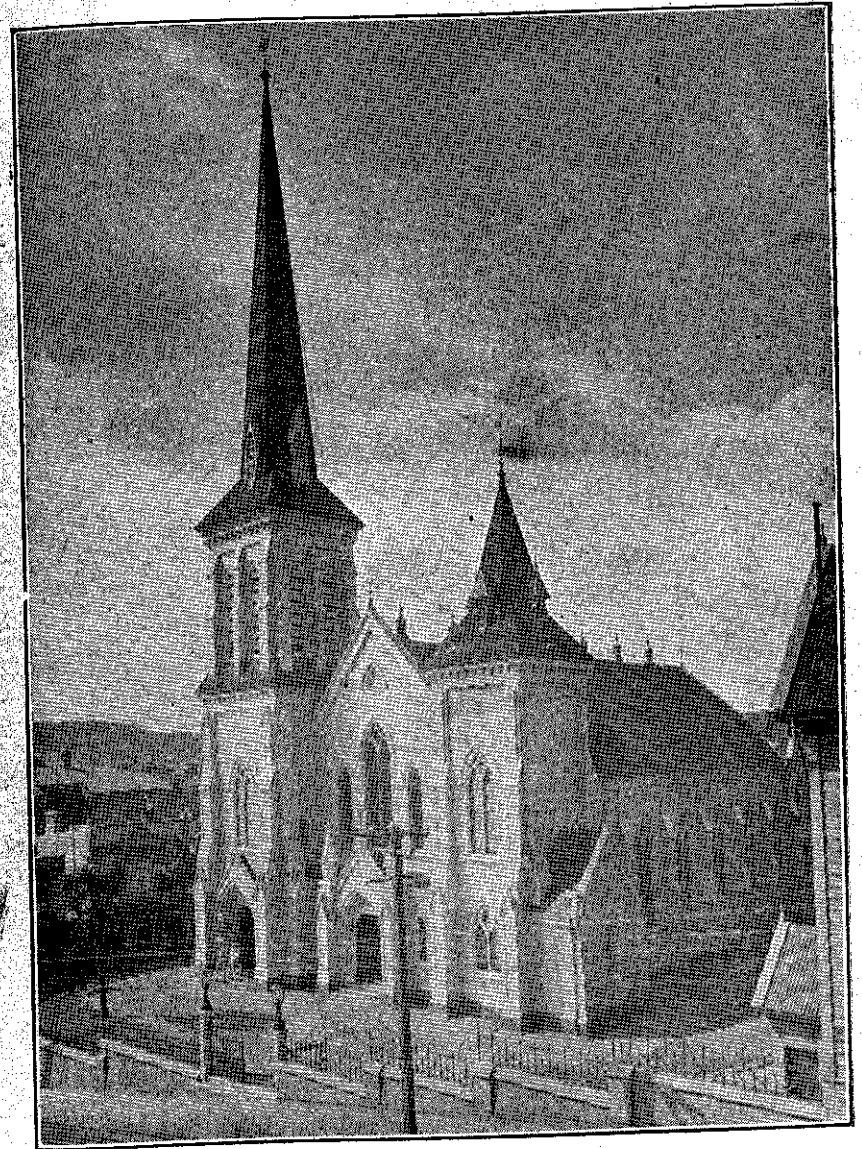
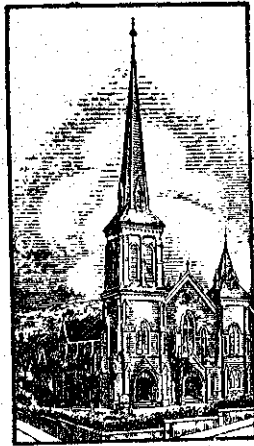


The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

St. John's Church

Willis Street, Wellington.



Annual Report, 1942.

ESTIMATES, 1942/43.

CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
(1) Salaries—						
Our Minister's Stipend and Expenses	600	0	0			
Organist	125	0	0			
Church Officer	184	10	0			
Holiday Supply	40	10	0			
				950	0	0
(2) Maintenance of Buildings—						
Repairs and Renewals	100	0	0			
City Council Rates	40	0	0			
Insurances (incl. War Risk)	230	0	0			
Provision for periodic re-painting, etc.	90	0	0			
				460	0	0
(3) Miscellaneous—						
Deficit for 1941/42	110	0	0			
Hymn Book Replacement	12	0	0			
Stationery, Printing & Advertising	100	0	0			
Telephone £10, Postages £12	22	0	0			
Lighting, Heating and Upkeep	100	0	0			
Motor Car allowance	100	0	0			
Organ Tuning and Expenses	20	0	0			
Assembly Expenses Assessment	24	0	0			
Beneficiary Fund Assessment	30	0	0			
Wellington Presbytery Assessment	6	0	0			
Sabbath School 89th Anniversary	35	0	0			
Social Expenses	15	0	0			
				574	0	0
(4) Contingency Fund—						
To meet sundry small accounts and unforeseen expenditure	97	0	0			
				97	0	0
(5) For Others—						
Budget Assessment for Missions, etc.	619	0	0			
Our Wellington Orphanages	100	0	0			
Soldiers' Comforts Fund	200	0	0			
				919	0	0
				£3000	0	0

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WELLINGTON, N.Z.



Eighty-Ninth Report

Covering period from
July 1st, 1941
to
June 30th, 1942.

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

FOREWORD.

To the Members and Adherents of St. John's.

Dear Friends,

The year through which we have passed has been one of increasing difficulty for the Church. With reduced "man-power" and multiplying war-service demands on the time and energy of the men and women available, it has been hard to maintain full efficiency. Nevertheless, one cannot but admire the cheerful spirit in which additional duties have been undertaken by those who have fully dedicated themselves to the work.

We have suffered severe losses during the year. Loyal and enthusiastic workers, some of whom had served our Congregation for a whole generation, passed into the Great Beyond. Some made the Supreme Sacrifice in the conflict now raging throughout the world. Our thoughts constantly turn away from our immediate surroundings and duties to our boys who are in the battle-line. In moving about among our sorrow stricken and anxious people, I have seen inspiring expressions of superb courage and of the faith which endures to the end.

How long the conflict will last, no one can tell. That it will end in the complete overthrow of the tyranny of brute force we are confident. There is one fact, however, which we must bring home to ourselves. Hitherto we have witnessed from without revolutions in other countries. Today we are ourselves caught up in a revolutionary movement the consequences of which for the Church cannot be foreseen.

We can best prepare ourselves for the demands of the future by making the Christian motive supreme in our own lives and thereby make it possible for the corporate movements of the future to be Christian in intention and spirit. Our motives will become fully Christian only in so far as we make WORSHIP the centre of our lives. The words of the prophet of old come ringing down the centuries and point us to the fountain-head of individual and national well-being. "Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord . . . and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths."

The final message of the Church to a world in travail is, "O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." If Worship is the key to human well-being, how consistent and how fervent the Church's own worship should be. This is the only road to Christian Order and this is the challenge to you, the Members and Adherents of St. John's.

Your Minister and Friend.

P. GLADSTONE HUGHES.

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
Mainland, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn, W.1.	1903
Howitt, Ad., 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
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
Ewen, Dr. H. Bayldon, 8 Dundas Street, Seatoun, E.5.	1931
Purdie, A., 73 Campbell Street, Karori, W.3.	1933
Fowler, R. B., 2 Homewood Crescent, Karori, W.3.	1933
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
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
Burgess, C. W., Crescent Flats, Macdonald Crescent	1942
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, E.1.	1942
Glover, N. J., B.Com. (On Active Service), Standen St., Karori	1942
Ritchie, D., 22 Flers Street, Karori, W.3.	1942
Stockbridge, H., 60 Brougham Street, E.1.	1942

Session Clerk.

Blake, L. R., B.Sc., 62 Harbour View Road, Northland, W.2. 1933
Telephone 28-308.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Armour, W. A., M.A.	Wellington College, E.1.
Anderson, P. H.	59 Hawker Street, E.1.
Barrett, T. M.	1 Moeller Street, E.1.
Bruce, W. (on Active Service)	58 Adams Terrace, W.1.
Fickling, D. (on Active Service)	6 Garfield St., S.W.1.
Fleming, R.	6 Wesley Road, C.1.
Fleming, R. N.	Baroda Street, Khandallah, N.5.
Hermanns, W.	60 Mortimer Tce., C.2.
Hunter, J.	13 Bidwell Street, S.1.
Martin, J. S. (on Active Service)	91 Eden Street, Island Bay, S.2.
Marshall, J. R., L.L.M. (on Active Service)	64 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn, W.1.
Matthews, J.	18 Hapua Road, Hataitai, E.2.
McKinnon, J.	1 Morningson Road, Brooklyn, S.W.1.
Pope, F. S.	34 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Pumfrey, E.	117a Brougham Street, E.1.
Reid, W.	8 Huia Road, Hataitai, E.2.
Scott, G. H.	3 Wilkinson Terrace, E.1.
Stevenson, I. D., M.Sc.	Radio Laboratory, Well East P.O.
Strong, F.	10 Kio Road, Roseneath, E.2.
Wall, A. L.	Seatoun Heights, E.S.
Woods, N. S.	38 Harrison St., Brooklyn, S.W.1.

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Church Officer: J. Thompson. Phone 54-299.

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Finance Committee:

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Phone 40-452.

Mr. R. Fleming	Mr. H. Glover	Mr. A. P. Smith
Mr. M. R. Bilby	Mr. R. Johnston	Mr. A. L. Wall
(Treasurer)	Mr. J. Matthews	

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Convener: Mr. H. Glover, 91 Karori Road. Telephone: 26-059.
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Mr. W. J. Ferguson Mr. A. Martin

Seat-Letting Committee:

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Convener: Dr. T. F. Corkill, 319 Willis Street, C.2. Phone 51-571,
Mr. J. S. Lomas Mr. L. R. Blake

Choir Committee:

Convener: Mr. F. S. Pope, 34 Kelburn Parade. Telephone: 42-366.
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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.)

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

Hon. Secretary: Miss H. D. Clyde.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss E. Ledger.

Hon. Librarian: Miss D. Lees.

Committee:

Sopranos: Misses D. Atkinson, P. Brodie, and D. Mills. **Altos:**
Misses J. Curtis, Molly McKenzie and Mrs. Pumfrey. **Bass:**

Mr. A. L. Wall. **Tenor:** Mr. Pumfrey.

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

Sopranos (14):

Misses D. Atkinson, P. Brodie, H. D. Clyde, M. Heath, E. Ledger, D. Lees, J. McKenzie, Mary MacKenzie, D. Mills, B. Taylor, N. Thompson, Mrs. M. Fletcher. **On Leave:** Misses A. Bennie & R. Nichols.

Altos (10):

Mrs. Pumfrey, Misses J. Atkinson, P. Cranston, J. Curtis, M. McKay, Molly McKenzie, N. McKenzie, N. Pike, E. Purdey.

On Leave: P. Lees.

Tenors (3):

E. Pumfrey. **Active Service:** B. Harper and M. Pumfrey.

Basses (3):

Messrs. J. S. Lomas, F. S. Pope, A. L. Wall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr. R. B. Fowler.

Teachers: Misses F. Cunliffe, E. MacKenzie, M. MacKenzie, P. Cunliffe, D. Chappell, Jean Marshall, Molly McKenzie, Messrs. M. Bilby, J. Long (on Active Service), N. Jardine (on Active Service—missing).

Pianist: Miss E. MacKenzie.

Librarian: Mr. W. Kraft.

Treasurer: Mr. M. R. Bilby.

Secretaries:

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

Recording: Mr. H. B. Smith.

Cradle Roll: Miss E. MacKenzie.

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Orphanage	Mrs. A. Purdie
Guild Sewing	Mrs. B. Berry
Tea Convener	Miss J. Howden
Soldiers' Suppers	Miss Anderson
Busy Bee Leaders	Miss D. Chappell and Miss Mary MacKenzie.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Miss P. Brodie.

Secretary: Miss Doreen Atkinson.

Sub-Leader: Miss E. Thomson.

Treasurer: Mrs. Jean Carruthers.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS AND INSTITUTE.

Acting-Leader: Revd. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A.

Secretary: M. Wing.

Treasurer and Institute Fund Collector: W. N. D. Ross.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Acting-Leader: Miss Wanda Atkinson.

Secretary: Miss Ngaire McKenzie.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS:

Leader: Mr. R. D. Stevenson.

Secretary: Tom Corkill.

Treasurer: Alan Fleming.

ROLL OF HONOUR.**SUPREME SACRIFICE.**

Ken. Booker, M.M.	Jack McNeil	J. B. Watt
Owen Gatman	Sid Plant	
R. C. Matheson	Jack Strong	

PRISONERS OF WAR.

A. H. Armour	B. Haigh	Norman Jardine
Gordon Glover		

NAVY.

H. K. Corkill	Bruce Harper	Colin MacDonald
Jack Cunliffe	John Hay	Edgar Wall
W. Cunliffe	Hywel Hughes	

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KIRK SESSION.

The year under review has heightened the problems facing the Church everywhere, and brought an increasing challenge to all Christian people. Warlike preparations have increased in tempo with the southward drive of the Japanese. These have called for the giving of increasing time to defence needs, and in the circumstances this is necessary. But where it is avoidably undertaken on Sundays during hours normally devoted to the worship of God, it is to be deplored.

There is a real need for men and women everywhere to "put first things first." How shall we perform our allotted tasks well if we forsake the assembling of ourselves together to worship Him from whom cometh all wisdom and inspiration?

In the pages which follow there is evidence of much activity springing from God-inspired and enlightened minds, and for what has been achieved in the face of great obstacles, we give humble and grateful thanks to Almighty God.

THE MINISTER: Our Minister continues to bring to his work ceaseless energy and wide sympathies. He has not spared himself in serving the congregation. His pulpit utterances reveal a keen appreciation of fundamentals, and a deep concern for the spiritual welfare of the congregation and the community. He has brought comfort to the sick and the bereaved, and visited the homes of our people to the limit of his strength.

The men of the congregation serving in the Armed Forces have been continually in his thoughts and prayers, and many have received friendly messages from his pen. Mr. Hughes has also been quick to extend friendship and hospitality to men and women of the Allied Forces who have worshipped with us.

His unflagging interest in the young people has been marked in recent months by Leadership of the Senior Young Men's Bible Class.

In all these good works Mr. Hughes has been ably supported by Mrs. Hughes, and our good wishes for continued health and strength go out to them and their family.

SESSION: Our Heavenly Father has taken unto Himself during the year four members of Session, in the persons of Sir George Troup, Mr. Alex. Johnston, Mr. J. M. Wilson, and Mr. W. H. Moore. Their loss has been keenly felt by the whole congregation and Session extends to their loved ones its sincere sympathy.

On account of their continued residence outside of Wellington, Messrs. A. D. Johnston and T. R. Creswell have resigned. Having removed to the Hutt Valley again, Mr. D. B. Brown, lately Session Clerk, has also resigned. Session has placed on record its sense of loss in the departure of these gentlemen and its appreciation of the services they rendered to the congregation.

To our regret, Mr. Ad. Howitt resigned his position as Rolls Clerk during the year and Dr. T. F. Corkill and Mr. J. S. Lomas took over this important work. Mr. Howitt still exercises faithfully his ministry of the threshold. New members are greeted cordially and the stranger within the gate takes away memories of a warm welcome to St. John's.

Messrs. W. J. Ferguson and Alex. Johnston acted as Presbytery Elders. Mr. A. H. Wallace was elected a Presbytery Elder, on the decease of Mr. Johnston.

The following Memorial Minutes to members of Session were placed in Session Records:—

THE LATE GEORGE ALEXANDER TROUP.

The Session of St. John's Church records its profound sorrow at the death of its greatly esteemed Senior Elder, George Alexander Troup, K.B., C.M.G., F.R.I.B.A., and expresses its deep sense of the grievous loss that it, with the whole of the congregation, has sustained by his passing.

As a Manager of the Church for seven years and an Elder for a further period of forty six years, he ever exercised a beneficent influence on its progress and welfare. By reason of his sound judgment, wide knowledge and inspiring faith, his views on major matters of Church policy were invariably sought and greatly facilitated right decisions.

