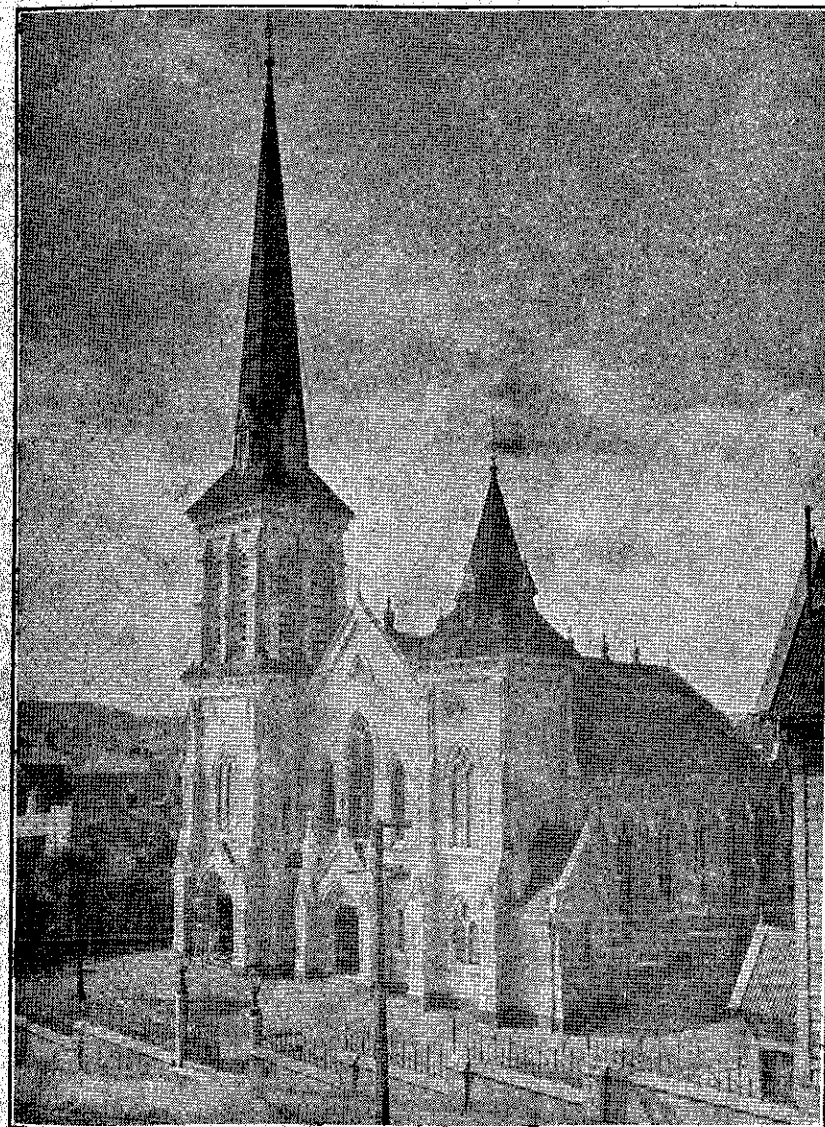
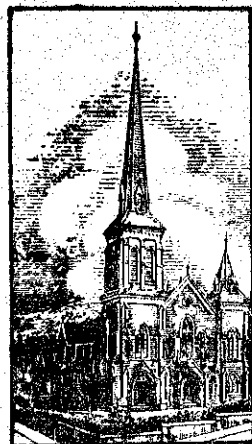


The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

St. John's Church

Willis Street, Wellington.



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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WELLINGTON, N.Z.



Eighty-Seventh Report

Covering period from

July 1st, 1939

to

June 30th, 1940

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

FOREWORD.

My Dear Friends:

It is an honour to me to write a foreword to your Annual Report, just as it is an honour to be your Interim-Moderator.

For almost a year you have been without a settled Minister, and during that time you have had a varied experience. You have passed into the deepening shadows of war; you have felt the stimulus and inspiration of Dr. Inkster's untiring Ministry; you have met with disappointment in your search for a Minister; and you have been made conscious of the disadvantages of a prolonged vacancy. But through it all, God has given you many occasions for thankfulness. Some of them are to be seen as you read the enclosed reports; others—perhaps the greatest—lie beneath the surface of things, and hidden in commonplace events, and have to be searched for with the eye of faith before they can be appreciated. Remember St. Paul's assurance that "all things work together for good to them that love God." That is the clue to the right understanding, not only of your individual experience, but also of your career as a Congregation. Both the things you count as successes, and the things you count as failures are woven into God's purpose, and are made by Him to serve the final good of man. It is that which gives us unbounded confidence in going on. If our hearts are set on His Kingdom and His righteousness, nothing—not even our sins and mistakes—can defeat us.

You are now at a critical stage in the task of selecting a new Minister. Give yourselves to it with a frank recognition of your individual responsibilities, and of your need for loyalty and unanimity; and then, as you have faith in God, He will give you your hearts' desire. I pray that that may come speedily.

Yours sincerely,

G. S. MURRAY,

Interim-Moderator.

Office Bearers of St. Johns

MINISTER:
(Charge Vacant.)

INTERIM MODERATOR:
REV. J. S. MURRAY, M.A.

MISSIONARY:
VERY REV. GEORGE H. McNEUR (Canton.)

KIRK SESSION:		Inducted
Troup, Sir George A., C.M.G., F.R.I.B.A., 5 Cluny St., Kelburn, W.1.	.....	1895
Mainland, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn, W.1.	.....	1903
Johnston, A., 33 Central Terrace, Kelburn, W.1	.....	1911
Howitt, A., 100 Lyall Parade, Lyall Bay	.....	1913
(Session Clerk, 1931-1937)		
Smith, A. P., Birch Hill, Silverstream	.....	1913
Martin, A., Messines Road, Karori	.....	1919
Fraser, Malcolm, C.V.O., O.B.E., 29 Rawhiti Tce., Kelburn, W.1.	.....	1921
Creswell, T. R., M.A., 20 Reading Street, Karori	.....	1921
Glover, H., Karori Road	.....	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, W.1.	.....	1931
Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen, 92 Inglis Street, Seatoun	.....	1931
Johnston, A. D., Featherston	.....	1929
Blake, L. R., B.Sc., 62 Harbour View Road, Northland	.....	1933
Purdie, A., 74 Campbell Street, Karori	.....	1933
Fowler, R. B., 2 Homewood Crescent, Karori	.....	1933
Corkill, Dr. T. F., 319 Willis Street	.....	1935
McLeod, D., 1 Durham Crescent	.....	1935
Cook, J. B. I., 28 Tirangi Road, Rongotai	.....	1937
Hight, D., 55 Waipapa Road, Hataitai	.....	1938

Session Clerk:

Brown, D. B., A.P.A.N.Z., F.A.I.S., 66 Hawker Street.
Phone 55-439 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 St.
Johnston, R.	.....	179 Cuba Street
Martin, J. S. (on Active Service)	.....	91 Eden Street, Island Bay
Marshall, J. R.	.....	64 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn
Matthews, J.	.....	18 Hapua Road, Hataitai
Moore, W.	.....	96 Sefton Street, 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
Smith, H. B.	.....	5 Robieson Street, Roseneath
Stevenson, I. D.	.....	Head Office, Railways
Strong, F.	.....	10 Kio Road, Roseneath
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. R. B. Fowler	Mr. F. S. Pope	Mr. F. C. Spratt
" R. Fleming	" G. H. Scott	" A. L. Wall
" H. Glover	" A. P. Smith	
" R. Johnston		

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	

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

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
" Mr. J. Matthews " W. Reid

Envelope Contributions Committee:

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, M. Bilby,

Convener Allocation of Rooms Committee:

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

ORGANISATIONS.

CHOIR.

Organist and Choirmaster:

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

President: Minister of St. John's Church.

Vice-Presidents: Miss R. E. Nichols, Mr. W. L. Haggitt.

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

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Pumfrey.

Hon. Librarian: Miss P. Lees.

Committee:

Misses Baird, Brodie, Curtis, Molly McKenzie, Mills, Messrs. Harper, M. Pumfrey and Watt.

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

Sopranos (13):

Mesdames Gleeson and Harper, Misses D. Atkinson, A. Bennie, P. Brodie, D. Chappell, H. Clyde, J. Hauchet, E. Ledger, J. McKenzie, Mary MacKenzie, D. Mills, and R. Nichols.

Altos (9):

Mrs. Pumfrey, Misses I. Baird, J. Barron, J. Curtis, Z. Fraser, P. Lees, M. McKenzie, E. Purdey and J. Renton.

Tenors (8):

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

Basses (8):

Messrs. F. Strong, A. Wall and B. Watt.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr. R. B. Fowler.

Teachers: Mrs. M. Bilby, Misses L. Butler, F. Cunliffe, Z. Fraser, E. MacKenzie, M. MacKenzie, G. Matthews, P. McNeill, A. Wylie, Messrs. J. Bilby, M. Bilby, J. Long, N. Jardine (on active service).

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.

President: Mrs. P. M. Cameron.

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

Treasurer Miss Bassett

Secretary Miss M. Ralston.
5 Grove Rd., Kelburn.

Mothers' Meeting Mrs. C. Kerr

M.M.B. League Mrs Pumfrey

Harvest Field Miss Miller

New Members' Visitor Miss Anderson

Sick and Relief Visitor Mrs M. Fraser

Busy Bees Rep. Miss D. Chappell

Evening Guild Rep. Miss McKay

Corresponding Sec. Miss Brown

Tea Convener Miss Lowden.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Miss P. Brodie.

Sub-Leader: Miss E. Thomson.

Secretary: Miss W. Norrie.

Treasurer: Miss A. McKay.

Committee:

Misses W. Atkinson, L. Bilby, J. Brown, M. Gilliland, I. Hermanns, B. Kirkham, L. Kraft, D. Lees, Z. Martin, J. Marshall, Mary MacKenzie, Molly McKenzie, A. McLean, A. Newton, M. Ponder, I. Troup.

Life Members:

Misses M. Chappell, A. Chappell, H. Clyde, I. Ferguson, R. Nichols and W. Millar.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS AND INSTITUTE.

Leaders: W. J. Ferguson, 3 Zohrab St., Hataitai, E.2. Phone 54-332.
J. R. Marshall, 64 Kelburn Parade, W.1. Phone 42-691.

Secretary: J. H. Miller, 4 Raupo Street, Hataitai, E.2.

Treasurer and Institute Fund Collector: F. Carruthers.

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

Convener:

Look-out: J. C. Smalls, L. Spackman, R. G. Buchanan.
Social: G. F. Vincent, R. Jamieson.
Missions: M. Browne, L. Milne.
Discussion: J. Gregory.
Bible Study: A. G. Wren.

Social Service: W. Williams.
Outlook and Badge: J. Shaw.
Athletic: J. Crawford.
Library: I. S. Lowman.
Rooms: N. Scott.
Organist: E. M. Wall.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Miss Ina Troup.

Secretary: Miss Jean Macdonald. **Treasurer:** Miss Joyce Atkinson.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS:

Leader: E. D. Fickling.

Secretary: E. S. Smith. **Treasurer:** A. Fleming.



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KIRK SESSION.

This year marks an epoch in the history of our church, and for all His great goodness, Session would thank our Heavenly Father. Early in the year, the Rev. J. R. Blanchard, who had been our minister for the past twelve and a half years, received a call to Adelaide, and on the 27th August conducted his farewell service. We remember with deep appreciation and thanks his manifold ministrations; his zeal in everything that pertained to the welfare of St. John's and to the Kingdom of Christ; and the gratifying measure of success achieved during his ministry, and pray that the blessing of God will crown his labours in his new sphere of service.

We were then led to invite the Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, B.A., D.D., of Toronto, Canada, to supply for six months, and on the 27th September we had the pleasure of welcoming Dr. and Mrs. Inkster to our midst. The Doctor remained with us for eight months, and his services will be gratefully remembered for many years. Session placed on record its appreciation in the following minute:—

"The Session of St. John's Church places on record its warm appreciation of the striking service rendered to the congregation by the Rev. John Gibson Inkster, B.A., D.D., of Toronto, Canada, during his ministry of eight months. His pulpit work, which has won for him a wide reputation, has been marked by great courage, definiteness, and evangelical fervour; while in his pastoral visitation and in his attention to the sick and aged and troubled, he has done more than can be expected, and has been a means of great comfort and help and inspiration to many."

"Strongly supported by his gifted and gracious wife, he has won the hearts of a multitude of people, and as they leave St. John's, they carry with them the esteem and appreciation and gratitude of the congregation."

Then in February, the Rev. Geo. McNeur, who has been our missionary for so long, arrived from China, with a view to retiring, having given 39 years' service. When we think of the troubled condition of that land, and the grave danger which he at times faced, we are moved to gratitude to God, that he has been spared to

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return to us. Session prays that both he and Mrs. McNeur will be long spared to enjoy the rest they so richly deserve.

Faced with a vacancy in the pulpit, the Presbytery was pleased to appoint the Rev. J. S. Murray, M.A., to be our Interim Moderator. His help has been of great service, and although we have not yet succeeded in securing a permanent minister, there is every hope of a settlement very soon.

SESSION: It is with regret that we record the passing hence of Mr. P. M. Cameron, a most esteemed member.

Extract from the minutes of 19th June, 1940:

"The Session and Managers of St. John's Church record with deep sorrow the passing hence of Mr. P. M. Cameron, and the loss which they and the congregation have thereby sustained. Mr. Cameron joined St. John's in March 1933 and was inducted as a member of Session in the same year. Since then he has never failed of being a faithful and loyal servant of his Lord and Master of His Church. With unfailing modesty, courtesy and friendliness, he exercised a quiet influence in the life and fellowship of the congregation, which will be greatly missed."

"He was always regular in his attendance at church, and he attended to his various duties as an elder with the utmost care and fidelity, particularly showing a deep personal interest in each member in the district allotted to him.

"To his wife and family the deepest sympathy of the Session and managers is warmly extended, and also the prayer that our Heavenly Father, in His loving kindness and tender mercy will uphold them in their sorrow, and so enrich them with those things over which death has no dominion, that in the day of His calling, they may meet their loved one face to face, in the land where there is no parting."

COMMUNION ROLL: The Communion Roll has received the attention of Session during the year. The effective roll of members on the 30th June, 1940, was 689.

Admissions during the year were:—By profession of faith 38, on certificate 46, making a total of 84.

Removals: By death 5, by disjunction and removals 103, making a total of 108.

The attendances at the quarterly communions were:—September 547, December 522, March 674, and June 460, giving an average of 551 for the year.

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MID-WEEK SERVICE: During the year the attendance at the Mid-week Service has been maintained. Although lately there appears to be a slight falling off, Session hopes that in our present position, office-bearers and members will unitedly strive to do everything possible to carry on this important branch of our Church work.

SPECIAL SERVICES: During the year His Excellency the Governor-General has worshipped from time to time in St. John's and has read the lessons. The Annual United College Broadcast Service of Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges was held on the evening of August 6th. The Sunday School Anniversary was held on October 8th, when the work of the children again did more than credit to the organisation of the Superintendent and Teachers and those who had prepared them. On April 28th a party of about 150 members of the I.O.O. Oddfellows attended the evening service. On May 12th a special service, attended by the Inter Varsity Fellowship of Evangelical Unions (N.Z.) was held, at which the lessons were read by the Rev. B. H. Williams, B.A., and Mr. J. T. Miller, LL.B. A service to mark the opening of Parliament was held in the morning of June 2nd, when His Excellency the Governor-General (Viscount Galway) was present and read the lessons.

VISITING MINISTERS: During the year our public worship has been conducted by the Right Rev. J. Lawson Robinson (Moderator General Assembly), Rev. L. North (Baptist Church), Rev. J. M. McKenzie, B.A., LL.B. (Assistant Director of Missions), Rev. W. A. Stevely, M.A. (First Church, Dunedin), Very Rev Geo. Miller (Christchurch), Rev. T. W. Armour (Knox Church, Christchurch), Rev. W. R. Hutchison (Wellington), Rev. D. N. MacDairmid, M.B.E., B.A. (Director of Missions), Rev. J. Gray Robertson, B.A., B.D. (Elsternwick, Melbourne), Very Rev. Geo. McNeur (Canton), and Mr Howard Knight, B.Sc. (China Inland Mission).

STUDENTS: Session is pleased to note that the Wellington Presbytery has approved of the application of Mr. J. Holmes Miller as a student for the ministry. Mr. Miller is a member of this church, and Secretary of the Senior Young Men's Bible Class. We will follow his career with deep interest and pray that he may indeed be used of God.

THANKS.—In a congregation so large as St. John's, and especially during a vacancy, more than can be mentioned are, under God, responsible for the success of the work of the church. Session would specially thank those who from week to week give their time to the work among the young and the Bible Classes; the service of praise in the Choir; the placing of flowers in the Church, and to

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Messrs. Fletcher Construction Coy. for again providing the platform for the Sunday School Anniversary. To all, without whose work of faith, loyalty, labour of love and patience of hope, this record for the year would not be possible, Session extends its thanks and appreciation.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

During the year under review the Board of Managers held thirteen meetings at which the average attendance of members was thirteen, the chair being occupied by Rev. J. S. Murray, Mr. Malcolm Fraser, Mr. L. R. Blake, Mr. F. S. Pope and Mr. A. Johnston.

The various matters coming under the jurisdiction of the Board received very careful attention, and members of the Board assisted in arranging social functions, including the farewell social to Rev. J. R. Blanchard and welcome to Dr. Inkster, the Church picnic held on 16th December and also the farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Inkster.

Steps have been taken to lease the manse for a period and improvements have been made to the Choir gallery.

