

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WELLINGTON, N.Z.



NINETY-FIRST REPORT



To be presented at Annual Congregational
Meeting on Wednesday, 30th August,
at 7.45 p.m.

Covering period from
July 1st, 1943
to
June 30th, 1944.

HISTORICAL NOTES.

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| Presbyterian Services inaugurated | 1839 |
| Wellington Surveyed | 1840 |
| Congregation (now St. John's) formed, services held in Athenaeum | 6th Nov., 1853 |
| Rev. John Moir inducted | 6th Nov., 1853 |
| 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 June, 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 | 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 connection with the various denominations throughout New Zealand had its origin in the Class formed by Mr. Geo. A. Troup in connection with St. John's | 1888 |
| Young Men's Bible Class Room opened | 1896 |
| Extension of Sunday School Buildings in Macdonald Crescent | 1902 |
| Rev. James Paterson retired | 1903 |
| Rev. James Gibb, D.D., inducted | 12th Aug., 1903 |
| Services instituted at Brooklyn by Mr. John Reith (now Calvin Church) | 1904 |
| Individual Communion Cups first used | 1904 |
| New Church Praise adopted | 1910 |
| St. John's Memorial Hostel opened | 1919 |
| Memorial Window to soldiers who fell in the Great War, 1914-18 unveiled | 1920 |
| Memorial Window in memory of Hon. J. G. W. Aitken unveiled | 1922 |
| Rev. James Gibb, D.D., retired | 1926 |
| Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., inducted | 17th Mar., 1927 |
| Present Manse erected McKenzie Terrace | 1928 |
| Young Men's Bible Class Social Parlour opened | 14th Dec., 1931 |
| Mural Brass Tablets to Revs. J. Moir, J. Paterson, Dr. J. Gibb and Mr. M. D. Menelaus. New Oak Communion Table, Memorial Chairs to Messrs M. D. Menelaus, A. Hopkirk, and W. Allan | 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 |
| Senior Y.M.B.C. Golden Jubilee | 1938 |
| 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 |
| Golden Jubilee—Senior Y.W.B.C. | Oct., 1942 |

FOREWORD.

To the Members and Adherents of St. John.

Dear Friends.

The end of the fifth year of the World War is drawing near, and, as we all earnestly hope, the end of the great conflict itself. Almost four years have passed since I was inducted to St. John's. I have, therefore, not known St. John's in normal peace conditions and you have known me only as the man whom you called to exercise his ministry in abnormally difficult circumstances. My aim during these years has been threefold.

- (1) I have endeavoured to present the claims of both God and country by declaring that the service of our Country and Empire in these times has supreme Christian sanctions.
- (2) I have maintained that our democratic way of life has essentially Christian foundations. This means that the ideals implicit in it cannot become completely explicit until we are fully Christian. On the other hand, it means that the less effectively Christian we are, the greater the danger to our democratic way of life. Only a sub-Christian community can surrender its liberties to the State. I have, therefore, sought to present the full-orbed Gospel with its claim to full allegiance.
- (3) I have endeavoured to direct attention to the great issues involved in our efforts to shape the future. The Church is the trustee of humanity's ideals of freedom and individuality. It must therefore resist the temptation to become entangled in the more or less collectivist solution of social and economic problems.

I am fully aware that I have frequently fallen short of the mark, but communications from all parts of the Dominion have assured me that my efforts have not been altogether in vain.

The past year has brought to many homes great sorrow and anxiety and it has been at once my difficult duty and great privilege to endeavour to bring the comfort, hope and inspiration of our Christian faith to hearts made desolate and sad.

I owe a debt of gratitude to many of you who in innumerable ways have encouraged and supported me. I regret that I am no longer to enjoy the support of Mr Blake as guide, philosopher and friend in the capacity of Session Clerk. He has been a most trusted colleague and has given signal service to St. John's.

During the year I have had the loyal support of all the organizations. The detailed reports will give you some idea of the splendid achievements of our devoted band of workers. We have succeeded in raising the full Budget amount allocated to us. The amount for next year will be larger and we shall be invited to con-

tribute to the Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund. We shall as a Congregation, I feel confident, rise to the occasion.

I must not omit a reference to the splendid services of the Choir throughout the year. In a short time the Choir will have the distinction of being the first Presbyterian Choir to be robed.

I want to greet our nonagenarian members, the Very Rev. J. H. MacKenzie and Mrs. Halley. The latter, although unable to attend, is as keenly interested in her Church as ever. Mr MacKenzie never misses a service, if he can help it. The warmth and kindness of his support means much to me.

We greet you who are in the far-flung battle-line. We are proud of your record and of the fact that you have kept the faith. Our prayer is that you may safely return home again.

How shall we welcome our men when they return? New Zealand will not leave undone anything which should be done to enable them to resume their normal life. The best thing a Congregation can do is to welcome them to warm hearths. Unless you, the Members and Adherents of St. John's, are prepared to warm with your presence the services of Worship, there will be no warm hearth for them. They will feel that the Church is cold, half-hearted, lacking in the glow of a triumphant faith and consequently unable to welcome them into a living spiritual fellowship which will help them to forget the experiences of war and to take their full share in the work of building up a better world which, by their own devotion, they have made possible.

I suggest to you for the ensuing year a simple voluntary pledge. "I solemnly vow that not on a single Sunday shall I be absent from the fellowship and worship of my Church."

Your Minister,

P. GLADSTONE HUGHES.

MINISTER.

REV. P. GLADSTONE HUGHES, B.A.
9 Wai-te-ata Road, C.2. Telephone 46-827.
(From Novr.) " 46-492.

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 |
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| 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. 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 |
| Wallace, A. H., 5 Boundary Road, Kelburn, W.1. | 1941 |
| 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 |
| Burgess, C. W., 107 Hataitai Road, E.2. | 1942 |
| Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, E.1. | 1942 |
| Glover, N. J., B.Com., Standen St., Karori | 1942 |
| Ritchie, D., 22 Piers 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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Sub-Leader: Miss M. McKenzie. Treasurer: Miss J. Geddes.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Mr. D. Fickling.

Secretary: Dick Fowler. Treasurer: Geo. Gay.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Mrs. W. Sherriff.

Secretary: Miss B. McKenzie.

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ROLL OF HONOUR.

SUPREME SACRIFICE.

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| Jack Berry (Army) | R. G. Mathieson (Air Force) |
| Ken Booker, M.M. (Army) | J. McNeil (Air Force) |
| Harold Fulford (Army) | Sid Plant (Army) |
| Owen Gatman (Army) | Marshall E. Pumfrey (Army) |
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| Ray Jamieson (Fleet Air Arm) | J. B. Watt (Army) |
| D. H. Judd (Air Force) | Donald G. Watts (R.N.Z.N.V.R.) |
| C. G. A. Lythgoe (Army) | Gordon Wilson (Air Force) |

MISSING.

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| Lieut. J. C. Morrison, D.S.C. | F/Sgt. B. C. Riddle |
| Sgt. Alex. G. Partridge | |

PRISONERS OF WAR.

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| Capt. A. H. Armour | Pte. B. Haigh |
| Capt. C. D. Bryson | Pte. R. B. Howe |
| Sgt./Pilot L. L. Ford | Pte. N. S. Jardine |

NAVY.

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| A.B. J. W. Cunliffe | Lieut. C. J. MacDonald, D.S.C. and Two Bars |
| O.S. W. T. Goodsir | Sub-Lieut. Edgar Wall |
| A.B. G. B. Harper | |
| Lieut. John A. Hay | |

ARMY.

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| T/Capt. W. A. S. Armour | Cpl. L. W. Milne (Wounded) |
| Drv. J. N. B. Armour | Sgt. J. S. Park |
| Capt. J. P. Brodie | Cpl. G. D. Smart |
| Lieut. A. A. Congalton | Capt. D. A. Smith |
| Lieut. J. W. Donaldson | Major K. G. Scott |
| Dvr. F. F. Grady | Pte. J. G. Shankie |
| Major E. J. Horwood | Sgt. C. E. J. Thomas |
| Sapper J. S. Lemmon | Gnr. Dave Teaze (Wounded) |
| Major J. R. Marshall | L/C. R. Wilson |
| Cpl. J. F. MacLean | Gnr. A. M. Wilson |
| Pte. I. A. McNeur | |

MEDICAL CORPS.

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| A/Sgt. B. Cole | Pte. K. F. Quinn |
| L/C. R. J. Edmeades | Cpl. J. G. Smith |
| Capt. I. H. Fletcher | Pte. N. Scott |
| Pte. H. B. Middleton | Pte. A. Shaw |
| Cpl. E. H. Newton | Pte. A. Wiren |

FLEET AIR ARM

A. R. Fleming

AIR FORCE

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| Squadron Leader W. S. Autin, D.F.C. | F/Sgt. I. S. Lowman |
| W/O. W. P. Argue | A.C.1 J. Moncrieff |
| F/O. D. F. Fowler | W/O. C. R. McDonald |
| A.C.2 D. D. Harkness | F/O. I. A. Purdie |
| W/O. T. R. Harrison | F/O. G. M. Ross |
| | L.A.C. J. C. Smail |

Y.M.C.A. (OVERSEAS)

Arthur Wall (British Y.M.C.A. Secretary)

BASE PAY OFFICE (OVERSEAS)

Lt./Col. J. S. Martin

Sgt. J. M. Highet (Wounded)

W.O.2 A. W. Oakley

BROADCASTING UNIT

Don Cameron

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

RETURNED TO NEW ZEALAND.

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| *W.O.II. I. C. Abernethy | *Gnr. G. Hamilton (Wounded) |
| Sgt. J. Armstrong (Furlough) | *Gnr. J. H. Long |
| *Lieut. I. L. Baumgart | *Sapper J. C. Lumsden |
| F/O M. L. Browne (On duty) | S/Sgt. E. J. MacPherson (Furlough) |
| Capt. H. Bunckenburg (On duty) | *Cpl. C. S. Marshall (Injured) |
| *S/Sgt. R. G. Connor | *Gnr. J. H. Miller (Wounded) |
| Surg/Comm. H. K. Corkill, O.B.E. (On duty) | Pte. L. Spackman (Wounded) |
| *Capt. E. Finlayson | *Lieut. G. E. Scott (Wounded) |
| Sub-Lieut. R. S. Fleming (Special leave) | *Cpl. J. M. Stephenson |
| *Pte. H. G. Glover (Repatriated from Germany) | *Lieut. H. A. Taylor |
| F/Lieut. C. G. Green (On duty) | *Pte. G. Vincent |
| F/O J. B. Gregory (On duty) | *Capt. D. C. Ward (Wounded) |
| | S/Sgt. C. Webster (Furlough) |
| | *A. B. N. Wilson |

* Returned to civilian life.

NEW ZEALAND SERVICE.

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| Capt. Hilton Aston | Sgt. Louis Goetzlof |
| Gunner Jean Barnes | P/O J. A. Hanna |
| Lieut. E. J. Barry | A.C.2 G. I. Johnston |
| Pte. J. W. Bilby | L.A.C. R. E. Leiper |
| Mavis Cameron | Sgt. Alistair McDonald |
| Edward Carter | Cpl. Peter Nathan |
| Bdr. J. S. Cole | Cpl. W. J. Rapson |
| A.B. W. Cunliffe | George Russell |
| A.C.2 Alan W. Darroch | W.A.I. Thelma Waugh |
| Graeme Elliott | Sgt. A. Wilson |
| L.A.C. D. J. Forester | |

NOTE.—A number of St. John's men who were with the Services in New Zealand have returned to civilian life.

KIRK SESSION.

During the past Church year, World War No. 2 has moved speedily towards its climax. The tide of war has turned inexorably in favour of the Allied forces of liberation. While the servicemen and women have won imperishable fame on so many frontiers the men and women at home have toiled unremittingly to provide those things necessary for the winning of the war. Others have striven to formulate the principles that must condition a just and lasting peace. All thoughtful men of goodwill appreciate how difficult the task of reconstruction will prove. At bottom, the problem is a moral one. Therefore, it is a source of encouragement and inspiration that so many of our leaders in the political and military spheres are men of strong Christian personality and undying faith. In the forefront of all is His Majesty the King.

Many in this Congregation, both on active service and on the home front, have striven to follow our King and leaders in service of the King of Kings during the year under review, as the following reports reveal. To God would we give the honour and glory. May He nerve us for the continuing struggle against the powers of evil in and around us and use us as a congregation for the perfecting of His holy will on earth.

THE MINISTER: To our Minister and his family has come great sorrow during the year in the loss of their only son and brother, Sub-Lieut. Hywel Hughes, R.N.Z.N.V.R. To them all we express our deep sympathy.

The Rev. Mr Hughes's pulpit ministry continues to be marked by wide sympathies, and an increasing purpose to proclaim "the unsearchable riches of the Gospel." He is deeply sensitive to the challenge and opportunities presented to the Church by modern movements and events, and consistently points to the need for greater dedication of Christian men and women to the service of the Master and His Kingdom.

Our Minister enjoys also the full confidence of the younger men and women of the Youth organisations at home and abroad and is always willing to go the second mile in their service. To the sick and bereaved, he has been quick to extend sympathy and speak of the Christian hope based on practical experience.

The Session and Congregation realise that the Minister of St. John's carries heavy responsibilities not only to his own congregation, but also to the wider work of the whole Church in New Zealand. To these calls on his time and energies, our Minister has given unstintingly.

SESSION: Early in November, our Senior Elder, Mr Henry Mainland, slipped quietly away into the presence of his Lord and Master, after having been a member of the Congregation for nearly 50 years and an elder for 40 years. We were greatly privileged as a congregation to have one of Mr Mainland's Christian character and graces among us all these years, and record Session's Memorial Minute.

THE LATE MR. HENRY MAINLAND.

"The Session of St. John's Church records its great regret at the death of its Senior Elder, Mr. Henry Mainland, and its deep sense of the heavy loss sustained by the congregation thereby.

Born and educated in the town of Oamaru, ever a stronghold of Presbyterianism, Mr. Mainland, on his arrival in Wellington in

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the early nineties soon found his way to St. John's where, in due course, he joined its Membership and, later on, became a teacher in the Sunday School. His genial personality, regular attendance at Divine Worship and efficient work in the Sunday School steadily brought him to the unsought notice of the congregation.

In the year 1900, he was elected to the Board of Management and, three years later, he was ordained to the Eldership. This office he held with great acceptance for more than forty years until the Lord he humbly served called him to his rest.

In the Session Meeting and in the performance of the various other duties—district visitation in particular—pertaining to his office, he maintained a consistent record of Christian service and proved himself "an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity." For all this we give thanks to our Heavenly Father.

Mr. Mainland also took a keen and practical interest in the industrial sphere. Many years ago he joined the Wellington Builders' Association, eventually becoming its President, and in the year 1936 he was elected a Life Member. He was President of the Wellington Employers' Association for thirteen years. For several years he occupied a seat on the Executive of the N.Z. Employers' Federation and held the position of President for three years. In all these various offices he gave ungrudgingly of his time and energy.

