. M. P. Lascelles, L. J. Boulton Smith, and Mr Victor C. Jones, B.Sc. (General Secretary, Wellington Y.M.C.A.). The Rev. A. Wylie Blue (May St. Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Ireland) addressed a Wednesday evening meeting in the Church, which was largely attended by Wellington Presbyterians.

SERVICE OF PRAISE: Session again records its appreciation of the service rendered by the Choir under the leadership of the Choirmaster and Organist, Mr. W. Lawrence Haggitt, F.T.C.L., L.R.S.M. (Lond.). Mr. Haggitt's mastery of his art, the

Choir's devotion to its work, and the readiness of the congregation to respond, combine to make the praise in our public worship most inspiring. During the year the Revised Church Hymnary has been introduced. It has meant parting with some hymns and tunes which had endeared themselves to many; but new hymns and tunes are being gradually introduced which are steadily making their own appeal. Session would emphasise the fact that it takes time for a congregation to grow into a new hymn book, for the accomplishment of which the hearty co-operation of each worshipper is necessary. The Revised Church Hymnary has made it possible to introduce the Descant and Faux Bourdon into our congregational singing. By the use of these old and historic practices, the choir and many in the congregation have found a new interest in the service of praise. Session expresses its appreciation of the efforts being made to enrich the worship of the sanctuary in these ways. Miss Mabel Bowen, who has acted for some years as our supply Organist, has been appointed Organist of the Terrace Congregational Church. Session again records its appreciation of Miss Bowen's services in St. John's, congratulates her upon her appointment and wishes her an abundant success in her new sphere of service within the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHANGES: Two important changes in policy have occurred during the year. Hitherto the Women's Association have held a sale of work each year, to raise funds with which to meet the congregation's missionary allocation. They have decided, however, to adopt the method of direct giving and thus dispense with the sale of work. The direct method is undoubtedly the ideal way of Christian giving, and Session is gratified that the result has justified the faith and courage with which the Women's Association made this venture.

For some time, the Superintendent and Staff of the Sunday School have felt compelled to consider changing from an afternoon to a morning Sunday School. On consulting with the parents of the children, they were faced with a practically unanimous desire that this change should be made. The matter was referred to Session and the change was sanctioned. Session is glad to record that the resultant increase in the Sunday School to date justifies the step that has been taken.

STUDENTS: Messrs. I. Dixon and J. Linton have completed their course for the Ministry. Mr. Dixon has been ordained and inducted as assistant minister of St. Paul's, Oamaru. Mr. Linton has been appointed as Travelling Secretary of the Student Christian Movement. As his headquarters are in Wellington, he has sought

his communion in St. John's and is a member on our Roll. Session congratulates both these young ministers and prays that, in their respective spheres, their service may be rich in that fruit which is to the praise and glory of God. The Presbyterian students in residence at Wellington College now number 31. It is a pleasure to Session to see them so regular in their Church attendance and so reverent in their participation in the worship of the Sanctuary.

LITERATURE: The vestibule Bookrack, under the management of the Senior Y.M.B.C., continues its valuable work in providing pamphlets on religious questions, at cost. This is earnestly commended. The monthly "Review" continues its usefulness in spreading knowledge of the work done in the various departments of the congregation. Session would urge members to help in the distribution of the "Review," by handing copies on to others. The "Wayside Pulpit" continues to hold out to passers-by by a regular message of faith and hope and courage. Session records its appreciation of the service rendered by those who have these various methods of sowing the seed in hand.

INTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP: The annual bowling match between the men of St. John's and Kelburn Church, resulted this year in a win for Kelburn. The Presbyterian Harrier Club, captained this year by a St. John's B.C. man, continues to draw the classes of the various congregations together. This fellowship was extended during the year by the visit of a Wellington team to Auckland. A further extension is planned by securing the active interest of Christchurch Presbyterian Harriers in these visits. Arrangements are in hand for the fulfilment of this plan on July 30th.

OBITUARY: During the year 11 of our members have passed away. (See page 35). The majority of these have been associated with St. John's for a great many years, sharing in its life and working in its service with faithfulness and zeal. Such old friends are sorely missed. To the loved ones thus bereaved Session extends its sincere sympathy, with the prayer that, in the consolation of Christ, they may have the assurance that neither life nor death can really separate those who love one another in Him.

THANKS: The thoughts of many minds, the prayers of many hearts and the labours of many hands have made possible the reports which follow. To all, therefore, without whose service and co-operation the work of the Church could not continue, Session extends its thanks. Special appreciation is expressed of the beautifying of the sanctuary, week by week, with floral tributes of devotion. Thanks are also extended to Mr. Gray Young, of Gray, Morton and Young, architects, for help freely given in connection with the Memorial Lectern; to Messrs. Fletcher Bros., for again

providing the platform for the Sunday School Anniversary; to the Press for its consistent courtesy to St. John's; and to the National Broadcasting Board for its facilities in relaying Church services. Thanks are also expressed to an anonymous giver of a Hassock to be used with Lectern and of a linen towel to be used with the Baptismal Font.

CONCLUSION: To all who unite in the worship of God in St. John's, Session extends Christian greetings. Its prayer to God for the coming year is:

"Grant that whosoever in this place shall make his supplication unto Thee, may by thine answer to his petition, be filled with joy, to the glory of Thy Holy Name."

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

During the year ended 30th June, 1938, the Board held twelve meetings, at which the average attendance of office-bearers was fifteen. The Board has given close attention to the temporal affairs of the congregation and has maintained the property to the extent of the funds provided. Several improvements are very desirable and will be put in hand as soon as the necessary finance is available.

During the year the retaining wall below the cottage was found to be in such a condition as to necessitate renewal and this was carried out.

An improvement has been made in the lighting over the Pulpit, the present arrangements having been determined upon after considerable investigation and experimentation on the part of Mr. R. B. Fowler. A satisfactory change has also been made in the manipulation of the choir lights (now on single switch) and the electric heaters have been made much more effective.

The "Review" has continued its publication, having been put on a new basis during the year both in regard to form and finance.

FINANCE: The usual Statements of Account are given as an appendix to this report.

Plate Collections this year show an increase on last of £31, Seat Rents are up £8, while the Envelope System shows a slight decrease amounting to £5. Although the average attendance of our congregation has been slightly lower this year, the average individual contributions to the Plate Offerings and Envelope System have both shown increases and this has had the effect of

bringing the combined revenue in these items ahead of last year.

At long last the time-honoured threepenny bit has been dethroned from pride of place in the Plate Offerories and this year the first place has been taken by the sixpence, which has always been its nearest rival. This may denote a growing recognition and greater appreciation of the work of the Church, or it may mean that the considerably higher scale of remuneration at present ruling, is responsible for a noteworthy change in the relative position of these two coins. However, the all-round improvement noticeable this year in the scale of contributions is very welcome and it is hoped that the movement will continue to grow throughout the new church year. If this can be combined with larger congregations, it will ease considerably the difficulty and anxiety which never seem far away from church finance. A campaign for an increase of subscribers to the Envelope System is in course of progress and if members would only realise that this is the only method of stable church finance, instead of there only being 20 per cent. contributing under this system, there would be 100 per cent.

This year as usual, the last Sunday in June was observed as a Thanksgiving Day and practically the same number (247) of contributors as last year (250) with £199 as against £156 last year responded generously. From all sources, including Church organisations, the sum of £416 was realised. St. John's has a communicant membership of approximately 750 but it is always the 250 who cheerfully face up to what has become of necessity, an annual appeal. Our Assembly Budget Assessment was increased this year from £522 to £599 and towards this we have been able to pay £538 (See page 47.) Once again the Bible Classes and Sunday School made material contributions, while the Women's Association, with a donation of £270, excelled itself. Most of this contribution of £270 represents straight-out giving in lieu of the former annual Sale of Work.

During the year the Board received a legacy of £200 from the estate of the late William Hopkirk. The testator bequeathed this sum to "St. John's Church and Sunday School" and in view of William Hopkirk's lifelong interest and work with the children, it was deemed fitting to apportion the £200 equally between Church and Sunday School.

Our financial requirements for the ensuing year (1938-1939) are shown on the inside cover of this Annual Report. A buoyant and increasing revenue is necessary to permit of the carrying out of a number of improvements held over in the meantime until finance becomes available.

Should any member or adherent of the Congregation desire further information on any point, it will be gladly given by the Hon. Treasurer, the Chairman of the Finance Committee (Mr. Malcolm Fraser) or any member of the Board of Management.

Once again our thanks and appreciation are accorded to Mr. Harold K. Douglas, A.R.A. (N.Z.) for his services as Honorary Auditor.

CHOIR REPORT.

At 30th June, 1938, the rolls stands at 33—a decrease of one on last year's roll. Two sopranos, one contralto and three basses have left and two contraltos, one tenor and two basses have joined our ranks. We were very sorry to lose the services of our deputy organist, Miss Bowen, but we warmly congratulate her on her appointment as organist and choirmistress to a sister church.

In all, 78 anthems were sung, many of them new to both choir and congregation and in addition a very fine rendering of Moore's Cantata "The Darkest Hour" was given at Easter. On 15th May, the anniversary of His Majesty's Accession, Willan's "Coronation Ode" and Parry's "Jerusalem" were sung at the evening service.

An innovation as far as our church is concerned was the occupation of the choir gallery at the evening service on 1st August by the Ngati-Poneke Maori choir, who gave unaccompanied renderings of two hymn-anthems in their native tongue. After the service they were the guests of the choir at a supper and social gathering.

The New Church Hymnary was introduced at the morning service on the 19th September and on 31st October a special choral service was held at which the choir rendered several metrical Psalms with Descant and Faux Bourdon.

The Annual Picnic was held this year at Moonshine and a large number of choir members and their friends foregathered at this beauty spot in their usual happy fashion.

During the year the choir expended from its own social funds the sum of £5/0/11 on new anthems and donated 10/- towards the Church "Review."

We would like to thank Mr. Thompson for his unfailing courtesy at all times and for his cheerful willingness to assist us in any way possible.

In the May issue of the "Outlook" appeared a very fine article on Church Music and the following extract forms a fitting conclusion to this report:—

"Choir work has many aspects but one objective—the Glory of God. It demands all our talents, energy and enthusiasm, and only as we make a complete offering of these can we hope to make our worship approach 'the beauty of holiness.'"

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

As many requests were made for a change from afternoon Sunday School to the morning we decided to take a plebiscite from parents and of the sixty per cent. of voting papers returned only one had voted for the retention of the afternoon school. The change was made on 13th March and resulted in an increase of 26 scholars. In spite of this our average figures are five below those of last year.

Promotion Day was held on the second Sunday in November when the prizes for last year's examination set by the Youth Department under direction from Assembly, and also the class prizes, were presented by Lady Troup. The Rev. Geo. Carpenter gave a fine address and the Senior Young Men's Bible Class donated a special prize to commemorate their jubilee year. A gift which was not only appreciated by the recipient but by the whole Sunday School as another example of the kindly feeling the Seniors have toward us and their ever ready willingness to co-operate.

The Young Worshippers' League has grown from about 40 to over 100 since the change to morning Sunday School, and this big task is capably handled by Miss P. McNeill with the assistance of Miss D. Glover.

This year's Presbyterian Assembly examination showed a high standard of work and of the 38 scholars who sat for it, 12 gained first prizes with over 85 per cent. of marks. One gained a second prize, and 11, third class prizes.

Our Sunday offertories were, as in previous years, paid over to the Church Treasurer for work in the Mission Field and we were pleased to be able to hand him the sum of £20.

The School wishes to place on record the receipt of the sum of £100 which was bequeathed to it under the will of the late William Hopkirk, who was Superintendent over a long period of

years and whose name will always be remembered for his wonderful service to the School. It was decided to invest this sum with the General Church Treasurer and advice has been received from him that it has been placed to the credit of an account named "The St. John's (Wellington) Sunday School, Hopkirk Bequest." The interest from the amount is to be received by the School each year and used as the Teachers decide.

In connection with the Hopkirk Memorial in the Church a sum of £25 was set aside to be invested and the proceeds annually used to purchase a Hopkirk Memorial Prize.

During the year presentations were made to several of our staff in appreciation of long and faithful service, and amongst this number were Misses E. MacKenzie, D. Chappell and N. Troup. The latter two are now looking after the Busy Bees, which service Mrs H. B. Smith found it necessary to relinquish. Miss P. Lees belongs to this list as she found home ties to cause her to cease her work in the school, and Miss N. Bell also received an acknowledgment of our appreciation of her work. Miss Stoddart has found it necessary to leave us meantime due to an added responsibility in another sphere, and to her and all these others we take the opportunity of placing on record our grateful thanks for their fine service to St. John's Sunday School.

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

The year closed with 40 active members and 54 honorary members on the roll.

Regular meetings were held fortnightly throughout the year except during the summer recess. The average attendance was 23.

To all those who have suffered bereavement during the year, we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and we have to record from amongst our own membership the passing of the following: Mrs. Gilmour, Miss Jessie Anderson, Miss Badden, Mrs. Menzies.

A notable event during the year was the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the foundation of St. John's Women's Association.

A banquet was arranged and was attended by many past and present members, as well as representatives of similar Church Associations within the bounds of the Wellington Presbytery. The minutes of the first meeting of the Association held in 1887 were

read by Mrs. C. S. Moore, the oldest surviving secretary. In order to mark the occasion, and as a token of thanksgiving for all that has been accomplished, a Communion cloth, given by the congregation, was presented by Mrs. J. M. Wilson on its behalf to Mr. Blanchard for use at the Communion services. Mrs. Blanchard, the Honorary Vice-President, was unable to be present on account of illness, but to mark the occasion she presented a beautifully bound Bible to be used for the devotional exercises at the meetings of the Association. The Association deeply appreciates the kindly thought that prompted this gift.

An important change in the policy of the Association was made, in that it was decided to discontinue holding an annual sale of work, and in place of this, to adopt a system of freewill direct giving towards the funds required for Mission purposes. The change has worked out satisfactorily. Circulars were sent to the women members of the congregation, appealing for their co-operation and assistance and enclosing special envelopes for their contributions for this purpose. It was arranged that three social afternoons should be held during the year at which these contributions should be handed in. The total amount raised in this manner was £203/8/2, which with the balance previously in hand enabled the sum of £270 to be handed over to the Church Treasurer.

In addition to the regular meetings of the Association, two Social Work Afternoons were held at the homes of Mrs. Blanchard and Mrs. J. M. Wilson, when sewing was done for Missionary purposes.

The monthly meetings of the P.W.M.U. have been well attended. Interesting letters from the Mission Fields were read, and helpful and inspiring addresses were given by Mrs. H. D. Bennett, Mrs. R. Inglis, Mrs. Lopdell, Miss Symons and the Revs. J. R. Blanchard and J. A. Salmond.

The valuable assistance given by the Busy Bees is much appreciated. We desire to record our sincere thanks to Mrs. Baden Smith who for some considerable time has acted as Leader but found it necessary during the year to resign, her duties being taken up by Miss Dorothy Chappell, assisted by Miss Nan Troup.

Mrs. Marshall continues her good work with the Maori Mission (Birthday League). The number of contributors is 109 and the amount collected is £5/18/6.

The distribution of the Harvest Field is still in the capable hands of Mrs. H. Glover, and the number of subscribers is 71, and the amount of subscriptions £5/6/6.

The duties of Philatelic Secretary have been carried out by Mrs. D. S. Wilson.

Miss Anderson and Miss Badden still continue the important work of visiting new Communicant Members.

The Association still carries on the work of providing garments for the boys' and girls' Orphanages and during the year 28 garments and 24 pairs of stockings were sent to the Homes.