In order to co-ordinate the work of the various church organisations in securing the amount of the Budget assessment, the Managers appointed Miss R. Nichols as Budget convenor.

FINANCE.—The usual Statement of Accounts are given as an appendix to this report.

For the first time for many years, a highly satisfactory financial year is reported. Compared with last year, Plate Offerings at £1269 increased by £505. These constitute a record which is due entirely to the very successful and outstanding ministry of Rev. D. Inkster, B.A., D.D., of Toronto, Canada, who occupied the pulpit for eight months of the year under review and whose ministry attracted large congregations. Our annual reports have frequently drawn attention to the fact that there is a close relation between attendances and revenue and this has been strikingly exemplified during the year just ended. Attendances which during the six years up to 30th June 1939 had declined by 6687, increased in the short space of

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twelve months by no less than 13,264 compared with last year. This is a case of cause and effect, the results being plainly seen in the statements of accounts.

The big increase in both attendances and plate offerings was, however, not due to our own members but to the large numbers of Wellington city and suburban residents who attended regularly during Dr. Inkster's ministry and also to the visitors from all over New Zealand who were attending the Centennial Exhibition. The number of the latter grew as returning visitors made known the acceptable nature of the services at St. John's and Dr. Inkster's broadcasts had a similar influence.

The Envelope System which, more or less, is an indication of the attendance of the regular members and adherents, remained stationary both in numbers and amount, as compared with last year, while seat rents showed a decrease of £5. In the aggregate, these three items, which constitute our main sources of revenue, amounted to £2065 compared with £1565 last year.

The amount raised for Missions (£934) also constitutes a record and enabled us to meet our Budget Assessment of £598 in more than full, besides making up the deficiencies of the previous two years (£135) and putting aside £185 to be carried forward on account of next year's assessment. The NO RETRENCHMENT Appeal was splendidly responded to by the Congregation and every one of our Church organisations. All did well but the very fine effort of the Senior Y.W.B.C. perhaps deserves special mention. Dr. Inkster threw himself wholeheartedly into the Appeal, both in the pulpit and over the air, and as a result, donations were sent him from many parts of the Dominion and inspiration given to all the component parts of St. John's to do their best, with a magnificent response.

For the coming year, Miss R. E. Nichols has been appointed Missions Convener, with a view to co-ordinating the work of raising Mission Funds amongst the various organisations; keeping them informed from time to time of topical mission news and the progress of the fund; endeavouring to arrange for a sustained effort right throughout the year, so that contributions will come in more evenly, instead of being faced with the necessity of raising the major portion in the closing weeks. The importance of this will be realised when it is learnt that interest on the Presbyterian Church of N.Z. Missions' overdraft necessitated by late payments, amounted last year to £800. Human nature being what it is, there is always a tendency to put off and the last days are always a popular time for the payment of bills, rates, taxes, etc. Money, however, is

required for the mission work of the Church regularly month by month and if not regularly subscribed, recourse must be made to the banks to finance. Our aim during the coming year is to pay our quota of £50 regularly every month and if all churches throughout New Zealand do the same the £800 paid to the bank for accommodation will be saved and made available for Missions instead. The Board is fortunate in securing Miss Nichols' capable service as organiser and looks forward with confidence to the success of her work.

The year just ended is one of the few where the usual appeal in June for a special collection to square our liabilities has not been necessary and the hope is expressed that this may be the forerunner of many such years. It must be recognised, however, that the year has been an abnormal one in many respects and that it is unlikely that we will again have the same tremendous number of strangers and visitors worshipping with us in the coming year. This means that St. John's will have to rely more and more on its own members and adherents for their loyal attendance and strong support for all that the Church stands for. It is essential that this be forthcoming if St. John's is to function as it should.

During the year, the Board decided to institute a fund to provide comforts from time to time for Soldiers attached to St. John's who are serving their King and Country overseas. This is an extra war effort on the part of St. John's and is being well supported by our members. The fund is being administered by the Women's Association on behalf of the Board and many parcels of well assorted comforts and luxuries have been despatched overseas.

The Board expresses its thankfulness to Almighty God for a highly successful year, brought about largely by Dr. Inkster's ministry and by the loyal co-operation of all units in the church and its organisations. Let us continue to march forward in this spirit and much will be accomplished in the days to come.

Our financial requirements for the ensuing year (1940-1941) are shown on the inside front cover of this Annual Report. 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.

Owing to pressure of professional business Mr. H. K. Douglas, A.R.A. (N.Z.) is no longer available as Auditor of the Church accounts, and this opportunity is taken of expressing our thanks and appreciation of his services given from 1933 to 1938 inclusive. The Board have appointed Mr. I. G. Lythgoe, M.Com., A.R.A. (N.Z.) to the honorary position of Church Auditor and to him we extend our thanks for examining the books, accounts and vouchers for the year ended 30th June, 1940.

CHOIR REPORT.

At 30th June 1940 the roll stands at 28, including 13 sopranos, 9 altos, 3 tenors and 3 basses.

For the morning services 25 anthems and 8 solos were given and for the evening services 31 anthems and 12 solos. Of the 20 solos, 14 were sung by five members of the Choir and the remaining six by four guest singers—Mrs Duncan and Miss Hitchings and Messrs. T. Glover and R. S. Wilson.

On August 6th at the evening service the Choir gallery was occupied by pupils of Queen Margaret and Scots Colleges and on October 8th at both services by the Junior Bible Class members on the occasion of the Sunday School Anniversary.

The Choir took part in the Centennial Thanksgiving Song Service held in the Town Hall on Sunday evening, 23rd June, under the conductorship of Mr. Anderson Tyrer.

An additional cupboard has been provided for the storing of anthems and anthem books and our thanks are due to the Managers who were responsible for obtaining it. We are also happy to report that the appearance and comfort of the Choir Gallery have been greatly enhanced by the covering of the bare floor boards with a very fine quality of brown linoleum. The cost of this was met by a generous donation of £10 from two members of the Church, £2 from the Choir Social Fund and £6 from the Managers.

Two Social Evenings were held during the year, the first at the home of Miss Chappell in honour of Miss Sybil Flett whose marriage to Mr McSwain took place in December, and on this occasion congratulations were also extended to Mr. Bruce Harper on his approaching marriage at Dunedin, and we were delighted at a later date to welcome Mrs. Harper as a new member.

The second social evening was held at the house of Miss Mary MacKenzie in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jupp, who have taken up their residence at Khandallah.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Sunday School was glad to be able to support the Church's Mission Appeal to the extent of £25 which amount represented the total children's offertories throughout the year.

On Promotion Sunday we were addressed by Dr. Inkster and Mrs Inkster presented the prizes. Their interest in the Sunday School was greatly appreciated. Mrs Inkster also judged the essays for the Hopkirk Memorial prize which was won by Eddie Smith.

Our able Cradle Roll Superintendent, Miss E. MacKenzie, and her helpers conducted another of their happy afternoon parties

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and the large attendance of mothers and babies showed an obvious appreciation of their work.

We wish to record our appreciation of the service of those members of the staff who left us during the year, Miss D. Glover and Miss Rogers and we were pleased to welcome Miss Zena Fraser and Mr Jack Long.

The Bible Classes gave us their usual loyal support and we greatly appreciated their help.

Two of our teachers are on active service, Mr Henry Bunckenburg, and Mr Norman Jardine and we offer our prayers for their safe return.

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

The Women's Association has carried on during the past year with a membership of 45 active and 40 honorary members.

To all those who have suffered bereavement during the past year we extend sympathy. Very great regret was felt at the passing of Mr. P. M. Cameron. The sorrow and deep sympathy of members with Mrs. Cameron in her great loss was feelingly expressed.

Many changes have taken place during the year in the Executive. On her retirement from the position of President, Mrs. J. M. Wilson was presented with a copy of Moffatt's translation of the New Testament. In August Mrs. Blanchard, our honorary President, who had always been in close touch with the Association and especially with the work of the P.W.M.U., left for Australia. Mrs. Glover, Secretary of the 'Harvest Field,' resigned, and Mrs. Martin retired from the co-leadership of the Mothers' Meeting and from the position of vice-president. Both these officers were cordially thanked for their services, each having done valuable work over many years. Mrs. Baden Smith's resignation as Secretary was regretfully received. Miss Miller was appointed 'Harvest Field' Secretary and Miss M. Ralston agreed to act as Secretary until the end of the year.

The help so willingly given by Mrs. Inkster was deeply appreciated. During her stay here she showed unfailing interest in our work and assisted at our meetings. A small gift of a paua shell brooch was made as a mark of our esteem. A motion of sympathy with her and Dr. Inkster in the disaster that befell them at sea was passed and forwarded to Mrs. Inkster.

Seven meetings of the Association have been held during the year. The attendance has been good and interest maintained. Our thanks are due to the visitors who so kindly assisted:—Mrs. Moston, Madame Bligh, Misses Beagley and Kershaw, and to Mrs. Inkster. A sewing afternoon was held and twenty garments sent to the Orphanage. In June we had the pleasure of entertaining Mrs.

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Halley, the occasion being her 90th birthday. We presented Mrs. Halley with a reading lamp and we congratulate her on her long term of usefulness and service. She is still a very active member and her faithfulness and work are an inspiration to others.

Nine meetings of the P.W.M.U. have been held and interest shown in the work at home and in other fields. Letters from Missionaries have been read and appreciated. We are indebted to the following speakers for their instructive and inspiring addresses: Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Mesdames Inglis, Lopdell, Blamires, Gilmour and Kerr, and to Dr. J. G. Inkster. Home made rugs have been sent to the Maori Boys' Farm and to Home Mission Stations. A sack of clothing has also been sent to Sister Annie at Ruatahuna.

The policy of free-will giving has been continued with success. On three afternoons an opportunity was given for the women of St. John's to meet socially and to make a gift to the Mission Funds. Mrs. Pumfrey and Mrs. Duncan kindly arranged musical programmes. The amount raised during the year was £185 10s.

The Busy Bees are working well under the direction of Miss D. Chappell and Miss Troup. We are grateful to them for their gift of 22/6 to our "No Retrenchment Fund."

Again we wish to thank the Evening Guild for their contributions to our Mission Funds, and for their help and co-operation.

The Maori Mission Birthday League with Mrs. Pumfrey as Secretary, reported a membership of 97 with birthday gifts of £7 17/-.

Miss Miller has 65 subscribers to the "Harvest Field" with £4 17s 6d. paid in subscriptions and £1 in donations.

Miss Anderson and Miss Badden continue the important work of visiting new members while Mrs. Brodie carries on her work as relief visitor and Mrs. Fraser as visitor to the sick.

Mrs. Brodie has for two years been convener of the Flower Guild. This work is now done by the Girls' Bible Classes. Surplus funds were given towards the purchase of flower stands for the Church.

Mrs. Kerr is in charge of the Mothers' meeting and appreciation of her work is shown by an average attendance of 21 from a roll number of 26.

Miss Brown, as corresponding secretary, does valuable work and Miss Howden, as tea convener, helps materially by providing a social cup of tea at our meetings.

The Association again records its thanks to all those who have helped in any way in its work. It is grateful to Mr. Thompson, Church Officer, for assistance willingly given on many occasions.

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

YOUNG WOMEN'S EVENING GUILD.

Although there have been some changes in the membership of the Evening Guild, the number actually on the present roll is 49, which is the same as last year. The good fellowship which exists was very evident in the eight well attended work meetings held in the period under review. These continue to be held in the homes of church members. Our thanks are extended to the following ladies whose hospitality means so much to the success of the work and the enjoyment of the members. They are Mrs Trythall and Mrs Rosie, Miss Chappell, Mrs Gourlay, Miss Anderson, Mrs Malcolm Fraser, Mrs Wilson, Miss Hanchet, Mrs J. H. MacKenzie.

The Missionary character of the organization is evident at every meeting, for as well as opening and closing devotions, there are letters read which give us first hand knowledge of the life and activities of those who represent the Church at Home and Abroad.

The definite work accomplished has included help for Chinese War Refugees in addition to that for the Maori Field, Orphanages and Home Mission Manses. In August 1939 a parcel of suitable articles was sent to the Missions Office and later was included in the contribution of the New Zealand Church taken to China by Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Davies.

At Christmas time gifts were sent to 10 Home Mission Manses representing a total of 47 individuals.

Our Maori Field this year is Ruatahuna and at the June meeting garments were brought ready for despatch to Sister Annie. Two large parcels went forward.

Since June 30, 1939, £34:7:0 has been handed to the Women's Association—£17:17:0 being towards the Direct Giving Scheme and £16:10:0 towards the "No Retrenchment" Fund.

At the August meeting we regretfully bade farewell to the Rev. J. R. Blanchard and Mrs. Blanchard. Sincere appreciation of the great interest they both took in the work of the Guild was voiced.

In September we welcomed Mrs. Inkster and it gave us much pleasure to find that she continued her association with us. Dr. Inkster joined us on one occasion.

As President of the Women's Association Mrs. P. M. Cameron has conducted our meetings and joined in our fellowship. Our grateful thanks are extended to her.

At the April meeting a minute of appreciation of the retiring Secretary was recorded. In filling this office for a number of years Miss J. Hanchet has shown ability and given faithful service but above all she has taken a great personal interest in the members and has endeared herself to all who know her in this work.

We as a Guild are grateful for the friendship which we find

in our meeting together and hope that our efforts may be of value and encouragement to those whom we seek to help.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

For our Class the past year has been one of trial and uncertainty but that test has served a purpose, if only to weld the heart of the Class into a more compact and efficient fellowship. In this report will be included varying circumstances which have placed severe strain upon the Class and upon the bonds between individual members of the Class, but far from breaking up, both the Class and the fellowship have become a greater interest and reality to those who have put them to the test. Though these times are perilous for youth work, yet we feel that the past year has been one of gain and that the future may be anticipated with a deal of satisfaction and enthusiasm.

ADMINISTRATION: Mr. W. J. Ferguson has continued his most able leadership in the Class. In a year fraught with difficulty and disappointment, his experience and resourceful hand has been a blessing. Mr. J. R. Marshall has continued as sub-leader. He, having been abroad for nine months, during which time he spent many months in Great Britain and on the continent, has now returned bringing the fruits of experience of youth work and general conditions overseas with him. While in Europe he attended the World Conference of Christian Youth at Amsterdam.

THE COMMITTEE: Conveners in their various portfolios have conscientiously carried out their work. Due to resignations and the departure of some on Active Service, the personnel of the committee changed considerably during the year.

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

THE WORK.

MEMBERSHIP: Attendances at the Sunday afternoon meetings have been fair, about three-fifths of the total number of members being present on each occasion. In spite of serious losses sustained during the year interest in the Class remains as strong as ever. The average roll number for the year was 51 and the average attendance 29.

MEN ON ACTIVE SERVICE: At present the Class is faced with the loss of many of its senior members who have enlisted for Active Service. While we deplore the conditions which necessitate this, and although we feel this temporary loss very much, yet we are

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proud to state that in this time of national emergency there are those among our membership who are ready to offer themselves for service.

Six members, H. Bunckenburg, S. Plant, M. Highet, E. McPherson, D. Fowler and C. Morrison are already overseas; P. Argue is in training with the Air Force in the Dominion; three, N. Jardine, D. Parsons and C. Webster are with the Third Echelon, while others will shortly be entering camp.

Several, who although not members, yet were connected with our Class, have enlisted and are now either overseas or serving in Home Defence.

Gifts of suitably inscribed New Testaments or similar devotional works are being given to all members departing for service overseas.

It is with deep regret that in this report we must record the passing of a former member, Roderick Matheson, who was killed in an Air Force accident in England recently. Roy Matheson was a member of the Class when he left to accept a short service commission in the R.A.F. two years ago.

DISCUSSIONS: The subjects during the year covered a wide range and although several stalwarts have left our ranks, many new members have written papers and contributed to the discussion.

BIBLE STUDY: Members met weekly, immediately after work, during the winter months of 1939 to share in prayer and Bible Study. Prayer groups were also held before the Sunday meeting at different periods of the year, while the combined prayer meeting continues to be held on the first Sunday of each month. Definite steps are at present being taken to strengthen the Bible Study and prayer life of the Class.

MISSIONS: The amounts collected during the year are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Travelling Secretary and Foreign	51	11	1
Boys' Institute	1	0	11
New Hebrides		3	0
Maori		3	6
Church Home		3	0
Orphanage	1	9	5
Total	£54	10	11

as compared with £51 4s. 2d. during 1938-39.

The average contribution per contributor was £1/3/9 as compared with £1/1/4 during 1938-39.

SOCIAL SERVICE: We have continued to take an interest in the Boys' Institute, the Old People's Homes, and the Presbyterian Orphanages. The resident boys from the Boys' Institute were our

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guests on two occasions and much enjoyed a programme of games arranged for them. In conjunction with the Young Women's Class a carol concert was arranged at the Home for Aged Needy in December 1939. Scots concert tickets and one hundred P.S.S.A. calendars were disposed of at the end of 1939.

ROOMS: The condition of the rooms during the past year has been satisfactory, minor repairs being attended to as required. Autographed photo portraits of five past leaders have been procured and hung in the classroom and also of Sir Wilfred Grenfell and Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE WM. S. HOPKIRK: In the will of the late Mrs. Mary Hopkirk was contained provision for a substantial bequest to St. John's Young Men's Bible Class, such to be used for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of her son, Lieut. Wm. S. Hopkirk who, a former Secretary of the Class, was killed in action in France on 1st June, 1916.