The Session expresses its deep sympathy with Mrs Mainland in her great sorrow and loneliness and with her daughter, Mrs. Myra Comrie. Mr. Mainland was a devoted husband and father and Session prays that they may have the blessed assurance of God's sustaining and comforting presence in their bereavement."

Messrs W. J. Ferguson and L. R. Blake acted as Presbytery Elders during 1943. As Mr. Blake did not seek re-election, Mr. H. Stockbridge was appointed for 1944.

Mr. Malcolm Fraser acted as Session Representative at the General Assembly in November.

During October of last year, the Minister conducted a series of Special Services of Re-dedication in continuance of the Campaign for Christian Order. It is worthy of note that at the time several young men and women joined the fellowship of the Church in full Communion.

The usual September Communion was deferred to synchronise with World-Wide Communion Sunday on October 3rd, and was a very inspiring occasion.

THE CHOIR: Session and the congregation have noted with great appreciation the accession of new members during the year. In large measure, this is due to the enthusiasm of the Minister, and the Choir's indefatigable Secretary Miss Helen D. Clyde. We record our deep sense of obligation to the members of the Choir for their faithfulness to the Services of Worship.

Towards the end of 1943, Mr. W. Lawrence Haggitt was released by the Army and returned to the organ, and training of the Choir. His Recitals prior to the evening service are of high calibre, and deserve better support. The Christmas portions of "The Messiah" rendered by the Combined Choirs of Kelburn and Karori and St. John's in December, and anthems rendered subsequently by our own Choir have been a real inspiration to the congregation.

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Our grateful thanks are due to Mr Brian Withers, who acted with great ability as Organist and Choirmaster during M. Haggitt's absence.

THE BIBLE CLASSES: With the return from active service of a few members of the Senior Men's Bible Class, it is beginning to build up again, under the devoted leadership of Mr. Jim Crawford and Mr. R. Ross.

The Senior Women's Class, with Miss P. Brodie and Miss E. Thompson so competently guiding its activities, has accomplished a great deal of useful work and service, as their report shows. Session regretfully accepted Miss Thompson's resignation recently, and placed on record its gratitude for years of willingly-given and faithful service to the Class.

The Junior Men's Class prospers under a former leader, Mr Dudley Fickling, lately released from the Air Force. At the Annual Meeting, it was disclosed that three new members had been brought along by an older member from Firth House, Wellington College. That's the spirit! The Class is indebted to Mr. Tom Corkill and Mr. Holmes Miller for leadership during part of the year.

The Junior Young Women's Class continues under difficult conditions.

We hope the change of meeting hour of both the Women's Classes will result in more of the younger women availing themselves of the valuable opportunities for Bible Study which the Classes present.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: With unwearied faithfulness, the Staff carry forward the work of the Kingdom among the boys and girls, and through the Cradle Roll draw the tiny folk and their parents into the fellowship of the Church. Session is keenly aware of the importance of their work in carrying out the Master's Command, "Feed My Lambs," and of its powerful influence on the Church of the future.

The School Anniversary last September was notable for the presence of girls from Turakina Maori College. Their reverent and melodious renderings of sacred music must have been as inspiring to the scholars as they were to the congregation.

For all the devoted and gifted service dedicated to the work of the Kingdom by its youth leaders, and for the inspiration of the presence of our young people at the services of worship, Session gives grateful thanks.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, P.W.M.U., AND EVENING GUILD: The reports of the women of the congregation record unceasing activities for the Missionary enterprises and social services of the Church, and for "the boys" on active service. To all responsible for these high achievements, Session says: Thank you! We do not know what we would do without you.

THE MEN'S CLUB: Led by Dr. T. F. Corkill, Mr. H. Glover, and Mr. J. Hunter, men of this Club have transformed the Basement Parlour into a Fellowship Room. Mr. Alec. P. Smith's generous gift of carpet for the floor, and the Women's Association's gift of curtains put the finishing touches to the work of the men. In Mr. H. M. Clapham and Mr. W. Duthie the Club has had energetic and enthusiastic Secretaries. Mrs. T. F. Corkill and Mrs. Clapham and their assistants have performed wonders in providing high teas in days of food rationing.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR: Sorrowfully we record the loss of a further seven men on active service. To all their loved ones, and to those who still bear heavy burdens of anxiety, we extend our sympathy and remembrance. The names of all, who are or have been on active service, are recorded on pages 9 and 10.

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SPECIAL SERVICES:—National: On the King's Day of Prayer, September 3rd, a combined service was held at St. Peter's Anglican Church. Archdeacon Bullock conducted the service, and Rev. Hughes addressed the congregation.

On the 27th February a Service to mark the opening of the 29th N.Z. Parliament was held. It was attended by their Excellencies, Sir Cyril and Lady Newall, the Prime Minister, Consuls, Ministers of the Crown, Members of the Judiciary, Members of Parliament and Civic officials.

On 18th June, a Civic Service was held "to Kirk" the new Mayor, and Councillors, and members of the Hospital and Harbour Boards.

In response to the King's Call, Vigils of Prayer were commenced in mid-June at six of the City Churches. Services have been held in St. John's on Fridays at 12.30 p.m.

Holy Days: Services were held at 10 a.m. on Christmas Day 1943, and Good Friday 1944.

Colleges: On the evening of Aug. 15th, 1943, the Annual Combined Service of Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges was held.

In December, the Rev. Kenny of Petone addressed scholars about to leave secondary schools in the Wellington area.

Organisations: On December 5th last, representatives of the W.W.S.A. joined with us in worship, and a service was held for the W.A.A.F.'s.

VISITING MINISTERS: We express appreciation to the following Ministers of our Church who have conducted Services during the year:—Revs. T. G. Calder, B.A., W. C. Comber M.A., H. A. Fell, M.A., B.D., D. N. MacDiarmid, M.B.E., B.A., E. N. Merrington, M.A., Ph.D., and E. R. E. Ross, M.A.

THANKS: Session places on record its indebtedness to all, not specially mentioned, who, constrained by the love of God in Christ, in unobtrusive but effective ways have made valuable contributions to the work this Church has been privileged to do for the Kingdom and the community. The "ministry of the threshold" is still exercised beneficently by Mr. Ad. Howitt, ever on the lookout for new members. All the organisations are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson for the willing and faithful discharge of their duties. Those who worship in St. John's are conscious of the work of a faithful band of women who provide floral decorations of great beauty, arranged with artistry.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

During the year the Board held twelve meetings at which the average attendance of members was fifteen.

A great deal of time at Board meetings is taken up considering financial matters and the maintenance of the Church property. Whereas it was a simple matter to paint the windows to comply with the "Black Out" regulations the removal of the paint was not so easy. After several experiments the Church Officer discovered a suitable means and the Church buildings again secure normal lighting.

Improvements have been made in what was known as the Basement Parlour, now known as the "Fellowship Room", most of the work being done by working bees. Steps are being taken to provide suitable furniture, new chairs having been secured and are much appreciated. A lift to convey crockery to the floor above is also being installed. The very fine carpet now in the room was the gift of Mr. A. P. Smith to whom the Church is much indebted.

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A condition made by Mr. Smith was that the Board should find not less than £200 for furniture and this condition the Board willingly accepted.

Alterations have been made in two of the rooms in the Sunday School building to provide more suitable accommodation, and a club room, most of the work being done by voluntary labour.

The church organ receives regular attention and a special report secured during the year stated that the general structure was in every way thoroughly sound and the action mechanism in good order and condition.

The After-Church Social Hour, arranged for the entertainment of service men and women are now being continued as a Church social hour and is filling a definite need. Our thanks are due to Miss I. Ferguson and her committees who make the necessary arrangements for the supper.

FINANCE. It will be seen from the statement of receipts and payments that the ordinary income for the past twelve months was less than the ordinary expenditure and consequently the overdraft increased from £73/17/7 at the 1st July 1943 to £140/1/8 at 30th June 1944. Contributions to the two special appeals for (1) Basement Alterations and (2) (a) Basement Furnishings, (b) Extension of Sunday School Work, (c) Ultimate reduction of the overdraft in the ordinary account, have been kept in a special account and entirely separate from the ordinary funds of the Church.

The Thank Offering Appeal in June resulted in contributions totalling £192/5/-.

The Seat Letting Committee reports an increase in the number of seat holders to 66, and the number of seats to 133. The revenue is shown in the financial statement.

The increase in the attendance (and the offerings) which was noticed last year was maintained during the first months of the present year. Towards the middle of the year a decline set in and for the full twelve months both the average attendance and the offerings were less than the previous year. The average attendance fell from 454 to 407, while the offerings fell from £1650 to £1533.

During the coming year St. John's will be asked to find a greater sum than has been required in the past for Missions and similar objects. A statement setting out the estimated requirements for the coming year will be found inside the front cover. At the last General Assembly it was decided to add to the number of objects covered by the Budget Scheme. This and the increased needs of the Foreign Missions Committee have resulted in St. John's assessment being increased from £582 to £723. It is anticipated that the number of special appeals will be fewer due to the inclusion of some of the objects in the Budget Scheme. Towards the Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund St. John's is requested to find £700 over the next two years.

THE CHOIR.

The increased roll now stands at 32 with 15 sopranos, 9 altos, 2 tenors and 6 basses. The addition of male voices has resulted in an improved standard of work and greater vitality. We have been pleased to welcome 7 new members and gratefully acknowledge the help of visiting servicemen, particularly L.A.C. Sharp.

Miss R. Nichols and Miss D. Chappell were elected Life Members after over 25 years constant service.

In August last Mr Lawrence Haggitt was released from military duty and resumed his office as Organist and Choirmaster. He

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readily took up the suggestion of Mr Brian Withers (who had ably acted during Mr. Haggitt's absence) that the Christmas section of "The Messiah" be rendered by the Choirs of Kelburn, Karori and St. John's Presbyterian Churches in combination, and the performance of a choir of 56 voices under Mr. Haggitt who conducted from the organ was both impressive and artistic.

During the year we were privileged to have as guest soloists Mrs. W. Duncan, Miss Gwendolyn Weir, Miss Joan Bovais and Mr. W. Dulgood.

Our warmest thanks are due to our Choirmaster and Organist, Mr. Haggitt, for his able and untiring conductorship and his inspiring music in the voluntaries and pre-service recitals.

HELEN D. CLYDE, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Our thanks are due to Mrs Carter, convener of the Cradle Roll committee for the successful annual party of the parents and babies; also to Miss E. MacKenzie for bringing this activity to its present high standard. The Hopkirk Memorial Essay Prize was won by Prudence Corkill.

We regret the loss of Mr Henry Bunckenburg by transfer to Karori. He has left a valuable record of work at St. John's, for which we give thanks. We thank Miss Molly McKenzie who has joined the Senior Y.W.B.C. for her work with us. Mr Tom Corkill has gone to Knox College. We wish him every success. We welcome Miss Lena Rayner to our Junior Department.

We had the pleasure of entertaining 23 girls and 2 teachers from Turakina Maori Girls' College and of listening to them at an excellent concert and again at the Anniversary Services. Owing largely to their performances we were able to make a donation of £50 towards their new school chapel.

H. B. SMITH, Hon. Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

From the Annual report for year ended June 30th, 1944 the following has been taken.

Membership: The roll reveals a decrease of four and the figures are now 53 Honorary and 48 Active members.

Meetings: The Women's Association held six meetings, with two social afternoons in addition. Alternate Tuesdays were devoted to the making of garments for British children in bombed areas, for use in our Mission fields, and for the children in our orphanage.

Eight P.W.M.U. meetings are held. Parcels of new and worn garments were sent to Sister Alison at Taumarunui and a parcel of linen despatched to the New Hebrides. Four social afternoons were arranged for the collection of Mission funds. The distribution of Mission Boxes resulted in the sum of £19/7/2. A gift of £1/1/- was sent to the Presbyterian Women's Training Institute in Dunedin. The Treasurer's statement of receipts and payments appears in the main report, but we wish to pay tribute to the untiring efforts of Miss Bassett to gather in the money necessary to balance our budget.

Maori Mission Birthday League. Miss J. Hanchet reported a greater interest in the League, and an increase in membership, the number now standing at 161. The sum of £10/1/- was collected.

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Harvest Field. The number of subscribers is 69—the same as last year.

Corresponding Member. The membership is 19 and monthly letters received from Missionaries in the Field and on furlough were sent to members. Sick members were visited. Donations amounted to £1/15/-.

Soldiers' Knitting. The following articles were knitted for St. John's men serving overseas—48 scarves, 61 pairs socks, 12 balaclavas, 4 pairs mittens, 2 caps and 3 pullovers.

Soldiers' Parcels. Soldiers' parcels were packed every second month. This year 280 were posted bringing the total since 1942 to 1125. Five parcels were sent to B.C. boys in Territorial Camps in N.Z. and a pair of knitted socks to each prisoner of war. Church collections to defray expenses of parcels, etc. amounted to £180 14/7 and there is a credit balance of £29/12/8 in hand. From the stock of knitted goods the following were included in the parcels:—108 pairs socks, 59 scarves, 15 Balaclavas, 6 pairs mittens, 2 pullovers, and 1 cap. Many interesting letters were received expressing appreciation of the parcels.

The Guild Sewing Group had a busy and successful year. The devotion of a whole day to the work instead of half a day proved most satisfactory. Thanks to Miss Mills a plentiful supply of material is always available.

British Children. Six parcels containing a total of 325 garments and each weighing 7 lbs. were despatched to Britain for distribution where needed.

Orphanage. Our representatives kept the needs of the children before members. Early in the year a large parcel of clothing was sent to the homes; and in August last, members did the mending and darning. The homes were visited during the year.

After Church Suppers. The Association was responsible for four Sunday evening suppers. In addition a Sunday tea was provided at the Y.M.C.A. for service men, and a supper at the Y.W.C.A. for service men and women.

Afternoon Tea was dispensed at each meeting of the Y.W.M.U. and Women's Association by Miss Howden and her helpers.

Presbytery's Deaconess Committee. Mrs. J. M. Wilson represented St. John's on this Committee. Members have contributed to St. John's Deaconess Fund, and Mrs Hughes reported that members on the Auxilliary of the Wellington Boys' Institute and S. A. Rhodes Home for Boys had assisted when and wherever possible.

Furnishing of the Basement Room. Generous donations were sent in and curtains purchased for the room.

£18/4/- is still in hand, being proceeds from a Jumble Sale.

Appreciation. We wish to record our indebtedness to our Minister, Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes and to Mrs. Hughes. A city Church, such as St. John's, exacts a tremendous contribution of service from its Minister, and the past year has increased the demand. Sickness has been prevalent and sorrow has entered nearly every home. Into these homes Mr Hughes has come, bringing sympathy and comfort. His sermons have been uplifting and his tenacity of purpose inspiring. We extend to him our warm thanks and appreciation.

Mrs Hughes has conducted our meetings, encouraged us in our service and radiated friendship and understanding. We assure her of our affection and co-operation which will carry our organisation through another year of work for the building up of God's Kingdom.