The Mothers' Meeting continues to be held fortnightly, and the attendance is most satisfactory. This work has been carried on by Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Cameron, assisted by Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. Macleod and Mrs. Johnston, and the meetings are greatly appreciated by those who attend so regularly. The thanks of those who attend to this work are due to the Two Garment Society, and also to the members of the Women's Association for their gifts of money and clothing.

The visiting of the houses of needy families and the relieving of necessitous cases are attended to by Mrs. Brodie. This valuable work entails the expenditure of much time and thought, and is well deserving of the appreciation of the congregation.

Christmas parcels of groceries were sent to certain needy cases and were much appreciated.

The Association wishes to record its thanks to Mr. R. Fleming for acting as Honorary Auditor, and also to all members of the congregation and others who have assisted in any way during the year.

YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENING GUILD.

It is with deep thankfulness that the Young Women's Evening Guild reports the completion of another year of work and happy fellowship. It is also pleasing to note still further increase in membership—this being more particularly for the 1938 season, since the commencement of which 12 new members have joined—and the roll now stands at 48, including five active members who are, however, unable to attend the monthly meetings. Eight meetings were held during the year and the average attendance was 28. All the meetings were held in the homes of various church members and the following ladies were hostesses:—Mesdames J. M. Wilson, Hy. Glover, Alex. Martin, J. H. McKenzie, J. M. Marshall, Trythall and Rosie and the Misses Chappell and Hanchet. Members appreciate to the utmost this warm hospitality, which is such a big contribu-

tion to the successful functioning of the Guild, and they take this opportunity to record their sincere thanks.

Opening devotions and vespers have been conducted at each meeting and the missionary significance of the work has been emphasised by the reading of letters from some of our missionaries at home and abroad.

This year the Guild has been able to take up a new line of work. In August and December 1937 parcels which contained in all some 70 garments were sent to the Maori Mission at Taumarunui while at the June 1938 meeting 99 garments were handed in for despatch to the Whakaki Maori Mission. One meeting was occupied with darning etc. for the Boys' Orphanage at Berhampore and after that members worked for six Home Mission Manses, representing 30 individuals who became the interest of the Guild last Christmas.

The November and May meetings have been earmarked for the handing in of subscriptions in connection with the Women's Association Direct Giving Scheme for the mission work of our Church. The May meeting took the form of a social evening which was held at the home of two members—Mrs. Trythall and Mrs. Rosie—and at which some 45 members and young women of the congregation were present. The total of the subscriptions handed over to the Women's Association at these two meetings amounted to £25/7/6d.

To our Minister, Mr. Blanchard, we express our appreciation and thanks that he spared valuable time to be present at the latter part of five of our meetings. We are indeed grateful to him for the interest he shows in our organisation. We also record our pleasure that Mrs. Blanchard was able to join us at one of our meetings. We desire, too, to pay tribute to the President of the Women's Association, Mrs. J. M. Wilson, who at all times takes such a deep interest in the Guild and who has been present and conducted opening devotions at all our work meetings.

We are humbly grateful for the opportunity given us during the year to accomplish such work and to enjoy such fellowship. We would remember, however, that the gratification we may feel in regard to the past year's labours should but serve as a spur to greater and higher endeavours in the service of our Heavenly Father in the years that lie ahead.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The fiftieth annual report of St. John's Young Men's Bible Class marks the culmination of half a century of the development of the foundation class of a movement which now, in all its branches, has over 30,000 members. The principles which were laid down by Sir George Troup and those who worked with him in the early days have stood the test of time and remain to-day as a monument to their knowledge of the truth and to their foresight in its application. The challenge of Christ to live the Foursquare life still stands as the basis of the Movement and to that end the whole work of this Class is directed.

LEADERSHIP: Mr. W. J. Ferguson and Mr. R. D. Moore continued in the leadership of the Class until March of this year when Mr. Moore was forced to resign prior to his departure on an extended business visit to England. Mr. Ferguson has been a leader of the Class since 1928 and Mr. Moore joined him in 1929. Together they have led the Class through a very difficult period and at the same time they have maintained and extended its activities.

Rev. J. R. Blanchard, our Minister and President, has, through his preaching, been an inspiration to us. He has also taken an interest in our activities, which we appreciate.

THE COMMITTEE: The Committee meetings have not been attended as well as they might have been. But the various conveners have carried out their work satisfactorily, as their reports will show.

CHURCH WORK: A number of our members are actively engaged in Church work outside the Class; on the Session and the Board of Managers, the Bible Class District Committee and the Christian Youth Council, in the Sunday School, on the Boys' Institute Committee, the Youth Committee of the Council of Religious Education and of the Presbytery and Public Questions Committee.

MEMBERSHIP: Our membership as at 31st March, 1938, was 62 and throughout the year the average each month was 64. Membership represents the actual number recorded on the roll, but apart from these we have about 12 probationers who by their casual attendance are not considered full members. During the year we have entertained about 50 visitors at our Class meetings, most of whom were from other Classes in the Dominion. The number on roll at 1st April, 1937, was 64.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

We have lost a number of old and staunch members this year through their being transferred from Wellington and their places have been taken by younger men. Four new members came up from the Junior Class.

A circular letter was sent out to Ministers throughout New Zealand asking them to notify us of young men coming to Wellington.

A wide range of subjects has been covered in the essays prepared by Class members. The discussions have been good and practical in most cases, but there still exists a need and a splendid opportunity for more members to take part in the discussion.

BIBLE STUDY: During the winter months a Bible Study group meets on Thursday evenings after work and carries out a systematic study of the Sermon on the Mount. A prayer group is now held each Sunday before Class. This is not largely attended and deserves more support from members.

The combined monthly prayer meeting is held in the Class room on the first Sunday in each month.

The Scripture Union Daily Reading Cards have been taken by a large number of members.

MISSIONS: The amounts collected during the year ended 31/3/38 are as follows:—Travelling Secretary, £19/13/11; Foreign, £38/17/1; Boys' Institute, £1/16/2; New Hebrides, 19/2; Maori, £3/15/2; Church Home, 19/2; Orphanage, £4/1/6; Total, £71/2/2. Average contribution per contributor, £1/8/5

Rev. J. R. Blanchard delivered two lectures, one on 19th May, 1937, and the other on 6th October, 1937, on "My Experiences in America and Canada," and Rev. D. P. Macdonald of Sydney gave a lecture on 7th February, 1938, on "People I Have Met."

SOCIAL SERVICE: The Social Service Committee has been much more active this year. Regular visits have been made to the Boys' Orphanage and to the Boys' Institute and the boys led in indoor games. The two Bible Classes at the Institute are led by members of this Class and one of our members also runs a woodwork and hobbies class there on Tuesday nights. The sale of orphanage calendars and concert tickets was also undertaken by Class Members. During the winter a ping-pong team from the Class visited the Institute.

FOURSQUARE: At the commencement of the year we had 25 members taking the magazine, since then we have doubled the number, but last month five contributors were transferred to districts outside of Wellington. The Class notes have appeared in most of the issues. The annual volume has been bound.

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LIBRARY: The following books have been added to the library during the year: "By the Grace of God," "In the Steps of St. Paul," by H. V. Morton, "The One Way of Hope" by A. Herbert Grey, "Flynn of the Inland," by Ion Idreiss. The last book has been autographed by the Rev. John Flynn. A copy of the book "By an Unknown Disciple" was presented to the Class by Mr. A. Martin. We are also indebted to Mr. Ad. Howitt and Mr. R. Fleming for the copies of the Outlook which they make available to the Class.

ROOMS.—The rooms are in a satisfactory condition. New curtains have recently been placed in the Social Room. The curtains in the kitchen have also been renewed. Two trays were purchased and some minor repairs have been carried out. The rooms have been kept very clean by the Church Officer whose assistance is much appreciated.

SOCIAL: A full social programme was carried out during the year. Of the eighteen social functions held the most notable were the Class Banquet, attended by 50 the Halloween Social at which 105 were present, and a Combined Tea with 92 present. Three Class teas and one supper were held to welcome new members. The Committee had the honour of arranging a tea for Dr. D. H. Craven, Vice-Captain of the Springbok Team, on behalf of the District Committee. Two Combined Socials were held and eight meetings of the Social Club. The average attendance at the latter was 27.

ATHLETICS: SATURDAY NIGHT CLUB. Some of the younger members supported this Club during the winter months. Teams were entered for the Basket Ball and Handball at the Indoor Sports.

BADMINTON: This Club is very popular and a high standard of play was reached. The Club has two courts in the Dixon Street Hall. Several matches were played with other Bible Classes.

FOOTBALL: A team was entered for the District seven-a-side Tournament.

HARRIERS: A number of members run in the Presbyterian Harrier Club and take a prominent part in its activities. The Class at present holds the Martin Shield and the Scottish Harrier Shield. The Club Championship was won by a Class member.

CRICKET: The Class team played in the Junior B grade—one grade higher than last year—and found the standard rather high, although some good wins were recorded.

TENNIS: The Tennis Club had a highly successful season. The Club is now free of debt and has a first class court and pavilion.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

The standard of play has improved as a result of coaching and a keener club spirit. The Club ran a Christmas Party and at the end of the season, a Treasure Hunt.

SWIMMING: The Class was represented in the District Swimming Sports. Our own swimming sports were held at Wellington College Baths in conjunction with the Athletic Sports.

ATHLETICS: The Class holds the Inter-Bible Class Banner, the District Shield and the Easter Camp Cup for Athletics. The Class Athletic Sports were held at Wellington College grounds at the end of March on a Saturday morning.

CAMPS: The Annual Class Camp was held from the 11th to the 14th February at Moonshine on the Hutt River. Over 30 attended. The weather was dull but the Camp was a very happy one. A strong delegation also attended the District Easter Camp in March, 1937, and April, 1938.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: There are 50 Communicant members of the Church in the Class. Twenty-two joined the Church during the year, nine by profession of faith and 13 by certificate.

LAY PREACHING: Class members continue to supply from time to time at Churches which are not able to support an ordained Minister or where no Minister is available. The Wayside Pulpit is still maintained by the Class.

PUBLICATIONS: The final issue of the series of essays published by the Class under the sign of the Pointing Finger appeared in June, 1937. The title was "Remember Now," and it was written by members of the Class. Eighty copies of this issue were sent to Old Boys of the Class.

JUBILEE: Tentative arrangements are already made for the celebration of the Jubilee of the Class on the last Sunday in August, 1938. Much material for a history of the Class has been collected and is being prepared for publication. In recognition of the Jubilee Year the Class has presented a Jubilee prize to the Sunday School for the boy who has shown the greatest loyalty and co-operation; and to the Kharhar High School, for the boy who has shown the greatest development in Christian character. A Bible has also been presented to the Young Men's Bible Class Union to mark the Jubilee and the signatures of all Past Union Presidents are being included in it.

FILM RECORDS: A number of moving picture films have been taken during the year depicting some of the activities of the Class. It is hoped to have eventually a complete record of all aspects of class life.

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QUESTIONNAIRE: During the year a questionnaire was distributed among Class members concerning religious faith and practice and valuable replies were received from over 30 members.

NEWS BULLETIN: A News Bulletin is posted to Class members approximately once a month.

REVIEW: Reports of Class activities have appeared regularly in the monthly issues of the Church Review.

YOUTH SERVICE: On Youth of the Church Day a special Youth Service was held in the evening in which the Class leaders took part.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS: We wish to thank all other organisations of the Church who have worked with us in the past. We hope that our happy co-operation may continue.

CONCLUSION.—This report brings to a close a period of nearly 50 years in the history of the Class and we cannot but be filled with deep feelings of gratitude to God for all that has been achieved through the Class in that time. We look forward to the future with quiet confidence and not in our own strength.

J. R. MARSHALL,

Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS.

It is impossible to assess just what the Class has accomplished in the lives of members but interest in missionary and social service work is well maintained and the financial statement shows an increase in freewill giving, so we feel that this can be taken as an outward indication of the inward spirit of the Class.

ROLL.—Of the 56 members at present on the roll, 50 are Presbyterian Communicants and 4 Anglicans. There is also a Supplementary Roll of 15.

SUBJECT.—The Senior syllabus "The Saviour of the World" which contains mainly studies on the Gospel of St. John, has been used as the basis for our Sunday afternoon studies. We have had also several instructive addresses, a Question Box Sunday, Journal Sunday and a combined meeting with the Young Men's Class.

PRAYER.—The Times of Quiet, very ably taken by members, are a vital part of the class meeting and the monthly combined and pre-class prayer meetings continue to be sources of spiritual uplift.

MISSIONS.—We are kept in touch with Mission activities by

letters from our various representatives and parcels of clothing and toys have been sent to the Maori Field. The total amount allocated to Missions this year was £54/8/6.

SOCIAL SERVICE.—Regular visits have been paid to the home in which we are interested and groceries, clothing, reading matter and a Christmas Hamper have been left. The amount collected for this purpose during the year was £13/14/-. The class has been responsible for taking Sunday evening services at the Ohira Home on two occasions and the friendly contact with the girls at the Borstal Institute has been maintained.

ORPHANAGE.—The usual £5 has been donated for the upkeep of the John Boal Memorial Cot and 60 Orphanage Calendars were sold. Members have visited the Girls' Home to assist with their weekly games evening.

SOCIAL.—A fine spirit of friendship has prevailed at the various social and club evenings, Sunday teas and the annual banquet, and both tennis and badminton clubs have been very popular. Our class was well represented at the Easter Camp at Carterton. This year the combined classes gained first place in the Inter Bible Class competitions.

LIFE MEMBERS.—During the year the Class has been proud to confer the honour of life membership upon three past members—Misses Helen Clyde, Isobel Ferguson, and Alice Chappell—in recognition of their long service to, and continuing interest in the welfare of the class.

OUR MINISTER.—Once again we would record our sincere appreciation of the help and inspiration received from Mr Blanchard, through his pulpit ministry, his personal interest in the class and his willingness to lend books to help us in the preparation of papers. We are glad that the year has brought returning health to Mrs Blanchard and it has been a pleasure to have her with us on several occasions.

OUR LEADERS.—To our Leaders we express our very heartfelt gratitude for their untiring and devoted service to the class and give them the assurance of our co-operation and loyalty for the work ahead.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

In presenting the report for year ended 30th June, 1938, the Committee desires to thank all those who have assisted in contributing to the progress of the class.

OUR PRESIDENT.—We thank Mr. Blanchard for the inspiration of his ministry and, as president, for the very real interest taken in the welfare of the class at all times.

OUR LEADER.—The class records its appreciation and gratitude of the six years of leadership by Mr. Norman Glover and regrets the necessity of his resignation. It also thanks all those who led the class until the appointment of our new leader, Mr. Dudley Fickling.

LOOK-OUT.—Figures re attendance during the full year are not available due to the register having been lost, but for the months of February to June are as follows:—February 13, March 17.3, April 12, May 16.6, June 14.25. These fluctuations are largely due to the break in the leadership. The class roll now stands at 36.

MISSIONS.—This year our quota for the Missions fund was five pounds, an increase of one pound on last year's quota. An attempt was made to raise this amount by members contributing one penny per week each and allocating the collection for the first Sunday in each month to missions. However, some of the members did not meet their obligations.

In June Dr. and Mrs. Corkill kindly arranged a social which was held in their home in an endeavour to raise the necessary amount. Thanks to their fine effort £1/11/6 was raised, thus enabling us to fulfil our obligation to the Home and Foreign Missions.

SOCIAL.—During the year the class has had many social engagements, commencing with a Hard-up Social in the Church Hall. On the last Sunday of 1937, a combined tea was held with the Junior Girls farewelling the members promoted to the Senior class, and welcoming the members promoted from the Sunday School. A very successful combined social was held in the Church Hall early in the New Year.

In May a presentation tea was tendered to our late leader Norman Glover, to whom the class presented a fountain pen in token of their appreciation of his services to the class. Representatives from the Junior Girls' and Senior Classes were present and paid tribute to Mr. Glover's leadership.