At a class meeting held 1st October 1939, on the suggestion of the Committee, it was decided that such a memorial take the form of a memorial table, three chairs, and a lectern. A special dedication service was held on Sunday, 31st March, 1940, conducted by the Rev. J. S. Murray, at which members of the Hopkirk family were present, together with many Old Boys.

SOCIAL: Eighteen social functions were organised by the Social Committee, including meetings of the Social Club, large socials, teas, suppers, the Class banquet and picnic outings.

"FOURSQUARE" AND YOUTH NUMBER OF "OUTLOOK": At the end of 1939 there were 42 subscribers to "Foursquare" of whom 21 were class members. Fourteen members have so far subscribed to the Youth Number.

Class notes appear regularly in the Youth Number which has now replaced "Foursquare."

LIBRARY: During the year there has been a much increased interest shown in the library, for which many new books were purchased. The Class gratefully acknowledges the gift of nine books from Mr. Robert Fleming.

ATHLETIC: The Class continues to foster many athletic activities. The Saturday night club functions during the winter months. A team was entered in the District seven-a-side Rugby tournament. The Harrier Club is still well supported by members of the Class.

The Badminton Club continues to enjoy considerable popularity as a winter pastime.

Participation in the District Athletic sports was not as keen as in other years. The class for the past two years has organised these sports.

A Cricket team competed in the fourth grade division of the Wellington Cricket Association.

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The Tennis club reports having had a fairly good season though bad weather frequently marred enjoyment.

CAMPS: Although the attendance was lower than usual the annual class camp at Moonshine was a most successful one, being held over Anniversary Day week-end.

Only six members attended the District Easter Camp at Waikanae.

LECTURES BY DR. J. G. INKSTER: Two lectures were delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. G. Inkster, one on the Orkney Islands on 14th March, and the second on "Palestine" on 22nd April. Both were largely attended and the proceeds were divided between the Young Women's and Young Men's Bible Classes.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Five members joined the Church during the year, two by profession of faith and three by certificate.

GIFT TO CHURCH: Early in the Class year it was decided that the Class make a gift to the Church, to mark the Jubilee of 1938. The gift of a pulpit fall suitably embroidered was decided upon and was finally in place for Sunday, 26th May.

INSTITUTE FUND: During the year £145:7:6 has been collected towards this fund, bringing the total to £193:13:6.

ACCOMMODATION SCHEME: During the period from 20th December, 1939, to 26th January, 1940, a scheme was launched whereby members of Bible Classes and Churches throughout the Dominion who might be visiting the Exhibition could avail themselves of accommodation in our rooms. A small charge was made and the profits, £14:3:6, were put towards the Institute fund mentioned above.

ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL HOSTEL: During the year this property was disposed of, the surplus of £1211:17:2 being invested with the Church Property Trustees. Also invested is the sum of £1030:0:0, the proceeds of the sale of a section donated by Sir George and Lady Troup. Both these amounts have been placed toward the Institute fund, which now, with interest already accrued and the amount of collections above, stands in the vicinity of £2,500.

CONCLUSION: Remembering that our work in this corner of God's vineyard is but part of the work of the Church of Christ, and keeping in mind that the things we do should not be motivated by any selfish desire, but by a desire to serve our fellow men, we would pray for Divine blessing and guidance for the coming year. May we put the Kingdom of God and His righteousness first in our lives and never forget that those things which would be gain unto us personally should be counted loss to Christ, our Lord.

J. H. MILLER,
Hon. Secretary.

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SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S CLASS.

It would be impossible to make a definite statement as to what members have gained from the Class activities and Studies during the year, but it is safe to say that the law of sowing and reaping applies—as each girl has contributed to the class, so has she reaped of Spiritual food, of friendship and of warm fellowship.

ROLL: The roll number at the end of June is 69, an increase of 11 on last year's figure. Twenty-one have left and 32 new members joined—10 from the Junior Class, 16 from other districts and 6 from other sources. Fifty-seven are Presbyterian communicants, and 6 are members of sister communions. Two of our members are also Sunday School teachers and one leads a morning Bible Class. The average attendance was 32.6 but in this connection it should be noted that, although the roll was 69 at the end of June, there were considerably less for the greater part of the year and also that a large percentage of our members are students who are away from Wellington during term holidays. The Supplementary Roll has been reduced to 4 and now exists solely for the purpose of having in our records the names of any who keep some connection with the Class, but whose circumstances prevent regular attendance.

STUDY: Our subjects have been taken mainly from the inter-denominational syllabus—sometimes in groups and other times in full Class. We record our thanks to several visiting speakers—Sister Noel who told of her work as a City Deaconess; Mr. Milner of the N.Z. Alliance, Mrs. Howard Knight of the China Inland Mission and Dr. Inkster who addressed the four combined classes. Mr. Blanchard left with us his farewell message when he spoke to a meeting of all the classes on August 13th. Our thanks are due too, to the Junior Girls who presented the Christmas play "Glad Tidings," which was a very fitting close to our year. Journal Sunday was again very popular and on this occasion we were glad to welcome our Life members and past members. We co-operated as usual with the Sunday School in their Promotion Day Service.

PRAYER: The monthly combined prayer meeting is well attended by our members. The specially prepared leaflet was used on the Union Day of Prayer when the four classes met together for a worship service, Mr. J. R. Marshall giving a short talk on "Christian Youth at Worship"—a phase of the Amsterdam Conference. Class members are responsible for taking the Time of Quiet in our Sunday afternoon meetings.

MISSIONS: Correspondence with Mrs. McNeur was continued until her return to New Zealand. We are kept in touch with the work of others on the Mission Fields through District Committee.

Prior to their return to China we had the opportunity in con-

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junction with the Y.M. Class of meeting Mr. and Mrs. H. Davies at an after-church supper. The work of the New Hebrides Mission was taken as our Mission study this year. A peggy square quilt made at Club was sent to China and a number of infants' garments to Sister Annie at Ruatahuna. Some racquets and balls, etc., were brought for Turakina College and 5/- contributed to their prize fund. A large number of used Christmas cards was collected and sent through the Y.M. Class to India for work among the children there. The total amount collected for Missions was £59:13:5, made up as follows: £24:4:6 from regular voluntary giving plus £25 from the special offering to meet the "No Retrenchment" appeal and £10:8:11, our share of proceeds of a lecture by Dr. Inkster of which £2:8:11 was credited to the Junior class, who helped with the sale of tickets.

SOCIAL SERVICE: A number of members subscribe regularly to the support of a City Deaconess, and in addition we have as a Class undertaken to contribute at least 5/- per month to this fund. Basketball and Tennis teams have visited the Borstal Institute and on two occasions we have been responsible for the evening service at the Ohiro Home. A Carol Service at the Home for the Aged and Needy was much appreciated as was also a concert given at the British Sailors' Society. Wool has been purchased from Social Service Funds and we are busy knitting for our St. John's own B.C. members on active service.

ORPHANAGE: Our adopted boy has left the Home to live with his grandmother in the South Island, so we have now adopted a little girl of 9 years. Several members visited the Girls' Home at Berhampore and entertained the children. The annual payment of £5 has been made for the upkeep of the John Boal Cot, members assisted with the sale of St. Andrew's Day concert tickets and 62 Calendars were sold.

FLOWER GUILD: The class has undertaken a new responsibility of doing the church flowers each week. Financial help is still being given by a few women of the congregation and we would commend this opportunity to help in a small way in a worthy piece of church work. Any one who would like to make a small contribution is invited to get in touch with the convener, Miss Jean Marshall.

SOCIAL AND SPORTS: The Annual Banquet following the annual meeting was a great success, 63 being present. Hereweia Club was continued at 3-weekly intervals when the usual programme of knitting, games, supper and vespers was carried through. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Hermanns, Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Mackenzie for the hospitality of their homes. Sunday Buffet teas held bi-monthly afford an opportunity for social intercourse and meeting new members. New Dental

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Clinic students were specially invited to one of these teas early in the year. Two parties have been held at the home of Miss Chappell to honour retiring committee members—Margaret Johnston who retired after 19 years of faithful service, and Mary Mitchell prior to her marriage. Combined Social events have included a moonlight picnic and social Clubs, two combined Socials to one of which Kelburn Classes were invited and Sunday Teas at which the speakers were Mrs. Inkster and Mr. J. R. Marshall. Class members supported the Congregational outing in December. A number of members are preparing for the Inter-Bible Class competitions to be held in July. Tennis and Badminton Clubs are well supported. The Tennis Club is very grateful to Miss Helen Clyde who presented a handsome challenge cup and two miniatures for combined competition in the Club. This trophy was won by Miss P. McNeill and Mr. I. Purdie.

LIBRARY: Several books have been given to the Library and 12 members take the Youth number of the "Outlook."

ROOM: We appreciate very much Margaret Blanchard's parting gift of a picture which is a valued addition to our room.

CLASS EXTENSION: This venture shows a healthy growth from 5/- in hand at June 1939 to £70/1/11 at the end of this year. This money has come from regular contributions from class members, donations from past members, share of proceeds from Dr. Inkster's first lecture, Junior Girls' class contribution and proceeds of after-conference camp. We are specially grateful for the Juniors' splendid contribution of £14/4/-. A camp, which was run in the Sunday School Hall, for girls who had been to Summer Conference and were desirous of visiting the Exhibition was most successful. A charge of 5/- covered supper, bed and breakfast and class members gave voluntary service. By this means £26/15/2 nett. was added to the Fund. We are grateful to the Board of Managers for granting the use of the Hall. We commend this scheme to all past members of our Class or any who are interested in its future development.

GENERAL: During the Exhibition the Classes were responsible for one hour's entertainment in the Church Court.

JUBILEE: Several members are contributing 1d. per week and 1/- per week from class funds is being set aside towards financing our Jubilee celebrations in 1942.

CAMPS: Four members were among Wellington Delegates to Summer Conference at Palmerston North and 11 Seniors and 10 Juniors spent a happy and profitable Easter at Solway.

OUR MINISTER: It was with very real regret that we learned of Mr. Blanchard's departure from Wellington. Mr. Blanchard held a very warm place in the affection of Bible Class members and while at St. John's he always did everything in his power to help

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us as a class and we owe much that will remain with us, to his pulpit ministry.

We appreciated Dr. Inkster's interest in our class during his visit and are particularly grateful for his willing and practical help in giving two lectures for our funds.

OUR LEADERS: This report would not be complete without reference to the devoted service of our Leaders, Miss Pearl Brodie and Miss Eleanor Thomson, for whose help and friendship we are sincerely grateful. In expressing our thanks may we give them the assurance of our continued co-operation and loyalty.

APPRECIATION: Our thanks are due to Miss M. Chappell for checking our accounts, and to Mr. Howitt who continues to put us in contact with new comers to the church. We are also grateful to Mr. Thompson our church officer, for his willing assistance on many occasions.

CONCLUSION: And so we conclude this review of our year's work—a year which has brought the sorrow and suffering of war. It seems fitting as we enter our new Bible Class year, not knowing what it may hold, that we should take with us the message given by our King in his last New Year broadcast:—

"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year—Give me a light that I might tread safely into the unknown—and he said: Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God—that will be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

For St. John's Senior Young Women's Bible Class.

WYNNE N. NORRIE,

Hon. Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The Committee desires to thank all persons who have assisted the class during the year.

LOOK OUT: The present membership of the Class stands at eight comprising an entirely new membership since last year. Of the previous membership most either left Wellington or transferred to suburban classes. One was promoted to the Senior Young Men's class. All present members were promoted from the Sunday School. The average attendance for the year was six.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: Practically all class members have attended morning services regularly throughout the year. There are no members on the Church Roll.

DISCUSSIONS: This year's studies have been taken from the Junior syllabus "Keeping the Faith" providing some deep fundamental studies. Some subjects have not allowed for much discussion though others have aroused keener interest.

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Members have frequently given brief papers on missionary studies helping to stimulate interest in missionary enterprises throughout the world.

MISSIONS: The change in membership resulted in a short break in missionary giving. Nevertheless, direct contributions amounted to £2/5/2, including £1 raised at a party given by Dr. and Mrs. Corkill, and with £2/4/10 appropriated from general funds the sum of £4/10/- was remitted to the Treasurer. Our quota was £2/10/-.

SOCIAL: Of the four outstanding functions conducted during the year three were in conjunction with the Young Women's Class. The first took the form of a banquet in November to farewell leaving members and extend a welcome to new members. The second function was a Centennial Social conducted by St. John's combined classes with other Wellington classes as guests and was a great success. The Annual Picnic was held in February at Day's Bay. A party was given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Corkill to raise money for mission funds of both classes. We are grateful to our host and hostess for their assistance and also for providing a type of social activity we appreciate most of all.

ATHLETIC: Saturday night club has been the chief athletic avenue. Teams played in both the Handball and Basketball competitions at the Indoor Sports. There was no participation in inter-class field athletics or swimming sports.

CAMPING: Two members attended Easter camp at Waikanae.

LEADERSHIP: Mr. D. Fickling has continued as our leader throughout the year.

CONCLUSION: The year has been an unusual one in that the entire membership has changed. The average age of present class members is much lower but we trust that growing up through the class will have a permanent influence in the lives of all members. These changing days are placing new responsibilities on youth and we look to the Bible Class to help lay the solid foundations which establish strength of character founded on the truth as revealed by our Lord, Jesus Christ.

For the Committee,

E. SMITH,

Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

As we look back over the experiences of the past year we feel that we have enjoyed a very real fellowship in our Class; fellowship with each other, and in the deeper spiritual things.

ROLL: The roll at present stands at 17. Our numbers were

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very much depleted by the promotion of 10 members to the Senior Class. Six girls have joined the Class during the year, and 7 of our members have joined the Church. The average attendance is 13.2.

SUBJECT: This year our studies have been taken from the Bible Class syllabus: "Keeping the Faith." The subjects are both practical and interesting, and we have had some good discussions. During the year we made a collection of religious poetry and prayers which we are making into a book. The Sunday preceding Christmas we produced a play "Glad Tidings", and this was repeated at the concert we gave at the Old People's Home.

MISSIONS: This year we have made a very special effort for missions, and as a result we have doubled the amount collected last year. The usual 1d. per week contribution has been made, and in addition a special collection amounting to £4/15/- was taken in Class. We wish to thank Dr. and Mrs. Corkill for giving a most enjoyable party for the Junior Classes to augment the Mission funds. The total amount donated by the Class to Missions was £13/15/-.

HEREWEA CLUB: The Junior Herewea Club has continued its activities. We made several illustrated reading books to be used in the Mission school at the New Hebrides. This year we have put our main efforts into sewing and knitting for soldiers and refugees. The total number of garments completed so far is 60.

ORPHANAGE: A new venture this year was the adoption of a little girl from the Presbyterian Home by the Class. Jean has joined us several times in our picnics and outings, and we gave her a party to celebrate her birthday.

CLASS EXTENSION: We are helping the Seniors in their Class Extension scheme by means of "Sunshine Bags" in which we put a penny for every sunny day. We have collected £12/4/- in this way.

SOCIAL: This year we had our first combined Junior Banquet to welcome new members from the Sunday School and to farewell those members promoted to the Senior Classes. The banquet was a great success, and we hope to repeat the experience. We had our annual combined picnic at Day's Bay. Along with the other Classes we have attended several teas and after church suppers.

DISTRICT WORK: Ten of our girls went to Easter Camp at Solway. We have attended District Club regularly and after great effort succeeded in winning the picture presented to the Class with the highest number of marks for the season.

In conclusion we would like to thank all those who have helped with the work of the Class during the year.

JEAN MACDONALD,

Hon. Secretary.

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

A perusal of the annual reports of St. John's Church dating from 1889 will give interesting details of the history of the Boys' Institute which was founded in St. John's in 1882 and carried on as an undenominational institution. In 1899 St. John's Young Men's Bible Class under the leadership and inspiration of Sir Geo. A. Troup took over the control of the Institute but from the entry into the new building in Arthur Street in 1907 the Kirk Session's ratification of the undenominational character of the work was again fixed for all time and provision made for its government by a committee and officials elected annually by general subscribers to the Institute Funds in addition to a permanent committee of members of St. John's Church and Bible Class.

St. John's permanent committee at present is Hon. President, the Minister of St. John's Church; President, Sir Geo. A. Troup; Vice Presidents, Ad. Howitt and A. Johnston; Members, W. Ferguson, H. M. Smith, D. Highet, D. McLeod and G. Vincent.

St. John's is also represented on the Ladies' Auxiliary by Lady Troup, Hon. President, and Mrs. A. M. Wilson.

Mr. T. M. Barrett is Hon. Treasurer and Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen is Hon. Physician.

The resident boys' Sunday morning Bible Class has been ably conducted by J. Holmes Miller and Peter Argue, the latter is now overseas with the 2nd Echelon.

The boys in the Class made a contribution of £5/10/- in January to the War Patriotic Funds.

A forward movement which will entail structural alterations to the building is at present receiving the serious consideration of the Committee, but war conditions relating to material may delay progress.

The Institute remains true to its first ideal of doing everything possible for the Spiritual, Mental, Physical and Social welfare of the under-privileged boys of the City and Province.

BUSY BEES.

St. John's Busy Bees though small in numbers have produced a bountiful supply of honey. Early in the year under review, Scrap Books were despatched to the New Hebrides and parcels of clothing sent to China for refugees. The Hive also donated £2 to the Wai-Karemoana Church for a reading desk.

In August members met at a social afternoon to bid farewell to Lesley Blanchard. All were very sorry to say good-bye to such

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

an enthusiastic and friendly Bee. The Queen Bee, Ngairi Mackenzie presented Lesley with a book from the Hive.

Speakers during the year were Mrs. R. Inglis, Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Sister Christobel, Mrs. J. G. Inkster, Mrs. P. M. Cameron and Mrs. N. McLeod.