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Since the report was compiled news has come of the passing of Miss Eliza Harper. Miss Harper was a faithful member of St. John's Church for 52 years, and her devotion to the services of the Sanctuary an inspiration and example to all. We regret having to record also the passing of Mrs Ritchie who was a member of the Women's Association for several years.

The report closed with thanks to Mr Thompson for his many courtesies and practical help, and to Mr Geo. Robertson for auditing the accounts.

M. M. CHAPPELL, Secretary.

THE EVENING GUILD.

There are 39 on the roll, but owing to the demands of war service and the call for overtime in daily work it is not possible for some members to attend as often as they would wish. Their support has been given to the work, however, and in the meetings themselves excellent service has been given and the spirit of fellowship maintained.

We now meet in the Fellowship Room and the members take it in turn (in groups of 3) to act as hostesses. During the alterations the Young Men's Bible Class allowed us the use of their Classroom. Our grateful thanks are extended to them.

We have been privileged to have the active co-operation of our President, Mrs Hughes. She presides over the meetings and conducts the opening exercises. Other members have conducted Vespers with which our meeting closes.

We have received news of our Missionaries from time to time and endeavour in various ways to foster Missionary interest. All the time we are giving practical help to some Mission Field, the Home Missionaries themselves, or to some Social work.

At the July meeting some suitable garments, an amount of cotton material ready for sewing and some medical supplies were brought by members for despatch to the New Hebrides.

Interest in the children of the Orphanage is always maintained and we supplied 150 handkerchiefs and 114 other garments.

One hundred and seventy-three garments have been handed to Mrs Corkill for despatch to England for relief in bombed areas. The Misses Mills have continued to supply much material, and work on same.

We send Christmas parcels to 10 Home Mission Manses for 39 people.

In order to augment the funds for the Wellington Deaconess work, a most successful "Bring and Buy" was held at the August meeting. An amount of £5/10/- was raised.

A good collection of medical supplies, face-cloths, old and new clothing were brought to the May meeting for transmission to Sister Allison at Taumarunui.

Socks have been knitted for the Soldiers' parcels.

The After-Church Social Hour has received the regular support of our group as its turn for helping has come. Help was given with the Jumble Sale for the "Basement Furnishing Scheme." In Direct Giving the Guild has handed £24/5/6 to the Women's Association.

We are thankful for opportunities for enjoyment and service which the Guild affords and look towards the coming year as one

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in which we may continue to join with the other organisations of the Church in shedding abroad something of God's Love to those in need.

R. E. NICHOLLS, Guild Secretary.

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR.

The second year of our activities under this heading has now ended. As was to be expected, attendances of Service Personnel were smaller than during the previous year. Nevertheless there was an average attendance of 16 Servicemen and women, with 420 fresh signatures in the Visitors' book. They and other visitors expressed their deep appreciation of the friendliness of the Social Hour. On 19th September we were pleased to have as our guests members of the Turakina Maori Girls' College. The girls entertained us with very delightful singing.

The gatherings have for some time past been made more available to the Congregation, particularly to the newer members. Since the Fellowship room has been redecorated and carpeted the Social Hour has been held there, making for greater comfort and cosiness, also lightening the work of the ladies very considerably. The hostess groups have been reorganised and twelve are now functioning, involving a turn about once in three months. Each group makes all arrangements for the evening.

We were pleased and proud to extend a welcome from time to time to our own men who have returned from Overseas on furlough or have been discharged from the Services.

We thank all those who assisted in the making of these evenings so successful. Each gathering was brought to a close with Vespers.

I. FERGUSON, Convener.

SOLDIERS' COMMITTEE.

A list of names of men and women of St. John's serving with His Majesty's forces either in N.Z. or Overseas will be found on pages 8 and 9 of the Report. It includes those who have returned to the Dominion; also the missing, and those who have made the Supreme Sacrifice.

Since the outbreak of war 138 St. John's men and women have at some time been in uniform. 54 are at present Overseas.

Lieut. G. J. Macdonald has been awarded a second bar to the Distinguished Service Cross, and we offer him our warm congratulations.

As stated elsewhere in the Report 280 parcels have been sent during the year by the ladies to St. John's men serving Overseas. These parcels were gladly received as the Overseas edition of "The Messenger" testifies. Very appreciative references have been made to the "tasty" shortbread included in the parcels from members of the Young Women's Bible Class. From the inception of the scheme 1125 parcels have been despatched.

During the year the total amount received in retiring collections and donations to defray cost of parcels was £180/14/7.

Letters and literature of various kinds including "The Outlook" has been forwarded. During the year two Overseas numbers of "The Messenger" were issued and copies despatched.

A new invitation folder has been printed for the information of Allied Servicemen.

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We all look forward to the end of the present great conflict and the day when our friends and dear ones will be with us again.
W. J. FERGUSON, Hon. Secretary.

YOUTH CABINET.

The various reports on Youth work speak for themselves. The Senior Y.M.B.C. appears to be stronger this year than last. The average attendance at the Junior Y.M.B.C. is now larger than for several years past.

The Sunday School Superintendent and teachers have been kept busy seeking to make the school more attractive for the scholars. Rooms have been enlarged and painted and a Club for games and physical training has been formed.

Perhaps the time has arrived to examine our methods in the light of present-day conditions and to see if it is possible to develop more fully our Youth work. There are interesting problems ahead of us at St. John's, but if we all think deeply about them we are sure to find a solution.

W. J. FERGUSON, Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

With no great increase in numbers, but with a perceptible steadiness in attendance, loyalty and fellowship, we feel justified in looking upon the past year as one of commendable achievement and containing a brighter promise than we have been able to record since the commencement of the War.

Due to being posted overseas, Pilot-Officer J. B. Gregory necessarily relinquished the leadership in May, 1943, since when Messrs. J. R. M. Crawford and R. A. Ross have capably shouldered the responsibilities of leaders.

The convenors have been loyal and have effectively carried out their duties.

The average attendance of members has been 8.8. Total attendance, including visitors, 10.2.

The class has continued to give the Church its active support and has been well represented at Church services.

Finance. Receipts for the year were £48/5/9, of which £36 were donated to Home and Foreign Missions.

Conclusion. It has been another War year but the co-operation of members has inspired an optimism for better things to come. Let us remain faithful, and with trust in God consolidate our foundations.

GEORGE F. VINCENT, Hon. Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

This year we have been faced with the usual problems regarding membership. The loss of several of our most faithful members is a challenge to those who remain to give to their utmost so that the past work of the Class will continue. A suggestion to change the time of meeting is under careful consideration.

The roll number at the end of June was 36, a decrease of 7 since last June.

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Most of our studies have been taken from the Interdenominational syllabus. Inter-Church visitations with Wesley Methodist classes have been beneficial to those concerned.

During the year we were privileged to hear the Bishop of Aotearoa, the Very Rev. J. G. Laughton, and Sister Noel, the City Deaconess.

Missions work has been well supported. Attendance at the monthly combined Prayer Meeting has not been good but is showing improvement.

The Easter Camp provided an opportunity for genuine Christian fellowship.

Social Service has found expression in the supply of biscuits for the boys overseas, in giving a concert at Ohio Home, in supporting the Deaconess work in Wellington South, and in visiting the Presbyterian Orphanage Homes.

The Social Club continues to be held once a month.

Sunday teas have been popular with all the classes and on two occasions members listened in to the radio feature "The Man Born to be King." "Here-we-ares" were revived this year but so far the attendance has not been good. Two enjoyable socials were held with St. Andrews B.C., and a class picnic was held at the invitation of Enfys Hughes and Jean Marshall. Our tennis and badminton players had an enjoyable season. The Class continues to be responsible for arranging the flowers in the Church each week.

Our minister, Mr. P. Gladstone Hughes maintains close touch with the Class and members have enjoyed the hospitality of the Manse. All our Class are Communicant members of the Church.

We greatly regret that Miss Thomson who has been a member since 1934 and sub-leader since 1937 has been obliged to relinquish her connection with the Class owing to ill-health. Her ability and experience have been invaluable and her Christian profession a shining example.

Finance. Revenue from all sources during the year was £93 18/10, of which £39 was given to Missions and approximately £21 to Social Service work.

DOREEN ATKINSON, Hon. Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

When Mr T. M. Corkill left Wellington to study for the ministry in Dunedin the class found itself once more without a leader. The breach was ably filled by Mr J. H. Miller pending resumption of the leadership by Mr E. D. Fickling to whom we extend grateful thanks for capable guidance. We have pleasure in also recording the invaluable assistance given by our minister, Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes.

We are pleased, also, to report a welcome increase in membership, which now stands at 13. Attendance at Divine Service is satisfactory and 3 members are in full Communion. Discussion has been fairly good and the practice of doing assignments has been revived.

Surrounded, as we are at present, by distracting and conflicting forces, the inspiring influence of the Class is desperately needed to uphold and guide the young men of the Church. That is our aim, and we pray that, with the aid of our Lord Jesus Christ, we shall be able to establish that strength of character which is founded on His Truth and our Faith in Him.

G. E. GAY, Hon. Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Notwithstanding a decline in attendance the class continues, and offers a greater challenge than ever before. No new members came up from the Senior Sunday School, but we hope that with the change to morning class we will manage to draw old members back to our fellowship, and also other girls connected with the church.

The Junior syllabus was the basis for our studies and we have found it very challenging in its approach to daily living. On several occasions we have combined with the Senior class for special studies by Rev. MacDiarmid and the Very Rev. J. G. Laughton, on Maori Mission work. We also assisted the Sunday School with their Anniversary services—which this year held added interest because we had with us some girls from Turakina Maori College.

We continue to join with our other classes for the usual Prayer meeting each month, and know that this time is well worth while to us all.

We have joined with our own classes several times during the year for Sunday teas, and with other classes of the district at District Club, combined socials, etc., and have enjoyed enriching our fellowship with others in this way.

In closing, we would like to say that we shall strive to keep our faith strong, deepen our belief, and go forward remembering our Bible Class motto—"The Utmost for the Highest."

B. McKENZIE, Hon. Secretary.

WELLINGTON BOYS' INSTITUTE AND RHODES HOSTEL.

The name has been changed from S. A. Rhodes Home For Boys to Rhodes Hostel.

The Boarding Establishment provides accommodation for 40 boys, Matron and staff. Activities for the boys of Wellington include physical drill, boxing, woodwork, ambulance work and a band. The gymnasium and dressing rooms have recently been modernised, hot showers installed and another large games room provided. The vocational workshop, equipped with the latest machine tools was re-opened in June. The recent gift of £100 from the Sargood Trust made the purchase of many new tools possible.

Summer holiday and "City Camps" are held and there are Football, Cricket and Basketball Clubs.

A Residents' Bible Class is held on Sunday mornings, Mr J. Holmes Miller being the Leader. Religious (talkie) pictures are screened at what is known as a "Boys' Fellowship" on Sunday afternoons.

During the year Mr. Ad Howitt, a Vice President and foundation member, resigned, but his interest in the work will continue.

As a Boys' Centre, the Institute has great possibilities. It is hoped that members of the congregation will visit the building and take an interest in the boys and their activities.

BUSY BEES.

St. John's Busy Bee Hive meets alternate Mondays from April to October inclusive. The number on the roll is 13. Miss Mary MacKenzie provides excellent material for the education of the children in Mission work. Members are busy making toys and small gifts for a Christmas parcel for children less fortunate than themselves and baby clothes to send to China.

We tender thanks to the P.W.M.U. for the afternoon devoted to the Busy Bee Sale of Work.

D. CHAPPEL,
M. MacKENZIE,
Leaders.

In Memoriam

MR. JACK BERRY (on active service)

MISS JANET BLAIR

MR. HAROLD FULFORD (on active service)

MR. HYWEL HUGHES (on active service)

MR. RAY JAMIESON (on active service)

MR. D. H. JUDD (on active service)

MISS PEARL KITCHING

MR. C. G. A. LYTHGOE (following active service).

MR. HENRY MAINLAND

MISS MAY PAUL

MRS. J. D. RITCHIE

MR. E. C. WARWICK

MR. HECTOR WEST

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MR. GORDON WILSON (on active service)

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

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1944.

| RECEIPTS. | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|-------|-----|----|----|------|----|----|
| For Church Purposes— | | | | | | | |
| Plate Offerings | ..... | 380 | 19 | 10 | | | |
| Envelope System | ..... | 520 | 12 | 5 | | | |
| Seat rents | ..... | 131 | 7 | 9 | | | |
| | | | | | 1533 | 0 | 0 |
| Donations to upkeep of School-room | ..... |  | 44 | 2 | 0 | | |
| Sundry donations and miscellaneous receipts | ..... |  | 24 | 12 | 0 | | |
| Organ fees | ..... |  | 10 | 4 | 6 | | |
| Interest | ..... |  | 14 | 1 | 3 | | |
| Sale of organ | ..... |  | 10 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Sunday School 90th Anniversary offering | ..... |  | 55 | 14 | 8 | | |
| Part of Thank Offering applied to general funds | ..... |  | 17 | 1 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | 1708 | 15 | 5 |

For Missions and Other Altruistic Purposes—

| | | | | |
|--|-------|-----|----|---|
| Part of Thank Offering applied to Missions | ..... | 175 | 4 | 0 |
| Donations Missions, Sundry | ..... | 4 | 12 | 0 |
| " " China | ..... | 35 | 0 | 0 |
| " " India | ..... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| " " New Hebrides | ..... | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| " " Foreign | ..... | 5 | 11 | 0 |

| PAYMENTS. | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|-------|-----|----|----|
| Balance 30/6/43 Ordinary Account Overdrawn | ..... | 73 | 17 | 7 |
| For Church Purposes— | | | | |
| Rev. P. G. Hughes—Stipend | ..... | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| " " Car Allowance | ..... | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr W. Lawrence Haggitt and Mr B. Withers Organists | ..... | 125 | 0 | 0 |
| Mr J. Thompson—Church Officer | ..... | 184 | 10 | 0 |
| Pulpit and Organ supply | ..... | 39 | 3 | 0 |
| Lighting, Heating and Power | ..... | 89 | 14 | 0 |
| Advertising, Printing and Stationery | ..... | 96 | 0 | 0 |
| Postages | ..... | 10 | 3 | 2 |
| Provision Periodic Repainting, etc. | ..... | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| Hymn Book Trust Account | ..... | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| General Repairs Church buildings & Manse | ..... | 53 | 2 | 6 |
| Tuning and Maintenance of Organ | ..... | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Rates—Manse and Cottage | ..... | 41 | 17 | 3 |
| Social Expenses | ..... | 13 | 3 | 0 |
| Church Telephone | ..... | 9 | 15 | 0 |
| Beneficiary Fund Assessment | ..... | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Wgton Presbytery Assessment and donation | ..... | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| General Assembly Expenses Assessment | ..... | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance—Fire | ..... | 72 | 18 | 11 |
| " Earthquake and War Damage | ..... | 18 | 15 | 9 |
| " Accident and Sickness | ..... | 11 | 1 | 7 |
| Removal blue paint from windows | ..... | 22 | 7 | 6 |
| Notice Boards | ..... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Communion Wine | | 6 | 9 | 3 |
| Sundry Expenses | | 35 | 18 | 11 |