The final event of the year was a social evening in aid of missions at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Corkill, where the homely atmosphere added greatly to the success of the evening, which was also attended by Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard.

During the year the class has attended various Senior functions and the close unity achieved between Seniors and Juniors is very desirable.

ATHLETIC.—These activities have been very successful. The first function of the year was the Indoor Sports, two teams from the class being entered. The Junior team won the handball event.

Athletic trophies won in conjunction with the Senior class include the Banner and Shield at the B.C. Sports held at Kelburn Park and the Athletic Cup at Easter Camp. Teams also competed in the Seven-a-side football and the Swimming sports.

It is felt that a greater number of members could attend Saturday night club with benefit to themselves and the class in general.

GENERAL.—The class attended the Sunday School Anniversary Services last October and in conjunction with the Junior Girls rendered the Anthem at both services.

A large contingent attended both the class camp at Moonshine and Easter Camp at Waikanae, where the spirit of comradeship was very evident.

CONCLUSION.—Despite the setbacks experienced during the last six months due to the break in the leadership, the committee looks forward to a year of co-operation and success. We trust that the Spirit of Christ shall become very real to us all and that we may be inspired to live our daily lives to His service and glory.

For and on behalf of the committee,

L. C. GOETZLOF,

Hon. Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS.

We have once again come to the close of our Bible Class year. The roll has increased from 16 to 20 and the average attendance is 12.5. There are six communicant members, one member having joined the Church during the year.

As in former years we have combined with the Senior Class for the opening exercises, and on two occasions have remained with them when they have been addressed by outside speakers. We

have had several socials with the Junior Young Men's Class. The four Classes come together once a month for an after-Class Prayer Meeting, which is a time of great spiritual benefit to all.

This year we have been using the syllabus "Under Which Flag?" We have had some excellent studies and at times good discussions.

The Class has continued to take a keen interest in Missionary activities and the sum of £10/17/- has been collected by the weekly class collections and one penny a week extra.

We owe a great deal to Miss Nichols for her unflagging interest and zeal. We appreciate all that she has done for us and we promise her our loyal support through the coming year.

MARGARET BLANCHARD,

Hon. Secretary.

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

It was 56 years ago that the Lads' Mission School had its genesis in St. John's Church, under the able leadership of Messrs J. G. W. Aitken and William Allan. Later it developed into the Boys' Institute, and finally assumed the full title above.

Although undenominational in the early days the workers were mostly members of St. John's.

For a number of years the work, led and inspired by Sir Geo. A. Troup, was carried on solely by St. John's Young Men's Bible Class. It was then handed over to the public as an undenominational Institution, the Church being represented on its Board by several permanent members of St. John's Church and Bible Class, the remainder of the Board being elected by the subscribers at the annual meeting. St. John's representatives are: Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., Hon. President; Sir G. A. Troup, President; Dr. T. F. Corkill, Hon. Physician; Lady Troup and Mrs A. M. Wilson, Ladies' Auxillary; and Messrs Ad. Howitt, A. Johnston, W. J. Ferguson, H. Smith, I. Stevenson, G. C. Jupp, W. I. Gibson, members of the Management Committee; Mr T. Barrett, Hon. Treasurer; Miss M. Bowen, Matron. The two Sunday morning Bible Classes are conducted by Messrs. M. Lennon and Cliff Webster respectively, and Mr Eric McPherson also renders valuable help on the week night evenings on behalf of the Y.M.B.C.

Dr. T. F. Corkill found it necessary recently to resign his position as Hon. Physician. This resignation was received with great regret. Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen has kindly consented to fill the position.

The Institute has an excellent record of service rendered to the under privileged boys of Wellington and the surrounding provinces during the last full half century. Much of the interesting history may be found in the Annual Reports of St. John's Church dating from 1889.

BUSY BEES.

There were 16 Bees in the hive during the year; 14 bees attending the meetings and 2 home bees. The children worked steadily through the year, keenly interested in missions and studying the activities of missionaries from the Harvest Field and other sources. During the year a large sack of clothing and books was sent to Miss Doull, Te Tako, for mission work in the Bay of Plenty. On December 10th., a sale of work was held by the children in the basement parlour. All sorts of things made by the children, were sold, including cakes, sweets and ice-cream. The amount raised was £8/2/6; of this £3 was sent to the Chinese Relief Fund, £4 to Home Missions, and the balance, £1/2/6, was kept in hand to purchase material to work upon during the ensuing year. The Bees thank the members of the Women's Association and others for their valued interest in their work.



In Memoriam

MRS. G. GILMOUR.

MRS. A. D. JOHNSTON.

MRS. W. CLACHAN.

MRS. JOHN CLARKE.

MR. W. HURLEY.

MRS. MENZIES.

MRS. A. ROSS.

MRS. BUSTLE.

MRS. J. ANDERSON.

MISS BADDEN.

MRS. M. McLEAY.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1938.

ROBT. FLEMING,
Hon. Treasurer.

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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, 1938 as shown by its books.

H. K. DOUGLAS, A.R.A. (N.Z.), Hon. Auditor.
Wellington, 2nd August, 1938.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1938.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1938.

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2nd May, 1938.

IAN A. PURDIE,
Hon. Auditor.

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

STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1938.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Cash on hand 1/7/37	15	By District and Union Fees ...	..	1	9
Collections	7	Stamps and Stationery ..	..	..	10
Missions	5	Purchase of Study Books ..	..	19	0
Four Square	2	Missions ..	5	19	6
Donations	4	Missions Appropriation ..	14	5	..
						6	13
				Social and Tea Expenses ..	..	9	1
				Easter Expenses ..	..	1	5
				Sports Entries ..	..	12	0
						£11	9
				Balance cash on hand 30/6/38	..	2	1
						£13	11
						5	5

Audited and found correct.
M. R. BILBY.

A. D. FOWLER,
Hon. Treasurer.

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

STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1938.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward 1937—				By Cookery Books ..	..	0	9
Outlook ..	..	..	7	Banquet Expenses ..	..	1	18
Room ..	..	..	18	Printing and Stationery ..	..	8	11
Social Service ..	..	..	1	Presentations ..	..	6	4
			3	Flowers ..	..	3	0
To Mission Collection—			2	Social Service ..	..	13	15
G. H. McNeur Fund ..	10	15	0	Outlook ..	..	12	4
Collection per Envelopes ..	6	2	6	Library ..	..	4	8
Collection 1d per week ..	4	16	10	Orphanage Calendars ..	3	0	0
Maori Mission Special Appeal ..	5	8	6	Orphanage Tickets ..	1	17	0
Gift to Indian Girl ..	..	..	10	Pres. Orphanage Boy ..	10	0	..
Thank Offering ..	8	14	0			5	7
			36	Syllabus Account ..	..	1	10
Collections Social Service ..	13	14	0	Turakina College ..	..	..	5
Cookery Books ..	..	..	9	District Com. & Council Fees ..	..	2	5
Sale of Syllabus ..	..	..	1	Pres. Women's Tr. Inst.	..	..	5
Banquet Proceeds ..	..	..	1	.. pound day ..	..	..	5
Presentation Fund ..	..	..	6	District Com. Expenses ..	..	7	7
Library Fund ..	..	..	1	Maori Mission, per Special	..	..	..
Proceeds Lectures ..	..	..	4	Appeal ..	5	8	6
Donation Badminton Club ..	..	..	16	Xmas. Pres. to Indian Girl ..	10	0	..
Orphanage—Sale of Tickets	..	..	..	China Inland Mission ..	10	0	..
and Calendars ..	..	..	4	Rev. G. H. McNeur Fund ..	15	0	0
Subscriptions "Outlook" ..	..	..	15	Y.W.B.C. Own Workers' Fd.	26	0	0
Collections General Account ..	..	..	17	Orphanage—John Boal Cot	5	0	0
To Balance Room ..	18	9	..	Brit. & For. Bible Society ..	1	0	0
"Outlook" ..	10	0	..	Pres. Womens Trg. Inst. ..	1	0	0
Social Service ..	1	14	9			54	8
General Fund ..	9	5	..	Balance in hand ..	..	3	12
			3			17	8
			£91			17	8

ANNE I. McKAY,
Hon. Treasurer.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1st JULY, 1937, TO 30th JUNE, 1938.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance 1/7/37	5	8	By Y.W.B.C. Own Workers' Fund	6	0 6
Ordinary Class Collections	7	11 3½	Y.W.B.C. Bursary Fund	10	0
Mission Collections (1d per week)	3	5 11	St. John's Own Missionary	1	10 0
Collection from Concert	1	9½	British & Foreign Bible Society	10	0
Special Collection "Maori Appeal"	3	18 3	Chinese Relief	10	0
P.O. Savings Bank Interest	1	4	Turakina Maori Girls' College	5	0
			Training Institute Pound Day	2	0
			Special Collection "Maori Appeal"	3	18 3
			Y.W.B.C. District Com. & Council Fees	9	10
			Secretary's Expenses (Stationery)	2	2
			Balance in hand	1	7 0
	£15	4 3		£15	4 3

Examined and compared with Pass Book and Vouchers, and found correct.

W. G. RODGER, A.R.A.N.Z.

22/7/38.

ST. JOHN'S HOSTEL COMMITTEE.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 15 MONTHS ENDED 30th JUNE, 1938.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest	160	1 3	By Rent	310	0 9
Rates and taxes	87	3 9	Balance, being Excess of Expenditure	18	8 5
Depreciation	50	13 11			
Insurance	22	5 6			
General Expenses	8	4 0			
	£328	8 5		£328	8 5

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1938.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Mortgage	1500	0 0	Land	1827	19 4
St. John's Church Loan	100	0 0	Buildings	500	0 0
Sundry Creditors	21	17 9	Trust Section Expenses	69	4 9
Bank Overdraft	936	2 3	Unexpired Values	8	12 10
			Capital	133	14 8
			Plus Excess of Expenditure		
			Over Income	18	8 5
	£2558	0 0		152	3 1
				£2558	0 0

I certify that the books, accounts and vouchers have been examined and in my opinion the above Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet show the correct position.

26/7/38.

T. M. BARRETT.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

DORCAS FUNDS—JULY 1st, 1937, TO JUNE 30th, 1938.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance brought forward from 30/6/37	33	19 6	Relief to Needy Cases	38	6 0
From Church Treasurer—Collections, Communion—			Pensioner	16	4 0
September, 1937	17	10 1	Materials for Orphanage and Relief	17	17 1
December, 1937	20	4 1	Christmas Hamper for Poor	9	0 9
March, 1938	16	17 6	Sundry Small Expenses	1	5 5
June, 1938	15	5 9	Balance in hand	21	3 7
	69	17 5			
	£103	16 11		£103	16 11

Audited and found correct.
27th July, 1938.

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Auditor.

S. MARTIN, Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

MISSION FUNDS—JULY 1st, 1937, TO JUNE 30th, 19 38.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, 30/6/37 ..	62	8	9	Harvest Field Supplies ..	5	6	6
Hon. and Active Members' Subscriptions ..	17	8	6	Conference Levy, Affiliation Fees and Travel- ling Secretary's Levy, P.W.M.U.	1	19	6
P.W.M.U. Collections ..	7	2	2	Maori Mission Birthday League ..	5	0	0
Harvest Fields, 1937 ..		6	0	Donation to Students' Institute ..	1	0	0
Harvest Fields, 1938 ..	5	6	6	Tea for Seamen's Mission ..	1	5	0
40 Maori Mission Birthday League ..	5	0	0	Howie Missionary Fund ..	15	6	
Women's Missionary Straight-out giving in lieu of Sale of Work ..	203	8	2	Carrier for Parcels for Missions ..	17	3	
				Stamps, Envelopes and Circulars ..	1	15	6
				Sundry Small Expenses ..	16	6	
				Paid Church Treasurer ..	270	0	0
				Balance from 1936 Sale of Work ..	34	11	7
				From Mission Funds ..	32	0	3
				Straight-out Giving ..	203	8	2
					£270	0	0
				Balance in hand ..	12	4	4
	£301	0	1		£301	0	1

Audited and found correct.

27th July, 1938.

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Auditor.

S. MARTIN, Hon. Treasurer.

TABLE SHOWING HOW PAYMENTS WERE SUBSCRIBED TOWARDS THE GENERAL BUDGET ASSESSMENT OF £599 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1938.

	£	s.	d.
St. John's Special Collections and Collectors ..	90	7	10
St. John's Women's Association ..	270	0	0
Senior Young Men's Bible Class ..	75	16	5
Junior Young Men's Bible Class ..	6	3	1
Senior Young Women's Bible Class ..	41	0	0
Junior Young Women's Bible Class ..	7	10	0
St. John's Sunday School ..	20	0	0
Maori Mission Birthday League ..	5	0	0
Balance Davys Bequest (1934)—For Mission Charities ..	22	13	11

£538 11 3

In addition to the above, the sum of £91/11/5 was subscribed to the Assembly Special Appeal for the Maori Mission Deficit (£6000).

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1938.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance, Cash in Hand, 1/7/1937—						
Parents & Teachers' Assn.	3	8	5			
Ordinary Funds	9	2	10			
				12	11	3
Collections				20	3	8
S.S. Anniversary Collections				32	6	5
Annual Concert and Tea Receipts				8	12	0
Picnic Receipts—						
Donations	7	2	0			
Railway Fares	4	3	10			
				11	5	10
Donations				1	17	6
Missions				1	17	7
Break of Day Fund					7	3
Sundries					5	6
				£89	7	0

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Books and Supplies				17	18	3
Prizes (Class and Young Worshippers' League)				5	8	2
Anniversary Expenses (including Concert and Tea)				13	4	11
Missions				20	0	0
Picnic Expenses				12	8	10
Sundries				4	14	5
Balance, Cash in Hand, 30/6/1938—						
Parents and Teachers' Assn.	3	8	5			
Ordinary Funds	12	4	0			
				15	12	5
				£89	7	0

NOTE.—Wm. Hopkirk Bequest of £100, received 1st March, 1938, has been deposited with the General Treasurer, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

M. R. BILBY, Hon. Treasurer.

I certify that I have examined the books and accounts of St. John's Presbyterian Sunday School and that in my opinion the above is a correct record of the Receipts and payments for the year ended 30th June, 1938.

P. M. CAMERON, Hon. Auditor.

27th July, 1938.

Form of Bequest.

I bequeath to . . .