Reared and educated in a distinctly religious atmosphere, he knew the Holy Scriptures from a child. He early accepted Christ as his Lord and Saviour and, throughout his life, stood four-square for the great fundamentals of Presbyterian doctrine.

Supplementary to this vital spiritual endowment when, as a young man, he took charge of the half dozen lads comprising St. John's Young Men's Bible Class fifty three years ago, he brought to the task great latent personal qualities of high courage, clear vision, contagious zeal and outstanding organizing ability, all of which found full development, under the guidance of God, in the years that followed. These gifts, together with his time and substance, he humbly laid on God's altar for the gathering in of young men to His Kingdom. From the outset he realized that "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ," and all the changes and innovations in Bible Class organisation, which his fertile mind conceived and his tactful leadership enabled him to introduce, were merely means of recruitment for bringing young men under the spell of that great truth.

It was chiefly in the Bible Class Movement, thus initiated, but which has long since spread throughout almost all the Protestant Churches and become the most potent factor in their Youth Work, that his invaluable contribution to the spiritual life of the Dominion was made.

The same motive actuated his successful and monumental work in the organisation and development of the Wellington Boys' Institute, particulars of which are permanently recorded in the Jubilee History of the Class.

Thus, throughout a full life, remarkable for conspicuous service to the Christian Church in other ways and to the community at large, the physical, mental and spiritual welfare of young men remained the passion of his soul.

He was also associated with several Religious Bodies outside his own Church, and as Dominion President and London Representative of the British & Foreign Bible Society, in particular, he rendered splendid service.

In civic life he took a foremost place and the City of Wellington has been permanently enriched by tangible results of his ability and vision; his part in the establishment of the National Art Gallery being especially noteworthy. In recognition of his altruistic and

outstanding services to religious and civic causes, His Majesty the King was pleased to confer upon him the Order of C.M.G. in 1931, followed by the honour of K.B. in the year 1937.

As Engineer and Architect to the New Zealand Government Railways he was held in high regard, and a number of important public structures, including the handsome and imposing Railway Station at Dunedin stand as witnesses to his creative mind.

The Session expresses its deep sympathy with Lady Troup and the members of the family in their great sorrow. It feels assured that the hallowed memories of a loving fellowship and of a life of radiant faith and undaunted courage will sustain and inspire them.

The Session prays that they may have in full measure the comfort and joy of God's presence and guidance and that a faith such as that which they witnessed may be their most treasured possession in the days to come.

THE LATE MR. ALEXANDER JOHNSTON.

The Session of St. John's Church desires to place on record its deep sorrow and regret at the passing of Mr. Alexander Johnston, an esteemed Elder, who after a very brief illness was called to his rest on the 13th day of January, 1942.

Mr. Johnston arrived in Wellington from Glasgow in 1890, and immediately became a teacher in the Mount Cook Sunday School. He was Superintendent from 1911 until the closing down of the School, in 1916. Mr. Johnston later became President of the Sunday School Union, an office which he held for a number of years. From 1890 to 1897 he was Secretary to the St. John's Men's Christian Fellowship Association.

He was elected a Manager in 1892, and nineteen years later was ordained an Elder, in which capacity he served with earnestness and zeal for over thirty years. His passing is a severe loss to the work of the Session.

He was Presbytery Elder for several years, and in that office his practical experience was of great value, especially to the Property and Finance Committee, of which he was at the time of his death Convener. He also represented St. John's at Assembly on several occasions.

Mr. Johnston was also an early worker in the Lads' Mission School, and was a foundation member of the committee at the time of its change over to the larger organisation, the Wellington Boys' Institute, in 1891. He was a Vice-President and a keen member of the committee down to the time of his passing. His interest ever remained in the Institute throughout the years.

His cheerful greeting, his faithfulness in carrying out all duties assigned to him and his willingness at all times to take further obligations in the interests of St. John's were the characteristics by which he was best known. His home was an open house to visitors and members of St. John's alike. His hospitality will long be kindly remembered by those who had the privilege of enjoying it.

Session extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Johnston and the members of the family, who also have given loyal and devoted service in Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, and in the wider activities of the Church.

earn world-wide respect for the fine qualities of the New Zealand Division. We pray that God will grant that righteous peace may soon be restored on the earth, and that these men may come back to help build "a new Jerusalem" in New Zealand's green and pleasant land.

PRAYER MEETING: A mid-week Service for prayer and inspiration was held regularly, except during the mid-summer recess. The small band of members who attended these Services received great help and return thanks to the Minister and the Very Rev. J. H. MacKenzie, who conducted them on a number of occasions. Many have been hindered from attending these services during recent months by the partial "black-out" operating in the City.

SPECIAL SERVICES: NATIONAL. A large congregation was present at the King's Universal Day of Prayer Service on Sunday, 7th September, 1941, and also at the United Nations' Sunday Service on 14th June, 1942, which was attended by the Prime Minister, Sir H. Battenbee, and Consular Officials of the Allied Nations, whose flags were displayed. His Excellency, the Governor General, attended the Service on Sunday morning, 21st December, 1941 and read the lessons.

COLLEGES: The Annual Broadcast Service of Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges was held on the evening of the 17th August, 1941, the lessons being read by the Principals. Boys of Auckland Grammar School and Wellington College attended the Morning Service on June 28th, 1942.

HOLY DAYS: Special Services were held on the mornings of Christmas and New Year's days and on Good Friday. On St. David's Day a Welsh Service was held in the afternoon.

MEMORIAL SERVICES: Special Memorial Services were held for the late Sir Geo. A. Troup, Messrs. A. Johnston, J. M. Wilson and W. H. Moore, members of the Session who had rendered distinguished and faithful service to the Church, and also for the late Mr. V. G. Chapman, Assembly Treasurer.

ORGANISATIONS: The Combined Service for all Harrier Clubs was held on the 6th July, 1941, and that of the Special Service of the Combined Rechabites on the 18th October, 1941.

VISITING MINISTERS: During the year our Services have been acceptably conducted by the Very Rev. Geo. H. McNeur, our own retired Missionary. The Rev. R. F. Judson, C.F., Revs. J. N. Whittington, S. J. Atkins, K. H. Evans and W. Lawson Marsh, M.A.

THANKS: In a congregation so large and with such diverse activities, it is difficult to avoid omitting specific references, especially in days of paper shortage, to many members who have performed services deserving mention. Special mention must be made of the members of Choir, those who have so artistically decorated the Church, and to the work of the Church Officer and Mrs. Thompson. To these and all others who have served the Church faithfully, Session tenders grateful thanks for their unceasing labours for the Glory of Him who sees all.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

The Board of Managers met each month during the year except in January the average attendance of members being seventeen.

Consideration has been given to various matters concerning the church property but it has not been possible to carry out certain improvements which are recognised as very desirable.

The Church organ was thoroughly overhauled and should not require further attention for some time. Heating has been provided in the Sunday School Hall and has filled a long felt want, and arrangements are in hand which should lead to an improvement in the heating in the Church.

During the year a good deal of attention was devoted to requirements made necessary by the possibility of an emergency, and suitable arrangements were made for reducing the light showing from windows. Emergency fire protection equipment has been installed and also a supplementary water supply but it was regretted no adequate protection could be devised for the stained glass windows.

In order to provide greater safety for the Church records a reinforced concrete safe has been constructed in the bank under the Church Officer's residence and valuable church documents will be kept therein.

As a result of the issue of recent regulations the Church property is now insured against war damage in addition to damage by earthquake and fire.

During the year the Board accepted with great regret the resignation of Mr. R. Fleming as Church Treasurer and placed on record a minute of appreciation of his most efficient and willing service over a period of fourteen years and at a special function held in December both Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were presented with gifts. Mr. M. R. Bilby succeeds Mr. Fleming as Treasurer.

Matters arising in connection with the emergency regulations has placed a good deal of extra work on the Church Officer and the Board desires to place on record its appreciation of his faithful and efficient service during the year.

FINANCE: From the statement of receipts and payments at back of the report it will be seen that the credit balance of £278 13/6 with which we commenced the financial year has now changed to a deficit of £111/17/8. Over £285 of this change is accounted for by expenditure on abnormal items, but the remainder is due to normal church receipts being less than normal church commitments.

The average attendance for each Sunday shows a decrease of 69 as compared with the previous year, i.e., 412 as against 481, but it is pleasing to record that the effect on the combined revenue from Plate Offerings, Envelope System and Seat Rents was a drop of only £33. The decrease in Plate Offerings of £81 was partly offset by increased giving through the Envelope System (£17) and Seat Rents (£31).

During the year we received a legacy of £200 from the estate of the late Miss Jane Ferguson, to whom we are much indebted. In accordance with a decision made in 1931, this legacy has been credited to our Endowment Fund.

St. John's was again asked to find £598 of the total amount required for the Missions work of the Presbyterian Church of N.Z., and as will be seen from the statement set out at the end of the report, found £551/13/11 of this amount. This leaves us short of our assessment by £46/6/1.

Inside the front cover of the report is an indication of our Church's financial requirements for the coming year.

To Mr. I. G. Lythgoe, M.Com., A.R.A. (N.Z.), who has again acted as Hon. Auditor, we extend our grateful appreciation and thanks.

THE CHOIR.

ROLL: At 30th June, 1942, the effective roll stands at 21 (12 sopranos and 9 altos). In addition 2 tenors are on Active Service and 1 on Home Guard duties, 1 soprano is on leave for V.A.D. work at Trentham, 1 soprano and 1 alto are on extended leave for health reasons, and three basses assist on Sundays when possible.

Eight members left during the year and six new members were enrolled, viz. Misses Heath, Thompson, Taylor, McKay, Pike and Mrs. Fletcher. Of the eight members who left, two in particular had given outstanding service to the choir. I refer to Miss Dorothy Chappell and Miss Jean Hanchet, who on account of continued ill-health, were compelled to give up their work in February, 1942. Miss Chappell has been a member of the choir for over 25 years and during that period has given without stint most faithful and valuable service. Miss Hanchet came to us from Te Kuiti in 1930 and during the twelve years' membership proved a tower of strength to the choir.

The average attendances for the year were as follows:—Week-night practice, 13; Morning Service, 11; Evening Service, 14.

CHORAL WORK: There were 45 Sundays when the choir was in session (exclusive of the Christmas and Easter vacations and the Sunday School Anniversary).

It was impossible, of course, to undertake any cantatas this year and the special Christmas music which usually forms a feature of the year's work consisted of some simple carols and some solos. We welcomed as guest soloists during the year Mrs. W. Duncan, Miss Audrey Holdgate, Mrs. A. J. Lee, and Mr. Robert Wilson in addition to soloists from our own ranks, viz. Miss A. Bennie, Miss J. Curtis, and Miss E. Ledger who were responsible for ten solos. A choir of boys from Scots College occupied the choir gallery on the occasion of their service on the evening of August 17th.

PRACTICE ROOM: Since March 1942, the weekly practice has been held in the basement parlour. Although by no means ideal, this room is more suitable for practice than the Choir gallery in the Church.

SOCIAL: On the evening of November 27th, the Choir were the guests of Miss Evelyn Ledger and her mother at their home in Brooklyn. There was an excellent attendance of members and a very happy and jolly evening was spent. Three large fruit cakes were sent to Marshall Pumfrey and Bruce Harper and from all accounts were greatly appreciated.

Miss Dulcie Lees kindly provided supper for the Choir after practice on the night of 30th April.

Flowers and letters have been sent to our members in hospital and on the sick list and these too have been appreciated by the recipients.

LIBRARY: From its own funds the Choir has added to its Library a set of anthems "The Lord's My Shepherd" by Schubert.

CONCLUSION: In the "Outlook" of March 12th, 1941, there appears an article on the place of the Choir in the Church Service and the part played by it in the worship of God. The writer asks "Why do we have a choir at all?" and supplies the answer "To help with the singing" and he concludes with these words:

"Above all, whether it be the choir or the congregation we are thinking of, the chief end of the public worship of God should ever be kept firmly in mind—that God's holy Name is to be praised. Divine service is rendered to Him and Him alone. Let us remember the words 'EVERYTHING in His Temple saith "Glory".' Man's chief end is to glorify God. Choirs are very human things, and conductors have their problems, but if it is a form of Christian Service, the work of the Choir, while demanding great humility and reverence, can be both noble and beautiful."

If we then keep that high aim in front of us, shall we not each one give even more than we have in the past of our time and talents in the service of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ?

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. Gladstone Hughes, B.A. for delivering a very able address and presenting the prizes on Promotion Sunday. We extend our congratulations to Ann Lomas 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 appre-

ciation of the work of the Superintendent, Miss Elsie MacKenzie and her helpers.

We wish to record our appreciation of the services of Mrs. Bilby, Misses Butler and W. Atkinson, and to welcome Miss D. Chappell on her return.

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

The Superintendent wishes to record his appreciation of the loyal support of the teaching staff during the year.

H. B. SMITH, Hon. Rec. Sec.

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

The annual report of this branch of the Church's work is a record of generous giving of both money and service. The meetings throughout the year have been well attended, and the spirit of fellowship warm and inspiring. The membership stands at 55 Active and 44 Honorary. As in former years quarterly social afternoons were held, in addition to the monthly meetings, to which all the women of the Church (not engaged in business) were invited to join in fellowship and take the opportunity to hand in their gifts to Mission Funds. Sixteen Mission Boxes were distributed to members and the proceeds from same were very gratifying, viz.: £10 18/6 as against £2/8/3 the previous year. Gifts for the Maoris in Taupo were received and sent to Sister M. Wilson who is in charge of the District. In October a "Bring and Buy" afternoon was planned, together with an exhibition of antiques, when the sum of £12/11/3 was raised. Addresses were given by Miss Rutherford, South Mukden; Mrs Hardie, Suva; Sister Noel, Wellington, and Rev. D. Calder, Secretary British and Foreign Bible Society.

A statement of the finances of the Association is presented by Miss Bassett under a separate heading.

ORPHANAGE WORK: Mrs. Purdie reports that St. John's Guild made for the boys 14 pairs of pyjamas and 12 singlets. A quilt was also donated by Miss Anderson.

ST. JOHN'S MOTHERS' MEETINGS presided over by Mrs. Kerr were very popular and well attended in spite of bad weather and epidemics of sickness. The roll stands at 22. Mrs. G. Johnston, Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. McLeod gave valiant service during the year and Mrs. Hughes' interest was an inspiration to all.

SOLDIERS' WORK: Under Mrs. Malcolm Fraser's supervision and careful preparation the packing of 298 parcels for St. John's men serving in the forces overseas, has been expeditiously and efficiently executed and letters continue to arrive from the recipients expressing their pleasure at being remembered. There are 67 of our men overseas, 4 are prisoners of war, 31 are in Territorial camps in N.Z. and 3 girls are on active service. We record with regret that 5 men have been called upon to give their lives for King and Country.

From Mrs. A. Martin we have the following report of hand-knitted comforts for soldiers, sailors and airmen. Socks, 147 pairs; Scarves, 50; Balaclavas, 20; Mittens, 17 pairs; Skull caps, 3. Tea was provided at the Y.M.C.A. for the men, on May 31st and supper given at the Y.W.C.A. on November 22nd. Tea was also donated and served at the Missions to Seamen on June 28th.

BRITISH CHILDREN: To Mrs. T. F. Corkill we are indebted for an account of what has been accomplished for British Children in bombed areas. 507 garments were packed and members are to be congratulated on the very nice work put into each article. Thanks have been received from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

M.M.B.L. Secretary, Mrs. Pumfrey, reports 98 contributors and the raising of £6/1/-.

HARVEST FIELD subscribers total 69, and Miss Millar reports all subscriptions paid.

CORRESPONDING MEMBER, Miss M. Brown, has kept in touch with 20 members, who through sickness, failing health, age or distance, are unable to attend the meetings of the Association.

AFTERNOON TEA has been enjoyed by members throughout the year and this time of fellowship adds to the value of the meetings. Warm thanks were expressed at the Annual Meeting to Miss Howden and her assistants.

THE EVENING GUILD AND THE BUSY BEES furnish their own reports.

The report closes with the following. "Once again it is the privilege of the President and officers to thank members who have worked enthusiastically and given generously to support the Church of St. John's and all it stands for. The loyalty, co-operation and friendliness shown during the year has made for true Christian fellowship and an increasing desire on the part of each member to be used by God in the work of His Kingdom.