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

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|--|-----|----|----|-----------------|
| Baptismal and Funeral donations | 17 | 5 | 0 | |
| Christmas Day Offering | 6 | 9 | 7 | |
| Good Friday Offering | 2 | 9 | 3 | |
| Retiring Collection— | | | | |
| Home & Maori Missions | 11 | 11 | 7 | |
| Foreign Missions | 22 | 16 | 7 | |
| Theological Hall | 11 | 7 | 0 | |
| St. John's Women's Assn. | 205 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 499 16 0 |
| Campaign for Christian Order | 23 | 17 | 10 | |
| Maintenance of Ministry Fund | 65 | 17 | 0 | |
| Chaplains Fund donations | 23 | 5 | 2 | |
| Polish Red Cross Retiring Collection | 29 | 0 | 4 | |
| Presbyterian Orphanage | 86 | 1 | 9 | |
| Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund | 2 | 2 | 0 | |
| Soldiers' Comforts Fund | 179 | 6 | 2 | |
| | | | | 409 10 3 |
| Balance 30/6/44 Ordinary Account Overdrawn | | | | 140 1 8 |
| | | | | <hr/> £2758 3 4 |

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|--|------|----|---|
| Sunday School 90th Anniversary Service | 55 | 14 | 8 |
| | 1848 | 17 | 1 |
| For Missions and Other Altruistic Purposes— | | | |
| Budget Assessment, 1943-44 | 499 | 16 | 0 |
| Other Objects | 409 | 10 | 3 |

£2758 3 4

NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL ME

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1944.
SUMMARY OF TRUST ACCOUNTS.**

| RECEIPTS. | | | | PAYMENTS. | | | |
|-------------------------------|------|----|----------|-------------------------------|------|------|------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| Balances 30/6/43— | | | | Payments— | | | |
| Endowment Fund | 4388 | 15 | 10 | Benevolent Fund: Donation | | | |
| Benevolent Fund | 218 | 2 | 1 | to Boys' Institute | | 10 | 0 0 |
| Crockery Replacement Fund | 46 | 19 | 0 | Balances 30/6/44— | | | |
| Provision Periodic Repaint- | | | | Endowment Fund | 4541 | 12 | 3 |
| ing, etc. — Deposit with | | | | Benevolent Fund | 214 | 8 | 8 |
| Church Office | 750 | 5 | 0 | Crockery Replacement Fund | 48 | 5 | 5 |
| Provision Periodic Repaint- | | | | Provision Periodic Repaint- | | | |
| ing, etc. — Shares in | | | | ing, etc. Deposit with | | | |
| Metropolitan Bldg Society | 30 | 0 | 0 | Church Office | 760 | 16 | 0 |
| Hymn Book Replacement | 75 | 16 | 5 | Shares in Metropolitan | | | |
| Old Manse Trust Fund | 500 | 0 | 0 | Building Society | 121 | 11 | 6 |
| St. John's Church Rebuild- | | | | Hymn Book Replacement | 89 | 13 | 10 |
| ing Fund | 37 | 10 | 0 | Old Manse Trust Fund | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest in E. J. Lockie Est. | 190 | 0 | 0 | St. John's Church Rebuild- | | | |
| | | | 6237 8 4 | ing Fund | 37 | 16 | 8 |
| Income— | | | | Interest in E. J. Lockie Est. | 190 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest— | | | | St. John's Deaconess Guar- | | | |
| Endowment Fund | 152 | 16 | 5 | antee Fund | 175 | 1 | 0 |
| Benevolent Fund | 6 | 6 | 7 | Benevolent and Missions | | | |
| Crockery Replacement Fund | 1 | 6 | 5 | Fund | 54 | 12 | 1 |
| Provision Periodic Repaint- | | | | | | 6733 | 17 3 |
| ing, etc. Deposit with | | | | | | | |

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|-----------------------------|-----|----|------------|
| Church Office | 10 | 11 | 0 |
| Building Society | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| Hymn Book Replacement | 1 | 17 | 5 |
| St. John's Church Rebuild- | | | |
| ing Fund | 6 | 8 | |
| | | | 174 16 0 |
| Receipts— | | | |
| Provision Periodic Repaint- | | | |
| ing, etc. Shares in | | | |
| Building Society | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| Hymn Book Replacement | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Benevolent & Missions Fund | | | |
| October Communion | 19 | 18 | 0 |
| December Communion | 17 | 10 | 9 |
| March Communion | 17 | 3 | 4 |
| St. John's Deaconess Guar- | | | |
| antee Fund | 175 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | 331 13 1 |
| | | | £6743 17 5 |

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 above statement correctly sets out the position of the various Trust Funds as at the 30th June, 1944.

Wellington, 1st August, 1944.

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

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

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

**SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR (1) BASEMENT ALTERATIONS. (2) (A) BASEMENT FURNISHINGS, ETC.
(B) EXTENSION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK. (C) REDUCTION OF OVERDRAFT.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1944.**

| RECEIPTS. | | | PAYMENTS. | | | | | |
|---|------|-------|--|-----|-------|------|-------|--|
| | £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. | |
| Balance held 30/6/43 for Basement Alterations | 43 | 2 0 | Basement Alterations— | | | | | |
| Donations for Basement alterations | 166 | 1 0 | Timber, Pinex | 44 | 3 10 | | | |
| Donations for Basement furnishings | 9 | 14 0 | Paint | 27 | 5 1 | | | |
| Jumble Sale Receipts | 134 | 0 0 | Sundry expenses | 9 | 15 0 | | | |
| Donations following Jumble Sale | 66 | 0 0 | | | | 81 | 3 11 | |
| | | | Basement Furnishings, etc.— | | | | | |
| | | | Chairs, Fellowship Room | 100 | 6 5 | | | |
| | | | Alterations to upstairs Parlour | 11 | 17 0 | | | |
| | | | Advertising Jumble Sale | 1 | 17 6 | | | |
| | | | | | | 114 | 0 11 | |
| | | | Balances 30/6/44— | | | | | |
| | | | Basement alterations | 127 | 19 1 | | | |
| | | | Basement Furnishings, Sunday School work and for ultimate reduction of overdraft | 95 | 13 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | 223 | 12 2 | |
| | £418 | 17 0 | | | | £418 | 17 0 | |

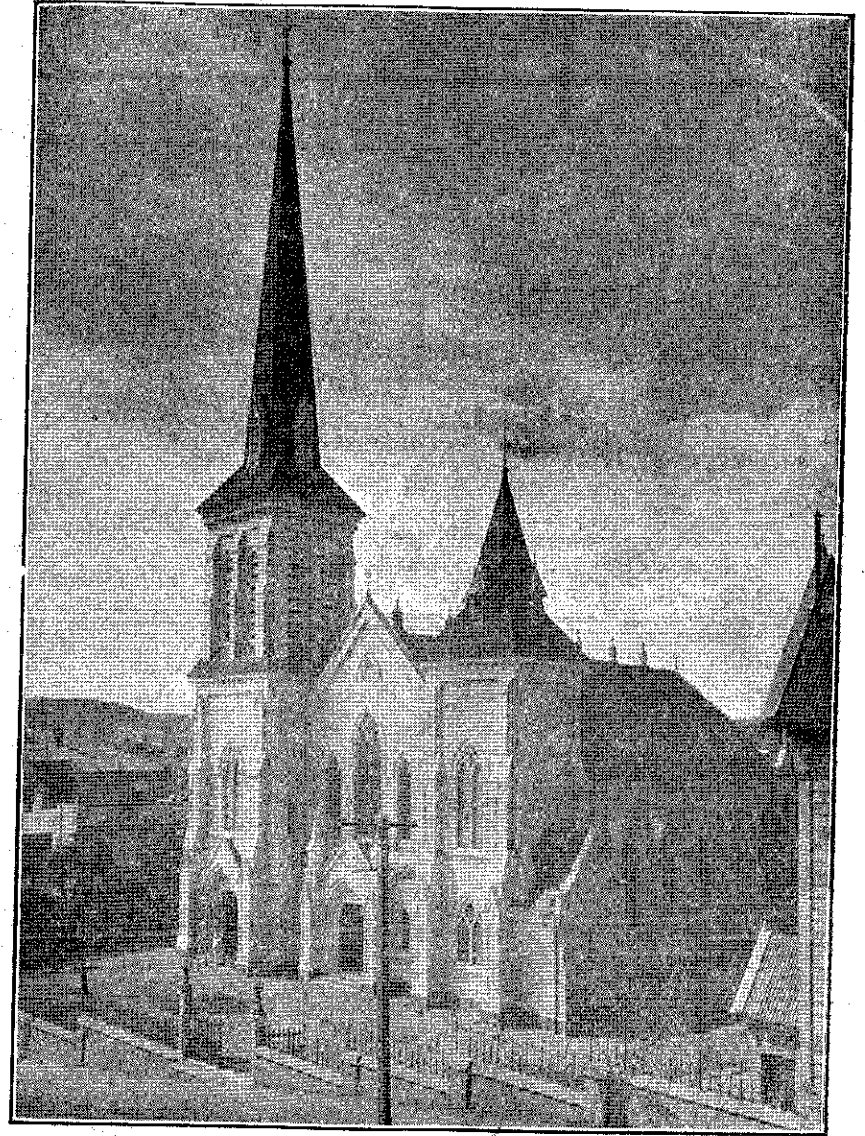
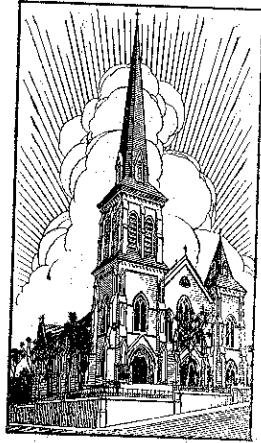
N. G. ROBERTSON, A.R.A. (N.Z.)
Hon. Treasurer.

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of St. John's Presbyterian Church and certify that in my opinion the foregoing Statements of Church Receipts and Payments, and Basement Alterations and Furnishings, etc. are correct and set out the position for the year ended 30th of June, 1944.

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

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

Willis Street, Wellington.



Annual Report, 1945.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE, 1945-46.

1. CONGREGATIONAL EXPENSES.

Salaries—

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|------|-----|
| Minister's Stipend | 600 | 0 | 0 |
| Organist | 125 | 0 | 0 |
| Church Officer | 184 | 10 | 0 |
| Deaconess | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Holiday Supply | 40 | 10 | 0 |
| | | 1150 | 0 0 |

Maintenance of Buildings, etc.—

| | | | |
|--|----|-----|-----|
| Repairs and renewals | 72 | 0 | 0 |
| City Council rates | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| Provision periodic repainting, etc | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 300 | 0 0 |

Miscellaneous—

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|
| Deficit carried forward, 30/6/45 | 221 | 0 | 0 |
| Hymn Book replacement | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Stationery, Printing, Advertising | 84 | 0 | 0 |
| Telephone £10, Postage £15 | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Light, Heat and Power | 85 | 0 | 0 |
| Motor Car Allowance | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaconess's expenses | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Organ tuning and expenses | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Assembly expenses assessment | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Wellington Presbytery Assessment | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Beneficiary Fund Assessment | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Social expenses | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Sunday School 92nd Anniversary | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Accident Insurance | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 700 | 0 0 |

Contingency Fund—

| | | | |
|--|--|----|-----|
| To meet sundry small accounts and unforeseen expenditure | | 80 | 0 0 |
|--|--|----|-----|

Total estimated ordinary expenditure £2230 0 0

2. FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|------|-------------|
| Budget Assessment for Missions | 704 | 0 | 0 |
| Our Wellington Orphanages | 96 | 0 | 0 |
| Soldiers' Comforts | 175 | 0 | 0 — Jan 155 |
| Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund | 355 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 1330 | 0 0 |

Total estimated requirements 1945-46 £3,560 0 0

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3,405

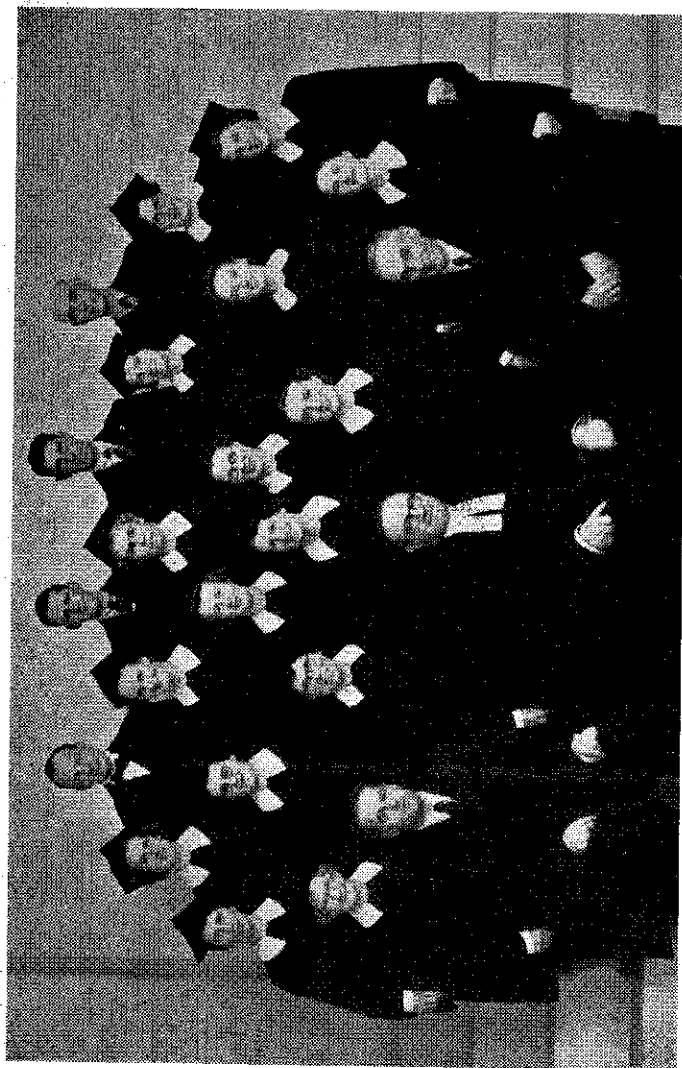
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

WELLINGTON, N.Z.

NINETY-SECOND REPORT

To be presented at Annual Congregational Meeting on Wednesday, 12th September, 1945, at 7.45 p.m.

Covering period from
July 1st, 1944
to
June 30th, 1945.



ST. JOHN'S CHOIR, 1945.

MINISTER.

REV. P. GLADSTONE HUGHES, B.A.
5 Wai-te-ata Road, C.2. Telephone 46-492.