ST. JOHN'S

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WELLINGTON:

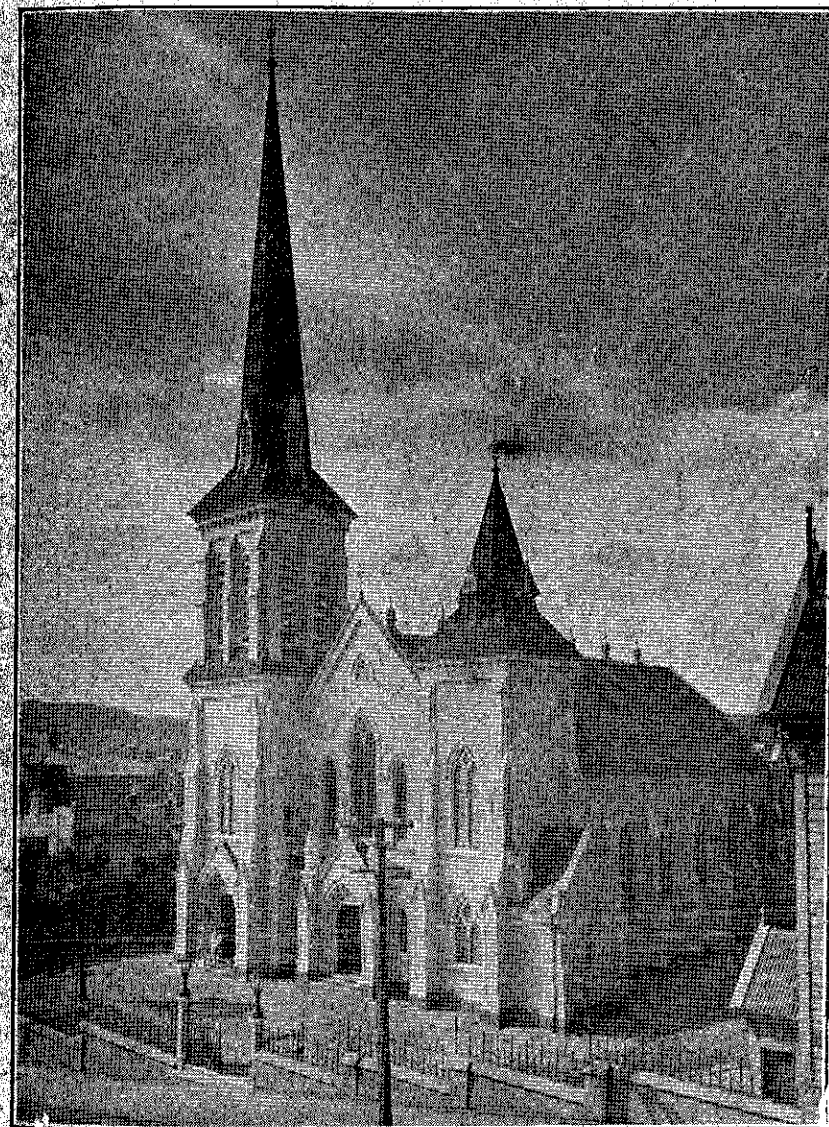
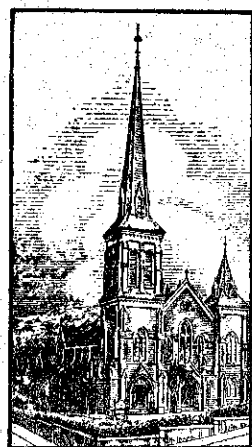
the sum of £

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.

The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

St. John's Church

Willis Street, Wellington.



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ESTIMATES, 1939-1940

CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES

(1) Salaries—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Superintendent Supply	500	0	0			
Organist	125	0	0			
Church Officer	165	0	0			
Holiday Supply	25	0	0			
				815	0	0

(2) Maintenance of Buildings—

Repairs and Renewals	100	0	0			
City Council Rates	45	0	0			
Insurances	120	0	0			
Metropolitan Buildings Society provision for periodic repainting etc.	90	0	0			
Renovating Mance for New Minister (inside and out)	150	0	0			
				505	0	0

(3) Miscellaneous—

Hymn Book Replacement Fund A/c	45	0	0			
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	75	0	0			
Telephones, Mails and Quirch	20	0	0			
Postages, Circulars, etc.	15	0	0			
Lighting, Heating and Unkess	100	0	0			
Motor Car Allowance	50	0	0			
Organ Tuning and Expenses	20	0	0			
Cleaning Requisites	10	0	0			
Assessors Expenses Assessment	75	0	0			
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	20	0	0			
Wellington Presbytery Assessment	10	0	0			
Sabbath School Anniversary	10	0	0			
Social Expenses	10	0	0			
Travelling and Removal Expenses	10	0	0			
Sundry Small Accounts	10	0	0			
				675	0	0

(4) Contingency Fund—

(To meet unforeseen contingencies)	10	0	0			
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(5) For Others—

Budget Assessment for all the year (including Rev. G. H. Alcock's half salary)	500	0	0			
Our Wellington Orphanages	125	0	0			
Benevolent Fund	20	0	0			
Sundry Purposes	25	0	0			
				670	0	0

£1000 0 0

ROBT. CLEMENS, Hon. Treasurer

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WELLINGTON, N.Z.



Eighty-Sixth Report

Covering period from

July 1st, 1938

to

June 30th, 1939

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
Church Hymnary adopted	1937
St. John's Memorial Hostel closed	1937
Mural Brass Tablet and Memorial Lectern to Mr. W. Hopkirk	5th Dec., 1937
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A. accepted call to Scot's Church, Adelaide and left New Zealand	31st Aug., 1939

THIS IS THE FIRST OCCASION FOR MANY YEARS that I have written an introduction to the Annual Report. In the Providence of God a new sphere of ministry has opened for me. I go to face a greater need, to bear a heavier responsibility and to enter upon a wider field of service. The uprooting is fraught with no little pain; but the motives of my going being the same as those which determined my coming over twelve years ago, the pain has within it its own peace.

In my opening sermon on March 20th, 1927, I emphasised the fact that the induction of a new pastor summoned both minister and people to a loftier aspiration, a deeper devotion, a broader charity, and a larger hopefulness. The departure of a minister makes the same demands of a congregation. As those demands are met with zeal and fidelity, there need be no mistakes made in the steps taken to deal with the vacancy and no misgiving as to the future. It is with such quietness and confidence that I leave St. John's to the goodness and guidance of God.

For the wealth of courteous, kindly and prayerful support given by so many during the past twelve and a half years, both Mrs. Blanchard and myself are deeply grateful. The friendships we have made in the Christian fellowship and work of St. John's are a permanent enrichment of our lives. The confidence and good will, heaped upon us by so many in these closing days, are a great encouragement to us, as we undertake a larger adventure in another corner of God's widespread vineyard.

It is my firm belief that, as the members of the congregation fulfil the conditions, greater rays are in store for St. John's than any that have marked and ennobled its past. The conditions may be enumerated very briefly. Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Strive together to know what is God's purpose for St. John's. Be strong and of good courage to adventure along the path of complete obedience to the known purpose of God. God can do anything with a congregation which tries to carry out such conditions.

Once again the cataclysm of war has descended upon the world. In such circumstances, it is expected of Christian people that they should "stand fast in the faith". Since faith cannot exist, except as the soul's reply to that which challenges it, this time of crisis is just the time for the exercise of faith. History shows abundantly that faith has always been at its best, when its circumstances have been worst. To-day, therefore, is an excellent time for faith. The present state of affairs confirms rather than denies our faith. It makes the fact very clear that just as you cannot rear a structure, which will last, on foundations which deny God's laws of gravitation, so you cannot rear a civilisation on foundations which deny God's laws of life, supremely revealed in Jesus Christ. To-day's cataclysm proclaims, as clearly as anything can be proclaimed, that nothing but the way of Christ will do. Let us therefore stand fast together in the faith.

And now, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all discernment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God. So may each year be crowned for you, personally and in your fellowship, with abundant tokens of His grace, Whose goodness and mercy follow us all our days.

J. R. Blanchard.

Office Bearers of St. Johns

MINISTER:

REV. J. R. BLANCHARD, B.A.

9 Wai-te-ata Road.

Telephone: 42-635.

MISSIONARY:

REV. GEORGE H. McNEUR, Canton.

KIRK SESSION:

Inducted

Troup, Sir George A., C.M.G. F.R.I.B.A., 5 Cluny St., Kelburn	1895
Mainland, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn	1903
Johnston, A., 33 Central Terrace, Kelburn	1911
Howitt, A., 100 Lyall Parade, Lyall Bay	1913
(Session Clerk, 1931-1937)	
Smith, A. P., 12 Burnham Street, Seatoun	1913
Martin, A., Messines Road, Karori	1919
Fraser, Malcolm, C.V.O., O.B.E., 29 Rawhiti Tce., Kelburn	1921
Cresswell, T. R., M.A. 20 Reading Street, Karori	1921
South, H. C., 18 Flers Street, Karori	1921
Ferguson, W. J., 3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai	1928
Spratt, F. C., 69 Pitt Street, Wadestown	1928
Wilson, J. M., 58 Glen Road, Kelburn	1931
Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen, 92 Inglis Street, Seatoun	1931
Johnston, A. D., Featherston	1929
Cameron, P. M., F.I.A.N.Z., 2 Kowhai Road, Kelburn	1933
Blake, L. R., B.Sc., 62 Harbour View Road, Northland	1933
Purdie, A., 48 Hawkestone Street	1933
Fowler, R. B., 2 Homewood Crescent, Karori	1933
Corkill, Dr. T. F., 319 Willis Street	1935
McLeod, D., 1 Durham Crescent	1935
Jupp, G. C., 35 Adams Terrace, Kelburn	1937
Cook, J. B. I., 28 Tirangi Road, Rongotai	1937
Hight, D., 55 Waipapa Road, Hataitai	1938

Session Clerk:

Brown, D. B., 66 Hawker Street. Phone 54-439 1935

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Armour, W. A., M.A.	Wellington College
Anderson, P. H.	59 Hawker Street
Bilby, M.	17 Portland Crescent
Duthie, W.	185 Onepu Road, Lyall Bay
Fleming, R. N.	Baroda Street, Khandallah
Glover, N. J.	Standen Street, Karori
Hunter, J.	13 Bidwell Street
Ivory, A. H.	14 Springfield Terrace, Kelburn
Johnston, R.	179 Cuba Street
Martin, J. S.	91 Eden Street, Island Bay
Marshall, J. R.	64 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn
Matthews, J.	18 Hapua Road, Hataitai
Moore, W.	38 Sefton St., Wadestown
Pope, F. S.	34 Kelburn Parade
Reid, W.	8 Huia Road, Hataitai
Ritchie, D.	22 Flers Street, Karori
Scott, G. H.	3 Wilkinson Terrace
Slater, J. R.	Vera Street, Karori
Smith, H. B.	5 Robieson Street, Roseneath
Stevenson, I. D.	22 Disley Street, Kelburn
Strong, F.	55 Overtoun Terrace
Wall, A. L.	Seatoun Heights

Secretary of the Board of Managers:

J. A. Orr, Tennis Court Road, Khandallah. Phone, 37-540.

Treasurer of the Board of Managers:

R. Fleming, 6 Wesley Road. Phone 40-808.

GENERAL COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee:

Convener: Mr. Malcolm Fraser, 29 Rawhiti Terrace, Kelburn.
Telephone: 43,984.

Mr. P. M. Cameron	Mr. R. Johnston	Mr. F. C. Spratt
" R. B. Fowler	" F. S. Pope	" A. L. Wall
" R. Fleming	" G. H. Scott	" H. Glover
	" A. P. Smith	

Property Committee:

Convener: Mr. H. Glover, 91 Karori Road. Telephone: 26-059.

Mr. W. J. Ferguson	Mr. A. Martin	Mr. W. Duthie
" J. Hunter	" W. Moore	" Ad. Howitt
" A. Johnston	" D. Ritchie	" I. D. Stevenson
	" H. Mainland	

Seat-Letting Committee:

Convener: Mr. H. B. Smith, 5 Robieson St., Roseneath. Tel. 54-331.
Mr. P. H. Anderson Mr. D. McLeod Mr. J. M. Wilson
„ J. Matthews „ W. Reid

Envelope Contributions Committee:

Convener: Mr. P. M. Cameron, 2 Kowhai Road, Kelburn. Tel. 27-187.
Mr. L. R. Blake Mr. N. J. Glover Mr. J. M. Wilson
„ H. Glover „ J. S. Martin

Choir Committee:

Convener: Mr. F. S. Pope, 34 Kelburn Parade. Telephone: 42-366.
Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen Mr. F. Strong Mr. A. L. Wall
Mr. G. C. Jupp

Outlook Committee:

Messrs. P. H. Anderson, J. R. Selater, M. Bilby.

Convener Allocation of Rooms Committee:

Mr. J. A. Orr, Tennis Court Road, Khandallah. Telephone: 37-540.
St. John's Memorial Hostel.

General Management Committee:

Representing Church Managers: Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., Sir
George A. Troup, Messrs A. Martin, H. Glover, Ad. Howitt,
A. P. Smith.
Representing St. John's Y.M.B.C.: Messrs W. J. Ferguson and J.
A. Orr.

Historical Records Committee:

Convener: Mr. Ad. Howitt, 100 Lyall Parade, Lyall Bay.
Phone: 16-414.

ORGANISATIONS.

CHOIR.

Organist and Choirmaster:

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

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

Vice-Presidents: Miss R. Nichols, Mr. Haggitt.

Hon. Secretary: Miss H. Clyde, 90 Kelburn Parade.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Pumfrey.

Hon. Librarian: Miss P. Lees.

Committee:

Misses Brodie, Mills, Molly McKenzie, Baird and Curtis,

Messrs Watt, Harper and M. Pumfrey.

Life Members: Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Pope, Mrs. Kerry.

Sopranos (17):

Mesdames Gleeson and Jupp, Misses Atkinson, Bennie, Brodie
Chappell, Clifford, Clyde, Flett, Hanchet, Johnston, Ledger, J.
McKenzie, Mary MacKenzie, Molly McKenzie, Mills and Nichols.

Altos (8):

Mesdames Boyd, Pumfrey, E. Strong, Misses Baird, Bibby, Curtis,
Lees and Purdey.

Tenors (4):

Messrs. Harper, Jupp, E. Pumfrey and M. Pumfrey.

Basses (3):

Messrs Boyd, Wall and Watt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr. R. B. Fowler.

Teachers: Mrs. M. Bilby, Misses L. Butler, F. Cunliffe, D. Glover, E.
MacKenzie, M. MacKenzie, G. Matthews, P. McNeill, J.
Rogers, Messrs J. Bilby, M. Bilby, H. Bunckenburg, N.
Jardine.

Pianist: Mrs. M. Bilby.

Librarian: Mr. W. Kraft.

Treasurer: Mr. M. Bilby.

Secretaries:

School: Mr. H. Bunckenburg. **Recording:** Mr. H. B. Smith.

Cradle Roll: Miss E. MacKenzie.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Hon. President: Mrs. J. R. Blanchard.

President: Mrs. P. M. Cameron.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Mrs. C. Kerr, Mrs. A. Martin.

Secretary (Acting) Mrs. H. B. Smith.

Treasurer Miss Bassett.

Visiting Committee Miss Anderson, Miss Badden.

Collector of Members' Subs. Mrs. H. B. Smith.

Harvest Field Secretary Mrs. H. Glover.

Maori Mission Birthday League . . . Mrs. E. Pumfrey.

Corresponding Member Miss Brown.

Busy Bees Miss D. Cappell, Miss Nan Troup.

Tea Convener Miss Howden.

Young Women's Evening Guild . . . Miss Hanchet.

Mothers' Meeting Mrs C. Kerr, Mrs A. Martin.

Relief Work Mrs. Brodie.

Sick Visiting Committee Mrs. M. Fraser.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS:

President: Rev. J. R. Blanchard.

Leaders: Miss P. Brodie.

Miss E. Thomson.

Secretary: Miss W. Norrie.

Treasurer: Miss A. McKay.

Committee:

Subject: Miss M. MacKenzie. **Social Service:** Miss I. Hermanns.
Prayer: Miss M. Gilliland. **Social:** Misses L. Bibby, M. Blanchard.
Look-out: Misses D. Lees, A. Herewea Club: Miss J. Brown.
Newtown, J. Rogers, M. Anderson. **Room:** Miss M. Ponder.
Missions: Misses M. Mitchell, M. **Library:** Misses M. Anderson, J.
Johnston, M. Ponder, D. Marshall.
Lees. **Outlook:** Miss J. Marshall.
Orphanage: Miss M. Johnston. **Sports:** Miss L. Kraft.

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

Leader: W. J. Ferguson, 3 Zohrab St., Hataitai, E. 2. Phone 54-332.

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Secretary: J. Holmes Miller, 10 Konini Road, Hataitai, E.2.
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Treasurer: F. Carruthers.