To our Minister, Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes we wish to express our appreciation of his keen interest in us and our undertakings. We thank him for his helpful ministry and pray that God will bestow upon him, and his household, the gift of the Holy Spirit."

MARY CHAPPELL,

Hon. Sec.

EVENING GUILD.

The membership of the Guild now stands at 42. Others who are interested, but unable to attend our meetings, have assisted in a tangible manner. The average attendance for the working meetings was 26. Four new members were welcomed during the year.

The Guild again expressed appreciation of the interest taken in the Guild by ladies of the Congregation. To those of their number who have acted as Hostesses, we are deeply grateful. Those who have placed their homes at our disposal are:—Mrs. Purdie, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. J. M. Wilson, Mrs. J. H. MacKenzie, Mrs. Malcolm Fraser, Mrs. Hughes and Miss Anderson.

A number of our members assisted in the conducting of the devotional exercises.

The Mission work of our Church at Home and Abroad has been brought before our members by the reading of interesting Missionary letters. We were delighted to have Mrs. McNeur with us at our August meeting, and to listen to her interesting conversational talk on Old and New China.

Our Maori field this year is Taupo, where Miss Wilson is in charge, and in May a parcel of warm clothing for young and old was despatched and has been gratefully acknowledged.

Again, this year members have given liberally to the Presbyterian Orphanage. As there was a great need for blankets, Peggy squares were knitted from odd pieces of wool, and quilts were made from odd pieces of material. Altogether 7 Peggy square rugs,

1 blanket and coverlet, together with many other useful articles were handed to the Orphanage. Clothing was also handed to Mrs. Hughes to send to British children in the bombed areas at Home.

At Christmas gifts were sent to Home Mission Manses—8 families—a total of 42 people, together with a letter of greeting. Letters acknowledging the gifts showed that the recipients were greatly encouraged by our remembrance.

It having been suggested that the Alexandra Home would be glad of Layettes to be used in cases of emergency, the Guild responded to the extent of a full Layette, also 8 Vests, 2 Bonnets, pair Bootees, 8 Shawls, 12 Matinee Jackets and 1 Petticoat.

A new departure in our work this year is the sending of occasional parcels to members of the Boys' Institute who are in Territorial Camps. Already several tins of food stuffs, also socks, bal-clavas and magazines have been gratefully received by these lads. It is felt that this will serve as a link between St. John's Church and the Boys' Institute.

Several of our members helped the Women's Association in the making of Christmas cakes for our men overseas, and also assisted in the dispensing of tea to the soldiers at the Y.M.C.A. Sunday tea.

On Sunday, 28th June, at the close of the evening service a Social Hour was held in the Church Hall, to which we invited those who joined the Church at the March and June Communions, also men and women of the Forces present at the evening service.

At our May meeting, Miss Thomas, one of our members, gave us an interesting talk on "The Care of Women and Children in War-time Conditions."

Since 30th June, 1941, £16/1/- has been handed to the Women's Association towards the Direct Giving Scheme.

To our President, Mrs. Hughes, we would express our gratitude for her help and friendship during the year.

We have been privileged to enjoy many hours of happy fellowship together, and we go forward into the new year with high hopes and full of courage, knowing that our strength is in the Lord God.

I. FERGUSON,
Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

For the Class, the past year has been one of trial and uncertainty, but we look back with feelings of gratitude and thankfulness for the privilege of being able to meet together each Sunday afternoon, when in so many countries that privilege has been denied.

We realize what a great contribution to the community a virile Bible Class Movement can make, and we accept and strive to live up to the Four-square Ideal and all it stands for.

In this report we endeavour to reveal the ways in which we, as a Class, are trying to carry out those ideals, humbly acknowledging that we have fallen far short of our goal,

LEADERSHIP: We commenced the new year with Messrs. Jack Gregory and Frank Carruthers acting as co-leaders. However, in December, Mr. Gregory answered the call to arms and Mr. Carruthers continued as leader until April, when he too joined H.M. Forces.

The leadership was then taken over by the late Mr. W. H. Moore, whose untimely death in an aircraft accident on the 7th of May, 1942, was a sad blow to the Class.

MINISTER: Our Minister, the Rev. Gladstone Hughes, has shown a great deal of interest in the Class, and his assistance in keeping the Class together during these trying times is appreciated.

THE COMMITTEE: There have been many changes in the personnel of the Committee during the past year. However, despite this, the work of the Class has been well carried out by conveners who remain.

CHURCH WORK: The Class has continued to take an active part in Church work. Some of our members were, during the year, on the various Committees of the Session and the Board of Managers.

THE WORK:

MEMBERSHIP: The attendances at the Sunday Meetings have shown a marked decrease, owing to full mobilization of the Territorials earlier in the year.

We commenced the year with an average attendance of members only of 15. During March the figure was 8.

The position can be summarized as follows:—

Yearly Average:—Members, 11.32.

Attendance:—Roll No. 14.5.

Several visitors to Wellington have attended our Sunday There have been 11 new members placed on the roll during the year.

The compulsory territorial training has continued to have an adverse effect on the Class attendances during the latter part of the year, but it is pleasing to note that members in uniform have made every effort to attend whilst in town on leave.

DISCUSSIONS: During the past year the usual practice of compiling and issuing two syllabi, each covering a period of six months, was followed.

During the latter part of the year, when attendances have been smaller and group studies were the order of the day, the proceedings were marked by some very fine contributions by individual members.

In addition to papers from Class members, addresses were given by Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes and Mr. W. J. Ferguson. These were of considerable interest and value.

BIBLE STUDY: For several months a lively group of about five or six members met each Friday evening under the leadership of Lloyd Spackman and Mr. W. J. Ferguson to study the Book of Daniel.

During the year £27/10/3 was collected. Despite this low figure we met our quota of £40 for the Bible Class Union Missions Year, which ended on the 30th June, 1942.

SOCIAL SERVICE: In conjunction with the Young Women's Classes, our Class took part in several services on Sunday evenings at the Ohio Old People's Home. An enjoyable games evening was held at the Boys' Institute in September, 1941. In December, a party was held for the Boys at the Orphanage. Once again the Class undertook to sell Social Service Calendars, and 50 were sold.

LIBRARY: The Library continues to be a welcome asset to our Class, and has been made good use of during the year. We were unfortunate to lose the services of Mr. George Ross, our librarian, who joined the R.N.Z.A.F. early in the year. We have to acknowledge with grateful thanks the donation of books by Lady Troup.

CLASS INSTITUTE SCHEME: Receipts for the year amounted to £34/11/6 and expenses were 2/3. The fund now stands at approximately £2,530.

SOCIAL: With the exception of two class teas all the social functions have been combined affairs enjoyable and successful in every way. Four meetings of the Social Club were held during the year and a combined tea took place on the 7th December. The popularity of the after Church suppers have remained high and these have proved welcome entertainment for members of the armed forces attending Church in the evening.

ATHLETICS: Though interest has not been maintained at its former level we have managed to participate in most sports activities.

ANNUAL CAMP: The usual class camp was not held.

BOYS' INSTITUTE: Messrs W. J. Ferguson and G. Vincent served on the Management Committee of the Boys' Institute. Several Class members have led the Institute Bible Class during the year.

MEMBERS ON ACTIVE SERVICE: Many of our boys and all those present members who are eligible for military service are now either in camp in N.Z. or are overseas.

OBITUARY: It is with deepest regret that we record the death of the late Sir George Troup. The late Sir George Troup rendered a great service to the Church and took a very great interest in the Class. St. John's Senior Young Men's Bible Class has made history in the Presbyterian Church of N.Z. and this success is due in no small part to the long and devoted service of Sir George. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Lady Troup and family and we pray that God will comfort them in their hour of sorrow.

On the 7th May 1942 we were given the first news of the tragic aeroplane crash in which our Leader, the late Mr. W. H. Moore lost his life. The late Mr. Moore has been connected with the Class for many years and lately took over the leadership of the Class and during the short time which he was spared to lead us he proved himself most loyal and unselfish. His death is indeed another sad blow for the Class but we are all the more determined to carry on the great work that Mr. Moore had devoted so much time to. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and baby daughter.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS: We sincerely 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 Young Ladies' Classes, Mr. Thompson and the Minister for their valuable assistance in connection with social and other functions.

CONCLUSION: The past year has been a momentous one for all of us. We have sustained grievous losses in the deaths of Sir George Troup and Mr. W. H. Moore, but we stand steadfast looking to the future with determination and fortitude and with God's guidance we shall continue to carry on and to uphold the traditions of the Class.

For the Committee,
M. G. WING,

Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Despite many changes in personnel, new members have accepted responsibilities with enthusiasm and strived to hand on the torch undimmed.

MEMBERSHIP: The roll number at the end of June was 45, and there have been 21 new members. Forty-one are Presbyterian communicants and 2 belong to other churches. Four are Sunday School Teachers and one is a Bible Class Leader. The average attendance for the year was 25.2. Our Look-Out Committee's activities have been helped by having two members on duty at the Church door to contact new people. Mr. Howitt helps us in this work, and his assistance is greatly appreciated.

SUBJECT: Most of our studies have been taken from the Inter-denominational Syllabus. We have successfully introduced more direct Bible studies, also group studies which help members to express their opinions more freely, and the discussions are very worth while.

PRAYER: The monthly combined Prayer Meeting continued to be well attended and we would stress that in these troubled days, members should take this opportunity of meeting for prayer.

MISSIONS: We were very privileged to have Miss Lorraine Saunders from India with us during the year and she gave us a very interesting talk, illustrated with lantern slides, showing life in India as a Missionary. One of our members also gave a very interesting talk on a visit to our own New Zealand Mission Station, Maungapohatu. These talks serve to bring the needs of the missionaries closer to members. The total amount collected was £9/17/-, and our Annual Thank Offering amounted to £11/12/- which was quite a good response. Three parcels of clothing were sent to Te Whaiti Mission Station through the District Committee.

SOCIAL SERVICE: This year we have used our spare time to advantage in making comforts for our boys overseas. We are grateful to all members who have knitted garments or made shortbread to be sent in the parcels. We know these parcels are appreciated by the recipients.

As our Tennis party to the Borstal Institute had to be cancelled, several members took a concert party to the girls, and a Basketball team also visited them. St. John's Classes were responsible for the service at the Ohiro Home on October 19th and Eleanor Thomson gave the address. At Christmas we also gave the old people a carol concert. Several members went to the Alexandra Home to entertain the girls, and we know these visits are always much appreciated.

The Class realises the good work Sister Noel is doing in Wellington and most members contribute to the Deaconess Fund. Several were present and contributed to the gift pantry tea given to Sister Noel by District Committee.

ORPHANAGE: Our orphan, Mary King and the Junior Class orphan, Jean Arthur, were taken into town at Christmas and spent a happy time choosing their gifts. On Mary's birthday members of the Class went out to the Orphanage and gave her a party complete with birthday cake. We also co-operated with the Young Men's Class in entertaining the Boys of the Orphanage. St. Andrew's Day tickets and Orphanage calendars were sold by members. The annual payment of £5 was paid for the upkeep of the John Boal Cot.

FLOWER GUILD: The Class continues to be responsible for arranging the flowers in the Church each Sunday.

SOCIAL AND SPORTS: Social Club was continued until the end of last year with quite good attendances, but it was thought as there are so many members doing voluntary war work, it would be better to discontinue Social Club for the duration of the war. One meeting of Herewea Club was held during the year under review, and because of "black-out" conditions, it was then decided to substitute Sunday Teas every second month, and these have been well attended. At one of these teas Ian Stevenson spoke on his trip overseas. On another Sunday, Mr. Hughes was present and led a discussion on our part in the Campaign for Christian Order.

After-Church suppers continue to be very popular with all classes and letters are read from our Bible Class boys overseas. At a recent supper Lt. Henry Bunckenburg spoke about his experiences in the Middle East. We are indebted to Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. J. H. MacKenzie for allowing us to hold parties at their homes in honour of several members of the Committee who have since been married, and to Mrs. W. McKenzie for the use of her home for a meeting of Herewea Club.

LIBRARY AND OUTLOOK: The Library has been overhauled and a number of books have been bought out of our Library Fund. We wish to record our thanks to Miss I. Troup and Miss M. Martin for their generous gift of books.

ROOM: A beautiful reproduction of "The Last Supper" was presented by Ina Troup as an expression of her appreciation of the Bible Class Fellowship in St. John's. We appreciate having received a Fijian Calendar from Lt. J. R. Marshall and a Canadian Air Force Souvenir Table centre from Sgt. I. Lowman. We are grateful to the Managers for the gift of a new heater.

JUBILEE: Owing to present conditions, our plans for celebrating Class Jubilee will be somewhat curtailed. It is proposed to hold the celebrations at Labour week-end, 1942.

CLASS EXTENSION: Members continue to with regular contributions, and Sunshine Bags in this project will not be commenced for some time to invest the funds in National Savings. The amount is £106/17/-.

WAYSIDE PULPIT: We have taken over it at the request of the Young Men's Class owing to their ranks.

CAMPAIGN FOR CHRISTIAN ORDER: We given the literature issued in this connection and the special studies in August.

SECRETARY: Owing to her approaching Norrie was released from the Secretaryship in April record our appreciation of her efficient and faithful four years in office. Doreen Atkinson was elected to

JUNIOR LEADER: We regret to report that to be relieved of the leadership of the Junior Bible ill health, and we pray that she may speedily Atkinson took over the leadership, and we extend wishes of the Class.

OUR MINISTER: Mr. Hughes continues to lead our Class and members can be assured of his sympathetic understanding of present day problems. Mrs. Hughes maintains her interest in a practical way and we very much appreciate the hospitality of the Manse.

SIR GEORGE TROUP: It is with much regret the passing of a great Leader, Sir George Troup. Our Class has ever been a source of inspiration and to all members, and his name will always be remembered. A minute has been incorporated in our records in which he has done for our Class.

MR. W. H. MOORE: We regret to report the death of H. Moore, who although only a short time Leader had proved himself to be very interested in all the expressions to his widow and daughter our sincere sympathy.

OUR LEADERS: This report would not be complete without reference being made to our Leaders, Miss Pearl Eleanor Thomson, for their untiring and unselfish service. We wish to thank them for their loyalty and to assure them of our co-operation and loyalty to the Class during the coming year.

DOREEN ATKINSON, F

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE

It is with pleasure that the Committee submit this report and it desires to thank all who have shown interest during this difficult year.

PRESIDENT: Throughout the year our President, Mr. Hughes, has taken an exceedingly active interest in the Class, especially when we were without a leader. The members have profited greatly from his ministry in the Church.

LEADERSHIP: At the beginning of the year the class came under the leadership of Mr. J. C. Smaill, who was, unfortunately, called for military service during the Christmas vacation. Late in March our own class recommenced under the capable leadership of Mr. R. D. Stevenson, and to him we extend a very hearty welcome.

SENIORS: We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Senior members for the very cordial way in which they welcomed us into their class during February and March. We also joined them in two services prior to the loss of Mr. Smaill.

VISITORS: In November we received a visit from a past leader, Mr. W. Ferguson, and the first service for 1942 was conducted by Mr. Hughes.

MEMBERSHIP: Although still low, the average attendance for the past twelve months shows a marked increase on the preceding three years. At the beginning of the year the roll stood at 7. This was increased by the promotion of four members from the Sunday School. The Class members brought in three new members. One of these later left because of sickness and the roll now stands at 13. The average attendance for the year was 7.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE: Most of the class members attend Church in the morning, but it is felt that more might also attend the evening services. At the present time there is only one class member on the Church roll.

HOUR OF MEETING: Throughout the year the class has continued to meet on Sunday mornings at 9.45.

DISCUSSION: Our studies this year have been taken from the Intermediate Syllabus "Christian Living." For the past few months discussion has been keen, and it is believed that the new subjects are more suitable for the requirements of the class.

MISSIONS: This year, for obvious reasons our quota has been combined with that of the Senior Class. Our quota last year was £3/10/-, and, as few calls have been made on our funds, an allocation was made from them towards missions, bringing our share up to £4/10/-.

ATHLETICS: Once again the members joined in no other organised sports than those provided by the Saturday Night Club, as most members were participating in school sport. In the Indoor Sports Competition our basketball team was defeated only in the final, and our handball team in the semi-final. The Club has recommenced already this year.