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 |
|---|----------|
| Howitt, Ad., 100 Lyall Parade, Lyall Bay, E.3. (Session Clerk, 1931-1937) | 1913 |
| Smith, A. P., Birch Hill, Silverstream | 1913 |
| 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 |
| Blake, L. R., B.Sc., 62 Harbour View Road, Northland, W.2. | 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., "Benmore," 145 Wilton Road, Wadestown | 1937 |
| Wallace, A. H., 5 Boundary Road, Kelburn, W.1. | 1941 |
| 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., 23 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah, N.5. | 1941 |
| Smith, H. B., B.Com., 25 Maida Vale Road, Roseneath, E.1. | 1941 |
| Burgess, C. W., 107 Hataitai Road, E.2. | 1942 |
| Darroch, E., 40 Ellice Street, E.1. | 1942 |
| Glover, N. J., B.Com., Standen St., Karori | 1942 |
| Ritchie, D., 22 Piers Street, Karori, W.3. | 1942 |
| Stockbridge, H., 60 Brougham Street, E.1. | 1942 |

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Session Clerk.

Martin, A., 71 Messines Road, Karori, W.3. 1919
Telephone 27-368.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

| | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Anderson, P. H. | 59 Hawker Street, E.1. |
| Bilby, M. R. | 90 Washington Ave., S.W.1. |
| Brown, N. R. | 80 Willis Street, C.1. |
| Bruce, W. | 58 Adams Terrace, W.1. |
| Carter, E. | 43 Pirie Street, E.1. |
| Fickling, D. | 6 Garfield Street, S.W.1. |
| Fleming, R. | 6 Wesley Road, C.1. |
| Fleming, R. N. | Baroda Street, Khandallah, N.5. |
| Fowler, D. | 2 Beatty Avenue, W.3. |
| Hunter, J. | 13 Bidwell Street, S.1. |
| Johnston, R. | 179 Cuba Street, C.2. |
| Long, J. H. | 6 Durham Crescent, C.2. |
| Martin, J. S. | 91 Eden Street, Island Bay, S.2. |
| Marshall, J. R., L.L.M. (on Active Service) | 64 Kelburn Parade, Kelburn, W.1. |
| McGill, J. | 22 Edge Hill, C.3. |
| Miller, J. H. | 4 Raupo Street, Hataitai, E.2. |
| Page, T. | 96 Kelburn Parade, W.1. |
| Pumfrey, E. | 117a Brougham Street, E.1. |
| Reid, W. | 8 Huia Road, Hataitai, E.2. |
| Reyburn, S. N. | 5 Hatton Street, Karori, W.3. |
| Scott, G. H. | 3 Wilkinson Terrace, E.1. |
| Smith, J. C. | 52 Glen Road, W.1. |
| Stevenson, I. D., M.Sc. | Beauchamp Street, Karori, W.3. |
| Strong, F. | 10 Kio Road, Roseneath, E.2. |
| Wall, A. L. | Seatoun Heights, E.5. |
| Woods, N. S. | 38 Harrison St., Brooklyn, S.W.1. |

Secretary of the Board of Managers:

J. A. Orr, 23 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah, N.5. Phone, 37-540.

Treasurer of the Board of Managers:

N. G. Roberson, Box 970, G.P.O., Wellington.
Church Officer: J. Thompson. Phone 54-299.

GENERAL COMMITTEES FOR 1945/46.

Finance Committee:

Mr. F. C. Spratt (Convener), Mr. R. Fleming, Mr. N. G. Robertson (Treasurer), Mr. E. Darroch, Mr. R. Johnston, Mr. H. Glover, Mr. A. P. Smith, Mr. A. L. Wall, Mr. G. H. Scott, Mr. N. R. Brown, Mr. J. C. Smith.

Property Committee:

Mr. H. Glover (Convener), Mr. C. W. Burgess, Mr. W. Duthie, Mr. W. J. Ferguson, Mr. Ad. Howitt, Mr. J. Hunter, Mr. A. Martin, Mr. D. Ritchie, Mr. N. S. Woods, Mr. D. Fowler, Mr. J. H. Miller.

Seat Letting Committee:

Mr. P. H. Anderson (Convener), 59 Hawker Street, 'phone 50-609, Mr. R. B. Fowler, Mr. D. MacLeod, Mr. H. B. Smith, Mr. T. Page.

Envelope Contributions Committee:

Mr. H. Stockbridge (Convener), 'Phone 50-541, Mr. J. B. I. Cook, Mr. L. R. Blake, Mr. W. Reid (Treas.), Mr. N. J. Glover, Mr. J. S. Martin, Mr. D. MacLeod, Mr. E. Carter, Mr. J. H. Long.

Rolls Committee:

Dr. T. R. Corkill, Mr. J. S. Lomas

Choir Committee:

Mr. A. H. Wallace (Convener), Mr. J. S. Lomas, Mr. E. Pumfrey, Mr. F. C. Spratt, Mr. F. Strong, Mr. A. L. Wall, Mr. S. N. Reyburn, Mr. J. McGill.

Convener Allocation of Rooms Committee:

Mr. J. A. Orr, 23 Delhi Crescent, Khandallah, N.5.
Telephone: 37-540.

ORGANISATIONS.

CHOIR.

Organist and Choirmaster:

Mr. W. L. Haggitt, L.R.S.M.

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

Vice-President: Mr. W. L. Haggitt, Miss H. D. Clyde (Life).

Hon. Secretary: Miss Mona Hughes.

Hon. Treasurer: Miss E. Ledger.

Hon. Librarian: Miss D. Lees.

Life Members: Mr. & Mrs. P. S. Pope, Mrs. Kerry, Miss R. Nichols, Miss D. Chappell.

Committee:

Mesdames Pumfrey and Fletcher; Misses J. Atkinson, P. Brodie and M. Ross; Messrs E. Pumfrey, F. Strong, and H. Clapham.

Sopranos:

Mesdames Fletcher and Glennie; Misses D. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, P. Brodie, H. D. Clyde, M. Hughes, E. Ledger, D. Lees, M. MacKenzie, A. McKenzie.

Altos:

Mrs. Pumfrey, Misses J. Curtis, P. Lees, M. Ross, M. McKenzie, N. McKenzie.

Tenors:

E. Pumfrey.

Basses:

Messrs. G. Caird, H. Clapham, J. S. Lomas, S. N. Reyburn, F. Strong.
On Leave:—Mrs F. Strong, Miss D. Mills, Mr. A. L. Wall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent: Mr. R. B. Fowler.

Teachers: Sister Nessie Morgan, Misses M. MacKenzie, Pat Lees, Jean Marshall, Ann Lomas, Cath. Ross, Eleanor Fowler.

Treasurer: Miss Jean Marshall.

Cradle Roll Supt.: Mrs. E. Carter.

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

President Mrs. P. Gladstone Hughes 46-492

Hon. Vice President Mrs. W. S. Austin 27-060

Vice Presidents: Mesdames Bell Wilson, T. F. Corkill,

B. Berry, Miss J. Howden.

Secretary Miss M. M. Chappell 24-560

28 Stoke St., S.1.

Treasurer and

Membership Fees Mrs. Bell Wilson 26-707

Committee: Mesdames M. Fraser, A. Purdie, M. Pumfrey, Misses W. Millar, G. Hanchet, D. Chappell, and Sister Nessie Morgan.

EVENING GUILD:

President: Mrs Gladstone Hughes.

Secretary-Treasurer: Miss H. D. Clyde.

Committee: Misses R. Browne, D. Chappell, K. Dalziel, M. Ross.

SENIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS AND INSTITUTE.

Leaders: Mr. R. A. Ross, Mr. Clive Sage,

Acting Secretary: Mr. R. A. Ross.

Treasurer and Institute Fund Collector: Mr. E. Smith.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

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

Sub-Leader: Miss M. McKenzie. **Treasurer:** Miss Eleanor Fowler.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Mr. D. Fickling.

Secretary: Geo. Gay. **Treasurer:** W. B. Barnett.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

Leader: Mrs. W. Sherriff.

Secretary: Miss B. McKenzie.

SOLDIERS' COMMITTEE:

Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes (Chairman), Mesdames Fraser, Hughes, Kerr (Treasurer), Wilson, Misses M. Chappell, Millar, Messrs. Ritchie, Stockbridge, and Ferguson (Secretary).

AFTER-CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR:

Miss I. Ferguson (Convener), Mesdames Orr and Pumfrey, Misses Brodie, Ledger, Robertson, Ross.

YOUTH CABINET:

Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes (Chairman), Dr. T. F. Corkill and W. J. Ferguson (Sec.) (Session), Mr. R. B. Fowler and Miss J. Marshall (Sunday School), Messrs R. Ross and C. Sage (Senior Y.M.B.C.), Misses P. Brodie and M. McKenzie (Senior Y.W.B.C.), Mr. D. Fickling (Junior Y.M.B.C.), Mrs W. Sherriff (Junior Y.W.B.C.).

MEN'S CLUB.

Chairman: Mr. N. S. Woods. **Hon. Secretary:** Mr. E. Carter.

Committee: Dr. T. F. Corkill, Messrs. W. Duthie, J. McGill, F. Strong, H. Middleton.

ST. JOHN'S REPRESENTATIVES ON BOYS' INSTITUTE AND RHODES HOSTEL.

Hon. President: Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes.

Vice-President: Mr. W. J. Ferguson.

Members: Messrs. W. Duthie, R. Johnston, J. H. Miller, M. H. McKenzie, T. Page, and D. Ritchie.

Ladies' Auxiliary: Pres.: Mrs Gladstone Hughes

Hon. Secretary: Mrs W. Duthie.

Mesdames A. J. Jackman, C. Kerr, D. MacLeod, H. E. Sims, and J. M. Wilson.

Hon. Physician: Dr. H. Bayldon Ewen.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

SUPREME SACRIFICE.

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jack Berry (Army) | J. McNeil (Air Force) |
| Ken Booker, M.M. (Army) | Sid Plant (Army) |
| Harold Fulford (Army) | Marshall E. Pumfrey (Army) |
| Hywel Hughes (R.N.Z.N.V.R.) | Jack Strong (Air Force) |
| Ray Jamieson (Fleet Air Arm) | J. B. Watt (Army) |
| D. H. Judd (Air Force) | Donald G. Watts (R.N.Z.N.V.R.) |
| C. G. A. Lythgoe (Army) | Gordon Wilson (Air Force) |
| R. G. Mathieson (Air Force) | |

PRESUMED DEAD—PREVIOUSLY MISSING.

F/Sgt. Alexander George Partridge. F/Sgt. Challis Riddle.

MISSING.

Lieut. Craig Morrison, D.S.C.

PRISONERS OF WAR

Repatriated to England and returning shortly to New Zealand
 Capt. A. H. Armour Pte. N. S. Jardine

NAVY.

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| O.S. R. Burton | Lieut. Commander G. J. Macdon- |
| A.B. John W. Cunliffe | ald, D.S.O., D.S.C. and Two |
| O.S. W. T. Goodsir | Bars. |
| Sub-Lieut. John A. Hay | Lieut. Edgar Wall. |

ARMY.

| | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| T/Cpt. W. A. S. Armour | Pte. D. N. MacLean |
| Dvr. J. N. B. Armour | Cpl. J. F. MacLean |
| Capt. J. P. Brodie | Pte. John R. Moncrieff |
| Pte. J. W. Bilby | Sgl. J. S. Park |
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| Sgl. A. H. Foote | Pte. John G. Shankie |
| Major E. J. Horwood | Cpl. G. D. Smart |
| Pte. L. A. Johnston | Major K. G. Scott |
| Sapper J. S. Lemmon | Pte. J. C. Smaill |
| Major J. R. Marshall | Gnr. Dave Teaze |

MEDICAL CORPS.

| | |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| Sgt. Bryson Cole | Major I. H. Fletcher, M.C. |
| Pte. Neil Scott | Pte. K. F. Quinn. |

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| L.A.C. D. J. Forrester | L.A.C. W. N. D. Ross |
| F/O J. B. Gregory | Mr. George Russell (Y.M.C.A.) |
| Sgt. L. Goetzlof | |

BASE PAY OFFICE (OVERSEAS)

Cpl. A. G. Wiren,

N.Z. BROADCASTING UNIT (ITALY).

Mr. Don Cameron.

IN CAMP—TRAINING FOR OVERSEAS.

Sgt. M. H. McKenzie.

RETURNED TO NEW ZEALAND.

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| Sgt. J. Armstrong (Wounded) | Sapper J. C. Lumsden |
| W/O W. P. Argue | Gnr. J. H. Miller (Wounded) |
| W/O II I. C. Abernethy | Cpl. C. S. Marshall (Wounded) |
| *Capt. H. Buckenburg | Lt/Col. J. S. Martin, O.B.E., M.B.E. |
| Lieut. I. L. Baumgart | Cpl. L. W. Milne (Wounded) |
| Captain G. D. Bryson | Pte. H. B. Middleton |
| S/Sgt. R. G. Connor | Staff/Sgt. E. J. Macpherson |
| *Sur. Capt. H. K. Corkill, O.B.E. | Pte. I. A. McNeur (Wounded) |
| Lieut. A. A. Congalton | Cpl. E. H. Newton |
| *Capt. J. W. Donaldson, M.C. | W.O.2 A. W. Oakley |
| Sgt. P. L. L. Ford | Lieut. G. E. Scott (Wounded) |
| F/O D. F. Fowler | Cpl. J. M. Stephenson |
| Capt. E. Finlayson | Cpl. J. G. Smith |
| Pte. H. G. Glover | Major D. A. Smith |
| *F/Lieut. C. G. Green | Pte. Llyod Spackman (Wounded) |
| Drv. F. F. Grady | Pte. Allan Shaw |
| Pte. B. Haigh | Lieut. H. A. Taylor |
| Gnr. Gordon Hamilton (Wounded) | Sgt. C. W. J. Thomas |
| *A.B. Bruce Harper | Pte. G. Vincent |
| Pte. R. B. Howe | Capt. D. C. Ward (Wounded) |
| F/O T. R. Harrison | S/Sgt. Clifton Webster |
| Sgt. J. M. Highet (Wounded) | *L/C R. Wilson |
| *A.C.2 D. D. Harkness | Bdr. A. M. Wilson |
| W/O I. S. Lowman | A.B. N. Wilson |
| Gnr. J. H. Long | Mr. Arthur Wall (Y.M.C.A.) |

* Still with the Services.

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| Bdr. J. S. Cole | Pte. G. Reyburn |
| Mavis Cameron | L.A.C. Doug. Tait |
| A.B. W. Cunliffe | W.A.I. Thelma Waugh |
| A.C.2 Ron Carrad | |

NOTE: Several of St. John's men who were with the Services in New Zealand have returned to civilian life and are not included in the above list.

KIRK SESSION.

Towards the close of the year, the good news was flashed across the world that the War in Europe was over. To many of our congregation this meant the easing of anxiety for the safety of their loved ones serving in the European theatre, and sincere thankfulness to Almighty God for deliverance from the threat of Nazi domination and all that it represented. The freeing of the indomitable people of the Mother Country from the terrors of the last five years was a source of deep gratitude and rejoicing.