Conveners:

Look-out: J. Gregory, D. Fowler, **Athletic:** R. Jamieson.
J. Lemmon. **Social:** N. Jardine.
Bible Study: E. J. Macpherson. **Librarian:** D. Parsons.
Missions: A. G. Wren, J. C. **"Four Square":** J. Shaw.
Smaill. **Rooms:** H. B. Middleton.
Discussions: G. F. Vincent. **Organist:** E. M. Wall.
Social Service: I. S. Lowman.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

President: Rev. J. R. Blanchard.

Leader: Miss I. Troup, 5 Cluny Avenue.

Secretary: Miss J. Corkill, 319 Willis Street.

Treasurer: Miss M. Norrie, 10 Waipapa Terrace.

Committee:

Missions: J. MacDonald. **Rooms:** E. Fowler, N. McKenzie.
Social: N. Thompson, M. McNeill.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: E. D. Fickling.

Secretary: A. J. Fowler.

Treasurer: B. Corkill.

Committee:

Missions Convenor: B. Corkill. **Look-out Convenors:** R. McNeill,
Social and Athletic Convenor: N. Scott.
A. J. Fowler.

KIRK SESSION.

As those who would be numbered among them that abundantly utter the memory of the great goodness of their God, Session presents the 86th. Annual Report. It is a record of work faithfully done and activities zealously pursued by the various organisations of the congregation. Consequently, it displays a healthy and vigorous condition on the part of the different departments of christian endeavour in St. John's. This could not have been the result without much consecration and prayer on the part of many, and without the grace which God imparts to those who seek to serve Him. For this work of God among us we most earnestly thank Him, and most fervently pray that the grace of continuance may be so vouchsafed us for the year upon which we enter.

OUR MINISTER: A little over twelve years ago the Rev. J. R. Blanchard, in answer to our call arrived in Wellington from Australia to be our minister. Since the close of the Church year he has received a call from Adelaide and will be severing his connection with us. He has become so identified with the life of St. John's and this city that it is hard to realise that he is going. Without doubt he will be missed but we would congratulate him that he is going to a sphere where he will have equally great opportunities for his undoubted ability.

During the whole of his ministry in St. John's Mr Blanchard has maintained a very high standard of pulpit ministrations, characterised with a freshness and power of presentation which has helped to make real to many hearts the deep things of Christ and the gospel of his grace.

The broadcasts of Mr. Blanchard's Sunday services from St. John's and also his weekday services from 2.Y.A. have been highly appreciated throughout the Dominion. It will be a matter of keen regret to thousands when, with his departure for Adelaide, these helpful broadcasts cease to come over the air.

Mr. Blanchard has ever sought to maintain the position of St. John's in the community and the high place which she now enjoys is in no small measure due to his efforts.

As a pastor his visits to the infirm, the suffering and sorrowing have been greatly valued and a source of much consolation and blessing.

As would be expected, one in the position of minister of a church like St. John's would have to undertake obligations and

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duties outside the church, especially in connection with the church at large, as well as in the interests of the community. In all these Mr Blanchard has taken his full share and performed these duties and obligations with distinction.

Another outstanding feature of his labours has been the valuable assistance he has rendered to the Youth organisations of St. John's and the church at large. He has held in an unusual manner, the sympathy, loyalty and love of the young folk. The manner in which he conducted the Anniversary Services of the Sunday School will long be remembered by those privileged to be present. He was equally welcome at Bible Class meetings whenever he could be present.

In all great national issues, where the cause of righteousness was involved, his voice was clearly and effectively heard, making his influence felt beyond the bounds of St. John's.

During the past year our minister has officiated at 25 baptisms (including 6 adults), 36 funerals, and has made 546 pastoral calls; 82 marriages have been entered in the register of St. John's of which the minister conducted 74, the remainder being conducted by deputies in his absence.

Session would tender to Mr and Mrs Blanchard their sincere thanks for all they, by the Grace of God, have been enabled to accomplish here and to extend to them the best of wishes, and pray that upon them and their family the rich blessing of God may descend and abide in full measure in the days to come.

OUR OWN MISSIONARY: Throughout another year of war the Rev. George and Mrs. McNeur have completed their 37th. year of service in Canton, China. Session rejoices that their lives have been spared amid the thickening perils about them; sorrows with them over the frustrations caused by the hostilities raging round them; thanks God for the grace whereby, in company with their Chinese brethren and sisters, they have been able to turn their calamities into opportunities to commend the cause of Christ to the unbelieving; and calls the congregation to unyielding prayer for peace, based on truth and righteousness, in that stricken land. Session commends to the members of the congregation these words of Mr. McNeur: "I have heard nothing in China that would lead me to fear Chinese Christians might forget that Christ died for Japanese as well as for Chinese. On the contrary, I have often been amazed at their forgiving spirit when compared with what was familiar to us in our country during the war in Europe. Our

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Chinese brethren know that the real facts are hidden from the people of Japan, and so they pray 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do'".

SESSION MEMBERS: The strength of Session has been depleted during the year by the passing hence of Mr. J. Sclater, on 25th November, 1938.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTE TO LATE J. SCLATER.

Session records with deep sorrow the passing hence of one of its esteemed members in the person of Mr J. Sclater, Senr., who entered the fellowship of St. John's Church in the year 1897, and was ordained and inducted to the eldership in the year 1911.

During the forty-one years of his membership in St. John's and during the twenty-seven years of his eldership, he never failed of being a loyal and faithful servant of Christ and His Church. He was vacant from his place at public worship and at meetings of Session and of Managers, only when circumstances beyond his control prevented him. He attended to his various duties as an elder with painstaking care and exemplary fidelity, marked by a deep personal interest in the members of the district allotted him. It is symbolic of the character of his churchmanship that it was while arranging the communion cards, in preparation for their personal distribution to the members under his care that he was stricken down with the affliction from which he did not recover. His last earthly act was that of an elder.

Mr. Sclater's christian concern extended beyond the immediate church upon society. Philanthropic and humanitarian causes always had his sympathy and support. Such causes as the League of Nations Union, the Bible in Schools League, and the N.Z. Alliance ever found in him a ready follower. Never a man to seek prominence in the councils of such causes, he was nevertheless indefatigable in availing himself of every opportunity of quietly commending them to all with whom he came into contact.

To Mrs Sclater, her sons and daughters, Sessions extends its deepest sympathy and pray that, upheld by the comfort of God, they may be kept in His perfect peace, until they meet their loved one again, before the throne of God, where they serve Him day and night in His temple.

Mr. D. Highet, after election by the congregation, was duly inducted to a seat on the Session at the morning service on 28th. August, 1938. Mr. Highet has a fine record of service as an elder in Musselburgh, Dunedin. He is welcome to the Session of St. John's, in whose counsels and activities it is hoped that he will be spared to give many years of faithful and able service.

VISITATION BY PRESBYTERY: On Wednesday, June 21, 1939, the Presbytery of Wellington made its triennial visitation of the congregation. At the morning service of July 16, the Rev. J. S. Murray, M.A., preached and read the following finding:

"Presbytery, having heard the report of the Commission which visited St. John's Congregation gives thanks to God for the many tokens of His presence and blessing in the worship and work of that Congregation. Presbytery commends the Minister, the Rev. J. R. Blanchard, the Officebearers and Members for the able and diligent way in which the various departments of the Congregation's activities are being carried on. It expresses gratitude, in particular for the high standard of pulpit efficiency, the fine work among the young men and women, and the generous giving of the people to the wider schemes of the whole Church; and acknowledges the valuable contribution which is being made by this Congregation to the religious life of the Community. Presbytery recognises the increasing difficulties which surround the Congregation owing to the steady drift of the population to the suburbs, reminds all members that the Grace of God is sufficient for every new contingency which may arise, and encourages them to work and worship together in hope and faith and love. Finally, Presbytery commends Minister, Officebearers, and people to the God and Father of us all, praying that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, persevering therein faithfully until they come at last to the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

COMMUNION ROLL: The Communion Roll has received the attention of Session during the year. The effective roll number on the 30th June, 1939 was 713.

Admissions during the year were:—By Profession of Faith 29, on Certificate 48—Total 77.

Removals:—By death 13, by disjunction and removals 120. Total 133.

COMMUNION SERVICES: For the first time in many years a decrease in attendance at Holy Communion is recorded. This is due to the fact that weather of extreme inclemency marked the Communion Sundays. In addition to that, the winter's epidemic of influenza and colds also took its toll of attendance. How severe these difficulties were may be judged from the fact that the December Communion was the lowest since September 1931 and the average for the year was the lowest since 1932, when the Dominion was struggling with the Depression. The figures for the last five years are:

	Sept.	Dec.	March.	June.	Average.
1934-1935	496	511	496	513	504
1935-1936	517	528	484	546	518

1936-1937	476	530	550	546	525
1937-1938	550	575	555	519	549
1938-1939	530	444	507	457	485

At the close of the evening service on September 4, 1938, a special service of Holy Communion was held for past and present members of the Young Men's Bible Class as a Consecration in connection with their Jubilee. The Elders who assisted the Minister in serving the elements were all old boys of the Class. The attendance was 67. A service of Holy Communion was also held in the Church at the request of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, to mark the opening of their Annual Convention on 17th March, 1939. The attendance was 119.

MID-WEEK SERVICES: From July to December and from March 6 to June 30, with very few interruptions, the mid-week services have been held. This hour of prayer and Bible Study has been as a well of water to those who attended, and through them the whole Church must have been strengthened to some small extent. Beginning last year and continuing until May 1939, Mr. Blanchard took for the subject of his addresses the Book of Hosea and the studies were particularly interesting and inspiring. On the completion of these studies the Prayers of St. Paul was the title of the new series of addresses. Prayer and Bible Study are foundation stones of the Church and in this mid-week service they are well and truly laid; but too few are there to benefit and in consequence the Church is weaker than she need be.

SPECIAL SERVICES: During the year His Excellency the Governor-General has worshipped in St. John's from time to time and has read the lessons. The Red Cross Brigade paraded at the morning service of August 7th; and on the evening of the same day a Memorial Service was held to the late Mr. J. Maughan Barnett, for many years organist of St. John's. The Wellington Choral Union attended this service and, conducted by Mr. Stanley Oliver, rendered two Russian Chorales as a tribute to one who had been their conductor for many years. The Annual United Broadcast Service for Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges was held on the evening of August 14th., when the Principals of the Colleges read the lessons and the Chaplain of Scots College (Rev. P. J. Wainwright) offered the prayers. The Bible Class Diamond Jubilee Service was held on the evening of August 28th. This service was broadcast and the Rev. J. S. Murray M.A., of Kelburn, who was assisted by the Rev. H. Davies, of Canton, both Old Boys of the Class, was the preacher. The lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Ferguson,

the present, and Mr J. S. Butler, a past leader of the Bible Class. Sunday School Anniversary Services were held on September 25th., when Rev. H. Gilbert, of Hamilton, was the preacher. Once again the children delighted large congregations with their special singing. St. Margaret Day Service was held on the morning of November 13th, when the Principal, Miss Irene Wilson, M.A., and the Head Prefect, Miss Beatrice Hutchison, read the Lessons. This service was marked by outstanding choral work on the part of the Queen Margaret College Choir, trained by Miss Hirst. On the evening of the same day, a special service was held in connection with Scots College, when the newly designated Principal, Mr. K. Glasgow, M.A., M.Sc., gave an address entitled "Religion and Education." On December 18th., at the evening service, the Choir rendered excerpts from the "Messiah" and the Rt. Rev. H. St. Barbe Holland, Anglican Bishop of Wellington, preached, conveying the Christmas greetings of his Church to the Presbyterian Church. On the evening of March 5th, at the request of the Victoria University College Association and by arrangement of the Student Christian Movement, a largely attended service was held to mark the opening of the University Session, 1939. Hospital Sunday was observed on May 14th., when nurses in uniform from the various hospitals attended a Florence Nightingale Commemoration Service, and Dr. Cairney, Director of Medical Services, read the Lessons. On the evening of April 2, the Choir rendered the Easter Meditation "The Story of the Cross" (Stainer) and on Good Friday morning a suitable service was held.

VISITING MINISTERS: During the year our public worship has been conducted by Very Rev. Dr. R. C. Gillie, M.A., D.C.L. (London), Very Rev. Dugald MacFarlane, D.D. (Ex Moderator Church of Scotland), Dr. Ralph Harlow, (Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, U.S.A.), Rev. Prof. J. A. Allan, M.A., (Knox College), Revs. J. D. McLennan Wilson, (New Plymouth), J. S. Murray, (Kelburn), H. Davies, M.A., (Canton), A. E. Hunt, Les. Rothwell, (Sheffield), J. M. McKenzie, B.A., LL.B. (Assistant Director of Missions), L. A. North, M.A. (Baptist Church), Mr. Victor Jones, B.Sc., (Y.M.C.A.) and Mr. W. Gillanders, B.A., (Oakland, California, U.S.A.). We are also indebted to Revs. J. S. Murray, M.A., P. J. Wainwright, and Brian Kilroy, M.A. for conducting the Mid-week Service in the Minister's absence.

SERVICE OF PRAISE: Under the leadership of the Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. W. Lawrence Haggitt, F.T.C.L., L.R.S.M. (Lond.), the service of praise is maintained on that high level for which St. John's is noted. The Revised Hymnary, introduced last year, is gradually winning its way in our public worship, and already some new tunes have greatly endeared themselves to the

congregation. The choral work of the Choir, rendered with balanced artistry and devotion, continues to make an attractive and helpful contribution to the atmosphere of worship in the regular services. At the present moment the Choir stands in need of additional members, especially in the bass part. Session appeals to the congregation to render the Choir the assistance which is thus needed. It is a real service of God to take one's part in leading the song of the Household of God, and it is hoped that those who are able to do so will give themselves to it.

STUDENTS: The Presbyterian boarders at Wellington College still continue to worship with us at the morning service. Their regular attendance and their reverent participation in the worship of the Sanctuary is a feature of the Sunday services which Session is particularly pleased to note. It is also a pleasure to record that not a few have sought preparation for Communion and have been duly admitted to the participation of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: During the year a change was made in the time of meeting of the Sunday School, from Sunday afternoon to Sunday morning. The Sunday School now comes into the Church for the opening exercises and then retires to the Sunday School. Session welcomes the presence of the children in the gallery on a Sunday morning.

LITERATURE: Owing to financial difficulties, the Managers found it necessary to discontinue the "Review." This is to be regretted, as this monthly was meeting a need and an appreciable number miss it. The Bookrack in the vestibule continues to be managed by the Senior Young Men's Bible Class, as does also the "Wayside Pulpit." Both these avenues of disseminating the knowledge and inspiration of the deeper things of life are useful instruments whereby the Church fulfils her function in the community. The most notable publication of the year was the Jubilee Booklet of the Young Men's Bible Class, who are to be congratulated upon both the attractive format of the booklet and the inspiring history which it contains. It is commended to all who have not yet seen and read it.

INTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP: The Annual Bowling match between the men of St. John's and Kelburn Church resulted this year in a win for St. John's. The Harrier Club continues to draw the members of the various Young Men's Bible Classes together. Their weekly runs, whatever the weather, and the hospitality extended them by the various Churches form very happy occasions for valuable fellowship.

OBITUARY: During the year 13 of our members have passed away (see page 37). When members of such long standing and so fine a record of faithful and zealous service are taken, they are greatly missed. Special mention of the late Mrs. Christina Moore is made in the extract minute from the Senior Y.W.B.C. below. While their passing leaves gaps in our ranks, however, it strengthens the Church Invisible and the Church Visible finds her communion with the saints enriched accordingly. To the loved ones thus bereaved Session extends its sympathy, with the prayer that, in the comfort of God, they may be kept mindful of the time when the day shall break and all shadows flee away.

MEMORIAL MINUTE TO LATE MRS. CHRISTIANA MOORE.