CAMPING: Only one member attended this year's district camp, which was again held at Waikanae at Easter.

CONCLUSION: Notwithstanding the numerous difficulties which the year has presented, we can safely say that the Class has taken a definite step forward. The roll has been almost doubled, and we feel that the new members have acquired a real interest in the B.C. Movement. We pray that with the help of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the class may prove of true service in the work of the Christian Church.

T. M. CORKILL, Hon. Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Class activities have continued much as usual throughout the year, though with some curtailment of ordinary social events.

The roll number has decreased slightly during the latter part of the year, we wish those who have gone every success in their new spheres.

Most of our studies have been taken from the B.C. syllabus, and have proved most practical in their application to daily living, and we have all realised more deeply that the true test of our Christianity is found in our attitude and reaction to the tasks of every day. On special days we have combined with other classes—Easter Sunday, when we joined with all classes of the District to hear an address by Miss Lorraine Saunders on her work in India—Day of Prayer, when we, in conjunction with other classes of St. John's, used the special leaflet prepared by Council, and were addressed by Mr. Ferguson.

Easter Camp was not able to be held this year because of military conditions. We trust that by the same time next year, conditions may permit of the usual camp being held.

Social Service has been carried on as usual, with continued interest in our orphan who was given the customary Xmas and birthday treat.

Owing to lighting restrictions and the fact that several members of the class were engaged in various war-time occupations, it was felt that we should dispense with the greater part of our ordinary social life. However, we have continued to support District Club meetings, which are held monthly, thus maintaining our contact with outside classes, and we have also combined with the Senior Classes for B.C. teas held once every second month. On other occasions we have co-operated with the boys of the Institute when they have held social events.

It was with regret that we had to farewell Miss Ina Troup—our leader—who found it necessary for health reasons to retire—temporarily only, we hope—towards the end of last year. We wish her a complete recovery and return to good health.

In the meantime we carry on with interest and enthusiasm, seeking ever to remember our B.C. motto—The utmost for the highest.

NGAIRE McKENZIE, Hon. Secretary.

BOYS' INSTITUTE.

During the year the Institute suffered the loss by death of its revered President and Founder, Sir Geo. A. Troup, whose magnetic personality, high ideals, clear vision and abounding faith inspired others to follow his example and render their utmost service in the interest of the boys and the Institute.

St. John's permanent Committee at present is Hon. President, Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, Vice Presidents Ad. Howitt and W. J. Ferguson, members, H. M. Smith, D. McLeod, W. Duthie, H. Stockbridge, and D. Ritchie. Mr. M. Bilby is also an Executive member; and Dr. H. Baydon Ewen, Hon. Physician. Mr. F. Carruthers most ably conducted the resident boys' Sunday morning Bible Class until called into military service and Mr. W. Ferguson then took over the work until the Rev. F. H. Robertson, Organiser of the Campaign of Christian Order, volunteered to live in the Institute during his stay in Wellington, and the Committee heartily accepted his offer and appointed him Chaplain to the Institute, to work among the boys.

BUSY BEES.

This hive of busy little workers has a membership of 16 with Ailsa MacKenzie as its Queen Bee, and Ann Lomas as Secretary and Treasurer.

During the year members have prepared scrap books, sorted and cleaned postage stamps, made articles for sale, quilts for the Presbyterian Children's Home and Maori Mission Stations.

On March 30th the hive bade farewell to Miss Nan Troup who for several years was one of its well loved leaders. The Queen Bee presented Miss Troup with a cup and saucer and expressed the sorrow of all at losing their friend and helper. Miss Mary MacKenzie has kindly consented to become co-leader and undertake the education of the Bees in Mission work.

At the Annual Sale the sum of £13/0/2½ was raised from which donations have been sent to "Break of Day" Christmas Gift, and to Indian Missions.

The girls of the Presbyterian Home were entertained one Saturday afternoon when the following gifts were handed to the Matron: 3 quilts, 2 doz. face cloths, and linen for bandages.

D. M. CHAPPELL,
M. MacKENZIE.

In Memoriam

MRS. J. K. AITKEN
MISS ELIZA BADDEN.
MR. KEN BOOKER, M.M.
MRS. E. CHAPMAN.
MISS JANE FERGUSON.
MRS. C. L. FRASER.
MRS. A. D. N. GARDNER.
MR. A. JOHNSTON.
MRS. MARY A. MONCRIEFF.
MR. W. H. MOORE.
MISS M. A. McNAULL.
SIR GEO. A. TROUP.
MR. J. M. WILSON.

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

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON

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

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st July, 1941	3933	4	0	Local Body Debentures	2509	0	0
Interest	149	5	1	N.Z. Govt. Stock	1520	0	0
Legacy—Estate late Miss Jane Fergusson	200	0	0	Bank of N.Z.	200	0	0
				Common Fund of Presbyterian Church of New Zealand	53	9	1
	£4282	9	1		£4282	9	1

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH BENEVOLENT FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st July, 1941	192	14	11	Garments for Orphanages	14	0	0
September Communion	17	11	2	Wellington Boys' Institute	10	0	0
December Communion	17	12	8	Other Benevolent Purposes	6	19	0
June Communion	15	11	6	Balance, 30th June, 1942	217	7	10
Interest	4	16	7				
	£248	6	10		£248	6	10

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CROCKERY REPLACEMENT FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st July, 1941	43	15	6	Balance, 30th June, 1942	45	13	8
Interest	1	3	9				
Breakages	14	5					
	£45	13	8		£45	13	8

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH PERIODIC REPAINTING, ETC. OF CHURCH BUILDINGS FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st July, 1941	546	6	9	30 "B" Shares Metropolitan Permanent Building & Investment Society, value at 30th June, 1942	673	8	10
Subscriptions	90	0	0				
Interest and Profit	37	2	1				
	£673	8	10		£673	8	10

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HYMN BOOK REPLACEMENT FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance, 1st July, 1941	48	10	9	Balance, 30th June, 1942	62	4	5
Payments into Fund	12	0	0				
Interest	1	13	8				
	£62	4	5		£62	4	5

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 30th JUNE, 1942.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Bank of New Zealand (Current Account overdrawn)	111	17 8	Estimated value of Land, Church, School-room and Church Officer's Cottage	£20,000	
Balance, being Surplus of Assets over Liabilities	28,859	6 2	Estimated Value of Manse, Garage and Land	£3,000	
				23,000	0 0
			Endowment Fund	4282	9 1
			Old Manse Trust Fund	500	0 0
			Provision for Periodic Repainting, etc. of Church Buildings Fund	673	8 10
			Hymn Book Replacement Fund	62	4 5
			Crockery Replacement Fund	45	13 8
			Benevolent Fund	217	7 10
			Interest in E. J. Lockie Estate	190	0 0
	£28,971	3 10		£28,971	3 10

M. R. BILBY, A.R.A. (N.Z.)
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 the 30th June, 1942, subject to the qualification that the amount of £200, the Jane Ferguson Bequest, has, in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Managers, not been transferred to the Endowment Fund, but has been retained in the current account. The balance of the account at the Bank of New Zealand was, at the 30th June, 1942, £88/2/4 in credit. The balance of the Endowment Fund at the same date was £4082/9/1.

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

Wellington, 17th August, 1942.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH CENTENARY FUND AS AT 30th JUNE, 1942.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Donations	2174	2 4	Roseneath Presbyterian Church	140	0 0
			Seatoun Presbyterian Church	180	0 0
			General Church Treasurer	1854	2 4
	£2174	2 4		£2174	2 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, 1942.

I. G. LYTHGOE, M.Com., A.R.A. (N.Z.), Hon. Auditor.
Wellington, 6th July, 1942.

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

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

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1942.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To balances 1/4/41:			By Home and Foreign Missions	29	0 0
Union Bank	13	15 7	Bank Charge		10 0
P.O.S.B.	26	10 0	Syllabi	3	6 0
Secretary's Imprest	1	0 0	Union and District Fees	2	13 9
Interest P.O.S.B.:			Class Camp Expenses	5	2 5
Gymnasium Fund		7	Telephone Rental	1	5 0
Orphanage Cot		6	Stationery		13 4
Home and Foreign Missions		1 7	Stamps		6 11
Depreciation Fund		5 11	Class "Outlook"		5 3
Home and Foreign Missions	27	8 8	Engraving		13 6
Collections	16	4 5	Church History	1	4 3
Miscellaneous Receipts and Donations	1	6 0	Wreaths	2	0 6
Class Camp Fees	5	9 6	Testaments		9 11
			Miscellaneous	2	2 0
			Balances 31/3/42:		
			Union Bank	14	16 8
			P.O.S.B.	26	13 3
			Secretary Imprest	1	0 0
	£92	2 9		£92	2 9

Examined and found correct as shown by books and vouchers.
N. G. ROBERTSON, Hon. Auditor.

W. N. D. ROSS,
Hon. Treasurer.

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

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS. STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1942.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance as at 1/7/41, P.O.S.B.	113	8 8	By Badges		7 6
Collections (Class)	17	2 4	Deaconess Fund	10	9 6
Outlook Subscriptions	1	13 0	Outlook		1 13 0
Badges		10 0	Library		9 6
Class Extension	11	11 7	Miscellaneous Expenses—		
Deaconess Fund	10	9 6	Women's Work		10 0
General Missions	9	17 0	Flowers and Wreaths	1	18 3
Jubilee Fund	2	2 7	District Fees	2	0 10
Orphanage Calendars	3	3 0	Syllabus	1	9 0
Social Service Collections	6	12 8	Sundries		10 7
Sundry Receipts and Donations	1	11 0	Social Service Expenses—		
Syllabus	1	0 0	Deaconess Fund	3	0 0
Library		5 0	Wool	1	5 8
Socials Imprest (refund)	1	0 0	Sundries	2	4 2
Presentations (Collections)	3	19 6	Orphanage Calendars	3	12 0
Interest P.O.S.B.		9 10	Socials Imprest	1	0 0
Thank Offering	11	12 6	Presentations	3	19 6
			General Treasurer for—		
			"Own Workers" Fund	25	0 0
			John Boal Cot	5	0 0
			Training Institute (Dunedin)	1	0 0
			British & Foreign Bible Society	1	0 0
			Balances—		
			Post Office Savings Bank	19	13 1
			National Savings Account	106	17 0
			Social Service (Cash in hands con-		
			vener)	3	8 7
	£196	8 2		£196	8 2

Examined and found correct.
F. CARRUTHERS.

JEAN CARRUTHERS,
Hon. Treasurer.

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1942.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
Balance 1/7/41	.....	4	5 10	District and Union Fees	.....	9	0
Class Collections	.....	4	2 9	Indoor Sports	.....	2	6
Mission Collections	.....	2	6 8	Annual Tea	.....	12	0
Orphanage Calendars	.....	12	0	Orphanage Calendars	.....	12	0
				Missions	.....	4	10 0
				Sundries	.....	1	9
				Balance in P.O. Savings Bank	.....	5	0 0
		£11	7 3			£11	7 3

Audited and found correct.
ROBT. FLEMING.

ALAN FLEMING, Hon. Treasurer.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 1/7/41 TO 30/6/42.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance in hand 1/7/41	.....	4	4	Y.W.B.C. Own Workers' Fund	.....	7	0 0
Class collections	.....	5	18 2	B.C. Fees	.....	5	0
Missions collections	.....	2	5 1	B.C. Bursary	.....	10	0
Special Mission collection	.....	1	9 2	Deaconess Fund	.....	15	0
				British & Foreign Bible Society	.....	10	0
				Orphan's Xmas Treat	.....	7	6
				Turakina Bursary	.....	5	0
				Balance in hand	.....	4	4
	£9	16	10		£9	16	10

ELEANOR FOWLER, Hon. Treas.

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

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M. R. BILBY, Hon. Treasurer.

W. N. D. ROSS, Hon. Auditor.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1942.

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DORCAS ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, July 1st, 1941	4	13	7	Material for Orphanage Garments	12	6	7
From St. John's Benevolent Fund	14	0	0	Balance in hand, 30/6/42	6	7	0
	<u>£18</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>£18</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>

ASSOCIATION ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, July 1st, 1941	6	10	4	Memorial Flowers	2	12	0
Capitation Fees: 95 Members at 1/-	4	15	0	Haberdashery	15	2	
				Key for Cupboard	2	0	
				Payment for Extra Teas	5	0	
				Payment to Church Officer	2	0	0
				Balance in hand, 30/6/42	5	11	2
	£11	5	4		£11	5	4

BRITISH CHILDREN'S FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Mrs. Corkill's donation	5	19	10	Material and wool for garments	7	10	5
Mrs. Campbell's donation	1	0	0	Postage on 507 parcels	2	14	6
Women's Assn. Collection for postage of parcels	3	5	1				
	£10	4	11		£10	4	11

SOLDIERS' COMFORTS FUND.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, July 1st, 1941	50	10	9	Parcels to Soldiers (299)	145	14	10
From Church Treasurer	205	14	11	Boxes for parcels	2	18	6
Donations, etc.	1	3	11	Periodicals, "Outlook" & "Messenger"	1	11	1
				Wool for knitted Comforts	29	9	10
				Parcels to Prisoners of War (5)	2	10	0
				Parcels and Periodicals to Territorials (36)	4	14	4
				Y.M.C.A. Tea, May 31st	7	3	1
				Balance in hand 30th June, 1942	63	13	11
	£257	15	7		£257	15	7

M. BASSETT, Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of St. John's Women's Association and certify that in my opinion, the above statements correctly set out the position.

22/7/42.

M. R. BILBY, A.R.A. (N.Z.)
Hon. Auditor.

TABLE GIVING PARTICULARS OF PAYMENTS TOWARDS BUDGET ASSESSMENT OF £598 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1942.

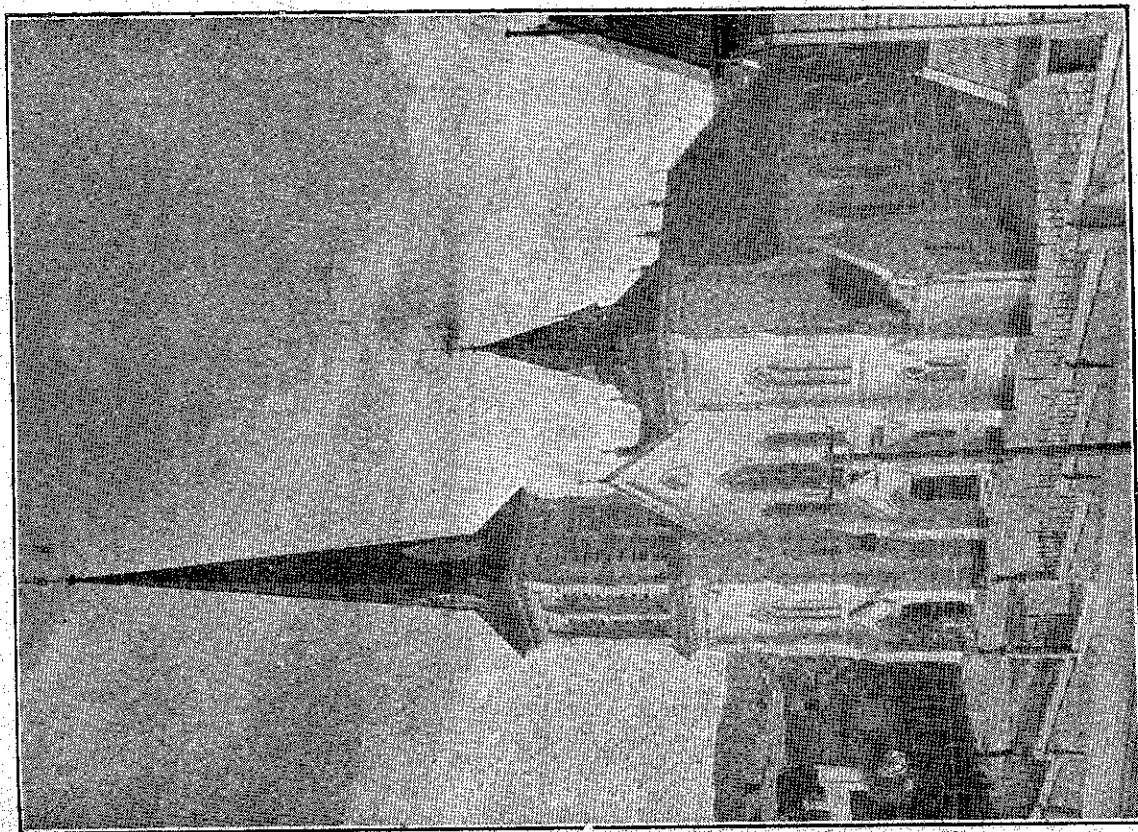
RAISED BY			
	£	s.	d.
Balance 30th June, 1941	27	0	0
St. John's Special Collections	226	4	3
St. John's Women's Association	161	19	0
St. John's Evening Guild	16	1	0
Senior Young Men's Bible Class	29	0	0
Junior Young Men's Bible Class	4	10	0
Senior Young Women's Bible Class	25	0	0
Junior Young Women's Bible Class	7	0	0
St. John's Sunday School	20	0	0
Good Friday Collection	5	3	8
Donation from lady in England	10	0	0
Baptismal and Funeral donations	19	16	0
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Total paid to General Church Treasurer	£551	13	11

Form of Request.*bequeath to***ST. JOHN'S****PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH****WELLINGTON***the sum of £.....*

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

The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand
St. John's Church

Willis Street, Wellington.