The Hive continues to function under the leadership of Misses D. Chappell and N. Troup and the assistance of Miss J. Fullarton has been greatly appreciated.

For the "No Retrenchment" Fund the Bees made "love bags" into which spare pennies were placed. The total amount raised was £1/5/-. In November the members of St. John's P.W.M.U. invited the Hive to their meeting at the close of which a sale of articles made by the Bees was held and the sum of £4/6/- resulted.

D. M. CAMPBELL.
N. TROUP.

ST. JOHN'S HOSTEL COMMITTEE.

After the Great War of 1914-1918, when the Young Men's Bible Class was under the leadership of Mr. Alex. Martin, the Class members and old boys of that day provided, in memory of their fellows who had sacrificed their lives in the struggle, a Hostel where young men who came to employment in Wellington might find a home in Christian surroundings.

This well known land mark at 306 Willis Street served its purpose for many years, but the economic depression in the early part of this decade brought about circumstances which resulted in such a falling off in revenue that, together with the extensive repairs which had at the same time become necessary, the Committee was forced to seek an opportunity of disposing of the land and buildings as they stood. Naturally, however, that time was not a good time in which to sell, so the property was leased, the income just balancing the expenditure. After much difficulty a sale was finally effected this year, yielding a net return of £1211/17/2, which sum the Church Property Trustees have been instructed to invest until such time as a suitable memorial is agreed upon by the Young Men's Bible Class and approved by the Church Courts.

EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

In Memoriam

MR. P. M. CAMERON.

MRS. T. R. CRESWELL.

MR. R. GARDINER.

MRS. F. LEES.

MRS. E. B. WILSON.

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

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1940.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance Brought Forward from 30/6/39					54	10	5
For Church Purposes:							
Plate Offerings	1269	4	2				
Envelope System	639	12	9				
Seat Rents	156	0	0				
					2064	16	11
Sabbath School 86th Anniversary Collections (2) 8/10/39					32	19	6
Donations to Hall Account	42	6	6				
Donations to Revenue A/c.	45	4	11				
Funeral Donations (Rev. J. S. Murray)	3	1	0				
Organ Practice Fees	5	5	0				
Y.M.B.C. Telephone Extension	1	5	0				
Refund Communion Wine	3	18	0				
Refund Pulpit Supply Fee	3	0	0				
Donations Blanchard Presentations	61	16	6				
Donations Inkster. Presentations	42	12	0				
Donations by Office Bearers, MacKenzie 90th Birthday Cake	5	7	0				
Interest on Legacies and Endowment Fund	134	11	5				
Interest on Benevolent Fund	6	7					
Interest on Deposit with General Treasurer	16	8	2				
Rent from Manse	264	0	0				
					629	2	1
For Missions and other Altruistic Purposes—							
Foreign Missions	75	10	9				
Home & Maori Missions	19	1	7				

Chinese Missions	17	18	0				
Knox Theological College	13	9	8				
Presbyterian Orphanage	103	1	9				
Benevolent Fund	81	7	2				
Soldiers' Comforts Fund	16	16	1				
St. John's Women's Association in lieu of Sale of Work	185	10	0				
Special Mission Appeal to avoid Retrenchment, Congregation per Mission							
Envelopes	167	9	5				
Donations in response to Dr. Inkster appeals	304	7	2				
					984	11	7

PAYMENTS.				
For Church Purposes:				
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Stipend	100	0	0	
Rev. J. R. Blanchard, Car Allowance	16	13	4	
Rev. J. R. Blanchard Gratuity	50	0	0	
Rev. Dr. Inkster	360	0	0	
Pulpit Supply Fees	54	0	0	
Pulpit Supply Expenses	99	18	11	
Organist, W. Lawrence Haggitt	125	0	0	
Church Officer, John Thompson	165	0	0	
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	100	14	1	
Postage Stamps	18	5	6	
Insurances, Fire	73	14	5	
Insurances, Earthquake	52	17	9	
Insurances, Employer's Liability	2	0	7	
Telephone, Church	9	15	0	
Repairs, Church and Manse	56	0	0	
Organ Tuning Contract	15	15	0	
Rates: Caretaker's Cottage	18	8	9	
Rates, Manse Wai-te-ata Rd.	22	2	6	
Electric Light	34	4	5	
Electric Heating	41	1	11	
Electric Power for Organ	2	19	3	
Upkeep Electrical Installation	3	9	11	
Gas	2	16	4	
Cleaning Requisites	8	6	0	
Sabbath School, 86th Anniversary	32	19	6	
Metropolitan Society	90	0	0	
Social Expenses	42	13	0	

Assembly Expenses Assessment	24	0	0
Wellington Presbytery Assessment	6	0	0
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	30	0	0
Organ Supply	3	2	0
Hymn Book Trust Account	12	0	0
Communion Wine	2	16	0
Endowment Fund	134	11	5
Benevolent Fund	6	7	
150 Church Hymnary	17	12	9
Presentations Mr. Blanchard and Family	61	15	2
Presentations Dr. and Mrs. Inkster	44	3	9
Removal Expenses Reserve	250	0	0
Crockery Replacement A/c.	20	0	0
Sundry Small Accounts	35	9	6
General Church Treasurer Rent Account	264	0	0
Bank Charges and Cheque Book	3	5	0
			2507 18 4

For Missions and other Altruistic Purposes—

Foreign Missions	178	3	9
Home and Maori Missions	173	18	5
McNeur Chinese Mission	150	0	0
Indian Missions	25	0	0
New Hebrides Mission	25	0	0
Knox Theological College	13	9	8
Budget Schemes	32	14	9
Benevolent Fund Trust A/c.	81	7	2
Soldiers' Comforts Fund	16	16	1
Presbyterian Orphanages	103	1	9
			799 11 7
Bank of New Zealand			458 10 7

£3766 0 6

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ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30th JUNE, 1940.

I. G. LYTGOE, M.Com. A.R.A. (N.Z.), Hon. Auditor.
Wellington, 22nd July, 1940.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CENTENARY FUND AS AT 30th JUNE, 1940.

I have examined the books, accounts, and vouchers of St. John's Church Centenary Fund, and certify that, in my opinion, the above statement of Receipts and Payments correctly sets out the position at 30th June, 1940.

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.
 L. G. LYTHGOE, M.Com. A.R.A. (N.Z.), Hon. Auditor.
 Wellington, 22nd July, 1940.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1940

.. Bank Balances 30/3/40:					21 19 3
Union Bank	.....	12	6	9	
P.O.S.B.	.....	12	4	10	
Secretary's Imprest A/c.	.....	1	0	0	
					25 11 7

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1940.

I hereby certify that I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the St. John's Young Men's Bible Class and that the above Balance Sheet discloses the correct position as shown by the books as at 31st March, 1940.

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

Audited and found correct.
ROBT. FLEMING.
21st July, 1940.

A. R. FLEMING,
Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO JUNE 30th. 1940.

RECEIPTS.			
	£	s.	d.
Brought forward July 1, 1939—			
Room	18	9	
"Outlook"	3	0	
Competitions	14	0	
Class Extension	5	0	
Jubilee Fund	4	14	9
Social Service	1	12	1
General Fund	14	1	
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To Collections—	9	1	8
G. H. McNeur Fund	11	13	6
General Missions	12	11	0
Social Service	10	1	6
Sale of Orphanage Calendars	3	2	0
Collections & Donations Class Extension	70	5	3
Subscriptions "Outlook"	2	2	3
Collections Jubilee Fund	5	6	0
Collections Deaconess Fund	7	19	6
Donations from Social Service to Deaconess Fund	4	0	0
Syllabus	1	4	0
Collections Annual Banquet	1	15	0
Presentation Fund	2	10	0
Special Mission Fund Appeal	25	0	0
Proceeds Lecture (Missions)	10	8	11
Collections General Fund	16	0	7
Bank Interest	15	6	

PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.
By Class Extension			8 4
"Outlook"	2	2	3
Room			2 6
Orphanage Calendars	3	2	0
Social Service—			
Orphanage	10	0	
Deaconess Fund	4	0	0
Wool	2	19	2
Institute Pound Day		5	0
Sundries	1	18	3
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Competitions			9 12 5
Deaconess Fund	11	19	6
Banquet Expenses	2	3	0
Presentation	2	10	0
District Fees	2	8	4
Syllabus A/c.	1	19	6
Donation to Junior Y.W.B.C.	2	8	11
Sundry Expenses	1	9	3
John Boal Cot—Orphanage	5	0	0
G. H. McNeur Fund	15	0	0
Y.W.B.C. Own Workers' Fd.	20	0	0
Special Mission Appeal	25	0	0
Bursary Fund	2	0	0
B. and F. Bible Society	2	0	0
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Balance in hand			69 0 0
			83 16 8
			<hr/>
			£193 16 8
Balance in hand—			
Room			16 3
"Outlook"			3 0
Class Extension	70	1	11

Jubilee Fund 10 0 9
 Social Service Convener 2 1 2
 General Fund 13 7

£83 16 8

£193 16 8

ANNE McKAY, Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1st JULY TO 30th JUNE, 1940.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance 1/7/39		7 6	By Turakina Bursary		5 0
Class Collections	7	8 0	Y.W.B.C. Own Workers	12	0 0
Mission Collections	3	18 4	St. John's Own Missionary	1	0 0
Mission Concert		7 0	B.C. Bursary		15 0
Mission Lecture	2	8 11	B.C. Fees		11 0
Special Mission Appeal	4	15 0	Class Extension	13	4 0
Sunshine Bags	12	4 0	Deaconess Fund	1	0 0
P.O. Savings Bank Interest		2 7	British & Foreign Bible Society		15 0
			Sewing Materials	1	0 0
			Flower Guild		10 0
			Balance in hand	11	4
	£31 11	4		£31 11	4

JOYCE ATKINSON, Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1940.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance, Cash at Bank, 1/7/1939			14 2 3	Books and Supplies	16	10	1
Collections—				Prizes (Class, Examination and Hopkirk Memorial Prize)	6	15	8
Ordinary	18	1	6	Anniversary Sunday Expenses	4	13	10
Mission Boxes	1	3	6	Picnic Expenses	8	7	2
"Break of Day" Fund		11	6	Missions	25	0	0
			19 16 6	"Break of Day" Xmas Fund		15	0
Anniversary Sunday Offertory			32 19 6	Sundries	3	14	6
Picnic Donations			9 13 5	Balance, Cash at Bank, 30/6/1940	18	1	3
Interest			4 2 2				
Sundries			3 3 8				
			£83 17 6				£83 17 6

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

M. R. BILBY, A.R.A.N.Z., Hon. Treasurer.

I certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the St. John's Presbyterian Sunday School, Wellington, and that in my opinion the above statement is a correct record of the receipts and payments for the year ended 30th June, 1940.

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

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1940. MISSION ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward 30/6/39	3	2	11	Harvest Field Supplies	4	17	6
Hon. Members' Subscriptions, 40 at 5/-	10	0	0	Maori Mission Birthday League	7	17	0
Active Members' Subscriptions, 45 at 2/6	5	12	6	Conference Levy, Travelling			
P.W.M.U. Collections	7	8	10	Levy, and Affiliation Fee	1	19	6

Mission Collection Books	15	0	0	Seamen's Mission Tea	1	8	0
Harvest Fields	4	17	6	Presbyterian Training Institute	1	1	0
Maori Mission Birthday League	7	17	0	Stamps, Envelopes and Circulars	5	12	1
Straight-out donations in lieu of sale of work (including £32/15/6 from Evening Guild)	164	12	6	Sundry Small Expenses		6	3
P.O. Bank Interest	1	3	1	Church Treasurer for Missions	185	10	0
			£219 14 4	Women's Association, 85 Members at 1/-	4	5	0
				Balance in hand (Missions)	6	18	0
							£219 14 4

DORCAS ACCOUNT.

Balance brought forward	6	15	6	Mothers' Meetings	2	0	0
Church Treasurer, Soldiers' Comforts	16	16	1	Balance in hand	21	11	7
			£23 11 7				£23 11 7

ASSOCIATION ACCOUNT.

Capitation Fees, 85 members at 1/-	4	5	0	Sundry Small Expenses	1	9	8
			£4 5 0	Balance in hand	2	15	4
							£4 5 0

Audited and found correct.

7th July, 1940. ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Auditor.

M. BASSETT,
Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S HOSTEL COMMITTEE.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR PERIOD ENDED 10th JULY, 1940.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Interest	92	10 6	By Rent	172	2 0
Rates and Taxes	86	13 8	Interest on purchase money		
Insurance	10	8 6	from date of sale to		
Balance to Capital A/c	45	12 10	date of transfer	63	3 6
	£235	5 6		£235	5 6

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance as at 30/6/39	161	3 8	By Income and Expenditure Account	45	12 10
			Balance to Realization Account	115	10 10
	£161	3 8		£161	3 8

REALISATION ACCOUNT.

	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Land	1827	19 4	By Purchase Price	3750	0 0
Buildings	450	0 0			
Capital	115	10 10			
Commission on Sale	103	15 0			
Legal Fees	12	12 0			
Other Legal Costs	4	4 0			
Interest payable on mortgage from date of sale to date of transfer	24	1 8			
Balance represented by cash held by Church Trustees	1211	17 2			
	£3750	0 0		£3750	0 0

I certify that the books, accounts and vouchers have been examined, and in my opinion the above Income and Expenditure Account and Realization Account show the correct position.
25/7/40.

T. M. BARRETT.

TABLE GIVING PARTICULARS OF BUDGET ASSESSMENT PAYMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1940.

RAISED BY	126	0	0	£	s.	d.
St. John's Special Collections	126	0	0	598	0	0
St. John's Women's Association	152	14	6	60	8	9
St. John's Evening Guild	32	15	6	75	3	0
Senior Young Men's Bible Class	39	8	3	15	12	7
Junior Young Men's Bible Class	4	10	0			
Senior Young Women's Bible Class	60	0	0			
Junior Young Women's Bible Class	13	0	0			
St. John's Sunday School	25	0	0	749	4	4
Maori Mission Birthday League	7	17	0	185	0	0
St. John's Busy Bees	1	2	6			
No Retrenchment Appeal—						
Congregation by Mission Envs.	167	9	5			
Donations in response to Dr.						
Inkster's Appeal	304	7	2			
	£934	4	4	£934	4	4

PAYMENTS.

To General Church Treasurer—	
Budget Assessment 1939/1940	.....
Short Paid Assessment 1937/1938	.....
Short Paid Assessment 1938/1939	.....
Additional to Assessment 1939/40	.....
Total Paid for Year	.....
Balance in hand to go towards
Budget Assessment 1940/1941

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

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MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OVERSEA OR IN CAMP.

SUPREME SACRIFICE: Ian Matheson.

1st ECHELON:

Pte. Ken Brooker	Corp. Eric MacPherson
W. O. I. Henry Bunckenburg	Pte. S. A. Plant.
Gunner J. W. Donaldson	2nd Lieut. D. C. Ward.
Pte. J. M. Highet	Corp. J. Maurice Stephenson
Mr. Victor Jones, Y.M.C.A.	
Representative.	

2nd ECHELON.

Pte. I. C. Abernethy	2nd Lieut. K. G. Scott.
Major J. S. Martin, N.Z. Army	
Pay Corps.	

3rd ECHELON.

2nd Lieut. A. H. Armour	Pte. Derek Parsons.
Pte. R. G. Connor	Pte. H. A. Taylor.
Pte. Norman Jardine	Corpl. Clifford Webster.

NAVY:

Surgeon-Commander H. K. Corkill, N.Z. Navy.	Mr. Jack Cunliffe, Royal Navy.
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AIR FORCE (OVERSEA):

Acting Pilot W. A. Austin	Flying Officer Craig Morrison.
L.A.C. Wireless Operator Duncan Fowler.	

IN CAMP:

A.C. Peter Argue.	Sgt. J. F. Hanna.
Pte. W. A. S. Armour.	Mr T Harrison.
Sgt. Jack Armstrong.	Mr. Colin Lythgoe.
Sgt. Hilton Aston.	Mr. Howard Smith.
Pte. L. C. Goetzlof.	

The above list has been carefully compiled but if there are any mistakes or omissions we offer our apologies and ask that we be notified.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WELLINGTON, N.Z.



Eighty-Eighth Report

Covering period from
July 1st, 1940
to
June 30th, 1941.

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 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 of 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. James 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 Reiff (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
Rev. J. Gibson Inkster, B.A., D.D.	Sept. 1939—May, 1940
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., inducted	21st Nov., 1940

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

MINISTER.

REV. P. GLADSTONE HUGHES, B.A.

9 Wai-te-ata Road, C.2.

Telephone 46-827.

THE VERY REV. GEORGE H. McNEUR (Canton),

Retired Missionary.

THE VERY REV. J. H. MACKENZIE, Retired Clerk of Assembly.

OFFICE-BEARERS OF ST. JOHN'S.