Y.W.B.C.

"The Leader and members of St. John's Senior Y.W.B.C. desire to place on record their deep and sincere appreciation of the services rendered the work of Christ by Mrs. Christina Moore who as Miss C. Troup was the first Leader of the Class from approximately 1890 to 1898. Mrs. Moore's work was marked by a deep spiritual insight and a gracious manner which enabled her to win the confidence of the girls entrusted to her care, and lead them to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. The standard she set, the ideals she established and her devotion to Christ still live as the abiding influence of her Leadership. Her memory will be held in reverence and affection by the many who passed through her class and who desire to give God thanks for the great work which, through Him, she accomplished for St. John's Church and the Bible Class Movement."

St. John's Senior Y.W.B.C., Signed: E. M. Brodie, Leader.
Wellington. 6th March, 1939. W. Norrie, Secretary.

THANKS: To all whose devotion under God has made the following reports possible, Session extends its grateful appreciation. Thanks are also extended to Messrs. Fletcher Bros., for again providing the platform for the Sunday School Anniversary; and to the Press and the National Broadcasting Service for consistent and helpful courtesies to St. John's throughout the year. Special thanks are extended to the ladies who provide and arrange the beautiful flowers at the Communion table for every Sunday.

CONCLUSION: To all who unite in the worship of God in St. John's the Session sends Christian greetings, commending each one to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build us up, and to give us an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

During the year the Board has given careful attention to those matters coming within its functions. Ten meetings were held under the able chairmanship of Mr. F. S. Pope, the average attendance of the Board members being ten.

The Church Review, which made contact with a large number of our members and adherents, ceased publication during the year owing to difficulties in regard to finance.

The Board gave the necessary leave of absence to Messrs A. L. Wail, J. R. Marshall and I. D. Stevenson, who are at present visiting the Homeland and expressed the wish that these gentlemen might have a pleasant holiday.

The members of the Board joined with the Elders in presenting an oak chair and table to the Women's Association as an expression of appreciation of the work of the Association.

Representatives of the Board met with a committee of the Elders and discussed the question of improving the furnishings of the church. On receipt of additional information the matter is to receive further consideration.

Members of the Board are allotted duties at the church door during each month and those who are unable to undertake this necessary duty are urged to arrange for a substitute and advise the convenor for the month.

FINANCE: The usual Statements of Accounts are given as an appendix to this report.

During the year a campaign took place for an increase of subscribers to the Envelope System, meeting with a fair measure of success. Although still far below the number there should be, the contributors to this system now total 150 out of a membership roll of approximately 700 and this without taking into account the large number of adherents. The results accruing from even this relatively small increase is yet another illustration which proves that the weekly free-will envelope system of contribution is the ideal method of providing regular and systematic church revenue and of securing a stable and secure basis of finance. The aim of the Board is to secure at least 500 members to this system but it is a long uphill endeavour.

This year the satisfactory fact emerges that, compared with last year, envelope contributions show an increase of £132. Plate collections, however, are down £69 and seat rents down £14, but the net result is an increase under these three headings of £49. This increase would have been considerably greater had the attendances not shown a rather serious decline during the period under review.

The individual average contribution to both envelope and plate again show an increase which counter-balances to some extent the reduced congregations.

Expenditure has again been given close attention and shows a material reduction on that of last year. Thus for the first time for many years, the Board is able to show on the year's operations a credit balance of some £50, which however, is already earmarked towards the cost of various improvements which have been under consideration for some time.

The amount raised from all sources towards payment of our Assembly Budget Assessment was practically the same as last year. The Women's Association, Sunday School and Bible Classes were again well to the fore and their successful mission efforts deserve commendation. The amount of our Budget Assessment for next year is £598 and to raise this sum in full will require a sustained effort over the whole twelve months and not only during the last few weeks of the church year.

The annual Thanksgiving Appeal, which was observed as usual on the last Sunday in June and which this year was entirely in aid of missions, realised £110 12s from 178 contributors as against £199 last year from 247 contributors. Late contributions amounting to £11 18s were subsequently received from 16 donors.

On the whole we have much to be thankful for, especially for that faithful section of our members and adherents who cheerfully give regularly and systematically, according to their means.

Our financial requirements for the ensuing year (1939-1940) are shown on the inside cover of this Annual Report. Should any member or adherent of the Congregation desire further information on any point, it will gladly be given by the Hon. Treasurer, the Chairman of the Finance Committee (Mr. Malcolm Fraser) or any member of the Board of Management.

Mr. H. K. Douglas, who has acted as our Hon. Auditor for some years past, being on a holiday visit abroad, we have pleasure in expressing our thanks and appreciation to Mr. I. G. Lythgoe, M.Com., A.R.A. (N.Z.) and to Mr. N. G. Robertson, A.R.A. (N.Z.), who kindly gave their services as Auditors this year.

CHOIR REPORT.

At 30th June, 1939, the roll stands at 32, including 17 sopranos, 8 altos, 4 tenors and 3 basses.

For the Easter Service 1939, "The Story of the Cross," by Stainer, was sung. On two occasions the choir gallery was occupied by the pupils of Queen Margaret College and by the Junior Bible Class members. It is interesting to note that for the period

January 1938 to June 1939, 45 morning anthems and 53 evening anthems were sung—a total of 98 anthems including 62 separate works.

On 4th May 1939 when 23 members of the Choir were present, a rather unique function took place when eight recordings of hymns were taken at the request of the authorities of a local Mortuary Chapel. A donation of £3 3s. was subsequently made to the Choir funds.

Music to the value of £1 8s. 4d. was purchased from the Choir funds and a set of 36 copies of "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte was kindly donated by Mr. Haggitt.

The Annual Picnic for 1939 was held on the 25th February at Karehana Bay, Plimmerton, and a very happy time was passed by the members who attended.

The Annual Social was held on 4th August, 1938, when the Choir members were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wall at their home at Seatoun Heights.

A farewell supper was tendered to Dr. A. E. Fieldhouse on 4th May, 1939, prior to his transfer to Christchurch.

We take this opportunity of recording our grateful thanks to our President, Rev. J. R. Blanchard, for the inspiration of his ministry and our sincere regret at his projected departure for Adelaide.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Owing to the better average attendance this year due to morning Sunday School, we were able to increase our donations to Missions. This consisted of the whole of the children's offertories throughout the year and amounted to £25.

It was decided to separate the Annual Concert from the Anniversary and so lighten the task of all taking part, and because many of the children are studying harder towards the end of the year. The concert was held before Easter and much bright talent was displayed.

This year's Presbytery Assembly Examination showed a falling off in the standard of work, which was due to the more limited time for the lesson period. On the other hand the children are being taken to church regularly and, we hope, taught to cultivate the habit of church attendance and reverence.

We wish to place on record our appreciation of the work of those who found it necessary to relinquish their work for the Sunday School during the year. Miss N. Troup has given years of splendid service both in the Primary Department and as Cradle Roll Superin-

tendent. Miss Paton and Miss Cormack also left; the latter to be married, and she has our best wishes for a happy married life.

It was our pleasure to welcome a new and efficient teacher, Miss G. Matthews.

The Cradle Roll, under the superintendentship of Miss E. MacKenzie and her staff of willing helpers, held a most successful afternoon reception to its members and their mothers. Toys and games served to break down the shyness of these small people and afternoon tea at tables and chairs of suitable size seemed to complete the enjoyment of what was to many their first party.

The Hopkirk Memorial Prize was this year presented for word perfect Catechism. Four girls and one boy earned this.

We gratefully acknowledge the support given by the Bible Classes at our special services during the year and our thanks to Mr. Pumfrey for his usual loyal assistance at the anniversary and his training of the children.

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

The year just ended shows a membership of 31 active and 50 honorary members.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to all those who have suffered bereavement during the year, and with great regret we record from amongst our own membership the following:—Mrs. C. S. Moore, Mrs. E. W. Vear, and Mrs. J. W. Thompson.

In the early part of the year, the Association held its meetings weekly, the second Tuesday in each month for P.W.M.U. and the fourth Tuesday for Association business. All other Tuesdays were reserved for sewing. Later in the year, the sewing meetings were discontinued on account of the small attendances and because the amount of sewing was likely to be restricted on account of a change in the allocation of the special collections taken at Communion services. Formerly these collections were handed to the Women's Association, but it was decided by the Board of Managers that they should be paid into a special fund, from which disbursements would be made on application to the Board for necessitous cases.

It was then felt that some change should be made in the nature of the meetings, so as to increase the attendance and create fresh interest in the work of the Association. A meeting was therefore convened at which it was decided that the fourth Tuesday should be more in the nature of a social gathering, and that members, relieved from the necessity of sewing, could turn their attention to such duties as sick visiting and any other activities which might supplement the efforts of the minister and office-bearers.

The policy of freewill giving, adopted in the last financial year, in place of the sale of work, has again proved successful, not only from a financial point of view, but also on account of the increased opportunities for social intercourse provided at the afternoons held for the purpose of receiving contributions to the mission funds.

A pleasing function at the last annual Church meeting was the presentation of a handsome Presidential chair and table to the Women's Association by the Minister and office-bearers of the Church, to mark the Jubilee of the Association's work which had been celebrated on August 10th, 1937. The presentation was made by the Rev. J. R. Blanchard, and the President of the Women's Association, Mrs. J. M. Wilson, in accepting the gift, thanked the donors and assured them of the continued interest and co-operation of the women of the congregation in all matters affecting the welfare of the Church.

Another gift in the form of a beautiful reading desk for use at the meetings of the Association and the Mothers' meetings was made by Mr. J. Hunter and handed over by Mrs. Hunter. The Association deeply appreciates the thought that prompted this gift.

The attendance at the monthly meetings of the P.W.M.U. has been well maintained. We are grateful to the following speakers for interesting and inspiring addresses given by them:—Mrs. J. Gilmour, Sister Eliot, Miss A. Kirkwood, Mrs. Sedgwick, Mrs. O. E. Burton, Rev. J. R. Blanchard. The monthly letters from the Mission Fields were read and appreciated.

The direction of the work of the Busy Bees is in the capable hands of Miss D. Chappell, and they have given valuable help in the cause of Missions. They have also undertaken the work previously carried on by our Philatelic Secretary.

Mrs. Marshall is in charge of the Maori Mission Birthday League, the number of contributors being 102, and the amount collected being £5 19s. 6d.

We are deeply indebted to Mrs. H. Glover for her faithful work in the distribution of the "Harvest Field." Subscribers number 71, and the amount of the subscriptions £5 6s. 6d.

Misses Anderson and Badden still undertake the valuable and important work of visiting new members.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Brodie for her willing and faithful work in visiting the homes of needy families, and relieving necessitous cases.

Mrs. C. Kerr and Mrs. A. Martin are in charge of the Mothers' Meetings, and their devotion to this work is evidenced by the regular attendance, and appreciation shown by those amongst whom they work.

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Christmas parcels were distributed as usual, and these seasonable gifts were most acceptable to the recipients.

During the year 76 garments and 18 pairs of stockings were sent to the Orphanages. We are grateful to Mrs. Glen of New Plymouth for knitting the latter.

We are pleased to record the continued interest and co-operation of the Evening Guild in our Mission Work. The younger women of the Congregation deeply appreciate the opportunities for service provided by this very active organisation.

The Association again records its thanks to all those who have assisted in its work in any way during the year, and especially to our Minister for his guidance and encouragement at all times.

We also thank our honorary Auditor, Mr. R. Fleming, for the efficient manner in which he has again carried out his duties.

YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENING GUILD.

The membership of the Evening Guild is being well maintained. Actually there is a slight increase, the number on the roll as at 30/6/39 being 49, which includes three active members who do not attend our work meetings. Eight work meetings were held and the average attendance was 28. The meetings were held in the homes of various church members, and the following ladies were hostesses: Mrs. J. R. Blanchard, Mrs. J. H. MacKenzie (twice), Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Misses Anderson, Halliwell and Hanchet. This warm-hearted hospitality is much appreciated by members, for they know how much it contributes to the life and well-being of the Guild, and they take this opportunity to record their sincere thanks.

Opening devotions and vespers have been conducted at each meeting and the missionary significance of the work has been kept before members by the reading of letters from some of our missionaries in the different Mission Fields.

During the year the Guild has interested itself in the Island Bay Girls' Home and the Junior Home at Berhampore, several Home Mission Stations, and the Maori Mission at Taumarunui. In September 1938, 44 garments for night wear were despatched to the above-mentioned Orphanages. At Christmas time nine Home Mission Manses, representing 45 individuals, were remembered, while in June of this year four large sacks of new and used clothing and other necessities were sent to Sister Alison of the Maori Mission at Taumarunui.

During the period under review, the sum of £21 16s. was collected through the Guild and handed over to the Women's Association.

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tion towards their Direct Giving Scheme for the Mission work of the Church.

It is with deep feeling that members record their appreciation of the personal interest taken by our Minister in the affairs of the Guild. We are grateful that he has surrendered some of his valued time to be present at the latter part of some of our meetings. We would also express our pleasure that Mrs. Blanchard has been able to join us on more than one occasion. We desire too, to record our sincere thanks to the President of the Women's Association, Mrs. J. M. Wilson, for her unflagging interest in the Guild and her kindly leadership of all our meetings.

It is with humble and thankful hearts that we have recorded our activities over the past twelve months. Our gatherings have been marked by a strong fellowship and we are grateful for the opportunity of thus meeting together. We look forward with much pleasure to another year of useful work and friendly companionship.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

We look back upon the past year of our life as a Class with feelings of gratitude for the rich experiences that have been ours. The dominant feature of this report must necessarily be the Class Jubilee celebrations, which were held in August, 1938.

We know the Bible Class Movement to be a magnificent organisation with untold and untried possibilities and the experiences of this past year have shown us with renewed clarity how well and wisely were the foundations laid.

We feel conscious of the challenge presented to us by the Four-square Ideal of our fellowship and in what follows we set down what we can of the ways in which we are trying to meet this challenge, but we know there is much yet to be done.

ADMINISTRATION.

LEADERSHIP.—Mr. W. J. Ferguson has continued as our leader and we gratefully acknowledge his unselfish and untiring devotion to the Class.

Mr. J. R. Marshall, after serving the Class as Secretary for a record period has in the past year been our Sub-leader, and in this capacity has rendered very effective service.

Our Minister and President, Rev. J. R. Blanchard, has been an inspiration to us through his sermons and the ready support he gives all our undertakings. We heartily congratulate Mr. and Mrs.

Blanchard upon their recent completion of twelve years' ministry amongst us, but regret that we are soon to be bereft of their valuable services.

THE COMMITTEE.—The work of the class has been well carried out by the conveners in their various portfolios. The average attendance at committee meetings was good.

CHURCH WORK.—A number of our members are actively engaged in Church work outside the Class; on the Session and Board of Managers, the Bible Class District Committee, in the Sunday School, on the Boys' Institute Committee, the Youth Committee of the Council of Religious Education, and of the Presbytery Youth Committee and the Public Questions Committee.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

Early in 1938 a Committee of Old Boys and present members was set up to organise the celebrations. The Class set about collecting the names and addresses of Old Boys in the form of an alphabetical card index. Old Minute Books, Roll Books and other available records were searched and various Old Boys supplied lists of names from memory. In all 450 Old Boys were contacted but it is estimated that about 2000 have passed through the Class.

Three circulars were sent out to Old Boys and others interested in June, July and August respectively, and the final circular included a personal letter from Sir George Troup. Advertisements were placed in prominent newspapers and a radio announcement was arranged. We are also indebted to the Editors of "The Outlook" and "Foursquare" for considerable publicity. Both of these publications featured special articles about our Class Jubilee.

A full and comprehensive history of the Class was written and published at 2/6 per copy in an attractive form containing 49 pages of reading matter and eight pages of illustrations.