Nemesis approaches for the other aggressor. It is abundantly clear that the problems of restoring order and harmony in the world will tax the statesmanship of the leaders of the peoples. We pray that God will give wisdom and guidance to our leaders and the Christian goodwill to overcome the difficult tasks before them. May we all gladly and with willing hearts, share our plenty with those in dire need of the necessities of life.

It has been good to welcome back to the congregation a number of our men who have seen much service overseas. We look forward to their help to the end that this Church's contribution to the life of the community may have the quality that comes from a close walk with Him Who is the Author and Finisher of our Faith.

In the extracts from the reports which follow, there is evidence of consistent and progressive service to the cause of the Kingdom in our midst. For all the mercies and blessings that we have enjoyed, we give humble thanks to our Heavenly Father.

THE MINISTER: It is now nearly five years since the Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, B.A., was called by this congregation to minister to them in holy things. They have been difficult and strenuous years. Mr Hughes has given all his energies with unflagging zeal to the work of St. John's and the wider work of the Church of our Fathers. Our Minister's pulpit ministry has been marked by deep conviction, and an increasingly evangelical emphasis. His broadcast services have been a source of inspiration to many in other parts of New Zealand as well as to the congregation.

Session bespeaks for our Minister the loyal support of the whole of the members to the ordinances of worship, that as a congregation we may effectively witness to the saving power of the Gospel.

The Minister's interest in the young people has been further evidenced recently by the establishment of classes for young communicants, and his leadership of that for the young men.

To the sick and those anxious for the safety of loved ones, his prayers and sympathy have been extended during personal visits. To the bereaved he has brought comfort and the consolation of the Christian hope.

We are thankful that our Minister has been granted health and strength to cope with the multifarious duties that crowd in upon him as Minister of such a large and scattered congregation. In all his work, he has been ably supported by Mrs Hughes.

DEACONES: To assist the Minister with pastoral work and some of the clerical duties, Session appointed Miss Nessie Morgan as Deaconess early in 1945, and Presbytery inducted her in St. John's on 28th February, 1945.

Miss Morgan comes to us with considerable experience in the Maori Mission field and has entered on her work with a high sense of devotion. She has been in touch with the homes of Sunday School scholars, and through her contacts has been able to secure new scholars for the School. Her work has taken her into the homes of the sick and the sorrowing where her ministrations have been greatly appreciated. She has also visited many of our young women who live in hostels and boarding houses.

Our Deaconess is leading a young communicants' class for girls, six of whom recently made the Great Decision at the Lionel Fletcher Mission.

SESSION: Following the resignation of Mr Blake as Session Clerk, Mr Orr agreed to record Session Minutes and attend to the correspondence, if others would undertake other duties, pending the appointment of a successor. Subsequently, Mr Alexander Martin agreed to accept the Clerkship. Towards the end of the Church year, Mr Martin had to enter hospital. We rejoice to know that his health is now improving. Session expresses appreciation of the services rendered by Mr Orr during the year.

The Office-bearers made a presentation to Mr Blake in September and expressed appreciation of his services while Session Clerk.

Special Meetings of Rededication were held by the Minister at the end of July and early August, 1944, for the men of the congregation, the Bible Classes, and the parents of Sunday School scholars. All were well attended and revealed a heartening recognition of the need for rededication of life to the service of the Kingdom.

During the year, a very fine portrait in oils of the late Rev. James Paterson, Minister of this congregation from 1868 till 1903, was presented to the congregation by a friend of the late Mr. Paterson. This has been placed in the vestry.

Messrs. W. J. Ferguson and H. Stockbridge were re-appointed to represent Session as Presbytery Elders for 1945.

COMMUNION ROLL: During the year the roll was purged, and at the end of June, 1945, numbered 643. During the year 7 joined by profession of faith, and 50 by certificate; a total of 57. Death removed 7 whose names appear on page 25. By disjunction or removal we lost 100 members. Attendances at the quarterly Communions were: October 490, December 462, March 453, June 350, giving an average of 439.

As the figures for 1943/44 were omitted from last year's report, they are now recorded. The roll numbered 693 at the end of June 1944. During the year 19 joined on profession of faith, and 38 by certificate, a total of 57. Death removed 15 whose names appeared on page 23 of last year's report. By disjunction or removal we lost 61 members. Attendances at the quarterly Communions were: October 486, December 406, March 381, June 410; an average of 421.

THE CHOIR: Most members of the Choir have set a high standard of attendance at the services of worship. Session is sensible of the splendid service the Choir continues to give, and expresses appreciation of its faithfulness.

During the year, the Choir was presented with robes, which made a very favourable impression. Session records its thanks to Mr. A. H. Wallace, Mr. A. P. Smith and others, who so willingly provided them.

Mr. Lawrence Haggitt, the Organist and Choirmaster, in addition to his other duties, continues to render organ recitals of a high standard for 20 minutes before the evening services. These are greatly appreciated by all who can attend.

THE BIBLE CLASSES: During the year some further members of the Senior Men's Class have returned from overseas service. Session is pleased to note that some have rejoined the Class and are a great source of strength to it. Mr Clive Sage, one of their number, has become co-leader with Mr. R. A. Ross to replace Mr. J. R. M. Crawford who has joined the Services.

Session accepted the resignation of Mr Crawford with regret, and recorded its appreciation of his splendid and faithful service to the Class.

The Senior Young Women's Class, under the experienced guidance of Miss P. Brodie, ably assisted by Miss Molly McKenzie, the newly appointed Sub-leader, has continued to contribute liberally to the life of the congregation. Their report reveals much activity for the cause of the Kingdom in our midst, achieved by a great deal of sacrificial service on the part of leaders and members alike.

The Junior Young Men's Class has maintained the increased membership reported last year. Mr Dudley Fickling continues to lead this Class with enthusiasm and devotion. Mr D. Fowler acted as Leader for three months during the year. Several members attend the Minister's Young Communicants' Class.

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Session notes with satisfaction the consistently high level of contribution from members of the Bible Classes for the Missionary work of the Church. Their record in this connection is worthy of emulation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The congregation has noted with pleasure the presence of increasing numbers of Sunday School scholars in the body of the Church for the first portion of the morning service.

Last September, the Anniversary of the Sunday School was marked by a Family Service at which parents and scholars sat together. Sister Kathleen Every gave the address.

Much unselfish and thoughtful service is given by the Superintendent and Staff of the school as they guide and instruct the boys and girls in the truths of the Kingdom. May the Lord of the Harvest bless them and continue to inspire them in their work.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, P.W.M.U., AND EVENING GUILD: The reports of these organisations reveal the enormous amount of work being done by the women of the congregation in the cause of Missions, the social services of the Church, and for "our boys" who have been on active service or prisoners of war. Our returned men, and many still on service have testified how highly these parcels of food and comforts have been prized, and how much they have meant to them while on service. Session is under a deep debt of gratitude to all these organisations for their splendid work, and the prominent part they have taken again this year in raising our Assembly Assessment for the missionary and other enterprises of the Church.

MEN'S CLUB: The monthly meetings have continued to provide a very useful means for the men of the congregation to meet in fellowship. The Club has had the great pleasure of welcoming most of our returned men to their meetings. One of these, Lt.-Col. J. S. Martin, gave a most interesting account of experiences overseas. The renovation of the Kitchen next the Fellowship Room is now complete, and the service lift between the hall and the kitchen is installed. The thanks of the Club are specially due to Mr H. Glover and Mr Hunter in this connection. Dr. Corkill continues to preside over the meetings until Mr Wood's health will allow him to take over. Mr Duthie's resignation as Secretary-Treasurer was received with regret, and Mr. E. Carter was appointed to this office.

The members greatly appreciate the high teas arranged by Mrs T. F. Corkill and Mrs H. M. Clapham.

ROLL OF HONOUR: Unfortunately, those posted "Missing" last year are now reported "Missing, believed killed." To sorrowing and anxious hearts, Session extends its sincere sympathy and remembrance. We rejoice to know that all the prisoners of war are now reported safe in England.

The names of all who have served are recorded on pages 9 and 10.

SOLDIERS' COMMITTEE: This Committee, set up early in 1940, has been responsible for keeping in touch with all the men of the congregation on active service, and has done yeoman service. During that time a total of 1393 parcels of comforts have been despatched; of which 268 were sent during the past year. The Minister, Mr Ferguson, members of Session, and the Bible Classes have written hundreds of letters, and Mr Ferguson has made himself responsible for the heavy work entailed in keeping the Roll of Honour up to date. Mrs Malcolm Fraser and her helpers have purchased goods for the parcels and packed them. To all who have helped in this work, Session would pay tribute. We trust that during the next twelve months their labours will be lightened.

AFTER-CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR: The work of this Committee, under the guidance of Miss I. Ferguson, has enabled this congregation to extend hospitality to hundreds of servicemen and women from all parts of New Zealand, and from the Allied Nations serving in the Pacific. It has been and continues to be a splendid piece of service. Latterly, it has been considered desirable to reduce these social hours to once a month, and to use them partly as a means of contact with members residing in distant parts of the City. To all who have contributed to the success of these functions, Session returns thanks.

SPECIAL SERVICES: National: The morning service on the King's Day of Prayer was attended by the Prime Minister and the late Mrs Fraser, Consular Officials, City Councillors, and Members of the Hospital and Harbour Boards.

A Welsh Service was held on the evening of 4th March to mark St. David's Day.

A State Funeral Service for the late Mrs Peter Fraser was conducted in St. John's on 10th March by Ministers of the Wellington Presbytery.

On the morning of April 15th, a Memorial Service to the late President Roosevelt was held.

April 22nd. was observed as Armed Forces Sunday.

HOLY DAYS: Services were held on Christmas Day 1944, and on Good Friday, 1945.

COLLEGES: The Annual Combined Service for Scot's and Queen Margaret Colleges was held in the evening on July 23rd.

Scot's College and Wairarapa High School boys were present on August 20th, during the Rugby tournament. The Scot's College Chaplain, Rev. Duncan Hercus, was the preacher.

ORGANISATIONS: On July 30th the Combined Harrier Clubs were present at the evening service. On April 29th., the Lodges of the Independent Order of Rechabites worshipped with us at the evening service. Forty members of the Blind Club and their attendants were present at the morning service on June 6th.

VISITING MINISTERS: The following Ministers of our own and sister Churches conducted services during the year: Revs. D. M. Hercus, B.A., B.E., Dr. Ian Fraser, M.A., D.D., C. E. Perkins, L. V. Bibby, M.A., J. Gardiner, W. C. Comber, M.A., W. S. Lowe (Church of Christ), F. J. Parker and W. A. Burley, M.A. (Methodist).

Mr. Fred Chappell of the Y.M.C.A., conducted the services on the 5th November. Miss Kathleen Every gave the addresses at the Sunday School Anniversary and Youth Services on September 17th, and Miss Hardie of the Indian Mission Staff addressed the congregation at the evening service on February 11th.

To them all, we express our appreciation of their services.

THANKS: In a congregation so large as this, Session is aware that there are many not specifically mentioned, who, throughout the year, have given consistently faithful service to the congregation in manifold ways. To all such Session conveys appreciation, and assures them of its consciousness of the deep debt it owes to their loyalty and devotion. Special thanks are due to the Young Women's Bible Class and the ladies of the Evening Guild for arranging the floral decoration of the Church for the Sunday services throughout the year.

All the organisations associate themselves with Session in thanking our Church Officer and Mrs Thompson for another year of willing and cheerful service to the congregation.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

At the last annual meeting, the following were re-elected to the Board, having retired after three years service:—Messrs. P. H. Anderson, D. Fickling, J. R. Marshall, J. S. Martin, E. Pumfrey, and G. H. Scott, and the following new members were elected:—Messrs. N. R. Brown, J. R. M. Crawford, J. McGill, S. N. Reyburn, J. H. Miller, J. C. Smith and N. R. Wilson. Mr. Wilson was unable to accept office and later Mr J. R. M. Crawford resigned. At a congregational meeting held on 22nd October, 1944, the following additional Managers were elected:—Messrs. E. Carter, Duncan Fowler, J. H. Long and Thomas Page. The Board now has a membership of twenty-seven.

During the year a service lift was provided in the kitchen and the provision of hat and cloak hooks almost completes the improvement scheme in connection with the Fellowship Room. An improvement not included in the alterations was provided by the loan of a piano by our Deaconess, Sister Morgan. This has

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During the year special committees were set up and are dealing with the following matters:—Proposed St. John's Institute, Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund, Sustentation Fund, and a Soldiers' Memorial.

Recently a very important forward move was made when St. John's appointed Sister Morgan as Deaconess and further reference to this appointment is made elsewhere in this report.

FINANCE: A study of the statements of receipts and payments discloses that during the year the overdraft increased from £140/1/8 on 1st July 1944, to £220/14/- on 30th June, 1945; £116/14/10 of the overdraft was due to a payment of this amount being made from the ordinary funds towards the Budget Assessment of St. John's, which was thus met in full. The salary and expenses of the Deaconess who was appointed as from 1st February, 1945, was met from guarantees of members, so no portion of these charges was met from the general funds of the congregation.

The Thank Offering Appeal in June resulted in contributions totalling £223/3/6, the whole of which was utilised in meeting our Budget Assessment.

While there has been a small increase in the offerings, which rose from £1533 to £1561 during the year, the average attendance on Sundays again showed a drop. The average attendance at morning services for the year was 207, while for evening services it was 183, giving a daily average of 390 as compared with 407 for last year.

Inside the front cover will be found a statement showing the estimated financial requirements for the coming year. The Budget Assessment shows a slight drop from £723 to £704, while approximately £355 is required to meet our obligations to the Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund. Due mainly to the increased overdraft at the end of the year, the amount required for ordinary purposes shows an increase of almost £100 as compared with last year.

Mr I. G. Lythgoe who has acted as auditor for a number of years was unable to continue any longer and to him the Board of Managers extends their thanks for his past services. Mr I. Lambie kindly consented to audit the accounts.

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CHOIR ROBES. The outstanding event of the year was the robing of the Choir. This took place on Sunday, November 26th., 1944, and made history in the annals of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, for St. John's is the only Presbyterian Church in New Zealand with a robed choir. Our warmest thanks are due to Mr. A. H. Wallace and his helpers for their efforts in making this event possible. Few will deny that the quiet dignity of the robes adds greatly to the reverent atmosphere of the Church Services.

We should like to thank our Choirmaster, Mr. Haggitt, for the time and thought which he has put into the work of training the Choir and for his inspiring recitals given prior to the evening service each week.

H. D. CLYDE, Hon. Sec.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We again have pleasure in recording our thanks to Mrs Carter and her Cradle Roll Committee for a happy party of parents and babies.

Ysabel Corkill won the Hopkirk Memorial Prize with an essay on St. Paul.

This year the Anniversary took the form of a Family Worship Service, and it was an inspiration to see most of the centre pews filled by parents and children. Sister Kathleen Every gave the address, which concluded her four-day mission to St. John's Sunday School.

On Promotion Sunday, Mr. Fred Chappell gave a fine address on "Showing One's Colours" and illustrated with an impressive parading of the Battalion Colours from Trentham.