KIRK SESSION:

	Inducted
Troup, Sir George A., C.M.G., F.R.I.B.A., 5 Cluny St., Kelburn, W.1.	1895
Mainland, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn, W.1.	1903
Johnston, A., 33 Central Terrace, Kelburn, W.1.	1911
Howitt, A., 100 Lyall Parade, Lyall Bay, E.3.	1913
(Session Clerk, 1931-1937)	
Smith, A. P., Birch Hill, Silverstream	1913
Martin, A., 71 Messines Road, Karori, W.3.	1919
Fraser, Malcolm, C.V.O., O.B.E., 29 Rawhiti Tce., Kelburn, W.1.	1921
Creswell, T. R., M.A., Christchurch	1921
Glover, H., 91 Karori Road, W.3.	1921
Ferguson, W. J., 3 Zohrab Street, Hataitai, E.2.	1928
Spratt, F. C., 69 Pitt Street, Wadestown, N.2.	1928
Wilson, J. M., 58 Glen Road, Kelburn, W.1.	1931
Ewen, Dr. H. Baydon, 8 Dundas Street, Seatoun, E.5.	1931
Johnston, A. D., Featherston	1929
Purdie, A., 74 Campbell Street, Karori, W.3.	1933
Fowler, R. B., 2 Homewood Crescent, Karori, W.3.	1933
Brown, D. B., A.P.A.N.Z., F.A.I.S., 66 Hawker St., E.1.	1935
(Session Clerk 1937-41)	
Corkill, Dr. T. F., 319 Willis Street, C.2.	1935
MacLeod, D., 6 Durham Crescent, C.2.	1935
Cook, J. B. I., Owd Trafford Flats, No. 5, Brougham St., E.1.	1937
Duthie, W., 185 Onepu Road, Lyall Bay, E.3.	1941
Lomas, J. S., M.A., 12 Springfield Terrace, Kelburn, W.1.	1941
Moore, W. H., 96 Sefton Street, Wadestown, N.2.	1941
Orr, J. A., Tennis Court Road, Khandallah, N.5.	1941
Smith, H. B., B.Com., 25 Maida Vale Road, Roseneath, E.1.	1941
Wallace, A. H., 5 Boundary Road, Kelburn, W.1.	1941
Session Clerk:	
Blake, L. R., B.Sc., 62 Harbour View Road, Northland, W.2.	1933

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McLean, A. C.	24 Grass Street, Oriental Bay, E.1.
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Treasurer of the Board of Managers:

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GENERAL COMMITTEES.

Finance Committee:

Mr. R. Fleming	Mr. J. Matthews	Mr. A. L. Wall
Mr. H. Glover	Mr. A. P. Smith	Mr. J. M. Wilson

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

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Mr. P. H. Anderson	Mr. D. MacLeod
Mr. J. Matthews	Mr. W. Reid

Envelope Contributions Committee:

Convener: Mr. J. M. Wilson, 58 Glen Road, Kelburn, W.1. Phone 26-707.	
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Mr. N. J. Glover	(on Active Service) Mr. D. MacLeod

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Convener: Mr. F. S. Pope, 34 Kelburn Parade, Telephone: 42-366.
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 Mr. H. Glover Mr. F. C. Spratt Mr. A. H. Wallace

Convener Allocation of Rooms Committee:

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ORGANISATIONS.

CHOIR.

Organist and Choirmaster:

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

President: Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A.

Vice-Presidents: Miss R. E. Nichols, Mr. W. L. Haggitt.

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

Hon. Treasurer: Miss E. Ledger.

Hon. Librarian: Miss D. Lees.

Committee:

Mrs. Pumfrey, Misses Baird, Brodie, D. Chappell, Curtis, Molly McKenzie, Messrs E. Pumfrey and A. L. Wall.

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

Sopranos (15):

Mrs. Gleeson, Misses D. Atkinson, A. Bennie, P. Brodie, J. Budd, D. Chappell, H. Clyde, J. Hanchet, E. Ledger, D. Lees, J. McKenzie, M. MacKenzie, D. Mills, R. Nichols, and H. Sinclair.

Altos (11):

Mrs. Pumfrey, Misses J. Atkinson, I. Baird, P. Cranson, J. Curtis, S. Lang, P. Lees, M. McKenzie, N. McKenzie, E. Purdey and J. Smith.

Tenors (3):

Messrs B. Harper (on Active Service), E. Pumfrey and M. Pumfrey (on Active Service).

Basses (1):

Mr. A. L. Wall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr. R. B. Fowler.

Teachers: Mrs. M. Bilby, Misses L. Butler, F. Cunliffe, E. MacKenzie, M. MacKenzie, W. Atkinson, P. Cunliffe, Messrs M. Bilby, J. Long, N. Jardine (on Active Service—missing).

Pianist: Mrs. M. Bilby

Librarian: Mr. W. Kraft.

Treasurer: Mr. M. Bilby.

Secretaries:

School: Mr. H. Bunckenburg (on Active Service).

Recording: Mr. H. B. Smith.

Cradle Roll: Miss E. MacKenzie.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

President: Mrs. Gladstone Hughes.

Vice-Presidents: Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Mrs. C. Kerr, Mrs. P. M. Cameron.

Secretary Miss M. Chappell
 28 Stoke St., S.I.

Treasurer Miss Bassett
Mothers' Meeting . . . Mrs. C. Kerr
M.M.B. League Mrs. Pumfrey
Harvest Field Miss E. W. Millar
Busy Bees Rep. Miss D. Chappell
Evening Guild Rep. . . . Miss A. McKay
Corresponding Sec. . . . Miss M. Brown
Tea Convener Miss Howden
Soldiers' Parcels Mrs Malcolm Fraser
British Children Mrs. T. F. Corkill
Guild Sewing Mrs. J. Marshall.
Soldiers' Knitting . . . Mrs. A. Martin.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Miss P. Brodie. **Sub-Leader:** Miss E. Thomson.

Secretary: Miss W. Norrie. **Treasurer:** Miss A. McKay.

Committee:

Misses W. Atkinson, D. Atkinson, L. Bibby, J. Brown, M. Curle, I. Hermanns, L. Kraft, D. Lees, J. Marshall, Mary MacKenzie, Molly McKenzie, M. Norrie, M. Ponder.

Life Members:

Misses M. Chappell, A. Chappell, H. Clyde, I. Ferguson, R. Nichols and W. Millar.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS AND INSTITUTE.

Acting-Leaders: F. Carruthers and J. B. Gregory.

Secretary: A. H. Foote.

Treasurer and Institute Fund Collector: F. Carruthers.

Conveners:

Look-out: J. C. Smaill, N. Scott. **Social Service:** D. Stevenson.
Social and Athletic: G. F. Vincent. **Badge:** N. Scott.
Missions: J. Crawford. **Library & Outlook:** G. Ross.
Discussion: J. Gregory. **Rooms:** D. Ross.
Bible Study: L. Spackman. **Organist:** R. D. Stevenson.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Miss Ina Troup.

Secretary: Miss Jean MacDonald. **Treasurer:** Miss Joyce Atkinson.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS:

Leader: J. C. Smaill.

Secretary: Tom Corkill. **Treasurer:** A. Fleming.

ROLL OF HONOUR.**SUPREME SACRIFICE**

R. C. Matheson	J. B. Watt.
Jack Strong	

FIRST ECHELON.

Ken Booker (wounded)	Victor Jones (Y.M.C.A.)
Henry Bunckenburg	Eric MacPherson
Jack Donaldson	Sid. Plant
Barney Haigh (wounded)	Jack Stephenson
Malcolm Highet	D. C. Ward

SECOND ECHELON.

I. C. Abernethy	K. G. Scott
J. S. Martin	

THIRD ECHELON.

A. H. Armour (wounded— missing)	Norman Jardine (missing)
Jack Armstrong	C. A. Lythgoe
R. G. Conner	H. A. Taylor
Gordon Glover (missing)	Cliff Webster
R. B. Howe	

FOURTH REINFORCEMENT.

Owen Gatman	K. Reed
Leo Milne	A. Shaw
E. H. Newton	Gordon Smith
A. W. Oakley	A. Wall (Y.M.C.A.)
Marshall Pumfrey	

FIFTH REINFORCEMENT.

W. A. S. Armour	Douglas Smith
Ewen Scott	C. W. J. Thomas

SIXTH REINFORCEMENT.

G. B. Cole	J. S. Park
W. G. Hamilton	A. Wren

NAVY.

H. K. Corkill	Bruce Harper
B. Cunliffe	H. W. Hughes
J. W. Cunliffe	G. J. Macdonald

FLEET AIR ARM.

R. S. Fleming	C. Morrison
R. Jamieson	

AIR FORCE.

W. S. Austin	L. C. Goetzlof
Peter Argue	T. R. Harrison
Duncan Fowler	

HOSPITAL SHIP.

E. Finlayson	
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IN CAMP.

H. Aston	Ian Lowman
E. Carter (Y.M.C.A.)	Jack Marshall
Dudley Pickling	Holmes Miller
F. F. Grady	Ian Purdie
J. F. Hannah	J. Shaw
D. H. Judd	R. Wilson

KIRK SESSION.

A retrospect of the past year reveals that as a Congregation St. John's has much for which to be thankful to Almighty God for the way in which He has led us.

In the Homeland, the ravages of war have taken heavy toll of Churches, and there has been witnessed the pathetic but inspiring spectacle of men and women gathering for worship in bomb-rent sacred edifices. In lands invaded by the Nazis, religious liberties have been ruthlessly abrogated. We have been privileged to worship in peace, and would give grateful and humble thanks to our Heavenly Father.

THE MINISTER: Towards the end of 1940 the congregation sent a well-supported call to the Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A. of St. Andrew's, Auckland, to minister to us in holy things, and our quest for a Minister was happily concluded when Mr. Hughes indicated his acceptance. Following the induction on the 21st. November last, the Presbytery, congregation and neighbouring Ministers extended a warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Hughes and family at a social evening. Our Minister entered enthusiastically and vigorously on his new sphere of duties. His sermons have been of a very high order, marked by breadth of vision and spiritual depth; he has given himself unstintingly to the pastoral visitation of the congregation, and with sympathy and zeal ministered to the sick, the bereaved, and those anxious regarding the safety of loved ones serving overseas.

The Youth Organisations who for so many years have played such an important part in the life of the congregation have found in Mr and Mrs Hughes firm friends, always ready to help with their counsel and sympathetic understanding of the problems facing young people.

Session trusts that our Minister may have the joy of seeing the work of the Lord prosper exceedingly in the congregation.

SESSION: By reason of removal to outlying parts of the City, Messrs D. Highet and G. C. Jupp found it necessary to resign during the year. Session placed on record its regret at their departure and its deep appreciation of the valuable services rendered Session and the congregation by both these gentlemen. To make up losses sustained by death and removal, the congregation elected Messrs W. Duthie, J. S. Lomas, W. Moore, J. A. Orr, H. B. Smith, and A. H. Wallace to Session. Session welcomes these new members, and

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trusts that their lives may be enriched through their service in the high office to which they have been called, to the end that the King and Head of the Church may be glorified.

Session Clerk: Owing to pressure of professional duties and on grounds of health, Mr. D. B. Brown tendered his resignation as Sessions Clerk early in 1941. In the following Minute, Session has recorded its appreciation of the service rendered by Mr. Brown to the congregation during four strenuous years.

"The Session of St. John's Church has accepted with keen regret the resignation of the Session Clerk, Mr. D. B. Brown, on account of impaired health, and the pressure of his own private business."

"Mr. Brown joined the membership of St. John's in 1934 with previous experience as Session Clerk. Early in 1937, the Session invited him to undertake the same office in St. John's. Mr. Brown consented to hold office for a year, but was moved to continue in office until the above-mentioned circumstances led him to tender his resignation."

"The exacting calls of the responsible position of Session Clerk in such a large and scattered congregation as that of St. John's made inroads on Mr. Brown's time and taxed his health. Moreover, war conditions have made it necessary for him to devote more time to his own private business."

"The Session wishes to thank Mr. Brown for the loyal manner in which he served the Congregation during his term of office, which included the period of the vacancy, with the inevitable added responsibilities."

"Mr. Brown devoted his time and energy to the service of our Church, and carried out the duties of his office with zeal, dignity and courtesy."

"The Session would also acknowledge the help which Mrs. Brown gave, and which made it possible for Mr. Brown to continue in office in the exacting circumstances to which reference has already been made."

"The Session prays that he may be speedily restored to a full measure of health, and continue to serve for many years in the work of Christ's Kingdom in St. John's."

Mr. L. R. Blake was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Ad. Howitt has again taken up the duties of Rolls Clerk.

RESIGNATION OF LEADER OF SENIOR Y.M.B.C.: St. John's Senior Young Men's Bible Class has made history in the Presbyterian Church of N.Z. The distinguished part it has played in the establishment and maintenance of the Bible Class Movement in this land is well-known. To the achievement of these results, its Lead-

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ers have made an outstanding contribution. It was with great regret therefore that Session received intimation of Mr Ferguson's desire to relinquish the leadership of the Class to which he has rendered such long, honourable, and devoted service. Session recorded its high appreciation of Mr Ferguson's work in the following minute, and associated itself with the Bible Classes and other organisations in doing honour to Mr Ferguson and Miss Ferguson at a social gathering at which opportunity was taken to make presentations as tokens of esteem, and affection.

"In receiving with deep regret the resignation of Mr. W. J. Ferguson as Leader of the Senior Young Men's Bible Class, Session desires to place on record its appreciation of the very valuable work done by him in St. John's for the past 17 years as a Bible Class Leader."

"Mr Ferguson's connection with Bible Class work goes back to the class founded by the Hon. J. G. W. Aitken, and known as St. John's Mt. Cook Class, which he joined at the close of 1910, and where in 1913, under the leadership of Mr A. R. Stone, he was appointed treasurer. When the Mt. Cook Class was closed, Mr Ferguson came over to St. John's early in 1914, and in 1924 was appointed the leader of the Junior Young Men's Class. Four years later, he resigned to take up the leadership of the Senior Young Men's Class, which position he has held with the growing esteem and confidence of the Class ever since. Leadership entails heavy calls in time, energy, study, reading, and hospitality. All of these have been freely given by Mr Ferguson. In addition Mr Ferguson has brought a fine personality, endowed with deep spiritual qualities, together with a friendliness which has enabled him to understand and take a deep interest in, and hold the young men of the class."

"In a Class such as St. John's, the various activities such as Harriers, Tennis Club, Socials, Saturday night Club, Boys' Institute, Camps, and other organisations demand much time. In each and every one of these, Mr Ferguson has never failed to take a lively interest and to give of his best. In this connection, Session would also place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by Miss Ferguson, who has taken an interest in the class, and loyally supported her brother wherever possible."

"Session regrets that Mr Ferguson now feels that the time has come when he must lay down the work which he has carried on so successfully and for so many years, but prays that many years may yet be vouchsafed to him, in which to serve the Church in some other sphere of labour."

THE BIBLE CLASSES: Session congratulates the Bible Classes on another successful year's work, and on maintaining the great

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traditions of the Movement. To the Leaders we express our gratitude for their constancy in helping to mould and develop Christian character for the service of the Church. As you read their reports, we are sure you will appreciate the notable contribution they are making to the life of St. John's Church, and the devoted service they render to the cause of the Kingdom.

Mr J. R. Marshall, co-leader of the Senior Men's Class is now in camp. We hope that it will not be long before he is able to take up again the fine work he has done for the Class. Meantime, we wish Mr Frank Carruthers and Mr J. B. Gregory all success as they take up the position of Acting Leaders.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Session would also pay tribute to the selfless service being rendered by the Superintendent and staff of the Sunday School, and is glad that the hour of meeting enables them to join with the congregation in the first portion of the Sunday morning services.

COMMUNION ROLL: As at 30th June 1941, the roll of communicant members numbered 695. We had the pleasure of admitting during the year 16 by profession of faith, and 68 by certificate, making a total of 84.

Removals totalled 78; by death 7, by disjunction or removal 71.

Attendances at the quarterly Communion services were September 522, December 498, March 469, and June 483; making an average of 493.

ROLL OF HONOUR: Early in 1940, Session set up a Committee to organise and supervise congregational activities in maintaining contact with members serving overseas in H.M. Forces. This Committee co-opted members of the Women's Association, and during the past year has done splendid work in writing letters, sending Communion cards quarterly, and parcels of comforts. That these remembrances have been appreciated is evidenced by the many letters received conveying thanks. Mr and Mrs Hughes have shown great interest in these activities, and the congregation has liberally responded to Management Committee's call for funds to purchase comforts.

Collections amounted to £165 9s. 9d. during the year for this purpose, and the Committee of the Women's Association despatched 231 parcels. A few months ago, a photograph of the interior of the Church was sent to every St. John's man serving overseas.

The congregation honours those members who have answered the call to serve their country in the fight for freedom. Their names appear on page 8 in this report. During the year has come the afflicting news that some of our members serving overseas have paid the supreme sacrifice, and others are missing or have been

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wounded. To those bereaved, and to those who carry added burdens of anxiety, we extend our sympathy.

"At the rising of the sun and the going down of the same we shall remember them" and their loved ones at the Throne of Grace.

PRAYER MEETING: This meeting has been held regularly throughout the year except during the mid-summer months. After the departure of Dr. Inkster and prior to the arrival of Rev. Hughes, this service was taken on many occasions by Very Rev. J. H. MacKenzie, and Sessions desires to thank Mr MacKenzie for his willing and greatly-appreciated help. The following elders also conducted the prayer meeting: Messrs W. J. Ferguson, R. B. Fowler, M. Fraser, and Ad. Howitt. To these gentlemen and to Mr Alex. Johnston who was in charge of the arrangements during this period, we tender our thanks. Session hopes that an increasing number of our members will use this service as a means of grace, and make it "a spiritual power-house" in the congregation.

YOUTH CABINET: A Youth Cabinet comprising representatives of Session, the Bible Classes and the Sunday School has again been established to co-ordinate the youth work of the congregation, and form a definite link between the Bible Classes, the Sunday School, and Session.