Moving pictures showing typical scenes from a Class meeting, the Class athletic sports and views of the Tennis Club Christmas party and the Jubilee "At Home" were taken.

THE JUBILEE BANQUET: The first function was the banquet held in the Church Hall on Saturday evening, 27th August. About 110 were present and it was a very successful evening.

A Jubilee cake was cut by Mr. C. S. Moore, a life Honorary Leader, after the 50 candles had been lit by various representatives of the Old Boys and present members.

THE JUBILEE CLASS MEETING: The founder and life Honorary Leader of the Class, Sir George Troup, occupied the chair at this meeting, which was attended by 180 past and present members and which lasted for over three hours. The meeting

followed the procedure which has been used in the Class since the early days. The paper on "The Fundamentals of a B.C. Movement" was read by the Rev. Herbert Davies, and was followed by a long discussion.

Presentations were made to Sir George Troup and Mr. C. S. Moore at the meeting. The Jubilee Class Meeting of August 28th will live long in the memory of those present as a most impressive gathering.

A buffet tea was served in the Classroom after the meeting.

THE JUBILEE CHURCH SERVICE: This was held on Sunday evening, August 28th, in St. John's Church, and was broadcast from 2YA, enabling Old Boys scattered throughout New Zealand and Australia to listen in. The preacher was the Rev. J. S. Murray, M.A., an Old Boy and former Secretary of the Class. The prayers were offered by the Rev. Herbert Davies, M.A., also an Old Boy, and the readings were given by Mr. J. S. Butler, a former leader, and Mr. W. J. Ferguson, the present leader. A large gathering of Old Boys and present members occupied the centre block of seats in the Church.

THE JUBILEE "AT HOME": This very pleasant function was held in the Church Hall, the classroom being too small to accommodate the 250 guests. Good fellowship abounded.

A gift of a handsome Bible was received by the Class from the Young Women's Class and its life members, and is now used for devotions at our Class Meetings. A gift of the volume, "The Bible Designed to be Read as Literature," from the Sunday School, was also received and it is now in our Social Room, available to be read in the leisure moments of Class members.

The screening of the films depicting various aspects of Class life was a highlight of the evening.

THE SERVICE OF CONSECRATION: On Sunday evening, September 4th, a service was held in St. John's Church at which Old Boys and members consecrated themselves for the work ahead. The service was followed by communion and was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Blanchard. This made a fitting conclusion to a series of functions which will form a landmark in the history of the Bible Class Movement and were an inspiration to all who were privileged to attend them.

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE SCHEME: During the course of the Jubilee Class Meeting, Sir George Troup made an appeal for the establishment of a Young Men's Institute in St. John's, and for funds for the erection of a suitable building to house it. The sum of approximately £400 was promised for this purpose by those present.

SALE OF GIFT OF LAND: A section of land in Willis Street presented by Sir George and Lady Troup has been sold and the nett proceeds, £1030, handed over to the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees to be held in trust until the Class is ready to proceed with the erection of the Institute.

THE WORK.

MEMBERSHIP: The work of keeping in touch with members by personal contact, by letter and by telephone, has been steadily carried out and the attendance at Sunday afternoon meetings except for a decrease toward the latter part of 1938, has remained fairly constant.

The personnel of the class has changed considerably. In particular a number of older members have left Wellington, some for overseas. It is pleasing to report that these members are still interested in the movement and that many are actively engaged in Bible Class work.

The roll number at the beginning of the year was 59 and at the end of the year 52, the average being 56. The yearly average attendance was 32.3. Several new members have recently joined the Class from the ranks of the Junior Y.M.B.C. For several months there has been quite a large number of names on the Probable Members' roll.

DISCUSSIONS: The subjects taken during the year covered a wide range. As usual the syllabus for each six months was printed, being compiled from suggestions of class members. Four group studies were held and proved successful. By way of an innovation a debate was held on one Sunday. Two mission studies were also included in the Syllabus.

The Class adjourned for the Sunday School promotion day service and a rally was attended, the speaker being Mr. Henry Holmes, a former Wellington Y.M.C.A. Secretary.

Discussions are entered into by a good proportion of the Class but many members have not yet seized the opportunity of expressing themselves aloud.

BIBLE STUDY: For eight weeks during July and August of 1938 a study group was held from five to six on Thursday evenings. The Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians was studied and proved a helpful course to all who attended. The average attendance was not large.

A prayer meeting is held in the vestry each Sunday for fifteen minutes before Class. The combined prayer meeting continues to be held on the first Sunday of each month.

For two Sundays in March 1939 our Minister, the Rev. J. R. Blanchard, gave very helpful Bible Studies covering the book of Malachi.

The annual Bible Class day of prayer was observed by the Class using the prescribed Order of Service.

MISSIONS: The amounts collected during the year are as follows:—Travelling Secretary and Foreign, £47 11s. 1d.; Boys' Institute, £1; New Hebrides, 6s.; Maori, 6s.; Church Home, 6s.; Orphanage, £1 15s. 2d. Total, £51 4s. 3d. At the end of March there were 48 contributors, the average contribution being £1 1s. 4d.

SOCIAL SERVICE: Regular visits were made to the Boys' Institute for the first six months of the year to assist in leading the boys at games evenings. With additions to the regular games leaders the assistance of the class has not been latterly required.

Two of our members occupy the leadership of the Boys' Institute Bible Class, where the average attendance is about 20.

The Bible Class District Committee now organises games evenings at the Boys' Orphanage, Berhampore, different classes being responsible for this in turn. The regular visits made by the St. John's Class last year have accordingly ceased, except when our turn comes along.

FOURSQUARE: The number of subscribers to "Foursquare" is now 45, of which 28 are present class members, the remainder being Old Boys and supporters. Class notes have appeared from time to time during the year and at the time of the Jubilee considerable space was devoted to the activities of the Class.

LIBRARY: During the year the library has been used by some members with great benefit, but there are many who do not make as much use of this facility as they might. The position regarding outstanding borrowed books has improved lately but there are some still long overdue. During the year a copy of Mr. T. W. Reece's book on New Zealand Cricket was presented to the Class by the author, and we gratefully acknowledge this gift.

ROOMS.—Our class rooms are in quite good condition. The appreciation of the Class is due to the Church Officer for his kindness and attention. During the year an enlarged copy of the class photograph was hung. New curtains and two new cushions have also been acquired for the Social Room. The telephone has been installed in the Social Room and stationery is now available there for the convenience of members.

SOCIAL: During the year thirteen social functions were organised by the Social Committee. Six regular meetings of the Social Club were held, the most popular being the games evening. A combined tea attended by 63 and two Committee teas for new-

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comers at which the average attendance was 22, were held. A tea was given by the Committee for the Young Women's Committee and others who helped at the Jubilee. The Class banquet, at which the Class films were shown, was attended by 38 members. The Rev. Lex Kernohan was the guest speaker, and several other class supporters and Old Boys attended. One large social, attended by 62, was held.

ATHLETIC.

SATURDAY NIGHT CLUB: This Club was not particularly well supported during the winter of 1938. Towards the end of the season, however, some good practice was indulged in, as a result of which success came our way in the Handball at the indoor games tournament.

BADMINTON CLUB: This winter game has, during 1938, probably had its most popular season. Both membership and attendance were good. Matches with other classes and a handicap tournament were highlights of the season.

FOOTBALL: A team was entered for the District seven-a-side tournament.

HARRIERS: The class was well represented and several members were Committee men and prominent runners in the Presbyterian Harrier Club. The Class retained the Martin Shield for the 1938 season.

CRICKET: The team during the past summer played in the Junior B2 grade and finished in a strong position.

TENNIS: Again a very successful season was enjoyed by a large membership. The Christmas party and a treasure hunt at the end of the season were the most popular events.

SWIMMING: Several members took part in the District Swimming Sports.

ATHLETICS: The Class began the year by holding the inter-B.C. banner, the District Shield and the Easter Camp Cup. However, the District Shield has now been lost to the Kelburn Class and the Easter Camp Cup to St. James'. Several of our members run on the track in summer.

CAMPS: The Class camp, again held at Moonshine on Anniversary Day week-end, was a great success. It was attended by 29 members. The District Easter Camp at Waikanae was attended by 12 Class members.

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: In the Class there are 45 communicant members. Seven joined the Church during the year—three by profession of faith and four by certificate.

LIFE MEMBERS: At the annual meeting held in April, 1938, Mr. W. J. Ferguson and Mr. R. D. Moore were elected life members of the Class.

NEWS BULLETIN: During the year a News Bulletin dealing with Class affairs and giving advance information about class activities has been sent out to members and prospective members approximately once a month.

SUGGESTED B.C. CENTENNIAL RALLY: At the Jubilee Class meeting Sir George Troup put forward the suggestion of a National Bible Class rally in Wellington during the exhibition times as a witness of our strength.

VALEDICTORY: On four separate occasions during the year we gathered for an after church supper to bid farewell to a prominent class member. The four stalwarts to whom we reluctantly had to say good-bye were Messrs. R. D. Moore, J. P. Brodie, J. R. Marshall and I. D. Stevenson. Presentations were made to each of these loyal members. Both Mr. Marshall and Mr. Stevenson, who have gone abroad for nine months, are to attend the Christian Youth Conference to be held at Amsterdam.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS: We wish to sincerely thank all other organisations who have worked with us in the past and we hope that our happy co-operation may continue. In particular do we wish to place on record our indebtedness to the Young Ladies' Class and other friends for their assistance in connection with the Jubilee celebrations.

CONCLUSION: The past year has been both an end and a beginning. Fifty years of good work by our predecessors culminated in an inspiring Jubilee. At the same time we of the present are setting out on another stage of the journey, and conscious of our own weakness we look forward to the future, knowing that God's guidance will be given to us.

J. H. MILLER,
Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS.

We gratefully and humbly acknowledge the way our Class has been guided and used by God during the past year. We feel we have much to be thankful for in the opportunities we have had for spiritual development, in studying Christ's teaching, in discussing our own problems in the light thereof, in fellowship and social life and in opportunities given for helping others in practical ways.

MEMBERSHIP: There were 58 members on the roll at June 30th, 48 of whom are Presbyterian communicants and six members of other churches. The average attendance is 31.7.

SUBJECT: The Senior Interdenominational Syllabus, "In His Steps" is used at our Sunday meetings and contains very practical studies on the life and teaching of Jesus, a section on the Epistle to the Romans and another on "Christianity in the World To-day." We have also attended three rallies, had several visiting speakers, a Question Box and a Journal Sunday.

PRAYER: A large number of girls attend the combined monthly prayer meeting and members are responsible for taking the Time of Quiet each Sunday at Class.

MISSIONS: We hear of the work of our various representatives through their letters forwarded by District Committee and correspond also with Mrs. McNeur. Parcels of toys were sent to the Maori Field and a peggy square quilt is being sent to China. The total amount allocated to Missions this year was £35, all the result of direct giving.

SOCIAL SERVICE: The family in which we are specially interested has been visited regularly and groceries, fruit, etc., provided. The total collected for this purpose was £14 15s. We were responsible for the Christmas service at the Ohiro Home and we are assured that our contacts with the girls at the Borstal Institute are very worthwhile.

ORPHANAGE: The annual payment of £5 was made for the John Boal Memorial Cot and members have assisted with the sale of St. Andrew's Day concert tickets and Orphanage calendars.

SOCIAL AND SPORTS: The various social functions offer excellent opportunity for members to get to know each other. Our annual banquet, regular club evenings, combined social clubs, socials

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and teas have all proved popular and both tennis and badminton clubs are well supported. The combined classes again succeeded in winning the banner at the Interdenominational Competitions.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE: Whenever possible we give our support to the schemes and undertakings of the District Committee and 15 members attended the Easter Camp at Levin.

GENERAL.

CHRISTMAS PLAY: In December the Class produced the Christmas play, "The Crown of Light."

JUBILEE: The time for the celebration of our Class Jubilee is not far distant—October 1942—and we have started in a small way to build up a special fund for this.

MEMORIAL MINUTE: It is with regret that we place on record the passing of the late Mrs. Christina Moore, the first leader of St. John's Y.W.B.C. A memorial minute has been incorporated in our records in appreciation of her character and leadership.

LIFE MEMBER: We were proud to add yet another name, Miss R. E. Nichols, to our roll of life members, which now stands at six. Miss Nichols was honoured at a social evening, when a presentation was made from past and present members of Junior and Senior Classes.

JUNIOR LEADER: On the retirement of Miss Nichols, the leadership of the Junior Class was taken over by Ina Troup. We are glad that in our ranks was one ready and willing to undertake this work and wish her success and happiness.

APPRECIATION.—OUR MINISTER: We wish to record our appreciation of Mr. Blanchard's practical interest in the Class and of the help and encouragement we derive from his pulpit ministry and visits to our Class meetings. To both Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard we offer our congratulations on their completion of twelve years ministry at St. John's and our best wishes for the future.

OUR LEADERS: Behind all that is reported here is something that we take too much for granted—the devoted and untiring service of our Leaders. We wish to express to them our sincere thanks for all their help and friendship and to assure them of our co-operation and loyalty.

We are grateful too, to Mr. Howitt for making contact with young people at the church door; also to our church officer, Mr. Thompson, for all his helpfulness throughout the year.

CLASS EXTENSION: The year has brought a vision of a widening of Class work made possible by an offer from Sir George Troup of approximately £300 to start a fund for the purpose of acquiring a fellowship room for the use of members for study and recreation. His offer was gratefully accepted and as a first step past and present members have been circularised with an appeal for their financial support, while other means of augmenting the fund are under consideration. This is undoubtedly the biggest undertaking in our Class history and can be embarked upon early by those who have vision and faith such as had that great company enumerated by St. Paul in Hebrews, Ch. 11. In this spirit we face all the activities of our new class year.

W. NORRIE,
Hon. Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

PRESIDENT: We appreciate the interest which the Rev. J. R. Blanchard has taken in the Class. Members have been greatly helped by his messages, both in Class and in Church.

LEADERSHIP: The first year of Mr. D. Fickling's leadership was completed in March and the members desire to express their gratitude for his example and service.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: A good proportion of our members attend the evening services. At present there are no Class members on the Church roll.

DISCUSSIONS: Our studies this year have been taken from the Union syllabus, "Life Worth Living." It is felt that studies of a more practical and topical nature are more suited to the requirements of our Class.

LOOK-OUT: The following are the weekly attendance averages for the year just concluded:—August, 9.0; November, 10.5; February, 8.0; May, 5.75; September, 10.8; December, 9.33; March, 10.0; June, 7.75; October, 10.7; January, 6.0; April, 6.25. Average weekly attendance for year, 8.64.

At the beginning of the year the roll was purged to 23. A further nine were promoted to the Senior Class. Two left the district and two were transferred to other classes. Two new members joined during the year but there were no promotions from the Sunday School. The roll now stands at 12.

MISS NICHOLS: The Class desires to record its appreciation of the outstanding service rendered by the late leader of the Junior Girls' Class, Miss Nichols, who retired this year after many years devoted to Bible Class work.

FOURSQUARE: The Class purchases one copy which is available for all members.

MISSIONS: Contributions of 1d. per week were collected during the year, and supplemented by an appropriation of 6s. from Class funds, enabled £3 to be remitted to the Treasurer.

ATHLETICS: In some respects this has been a very successful year in regard to Athletics. At the Indoor Sports Competition our teams won the Junior Basketball and Handball, and the Intermediate Basketball. Also, members participated in the swimming sports and track athletic sports.

CAMPING: We were represented at the District Easter Camp and the Anniversary Week-end Camp.

CONCLUSION: Although in many ways this has been a most difficult year, we nevertheless feel that there is plenty of opportunity for the Class in the future. Amid the distracting and conflicting forces surrounding young men in these days the steadying and inspiring influence of the Bible Class is desperately needed.