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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WELLINGTON, N.Z.



Ninetieth Report



Covering period from

July 1st, 1942

to.

June 30th, 1943.

CONFIRMATIONAL FUNDS	
Salaries—	
Minister's Salary	\$400.00
Organist	20.00
Church Officer	10.00
Deacons	60.00
Home Society	20.00
Maintenance of Building—	
Repairs and maintenance	100.00
City Council tax	25.00
Insurance, including water and fire	100.00
Provision for heating and lighting	300.00
Miscellaneous—	
Donated for 1934	10.00
Hymn Book Rental	12.00
Stationery, Printing and Postage	10.00
Telephone Bill, Flowers	10.00
Traveling Expenses	10.00
Moral Campaign	10.00
Organist's and Organistess	20.00
Assembly Expenses	20.00
Emergency Fund	30.00
Washington Presbytery	30.00
Suburban School 90th Anniversary	20.00
Social Expenses	15.00
Contingency Fund—	
Re-imbursement for accident and unforeseen expenditures	100.00
For Other Purposes—	
Budget Assignment for Missions	\$82.00
Our Willing Contribution	100.00
Sunday Comfort	200.00

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
Arrived in Wellington on Nov. 3rd 1853 in the "John Taylor"	
Preached 1st Sermon in Athenaeum Nov. 6th, 1853.	
In the Congregational Chapel in Woodward St. on 17th Nov.	
1853 he was received as the pastor of the Free Church of Wgtn	
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, Presby- terian 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. 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	1875
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 connec- tion 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	
Young Men's Bible Class Room opened	1888
Extension of Sunday School Buildings in Macdonald Crescent ..	1896
Rev. James Paterson retired	1902
Rev. James Gibb, D.D., inducted	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. Me- morial Chairs to Messrs M. D. Menelaus, A. Hopkirk, and W. Allan	1933
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, Ade- laide 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
Mainland, H., 92 Fairlie Terrace, Kelburn, W.1.	1903
Howitt, Ad., 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 Tee., Kelburn, W.1.	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
Ewen, Dr. H. Baydon, 8 Dundas Street, Seatoun, E.5.	1931
Purdie, A., 73 Campbell Street, Karori, W.3.	1933
Fowler, R. B., 2 Homewood Crescent, Karori, W.3.	1933
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
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
Burgess, C. W., Crescent Flats, Macdonald Crescent	1942
Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, E.1.	1942
Glover, N. J., B.Com., Standen St., Karori	1942
Ritchie, D., 22 Fiers Street, Karori, W.3.	1942
Stockbridge, H., 60 Brougham Street, E.1.	1942

Session Clerk.

Blake, L. R., B.Sc., 62 Harbour View Road, Northland, W.2. 1933
Telephone 28-308.

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THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Anderson, P. H.	59 Hawker Street, E.1.
Bilby, M. R. (on Active Service)	90 Washington Ave., S.W.1.
Bruce, W. (on Active Service)	58 Adams Terrace, W.1.
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Fleming, R.	6 Wesley Road, C.1.
Fleming, R. N.	Baroda Street, Khandallah, N.5.
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Marshall, J. R., L.L.M. (on Active Service)	64 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn, W.1.
Matthews, J.	18 Hapua Road, Hataitai, E.2.
McKinnon, J.	1 Mornington Road, Brooklyn, S.W.1.
Pope, F. S.	34 Kelburn Parade, W.1.
Pumfrey, E.	117a Brougham Street, E.1.
Reid, W.	8 Huia Road, Hataitai, E.2.
Scott, G. H.	3 Wilkinson Terrace, E.1.
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Strong, P.	10 Kio Road, Roseneath, E.2.
Wall, A. L.	Seatoun Heights, E.5.
Woods, N. S.	38 Harrison St., Brooklyn, S.W.1.

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Hon. Treasurer: Miss E. Ledger.

Hon. Librarian: Miss D. Lees.

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Misses D. Mills, B. Taylor, B. Geddes, J. Curtis, Mrs Pumfrey,
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Miss D. Chappell.

Sopranos:

Misses D. Atkinson, A. Bennie, P. Brodie, H. D. Clyde, J. Goddes,
M. Heath, M. Hughes, E. Ledger, D. Lees, J. McKenzie, M. MacKen-
zie, D. Mills, B. Taylor, Mrs. M. Fletcher.

Altos:

Mrs. Pumfrey, Mrs. Strong, Misses J. Atkinson, J. Curtis, K. Gal-
braith, P. Lees, M. McKay, M. McKenzie, N. McKenzie, N. Morgan,
N. Pike.

Tenors:

E. Pumfrey, B. Harper (on Active Service).

Basses:

Messrs. J. S. Lomas, F. Strong, A. L. Wall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr. R. B. Fowler.

Teachers:—Misses E. MacKenzie, M. MacKenzie, P. Cunliffe, D.
Chappell, Jean Marshall, Molly McKenzie, Pat Lees, Nessie
Morgan. Messrs Tom Corkill, W. Kraft, M. R. Bilby (on
active service), J. Long (on active service), N. Jardine
(prisoner of war).

Treasurer: Miss P. Cunliffe.

Secretaries:

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

Recording: Mr. H. B. Smith.

Cradle Roll: Miss E. MacKenzie.

AFTER-CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR:

Miss I. Ferguson (Convener), Mesdames Orr and Pumfrey, Misses
Anderson, Brodie, Ledger, B Mills, E. MacKenzie.

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sion Work Mrs. J. M. Wilson

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Mesdames Gladstone Hughes, J. M. Wilson, C. Kerr,

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Misses E. W. Millar and M. Bassett.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Miss P. Brodie. Secretary: Miss Doreen Atkinson.

Sub-Leader: Miss E. Thomson. Treasurer: Miss M. Norrie.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS AND INSTITUTE.

Acting-Leaders: Mr. J. Crawford, Mr. R. A. Ross.

Secretary: Mr Geo. Vincent.

Treasurer and Institute Fund Collector: Mr R. Carrad.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Miss Wanda Atkinson.

Secretary: Miss B. McKenzie.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Mr. T. M. Corkill.

Secretary: Dick Fowler. Treasurer: Geo. Gay.

SOLDIERS' COMMITTEE:

Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes (Chairman), Mesdames Fraser, Hughes,

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guson, Messrs Ritchie, Stockbridge, and Ferguson (Secretary).

YOUTH CABINET:

Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes (Chairman), Dr. T. F. Corkill and W.

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shall (Sunday Schol), Messrs J. Crawford and R. Ross (Senior

Y.M.B.C.), Misses P. Brodie and E. Thomson (Senior Y.W.B.C.),

Mr. T. Corkill (Junior Y.M.B.C.), Miss Wanda Atkinson (Junior

Y.W.B.C.).

ROLL OF HONOUR.

SUPREME SACRIFICE:

Ken Booker, M.M. (Army)	Sid Plant (Army)
Owen Gatman (Died of wounds)	Marshall E. Pumfrey (Army—
D. H. Judd (Air Force)	P.O.W. Italy, Died of sick-
C. G. A. Lythgoe (Army) (Died	ness)
of sickness)	Jack Strong (Air Force)
R. G. Mathieson (Air Force)	J. B. Watt (By accident in Camp)
J. McNeil (Air Force)	Donald G. Watts, R.N.Z.N.V.R.

MISSING:

Sub-Lieut. H. Hughes.

PRISONERS OF WAR:

Lieut. A. H. Armour (Italy)	Pte. B. Haigh (Germany)
Capt. C. D. Bryson (Germany)	Pte. R. B. Howe (Italy)
Sgt/Pilot L. L. Ford (Germany)	Pte. N. S. Jardine (Germany)
Pte. H. G. Glover (Germany)	

RETURNED TO NEW ZEALAND:

Capt. H. Bunckenburg (On duty)	Cpl. C. S. Marshall (Injured)
Capt. E. Finlayson (Hospital	Lieut. G. E. Scott (Wounded)
Ship Staff)	Cpl. J. M. Stephenson (On Fur-
Sgt. J. M. Highet (On Furlough)	lough)
Sapper J. C. Lumsden (Sickness)	Pte. G. Vincent (Sickness)
Gnr. J. H. Miller (Wounded)	Capt. D. C. Ward (Wounded)

NAVY:

Surgeon-Commander H. K. Cork-	AB. G. Bruce Harper
ill, O.B.E.	Sub-Lieut. John A. Hay
O.S. Wm. Cunliffe	Sub-Lieut. C. J. McDonald, D.S.C.
O.S. John W. Cunliffe	and Bar.
O.S. W. T. Goodsir	Sub-Lieut. Edgar Wall

ARMY:

2nd Lieut. W. A. S. Armour	Capt. J. R. Marshall
Bdr. J. Armstrong	Pte. I. A. McNeur
Lieut. J. P. Brodie	Gnr. L. W. Milne (Wounded)
2nd Lieut. I. L. Baumgart	Sgt. J. S. Park
2nd Lieut. A. A. Congalton	Captain D. A. Smith
Lieut. J. W. Donaldson	2nd Lieut. K. C. Scott
Gnr. G. H. Fulford	Pte. L. Spackman (Wounded)
Dvr. F. F. Grady	Pte. John G. Shankle
Gnr. W. G. Hamilton (Wounded)	Pte. C. E. J. Thomas
Capt. E. J. Horwood	Gnr. Dave Teaze
Gnr. J. H. Long	Pte. R. Wilson
Sapper J. S. Lemmon	Gnr. A. M. Wilson
Staff/Sgt. E. J. Macpherson	

MEDICAL CORPS.

S/Sgt. R. G. Connor	Pte. Neil Scott
Pte. Bryson Cole	Pte. Alan Shaw
Capt. J. H. Fletcher	Lieut. H. A. Taylor
Pte. H. B. Middleton	S/Sgt. Clifton Webster
Cpl. E. H. Newton	Pte. A. Wiren
L/Cpl. J. G. Smith	

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Sub-Lieut. (A) R. S. Fleming	Lieut (A) J. C. Morrison, D.S.C.
Sub-Lieut. Ray Jamieson	

AIR FORCE:

Squadron Leader W. S. Austin,	A.C.1 John Moncrieff
D.F.C.	Sgt/Nav. C. R. McDonald
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P/O D. F. Fowler	Sgt. Alex. G. Partridge
F/Lieut. C. G. Green	P/O. G. M. Ross
P/O. J. B. Gregory	Sgt/Pilot Challis Riddle
W/O. T. R. Harrison	Sgt/Nav. J. G. Wilson
Sgt. I. S. Lowman	

Y.M.C.A. (OVERSEAS):

Mr. Arthur Wall, British Y.M.C.A. Secretary.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE (OVERSEAS):

F/O M L. Browne.

BASE PAY OFFICE (OVERSEAS).

*W.O.2 I. C. Abernethy	W.O.2 A. W. Oakley
Lt./Col. J. S. Martin	

* Released from Army in Middle East.

N.Z. BROADCASTING UNIT.

Mr. Don. Cameron.

NOTE.—The full address of those serving Overseas will be found in the Church Vestibule.

IN CAMP TRAINING FOR OVERSEAS—TERRITORIALS—HOME DEFENCE DUTIES.

Lieut. Hilton Aston	A.C.2 D. D. Harkness
*Cpl. J. N. Armour	*Pte. W. L. Haggitt
T/W.O.2 J. W. Berry	Flight Sgt. J. A. Hanna
Lieut. E. J. Barry	Mr. W. Kraft, Y.M.C.A.
Sgn. W. Bruce	L.A.C. Leiper, R.E.
A.C. M. R. Bilby	Sgt. Alistair MacDonald
*Gnr. R. C. Burton	Cpl. Peter Nathan
Gnr. Jean Barnes	Gnr. Gordon Oud
Bdr. Jack Cole	*Pte. W. Prior
Mr. Edward Carter, Y.M.C.A.	Pte. W. J. Rapson
Rep.	Mr. George Russell, Y.M.C.A.
Mavis Cameron	Rep.
Cpl. Alan Darroch	L/C. Jim Shaw
Graeme Elliott	Cpl. G. D. Smart
Driver D. Fickling	A.C.2 J. C. Smail
A.C.2 D. J. Forrester	*L/C. Frank R. Walker
Sgt. Louis Goetzlof	W.A.I. Thelma Waugh
W.A.A.C. K. Galbraith	W.A. I. A. Wright

* Now released from Military duties.

KIRK SESSION.

Throughout the period comprising the past Church year the greatest and most devastating war that the world has known has raged on with increasing fury and momentum. It stands without parallel in the destruction of material things. In the moral and spiritual spheres it has wrought untold havoc and threatens the bulwarks of our civilization. Amongst many non-church going people its sinister influence has drugged the moral sense and unleashed dangerous impulses, whilst amongst not a few professing Christians there has resulted a decline of abiding faith in God as the great Heavenly Father and of vital enthusiasm in Christian service.

In the face of these disquieting setbacks to spiritual progress generally and, notwithstanding the absence of many active workers, particularly young men now serving with the Armed Forces, the congregation of St. John's has steadfastly maintained its Christian way, as the appended reports of the various church organizations testify.

For the Divine grace, strength and guidance, enabling us as a congregation to humbly render such service we give thanks and praise to God, "the Giver of every good and perfect gift."