SPECIAL SERVICES: On September 28th. the 87th. Sunday School Anniversary Services were held, when the service of praise, led by the scholars and the members of the Junior Bible Classes, was an inspiration to all. The Staffs and pupils of Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges attended the evening service on November 30th. conducted by the Rev. Prof. J. A. Allan, M.A. of Knox Theological College. A special Gaelic Service was conducted on the afternoon of December 22nd. by the Rev. Donald Beaton of Oban. Special services were held on the mornings of Christmas Day and Good Friday. On Sunday, the 27th. April, about 80 members of the Boys' Brigade worshipped in St. John's. The Mayor of Wellington, City Councillors and members of the Hospital and Harbour Boards and executive officers of these Bodies, attended divine service on the morning of June 1st. The Mayor and Councillor Fraser read the lessons.

A Service was conducted by the Right Rev. G. H. Jupp, Moderator of Assembly on June 15th. to mark the Silver Jubilee of Scot's College. This service was attended by the staff and pupils (present), many old boys, and others prominent in the life of the State and the City.

His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Galway were present at the morning service on November 24th. when Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes commenced his ministry in St. John's. Lord Galway read the lessons.

VISITING MINISTERS: During the year the following Ministers have occupied the pulpit of St. John's:—Rt. Rev. G. C. Jupp (Moderator of General Assembly), Rev. Prof. J. A. Allan, M.A. (Knox College), Rev. D. N. McDiarmid, M.B.E., B.A. (Director of Missions), Rev. J. M. McKenzie, B.A., LL.B. (Assistant Director of Missions), Rev. J. Gray Robertson, B.A., B.D. (Melbourne), Very Rev. G. H. McNeur (Canton), Rev. W. R. Hutchison, Rev. D. Calder, B.A., Rev. H. R. Fell, M.A., B.D. (Kent Terrace), Rev. A. Salmond, M.A. (Karori), Rev. Colin McKenzie, B.A. (Petone), Rev. P. J. Wainwright (Island Bay), Rev. A. W. Armstrong (Kilbirnie), Rev. J. Thomson Macky (Hutt), Rev. A. G. Gardiner, L.Th. (Newtown), Rev. J. S. Murray, M.A. (Kelburn), Rev. (Sgt.) R. S. Judson, B.A., Rev. J. C. McCaw (Upper Hutt), Rev. C. G. Wilcox (Eastbourne), Very Rev. J. H. MacKenzie, and Dr. T. Z. Koo (China).

THANKS: There are many who throughout the year in quiet and unobtrusive ways have given of their best in the service of the Master in St. John's Church. To the members of the choir, those responsible for the floral decoration of the Church, and all who by their prayers, loyalty, and devoted service have contributed to the success of the year's work, we extend grateful thanks.

Appreciative reference to the high standard of service maintained by the Church Officer, Mr Thompson, and his good wife has been made by many of the organisations, and Session joins them in paying tribute to our efficient and obliging Church Officer.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

During the year under review the Board of Managers held eleven meetings, the average attendance of members being fourteen.

The Board has given attention to keeping the Church property in order and the following works were put in hand:—Repairs to foundations of Sunday School building, renovations at the Manse and the repainting of the roofs of all the Church buildings. Steps are being taken to overhaul and adjust the Church organ which will result in an improvement in tone and manipulation.

A well stocked first aid outfit has been provided and is located in the vestry. Arrangements have been made for the supply of

emergency precaution equipment and a team of property wardens under the control of the Church Officer will be available if required.

The Board is pleased to report that Miss R. Nichols has been able to re-arrange her Church work and is now able to continue to act as Missions Budget convener and so strengthen the efforts to raise funds for the various Church schemes.

The following new members have been added to the Board and we welcome them to our membership:—Messrs T. M. Barrett, F. Carruthers, D. Fickling, W. Hermanns, A. C. McLean, J. McKinnon, E. Pumfrey, and H. Stockbridge.

We wish to record appreciation of the excellent manner in which the Church Officer has carried out his various duties during the year. Mr Thompson by his courtesy and willingness to help has earned for himself the regard of all who make use of the Church buildings.

FINANCE: The Statements of Accounts are given in a slightly enlarged form this year, the various trust accounts being shown in greater detail. This will probably make them clearer to the average church member.

Last year included the period of the Centennial Exhibition and Dr. Inkster's outstanding ministry and it was not to be expected that the same record results would be repeated in the year under review. During the first twenty Sundays, we had as many as twenty different ministers, all of whom gave acceptable service and it was not until the last Sunday in November that the Rev. Gladstone Hughes made St. John's a settled charge again. During this transitional period, both attendances and revenue showed a considerable decline. Compared with the previous year, attendances went back from a Sunday average of 767 to 481 and the combined revenue from Plate Offerings, Envelope System and Seat Rents dropped £592. It is however, pleasing to record a progressive increase in the individual plate offering since 1932 and this year has been no exception. This fact, together with the substantial credit balance carried forward from last year, has caused our finances to remain buoyant and even again to finish up with a credit, although somewhat reduced. To make a comparison between this year of transition and a more normal year would perhaps be more appropriate but it is sufficient to say that we look forward with every hope and confidence to a steady advance in the coming year under a settled and continuing ministry.

Owing to various causes, the number of subscribers to, and consequently the revenue of, the Envelope System has been reduced, but initial success in the present campaign of the Envelope Committee for new subscribers, gives promise that the leeway will be made up in the near future.

Again this year we have the great satisfaction of having met in full our Missions Budget Assessment of £598 and particulars of how this large amount was subscribed, are well worth perusing on page 46. Miss R. E. Nichols, our Missions Convener, has now got well into her stride and the effective results of her organised efforts have been of considerable assistance.

The Soldiers' Comforts Fund taken up as a retiring collection on the first Sunday of every month has been enthusiastically supported and the ladies of the Women's Association are doing a splendid work in administering this fund on behalf of the Board of Management. As more and more men are called up, the work will grow in both cost and volume.

Our financial requirements for the ensuing year 1941/1942 are indicated on the inside front cover of this Annual Report. Should any member or adherent of the Congregation desire further information, it will be gladly given by the Hon. Treasurer, or any member of the Board of Management.

Our thanks and appreciation are extended to our Hon. Auditor, Mr I. G. Lythgoe, M.Com., A.R.A. (N.Z.) for his valuable services in auditing the Church Books for the year ended 30th June 1941.

THE CHOIR.

ROLL: At 30th June 1941 the Roll stands at 30, including 15 sopranos, 11 altos, 3 tenors and 1 bass.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to report that one removal from the roll was due to the death of one of our most loyal and faithful members—Mr. JAMES BIRNIE WATT. Mr. Watt was serving with the Territorial Forces when, as a result of a tragic accident on 19th. December, he was seriously injured and passed away at the Dannevirke Hospital on 15th. January 1941. The loss to the Choir was a severe one, not only because we had lost a gifted chorister but because too we had lost a friend who, by his happy, genial, and great-hearted personality had won the love and esteem of every member of the Choir.

It is also with regret that we have to record the serious illness of our Librarian, Miss Pat Lees, who has been in Hospital since November last. We are glad to say that the latest reports show that her condition is slowly but surely improving.

Two other members were granted extended sick leave—Miss Dorothy Chappell from July to October and Miss Nichols, our Vice President, from November to the present time.

Two of our Tenors—Messrs Bruce Harper and Marshall Pumfrey are on Active Service, Bruce joining the Navy in September

and Marshall the Army in November. A suitable gift with the best wishes of the Choir was presented to Bruce at the Station when he entrained at short notice to join the Achilles. On 31st. October a social evening was held to bid farewell to Marshall, and to him also was presented a token of goodwill from the Choir wishing him Godspeed and a safe return. The loss of two-thirds of our tenors has been keenly felt, and so far we have been unable to replace them.

In spite of depletions the average attendance for the evening service remained at 18 as for the previous year, for the week night practice it rose from 17 to 18 and for the morning service dropped from 14 to 13. When it is remembered that sickness and annual vacations affect the attendance, and that 15 of our number are also members of the Bible Classes, making it difficult in some cases to attend 3 Sunday services, the average maintained is commendable.

CHORAL WORK: There were 43 Sundays when the Choir was in session (exclusive of the Christmas and Easter Vacations and the Sunday School Anniversary). For the morning services only 18 Anthems and 9 solos were given, being a drop of 6 Anthems on the previous year. For the evening services, however, the position was much better, the Choir rendering 33 Anthems and 2 Cantatas in addition to 6 Solos being given. The first Cantata "Penitence, Pardon and Peace" by Maunder, was given on October 20th., the Soloists being Miss Anie Bennie and the late Mr. Birnie Watt. The second Cantata—"Bethlehem" by West, was given on December 15th. when 30 members of the Choir were present. The soloists on this occasion were—Miss Bennie, Soprano; Mr. Ray Trevern, Tenor; and Mr. Ernest Gardner, Baritone. Of the 15 other Solos given during the year, 14 were sung by 6 members of our own Choir, and one by Mr. R. S. Wilson.

LIBRARY: Several new sets of Anthems and the Cantata "Bethlehem" have been added to the Library and our thanks are due to the Board of Managers for their financial assistance, which is much appreciated.

SOCIAL: The Choir on the 16th November, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Jupp in their new home at Khandallah, and a most happy and delightful evening was spent. The supper table was a work of art, and 27 "art worshippers" showed their whole-hearted appreciation.

H. D. CLYDE, Hon. Sec.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Children's offertories throughout the year amounting to £20 were gladly given by the school in support of the Church's Mission Schemes.

The school is indebted to Rev. Professor J. A. Allan, M.A., for delivering a very able address and presenting the prizes on Promotion Sunday. We extend our congratulations to Betty McKenzie who won the Hopkirk Memorial Prize.

A successful Cradle Roll party was held during the year. The large attendance of mothers and babies showed an obvious appreciation of the work of the Superintendent, Miss Elsie MacKenzie and her helpers.

We wish to record our appreciation of the services of Misses Z. Fraser, G. Matthews, P. McNeill, A. Wylie, and Mr. J. Bilby, who left the teaching staff and to welcome Misses W. Atkinson and P. Cunliffe, who joined the staff during the year.

The School wishes also to record its appreciation of the assistance so willingly given by the Bible Classes.

Two of our teachers, Mr. Henry Bunckenburg and Mr. Norman Jardine (posted missing) are on active service and we offer our prayers for their safe return.

H. B. SMITH,

Hon. Rec. Sec.

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

The Annual Report records a year of progress and an enthusiasm among members which is very encouraging. The roll stands at 55 active and 40 honorary members, an increase of 10, which is gratifying to all who helped guide the affairs of the association during the year.

The coming to St. John's of Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, Mrs. Hughes and family was a happy event in the history of the church and the Women's Association is reaping the benefit of Mrs. Hughes's gifts of leadership, her spiritual insight and understanding of women and their needs.

Regular meetings of both the Association and the P.W.M.U. have been held throughout the year, and were well attended, and the social afternoons arranged in connection with the "direct giving"

scheme for Missions were very successful. Members learned with great satisfaction that the sum of exactly £200 was raised during the year. Parcels of clothing, a collection of hospital requisites, bandages made from tyre wrappings, and bed rugs were sent to the Maori Mission stations. Miss Nichols, Missions Secretary of the Church, has kept members in touch with the needs of the various fields and her work is greatly appreciated. Mission letters have come to hand regularly and these have been read with interest.

Mrs. Pumfrey reports the Maori Mission Birthday League has 97 contributors to its funds, and the Harvest Field secretary, Miss Millar, reports 65 subscribers.

The Orphanage benefited by gifts of new clothing made by members. A total of 40 garments were sent to the Home at the end of last year, and early in 1941 4 dozen flannel singlets were made for the boys at Berhampore. This work, supervised by Mrs. Purdie and Mrs. Marshall, continues to hold the keen interest of members.

At a meeting held on April 22nd, Mrs. Hughes solicited interest in British children who have been bombed out of their homes. Keen enthusiasm resulted and Mrs. T. Corkill was elected to take over the supervision of goods and post them to "Monkseaton" Church, Whitley Bay, England, for distribution. Already 150 garments have been sent away, and another parcel is ready for despatch, proving that the women of the church are anxious to take advantage of an outlet for their love and sympathy.

Soldiers' Work.—This avenue of service continues to receive support. Mrs. Fraser, indefatigable convenor of the committee, reports that 231 parcels have been sent to our boys overseas and Mrs. Martin advises that 55 knitted comforts were sent to these same lads. In addition the Wellington Patriotic Committee received 35 articles, all hand-knitted. Early this year a sumptuous tea was provided at the Y.M.C.A. for soldiers on leave. At the Missions to Seamen, tea was also provided one evening for the sailors in port.

The visitation of newcomers to the Church has been carried out faithfully by Miss Anderson and Miss Badden and it is with regret that the Association learns of their inability to continue their good work. A warm tribute was paid at the annual meeting to the valuable contribution both these ladies have made to St. John's church work over a lengthy period. Reference must also be made to the work of our corresponding member, Miss M. Brown, who keeps in touch with the women who are unable to attend the meetings held in connection with the Church and the Association.

The Association wishes to record its thanks to Mr. Robt. Fleming for acting as Hon. Auditor, and to Mr. Thompson, Church Officer, for his ready help at all times.

M. CHAPPELL, Hon. Sec.

EVENING GUILD.

The Evening Guild has continued its meetings during the past year with a membership of 48. Others have had association with us at different periods throughout the year, but for various reasons—among them patriotic and war services—they have not been able to attend very often. A number of them have given considerable assistance with the work accomplished.

The Guild is most appreciative of the continued interest of Church members not actually in our fellowship. Their cordiality and practical assistance contribute very largely to the success of our meetings. Some of these ladies have acted as hostesses, and to them our grateful thanks are expressed. Those who have provided the friendly atmosphere of their homes are—Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Miss Hanchet, Miss Anderson, Mrs. J. H. MacKenzie, the Misses Chappell, Mrs. Gourley, Miss Ferguson, Mrs. Malcolm Fraser and Mrs. Orr.

At each meeting a period is set aside for Devotions, also for the reading of Missionary news and letters from Missionaries.

It is with regret that we record the death of Miss McCulloch, a member of the Guild since its inception. She was loyal and devoted to the Church and to the Guild, and her sweetness of disposition endeared her to us all.

It was with reluctance that we accepted the resignation of Miss Nichols from the position of Secretary.

Our work has been directed towards helping in the Maori Field, the Orphanage and Home Missions.

Our Maori Field this year is Tokaanu, and in June a parcel of useful garments was despatched to Miss Morgan.

Members have contributed generously to the Orphanage, 13 aprons, 13 pairs of socks, 52 children's singlets, as well as other much needed garments being gratefully received by the Matron.

As in former years gifts were sent at Christmas to Home Mission Manses, 9 families, a total of 46 people. A letter of greeting was also sent to each Manse.

Opportunity was taken to present, with our good wishes, a cup and saucer to Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Miller on their way to the New Hebrides.

On 19th January several members helped the Women's Association to dispense tea to the soldiers at the Y.M.C.A. Sunday Tea.

Since 30th June, 1940, £15:8:0 has been handed to the Women's Association towards the Direct Giving Scheme.

At our November meeting we were pleased to welcome our Minister, together with Mrs. Hughes and daughters. Since then, as President of the Women's Association, Mrs. Hughes has conducted our meetings and joined in our fellowship. Mrs. Hughes has had much experience in P.W.M.U. work, and her knowledge will help and inspire us to fresh endeavours.

It is the earnest desire of the Committee that the Guild may be used to build up the Kingdom of God in the fellowship of the Church.

I. FERGUSON, Hon. Sec.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

We look back on the past year of fellowship in the Bible Class with feelings of gratitude and thankfulness for the privilege we have had of being able to meet together in worship when in so many places that privilege is denied.

We realize what a power for good a virile Bible Class movement can be with its untold possibilities to influence public thought and action and we feel conscious of the challenge presented to us by the Foursquare ideal and all it stands for.

In this report we enumerate the ways in which our class is trying to meet this challenge, humbly acknowledging that we fall far short of the goal we have been set.

LEADERSHIP: During the year Mr. W. J. Ferguson resigned after 17 years of Leadership in St. John's and his resignation was received with deep regret. A farewell function tendered to Miss Ferguson and Mr. W. J. Ferguson on 25th March, 1941, will long be remembered. Mr. Ferguson was elected a Life Honorary Leader of the Class, and a minute was recorded setting out in detail his loyal and unselfish record of service.

Mr. J. R. Marshall, who was elected co-leader in April, 1940, entered camp during April 1941 for active service in H.M. Forces. Mr. Marshall, who has been a member of the Class for 11 years, has a fine record of service to his credit and his departure is a great loss to the class.

MINISTER: Although our new Minister, the Rev. Gladstone Hughes, has been with us for a short time only, he has already contributed a great deal through his sermons and the interest he takes in us as our President.

THE COMMITTEE: There have been many changes in the personnel of the committee during the past year owing to our older members leaving for overseas service, but despite this, the work of the class has been well carried out by the convenors.

CHURCH WORK: The Class is well represented in Church work, as some of our members belong to the various committees, the Session, and the Board of Managers.

MEMBERSHIP: The attendance at the Sunday meetings has shown a decrease, but about three-fifths of the members are present each Sunday.

At the commencement of the year, the membership was 38, and at the close was 37.

Yearly Average:	1930-40	1940-41
Attendance	28.5	23.2
Roll No.	51	38

Several visitors to Wellington have attended our Sunday meetings, and it is interesting to note in passing that some have expressed their appreciation of the influence of this class throughout the Dominion.

There have been 15 new members placed on the roll during the year, and as the year closes there are six probationers who should shortly qualify for full membership.

The advent of compulsory territorial training affected the attendance during the latter part of the year, but members in uniform have made every effort to attend while on leave on Sunday.