The Memory Work test for this year was the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Mrs Hughes sympathetic examining of the children does much to make these events a success.

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The attendances at meetings have fluctuated according to the weather, but general interest has been maintained. The resignation of Miss Bassett, as Treasurer, was received early in the year and accepted with sincere regret. Mrs J. M. Wilson agreed to fill the vacancy and has proved a worthy successor to Miss Bassett.

The finances show that members have been generous in their giving, both of money and service in collecting. The general mission funds of the Church benefited to the extent of £220, an increase of 10 per cent. over last year's amount. To the Presbytery's Deaconess Fund a donation of £23/10/9 was made, to St. John's Deaconess Fund the sum of £6/13/6, and to the Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund £5.

A full report of the **Evening Guild's** activities appears in another section of the Church report, also that of the **Soldiers' Committee**. In connection with the latter, Mrs Fraser advises that members of the Guild section knitted during the year 35 pairs of socks, 23 scarves and 2 pullovers.

The Convener of the Sewing, Mrs Berry, reports that a large number of new garments were made; 348 articles of clothing were parcelled up and posted by Mrs T. F. Corkill to Newcastle-on-Tyne, and many letters have been received expressing appreciation of the practical sympathy demonstrated.

Nineteen suits of pyjamas were made for the Wellington Orphanage, and two meeting days were devoted to darning and mending of the children's clothes. Mrs Purdie and Miss Millar continue to represent St. John's on the Orphanage Ladies' Auxiliary.

Mrs Day, Corresponding Member, gives her roll number as 18. Monthly letters with missionary information have been posted regularly.

Maori Mission Birthday League. The Secretary, Miss Hanchet, collected in subscriptions the sum of £19/1/6, and a special donation of £2 brought the total to £21/1/6. The membership now stands at 178. Miss Millar advises that the **Harvest Field** subscribers total 71 and all subscriptions are paid.

The **Busy Bees** met once a fortnight from April to October. The Hive is to be reorganised and it is hoped to attract a greater number of girls and boys. From the funds the following payments were made:—Break of Day Fund £3, M.M.B.L. £2, St. John's P.W.M.U. for General Missions £5.

Throughout the year Miss Howden and her helpers have arranged and dispensed afternoon tea, a piece of service which is greatly appreciated.

A supper at the Y.W.C.A. and a tea at the Y.M.C.A. were financed, and two After-Church suppers catered for during the year. Mrs C. Kerr organises the group of workers and Mrs Pumfrey represents the Association on the Supper Committee.

The report closes with warm thanks to Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes for his help and inspiration, and to Mrs Hughes for her untiring efforts in connection with women's work in St. John's.

Appreciation was expressed of Mr. Thompson's help and Mr. Purdie's kindness in auditing the financial statement.

M. M. CHAPPELL, Secretary.

THE EVENING GUILD.

The Guild continues to be a centre of Mission activity and happy fellowship. The roll number was down slightly during 1944, there being 35 against 39 the previous year, but the average attendance has been well maintained.

Miss Alice Cook told us of her work among the Chinese in Wellington. Sister Morgan delighted us with a description of Old Clothes Sale Day on a Maori Mission Station. Miss Chappell gave us interesting information about the work of the Women's Social Progress Movement. Sister Christabel described her work among women and girls, Miss Nichols gave a brief talk on the organisation of the Bible Class Movement, and Mrs Hughes described a meeting of the Assembly of the Church of Scotland which she attended in Edinburgh.

Maori Mission Field. Once again we were happy to work for Sister Allison in Taumarunui, and in May a good parcel of old and new clothing and medical supplies were despatched.

New Hebrides. As in previous years, the New Hebrides Station was remembered and singlets, face cloths, material for sewing and medical supplies were collected.

Orphanage. We continue to help the Orphanage as far as possible along the lines most required. This year a large number of singlets have been made, also socks, hankies and bloomers. Slippers, soaps and toothpaste have been provided.

Home Missionary Xmas Gifts. This piece of service proved as popular as ever, and eight family parcels were despatched to Home Mission Manses. These contained many well chosen gifts to delight the thirty-seven recipients.

Wellington Deaconess Fund. As the result of a "Bring and Buy" evening, we were able to give £6/5/- to the Wellington Deaconess Fund.

Direct Giving Scheme. Contributions to this scheme received at the November 1944, and May and June 1945 meetings, totalled £25/2/-, and this amount was handed to the Women's Association.

HELEN D. CLYDE, Hon. Secretary.

AFTER CHURCH SOCIAL HOUR.

A happy time was spent by those who took the opportunity of attending the After Church Social Hour. This function was held every Sunday evening from July to December, but on recommencing in April it was felt that perhaps once a month would be sufficient, and so far this seems to have worked out most satisfactorily.

It was a great pleasure to welcome a number of our own young men who had returned to New Zealand after Active Service, likewise servicemen and women and visitors from other parts of New Zealand, Australia, United States of America, England and Scotland. Included in our guests were members of the Combined Harriers' Club and the Oddfellows' Lodge. About 200 names were recorded in the Visitors' Book.

On each occasion enjoyable items were rendered, supper was served by the Hostesses, and the gathering closed with Vespers.

I. FERGUSON, Convener.

SOLDIERS' COMMITTEE.

The list of St. John's men "returned to New Zealand" continues to grow. Forty-six remain on Active Service, exclusive of the Prisoners of War repatriated to England, but of this number ten or more are expected back shortly.

Major Ian Fletcher and Captain Jack Donaldson were both recently awarded the Military Cross, and we extend to them our heartiest congratulations.

During the past year 268 parcels were sent and since 1940 a total of 1393 parcels have been despatched to well over 100 men connected with St. John's.

A committee of ladies under the convenership of Mrs Malcolm Fraser, has during the past five years never wearied of buying foodstuffs and packing them into strong parcels for the men of St. John's overseas, and they will gladly continue as long as there is need to do so. They have been more than repaid by the knowledge that the parcels arrived, in the vast majority of cases, in good order and condition and were greatly appreciated. From time to time the members of the Y.W.B.C. have enclosed home-made biscuits or sweets. "Outlooks" and literature of various kinds has also been sent.

An overseas edition of "The Messenger" appeared at intervals.

A credit balance of £33/16/4 was brought forward from the previous year. Monthly collections and donations for the year ended June, 1945, amounted to £179/10/- and the total payments were £180/0/9, leaving a credit balance of £33/5/7.

We hope our returned men will find not only fellowship in St. John's, but scope and opportunities for real Christian service.

W. J. FERGUSON, Hon. Secretary.

YOUTH CABINET.

Youth Cabinet has continued to meet at regular intervals. The formation of an Adult Fellowship group is one matter which has been discussed with a view to meeting the needs of returned Servicemen. Following the last Great War, only ten per cent. of the Bible Class members in the Dominion who enlisted returned to active Bible Class work, and it is not likely to be higher after World War No. 2. It is often said that men returning are too old to go back to B.C. Of course, that is not always the real reason. The Cabinet also intends to give consideration to the place of religious films.

St. John's comes within the "down town" Church category, and there are many who think a "down town" Church must simply "make the best" of things and plod along. But a City Church offers great opportunities and presents a real challenge, especially in regard to Youth work. Each year we should ask ourselves a few questions. Here are two:—

Can Youth work in a City Church be adequately carried on under today's conditions by voluntary workers alone who can only give their spare time?

Should each Church try to develop a full all-round programme, even though it may be on a small scale, or cater only for the Spiritual and Mental sides, leaving the other needs to be provided by a Youth Centre organised by the Presbyterian Churches of Wellington with experts in charge?

W. J. FERGUSON, Hon. Secretary.

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

The last year has again been a difficult one for the class. During the latter part of the year several of our members left to join the services. Messrs J. M. Crawford and R. A. Ross jointly held the position of leaders until January, when Mr. Crawford joined the Merchant Navy and his place was taken by Mr. J. H. Millar who agreed to take the position in an acting capacity.

The class has continued to give the Church its active support. Two Bible Class members have been elected to the Board of Managers. In conjunction with other classes, it has taken part in social, athletic and social service work; the Sunday afternoon meeting being the centre of activities. At these meetings the average attendance was 8.11. The practice of compiling the class's own syllabus from members' suggestions has continued, and for the first time in several years it was printed. The six main studies were based on the Study Book, "Foundation Truths." Papers presented by the members covered a wide range of subjects and the class was pleased to have Rev. J. M. Bates and Mr. L. R. Blake as guest speakers. Several special services were attended by the class.

An active part has been taken in the work of the Boys' Institute. One of the members has led the Residents' Bible Class and two of the members have served on the Management Committee. Contributions amounting to £37 were given to missions, while mission studies have been included in the year's syllabus. Donations amounting of £10/5/- were raised for the Bible Class Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund by work days. The Class Institute scheme is still increasing and thanks are due to Mr. W. J. Ferguson for its administration.

It was with deep regret that the class learnt that Craig Morrison and Challis Riddle had been posted missing during the year.

The class is thankful, in the sixth year of war, that those spared to remain with it have been loyal. As it enters upon what is hoped is the final year of conflict, it re-dedicates itself to the service of the Master and trusts that in the coming year it may be enabled to do more for the furtherance of His great purpose.

R. A. ROSS, Acting Secretary.

SENIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

By a unanimous vote the trial change from afternoon to morning meeting was made permanent. Our membership is now 32. The same spirit of unity and loyalty exists between leaders and members. On account of her marriage Miss Joy Geddes resigned her position as Treasurer and Miss Eleanor Fowler was appointed in her place.

The Interdenominational Syllabus has been used as the basis for our studies. Small groups were found conducive to better discussion. In connection with Christian Order week, the National Council of Churches published a booklet of studies, and these were taken during the latter part of the year. A special study was taken on the Lord's Supper and the meaning and value of Communion. We were privileged to have the Rev. Bates from Karori

Church to address a combined meeting on "Church Doctrine." We are pleased that the exchange visits with Wesley Methodist Classes are continuing.

During Youth Week we as a class attended a District Rally addressed by the Rev. Clement. Our Christmas Service was combined with the Young Men's Classes. The Combined Monthly Prayer Meeting is held on the first Sunday of every month.

The work of Missions is receiving loyal support. Sister Nessie Morgan, twelve Senior and four Junior members attended the Easter Camp.

The usual Social Services have been well maintained. It was decided that all contributions given for the support of a City Deaconess be from now on diverted to St. John's Own Deaconess Fund.

During the year we adopted a seven-year-old girl from our P.S.S.A. House. The annual payment was made for the upkeep of the John Boal Cot. Monthly teas are still popular. We held an enjoyable social to which neighbouring Bible Classes were invited. At **Here-We-Are** we spend some time doing work for our Missions and we thank Mrs Meneer, Mrs Marshall, Mrs McKenzie, and Mrs Atkinson, for allowing us the use of their homes.

Tennis and Badminton Clubs are still popular. Our class is well represented in the wider work of our movement. Our Leader is President of the District Committee. One member is District Missions Convener and six members have seats on the Executive Council.

We record thanks to those who so willingly helped to earn money for the Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund. The sum of £11 has been taken over by the Ladies' Evening Guild.

Twenty-six of our members are Communicants, three are Sunday School Teachers, and three are members of the Choir.

We express our thanks to Mr M. Bilby for acting as auditor and to our leaders, Miss Pearl Brodie and Miss Molly McKenzie, for their loyalty and service.

Finance: Revenue from all sources was approximately £75, of which £25 was given to Missions, £20 to Social Services, £12 to the Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund. The Class Extension Fund stands at £138/9/5.

DOREEN M. ATKINSON, Hon. Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. . .

To our President, Rev. P. Gladstone Hughes, we are thankful for his continued active interest in the class, and for the great benefit derived from his pulpit messages.

Mr. E. D. Fickling continues to be our Leader. For three months he was temporarily relieved by Mr. D. F. Fowler. To both we give thanks for their wise guidance.

The active membership is 13, nearly all of whom regularly attend the Church Services. Five class members are on the Church Roll. Several others are attending the Minister's Communicant's Class. The regular hour of meeting is 9.45 a.m. On the first Sunday of each month it is held at 2.45 p.m., after which members attend the monthly prayer meeting held by the Combined Classes.

The year's studies have been taken from the Syllabus "The

People of God." By continuing to allot assignments, discussion has greatly improved.

In social and athletic activities the class has taken its full part; in the latter with some success.

To the work of Missions the class has contributed the amount of £6, and to the Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund £2/12/6.

Although this year has been less trying than previous years, youth is still caught up in the turmoil of the day, and the steady influence exerted by this branch of the Christian Church cannot be estimated. We pray that, by the Grace of God, we may continue to take hold of the advantages of our Lord's direction and guidance and that in the coming year, strength and progress will be given to the class and its members as part of the Church Universal.

G. E. GAY, Secretary.

JUNIOR YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

During the past year we have been pleased to notice that with the change of hour of class from afternoon to morning, the average attendance has risen slightly.

Studies for the most part have been taken from the International Syllabus, although on various occasions we have joined with other classes for special functions, such as Youth Week, when we attended the combined Youth Rally; at Christmas when we presented the story of the birth of Christ in a simple yet effective dramatisation to the Sunday School; in March, when we had the pleasure of an address by Miss Jessie Hardie, on her work in India.

Four members and one leader attended Easter Camp at Northland School and entered with whole-hearted enjoyment into the fun and fellowship of camp life.

We have also joined with our own classes each month for Prayer meeting, and tea; and have met with our Junior Boys for combined study followed by tea.

Social service work has been maintained through our contributions to various funds, and also through our own efforts on work day, entertaining of our Orphanage, etc.

Although only one member is at present a full communicant member, one other is attending the preparation services being conducted by Sister Nessie Morgan.

In conclusion we would say that it is ever our aim to enter into the life of the Church as fully as possible.

AILSA MCKENZIE, Hon. Secretary.

WELLINGTON BOYS' INSTITUTE AND RHODES HOSTEL.

The story of the Wellington Boys' Institute is a very interesting one. In 1885, a few prominent members of St. John's conducted Sunday evening meetings in a room in the old Mt. Cook School in Taranaki Street, and £4/5/- represented the year's collections. This year the Institute is appealing for £50,000 to build a new and larger Hostel, re-open the tepid baths, purchase a farm and permanent camp site, and develop its work generally. The present Hostel, which accommodates 40 boys, is not large enough.

During the School term holidays, City Camps are run with an average attendance of 150 boys. Each day opens with a period of devotions. A Summer Camp, lasting a month, was held at Pahautanui and attended by 200 boys of all denominations. Their Excellencies, Sir Cyril and Lady Newall, visited the Camp and last November spent several hours one night at the Institute, Tasman Street.

Activities include Basketball, Boxing, Football, Cricket, Table Tennis, St. John Ambulance, Games Room, Novelty Club, Sunday afternoon Fellowship, and Bible Class. Toys to the value of over £100 made by boys in the vocational workshop were at Christmas time distributed to the patients in the Children's Ward of the Wellington Hospital, and those under the care of the Otaki Children's Health Camp.