THE MINISTER: To the varied and important duties of his sacred office our minister has given devoted and acceptable service. His pulpit ministrations bear evidence of wide reading, mature thought and careful preparation. In unequivocal and logical terms he has courageously attacked the pagan and hedonic ideas and tendencies which threaten to pollute the stream of family life and destroy the sense of moral responsibility to Almighty God. At the same time, he has not been unmindful, especially in his evening addresses, of his duty and privilege to proclaim the great eternal truths of the gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

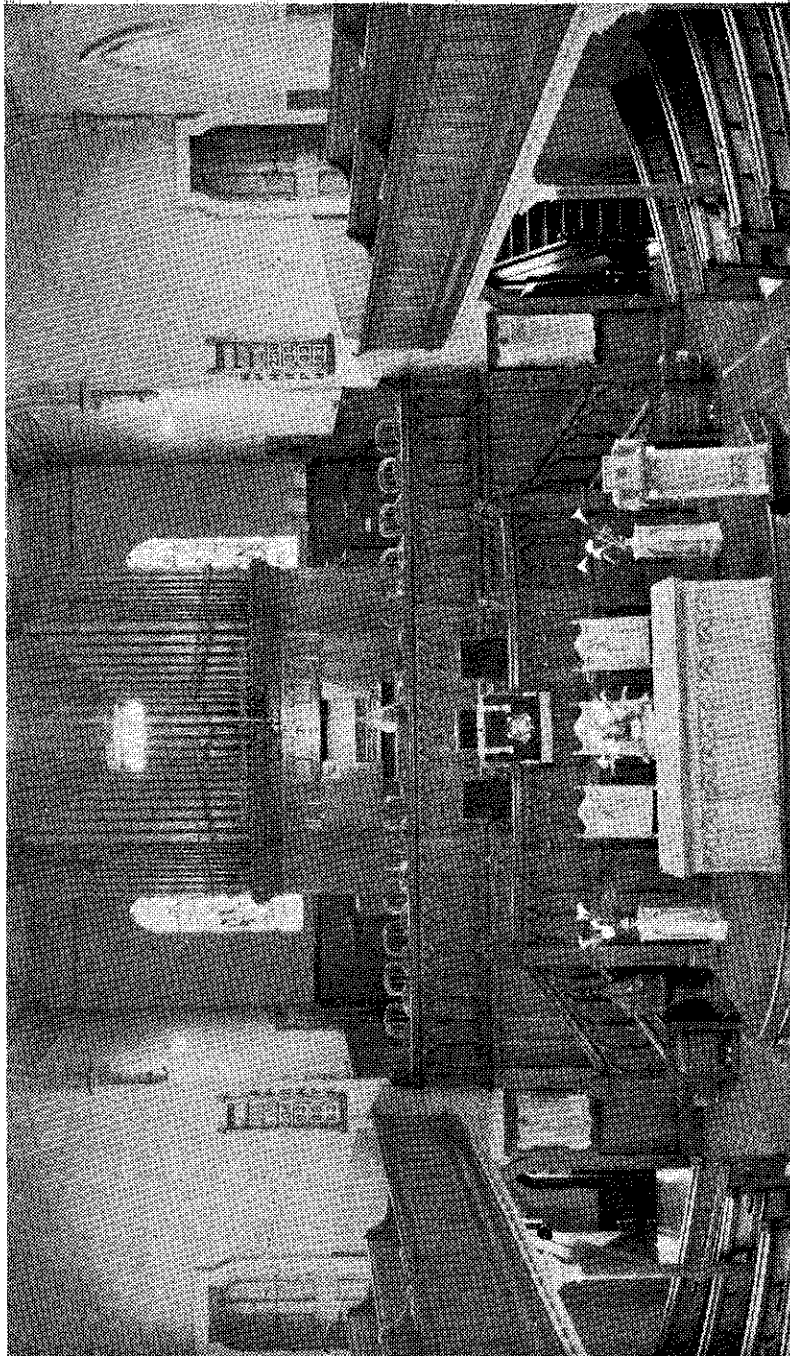
The spiritual exercises of praise, prayer and the reading of The Word are always well balanced and convey a real sense of the presence of the Triune God.

His deep conviction in the rightness of the great cause for which the Allied Nations are bearing arms so magnificently, and his unwavering faith in the ultimate and complete overthrow of the tyrannical and godless regime with which Christian men and women have been threatened have been most reassuring.

His interest in the young men and women of the church, at home and abroad, continues undiminished, and to the sick and bereaved he has, at all times, extended both personal sympathy and spiritual consolation.

The Session, and congregation fully realize the effort that such unremitting service has cost in view of the burden of anxiety that both Mr Hughes and Mrs Hughes are carrying. We assure them that they are much in our thoughts and prayers.

SESSION: Of the five new Elders elected during the previous year Messrs E. Darroch, N. J. Glover, D. Ritchie and H. Stockbridge were ordained and inducted at the Morning Service on the 30th August, 1942, and the remaining member, Mr C. W. Burgess, who had been already ordained in Knox Church, Lower Hutt, was, at the same time, inducted. Session extends a warm welcome to these



new members and prays that they may experience the joy of long and loyal service in the building up of the Kingdom of God.

To the three Senior Elders, viz. Mr H. Mainland who has held office for 40 years and Messrs Ad. Howitt and A. P. Smith, who have been members of Session for 30 years, we tender grateful thanks for their splendid record of faithful and outstanding service and pray that "the blessing of God that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it" may be theirs.

Messrs W. J. Ferguson and A. H. Wallace acted as Presbytery Elders for 1942. At the end of the year Mr Wallace did not seek re-election and the Clerk was appointed in his stead.

CAMPAIGN FOR CHRISTIAN ORDER: Considerable campaign literature was distributed to the congregation in the earlier months of the campaign, and Bible Reading Cards, prepared by Assembly's Life and Work Committee, were also made available to encourage daily Bible reading and study.

Following the despatch of circulars calling the congregation to worship, the Minister gave a special series of addresses during the period of simultaneous preaching emphasising the fundamentals of our Faith and its practical application.

Membership cards giving details of congregational activities and stressing the responsibilities of members to the Church were printed at the end of 1942 for handing to all new members admitted.

Arrangements for continuing the Campaign in St. John's are now in progress.

THE CHOIR: Session and congregation have a keen appreciation of the splendid part taken by the Choir in leading the service of praise throughout a difficult year. Although greatly handicapped by lack of male voices its work has been maintained at a uniformly high standard.

Our able organist and choirmaster, Mr W. Lawrence Haggitt, entered the army in January. We were fortunate, however, in obtaining the efficient services of Mr Brian Withers as acting organist and choirmaster during Mr. Haggitt's absence.

MEN'S CLUB: Arising out of meetings of men of the congregation, convened by the Minister, to consider the challenge presented to our congregation by the Campaign for Christian Order, a Men's Club was formed to develop fellowship between men of the congregation, and to endeavour to improve the facilities of the congregation for carrying on its work. The earlier meetings were held in James Smith's Lounge, following tea, and we record our appreciation of the generosity of Mr Alec P. Smith in making such a comfortable meeting place available. In recent months, the meetings have followed high tea, in the basement parlour. The best thanks of the members are due to the wives of the Committeemen for preparing such appetising and enjoyable meals. The first Chairman of the Club was Mr W. A. Armour, who is now residing in Napier. Following his departure, Dr. T. F. Corkill was elected Chairman. Mr H. M. Clapham has ably filled the position of Secretary. The Club, at which talks are given on helpful and interesting subjects, has been a very useful adjunct to the life of the Church and provides an excellent means of fostering Christian fellowship, increasing the interest of the men in the welfare of the congregation, and introducing new members to its activities.

THE AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR: Ever since units of the Allied Forces have been stationed in Wellington many individual members have attended Divine Worship at St John's. As these men and women were strangers to Wellington the suggestion was made that our hospitality towards them might well be extended beyond a friendly nod or handshake at the church door. A meeting of representatives of the various Church organizations was held to consider the suggestion which was enthusiastically adopted. The After Church Social Hour was thereupon organized and put into operation without delay. A warm invitation is given every Sunday by the minister to men and women of the Allied Forces and their friends to attend, and the response has been very gratifying. The invitation extends also to new members and adherents of the Church. Thus another avenue of practical Christian service has been opened up and a further means of friendly intercourse established.

To Miss Ferguson and her committee the best thanks of Session are due for the excellent provision made to ensure the success of the gatherings.

THE BIBLE CLASSES: In days of great difficulty, especially for the Senior Men's Class, who have so many members on active service, it has been an inspiration to see the manner in which the activities of the Bible Classes has been maintained. Session is conscious of the devotion of the Leaders of the Classes and the loyalty of the members, in the face of many distractions.

For the greater part of the year the Minister, assisted by Pilot Officer J. B. Gregory, led the Senior Men's Class. Latterly Mr J. Crawford and Mr R. Ross have acted as Leaders, and it is most encouraging to hear of increased attendances.

The Senior Young Women's Class, led by Misses P. Brodie and E. Thomson celebrated a land mark in its history at the end of October last in the form of a Golden Jubilee. Their annual report testifies to the great success of the series of functions held to mark this event. Subscriptions from past and present members have provided a fund to make a gift to the Church of a new Baptismal Font in keeping with the Communion Table and Lectern, to commemorate the Jubilee. Session recorded its appreciation of this generous act, and it is to be regretted that difficulties peculiar to the present times have delayed the bringing of this project to finality.

Although continuing to serve on the staff of the Sunday School, Mr Tom Corkill generously acceded to the request of Session that he take over the leadership of the Junior Y.M.B.C. Good success has attended his efforts.

The Junior Y.W.B.C. continues to prosper under the Leadership of Miss W. Atkinson.

The splendid help given by Bible Class members in entertaining the visitors at the After Church Social Hour has greatly contributed to the success of the gatherings.

St. John's Church owes much to the loyalty and devoted service of its Bible Classes, leaders and members.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The important Christian work of instructing, not only the children of the congregation but others who have been gathered in from the residential area in the vicinity, in a

knowledge of the Holy Scriptures continues with unabated zeal and efficiency. To the Superintendent and staff to whom the work is a labour of love Session extends grateful thanks.

The Sunday School Anniversary was held on the 20th September 1942. The children's part in the Services of the day was reverently and artistically rendered and was much appreciated by all who availed themselves of the privilege of attending the services.

COMMUNION ROLL: As at 30th June, 1943, the Communion Roll numbered 715. During the year 8 joined on profession of faith, and 57 by certificate, a total of 65.

Removals totalled 78—by death 17 and by disjunction or removal 61. Attendances at the quarterly Communions were: September 450, December 462, March 490, June 438, giving an average of 460.

ROLL OF HONOUR: With deep regret we have to record that a further two St. John's men made the supreme sacrifice during the year. Several have been wounded and three were invalided back to N.Z. Another is missing. To all sorrowing and anxious hearts we extend our sympathy and remembrance. The names of all members who have gone overseas or are on War Service in New Zealand are shown on pages 8 and 9. Since the war began 96 members have gone overseas, 11 have made the supreme sacrifice, 7 are prisoners of war, and one is missing. A further 29 men are in camps in New Zealand, and 5 women are serving in various branches of the Services. His Majesty the King has been pleased to award decorations to four of our men during the past 12 months, and we congratulate them on the honours that have come to them.

The Women's Association Committee, led by Mrs Malcolm Fraser, have continued their splendid work of purchasing comforts and packing the parcels. Details of the devoted work are recorded in the Report of the Soldiers' Committee. The congregation has gladly given £182 during the year to defray the cost of these parcels for our men. The Minister and Session keep in touch by letter, and Communion Cards in most cases are sent each quarter. Mr W. J. Ferguson has performed yeoman service in keeping the roll of honour up to date, and in corresponding with a very large number of his old Bible Class boys now on active service.

SPECIAL SERVICES:

National: Two half-hour services between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. were held on Thursday, September 3rd, the King's Universal Day of Prayer. These were conducted by our Minister and the Rev. Dr. Ian Fraser. In the evening of the same day, a Combined Presbyterian Service was conducted by the Revs. A. Salmond, W. J. Pellow, and Dr. Ian Fraser.

Holy Days: Special Services were held at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day and Good Friday. A Welsh Service was held on the afternoon of 28th February to commemorate St. David's Day.

Colleges: The Annual Combined Service for Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges took place on 9th August. The Principals read the lessons.

Organisations: Representatives of the following Organisations joined in worship with us during the year. August 2nd, 1942, Girl Guides, December 6th, 1942, Red Cross Society and V.A.D.'s, April 18th, 1943, Boys' Brigade, May 16th, 1943, Boys' Institute.

On March 28th, 1943, a Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held.

VISITING MINISTERS: The following Ministers of our own and sister Churches have conducted services during the year: Rev. E. O. Blamires, A. A. Brash, M.A., B.D., D. Calder, K. H. Evans, B.A., W. E. Falkingham, D. Hercus, B.E., B.A., J. H. MacKenzie, Ashleigh Petch, F. H. Robertson, M.A., P. J. Wainwright, and A. J. Wardlaw. The congregation was also addressed by Rev. C. A. Crump on Missions in the New Hebrides and Mr W. J. Embury on the China Inland Mission.

THANKS: In conclusion, Session desires to tender its appreciation of those who provided floral decorations for the Sunday Services, the Church Officer, Mr Thompson, and Mrs Thompson, and all who by faithful attendance at the services of the Sanctuary and in other ways have contributed to the work and witness of the Church in the service of its Lord and Master during the past year.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

The Board of Managers met each month during the year except January. In addition, two special meetings were held to consider important matters that could not be dealt with in the time available at the ordinary meetings.

Matters concerning the church property have received frequent attention by the Board and although, owing to structural difficulties, it has not been possible to extend the Basement Parlour, steps are being taken to improve the interior and work will be carried out to the extent of funds made available by special contributions.

The notice boards outside the church have been replaced, and the wording altered, in order to give more suitable information to the public.

An important step taken during the year was the formation of a Men's Club and those who are able to attend the monthly meeting for tea and discussion find it very enjoyable.

The suppers held each Sunday evening after Church for the men and women of the Services are filling a well recognised need for the strangers who are with us, and very great credit is due to Miss I. Ferguson, convener of the committee and to the ladies of the congregation who assist.

During the year the Church Treasurer, Mr M. R. Bilby, resigned from the position, owing to his call up for military service, and in April Mr N. G. Robertson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Another change during the year was the resignation of Mr H. Glover as Treasurer of the Envelope Committee. The Board placed on record its appreciation of Mr Glover's services during the many years he held this office and also expressed its thanks to Mr Glover for his work as convener of the Property Committee.

Mr H. Stockbridge is now the convener and secretary of the Envelope Committee and Mr W. Reid is Treasurer.

FINANCE: From the statement of receipts and payments it will be seen that the overdraft of £111/17/8 at the beginning of the year was reduced to £73/17/7 at the end of the financial year. Donations received towards the cost of alterations to the basement parlour amounting to £43/2/- further reduced the bank overdraft

at 30th June, 1943 to £30/15/7. Contributions towards the special appeal made at the end of the year amounted to £247/15/5. £174/11/3 of this was utilised in payment of our Budget assessment of £622, while the balance of £73/4/2 was used towards reducing the deficit in the ordinary working account.

The average attendance each Sunday showed an increase over that of last year, i.e. 454 compared with 412 or an increase of 42. It is pleasing to note the great increase in plate contributions (£261) which more than offsets the decreases through the Envelope System (£13) and Seat Rents (£37).

During the year advice was received that three legacies were left to the Church. An amount of £100 was left to St. John's for Church Rebuilding purposes by the late Mrs E. Chapman and the sum of £37/10/-, so far paid over, has been invested until such time as it is required. Legacies of £100 each were also bequeathed to St. John's by the late A. Johnston and the late J. Campbell, but some little time will elapse before these amounts can be paid over.

Inside the front cover of the report is an indication of our Church's financial requirements for the coming year.

CHOIR REPORT.

The roll stands at 30 (14 sopranos, 11 altos, 2 tenors and 3 basses). During the year four new members were enrolled, while two former members rejoined. Four members resigned, among whom was Miss Rachel Nichols who, for 25 years, has given loyal and outstanding service to the choir. Her resignation, due to her removal to Khandallah, was received with the greatest regret.

Again the ravages of war have taken their toll. It came as a tragic shock to all of us when the sad news came that Marshall Pumfrey had died of sickness while a prisoner-of-war in Italy. With his happy, sunny disposition and sterling character, Marshall was a general favourite with all. He joined the choir in February 1939 and left for overseas service in November 1940. We place on record our deep appreciation of his service to the choir and our admiration of his fine Christian character.

Early in January, Mr Haggitt entered camp on military service. Opportunity was taken at a supper held on 17th December, to bid farewell temporarily to him, and to extend to him our good wishes. Since Mr Haggitt's departure, the position of Organist and Choirmaster has been ably filled by Mr. Brian Withers, who commenced duties on Sunday, 17th January.

Naturally the work of the Choir has suffered, owing to the lack of male voices. However, nothing daunted, the ladies have accepted the task of keeping the Choir going, and the majority of them have been very faithful in turning out to Choir practice at the Sunday services. We welcomed as guest-soloists Mrs W. Duncan from the congregation and Mr Lex McDonald from Dunedin, in addition to soloists from our own ranks viz.: Misses Ledger, Curtis, McKenzie and Atkinson. On February 21st at the after Church supper for men and women of the Forces and their friends, the Choir was responsible for a bracket of songs. Voluntary service was also given on the night of April 7th at a Chinese wedding. On 20th February, members of the Choir were in attendance to do honour to a former member, Miss Nola Thomp-

son, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr M. Glennie.

From its own social funds, the Choir purchased a set of the Anthem "My Heart ever Faithful" by J. S. Bach. A donation of 10/- to the Choir funds was received from an adherent member of the Church in appreciation of the Choir's services—a most encouraging gesture. Once again our thanks are due to our Librarian, Miss Dulcie Lees, for cheerful and efficient service.

Soldiers' parcels were sent during the year to Bruce Harper, Marshall Pumfrey and Jack Park, a former member of the Choir, now serving in Egypt.