DISCUSSIONS: During the past year, the usual practice of compiling and issuing two syllabi, each covering a period of six months, was followed. The studies covered a wide range of subjects, and were in the main chosen because of their practical value to members. Special provision was made in the second syllabus for subjects of value to members about to enter the Armed Forces.

The papers presented at class meetings have been well prepared. Wherever the subject has lent itself to discussion, it has aroused a ready response from members.

In addition to papers from class members, addresses were given to the class by Rev. Colin McKenzie, Dr. T. F. Corkill, Mr. A. L. Wall and Mr. A. J. Huston. In every case these have been of considerable interest and value.

BIBLE STUDY: For some five months a lively group averaging six or seven members made an exhaustive study of the Book of Ephesians. Leadership of the group was taken by the members in rotation, while a large portion of the hour's meeting was devoted to prayer. On several occasions opportunity was given for spoken witness. The prayer group, which meets before class each Sunday,

has not received the support it deserves, but has been of great value to those who have participated.

MISSIONS: Both in the number of subscribers and in the amount given to Missions during the year the effects of the war have been felt. The total for the year of £42:14:3 was made up as follows:—Home and Foreign, £41:0:4; Boys' Institute, £1:2:11; New Hebrides, 1s. 9d.; Maori, 1s. 9d.; Home Missions, 1s. 9d.; Orphanage, 5s. 9d. Although this is a decrease from last year's giving of £54:10:11, the contribution per member has decreased only slightly. Several old boys contribute to the above funds through the class.

SOCIAL SERVICE: In conjunction with the Young Women's Classes our Class took part in services on Sunday evenings at the Central Park Hospital, Ohiro Road. On the 17th December a combined concert party gave a Christmas party to the old people at Central Park.

Once again the Class undertook to sell Social Service calendars, 50 of which were disposed of by members. Tickets to the value of £1:12:6 were sold for the Scots Concert held on St. Andrew's night, and the proceeds went to Missions.

LIBRARY: The Library continues to be a valuable asset to our class and has been made reasonably good use of during the year.

We have to acknowledge with grateful thanks the donation of eleven books by Mr Robt. Fleming, and one by Jack Brodie.

CLASS INSTITUTE SCHEME: Receipts for the year amounted to £75:6:4. The fund now stands at approximately £2,500:0:0.

SOCIAL: With the exception of two committee teas all social functions over the past year have been held in conjunction with the Women's Class, and have been consistently enjoyable and successful in every way. Five meetings of the Social Club were held, each evening's entertainment centring round a definite theme.

Three combined teas were held, the most recent one being addressed by Mr. A. J. Huston, the B.C. Travelling Secretary.

The popularity of the after-church supper has remained high throughout the nine suppers.

ATHLETIC: Though numerically weaker compared with the previous year, we have managed to make ourselves felt in all district activities, in particular the District athletic sports, the District indoor sports, and the seven-a-side Rugby tournament.

The Presbyterian Harrier Club still contains a fair percentage of St. John's men.

Saturday night club was revived for a short while in the winter and a most successful evening was held when Kelburn Class were challenged to handball, basketball and reeceball. We participated in an equally damaging evening when a subsequent challenge was thrown out by the Kelburn Class. Other athletic activities include cricket, tennis and badminton.

ANNUAL CLASS CAMP: The Class Camp was held over the week-end 21st to 23rd February, at Te Marua, under good conditions.

BOYS' INSTITUTE: Messrs W. J. Ferguson and G. F. Vincent are serving on the Management Committee, while several members have taken turns at conducting the Sunday morning Bible Class. An enjoyable games evening with Boys' Institute members was conducted by a good representation of Class members.

MEMBERS OVERSEAS: Twenty-one members of our class are now overseas with the Armed Forces or in camp training to go. Of the remainder of those whose names appear on the St. John's overseas list 21 are old boys of the class. To all we send our hearty greetings and pray that God will be with them wherever they may be.

It is with the deepest regret that we record the death of Roy C. Matheson, who has made the supreme sacrifice. He was killed in action while serving with the R.A.F.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS: We wish sincerely to thank all other organisations who have worked with us during the past year and we hope our happy co-operation may continue.

In particular we wish to thank the members of the Young Women's Class and the Church Officer, Mr. Thompson, for their invaluable assistance in connection with our social functions.

CONCLUSION: The past year has been an eventful one for all of us. With the absence overseas of most of our older members, our younger members have had to take the initiative in class life. However, we of the present are setting out afresh, confident that with God's guidance we shall uphold the traditions of the class.

A. H. FOOTE, Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Your Committee has pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for the year ended June 30, 1941.

The year has brought the usual problems of a constantly changing membership and old and new methods have been used to draw newcomers into our fellowship and to maintain the friendly spirit which is one of the aims of our class. The war has spread and inevitably made increasing demands upon us personally and publicly. Many of our members have undertaken some kind of voluntary service or training and it is gratifying to record that this has not yet noticeably interfered with their loyalty to the Class.

MEMBERSHIP: The roll number at the end of June was 50 and the average attendance for the year was 28.3. Forty are Presbyterian communicants and 5 belong to other churches, while 4 members are also Sunday School teachers and 1 a Bible Class leader.

We have extended our Look-out work by having two members on duty at the church door twenty minutes before each service, so that newcomers can be contacted. We are grateful to Mr. Howitt for his help in this work, which has already proved to be very worth while.

SUBJECT: Our main Class activity is the Sunday afternoon meeting and we have again mainly used the Interdenominational Syllabus as the basis of our studies, some of these having been taken in groups. Members have specially appreciated direct Bible Study in groups.

We were privileged to hear Dr. T. Z. Koo of the World Student Christian Federation speak at a Town Hall rally and also at Round Table.

The Class co-operated with the Sunday School for their Promotion Service and attended the Scots College Commemoration Service.

PRAYER: Class members continue to take the Time of Quiet each Sunday. The monthly combined prayer meeting, which is again being held in the Y.M.B.C. room, is well attended and we would encourage every member to take this opportunity of meeting for prayer with a representative group of St. John's youth. On the Union Day of Prayer Mr. Hughes addressed the combined classes, his subject being "Prayer in War Time." The specially prepared leaflet was used.

MISSIONS: Early in the year we had the opportunity of hearing a most interesting address by the Very Rev. G. H. McNeur, St. John's Own Missionary, at a week-night rally of B.C. members, and Mrs. McNeur addressed our class.

We are kept informed of the work in our various fields through letters from our own B.C. workers which are sent out by Council, and the visit of Krishnabai Gadre of the Ramabai Mukti Mission brought before us the wider missionary cause.

The total amount collected for missions was £26:14:7, all the result of direct giving.

SOCIAL SERVICE: During the year we have concentrated our efforts on work for our Bible Class boys serving in the Forces overseas, and we are grateful to all those who have so willingly knitted the garments which have been included.

CLASS EXTENSION SCHEME: This scheme is brought before the members periodically and we have recently adopted the Sunshine Bag method of raising funds, the idea being that those who have bags place in them a penny or a coin for each sunny day. A number of members continue to support the fund by regular giving.

The Junior Class have again showed their interest by con-

tributing the excellent sum of £10:2:0 from sunshine bags and £1 from their Class funds.

LIFE MEMBER: It was with very great pleasure that we added the name of Margaret Johnston to our roll of Life Members in recognition of the long service she has rendered and her continued interest in Class affairs.

MR. W. J. FERUGSON: We were pleased to associate ourselves with the Young Men's Class on the occasion of the evening in honour of Mr. W. J. Ferguson and Miss Ferguson. We pay our tribute to the great work done by Mr. Ferguson as leader of St. John's Y.M.B.C.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE AND UNION: Two of our members are conveners on District Committee and as a Class we endeavour to support the work undertaken by the District, whenever we are able.

We were represented at Summer Conference and the Annual Meeting of Council by two members and 11 members attended Easter Camp at Wairarapa College.

Several members were present at the Leaders' and Senior Members' Fellowship Rally held on the Saturday of King's Birthday week-end.

PERSONAL: We regret to report that protracted illness has deprived us of the fellowship of Pat Lees and Shirley Lochore and we pray these girls may soon return to health.

OUR MINISTER: Mr. Hughes took an early opportunity of assuring us of his interest and accessibility and we have had several meetings with Mr. and Mrs. Hughes both in class and socially. Mrs. Hughes is showing her interest in a very practical way with an open invitation to our girls to tea at the Manse on Sundays. This hospitality is warmly appreciated as an added link between Class and Manse, a great convenience for members living far off and an opportunity for happy intercourse.

APPRECIATION: We are again indebted to Miss Chappell for checking our books. Our Church Officer, Mr. Thompson, continues to show a kindly interest and helpfulness which extend beyond his official duties.

OUR LEADERS: When we consider the unselfish and faithful services of our leaders, Miss Pearl Brodie and Miss Eleanor Thomson, we realise how comparatively small a part we play in the work that has just been reported. May we express our gratitude for their help and friendship in a practical way by even greater loyalty to the Class in all its avenues of fellowship, activity and effort.

WYNNE N. NORRIE, Hon. Sec.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

PRESIDENT: The class welcomes Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes as President. Since his arrival at St. Johns he has evinced great interest in the class welfare and members have also benefited from his ministry.

LEADERSHIP: At the close of the year Mr. E. D. Fickling was forced to relinquish the leadership of the class to enter into military service. Mr. Fickling had been our leader for three years and we wish to record our very sincere appreciation of his work in the class. He will be much in our thoughts while on service and we look forward to his early and safe return.

MEMBERSHIP: Throughout the year the number on the roll fluctuated somewhat. At the commencement the roll was 6, and the year ended with a membership of 8, which represents a rise in the latter months during which time members have been doing some good individual look-out work. The average attendance for the whole year was 5.125. Two members left to join other classes; one left to take up a position out of Wellington; and two members have left the movement. The names of seven new members have been added to the roll.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: The spiritual tone of class life has shown increasing depth. During the year one member has joined the Church.

STUDIES: Class life centres around its Sunday meeting. Most of the studies this year have been provided by the Senior Syllabus, "The Light of the World," while missionary studies of the Presbyterian Missions in foreign lands together with short papers, given by the class members, on the lives of world famous missionaries have been very profitable.

HOURLY OF MEETING: During the months from November to March inclusive the time of meeting was changed to 9.45 a.m. on Sundays. For the remainder of the year class met at 2.45 p.m.

SOCIAL: The chief social activities were held in conjunction with the Junior Young Women's Class, the first being a Christmas Party held in the Church Hall. The annual combined picnic took place at Day's Bay and the final event was a social at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. T. F. Corkill in aid of the Class's mission funds. At this function, at which Rev. and Mrs. Hughes were present, presentations were made to the retiring leader, Mr. Fickling.

ATHLETIC: The Saturday Night Club has been the only organised sport within the class owing to the fact that most of the members were participating in their own school sporting activities. One team was entered in the Indoor Sports Competition.

CAMPING: While no members were able to participate in the combined St. John's Y.M.B.C. Camp at Upper Hutt, three members attended district Easter Camp at Waikanae.

FINANCE: Calls on the class funds have been few, with the result that it was possible to make an allocation from general funds towards the missions contribution, bringing it up to £5. Our quota was £3:10:0.

CONCLUSION: A review of Class life over the year reveals good progress in all spheres of activity. The present members have gone far towards cultivating the B.C. spirit which, as a sure foundation for their own lives, will enable them not only to serve St. John's well but the movement to which they belong and thereby the Christian Church. In the absence of Senior men serving with the forces overseas, Juniors will be expected to assume still greater responsibilities in supporting the B.C. Movement throughout New Zealand. It is this class's firm belief that, with the guidance of God and the inspiration of our Saviour Jesus Christ, its members will both individually and as a class respond to the opportunities and responsibilities of the days ahead.

T. M. CORKILL, Hon. Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The following is a record of our activities during the year:—

OUR MINISTER: We were very pleased to welcome our own Minister to St. John's. Mr. Hughes took an early opportunity to visit our Class and spoke to us about Church membership. We appreciate Mrs. Hughes' interest and her kind hospitality on Sunday evenings.

ROLL: There are 23 members on the roll, which shows an increase of 7 since last year; 4 members left during the year and 11 joined the Class. The attendance is well maintained, the average being 15. Ten of our members are Communicants.

SUBJECT: The subjects studied have been taken from the Senior Syllabus, "The Light of the World." The studies are based on St. John's Gospel, and have stimulated much thought and discussion.

MISSIONS: The amount collected for Missions this year totalled £9:5:0. Our Mission funds were considerably augmented by the proceeds of a social evening given by Dr. and Mrs. T. Corkill. The

opportunity was taken at this gathering to make a presentation to Mr. Fickling in appreciation of his work as Leader of the Junior Y.M.B.C.

SOCIAL SERVICE: We are especially interested in our little adopted girl from the Presbyterian Girls' Home. We gave her a birthday party, and we were glad to have her with us at our picnic. At Christmas time we took a concert party to the Ohio Home and supplied several Christmas stockings for Sister Noel to distribute to poor families.

SOCIAL: The annual Banquet was held to welcome new members from the Sunday School. Other successful social functions were the annual picnic, a Christmas party, several class teas, and after-Church suppers. The Junior Tennis Club had a most successful season, and we would like to record our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Fowler for the use of their tennis court.

HEREWEA CLUB: The Junior Herewea has been resumed and this year we have spent our time knitting for men of the fighting services and sewing for the Patriotic Guild.

CLASS EXTENSION: The sum of £10:2:0 was collected for this purpose from our "sunshine bags" in which we put one penny for every sunny day.

CONCLUSION: As we look back over the year's work we feel that progress has been made in many directions. The class life has been enriched by a spirit of good fellowship, and members are earnestly seeking to know and to follow the Christian way of life.

JEAN MacDONALD, Hon. Secretary.

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

The Boys' Institute was founded in St. John's in 1882 and carried on as an undenominational institution. In 1899 St. John's Young Men's Bible Class under the leadership and inspiration of Sir Geo. A. Troup took over the control of the Institute but from the entry into the new building in Arthur Street in 1907 the Kirk Session's ratification of the undenominational character of the work was again fixed for all time and provision made for its government by a committee and officials elected annually by general subscribers to the Institute Funds in addition to a permanent committee of members of St. John's Church and Bible Class.

St. John's permanent committee at present is Hon. President, Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A.; President, Sir Geo. A. Troup; Vice-

Presidents, Ad. Howitt and A. Johnston; Members, W. Ferguson, H. M. Smith, D. MacLeod and G. Vincent.

Mr. T. M. Barrett is Hon. Treasurer and Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen Hon. Physician.

The resident boys' Sunday morning Bible Class has been ably conducted by J. Holmes Miller and Peter Argue, both of whom are now overseas with the N.Z. Forces. The class is at present being most acceptably conducted by Mr. Frank Carruthers.

The boys in the Class made a contribution of £5/10/- in January to the War Patriotic Funds.

A forward movement which will entail structural alterations to the building is still receiving the serious consideration of the Committee, but war conditions relating to material may delay progress.

The Institute remains true to its first ideal of doing everything possible for the Spiritual, Mental, Physical and Social welfare of the under-privileged boys of the City and Province.

BUSY BEES.

St. John's Busy Bees ("Busy Spiders"—quaintly termed by the most junior member of the hive) has had another successful year. The roll shows an increase of five and the enthusiasm of all members is most gratifying and encouraging.

The following is a brief summary of the year's activities.

Posters were made for the Junior Department of the Sunday School.

A Sale of Work was held which resulted in the sum of £10:4:6 being raised, of which £3 was sent to the "Nottage Truck" fund. Gifts of clothing and toys were sent to Tokaanu.

During the school holidays a day was spent cleaning stamps and at present the Bees are very busy making a patchwork quilt for the Presbyterian Girls' Home.

At an afternoon tea in May Mrs Hughes and Mrs Macleod were welcomed and thanked for their interesting addresses.

A. TROUP,
D. M. CHAPPELL,

Leaders.

In Memoriam

MISS EILEEN DUGUID.

MRS. JOHN GENDALL.

MRS. H. JOHNSON.

MRS. H. E. LONG.

MISS MAY McCULLOCH.

MR. J. B. WATT.

MR. P. C. WATT.

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

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1941.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To balance brought forward from 30/6/40				458	10	7
For Church Purposes:						
Plate Offerings	781	5	8			
Envelope System	555	14	6			
Seat Rents	135	16	8			
				1472	16	10
Sunday School 87th Anniversary 29/9/40	29	11	7			
Gaelic Service, Rev. Dr. Beaton, 22/12/40	1	16	10			
Donations to Hall A/c	38	6	0			
Donations to Revenue A/c	15	18	6			
Funeral and Baptismal Donations	5	5	0			
Organ Practice Fees	7	17	6			
Y.M.B.C. Phone Extension	1	5	0			
Donations Presentation to Interim Moderator: Rev. J. S. Murray	50	0	0			
Removal Expenses Reserve transferred	256	11	2			
Interest on Deposit with General Treasurer	16	8	2			
				422	19	9
For Missions and Other Altruistic Purposes:						
Foreign Missions	44	15	5			
Home & Foreign Missions	32	7	5			
Chinese Missions	12	0	0			
Knox Theological College	11	8	10			
Christmas Day Collection	2	18	3			
Good Friday Collection	4	9	3			

PAYMENTS.