There is now a Junior Band as well as a Senior. The Gymnasium is said to be the finest equipped Gymnasium in the North Island. The Boys' Institute had its origin in St. John's. Members are asked to support and encourage the work in every possible way and are invited to inspect the building.

In Memoriam

MISS MAUD BOSHER

MRS. J. L. DEMPSTER

MISS E. J. HARPER

MISS AGNES MacLEAN

MISS ANNIE McLEOD

MRS. A. A. SCHLAADT

MRS. R. M. J. THOMSON

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

SUMMARY OF TRUST ACCOUNTS.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1945.

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

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| RECEIPTS. | | | | PAYMENTS. | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|----|-----------|----------------------------------|------|----|----------|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| Balances 30th June, 1944— | | | | Payments— | | | |
| Endowment Fund | 4541 | 12 | 3 | Benevolent Fund: Payment | | | |
| Benevolent Fund | 214 | 8 | 8 | to Minister | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| Crockery Replacement Fund | 48 | 5 | 5 | St. John's Deaconess Guar- | | | |
| Provision Periodic Repaint- | | | | antee Fund: Transfer to | | | |
| ing, etc.— | | | | General Account | 89 | 2 | 11 |
| Deposit with Church Office | 760 | 16 | 0 | | | | 96 12 11 |
| Shares in Metropolitan | | | | Balances 30th June, 1945— | | | |
| Building Society | 121 | 11 | 6 | Endowment Fund | 4662 | 3 | 0 |
| Hymn Book Replacement | | | | Benevolent Fund | 212 | 19 | 11 |
| Account | 89 | 13 | 10 | Crockery Replacement Fund | 49 | 12 | 7 |
| Old Manse Trust Fund | 500 | 0 | 0 | Provision Periodic Repaint- | | | |
| St. John's Church Rebuild- | | | | ing, etc. Deposit with | | | |
| ing Fund | 37 | 16 | 8 | Church Office | 782 | 4 | 0 |
| St. John's Deaconess Guar- | | | | Shares in Metropolitan | | | |
| antee Fund | 175 | 1 | 0 | Building Society | 219 | 10 | 4 |
| Benevolent & Missions Fund | 54 | 12 | 1 | Hymn Book Replacement | | | |
| Interest in E. J. Lockie Est. | 190 | 0 | 0 | Account | 103 | 18 | 10 |
| | | | 6733 17 5 | Old Manse Trust Fund | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| Income— | | | | St. John's Church Rebuild- | | | |
| Interest (Net)— | | | | ing Fund | 88 | 17 | 11 |
| Endowment Fund | 120 | 10 | 9 | St. John's Deaconess Guar- | | | |
| Benevolent Fund | 6 | 1 | 3 | antee Fund | 163 | 14 | 7 |
| Crockery Replacement Fund | 1 | 7 | 2 | Benevolent and Missions | | | |
| Provision Periodic Repaint- | | | | Fund | 55 | 5 | 4 |
| ing, etc.— | | | | Interest in E. J. Lockie Est. | 190 | 0 | 0 |
| Deposit with Church Office | 21 | 8 | 0 | | | | 7028 6 6 |
| Shares in Metropolitan | | | | | | | |
| Building Society | 7 | 18 | 10 | | | | |
| Hymn Book Replacement | | | | | | | |
| Account | 2 | 5 | 0 | | | | |

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|-----------------------------|----|---|------------|--|
| St. John's Church Rebuild- | | | | |
| ing Fund | 1 | 1 | 3 | |
| St. John's Deaconess Guar- | | | | |
| antee Fund | 4 | 9 | 0 | |
| Benevolent & Missions Fund | 13 | 3 | | |
| | | | 165 14 6 | |
| Receipts— | | | | |
| Provision Periodic Repaint- | | | | |
| ing, etc.—Shares in Metro- | | | | |
| politan Building Society | 90 | 0 | 0 | |
| Hymn Book Replacement | | | | |
| Account | 12 | 0 | 0 | |
| St. John's Church Rebuild- | | | | |
| ing Fund | 50 | 0 | 0 | |
| St. John's Deaconess Guar- | | | | |
| antee Fund | 73 | 7 | 6 | |
| | | | 225 7 6 | |
| | | | £7124 19 5 | |

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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 in my opinion, the above Statement correctly sets out the position of the Trust Funds as at 30th June, 1945.

I. LAMBIE, B.Com., A.R.A. (N.Z.)

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1945.

| RECEIPTS. | | | | PAYMENTS. | | | |
|--|-----|----|-----------|---|-----|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| For Church Purposes— | | | | Balance 30th June 1944, Ordinary Account | | | |
| Plate Offerings | 877 | 5 | 8 | Overdrawn | 140 | 1 | 8 |
| Envelope System | 535 | 17 | 9 | For Church Purposes— | | | |
| Seat rents | 148 | 15 | 0 | Rev. P. G. Hughes—Stipend and Car Allowance | 700 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | 1561 18 5 | Mr. W. Lawrence Haggitt—Organist | 125 | 0 | 0 |
| Donations to upkeep of Schoolroom | | | 42 16 0 | Mr. John Thompson—Church Officer | 184 | 10 | 0 |
| Sundry donations and miscellaneous receipts | | | 15 19 6 | Miss N. Morgan—Deaconess | 82 | 13 | 9 |
| Organ fees | | | 9 9 0 | Miss N. Morgan—Travelling, etc. Expenses | 6 | 9 | 2 |
| Interest | | | 14 1 3 | Pulpit and Organ Supply | 27 | 3 | 0 |
| Sunday School 91st Anniversary offering | | | 24 16 3 | Light, Heat and Power | 84 | 1 | 0 |
| Sustentation Fund contributions | | | 48 12 0 | Advertising, Printing and Stationery | 86 | 3 | 1 |
| Refund from Deaconess Guarantee Fund | | | 89 2 11 | Postages | 14 | 15 | 2 |
| | | | 1806 15 4 | Provision Periodic Repainting, etc. | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| For Missions and Other Altruistic Purposes— | | | | Hymn Book Trust Account | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Thank Offering | 223 | 3 | 6 | General Repairs Church Building & Manse | 48 | 9 | 6 |
| Donations Missions, Sundry | 4 | 1 | 6 | Tuning and Maintenance of Organ | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| " " Foreign | 1 | 0 | 0 | Rates Manse and Cottage | 42 | 15 | 10 |
| " " China | 14 | 12 | 0 | Church Telephone | 9 | 15 | 0 |
| Baptismal and Funeral Donations | 24 | 11 | 0 | Beneficiary Fund Assessment | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Christmas Day Offering | 3 | 7 | 9 | Wgton Presbytery Assessment & Donation | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| Good Friday Offering | 2 | 18 | 6 | General Assembly Expenses Assessment | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| Retiring Collection Home & Maori Missions | 19 | 4 | 1 | Insurance—Fire | 67 | 14 | 3 |
| | | | | " Earthquake & War Damage | 18 | 16 | 6 |
| | | | | " Accident and Sickness | 10 | 18 | 10 |
| | | | | Communion Wine | 4 | 16 | 0 |
| | | | | Social Expenses | 3 | 15 | 5 |
| | | | | Concrete path | 9 | 9 | 5 |
| | | | | St. John's Messenger | 16 | 0 | 7 |
| | | | | Donations | 7 | 2 | 0 |
| | | | | Sundry Expenses | 16 | 3 | 1 |

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Temperance 3rd June 5.0.0 } 7.2.0*

*Receipts up 1562 1333 1650
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St. John's Rebuilding
Part Legacy Estate E.
Chapman
Balance 30th June 1945—Ordinary Account overdrawn

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIS STREET, WELLINGTON. NINETEEN-FORTY-FIVE ANNUAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1945.

| RECEIPTS. | | | | PAYMENTS. | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|-----------|--|-----|----|----|
| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
| For Church Purposes— | | | | Balance 30th June 1944, Ordinary Account | | | |
| Plate Offerings | 877 | 5 | 8 | Overdrawn | 140 | 1 | 8 |
| Envelope System | 535 | 17 | 9 | For Church Purposes— | | | |
| Seat rents | 148 | 15 | 0 | Rev. P. G. Hughes—Stipend and Car Allow- | | | |
| | | | 1561 18 5 | ance | 700 | 0 | 0 |
| Donations to upkeep of | | | | Mr. W. Lawrence Haggitt—Organist | 125 | 0 | 0 |
| Schoolroom | | | 42 16 0 | Mr. John Thompson—Church Officer | 184 | 10 | 0 |
| Sundry donations and mis- | | | | Miss N. Morgan—Deaconess | 82 | 13 | 9 |
| cellaneous | | | | penses | 6 | 9 | 2 |
| Organ fees ..... |  |  |  | ..... | 27 | 3 | 0 |
| Interest ..... |  |  |  | ..... | 84 | 1 | 0 |
| Sunday School |  |  |  | ..... | 86 | 3 | 1 |
| sary offeri |  |  |  | ..... | 14 | 15 | 2 |
| Sustentation I |  |  |  | ..... | 90 | 0 | 0 |
| tions ..... |  |  |  | ..... | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| Refund from | | | | Manse | 48 | 9 | 6 |
| Guarantee I |  |  |  | ..... | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| | | | | | 42 | 15 | 10 |
| | | | | | 9 | 15 | 0 |
| | | | | | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | ation | 7 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | nt | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | 67 | 14 | 3 |
| | | | | ge | 18 | 16 | 6 |
| | | | | | 10 | 13 | 10 |
| | | | | | 4 | 16 | 0 |
| | | | | | 3 | 15 | 5 |
| | | | | | 9 | 9 | 5 |
| | | | | | 16 | 0 | 7 |
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|--|-----|----|------------|--|------|----|------------|
| Retiring Collection Theologi- | | | | Sunday School 91st Anniversary Service | 24 | 16 | 3 |
| cal Hall | 13 | 6 | 10 | Part Budget Assessment 1944-45 | 116 | 14 | 10 |
| St. John's Women's Associa- | | | | | 2027 | 9 | 4 |
| tion | 220 | 0 | 0 | For Missions and Other Altruistic Purposes— | | | |
| | | | 526 5 2 | Contributions towards Budget Assessment | | | |
| Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund— | | | | 1944-45 | 526 | 5 | 2 |
| Congregation | 318 | 17 | 0 | Other Purposes | 807 | 17 | 0 |
| Y.M.B.C. | 13 | 4 | 11 | St. John's Rebuilding Fund — Deposit | | | |
| Y.W.B.C. | 13 | 12 | 2 | with Church Office | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| National Council of Churches | 12 | 11 | 6 | | | | |
| Maintenance of Ministry | 41 | 15 | 3 | <i>Exp. for forms</i> | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| Presbyterian Orphanages | 88 | 17 | 3 | <i>Cartage books</i> | 3 | 1 | 11 |
| Temperance Fighting Fund | 21 | 3 | 5 | <i>Mrs. Thompson</i> | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Presbytery Deaconess Fund | 23 | 10 | 9 | <i>Mrs. Thompson</i> | | | |
| Greek Red Cross | 26 | 3 | 8 | <i>sunars</i> | 1 | 14 | 3 |
| Chinese Relief Fund | 24 | 4 | 9 | <i>Washing & consumer</i> | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| Relief of Distress in Holland | 15 | 7 | 7 | <i>etc</i> | | | |
| United Jewish Relief Fund | 23 | 16 | 0 | <i>Bank charges</i> | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| Soldiers' Comforts Fund | 184 | 12 | 9 | <i>missions & other</i> | 16 | 3 | |
| | | | 807 17 0 | <i>O.O.B.M.</i> | 15 | 0 | |
| St. John's Rebuilding Fund— | | | | <i>Organization & etc</i> | 9 | 10 | |
| Part Legacy Estate E. | | | | <i>Commonwealth</i> | 6 | 10 | |
| Chapman | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Balance 30th June 1945—Ord- | | | | | | | |
| inary Account overdrawn | 220 | 14 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | £3411 11 6 | | | | £3411 11 6 |

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

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SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR (1) BASEMENT ALTERATIONS. 2 (A) BASEMENT FURNISHINGS, ETC.;
(B) EXTENSION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK; (C) ULTIMATE REDUCTION OF OVERDRAFT.
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1945.

| RECEIPTS. | £ s. d. | | PAYMENTS. | £ s. d. | |
|-------------------------|---------|-------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|
| | £ | s. d. | | £ | s. d. |
| Balance 30th June, 1944 | | | Alterations Fund— | | |
| Alterations Fund | 127 | 19 1 | Timber | 4 | 8 0 |
| Furnishings, etc. Fund | 95 | 13 1 | Installing Lift | 43 | 0 0 |
| | | | Lift-well, etc. | 41 | 6 0 |
| Donations— | | | Counter in hall | 4 | 10 0 |
| Alterations Fund | 30 | 0 0 | Alter and erect Cupboards, | | |
| Furnishings, etc. Fund | 20 | 5 0 | Kitchen | 22 | 18 0 |
| | | | | | 116 2 0 |
| | | | Furnishings, etc. Fund— | | |
| | | | Circulars re Jumble Sale | | |
| | | | 1944 | 2 | 14 0 |
| | | | Carpet strips | 7 | 5 6 |
| | | | | | 9 19 6 |
| | | | Balances 30th June 1945— | | |
| | | | Alterations Fund | 41 | 17 1 |
| | | | Furnishings, etc. Fund | 105 | 18 7 |
| | | | | | 147 15 8 |
| | | | | | £273 17 2 |

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

Hon. Treasurer.

of St. John's Presbyterian Church and in my opinion,
and Basement Alterations and Furnishings are correct

I have examined the books, accounts and vouchers
the above Statements of Church Receipts and Payments
and set out the position for the year ended 30/6/45.
I. LAMBIE, B.Com., A.R.A. (N.Z.).

6/8/45.

NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

STATEMENT GIVING PARTICULARS OF PAYMENTS TOWARDS
BUDGET ASSESSMENT OF £723 FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 30th JUNE, 1945.

Raised by

| | | | |
|--|-----|----|----|
| Congregation from ordinary receipts | 116 | 14 | 10 |
| Thank Offering Appeal | 223 | 3 | 6 |
| St. John's Women's Association | 198 | 18 | 6 |
| Maori Mission Birthday League | 21 | 1 | 6 |
| Senior Y.M.B.C. | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior Y.M.B.C. | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Senior Y.W.B.C. | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Junior Y.W.B.C. | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| St. John's Sunday School | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Christmas Day Collection | 3 | 7 | 9 |
| Good Friday Collection | 2 | 18 | 6 |
| Retiring Collection, Home & Maori Missions | 19 | 4 | 1 |
| Retiring Collection, Theological Hall | 13 | 6 | 10 |
| Donations Sundry Missions | 4 | 1 | 6 |
| „ Foreign Missions | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Chinese Missions | 14 | 12 | 0 |
| „ Baptismal and Funeral | 24 | 11 | 0 |

Total paid to General Treasurer

£723 0 0

Form of Bequest.

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.

Witness Date

Signature.

H. & P.C. Print.