By ourselves we can do little, but in His strength, anything can be accomplished.

For the Committee,
A. J. FOWLER,
Hon. Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

LEADERSHIP: It was with regret that the Class accepted the resignation of the Leader, Miss Nichols, after sixteen years of faithful service. They desire to record their deep appreciation of her fine leadership, and her devotion to the work of the Class.

It gave the Class great pleasure to welcome as our new Leader, Miss Troup, who has entered into the work of the Class with earnest enthusiasm.

ROLL: The roll number has increased to 22. The average attendance is 16. There are 10 communicant members, seven of whom joined the Church during the year.

SUBJECT: Our studies have been taken from the Union Syllabus, "Life Worth Living." The subjects have been helpful and the discussion is at times very keen. We have continued the practice of joining with the Senior Y.W.B.C. for the opening devotions, and on occasions have remained when they have been addressed by special speakers.

MISSIONS: The usual weekly Mission collection has been made and the greater proportion of our class funds is allocated for missions. This year we have done sewing for the Chinese refugees in response to the appeal of our Church.

SOCIAL: Along with the other classes we have attended several socials and teas. Early in the year we combined with the Junior Y.M.B.C. for the annual picnic at Day's Bay. The formation of a Junior Herewea Club is a new venture which is very popular. The Club is held in members' homes, and the time is spent in sewing for missions, games and vespers.

CLASS EXTENSION: We are helping the Seniors in their Class extension scheme by means of "Sunshine bags," and also by a donation from our Class funds.

We would like to thank Rev. J. R. Blanchard for his ministry and helpfulness, and all who have contributed towards the life and work of the Class.

JOYCE CORKILL,

Hon. Secretary.

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

It was 57 years ago that the Lads' Mission School had its genesis in St. John's Church, under the able leadership of Messrs J. G. W. Aitken and William Allan. Later it developed into the Boys' Institute, and finally assumed the full title above.

Although undenominational in the early days the workers were mostly members of St. John's.

For a number of years the work, led and inspired by Sir Geo. A. Troup, was carried on solely by St. John's Young Men's Bible Class. It was then handed over to the public as an undenominational Institution, the Church being represented on its Board by several permanent members of St. John's Church and Bible Class, the remainder of the Board being elected by the subscribers at the

annual meeting. St. John's representatives are: Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., Hon. President; Sir George A. Troup, President; Hon. Physician, Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen; Lady Troup and Mrs A. M. Wilson, Ladies' Auxiliary; and Messrs Ad. Howitt, A. Johnston, W. J. Ferguson, H. McK. Smith, I. Stevenson, G. C. Jupp, W. I. Gibson, members of the Management Committee; Mr T. Barrett, Hon. Treasurer. The two Sunday morning Bible Classes are conducted by Messrs J. Holmes Miller and P. Argue respectively.

The Institute has an excellent record of service rendered to the under privileged boys of Wellington and the surrounding provinces during the last full half century. Much of the interesting history may be found in the Annual Reports of St. John's Church dating from 1889.

BUSY BEES.

St. John's hive of Busy Bees houses twenty-one workers and is under the control of Misses D. M. Chappell and N. Troup.

During the year fortnightly meetings have been held and the attendance has been fair. With the advent of longer and warmer afternoons an improvement in the average attendance is assured.

The Bees have been very industrious and as a result of their efforts a parcel of useful articles was sent to China and a number of garments posted to our Mission station in Taumarunui. A large parcel of useful clothing was given to the President of the P.W.M.U. for distribution. Scrap books are being compiled for the New Hebrides and will be despatched in a few weeks' time.

Several Mission addresses were given by interested friends and Mission letters read at the fortnightly meetings.

A special effort on behalf of Home and Foreign Missions resulted in our sale bringing in the sum of £13/10/2.

The year has been a busy one and the Bees are enthusiastic about their work in future days.

In Memoriam

MRS. M. J. BARY.

MRS. B. CHRISTIE.

MISS J. CRANMER.

MRS. CULLEN.

MRS. W. HOPKIRK.

MRS. M. A. LACHMAN.

MR. A. B. LANE.

MRS. M. MacMORRAN.

MRS. J. McNEILL.

MRS. C. W. MOORE.

MR. E. D. MOSLEY.

MR. J. SCLATER.

MRS. W. J. THOMPSON.

MRS. E. W. VEAR.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1939.

ROBT. FLEMING,
Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30th JUNE, 1939.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.				
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Balance, being surplus of Assets over Liabilities	27366	7	5	Property—				
				Estimated value of land, Church, Schoolrooms and Church Officer's Cottage	20000	0	0	
				Estimated value of Manse, Garage and Land	3000	0	0	
					<hr/>	23000	0	0
				Investment:				
				With General Church Treasurer in Common Fund of the Presbyterian Church of N.Z. in terms of Section 6, 2nd Schedule Presbyterian Church Property Act, 1885, and amendments		500	0	0
				Trust Account—				
				Metropolitan Permanent Building and Investment Society Shares. At cost		285	0	0
				Hymn Book Trust Fund:				
				Deposit in Post Office Savings Bank		22	0	0
				Interest in Estate of				
				E. J. Lockie—				
				One-half share income on Trust fund of £380 under perpetual trust administered by The Guardian Trust & Executors of New Zealand Limited		190	0	0
				J. G. W. Aitken Legacy		1000	0	0
				Endowment Fund—				
				N.Z. Government Stock & Local Body Debentures	2000	0	0	
				Common Fund of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand	270	9	9	
					<hr/>	2270	9	9
				Benevolent Fund: Trust A/c.		44	7	3
				Bank of New Zealand		54	10	5
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	£27,366	7	5		£27,366	7	5	

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church, and certify that, in our opinion, 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, 1939.

I. G. LYTHGOE, M.Com. A.R.A. (N.Z.) Hon. Auditors.
N. G. ROBERTSON, A.R.A. (N.Z.)

Wellington, 8th July, 1939.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CENTENARY FUND AS AT 30th JUNE, 1939.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Donations	1305	4	10	Roseneath Presbyterian Church	73	6	8
				Seatoun Presbyterian Church	180	0	0
				General Church Treasurer	950	0	0
				Balance Bank of New Zealand	101	18	2
	£1,305	4	10		£1,305	4	10

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of St. John's Church Centenary Fund, and certify that, in our opinion, the above statement of Receipts and Payments correctly sets out the position at 30th June, 1939.

I. G. LYTHGOE, M.Com. A.R.A. (N.Z.) Hon Auditors.
N. G. ROBERTSON, A.R.A. (N.Z.)

Wellington, 8th July, 1939.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1939.

Sundry		1	10	7
Loss on Banquet			4	8
Comb. Comm. Tea Exes.		1	0	5
Bank Charge			10	0
Union & Dist. Fees		4	19	9
Xmas presents			17	0
Curtains		1	17	1
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„ Jubilee Expenses			24	6 7
„ Jubilee Class History			20	17 2
„ Jubilee Banquet & Buffet Tea			40	18 11
„ Jubilee At Home			19	10 5
„ Bank Balance 31/3/39:			3	1 0
Union		57	0	11
P.O.S.B.		24	9	8
Secretary's Imprest A/c.		1	0	0
				<hr/>
			82	10 7
				<hr/>
			£285	2 9

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1039.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Sundry Missions Accounts:				Balances in Bank:			
Maori	1	0	2	Union Bank	57	0	11
New Hebrides		4	2	P.O.S.B.	24	9	8
Church Home		4	2				81 10 7
			1 8 6		21	13	2
Sundry Class Funds:				Library		6	0
Social Committee	1	7	11	Plus Additions			
New Hostel	6	0	6		21	19	2
Gymnasium	1	14	0		2	3	11
Social Service		11	9	Less Depreciation			19 15 3
Depreciation	8	1	8				10 0 0
Jubilee	1	14	4	Class Room Fittings			
St. John's Y.M.B.C. Institute	36	17	3	Gymnasium Fittings	4	14	0
Orphanage Cot	4	8	10	Less Depreciation		9	0
Boys' Institute	2	16	2				4 5 0
			63 12 5	Social Room Fittings	49	0	6
Sundry Credit Balances:				Less Depreciation	4	18	0
Foursquare	4	10	8				44 2 6
Donation purchase fittings	1	10	8	Camp Equipment	5	0	0
Camp funds	2	3	1	Less Depreciation		10	0
Union Syllabi		6	0				4 10 0
			8 10 5	Organ			10 0 0
Accumulated Funds			122 8 0	Piano			20 0 0
				Badges			16 0
				Secretary's Imprest Account			1 0 0
			£195 19 4				£195 19 4

F. CARRUTHERS, Hon. Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and records of the St. John's Senior Young Men's Bible Class and that the above Balance Sheet truly shows the financial position of the Class as at 31st March, 1939.

17th April, 1939.

IAN A. PURDIE,
Hon. Auditor.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1939.

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Audited and found correct.
M. R. BILBY, Auditor.

A. FOWLER,
Hon. Treasurer.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1939.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1938 Brought forward—				By Class Extension Expenses		4	6
Outlook	10	0		Outlook Expenses	1	5	0
Room Fund	18	9		Syllabus A/c	1	12	3
Social Service	1	14	9	Social Service Expenses	13	2	11
General	9	5		Orphanage Calendars	4	2	0
			3 12 11	Institute Pound Day		5	0
To Collections—				Turakina College		6	0
1d. per week	4	13	11	Flowers		15	6
G. H. McNair Fund	11	10	0	Banquet Expenses	1	16	7
6d. per month	6	3	0	District Committee Fees	2	2	0
			22 6 11	Presentations	6	14	10
Subscriptions Outlook			18 0	Sundry Expenses	2	19	3
Class Jubilee Fund	4	14	9	Rev. G. H. McNair Fund	15	0	0
Social Service Collections	13	0	3	Presbyterian Orphanage — John Boal	5	0	0
Thankoffering	8	13	8	Memorial Cot	20	0	0
Collected for Banquet	1	16	7	Y.W.B.C. Own Workers' Fund	1	0	0
Donation from Competitions		14	0	British & Foreign Bible Society	1	0	0
Collections for Presentations	6	14	10	Y.W.B.C. Bursary Fund			
Payments for Syllabus	1	2	0	Balance	9	1	8
Sale of Orphanage Calendars	4	2	0				
Collections for Class Extension		9	6				
General Collections	17	16	3				
Bank Interest		5	10				
			£86 7 6				£86 7 6
Balance in Bank	7	1	6	Room Fund		18	9
Cash in Hand		8	1	Outlook Fund		3	0
Social Service Conv.	1	12	1	Competition Gift		14	0
			£9 1 8	Class Extension		5	0
				Jubilee Fund	4	14	9
				General Fund		14	1
				Social Service	1	12	1
							£9 1 8

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1st JULY, 1938, TO 30th JUNE, 1939.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance 1/7/38	1	7	0	By Turakina Bursary		5	0
Class Collection	8	14	0	Orphanage Quilts		1	0
Mission Collection	3	5	6	Pound Day		2	6
Pound Day		2	6	Bible Class Fees		15	0
P.O. Savings Bank Interest		2	0	Y.W.B.C. Own Workers	6	0	0
			£13 11 0	St. John's Own Missionary	1	0	0
				Y.W.B.C. Bursary		10	0
				British and Foreign Bible Society		10	0
				Chinese Relief		10	0
				Centennial Fund	1	10	0
				Class Extension	2	0	0
				Balance in hand		7	6
							£13 11 0

ST. JOHN'S HOSTEL COMMITTEE.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1939.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To General Expenses	1	18	0	By Rent	260	0	0
Interest	115	13	9	Sundry Receipts	5	0	3
Rates and Taxes	89	15	7	Excess of Expenditure Over Income	9	0	7
Insurance	16	13	6				
Depreciation	50	0	0				
			£274 0 10				£274 0 10

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1939.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mortgage	1500	0	0	Land	1827	19	4
Creditors (Interest)	21	8	0	Buildings	450	0	0
Bank Overdraft	925	6	3	Unexpired Values	7	11	3
				Capital	152	3	1
				Plus Excess of Expenditure			
				Over Income	9	0	7
					161	3	8
					£2446	14	3
	£2446	14	3				

I certify that the books, accounts and vouchers have been examined and in my opinion the above Statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet show the correct position.

T.M.BARRETT.

26/7/39.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION. **DORCAS FUNDS—JULY 1st, 1938, TO JUNE 30th, 1939.**

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward from 306/38				Relief to Needy Cases	17	14	8
From Church Treasurer—Collections,	21	3	7	Pensioner	13	13	0
September, 1938	16	8	4	Mothers' Meeting for Relief	5	0	0
December, 1938	15	5	1	Christmas Hampers for Poor	9	0	4
				Sundry Small Expenses		13	6
	31	13	5	Balance in hand	6	15	6
					£52	17	0
	£52	17	0				

Audited and found correct.
18th July, 1939.

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Auditor.
S. MARTIN, Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION. **MISSION FUNDS—JULY 1st, 1938, TO JUNE 30th, 1939.**

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, 30/6/38	12	4	4	Harvest Field Supplies	5	6	6
Hon. and Active Members' Subscriptions	13	12	0	Maori Mission Birthday League	5	4	6
P.W.M.U. Collections	6	11	4	Conference Levy, Affiliation Fees and			
Harvest Fields	5	6	6	Travelling Secretary's Fees, P.W.M.U.	1	8	3
Maori Mission Birthday League	5	4	6	Tea for Seamen's Mission	1	9	1
Mission Collection Books	20	3	6	Stamps, Envelopes and Circulars	7	7	2
Women's Straight-out giving in lieu of Sale				Small Sundry Expenses		14	11
Work	171	17	3	Paid Church Treasurer	215	0	0
P.O. Bank Interest (two years)	4	13	11	Balance in hand	3	2	11
					£239	13	4
	£239	13	4				

Audited and found correct.
1st July, 1939.

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Auditor.
S. MARTIN, Hon. Treasurer.

TABLE SHOWING HOW PAYMENTS WERE SUBSCRIBED TOWARDS THE
GENERAL BUDGET ASSESSMENT OF £610 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th
JUNE, 1939.

	£	s.	d.
St. John's Special Collections	191	17	6
St. John's Women's Association	215	0	0
Senior Young Men's Bible Class	44	12	6
Junior Young Men's Bible Class	3	0	0
Senior Young Women's Bible Class	35	0	0
Junior Young Women's Bible Class	7	0	0
St. John's Sunday School	25	0	0
Maori Mission Birthday League	5	4	6
St. John's Busy Bees	8	0	0
Sister Elliott collected	2	6	
	£534	17	0

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1939.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance, Cash in Hand, 1/7/1938	15	12	5	Books and Supplies	21	11	10
Collections	21	19	5	Prizes (Class, Examination and Hopkirk Memorial Prize)	9	6	6
Anniversary Sunday Offertory	33	2	9	Anniversary Sunday Expenses (including Concert and Tea Expenses)	12	16	9
Annual Concert and Tea Receipts	14	14	7	Picnic Expenses	7	18	0
Picnic Donations	5	0	0	Missions	25	0	0
Interest on Hopkirk Bequest	1	15	8	Tuning Piano	3	0	0
Sundries	3	10	6	Sundries	2	0	0
	£95	15	4	Balance, Cash in hand, 30/6/1939	14	2	3
					£95	15	4

NOTE.—Wm. Hopkirk Bequest of £100 remains on deposit with the General Treasurer, Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

M. R. BILBY, Hon. Treasurer.

I certify that I have examined the books and accounts of St. John's Presbyterian Sunday School, and that in my opinion the above is a correct record of the receipts and payments for the year ended 30th June, 1939.

24/7/39.

P. M. CAMERON, Hon. Auditor.