	£	s.	d.
For Church Purposes:			
By Pulpit Supply Fees and Expenses	127	4	0
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, Stipend	366	13	4
Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, Car Allowance	61	2	3
Organist, W. Lawrence Haggitt	125	0	0
Church Officer, John Thompson	165	0	0
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	90	18	7
Postage Stamps	11	0	0
Insurances, Fire	77	18	8
Insurances, Earthquake	52	17	9
Insurances, Employer's Liability	2	0	7
Accident Insurance, Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes	8	9	0
Organ Tuning Contract	15	15	0
Rates, Caretaker's Cottage	17	16	9
Rates, Manse, Wait-te-ata Road	21	8	1
Repairs Church Building and Manse	286	6	9
Electric Light	26	3	0
Electric Heating	36	13	11
Electric Power for Organ	3	1	9
Upkeep Electrical Installation	2	18	4
Gas	3	7	3
Sunday School 87th Anniversary	29	11	7
Metropolitan Society	90	0	0
Social Expenses	22	0	0
Assembly Exe. Assessment	24	0	0
Wellington Presbytery Assessment	6	0	0
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	30	0	0
Organ Supply	3	3	0
Hymn Book Replacement	12	0	0
Communion Wine	4	1	0
Presentation Rev. J. S. Murray	50	0	0

St. John's Women's Assn. in lieu of Sale of Work	167	12	9
Special Envelope Collectn. for Missions during June	69	2	8
Presbyterian Orphanages	98	18	5
Soldiers' Comforts Fund	165	9	9
Oranges for Trentham Military Hospital	3	8	6
Anti-Gambling Patriotic Donations	128	7	0
	740	18	3

Removal Expenses	82	1	8
Presentation Moffatt Bible to Dr. T. Z. Koo	2	12	6
New Headphones (2) and overhauling System	8	3	6
First Aid Chest and Outfit	3	1	5
Tuning and Repairing Pianos	2	18	0
Choir Music	5	10	4
S.S. Anniversary Stage	2	17	6
E.P.S. Fire Equipment	12	13	11
Sundry Small Accounts	23	19	3
Bank Charges	1	5	0
	1917	13	8

For Mission and Other Altruistic Purposes:

Foreign Missions	137	0	5
Home & Foreign Missions	128	8	5
McNeur Chinese Mission	150	0	0
Indian Missions	25	0	0
New Hebrides Mission	25	0	0
Knox Theological College	11	8	10
Budget Schemes	25	16	11
Presbyterian Orphanages	98	18	5
Soldiers' Comforts Fund to Women's Assn for Administration	165	9	9
Trentham Military Hospital	3	8	6
Anti-Gambling Patriotic Fund	128	7	0
	898	18	3
P.O. Savings Bank	150	0	0
Bank of New Zealand	128	13	6
	278	13	6

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ROBT. FLEMING,
Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND AS AT 30th JUNE, 1941.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
Balance 30th June, 1940							Local Body Debentures	2000	0	0		
Interest	148	3	0				N.Z. Government Stock	1500	0	0		
Manse Rent Account Transferred 30/6/41 together with accumulated interest	379	19	10				Common Fund of the Presbyterian Church of N.Z.	433	4	0		
				528	2	10					3933	4 0
				£3933	4	0					£3933	4 0

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF BALANCE PROCEEDS OF OLD MANSE WOOLCOMBE STREET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1941.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
Balance 30th June, 1940	500	0	0				Transferred to Church Revenue	16	8	2		
Interest	16	8	2				Balance Invested in the Common Fund of the Presbyterian Church of N.Z.	500	0	0		
				516	8	2					516	8 2
				£516	8	2					£516	8 2

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF PROVISION FOR PERIODIC REPAINTING, ETC., OF CHURCH BUILDINGS AS AT 30th JUNE, 1941.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
Balance 30th June, 1940				375	0	0	30. "B" Shares Metropolitan Permanent Building and Investment Society	546	6	9		
Subscriptions	90	0	0								546	6 9
Interest 1936/41	81	6	9								£546	6 9
				171	6	9						
				£546	6	9						

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF HYMN BOOK REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT AS AT 30th JUNE, 1941.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
Balance 30th June, 1940				34	0	0	Deposit P.O. Savings Bank				48	10 9
Payments	12	0	0									
Interest 1938/1941	2	10	9									
				14	10	9						
				£48	10	9					£48	10 9

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CROCKERY REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT AS AT 30th JUNE, 1941.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
Balance 30th June, 1940				20	0	0	In Common Fund of the Presbyterian Church of N.Z.				43	15 6
Sundries, including breakage, recoveries, discounts, etc., over a period of 9½ years	23	14	0									
Interest			1 6									
				23	15	6						
				£43	15	6					£43	15 6

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

STATEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH BENEVOLENT FUND AS AT 30th JUNE, 1941.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.						
Balance 30th June, 1940				126	1	0	Minister	3	0	0		
September Communion	18	10	8				Material for Orphanages	6	18	6		
December	19	0	1				Balance in Common Fund of the Presbyterian Church of N.Z.	192	14	11		
March	17	10	2								202	13 5
June	18	17	7									
Interest	2	13	11									
				76	12	5						
				£202	13	5					£202	13 5

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30th JUNE, 1941.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.				
Held on Account 1941/42 General Assembly				Estimated value of Land,			
Budget Assessment	27	0	0	Church, Schoolroom &			
Balance being surplus of Assets over				Church Officer's Cttge.	20,000	0	0
Liabilities	28,706	5	5	Estimated value of Manse,			
				Garage and Land	3,000	0	0
					23,000	0	0
				Endowment Fund	3,933	4	0
				Old Manse Trust Account	500	0	0
				Provision for Periodic Re-			
				painting, etc.	546	6	9
				Hymn Book Replacement			
				Account	48	10	9
				Crockery Replacemt. A/c.	43	15	6
				Benevolent Fund	192	14	11
				Interest in Estate—E. J.			
				Lockie	190	0	0
				P.O. Savings Bank	150	0	0
				Bank of New Zealand	128	13	6
	£28,733	5	5		£28,733	5	5

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church, and certify that, in my 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, 1941.

I. G. LYTHGOE, M.Com., A.R.A. (N.Z.), Hon. Auditor.
WELLINGTON, 25th July, 1941.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CENTENARY FUND AS AT 30th JUNE, 1941.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Donations	2012	4	4	Rosneath Presbyterian Church	140	0	0
				Seatoun Presbyterian Church	180	0	0
				General Church Treasurer	1650	0	0
				Balance Bank of New Zealand	42	4	4
	£2012	4	4		£2012	4	4

ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the books, accounts, and vouchers of St. John's Church Centenary Fund, and certify that, in my opinion, the above statement of Receipts and Payments correctly sets out the position as at 30th June, 1941.

I. G. LYTHGOE, M.Com., A.R.A. (N.Z.), Hon. Auditor.
WELLINGTON, 25th July, 1941.

ST. JOHN'S YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1941.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balances 1/4/40—			By Basketball repairs		5 0
Union Bank	12	6 9	Home & Foreign Missions	29	15 9
P.O.S.B.	12	4 10	Foursquare	5	3 0
Secretary's Imprest	1	0 0	Organ repairs	3	0 0
Interest P.O.S.B.			Stamps	2	4 8
Institute Fund	7	7	Bank Charge		10 0
Home & Foreign Missions	1	7	Syllabi	6	15 8
Orphanage Cot	1	0	Framing Photos		16 9
Boys' Institute	1	2	Lectern plate		3 6
Gymnasium Fund		7	Union & District Fees	3	10 0
Depreciation Fund	5	1	Xylo plate		10 6
Badges	13	0	Pulpit Fall	2	7 8
Orphanage Cot	4	9	Social Service		5 0
Maori Missions	1	9	Institute Fund		7 7
New Hebrides Missions	1	9	Miscellaneous Payments		17 9
Church Home Missions	1	9	Balances 31/3/41—		
Boys' Institute	1	1 9	Union Bank	13	15 7
Home & Foreign Missions	40	18 9	P.O.S.B.	26	10 0
Foursquare	1	2 6	Secretary's Imprest	1	0 0
Collections	21	11 10			
Balance lecture proceeds	2	5 3			
Miscellaneous Receipts and donations	3	6 9			
	£97	18 5		£97	18 5

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1941.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Sundry Missions Funds—			Cash—Union Bank	13	15 7
Maori	1	9	P.O.S.B.	26	10 0
New Hebrides	1	9	Secretary's Imprest	1	0 0
Church Home	1	9	Badges		7 0
Home and Foreign	11	4 7	Library	20	2 0
Sundry Class Funds—			Additions	1	0 0
Gymnasium	1	10 2		21	2 0
Donation purchase fittings		9 8	Less depreciation	2	2 0
Social Service		6 8			19 0 0
Depreciation	11	3 1	Class Room Fittings and Hop-		
Camp funds	1	10 4	kirk Memorial	60	0 0
Orphanage Cot	1	4 0	Less depreciation	2	10 0
Boys' Institute	1	2 11			57 10 0
Accumulated Funds	163	12 4	Gymnasium fittings	4	0 0
			Less depreciation		8 0
					3 12 0
			Social Room Fittings	40	13 2
			Less depreciation	4	1 4
					36 11 10
			Camp Equipment	4	1 0
			Less depreciation		8 0
					3 13 0
			Organ	10	0 0
			Piano	20	0 0
			Advance to purchase fittings		9 8
	£192	9 1		£192	9 1

Examined and found correct as shown by books and vouchers.

N. G. ROBERTSON, Hon. Auditor. 21/4/41.

F. CARRUTHERS,
Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1941.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward 1940:				By Room Account—Notice Board			17 0
Room		16	3	Social Service—			
Social Service	2	1	2	Deaconess Fund	3	0	0
Outlook		3	0	Wool	4	18	0
Class Extension	70	1	11	Orphanage Boy		10	0
Jubilee	10	0	9	Sundries	1	1	7
General		13	7				9 9 7
			83 16 8	District Deaconess Fund			19 11 0
To Collections—				Orphanage			4 8 0
G. H. McNeur Fund		2	7 6	Badges			1 2 6
Social Service		10	14 2	Syllabus			2 14 10
General Missions		12	15 1	Outlook			1 13 6
Orphanage Calendars & Tickets		4	8 0	General Fund—			
Library			4 6	Institute Pound Day		5	0
Outlook Subscriptions		1	13 6	Banquet	2	1	7
Class Extension		25	3 6	District Fees	2	16	8
Deaconess Fund		19	11 0	Women's Work		10	0
Jubilee Fund		4	5 5	Delegate E. Camp	1	2	0
Badges			17 6	Sundries	1	17	9
Banquet	1	12	0				8 13 0
Women's Work		10	0	General Treasurer for—			
Mukti Mission	1	0	0	"Own Workers" Fund		17	10 0
Devotional Diary		12	0	Rev. G. H. McNeur		10	0 0
Syllabus	1	0	0	Training Institute, Dunedin			10 0
			4 14 0	British & Foreign Bible Society			10 0
Thank Offering		10	12 0	John Boal Memorial Cot—Orphanage		5	0 0
General expenses		12	13 5	Donation Ramabai Mukti Mission, India		1	0 0
Bank Interest		2	11 10	By Balance			113 8 8
			£196 8 1				£196 8 1

TO BALANCE—			
Class Extension		95	5 5
Jubilee Fund		14	6 2
Outlook			3 0
Library			4 6
Social Service		3	5 9
General Expenses			3 10
		£113	8 8

ANNE McKAY, Hon. Treasurer.

Checked by Mary Chappell.

ST. JOHN'S JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1st JULY, 1940 to 30th JUNE, 1941

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance 1/7/40		11	4	Y.W.B.C. Own Workers Fund		8	0 0
Class collections	7	5	4	St. John's Missionary		1	0 0
Mission collections	4	6	2	Class Extension		10	2 0
Mission social		1	10 0	B.C. Fees			15 8
Sunshine bags	10	2	0	B.C. Bursary			10 0
Ramabai Mission		5	0	Deaconess Fund		1	0 0
P.O. Savings Bank Interest		2	2	British & Foreign Bible Society			10 0
				Turakina Bursary			5 0
				Sewing materials		1	0 0
				Flower Guild			10 0
				Ramabai Mission			5 0
				Balance in hand			4 4
			£24 2 0				£24 2 0

JOYCE ATKINSON, Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1st JULY, 1940 TO 30th JUNE, 1941.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance 1/7/40	2	0	0	Indoor sports	2	6	
Class collections	3	10	7	Annual tea	2	5	
Mission collections	2	17	2	District and Union fees	7	0	
Social for Missions	1	10	0	Calendars	12	0	
Orphanage calendars	12	0		Missions	5	0	0
				Balance in hand	4	5	10
	£10	9	9		£10	9	9

Audited and found correct—
 ROBT. FLEMING.
 4th July, 1941.

ALAN R. FLEMING,
 Hon. Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1941.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance, Cash at Bank 1/7/40	18	1	3	Hopkirk Memorial Piano & Stool	36	0	0
On Deposit with General Treasurer, Presbyterian Church of N.Z.	100	0	0	Books and Supplies	14	17	10
	118	1	3	Prizes (Class, Examination and Hopkirk Memorial Prize)	6	18	3
Collections: Ordinary & Missions	19	2	3	Anniversary Expenses (including Concert & Tea Expenses)	11	3	6
Anniversary Sunday Offertory	29	11	7	Missions: Home	10	0	0
Concert & Tea Receipts	8	0	4	Foreign	10	0	0
Interest	4	2	2		20	0	0
Donation	5	0	0	Cradle Roll Expenses	1	5	2

Sundry Expenses	2	10	4
Balance, Cash at Bank, 30/6/41	22	7	6
On Deposit with General Treasurer, Presbyterian Church of N.Z.	64	0	0
	86	7	6
	£179	2	7

Note: Deposit with General Treasurer, Presbyterian Church of N.Z. is Wm. Hopkirk Bequest.

M. R. BILBY, A.R.A.N.Z.,
 Hon. Treasurer.

I certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the St. John's Presbyterian Sunday School, Wellington, and that in my opinion the above statement is a correct record of the receipts and payments for the year ended 30th June, 1941.

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

ST. JOHN'S BUSY BEES.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR PERIOD MAY 26th, 1940—JUNE 30th, 1941.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Brought forward, 1940	5	1	10	By Church Treasurer for No Retrenchment Fund	1	5	6
To Collections	18	2		„ Mission—Mongapohatu	2	0	0
„ Special Collections	1	5	6	„ „ Motor Truck New Hebrides	3	0	0
„ Sale of Badges	4	2		„ Material for Posters	3	8	
„ Sale of Goods	10	4	6	„ Social Expenses	9	2	
				„ A/c. Badges and Catechisms	13	9	
				„ Material for Handwork	5	10	7
				„ Balance Cash in hand	4	11	6
	£17	14	2		£17	14	2

To Cash in hand, £4/11/6.

ANNETTE HOWE,
 Treasurer.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1941.

MISSION ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance brought forward 1/7/40	6	18 0	Harvest Field Supplies	5	2 0
Hon. Members' Subs. 40 at 5/-	10	0 0	Maori Mission Birthday League	5	8 0
Active Members' Subs. 55 at 2/6	6	17 6	Conference Levy, Travelling Secy. Levy and		
P.W.M.U. Collections	10	19 6	Affiliation Fee	1	18 9
Mission Collection Books	19	4 5	Seamen's Mission Tea	1	12 0
Harvest Field Subscriptions	5	2 0	Presbyterian Training Institute	1	1 0
Maori Mission Birthday League	5	8 0	Stamps, Envelopes and Circulars	7	7 3
Straight-out donations in lieu of sale of			Chinese Relief		10 0
work (including £15/8/0 from Evening			Sundry Small Expenses		2 6
Guild and 3 Mission boxes £2/8/3)	133	7 10	Association A/c. 95 Members at 1/-	4	15 0
P.O. Bank interest	2	2 8	Church Treasurer for Missions	167	12 9
			Balance in Hand	4	10 9
	£200	0 0		£200	0 0

DORCAS ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance brought forward 1/7/40	4	15 6	Material for Orphanage Garments	7	0 5
From Church Treasurer	6	18 6	Balance in hand	4	13 7
	£11	14 0		£11	14 6

ASSOCIATION ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance brought forward 1/7/40	2	15 4	Sundry Expenses	1	0 0
Capitation Fees, 95 at 1/-	4	15 0	Balance in hand	6	10 4
	£7	10 4		£7	10 4

SOLDIERS' COMFORTS FUND.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance brought forward	16	16 1	Wool for Balaclavas, Socks, Scarves, etc.		
From Church Treasurer	165	9 9	Y.W.C.A. Soldiers' Tea & Photos	14	7 2
Sale of Wool	4	0 0	Posted to Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen, 231		
			parcels	117	11 11
			Balance in hand	50	10 9
	£182	9 10		£182	9 10

Audited and found correct—
ROBT. FLEMING, Hon. Auditor.
17th July, 1941.

M. BASSETT,
Hon. Treasurer.

**TABLE GIVING PARTICULARS OF PAYMENT OF BUDGET ASSESSMENT £598 FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 30th JUNE, 1941.**

RAISED BY			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance 30th June, 1940	185	0 0	To General Church Treasurer in various		
St. John's Special Collections	154	9 4	sums throughout the year	598	2 7
St. John's Women's Association	152	4 9	Balance in hand to go towards Budget Ass-		
St. John's Evening Guild	15	8 0	essment 1941/1942	27	0 0
Senior Young Men's Bible Class	28	10 0			
Junior Young Men's Bible Class	5	0 0			
Senior Young Women's Bible Class	27	10 0			
Junior Young Womens' Bible Class	9	0 0			
St. John's Sunday School	20	0 0			
Maori Mission Birthday League	5	8 0			
Christmas Day Collection	2	18 3			
Good Friday Collection	4	9 3			
Donation from lady in England	10	0 0			
Baptismal and Funeral donations	5	5 0			
	£625	2 7		£625	2 7

ROBT. FLEMING,
Hon. Treasurer.

St. John's Presbyterian Church
WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

Memoranda