It is now almost four years since our Nation entered the most terrible war of all history. While our men are at the front bearing the brunt of its dangers and hardships, we who are on the home front must see to it that the Church is kept in a healthy and vigorous condition. The Choir plays an important part in the Services of the Church, and it behoves every member, therefore, to give of his or her best. As we enter upon our new year, let "Forward" be our watchword.

HELEN D. CLYDE, Hon. Secretary.

A Tribute to Pte. Marshall E. Pumfrey.

He is not dead
Who gave his life
That we might live in peace
In this fair land of ours.
He is not dead
Who lives within the hearts
Of those he loved.
What though his voice
In silvered tones
We cannot hear,
Nor see again
That youthful laughing face,
We know that somewhere
In the Great Beyond
His singing spirit
Blithe, triumphant, goes.

The Master Hand
That guides the Universe
Had need of him
Within another sphere,
And so He took him
To Himself again.
And we who stay
With feet on earthly soil
Shall not in sorrow
Mourn that he is gone,
But rather set our faces towards the light
And in the strength of God
Go on and strive to make the world
A better place to live in,
Ere we too fold our tents
And steal into the night."

—H. D. Clyde.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The customary Cradle Roll Party was held during the year. There was a large attendance of mothers and babies whose response was due entirely to the efforts of the Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, Miss Elsie MacKenzie.

The receipts for the year comprised collections from the children £18/19/7, Anniversary Sunday offertory £28/10/9, donations £4/15/- and others items £5/2/10. The sum of £22/15/5 was donated to Missions, books and other requisites cost £12/16/8, prizes £13/14/7 and other expenses totalled £12/10/5.

It is desired to welcome Miss Nessie Morgan and Mr Tom Corkill to the staff of the school, and to place on record our appreciation of the splendid work they are doing.

We are indebted to the Minister, Rev. Gladstone Hughes, for conducting the Promotion Day service. This year the Hopkirk Memorial Prize went to Ailsa McKenzie.

We also wish to record our warmest appreciation of the assistance given to the school by the Bible Classes.

The Superintendent desires to express his thanks for, and appreciation of, the loyal and devoted services rendered by all the staff during the year.

H. B. SMITH, Hon. Secretary.

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

A retrospect of the year's work reveals that we have much for which to be thankful to God. There have been difficulties and disappointments but these have called forth a courage that is born of faith and a determination to hold fast to that which is good.

At the commencement of the year there was a membership of 56 Active and 38 Honorary and at its close the roll stands at 53 Active and 51 Honorary members, with all fees paid up. The Association lost one of its most valued members when Mrs. T. E. Corkill passed away suddenly. Mrs. Corkill was an enthusiastic member for many years and will be greatly missed. To our Minister and Mrs. Hughes came the sad news that their son was missing in Naval operations off Tobruk, and Mr. and Mrs. Pumfrey were called upon to suffer the loss of their son Marshall. Loving sympathy is extended to these beloved friends in their hour of sadness.

At the meetings of the Women's Association a great deal of sewing has been done and the Orphanage, Maori Mission Field and British Children have benefited by gifts of new and warm garments. Mrs. T. E. Corkill, who despatches the parcels to England reports that 307 new garments were sent this year and letters of appreciation have been received from the recipients. A group of enthusiastic workers have met on alternate Tuesday afternoons to supplement the making of articles.

At the P.W.M.U. afternoons, addresses were given by Mrs. Gilkinson of Papua, New Guinea, Mrs. Rutherford Waddell, Mr. Cross, Superintendent of P.S.S.A., Sister Noel and Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes. Three Social Afternoons, held for the collection of Mission Funds resulted in the sum of £132/16/9. This amount, together with the proceeds from Mission Boxes and other sources, en-

abled Miss Bassett to hand over to the Church Treasurer our full quota of £200. A summary of the finances of the Association and P.W.M.U. is embodied in this report.

Members assisted in the mending and darning of the clothing of the children at the Orphanage; also, a large number of garments were made and handed in. Contributions were also made to the stalls conducted by the Women's Orphanage Auxiliary. The two Homes have been visited during the year.

From contributors to the Maori Mission Birthday League the sum of £6/3/6 was received, and to the Harvest Field the Secretary reports she has 69 subscribers.

Mrs. Day who succeeded Miss M. Brown as Corresponding Member has 18 members on her roll who receive the monthly mission letter and interesting items of mission news.

For several years the Social Service Extension work has been carried on by Sister Noel in and around the area of Wellington South, but during the past twelve months the scheme was enlarged and members of all the Churches of Wellington have been called upon to accept financial responsibility in connection with its development.

The untiring efforts of Mrs. Malcolm Fraser and her Committee in connection with the packing of soldiers' parcels are referred to in a special section of the church report.

Details of the work of the Evening Guild; our assistance in the formation of a Women's Auxiliary for the Boys' Institute; our share in the After-Church supper scheme and the activities of the Busy Bees are given elsewhere.

The carefully prepared and comprehensive Statement of Receipts and Payments prepared by the Hon. Treasurer, Miss M. Bassett reveals that the sum of £240/3/5 (including donations amounting to £149/4/4) was received. Of this amount £201 for Missions and £16/10/- for Sister Noel's Fund were paid to the Church Treasurer.

In the Soldiers' Comforts Fund, which is kept separately, a balance of £63/13/11 was in hand at the beginning of the year. To this, the special monthly Church collections, £182, and a donation of £3/8/8 have been added, making a total of £249/2/7. 314 parcels costing £220/19/5, including postage, have been despatched, leaving a balance of £28/3/2 in hand.

The report concludes with these words—"The end of the year finds members in good heart. A spirit of co-operation is evident and a desire to support our Church and Minister in all that is undertaken. We express to Mr. Hughes our gratitude for his inspiring ministry and to our President, Mrs. Hughes, our love and thanks for her great contribution of service. To them both we pledge our loyalty through the days to come. The challenge has come to us to re-dedicate our lives to Jesus Christ and to witness a good confession of our faith before our fellow men and women. WITH GOD'S HELP WE GO FORWARD."

M. M. CHAPPELL, Secretary.

EVENING GUILD.

The monthly meetings are rich in fellowship and much useful work has been accomplished during the year. The mem-

bership is now 35 with an average attendance of 23. Although unable to attend, a number of members give tangible help both in contributions and handiwork.

Because of war conditions, the meetings have been held in the Basement Parlour. Members have acted as hostesses and have created a good atmosphere for the meetings. Mrs. Hughes has presided and one and all appreciate and enjoy her friendliness and help.

Again in the year's Mission work, owing to war conditions, it has not been possible for us to send gifts to India, China or the New Hebrides. The way has now opened, however, for us to help the last named field and practical assistance is planned for the near future.

The Maori Mission Field is now Ruatahuna and a wide variety of garments has been despatched to Sister Annie and gratefully received by her.

The needs of the Orphanage children are always before us and several parcels of clothing, and other requisites have been forwarded. Clothing has also been handed in for despatch to the children in the bombed areas of Britain.

Christmas gifts for young and old have been sent to the Home Mission manse and grateful acknowledgments have been received.

The sum of £16/7/6 has been handed to the Women's Association towards the Direct Giving Scheme, and £2/18/- was collected on behalf of Sister Noel.

Regular support has been given to the Soldiers' Suppers and complete arrangements have been made, at the required intervals, for the Social Hour.

We give thanks to God that we have been privileged to enjoy mutual friendship and fellowship and in some small measure to give help to others.

R. E. NICHOLS, Guild Secretary.

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR FOR SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN.

The After Church Social Hour which was inaugurated in July 1942 for Servicemen and women of the United Nations and their friends, has met a very real need and proved decidedly worth while.

The Visitors' book records about 700 names, which include those of Servicemen and women and visitors from many parts of the Dominion and the World—United States of America, Canada, Holland, England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Hebrides, and from the North to the South of New Zealand. Of this total many were able to be with us once only as they passed on their way, but others, we are pleased to say, came as often as circumstances permitted. About 1700 persons, mostly Servicemen and women of the United Nations, were our guests during the year. They all appreciated and enjoyed this hour of friendship and Christian fellowship, which means so much to those who are away from their own homes. It gave us particular pleasure to welcome at this Social Hour quite a number of our American friends, many of whom attended regularly.

The artists who contributed items, and the accompanists, added greatly to the enjoyment of the Social Hour.

A roll call was taken each Sunday evening, when those present for the first time told us their names and their home towns, and sometimes added other items of interest.

Eight groups, each comprising from 12 to 15 women of the Church, functioned most satisfactorily, each group making itself responsible for receiving our guests, and for the catering, decorating and programme arrangements—the Church providing tea, sugar and milk. The young people and women of St. John's entered wholeheartedly into this Scheme, and considered it a pleasure and a privilege to be associated with it. A number of people who were unable actively to help with the supper arrangements gave donations.

Each Sunday evening the gathering was brought to a close with Vespers—a hymn, a prayer by our Minister, Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes (in which those from whom we are at present separated were always remembered), and the Benediction. For a while after this little groups could be seen in the hall having a few final words, then "Lights Out" and home.

Recently two Notice Boards were erected in the Church grounds specially inviting Servicemen and women to worship with us and attend the Social Hour.

I. FERGUSON,
Convener After Church Social Hour Committee.

SOLDIERS' COMMITTEE.

A list of men and women on Active Service appears elsewhere. Since our last report another four have made the Supreme Sacrifice; several have been wounded, a few have returned to New Zealand; others have left. Whenever possible the St. John's fellows have kept in touch with one another and have sought out and visited the sick and wounded.

AWARDS: Lieut. J. C. Morrison of the Fleet Air Arm received the D.S.C., being the first N.Z. member of the Fleet Air Arm to receive this distinction. Sub-Lieut. C. J. MacDonald (R.N.Z.N.V.R.) received a Bar to his D.S.O. and Squadron Leader W. S. Austin received the D.F.C.

PARCELS: A band of devoted ladies, with Mrs Malcolm Fraser as convener pack in cartons, every two months all kinds of good and useful things from the people of St. John's to our men. The Christmas parcel always contains something special. During the year 314 parcels were despatched bringing the total number forwarded since the commencement of the scheme in July 1940 to 1059. Judging from letters which are continually coming to hand from our 'boys' in England, the Middle East and the Pacific, the parcels are always received with delight, and not only arrive in excellent condition, but very often, as one young Airman recently put it: "At places where they were absolutely priceless owing to lack of provisions."

Extracts from two of the letters which came to hand during recent weeks from St. John's men wounded in the fighting in North Africa will doubtless interest members of the Congregation:—

"It beats me how, with shortage of materials, etc. the good ladies manage to keep it up. I wish I could thank them in person for their goodness, but that must wait till after the War, and I must last out till then also." And the other says: "Since I last wrote to you I have received two more parcels from St. John's."

The first one reached me in Tripoli just before we moved into Tunisia, and at that particular time parcels from New Zealand possessed twice their usual value as canteen stocks were much more limited than when we were nearer Egypt. The second parcel arrived at this Hospital about three weeks ago and contained a tin of biscuits, cheese, sheep's tongues, reduced cream, a packet of raisins and an Illustrated Magazine. It was a well selected parcel in my present circumstances when I am restricted as to diet. I find it hard to write new words of appreciation for the continued generosity of the people of St. John's. I have also to thank you for the various papers I have received including the 'Pocket Companion' and several 'Outlooks.' I am glad the 'Pocket Companion' reached me safely as I feel it is a particularly well designed and helpful book."

In addition to foodstuffs, literature—books and magazines—and writing materials, 187 hand-knitted articles were included in the parcels, made up of: 119 pairs of socks, 49 scarves, 9 pairs of mittens, 8 balaclavas and 2 skull caps.

The 'Pocket Companion' sent to each man is a N.Z. Presbyterian Church publication of 64 pages, containing selected Prayers, Readings, etc. Apart from many dozens the Committee purchased, an anonymous donor very kindly made a gift of five dozen. 'Pocket Companions' have been given not only to New Zealanders visiting St. John's but also to numerous American and Dutch Servicemen.

A monthly retiring collection is taken on the first Sunday of each month to defray the cost of the parcels. The cash available was £249/2/7 and the total expenditure, including £3 for Soldiers' suppers at the Y.W.C.A., and the Youth Issue of 'The Outlook' (which was posted monthly under separate covers) amounted to £220/19/5, leaving a balance in hand of £28/3/2.

We are indebted to one of our Elders, Mr. Malcolm Fraser, who has regularly taken the Soldiers' parcels in his car to the Post Office. In so doing he has rendered a most valuable service.

PRISONERS OF WAR. Everything possible is done to keep in touch with our men who are Prisoners of War, and letters have been written per medium of the special Air Mail folders. A sum of money is also sent each quarter to the next of kin with which to purchase chocolate for inclusion in the Prisoner of War parcels.

TERRITORIALS AND HOME SERVICE. A small parcel was sent occasionally to men and W.A.A.F.'s serving in Territorial camps and engaged in Home Defence duties throughout the Dominion.

"THE MESSENGER." During the year an overseas number of "The Messenger" containing interesting extracts from letters received from St. John's men serving in the various theatres of War was published. This publication enabled men who were far apart to know something about the doings of their friends in the Forces and how they were faring.

INVITATION LEAFLET. A supply of leaflets was printed for distribution among Servicemen and Women of the United Nations, giving information about St. John's and the Presbyterian Church and inviting them to worship with us and to take part in our various activities.

All who have contributed in any way towards what might be called the St. John's Soldiers' effort will doubtless count it a privilege to have been able to do something for the men who have done and are doing so much for us. They are defending our liberties!

W. J. FERGUSON, Hon. Secretary.

YOUTH CABINET.

The Youth Cabinet was created to co-ordinate the work of the various Youth organizations and to link them up with Session. Here Youth reports are presented, ideas exchanged, and plans made and discussed—a sort of round table conference for the examination of youth work problems.

It is not necessary for the Cabinet to meet regularly every month, therefore only occasional meetings have been held.

The appointments of Miss Wanda Atkinson as Leader of the Junior Y.W.B.C., Mr. Tom Corkill to the Leadership of the Junior Y.M.B.C., and Messrs Jim Crawford and Dick Ross as acting Leaders of the Senior Y.M.B.C. were confirmed by Session. F/O J. B. Gregory led the Senior Y.M.B.C. for some months prior to his departure for Overseas.

Though the days are difficult for Christian Youth work, it is good to be able to record that the flag has been kept flying both in the Bible Classes and Sunday School, and that the contributions to Missions—where St. John's has always excelled—have been well maintained.

A number of new members have come forward, thus filling some of the vacancies in the Y.M. Bible Class ranks. The aftermath of the War will create many new problems, but it may also create more Leaders. If but only 25% of the St. John's men returning from Overseas could be persuaded to resume Bible Class work with its abundant opportunities for aggressive Christian service, for five years they would make their influence felt. Aggressive work is what appeals to young men and women.

It is hoped our Bible Classes will be able to do something towards the furtherance of the Campaign for Christian Order within St. John's.

W. J. FERGUSON, Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The past year has been a most difficult one for us, the majority of our active members having been mobilised for full time military service. However, those few who remain have striven successfully to keep the class functioning. With renewed strength and our trust in God we shall continue to do so to the utmost of our ability.

Our Minister the Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes has continued to take a great interest in the Class. His leadership, undertaken emergently from the beginning of the year until the recent appointments of Messrs Jim Crawford and Dick Ross as Acting Leaders, was of vital importance to the efficient conduct of the meetings and is greatly appreciated.

The Committee, though greatly handicapped by many changes in personnel has loyally carried out its duties. The Class has continued to give the Church its active support and has been well re-

presented at the Sunday Services, especially those held in the evening.

Because of decreased membership and also the occupation of remaining members on essential work, leaving them little leisure, the Class has been forced to reduce its week-day activities and concentrate on the Sunday afternoon meeting. During the year a number of visitors to Wellington, chiefly from the Armed Forces, have attended the Class on Sunday afternoons and it is gratifying to learn that many have expressed their appreciation of the work done by St. John's. Quite a number of our own members in uniform have made every endeavour to attend the Class when in town on leave. This is most encouraging. The average attendance at Class was 7.75 with a definite upward trend towards the close of the Church year.

The past practice of issuing a syllabus half-yearly was not followed. Instead, the discussions have been based on publications issued by the Campaign for Christian Order Committee. Special Sundays included a combined meeting of the Young Men's and Young Women's Classes with members of St. Giles' Classes as visitors. One Saturday afternoon the Class together with the Young Women's Class visited St. Ronan's at Eastbourne. Two further combined meetings were also held with the Young Women's Class.

In all social activities during the year we were joined by the Young Women's Class. It is desired to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the help they have afforded us in many ways besides social. We are deeply indebted to them for this help.

Notwithstanding small attendances at the Sunday afternoon meetings the ordinary collections amounted to £13/17/10 and the sum of £27/1/5 was collected for Missions. The total amount paid over for Missions was £31/10/3. Other items of expenditure totalled £7/4/3.

Almost all of our present members eligible and many of our old boys have been mobilised in the Armed Forces. Many have already proceeded overseas—our thoughts are with you always. It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of Sid. Plant and Marshall Pumfrey.

As we close one year and commence another we are greatly encouraged by an increased membership and feel confident that with the help of our Master we shall continue to serve Him steadfastly.

M. G. WING, Honorary Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

This year has brought the usual problems of an ever-changing membership and many ways have been used to bring newcomers into our fellowship. Notwithstanding the numerous demands made upon us all, the Spirit of God and His teachings are still very real.

The number on the roll at the end of June was 42, a decrease of 3 since June 1942. 38 of our members are Presbyterian communicants, 4 are Sunday School teachers and 11 are members of the Church Choir. The average attendance for the year was 19.5. This low figure is partially accounted for by the fact that a number of our members are students who are in Wellington only part of the year. Our Look Out conveners have worked hard contacting newcomers to the district at Hostels, etc.

As usual we have used the Interdenominational Syllabus as the basis of our studies, but have also had direct Bible studies on Luke's Gospel and the Epistle of Peter. They proved very worthwhile and helpful. We were privileged to have Sister Kathleen Every speak to us, her talk being outstanding and very challenging. Dr. T. F. Corkill gave us a very interesting talk on Christian Science and its conflict with Scientific Medicine. In connection with the Campaign for Christian Order, District Committee arranged for inter-class visits. We had a very enjoyable visit to St. Ronan's, Eastbourne, and on another occasion St. Giles' came to us for meeting and discussion. The idea proved so successful it has been decided to carry it on again this year. A play "First Corinthians" was read by the Class during the year. As usual, we attended the annual Promotion Service with the Sunday School.

We again combined with the Y.M. classes for the B.C. Day of Prayer, and our minister gave a very helpful and interesting talk. The monthly combined prayer meetings have not been very well attended.

Sister Nessie Morgan, who is on leave from mission work, gave us a very entertaining talk on her experiences as a worker among the Maoris and we feel sure her account will make every girl realise how great are our missionaries' needs. The total amount collected for Missions was £13/8/6 and the annual Thank Offering amounted to £13/5/—a very good response. Parcels and books were brought in to be included in District Committee's clothing parcels to Sister Janet Kearney. We have also been saving stamps which have been handed over to the P.W.M.U.

We were fortunate to have an Easter Camp this year at Scots College. 12 St. John's senior and 1 junior were present and all agreed that their time of fellowship with girls from other classes will prove a source of inspiration. Members of our class presented an Easter play on Good Friday night.

We have not done much knitting this year for our boys in the Armed Forces, but in every parcel a tin of shortbread has been included, made by various members of the class. Judging from letters received from the boys, this is always greatly enjoyed. Our Class took the service at Ohiro Home on two occasions, the addresses being given by our Leader and Mr. J. Smaill of the Y.M. senior class. To help Sister Noel in her work, members contribute to the Deaconess fund. To assist in furnishing the house that has been taken for Sister Noel, we have agreed to bring suitable books for the Girls' Club room.

As usual, at Christmas, our orphan, Mary King was given a present from the class. On her birthday 4 members spent a happy evening with her at the Home. In response to an appeal, 9 aprons were made for the Orphanage, and a number of handkerchiefs supplied. Orphanage calendars were again sold and £5 for the annual upkeep of the John Boal cot was paid.

The class continues to be responsible for arranging the flowers in the Church each week. Funds for flowers are provided by a few ladies of the Church.

The Social Club has been revived this year after last year's lapse, and the attendances are quite good. We have had several combined teas, when opportunity has been taken to read extracts from letters from boys overseas. At one tea George Vincent spoke

on his stay in Fiji, and at another we were very pleased to have Sister Kathleen Every speak to us on her work throughout New Zealand. Her message was an inspiration to all present.

We have taken our turn at providing supper for the After-Church Social Hour held every Sunday night for members of the Forces. We are grateful to Mrs Hughes for allowing us to use the Manse on the occasion of the meeting of the Here-we-are Club.

One Saturday afternoon about 20 members went to Eastbourne for an outing. On the occasion we were very pleased to welcome 4 new Training College students.

Tennis season was very enjoyable this year, with a fairly good attendance each week. The usual tournament and scavenger hunt finished the season and we were pleased to have several Servicemen with us. Badminton Club has a good membership this year with the inclusion of Church members and players from Central Baptist church.

Quite a number of books have been added to the Library, which has been overhauled and books reclassified. The Youth number of the Outlook, which is published every month is taken by 15 members.

The Golden Jubilee of the Class was held at Labour Week-end. We started the celebrations with a social gathering at which past and present members, members of all Church organisations and Wellington Y.M. and Y.W. District Committees were present. Greetings and messages from past members and absent friends, including Rev. J. R. Blanchard, were read. In conveying greetings from their class, the Senior Y.M.B.C. presented a Bible, suitably inscribed, to the Class. Roll call was taken in decades—there being 8 to answer for 1892-1902. In all 72 responded. On the Sunday afternoon our usual meeting was held, at which Mrs. Frances Gunn, a former Sub-Leader, gave a talk. Misses Chappell, Millar and Clyde took their old places at the table, and Miss Nichols played the organ. A new Leader's chair was presented and dedicated, this being a gift from the present Class to the class room, in which, also, were hung a photograph of the Class and another taken at the Jubilee.

Excerpts from past journals were read by Miss Clyde. The evening church service was another memorable experience in which our Leaders took part, and members augmented the choir.

To mark the Jubilee it was the wish of the class to make a gift to our Church. Finally it was decided to aim for a Baptismal Font in keeping with the Communion Table and Lectern, and the approval of Session was given. However, we have met with many difficulties but are making every effort to have the work put in hand as soon as possible. Nearly all past members who sent greetings to the Jubilee enclosed donations towards this intended gift.

Receipts for the year, not including interest, aggregated £110 19/6. The sum of £61/7/5 was paid out on behalf of Missionary and other altruistic objects. Jubilee expenses totalled £19/11/- and general expenses £8/6/7. The sum of £28/10/- is in hand towards the cost of the proposed Jubilee gift to our Church. The Class Extension Fund has reached the sum of £122/17/7 and is invested in National Savings.

Our Minister's interest in the Class remains undiminished and the hospitality of the Manse, which is warmly appreciated, is still extended to class members.

We have enjoyed social and spiritual fellowship with the other classes of the Church and would like to record our admiration of the way in which the Y.M. classes have met the difficulties arising out of the present situation. We also take this opportunity of expressing our grateful thanks to our Leaders, Miss Pearl Brodie and Miss Eleanor Thomson, for their loyalty, help and friendship, and of assuring them of our continued loyalty to them and to the Class in all its activities.

DOREEN ATKINSON, Hon. Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

In presenting this year's report the committee desires to thank all those who have shown interest in the class during a difficult year, and especially our President, the Rev. Gladstone Hughes, for real help and guidance when we were without a leader. The members have profited greatly from the inspiration of his ministry. Our leader Mr R. D. Stevenson, was called into Military Service at the beginning of the year. We extend a very hearty welcome to Mr. T. M. Corkill, who has taken over the leadership for the present and has been a great help. The roll now stands at 9 with an average attendance of 5.5. We are using the new intermediate syllabus "Faith of our Fathers" and discussion has been keen.

During the year most of the members attended the morning Church service and those who were able also attended in the evening. The sum of £4 was paid out on behalf of Missions.

Our athletic activities were confined to the Saturday night club, handball and basketball. Two members attended the Easter Camp at Otaki.

Although this year in many ways has been difficult for us all, we nevertheless feel that there will be plenty of opportunity for the Class in the future. Most of our Senior men are overseas with the Forces and juniors are expected to assume greater responsibilities in the Bible Class movement. We pray that by the help of our Lord Jesus Christ we may faithfully do our part in spreading the Gospel.

R. W. FOWLER, Hon. Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

This year has brought about considerable change in the membership of our Class for various reasons, and the roll number shows a slight decrease. At the beginning of the year our membership stood at 15. During the year 7 have gone to other classes, 2 have left the district, while 7 have gone out of the movement altogether. 12 girls came up from the Senior Sunday School in November, but 4 of these left almost immediately mainly because of the lack of religious interest in their homes. We feel that such a situation offers a definite challenge not only to ourselves, but also to the Church, because it means that our Christian life has not been vital enough to overcome their indifference.

For the greater part of the year our studies have been taken from the Junior Syllabus compiled by Council, but occasionally we have joined with the Senior Class for special studies or visits from guest speakers and other classes. Also, we continue to join with

the combined classes for Prayer meeting on the first Sunday of each month. Socially, too, we have joined on several occasions with the other Classes and enjoyed tea together in the basement parlour; at other times for Club, and once with the Senior Girls at Here-we-ares held at the Manse.

We continue to take an interest in our orphan, and members enjoyed greatly their shopping expedition with her at Christmas. We also assisted in the despatch of copies of the "Outlook" for B.C. boys overseas.

May we say in conclusion that we realize the grave implications of the prevailing laxity in both civic and national life and are eager to accept the challenge such a situation presents. To this end we would seek first to strengthen and deepen our own fellowship and belief so that our witness may ever grow stronger and more convincing.

B. MCKENZIE, Hon. Secretary.

WELLINGTON BOYS' INSTITUTE AND S. A. RHODES' HOME FOR BOYS (Inc.)

St. John's continues to take an active part in the Wellington Boys' Institute. It was St. John's Young Men's Bible Class during the Leadership of the late Sir George Troup which made the present Boys' Institute, with its large five storey building and four-square ideal, possible.

The past year has been a busy one for Committee members, and their efforts to make the Institute a brighter and more attractive place for boys have been very successful. Most of the interior has been painted, and the lighting and heating throughout the building greatly improved.

At present the accommodation is taxed to capacity with 35 boys in residence, but from time to time extra boys are taken in and given shakedown until they can find suitable board. The Committee has decided to carry out certain alterations and changes so as to provide for another 4 to 8 boys. All the lads are working, but none of them is in a position to pay a high rate of board. The Institute seeks to help them during a difficult period of their lives. The lowest rate of board charged is 10/- and the highest 5/-.

The Residents' Bible Class is held on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. The Rev. F. H. Robertson, M.A., led the Class for close on six months, but towards the end of March Mr. W. J. Ferguson took over the Leadership again. It is hoped before long to build within the Institute a Chapel which would also serve as a fitting memorial to the late Sir George Troup. The Managers of St. John's church have again made a donation of £10 towards the work of the Institute.

The Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A. is Hon. President, and those who serve on the Management Committee as permanent representatives of St. John's are: Vice Presidents: Messrs Ad. Howitt and W. J. Ferguson. Members: Rev. F. H. Robertson, M.A., Messrs M. Duthie, R. Johnston, D. MacLeod, D. Ritchie, H. Stockbridge. Mr. Mark Bilby also is an elective member. Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen Hon. Physician.

A Ladies' Auxiliary was formed during June under the Presi-

dency of Mrs. P. Gladstone Hughes. Mrs. Kerr is a Vice-President and other St. John's members are: Mesdames Berry, Duthie, Sims, J. M. Wilson and Misses Bassett and Millar.

The Women's Evening Guild have taken an interest in the Resident boys who entered Military camps, sending them regular parcels which contained socks, balaclavas, mittens, handkerchiefs, soap, writing paper and envelopes, magazines, sweets, Christmas cake, shortbread and biscuits.

The first building known as the Wakefield Street Boys' Institute was opened on 15th June, 1893. The present building in Tasman Street was opened on 18th November, 1914. Members of the congregation are invited to visit the Institute.

BUSY BEES.

This year the membership stands at 20. Miss MacKenzie has been in charge of the Mission education of the children who are keen and enthusiastic. A donation of £5 was paid to the Maori Mission Centenary Fund and £2 to the Break-of-Day Fund. The work section is supervised by Miss D. Chappell and articles are in preparation for the usual Busy Bee Sale. A parcel of clothes and toys was sent to Ruatahuna, and during the year the children cleaned and counted 1600 stamps.

D. M. CHAPPELL,
M. MacKENZIE,

Leaders.

In Memoriam

MR. JOHN CAMPBELL
MRS. T. E. CORKILL
MRS. J. DALZIEL
MRS. JEAN HORWOOD
MRS. THOS. HENDERSON
MR. W. HERMANN
MR. WALTER HOPKIRK
MRS. C. L. JOHNSTON
MR. ANDREW LEIPER
MRS. J. B. MACFARLANE
MRS. C. MARSHALL
MRS. J. MATTHEWS
MR. W. T. NEILL
MR. MARSHALL PUMFREY

(on active service).

MISS MYRA SCOTT
MR. W. J. THOMPSON
MR. A. J. WICKS
MISS E. WOODMAN

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1943.

JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON.

RECEIPTS.				PAYMENTS.						
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
For Church Purposes—										
Plate Offerings	961	15	0				Balance 30/6/42 Current Account overdrawn	111	17	8
Envelope System	559	6	6				For Church Purposes—			
Seat rents	129	7	0				Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes—Stipend	600	0	0
				1650	8	6	" "			

Donations, Sundry	14	13	0
Donations, Chinese Mission	13	0	0
St. John's Women's Assn.	201	0	0
Baptismal and Funeral donations	31	16	3
Christmas Day Offering	4	17	8
Good Friday Offering	4	2	8
Retiring Collection, Missions	12	8	7
" " Theological Hall	7	2	0
	463	11	5
Retiring Collection towards deficiency 1941/42	39	9	10
Soldiers' Comforts Fund	182	0	0
Maintenance of Ministry Fund	53	7	6
Presbyterian Orphanage	59	2	5
Presbytery Deaconess Fund	16	10	0
			814 1 2
Current Account 30/6/1942			
overdrawn			30 15 7
			£2801 12 1

E.P.S. Bucket Pump	5	10	0
Constructing concrete safe	30	0	0
Sundry Expenses	35	11	10
Sunday School 89th Anniversary Collection	28	10	9
	1950	0	11
St. John's Church Rebuilding Fund Legacy from Estate Mrs Chapman, dec'd	37	10	0
For Missions and Other Altruistic Purposes—			
Missionary Objects—			
Budget deficiency 1941/42	39	9	10
Budget Assessment 1942/43	463	11	5
Soldiers' Comforts Fund	182	0	0
Maintenance of Ministry	53	7	6
Presbyterian Orphanages	59	2	5
Presbytery Deaconess Fund	16	10	0
	814	1	2

£2801 12 1

N. G. ROBERTSON, A.R.A. (N.Z.)
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 sets out the position for the year ended 30th June, 1943.

I. G. LYTGOE, M.Com., A.R.A. (N.Z.),
Hon. Auditor.

Wellington,
29th July, 1943.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1943.

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church and certify that in my opinion the above statement correctly sets out the position of the various Trust Funds as at the 30th June, 1943.

	£	s.	d.
Raised by	174	11	3
St. John's Special Collection	179	12	0
St. John's Women's Association			
"			
" Birthday League, " Centenary Fund, for Maori Mission,	5	0	0
St. John's Evening Guild	16	7	6
Senior Y.M.B.C.	30	0	0
Junior Y.M.B.C.	4	0	0
Senior Y.W.B.C.	31	0	0
Junior Y.W.B.C.	5	5	0
St. John's Sunday School	20	0	0
Good Friday Collection	4	2	8
Christmas Day Collection	4	17	8
Retiring Collection	12	8	7
" Theological Hall	7	2	0
Donations, Baptismal, Funeral	21	16	3
" Chinese Mission	13	0	0
" Sundry	14	13	0
Transfer from Benevolent and Missions Fund	68	8	7
Total paid to General Church Treasurer	£622	5	0

I bequeath to

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

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

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